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Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary

October 5, 2023

Committee Chair: Shante Chamblee **Vice Chair:** Isabelo Adames

Committee Members: Brent Woodie, Elizabeth Angeles, Henry Pelayo, Juan Torres, Robbin Kelly

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. Liquor License

A. La Sirena Seafood Inc. (2161 Starling Ave), Corporate Change

This application was tabled to be revisited by DM Rivera pending a sit visit.

B. Danny's Athens Diner Inc. (1621 Westchester Ave), New Application

This application was tabled to be revisited by DM Rivera pending a sit visit.

C. Resident and President of the Manor Block Association would like to request the removal of the liquor license for La Catrina Restaurant and Bar on 1163 Manor Ave due to patrons drinking and smoking outside of the business as well as urinating in public. CB9 will follow-up on these complaints and requests a petition from residents to support this request.

D. The PS&T Committee would like to inquire regarding the State Liquor Authority's regulation, if any, around saturation of bar businesses in one area? In addition, the committee would like to take this into consideration for approval/denial of future liquor licenses.

The committee also suggested printing pictures of the location of the liquor license requests that come in for future reference.

3. Notifications

A. CB9 - 2023 Parking Meter Rate Increase Notification

NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) will increase parking meter rates citywide for both passenger and commercial spaces starting October 16th, 2023. The Bronx's projected timeline for implementation is on or about 11/22/23. Sheet with specific rates increases was distributed to the committee for review and can be shared upon request.

B. DOT-498875-M1D3 - Installation of Traffic Controls - East 172nd Street and Metcalf Avenue (approved)

4. New Business

A. November Agenda Items

- B.** Residents and members have ongoing concerns regarding pop up car washes in the district disrupting the flow of traffic and causing potentially dangerous situations for drivers and pedestrians alike as well as tapping water from hydrants that homeowners have to pay for. Street vendors are also a concern as they block pedestrian walkways and litter causing rodent infestations in the district. In addition, pop-up mechanics are a concern in the district as parking spaces that are already extremely limited are taken up and litter is left behind.
- C.** The Citibank on Castle Hill has had patrons fall victim to a scam that includes switching of bank goers debit cards near their ATM machines. CB9 to contact bank rep regarding this matter.
- D.** The Bank of America on Morrison Ave is plagued with panhandlers.

5. DM Report

- A.** Several scams have been reported in the area including a Robert Jackson scam with a link to fill out a form to receive a stimulus supplement. EBT/Credit Card Machine Skimming is also at large.
- B.** Joining meetings remotely may prove to be a challenge as hybrid meetings are regulated by the Open Meetings Law which does not allow for virtual Board Members attendance to be counted for quorum. In addition, members who are logged in remotely cannot be muted as to just listen in and must be allowed to participate same as in person participants which can provide difficult given the limited staffing at Community Boards.

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