



## UNIFORMED SERVICES & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, October 2, 2025  
6:30 PM

**Committee Members: Co-Chair Solomon Prophete, Co-Chair April Adams, Felipe Castillo, Juan Colmenares, Gretchen Connelie, Dejon Delpino, Chris Johnson, Theodore Kovaleff, Ria McDonald, Rev. Georgiette Morgan Thomas, Jordan Scherer**

**I. Call to Order** - 6:31pm

**II. Adopt Agenda** - moved to adopt by Ms. Scherer; second by Ms. Connelie

**III. Adopt Minutes (09/4/2025)** - moved by Mr. Kovaleff; second by Ms. Scherer

### **IV. Agency Presentations & Updates**

#### 1. NYPD 26th Precinct - PO Lewis

- Increase in cell phone snatchings
- Making arrests in violent crimes
- Community Complaints: Noise, homelessness. Q teams have been responding
- Precinct would like to work more closely with residents & building owners to access private camera footage

#### 2. NYPD 30th Precinct - Captain Rose

**Q:** Do the Q teams host the same meetings as NCOs (such as Tenant Association Mtgs)?

**A:** The monthly "Community Council Meetings" have replaced the monthly Build The Block

**Q:** Is it possible to have translation to spanish for our meetings?

**A:** We will make an effort to improve in this area

#### 3. NYPD PSA6 Housing Division - PO Etienne

- 3 assaults - all DV
- Grand Larceny - expensive dog escaped
- No rapes, murders, etc

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#### 4. NYC Department of Transportation - Lyle Blackwood

- Proposal for Automated Public Toilet by 125th Street & St. Claire Place
- JC Decaux is part of the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise
- Existing example at 175th & Broadway - Plaza de Americas
  - Installed & maintained by JCDecaux
  - Open 8am-8pm - cleaned 2x daily

**Q:** How do you open it? **A:** button operated

**Q:** How will encampments be prevented? **A:** There is an auto cleaning every 15 minutes. The door opens and stays open until someone leaves

**Q:** What would happen if someone had an opioid crisis while in the APT? **A:** They can look into options

**Q:** Chair Edwards - That particular site is very desolate. Are there any other site options available?

**A:** Many sites were explored and this is the best viable option.

#### 5. FDNY - No representative

#### 6. Department of Sanitation (DSNY) - No representative

#### 7. Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) - Alberto Roldan

- City college station project almost complete
- 125th Street - Capital Project - resolution with Columbia University reached
- OMNY - 15 community centers open now. Soon to be 30.

#### 8. DOT Presentation: Automatic Public Toilet (APT) at W. 125th Street & 12th Avenue

- See Above

#### 9. Discussion with Patrick's on the Hill - Patrick Edwards

- Acquired the space without knowing the history of noise complaints
- Also owns "Patrick's Place" Jazz Club at 2835 Frederick Douglass Blvd, New York, NY 10039
- They are working on installing soundproofing but there are existing issues with ceiling and water encroachment/flooding. They are also having issues with the upstairs tenant(s) allowing access.
- Co-Chair Prophete - Expressed frustration that we have not received updated CofO information from our meeting over a year ago
- Edwin - Expresses frustration that this meeting is not in Spanish. Explains that there is no valid CofO due to the merging of the ground level businesses.
- PO Lewis- 104 YTD 311 complaints including same day calls in successive order indicating that volume is likely being increased after initial NYPD response.

#### 10. Sen. Cordell Cleare

- Saturday 10/4 Street CoNaming 12:30 Hon. Bill Perkins 110th Street at 5th Avenue

***Movement to amend the agenda to move up the discussion re: street co-naming - Co-Chair Adams second by Ms. Connelie***

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### **Street Re-Naming Applications**

1. April Tyler - West 138th & Amsterdam Avenue (presented by Signe Mortenson)
2. Mohamed Bah Street - Morningside Avenue btw W. 123 & W.124 Streets

\*\*\*\*I missed the intro from the person from the Public Advocate's Office - Ms. Williams?

Re: the death of Mr. Mohamed Bah. a letter of support of co-naming a section of West 124th Street

***Motion to vote on Mr. Bah street co-naming by Co-Chair Prophete, Second by Ms. Scherer -  
-All in attendance = Yay, no objections***

### **V. Action Items**

#### **Renewal Liquor License Applications:**

1. Bird in Hand NYC - 3569 Broadway (W. 146th Street)
2. El Porton Bar & Restaurant - 3151 Broadway (btw W. 124th & W. 125th)
3. Kanu Bar & Grill - 3628 Broadway (W. 149th Street)
4. La Botanera de Acapulco - 540 West 145th Street (btw Broadway & Amsterdam)
5. Lux Bar & Grill - 3480 Broadway (W. 142nd Street)
6. Panda Restaurant & Lounge - 2331 12th Avenue (W. 133rd Street)
7. Parlay Cafe - 1780 Amsterdam Avenue (W. 148th Street)
8. Jin Ramen - 3138 Broadway (W. 125th Street)
9. Beer Run - 3604 Broadway (btw W. 148th Street & W. 149th Street)

***Motion for unanimous consent by Mr. Kovaleff; second by Ms. Scherer (Ms. Delpino abstain)***

#### **New Liquor License Applications:**

1. Mire Star Restaurant - 3662 Broadway (W 150th & W 151st St.)
2. TBD aka First Draft - 122-32 Hamilton Place (W. 142nd Street & Hamilton Place)
3. Miznon - 2895 Broadway (W. 115th Street)
4. The George at Columbia - 412 West 126th Street (Convent Avenue)
5. Upside Pizza - 2878 Broadway (W. 112th Street)

#### **Class Change or Alteration Application(s):**

1. Loui Amsterdam aka Captain Loui Broadway Seafood Boil - 3147 Broadway (at La Salle Street)

***Motion for unanimous consent by Co-chair Prophete; second by Mr. Kovaleff***

#### **Sidewalk Cafe Applications:**

1. 1274 Amsterdam Avenue aka Maz Soha (W. 123rd Street)
2. Fumo Restaurant - 1600 Amsterdam Avenue (W. 139th Street)
3. At the Wallace - 3612 Broadway (W. 149th Street)
4. Bus Stop Diner - 3341 Broadway (W. 135th Street)
5. The Chick Inn aka The Inn by Fumo - 3508 Broadway (W. 143rd Street)
6. Bono Trattoria - 3658 Broadway (btw W. 151st and W. 152nd Street)

***Motion for unanimous consent by Co-chair Prophete; second by Mr. Kovaleff***

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### **Street Re-Naming Applications**

3. April Tyler - West 138th & Amsterdam Avenue (presented by Signe Mortenson) - Tabled

### **District Needs Statement**

1. Committee to discuss FY26 District Needs Statement

Will set up a google doc to draft & prioritize the UST statement of needs. Felipe made a strong start with the transportation aspect but as the committee touches many agencies, we have an opportunity to update many sections of this document.

April and Gretchen will work to create a google doc that we can collaborate on to solidify our priorities prior to the end of the month when this is due.

### **VI. Old Business**

### **VII. New Business**

- Manhattan Bus Network Redesign -
- 145th & Convent Ave - lighting from sidewalk shed is missing - creating a dangerous condition
- Concern about overflowing trash bags in litter bins along Broadway

### **VII. Adjourn**

***Mr. Johnson moves to adjourn at 8:51pm - second by Ms. Connelie.***

***Next UST Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 6th, 2025***

***Submitted by Gretchen Connelie***

***Reviewed by Solomon Prophete***