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Chair

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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Tuesday, December 4, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center, 7 East 116th Street

*** MINUTES ***

- Present: Jose Altamirano, Marissa Mack, Jeffrey Monteiro, Robert Perkins, Yolanda Brown, Judith Febbraro, Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Jonathan Winstone
- Excused: Diane Collier
- Absent: Dawn Sanders, Jarquay Abdullah
- Guests: Lyle Blackwood (DOT); Officer Gibbons (NYPD), Officer Mariano (NYPD); Officer Rivera (NYPD); Dimandja Utshudi (DANY); Leslie Colon; Adomako, Yonah Zeitz

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm

2. Informational updates

- a. NYPD- 25th Precinct reported their 28-day numbers for the month in comparison to last year. The precinct also reported that there was an incident of a hate crime in the district when there was graffiti with a hate/racist message on at the end of the 103rd Street walk bridge on the island side.
- b. MTA Police-Reported that there has been an overall drop of 43% in arrests. MTA Police also reported that the top three offenses for ticketing are the illegal parking of TLC vehicles, urination and smoking. MTA also reported that the construction of the staircase enclosure is still on schedule as predicted (6-8 months)
- c. DOT- Mr. Blackwood reported that he has been having ongoing conversations with Pitta Bishop & Del Giorno LLC (C-town coming to 1st Avenue between

102nd Street and 103rd Streets at the site of the old Rite Aid store) in hopes of acquiring more information into the specifics of their request.

- d. NYPD-23rd Precinct advised that there are a lot of thefts due to unattended packages and they have created something called a hot sheet, which is a document that hones in to a specific area that has been prone to high volumes of theft in order to help capture those responsible for the thefts. The 23rd Precinct also reported that they have been in contact with NYRHE in order to help stop the needle distribution, which NYHRE is not responsible for clean-up.
- e. DANY- Mr. Utshudi reported that DANY will no longer be prosecuting offenses for marijuana possession and that the office has seen a decrease in arrests and court cases as a result of this initiative.

3. Old Business

- a. Proposed CityBench site in Manhattan Community Board 11 at 1900 Lexington Avenue between East 119th and East 118th Streets

A motion was made by Robert Perkins to support the proposed CityBench site in Manhattan Community Board 11 at 1900 Lexington Avenue between East 119th and East 118th Streets. The motion was seconded by Jonathan Winstone and passed.

- b. Assistant District Manager, Thomas Herrera, reported to the committee that he had met with the administration of Mosaic Preparatory to discuss the concerns of the school regarding the needle exchange program, which is carried out by the New York Harm Reduction Educators (NYHRE). The school expressed that they wish that the community board would take a strong position in support of against the drop off since it has become a safety hazard for the students, the staff, the parents of the students and the public. Committee Chair Jose Altamirano expressed that he will raise this concern at the Executive Committee so that a clear action can be taken.

4. New Business

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 pm