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Public Safety and Transportation Committee Minutes
Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 6:00 pm
Board Office
1664 Park Avenue
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Present: Jose Altamirano, Olga Ambert, Judith Febbraro, Diane Green, Frances Mastrota, Peggy Morales, Cora Shelton, Jonathan Carrillo, Theresa Richardson

Excused: Brodie Enoch, Martin Garcia, Derrick Taitt

Absent: Amie Kyros-Petrucci

Guests: Linda Rainey, Jessica Paludin, Charysse Redmond, LaShawn Henry, Diane Collier, Geoff Eaton, Kemuel Greenridge, Tom Lunke, Matthew Washington, Nina Saxon, Tasha Williams

Discussions and Presentations:

1. Phillip Reed Way

Diane Green brought a request before the Public Safety and Transportation Committee to have East 111th Street between 1st Avenue and the F.D.R. Drive renamed in honor of our late Councilmember. Having gathered all of the required documentation and presented it in accordance with the guidelines stipulated by CB11 the request was heard and approved. Frances Mastrota made the motion to accept the request to rename the street in question, motion was seconded by Theresa Richardson motion passed unanimously.

2. Mount Morris Park/Marcus Garvey Park Dog Run

Was not present and we will look forward to having them attend our next meeting and introduce themselves.

New Business/Old Business:

1. Public School 79

The residents along Madison Avenue have grown concerned about the level of public nuisance that is now affecting their quality of life. P.S.79 located at the corner of 120th Street

has staff members taking smoke breaks across from the school directly in front of where residential windows sit. The smoke fills the apartments along the affected floors.

Separately, during dismissal of the students of P.S. 79 witnesses have seen the youngsters walking in clusters along where trash bags have been left out for Sanitation Department pick up and seen the young people ripping open the trash bags spilling it out to the street and sometimes throwing it at each other or parked cars. Judith Febbraro has spoken with the Principal and Vice-Principal on the matter and this issue will be presented for discussion at the next PS & T meeting.

2. *Territorial Violence among NYCHA Developments/Youth on Youth Violence in the community*

As part of ongoing discussion we talked about the need for solutions to the ongoing escalating violence that is killing off our young people and adults alike. Some of the recommendations that were made included the following:

- Bring NYPD to a serious candid discussion
- Gun Buy Back Program that will include the 23rd, 25th and PSA 5 Precincts
- Promote dialogue using best practices (i.e., New York Faith and Action)
- Bring parents back to the table
- Engage the clergy of our entire community
- Seek to bring youngsters to the table they are the ones with the greatest investment
- Engage our elected officials to promote the programs that will support this initiative
- Begin the process of education on guns and street violence early at school level

Some of the challenges we face in accomplishing the goal of engaging our young people and allowing that dialogue to be engaging and productive includes but are not limited to the fact that :

- i. Many of our young people are not choosing to attend or are not in school
- ii. Many of our young people don't have their biological parents on hand
- iii. Many of our young people are being raised by a relative or grandparent
- iv. Many of our young people no longer trust that anyone can help them

This discussion will continue at our next meeting please attend if you have an interest in supporting this initiative.

3. *ACT-SO Olympics of the Mind*

Geoff Eaton-Chief of Staff to Congressman Charles Rangel attended our meeting to share the upcoming opportunities presented by the Olympics of the Mind Scholarships. This annual event allows youngsters from around the continental United States to compete intellectually

for scholarships. We are encouraged to share this information with our networks. For additional information the website has been provided below.

www.naacp-losangeles.org/actso

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

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