



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

# Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

**November 1, 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

- Sabrosura 1200 Castle Hill Ave, #1297539 Renewal Application
  - No issues
  - They have cameras
  - No objections
- Estrellita Poblana 2227 Westchester Ave, #1279037 Renewal Application
  - Technically a part of Community Board 10 but have been coming to Community Board 9 for their liquor license for the past 4 years
  - DM Rivera has no issues
  - No objections

## 4. New Business

- New Liquor License came in but DM Rivera needs to investigate because new place (1478 Beach Ave)
  - There was loud music but no violence
- 1161 Castle Hill Ave (Pinstripes)
  - This place was approved for 2 AM and was signed
  - There was a hearing notice because they have 3 locations within 500 feet
    - If CB9 has no objections, then there would not be a problem
  - CB9 will leave the restriction at 2 AM
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- Ferry
  - BX27 goes to the end but BX39 doesn't go to the end yet
  - DM Rivera asked MTA if BX39 can go to the end, MTA responded saying that BX27 has the signs for the ferry
- Westchester Ave and Cross Bronx Expwy
  - DM Rivera gave suggestion to DOT and DOT wanted to do site visit based on suggestion
- 264 Soundview Ave (Island Request)
  - DOT wanted to put parallel parking instead of an island
  - After conference call with DOT, DDC, DEP and Parks, they are waiting for building to be completed and then will reassess
- Zerega Ave
  - Business IBZ Zone
  - Request to remove the 10 PM – 5 AM, midnight regulation
  - Install angle parking on Waterbury between Zerega and Havemeyer
  - Alternate side parking regulations on Zerega between Bruckner and Lafayette and the IBZ Zone
  - Took away parking in front of Mango because of the width of the road, it should only be on one side
  - Area on Zerega Ave all the way down to Lacombe, there is no alternate side parking because there is no street cleaning, so it's dirty all the way down to Castle Hill Little League
    - Will install alternate side parking between 12 AM and 3 AM two days a week, so DSNY can clean
    - DM Rivera needs to map out better because they are only doing it in commercial area and distinguish between board 9 and board 10

- He will send it in as soon as possible, so they can take down the No Standing signs and put up Alternate Side Parking regulations
- Lack of Sign for Rosedale and Bronx River Parkway
  - State forwarded to CB9 and we sent it to Comptroller
- DM Rivera notified of a traffic signal
  - Watson and Wheeler Ave will have a traffic signal completed by April 2019 and has been posted on Nextdoor
- DM Rivera wrote letter regarding Castle Hill area after Town Hall Meeting
  - They are looking into the letter on what the community wants
- Residents asking to change Alternate Side Parking from 2 days to 1 day
  - Can't be done because if it's done in one area, it has to be done in the whole district
- Soundview and Cornell
  - They put up a dead end turn around sign for the bus
  - DM Rivera will send to DOT
- Parkchester Public Safety will get back to constituents to give DM Rivera more details
- Sink Hole on Bronx River Ave between Bruckner Blvd and Watson Ave
  - Emergency work was done but they have it on their radar
  - DM Rivera will get updates in the next DSC meeting
- Request for Pedestrian Ramps for Story Ave between Morrison Ave and Boyton Ave
  - On DOT radar, they sent us the case number
- East Tremont and Unionport Road
  - Bus Stop and Walkway need to be cleaned out
  - DM Rivera will be working with multiple agencies
- Kenneth Burgos had an issue with Powell Ave and one way streets
  - DM Rivera needs to speak with him for more details
- East Tremont and White Plains, Construction workers leave equipment and block lane
  - Retired cop emailed Will saying he summoned it all the time in Manhattan and it should be implemented in the 43<sup>rd</sup> Precinct
  - Provided Will with number of Traffic Special Enforcement
- Traffic Congestion on Story Ave and Bronx River Ave
  - Some improvement with signal timing
- DM Rivera will write letter for White Plains Road and Castle Hill Ave
  - Angela wants to help write letter
- DM Rivera handed out remilling schedule for next year
  - Seasons are warm times of the year because it's difficult to get work done in the cold
  - Red areas are the areas that have been remilled and purple areas are the areas that they will be working on next year
  - On Bruckner Blvd on the northbound side, it was already repaved about a year and a half ago by a contractor
    - DM Rivera emailed asking why spend resources and time here but they never responded
    - DM Rivera will ask again because he wants them to work on Westchester Ave
  - They work in areas because it is easier to move equipment and Westchester Ave is within the cluster of work, so it will be easy for them to move the equipment
    - They are still missing other streets for remilling
- Angela: Traffic Agents are supposed to prevent some cars from turning when the light is red and create a backup but there was one traffic agent who was just waving cars on and creating traffic in the intersection, so they should be checked
- Angela: What is the path of the Unionport Bridge?
  - DM Rivera: There will be two temporary bridges right along the middle of the original bridge
- Angela: Can we get another bridge besides the Unionport Bridge?

- DM Rivera: Included in the budget report but it costs too much money; the administration have their priorities arranged differently and we don't receive the resources we need
- DM Rivera got a hold of the new Commissioner of NYPD Traffic but he's on medical leave
  - He will meet with Benjamin Gurly, CM Diaz and the Commissioner to go over meters, traffic agents on Unionport Bridge, Erroneous Tickets, meter maids, helping out with towing operations and other issues that cops end up doing that NYPD Traffic Agents are supposed to do
- New Sanitation Commissioner works really well
- Henry Pelayo had a speed bump issue but Will said it will take one more year

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