



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

October 4, 2018

Committee Chair: Brandon Ganaishlal

1. Introduction

- A. 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

3. Liquor License

- El Texano #1210746, Renewal Application
 - Changed to a family-style restaurant from lounge bar
 - No real problems with establishment except the bass at times but they are doing better
 - DM Rivera will let the Chairperson know
 - They have jukebox/laptop where they play the songs from
 - No objections for liquor license
- La Princesa Del Rodeo Corp. #1279037, Renewal Application
 - Owner is good with communication with NCO Eric Hernandez and DM Rivera
 - DM Rivera will meet with owner
 - No objections with the condition of adding security on both of the floor platforms before operation, during operation and at the end of the operation because it's on the second floor
- Star Billiards
 - Billiard hall on the second floor
 - Had issues with clientele getting drunk
 - Parties happen next door and bring in alcohol to the establishment
 - They sell beer and liquor
 - CB9 wait for report from officers before confirming liquor license applications
 - Owner lets everyone out from the back
 - DM Rivera will meet with owner and let them know that they have to have security in the front door and suggest to leave both doors open for people to leave

- DM Rivera will update the committee after meeting with the owner
- People loiter in the front after it closes
- No objection for liquor license

4. New Business

- **Food Vendors**

- They will be graded like restaurants
- They will be kept track off with a GPS system by the health department
- Restaurants have standards to maintain but the food vendors don't get inspected as much
- DM Rivera is hoping to add restrictions to the number of food vendors on the sidewalks
- Double parking is a problem and food vendors can lead to other issues

- **DOT**

- DM Rivera had issues with the Bronx River project and they came to speak about the project
- DOT sent letter confirming that they will move along with the project but DM Rivera spoke to two Councilmembers, who have agreed to support CB9 in preventing this project from going through
- DM Rivera will draft a polite letter to send to DOT asking why they would come to a meeting for feedback if they don't utilize the feedback
- DM Rivera conducted a site visit with Steven Johnson and two NCO from Sector C
- There were two town hall meetings and DOT explained what the residents want for the area at the end of Castle Hill near YMCA
 - No street regulations, one-way street signs and adding no parking
- DM Rivera will relay the message to DOT
- There was a Shorehaven Town Hall meeting but there wasn't any real DOT or public safety issues; it was mostly regarding ferry ridership
- DM Rivera also did a site visit with Lina and mostly regarding DOT issues in her area (some one-ways, traffic signals and capital projects)
- DOT was supposed to make both East Tremont and Rosedale one-way
- DM Rivera will be writing three letters (White Plains plans, Castle Hill plans and Bronx River plans) to address issues
 - PSA 8 doesn't agree with the DOT Bronx River project as well
- Metro-North station is coming in and there was a meeting on East Tremont on preparation for the station but it will take a long time
- There is a new DSNY Superintendent and DM Rivera met him at the borough consultation meetings
- All the District Managers meet with the Borough President and the commissioners of each department
- Once the notes for the borough consultation are completed, DM Rivera will bring it to the General Board meeting

5. Old Business

- Zerega Ave will have street cleaning in the IBZ zone and DM Rivera told them to remove No Standing signs on the entire avenue

6. Other Business

- Constituent was wondering what will happen to the area across the street from the car wash at East Tremont
 - DM Rivera is unsure but the property is privately owned by Pinnacle Real Estate
 - It may be housing and they will need a ULURP, which means that they have to come to the office
 - DM Rivera's office has contacts for the landlords in that area except this landlord but will eventually get his contact for his best interests
 - He may include mixed matched housing and condos
 - As per DM Rivera, it may be a condo because of the new condo program for homeownership by HPD (a program supported by CB9)
 - First one in the Bronx will be on 2069 Bruckner Blvd and the ULURP will come to the Land & Zoning Committee minutes
 - 80 subsidized condos by the city and each condo may cost around \$250,000
 - The mortgage (~ \$1,300 to \$1,400) will be less than what you pay for a two bedroom apartment, which is around \$1,700 to \$1,800
 - Getting people to qualify is the challenge, so that's why it's a pilot program
- As per DM Rivera, we also pushed for the Court Condo, so we are getting 5,000 units in the next 3-4 years, which what the administration and elected officials want
 - CB9 signs off on ULURPs but also makes sure that these projects are benefitting the community and helping the community progress
 - CB9 pushed for underground parking in every project and they have all been agreeing to it
- The Church on Rosedale Ave and Watson Ave moved to 2069 Bruckner Blvd as a temporary church while they knock it down
 - The property of the Church was sold and will eventually be housing
 - The Church will go back to Watson once the buildings are complete
 - DM Rivera's concern is the district residents go back to these apartments
 - The apartments have a 50% community board preference, which they never meet
 - Wants to keep the people in the district because it will help combat traffic and other issues
 - The 50% community board preference applies to every project that is subsidized by the city
- Westchester between Metcalf and Fteley will have a stand-alone senior and another one will be for regular housing
 - There will be a lot of programming and mixed matched housing (some very low income)
 - There will be mostly regular housing but not too many supportive housing
- There will be a Samaritan Village coming into CB9
 - They have single room occupancy for shelters
 - They are going to take in people with very low-income
- Brandon: Does NCO have summons officers?
 - On the detours on the highway, there are two officers and from 4-12, there is two
 - Brandon requested to have officers on Archer Ave and White Plains Rd

- Taxis park at No Standing signs
- Administration doesn't want the officers to summon people parking, they only summon moving violations
- The Traffic department handles parkings and Will was asked to let them know
- If there is a problem, NCO are allowed to give summons but there aren't designated officers
- DM Rivera has two contacts (Special Operations and the Bronx) in the Traffic department and they can help out a lot
- DM Rivera will have a meeting with the Director
 - They even have a compstat
- As per Henry Pelayo, these officers should leave Clason Point alone because there is no parking in the neighborhood
 - DM Rivera says that they are only allowed to give summons near the ferry where the last bus stop
- Brandon: Is OCCB handling no tax stamp cigarettes?
 - There is no more organized crime and everything falls under the detective
 - You can let them know about specific businesses and they will get a summons
 - Special operations for the tax division would handle these issues
- PSA 8 doesn't agree with the DOT Bronx River project as well

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