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Public Safety & Transportation Committee
Tuesday, September 6, 2016, 7:00 p.m.
Bonifacio Senior Center
7 East 116th Street, New York, NY

***** MINUTES *****

- Present:** Beverly Alston, Jose Altamirano, Yolanda Brown, Judith Febbraro, Amie Kiros-Petrucci, Peggy Morales, Robert Perkins, Jemar Ward, Jonathan Winstone, Angel Mescain (staff)
- Excused:** Theresa Richardson
- Absent:** Jarquay Abdullah, Cinthia de la Rosa
- Guests:** Bob Anazagasti, NERVE; Erika Estades, EHCHSI, Diana Ayala, Speakers Office; Frances Mastrota, CB11; Ofc. Peter Gibbons, 23rd Precinct

1. Call to Order – Adoption of Agenda
2. Presentations & Discussions
 - a. Presentation of NYPD PO Gibbons of the 23 Pct.
 - i. Discussed plans and efforts to address continuing issues and areas of persistent problems.
 - ii. Noted that Citibike has appeared several weeks ago and he is not aware of any incidents involving Citibike, incl. theft, vandalism, or traffic incidents.
 - b. Continued discussion re: request for parking regulation change at 117th Street and Pleasant Avenue
 - i. Diana Ayala, Speaker's office revisited the discussion of traffic pattern and pedestrian access to East River Plaza
 - ii. Noted again that parking is only available from 10p-7a, and if a sidewalk extension were added it would permanently eliminate parking on the north side of 117th Street; Ms. Ayala now clarified that the total impact of parking is three parking spaces.
 - iii. The conversation with DOT is to extend the sidewalk or create a permanent pedestrian walkway by changing from "No Standing 10am-7pm" to permanent pedestrian area.

1. Mr. Altimirano inquired as to the nature of the planned improvement, markings vs. extended sidewalk or permanent extension.
 2. Ms. Alston discussed the particulars of the exit and noted that people wait in the area for exiting vehicles.
 3. The Committee discussed the nature and formation of the traffic pattern at East River Plaza and the traffic issues there.
 4. Mr. Altimirano noted that we will need the assistance of NYPD Pct. 25 to provide enforcement.
 - iv. The Committee would like to work with DOT and Ms. Ayala to identify solutions and is interested in moving forward.
 - v. Mr. Mescain provided the clarification that the acting Manhattan Commissioner of DOT of Louis Sanchez.
- c. Reconsideration of honorary street co-naming, Aida Perez-Loiza Aldea Lane, at southeast corner of East 105th Street and Lexington Avenue
- i. Motion by Ms. Alston to approve re-co-naming, Ms. Morales seconds; approved unanimously by the Committee.
- d. Committee discussion of FY18 Statement of District Needs & Budget Priorities
- i. Mr. Mescain provided a summary of the SDN and Budget Priorities.
 - ii. Ms. Alston noted that some of the data that are provided in the SDN draft are now out of date.
 - iii. The committee discussed some possible priorities
 1. Controlled left turn on E 135th St at Fifth Ave for traffic travelling west on 135th street
 2. Fund and construct the connector ramp at RFK Bridge to allow for a connection from RFK Bridge to Harlem River Drive North without traveling through surface streets.
 3. The East River Esplanade is crumbling into the river presenting a safety hazard, and in some areas has significant homeless encampment and quality of life problems.
 - iv. Discussion of increased services for homelessness and reducing street homeless matters. This is mostly referred to Housing Committee.
- e. Committee discussion on transportation and safety recommendation from the East Harlem Neighborhood Plan

3. Old Business

- a. Mr. Winstone discussed the DOT improvements to E. 124th Street and 1st/2nd Avenues

4. New Business

- a. Ms. Febraro noted the terrible sidewalk surrounding the 25th Pct.
- b. Chair Altimirano discussed a desire to rework the street co-naming procedure, including vetting how people subject for co-naming have contributed to the community.

5. Announcements

- a. African American Day Parade 9/18 at 1pm, starting at W 111th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Blvd.
- b. Ms. Morales noted the upcoming Primary on 9/13
- c. Mr. Mescain noted that some poll sites have changed. Also, at our next Full Board Meeting, DCP will be presenting the boundaries of the rezoning for East Harlem. Also, the NYCEDC is holding two events about the redevelopment project of the 125th Street Bus Depot. 9/15 from 6-8pm at Hunter Silberman School of Social Work. Also a scoping meeting on 9/27 at 6:30pm.

6. Adjournment

- a. Ms. Alston moved to adjourn at 8:39pm; Ms. Kiros-Petrucci seconded. The meeting is adjourned unanimously.

Minutes prepared by: Jonathan Winstone