



Chairman Brandon Ganaishlal - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

June 2, 2022

Board Members Present: Ray Melendez, Henry Pelayo, Shante Chamblee, Daniel Porro , Juan Torres, Elizabeth Angeles, Isabelo Adames, Lena Johnson, Alizia McMyers , Victor Cordero

1. Introduction

A. Members Roll Call

B. Committee Description

The public safety & transportation committee represents the community's interests with regards to sanitation, crime, fire-ems, quality of life, NYS liquor license application recommendations, street activity permit applications, street re-naming application, transportation and acts as a liaison between community members and the New York Police Department & Fire Departments, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, NYC Department of Sanitation, NYC Department of Transportation, NYC Department of Sanitation & NYS Liquor Authority.

2. Speakers

A. DOT, Soundview Safety Project (Soundview Ave from Lafayette Ave to Clason Point)

- Project limits include Soundview Ave, Lafayette Ave to Clason Pt; 1.6 miles
- Existing Conditions include excess roadway space and low volumes result in open road conducive to speeding

Corridor Proposal:

- Parking protected bike lane between Lafayette Ave and Gildersleeve Ave
- Shared bike lane markings between Gildersleeve Ave and Clason Pt
- Preserves angle parking south of Gildersleeve Ave

Project Benefits:

- Reduces speeding and calms traffic on Soundview Ave
- Enhances safety by organizing the roadway and providing defined spaces for vehicles and bicycles
- Improves safety for all roadway users by encouraging slower, safer turns onto and off Soundview Ave
- Creates an important, safe connection in the Bronx bike network and to the NYC Ferry Soundview Ave, Rosedale Ave Proposed:

- Pedestrian safety improvements; shorter crossing distances
- Add bike connections on Soundview & Rosedale Aves between Lafayette and Story Aves

Summary and Benefits:

- Reduces speeding and calms traffic
- Expands protected bike lane network
- Enhances safety for all road users
- 5 parking spaces per block will be repurposed for this project

3. Liquor License

A. Pabellon Inc. (1501 Westchester Ave), Renewal

No objections on this liquor license, this establishment has had no issues here for 6 years.

B. DBA Mirador Restaurant (1452 Westchester Ave), New Application

DM Rivera proposed to table DBA new application, this restaurant is currently there with no issues, however, given that there is a new application there may be new owner, this will need to be investigated further before a determination is made.

C. Raj Dally (1026 Castle Hill Ave), New Application

This restaurant will serve Caribbean food and will be named The 6 after the 6 siblings the owner has. This establishment fits around 50 or so patrons with 8-12 tables inside a few outside. This is a new establishment for the owner. The owner pledged to check IDs to ensure patrons are over 21 years old and abide by music regulations on the weekends (no DJ, just recorded music) as well as to maintain security if needed. The restaurant will operate until 12am on weekdays and 1am on weekends and open around noon for lunch to dinner. There are 2 bathrooms and an exit in the rear. Cameras will be placed both inside and outside of the facility. This Liquors License was approved by the committee with No Objections.

4. Old Business

- A. Story Ave completion will happen soon, Keith is now looped in and will expedite this
- B. two-way lanes behind angle parking on Gildersleeve does not meet guidelines to maintain

5. New Business

- A. **Protected bike lanes for all of the roadways in the Soundview Bike Network Proposal**
This matter was addressed during the DOT presentation
- B. **Request for traffic light at the intersection of Croes Avenue and Lafayette Avenue**
This request will be forwarded to DOT for action
- C. **Request for one way street conversion of Thieriot Ave from Randall to Seward**
This request was discussed with committee members as a possibility
- D. As per BM Porro people are selling and begging on the Cross Bronx exit near the ramps. As per DM Rivera, illegal vendor or vending activity is no longer a NYPD matter, it is now Consumer Affairs
- E. 2069 Bruckner Blvd building was demolished and dust was in the area and residents were having difficulty breathing and now suffer from increased asthma rates. As per DM Rivera, moving forward there will be no more demolition here and once construction commences for this project, we will need to ensure that is done appropriately.

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