



Chairman Nicholas Himidian Jr. - District Manager William Rivera

Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

June 7, 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. Liquor License

- R&R 1579 Bakery Corp (Jacquelines Lounge) #1295318, Renewal Application
 - Started bakery with no license but 4 years ago got license
 - Didn't know how loud to play the music
 - There are cameras
 - 1201 Manor Ave
 - No objections
- Pabellon Inc. #1295937, Renewal Application
 - 1501 Westchester Ave
 - Restaurant that serves beer, wine and liquor
 - Has been here for 46 years
 - Music isn't too loud; there were no 311 complaints
 - There are cameras
 - Family style restaurant
 - No objections
- El Valle Tipico Restaurant II Corp. #1272650, Corporate Change
 - No 311 complaints
 - Has karaoke and no residents complained
 - No objections

3. New Business

- Claudette Colvin Street Renaming
 - Unionport Road from East Tremont to the Parkchester Oval
 - Civil Rights Activist in Alabama who didn't give up her seat months before Rosa Parks
 - Struggled to find job and was left on parole even though she was found not guilty
 - Moved to Bronx to move away from being known as the girl who didn't give up her seat
 - Her story received little notice but people are changing that like CM Andy King honored Claudette Colvin
 - Have letters from several organizations

- Received support from Ruben Diaz, Sr.
- Area outside of her home is already renamed
- Need bio, get more elected officials and picture to present at the General Board Meeting
- Ship all of the information to the board members quickly
- Get packet out to the Council Member
- pre-write letter of support ahead of time and wait for approval by all of the board members
- Needs to get approved by summer, so there can be large event for the 3rd Annual Claudette Colvin Day in March
- Will wants to do candlelight vigil for MLK day in January
- Nicholas wants to do a proclamation
- Motion to be voted on to write support letter for street renaming
- 6 Line Liquor & Wine, 2126 Westchester Ave.
 - Nearest liquor stores and schools objecting liquor license
 - DM Rivera: We should sign on objection because there is no need for another liquor store; visited liquor store and people were playing games in the back; would like to write a letter
 - Board members agreed to write letter
- DOT Car Sharing Program
 - Pilot program for 2 years with 9 locations
 - Removed parking to allow Zipcar, Enterprise to park
 - We got complaints about parking
 - DM Rivera will go out to every site and take complaints into account
 - They will have all the data and share in 6 months
 - How often is it used
 - Will include in bulletin about contacting office regarding concerns
 - Survey will show whether car sharing has improved
- DM Report on Proposed road diet on Bronx River Avenue between Westchester & E. 174th
- Improving Safety on Soundview Ave (See attached)
 - Series of improvements along the intersections of Soundview Ave
 - Soundview cuts the grid diagonally causes issues for pedestrian crossing and a lot of issues for vehicles
 - Every intersection has strange geometry and no transit access along Soundview
 - Excessive speeding, illegal turns, missing crosswalks, missing sidewalks and long crossing were some safety issues found by ambassadors
 - Concrete curve extensions, painted temporary curve extensions, and installing sidewalks
 - Different safety improvements for each intersection and P.S 69
 - Ambassadors spoke to people on the street
 - Got feedback from people walking on Soundview Ave
 - Will be monitoring all of the intersections
 - Wanted to see what ideas community board has
- Other DOT Matters
 - Henry Pelayo: Metcalf is a disaster and there should be a lot of speed bumps
 - DOT Commissioner: There can't be any speed bumps on Soundview. Only area they want to change to one way is roadway around the triangle.
 - DM Rivera: 2 issues: Closing of road in front of school
 - Road is closed in front of school from 8 AM – 4PM but will close because there is minimal value
 - Nobody parks there
 - DM Rivera will review and get back to board members; will do site visit with NCO officer
 - DOT will send flyers to hand out to community
 - Angela: Don't take recommendations seriously like White Plains and Castle Hill projects, so that's why board members get frustrated
 - Darlene: DOT should come with ideas not proposals; include community board members in the initial process

- DOT Commissioner: Have been doing outreach since January regarding project
- Simple project just filling in crosswalk
- Jennifer: Should be at the table when studies are being done; comes in with a complete proposal and not giving CB members enough time to comprehend and catch up; make sure everything is taken into consideration
- Nicholas: Send us survey to hand out to community at our general board meetings; addresses everyone's concern to include community; still haven't made right turn at Jimmy's Café, which was approved a year ago
- DOT Commissioner: That is DOT's fault for not completing the turn; call 311 to renew markings; 311 is best for emergencies
- DM Rivera: In the future, we want to beautify the end of Soundview; suggested locations to DOT to survey; was part of the process in the beginning but fell through later on; will speak to Commissioner about alternate side parking, left turns and look at the traffic patterns here using time lapse cameras
- Angela: Should push Bruckner exit to Havemeyer back on the highway because a lot of cars don't need to go to Zerega since there's too much traffic
- DM Rivera: Need to get traffic agents at Unionport
- Commissioner: New traffic agents are getting hired because group of traffic agents retired; there will be at least 2 traffic agents at Unionport
- Angela: Commissioner mentioned sidewalk on Bruckner Commons that are not ADA compliant
- Commissioner: Add turning lanes near Home Depot and project will last 4 years
- Nicholas: Same problem on Bruckner and Bronx River but added left turn and was able to clear up some of the traffic
- Commissioner: Sheridan Expressway will change and part of the proposal is to add a lane
- P.S/M.S. 194
 - School was built in 2003 on Waterbury Ave between Zerega Ave and Havemeyer Ave
 - In last few years, there are businesses that moved into the areas
 - Tractor Trailers and green & yellow cabs park there and take up parking space
 - Teachers don't have space to park and have to go all the way up to Commerce Ave to park
 - Counted about 200 cabs and about 12 tractor trailers on a Monday morning in the neighborhood
 - Will is working with Sergeant Busch on this matter already
 - DOT said they are no longer assigning designated parking for DOE
 - Previously designated parking have been grandfathered in
 - DOT may include a "No Standing" sign from 7 AM to 4 PM, Monday to Friday
 - The side the school is on is residential and the other side is industrial
 - NYPD said they can't remove tractor trailers because it is an industrial area
 - They are allowed to park overnight if it is a commercial area
 - Traffic agents need to enforce and give out summons
 - There aren't enough NYPD traffic agents to enforce, which is an administrative problems
 - DM Rivera will have to look at signage to see the taxis and they aren't allowed to park in the same spot for more than a week
 - DM Rivera will also look into the bases of the taxi drivers
 - School is in between Precinct 45 and Precinct 43
 - Want the street to be remarked
 - They can talk to Montefiore to pay them to park in their lot and try to get the space through DOE
 - Will install alternate side street parking on Zerega Ave, so there is a reason to summons the cars that stay all day

4. Old Business

- Recycling site at the end of Odell Street and DM Rivera contacted DSNY Superintendent to do a site visit
- Community Member:
 - There is a complaint of loud noises
 - They operate 7 days a week

- It's the worst when they go there and pick up a load
- There are 3 schools within the same block of the recycling yard
- Yard is used for miscellaneous objects until 3 years ago when lot is turned into a recycling
- Parkchester are bringing their load and DSNY is picking up the load
- There are a lot of dust and fume emissions and a lot of noise disturbing the community
- Next steps is to go to the schools and get feedback
- Property is private giving Parkchester the allowance to do what they want
- Recycling yard impacts health and quality of service of the community
- The trucks comes at 6:30 in the morning instead of 8 in the morning
- DM Rivera:
 - DEP deals with sound and noise of the recycling lot
 - City Planning regulates zoning; Will needs to find out the zone of the recycling lot
 - DSNY Superintendent will let Will know why DSNY trucks go there
 - Will needs to know whether this property is privately owned or owned by the city, so he will know the course of action
 - Push elected officials to fight for Community Member
- Community Member:
 - Contacted by DEP to put in device in his apartment to measure decibel levels of sound in his house
 - Doesn't want to add device because there may be other issues that would arise
 - It's obvious if you just sit there and see what's going on
 - Yard isn't paved and should raise the fence
 - The street is destroyed and needs to be repaved
- DM Rivera:
 - Have to go to the city agencies or elected officials as community board
 - Wants updates from agencies regarding this issue at DSC meeting
 - DSNY trucks can't idle for more than 3 minutes
 - Needs to find something wrong first and then go to Parkchester to report
 - Will do press conference if need be

Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 PM

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