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MINUTES

September 5, 2024 – 7:00 P.M.

Joint Meeting of the Traffic, Transportation, and Public Service Committees

The Traffic and Transportation & Public Service Committees met jointly on Thursday, September 5, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the third-floor Conference Room at 900 South Avenue, Staten Island.

Salute the Flag of the United States of America.

Attendance Roll Call. A Quorum was not present.

Board Members Present: Fred R. Guinta, Diane L. McNamara, Joseph Torres, Stephen W. Zaderiko.

Board Members Absent: Igor Baboshkin, Raymond Burt, Julie Freeman, Michael Lanza, Leutrim Qoku,

Staff Present: Debra A. Derrico

Agency Representatives: Stephen Caruso of the New York City Department of Sanitation, Matthew Conpagna of the MTA, and Melissa Farley of the MTA.

Guests: Jessica Guerriero, Claudia Guzman, Joan Cailos Guzman, Ralph Tafuri.

Joseph Torres announced the first item on the agenda, a presentation by the New York City Transit Authority regarding proposed changes to the S52 Bus Route that serves Staten Island University Hospital North Campus.

Melissa Farley of NYC Transit Authority/MTA discussed the proposed changes to the S52 Bus Route. Staten Island University Hospital sent a letter to the MTA saying they want to terminate their agreement with the MTA by the end of the year and will no longer allow buses to pick up or drop off passengers on their property. This will go into effect in January 2025 when the MTA's Winter Schedule goes into effect. The MTA must reroute the S52 Route and try to bring it close to the SIUH. The S52 route goes between the SI Ferry and SIUH.

The MTA looked at 3 different options:

1. To terminate on Fr. Capodanno Blvd and Seaview Avenue –this is a 15-minute walk to the SIUH Campus. Approximately 227 people get off there and 199 get on at the Seaview Campus
2. Would turn onto Mason as it currently does and make a left onto Delaware Avenue, a left onto Hylan Blvd, and a left back onto Seaview Avenue. The MTA realized this would not be a good idea- Delaware Ave is narrow, residents would complain, and that would add a stop on Mason Ave.

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3. The last stop would be on Nugent Ave on Seaview Ave – turn onto Mason, go to the end of Mason Avenue, and turn around on Mason Avenue.

The MTA has discussed this with DOT. Parking issues were discussed, removing parking meters, and the many cars on Mason Avenue.

The MTA is taking the committee's comments back to DOT and will come back to the board.

Joseph Torres announced the Guest Speaker, Stephen Caruso of the NYC Department of Sanitation.

Stephen Caruso, Department of Community Affairs for DSNY, discussed new initiatives that will be implemented this Fall.

Beginning October 6, 2024, curbside composting is expanding.

What to Compost (ORANGE LABEL): Put in a labeled bin, 55 gallons or less with a secure lid.

- Leaf and Yard Waste (plants, leaves, twigs, grass) will be collected every week on your recycling day.
- Food Scraps (fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy, prepared food).
- Food-soiled Paper (napkins, towels, tea bags, plates, coffee filters, pizza boxes) yard waste, food-soiled paper from trash, and leaves will be collected every week on your recycling day.

What to Recycle (BLUE LABEL):

- Metal, Rigid Plastic, Glass, Cartons.
- Empty and rinse before recycling. Caps and lids are OK.
- NO batteries, power cords, chargers, wires, plastic bags, squeeze tubes, pouches, or foam.

What to Recycle (GREEN LABEL):

- Mixed Paper (staples and window envelopes OK.)
- Cardboard – Flatten and bundle or bag cardboard boxes.
- NO hardcover books, waxed paper, soiled napkins, or tissues.

Beginning November 12, 2024, all trash must be set out in a bin with a secure lid. This applies to single-family homes, two-family homes, and buildings with up to 9 apartments. Bins may be set out at 6:00 PM and recycling bags can be set out at 8:00 PM. Sanitation Enforcement will begin in 2025.

Beginning December 19, 2024, Fines for cleaning infractions like sidewalk obstruction and litter up to 18" from the curb will be \$50 for the first offense, \$300 for the second, and \$500 for the third and continual offenses.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/index.page>

For questions regarding containerization, please visit

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/collection/containerization/residentialcontainerization.page> or call 855-NYC-BINS

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Joseph Torres announced the next items on the agenda. Discussion ensued regarding the 30-day advance notice to the board regarding the establishments' intention to file for a liquor license with the NYS Liquor Authority.

Review of Liquor License Application (Change Name DBA)

**Applicant 1: Cantina Valencia – 1674 Richmond Road, (10304)**

Use of Back Yard & Method of Operation (Disc Jockey, Live Music, Karaoke).

Review of Renewal Liquor License Applications

**Applicant 2: Ralph's Sports Bar LLC – 1571 Richmond Road (10304)**

Method of Operation (Disc Jockey, Live Music, Karaoke) & Patron Dancing).

Review of New Liquor License Application and Temporary Retail Permit

**Applicant 3: Cinco De Mayo Restaurant & Bar Corp. 2110C Clove Road (10305)**

Method of Operation (Disc Jockey, Live Music, Karaoke).

The applicants for each of the above-noted applications were present to answer the committee's questions. No action was taken because a quorum was not present.

Old Business: None

New Business: Board Member Stephen Zaderiko shared ideas regarding the creation of a light rail over the Bayonne Bridge.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fred R. Guinta