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Public Safety and Transportation Committee Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 5:30pm
Board Office
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Present: Peggy Morales -Chairperson, Judith Febbraro, Aime Kyros-Pettrucci, Frances Mastrota, Jennifer Yu, Theresa Richardson, Olga Ambert, Brodie Enoch, Israel Miranda, and Jonathan, Carrillo

Excused: None

Absent: Lucien Reynolds

Guests: Mariely Sanchez – District Attorney’s Office
Miguel Murphy – NYPD 23rd Pct.
M.J. Devereaux – The Harlem Ambassador
Jane Allyson – 129th Block Association
Josh Orzeck – NYC DOT
H. Candy Vives-Vasquez – CB 11 Member
Jonathan Amengual – Harlem
Mohammud Cisse – East Harlem Chamber of Commerce

1. Presentation by Mariely Sanchez – District Attorney’s Office

Free Basketball Training Camp still going on – 2nd Session in December it looks like it will continue every 2 months. It’s a great opportunity to get youth off the Street. It happens on Saturday nights when we all know a lot of the crime happens. Right now registration is full for November but there is a waiting list, if people call they will be put on the waiting list for future sessions.

Event on November 21, 2011, for Seniors, there will be a light breakfast and discuss how to improve services that we offer our Seniors.

We are doing a presentation on Elder Abuse Brochure. If anyone knows of any Senior Center that would benefit from these presentations please let us know.

A discussion ensued on the Shopping Cart issue at Target at East River Plaza by the 12 year old boys, Mariely was not sure if it will come before the DA’s Office, but will let us know.

It was stated that there should be consequences for the boys that threw this Cart over the railing and hit a lady who is now in a coma.

It was also discussed that East Harlem has been in the paper for the last couple of days due to 4 different crimes. We had asked for a meeting with the 23rd Pct. and the people at East River Plaza. We also asked that the DA's Office get more involved with the Police and other factions. We also discussed that the Police are harassing our youth and then complain that the Police don't get involved.

We discussed a Gun by Back, East Harlem side was 69 guns. We asked that the DA's Office advise the Community Board Transportation Public Safety Committee on these Gun by Backs. A question was asked as to how much is the cost for a Gun by Back Program? Mariely said she would look into it. It was also asked that a Gun by Back be brought to the East Side around 1st Ave. / FDR Drive. Officer Murphy of the 23rd Pct. stated that people can go to any Pct. When they have the By Back Programs and you will get a receipt for a specific Pct.

2. Presentation by Officer Murphy 23rd Pct.

Statistics for a 28 day Period: Rapes last year 2, this year 2 – Robberies last year 30, this year 17 – Felonious Assault last year 14, this year 27 – Burglaries 14 last year, this year 18, Grand Larceny Auto last year 1, this year 2 – Shooting victims last year 4, this year 4 – Shooting incidents last year 3, this year 4 - PSA 5 would have a higher number, these figures did not include Housing.

Mr. Devereaux brought up an incident (a punch in the face) that happened to him on 1st Ave. He called the Police and said he was made to feel like the victim and said that the Police refused to file a report when he then went to the Pct. Officer Murphy responded to his complaint and how it would have and should have been resolved.

3. Allyson Jane – 129th Street Block Association

Complaining about Motorcycles speeding down the street and on sidewalks. Would like a Speed Bump on 129th Street between 5th and Madison to control this issue. Josh Orzek asked that a written request be sent directly to DOT for a Speed Study. The Committee asked for a Conditional Motion to get a Petition from the Block Association for a Letter of Support from CB11 for a Speed Study. Motion made by Judith Febbraro, seconded by Olga Ambert. Motion tabled.

4. Presentation by Josh Orzek of DOT

Discussed the Bench Program: Benches were placed on 109th Street between 1st and 2nd Ave. DOT is trying to place Benches by Bus Stops with no shelters and areas near Senior Citizen Zones.

5. Discussion on Capital Budget Priorities

- #4 - Protected Bike Lanes on 5th & Madison Ave's. Remove.
- #5 – Installation of sidewalk curb extensions adjacent to the Park Ave. Viaduct on Park Ave. Keep on
- #6 - Installation of noise and air pollution signs – We discussed having a meeting with Police to enforce these signs.
- #7 – Installation of Directional left-turn traffic signal – Remove
- #8 - Two new Sanitation Trucks to pick up litter baskets – Keep on

Expense Budget

- #8 – Hire additional Police Officers - Keep
- #12 – Provide more constitutional and cultural training for police – Keep
- #11 – Hire additional personnel to monitor, evaluate and enforce air pollution and noise rules. Keep
- #13 – Hire additional Police to patrol Subways – Keep
- #14 - Expand NYPD Explorers Program – Keep
- #17 - Hire additional street repaving crew - Remove
- #20 - Hire personnel for additional Motorized Litter Patrols - Remove

To add Lighting by Underpasses from on 102nd to 125th Street on Park Avenue. Also Parking by 110th Street by the Underpass. Again, enforcement. Lighting all along Park Ave.

Chair asked to forego discussion on News Stand Review Procedure. Brodie suggested that we form a sub-committee on this issue. There must be a procedure in place with application for the News Stand, anyone interested in this please contact Brodie.

Count Down Lights: Have to be adjusted, they are too quick, Josh Orzeck is aware of this issue.

New Business:

East Harlem Chamber of Commerce invited to a meeting regarding Vendors on 116th Street with open flames on food carts and never invited back. We don't know what happened. A lot of them were immigrants, they had vendor license but no food cart license. Will speak with Councilmember Viverito.

Old Business

DOT Local Business Bike Lanes: An issue with Buffered Bike Lanes being reversed along 1st and 2nd Ave. and emergency vehicles getting through. Bike lanes will be closer to curb and accommodations will be made for businesses along 1st and 2nd Ave's. Businesses felt they were not informed of this change. Therefore, DOT, Peggy Morales, and Angel walked 1st Ave. and informed the Businesses about a Forum that DOT will conduct for the Business Owners and

explain in depth the changes and take recommendations that will help the businesses. The Forum was on Nov. 9, 2011 at 2:30pm at Taino Towers, Crystal Room.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion by Brodie Enoch, seconded by Jonathan Carrillo

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