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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00 p.m. Bonifacio Senior Center, 7 East 116th Street

*** MINUTES ***

- Present: Yolanda Brown, Cinthia de la Rosa, Judith Febbraro (LE), Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Peggy Morales, Robert Perkins, Theresa Richardson (LE), Jonathan Winstone, Diane Collier (ex officio), Angel Mescain (staff)
- Absent: Jarquay Abdullah, Jemar Ward
- Excused: Beverly Alston, Jose Altamirano
- Guests: Barry Cox, City Council; Lyle Blackwood, NYC DOT; Kiran Aryam; Marcel, Cameron; Erik Baquero; Gabriel Hernandez; Patricia Cordero; Amy Simek; Kevin Simek; Catherine Mortiere; Shana Dalaria; Christene Beckett; Jenn Bullard; Nitza Mejias; Robert Rodriguez; Juston Wood; Mike Kolaw; Diana Ayala, Speakers Office; Daniuelle Follet-Figueroa; George Figueroa; Orianna Strocuzzi; Shawn Haupage

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda

- a. The meeting was called to order by Peggy Morales at 7:10 p.m.

2. Informational updates

a. NYPD

i. PO Bradley from 23 Pct.

1. Ms. Richardson noted that fmr Captain Gurley has been promoted to Deputy Inspector. She also inquired why 23 Pct is working in NYCHA, rather than being served more PSA 5. PO Bradley responded that they are there because that is the district has such a high concentration of NYCHA.
2. Ms. Brown inquired as to how many sectors are in the precinct and what kind of community interactions are occurring. PO Bradley responded that officers try to build a conversation.
3. Barry from the public inquired about 105th Street, saying that he had spoken with the precinct that the restrictions were not applied correctly. PO Bradley responded saying that
4. JRW introduced the play street. The Sergeant responded that he was not familiar, but stated that the school had no parking signs and asserted that the school took action.
 - a. Andrea Wenner from the affected school stated that their understanding is that there is no through traffic but there would be parking. She stated that police officers advised the school to

post signs hat the precinct provided, and tried to ask parking enforcement not to issue citations. They have come to understand that they have been given incorrect information.

- b. Comment from public: stated that the residents got a surprise. He now asks PO Bradley who issued the ticket. PO Bradley responded that it wasn't them issuing tickets.
- c. Mr. Mescaïn responded that the school submitted an application in February. The Committee solicited the organizations and some residents on the block, collecting signatures and receiving support to close the street to traffic. Traffic Enforcement had a miscommunication and ticketed vehicles wrongfully, though notification from the CB had occurred.
- d. Danielle F. Figueroa: clarifying that current regulations are for no through traffic 11a-2p, but if you are legally parked there, you will not receive a summons. Angel responded that this is correct.
- e. Justin Warner: noted the difficulty of loading and unloading his vehicle for work during the play street time.
- f. There was community discussion about the play street.
- g. Board Chair Collier stated that this application came to the committee in January, and the Committee sent it back to the school to obtain petitions. Ms. Collier explained the process that was followed and the time that was taken.
- h. Catherine was recognized and stated that the petitions have only four signatures from the block. She stated that there are seniors and a group home on the block housing disabled people and registered her dissatisfaction with the play street in general, noting that "streets are for cars."
- i. The committee and public were informed that 20 people on the block signed the initial petition of support for the application and that the applicant had solicited and received letters of support from the Senior Residence and the group home on the block.
- j. After further question and answer session, the District Manager advised that CB11 office would attempt to work with DOT and NYPD to correct the enforcement situation.

b. Community Council meeting reports

- i. Ms. Morales stated that the major issues were Participatory Budgeting, presented by Dianne Ayala, and NCO program.

c. Department of Transportation

- i. Lyle Blackwood presenting
 - 1. Play street. He noted that the play street does not change parking regulations so people should not be receiving parking tickets and clarified that DOT does not issue parking violations.
 - 2. E 124 St: Mr. Blackwood acknowledged that there is an issue on that street. DOT is having internal conversations to determine the best course of action and to clarify how to remediate the issue. They hope to revisit the site within a few weeks to work on the situation.
 - a. Mr. Winstone requested that additional signage be added to clarify for bikes, and to mark the parking more clearly. Also, the crosswalk is inadequately marked and requires additional signage.

- b. Ms. Morales noted that the illegal parking area looks a lot like a parking spot and are right next to parking spaces, to is there something that we can do to help drivers with their defense of tickets? Ms. Morales further asked how we get this issue addressed quickly. Mr. Blackwood said he would send issues to his superiors and try to work on a response to police.
- c. Ms. Ayala noted that children run across the street to the pool frequently, so we need to be sure to take provisions to ensure that kids can be seen crossing.

NOTE: At this time, Vice Chair Jonathan Winstone noted that the committee has lost quorum and could not continue business; further discussion is for information only.

3. Presentations & Discussions

- a. Continued discussion re: request for parking regulation change at 117th Street and Pleasant Avenue
 - i. Diana Ayala, Speaker's office
 - 1. Ms. Ayala stated that she has spoken with DOT and they have requested a recommendation from the Board. She noted that the project would impact three overnight parking spaces to increase the width of the sidewalk (10p-7a). The Board asked for a design from DOT, and DOT is looking for a letter requesting the change.
- b. Committee discussion of FY18 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities

4. New Business

- a. Gabriel from Assemblyman Rodriguez office
 - i. Discussed the creation of an East Harlem task force about 2nd Avenue subway to mitigate issues of construction.
 - 1. Ms. Morales supported the idea of an advocate, and inquired about how impartial we expect that person to be. She also inquired as to the identification of streets of Phase II.
 - a. Response: 96 – 125th St on 2nd Ave. Gabriel noted that they plan to make clear the irrespective of payroll, the incumbent will report to the community and elected officials and that this is their top priority.
 - b. Ms. Brown spoke about the importance of local hiring and inquired about potential plans to implement this.
 - c. Mr. Perkins suggested that the scope is sufficient to warrant two advocates.

5. Adjournment

- a. Absent quorum, the committee adjourned.