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### Public Safety & Transportation Committee Tuesday, June 7, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center 7 East 116<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY

#### \*\*\* MINUTES \*\*\*

- Present:** Judith Febbraro, Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Frances Mastrota, Peggy Morales, Theresa Richardson, Jemar Ward, Jonathan Winstone, Angel Mescain (staff)
- Excused:** Jose Altamirano, Beverly Alston
- Absent:** None
- Guests:** PO Gibbons, 23<sup>rd</sup> Precinct; Madai Velez, DA's office; Diana Ayala, Speaker's office; Lyle Blackwood, NYC DOT; Leslie Colon, Franklin Plaza; Myra Colon, Franklin Plaza

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda
  - a. Called to order at 7:15pm by Jonathan Winstone.
  - b. Peggy and Frances.
2. Informational updates (30 mins.)
  - a. NYPD
    - i. PO Gibbons from 23 Pct.
      1. Crime stats from 28 day period are down 4.3% year over year on major crimes; all major crimes down except for Felony Assault up almost 50% (34 vs. 23; mostly slashing/stabbings about 10 of which on the street) and Grand Larceny Auto is up from 3 to 5 (including 3 motorbikes).
      2. Shootings: there were four in March & April, and since May 10 there have been four shootings where victims were struck by them, and another in May 29 where no one was struck. 17 shots fired at 215 E 102 St in first weekend of June attributed to crew activity. There have been 27 YTD gun arrests (up from last year) but weapons violence continues.
      3. President Obama will be in NYC tomorrow evening (twice 530-930pm), including 96<sup>th</sup> Street as part of the thoroughfare and the FDR.

4. Saturday is the 116<sup>th</sup> Street festival, impact on 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 116<sup>th</sup> St from 1<sup>st</sup> to Lexington.
5. On 6/18 there will be parade up 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue with street closure and parking regulation.
6. Judith: inquired about slashing on Lexington & 125<sup>th</sup>; it is a different pct.
7. Peggy: what about cars towed for relocation for parades?
  - a. Answer: call 311 to find cars relocated. One of the first options is if your vehicle is towed through automated system. Tow driver must enter information about vehicle at pick up and drop off of vehicle.
8. Frances inquired about domestic violence. If there is a felony assault, what can be done if victim does not report?
  - a. Answer: victim need not cooperate for a case to be put together; the DA will work with NYPD to compile a case. PO Gibbons discussed further.
9. Theresa: Thanks PO Gibbons for always attending and answering questions, as well as asking the Captain from PSA5 and the 25<sup>th</sup> Pct.
10. Myra Colon as member of public: notes that she is a Social Worker and spoke about need for feeling of safety and security for victims of domestic violence.
11. Peggy: asked about who provides emotional support to officers, given the stress and difficulty of their role. Answer: there are various counseling options available to officers within the department, but as far as he knows, most keep it to themselves.

b. Community Council meeting reports

- i. Judith & Frances attended but do not have information to report. However, Frances would like to get someone for our next committee meeting about domestic violence.

c. District Attorney's office

- i. Ms. Valez reported that on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1-7pm, DA and NYPD will have a job and training fair. On 163 West 125<sup>th</sup> street, DA has an uptown office with a domestic violence coordinator and social worker who can connect her with services and options. Angel also noted that there is information at the CB Office about several agency and local programs that provide support to victims of domestic violence.

d. Department of Transportation

- i. Lyle Blackwood:
  1. advised of closures this weekend over night both directions on FDR Drive for construction work, as well as through July, to facilitate Marine Terminal at 91<sup>st</sup> and Rockefeller University.

Closure from 61<sup>st</sup> St – 96<sup>th</sup> St overnight. Information will be shared in additional detail. Also Wednesday 1230am-430am, and similar schedules for 6-8 weeks.

2. Frances asks: ConEd and sub Danela have been working on E 118<sup>th</sup> St and there has been a cloud of dust. Private contractor said they do not need to have a water truck for dust control. Lyle will look into requirements.
3. Leslie of public: inquired about Citibike. Lyle responded that he is working with CB11 to set up a meeting and walkthrough. He has a list from Jose Altimirano about the troublesome locations.
  - a. Angel: stated that DOT has scheduled walkthroughs with some housing developments in community. Franklin Plaza have expressed their concerns before, so perhaps DOT would consider a walkthrough with them specifically in addition to CB11 and it has been a long time in scheduling.

### 3. Presentations & Discussions

#### a. Request for parking regulation change on 117th Street (15 mins.)

##### i. Diana Ayala, Speaker's office

1. Street that provides exit access from East River Plaza has very narrow sidewalks, pushing pedestrians into the street against opposing traffic. The Speaker's office proposes taking the northernmost lane to be marked as a pedestrian walkway to expand the sidewalk, at the cost of approx 2-3 parking spaces overnight (no parking change during the day).
2. The Northwest corner of 117<sup>th</sup> and Pleasant Ave also has heavy foot traffic, and there is heavy presence of pedestrians waiting in the street. The speaker would like a study to identify safety improvements.
3. Jamar: inquired about parking.
4. Peggy: inquired about Mt. Sinai access to dialysis treatment facility by Access-a-Ride. She expressed concern and noted that it is a "tough sell" to lose the 2-5 parking spaces that are impacted overnight.
  - a. Response: Diana noted that it is very difficult to park during the weekend and during the hours of the mall, but that the mall causes most of the problem.
5. Frances: stated that many people wait for Access a Ride in front of the center.
6. Jonathan: can we confirm how many parking spaces are impacted? Will be provided shortly.

#### 4. Committee discussion of FY18 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities (20 mins)

- i. Jemar: would like to add a request to widen south sidewalk of wide 132<sup>nd</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues. Narrow sidewalk impedes

pedestrian flow and many properties on block have stairs that encroach on sidewalk.

- ii. Jonathan inquired of DOT as to when bump-outs on 125<sup>th</sup> St & Lexington will be installed.
- iii. Angel: note that request should be backed with reasons and other supporting documentation.
- iv. Frances: expense budget for additional tree pruning as trucks damage them.

## 5. Old Business

### a. Honorary Street Renaming Request (10 mins.

- i. The applicant previously had an unclear petition, so the Committee asked the applicant to provide a clearer petition including individuals from the block.

**Theresa Richardson made a motion to support the request for the honorary co-naming of 130<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenue as “Bishop O.M. Kelly Way”. The motion was seconded by Amie Kiros-Petrucci and passed with two abstaining (Ward, Winstone).**

## 6. New Business

None

## 7. Announcements

- a. Frances: plastic bag law is being challenged again.

## 8. Adjournment.

- a. Peggy motions for adjournment, Jemar seconded. Adjourned at 8:34pm.

Minutes prepared by: Jonathan Winstone