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**March 7, 2016 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**PRESENT:** Vincent Prezioso, Chair; Joseph Thurston, Co-Chair; Joseph Bacote; Daisy Rodriguez; and Cecilia Haas.

**EXCUSED:** Rabbi Moshe Fuchs; and Frano Zagreda.

**STAFF:** Chris Kirka, CB11 Community Associate.

**GUESTS:** Raphael Schweizer, BPECA/CMBA; Richard Stewart, Rolande Infante, Bill Capune and Don Tone, Con Edison; David Nochimson, NYPL; Debby Kawalick, PPNA; Dom Schiano and Kenneth Gelnick, CB11; Michael Kaess, Michael Anglin, Alexander Ansah, Rebecca Ofori, Daniel Asibuoh and Rev. Samuel Nketsia, Ghana United Methodist Church; Liam Moffatt, Poplar St; Gregory Clark; Joseph Boates; Shradhanard Pirtam, VNNA; Brian Adams, 49<sup>th</sup> Pct Community Council; and Gene DeFrancis and Veronica Castro, Allerton Merchants Association.

Mr. Prezioso called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

1. Street Activity Permits – Mr. Prezioso reviewed NYC guidelines with all present. Representatives were present for all but one of the 9 applications being considered. All were routine recurring events. Mr. Moffatt submitted a petition to extend the Poplar Street closing go from Lurting through to Williamsbridge Rd. Motion by Vinny Prezioso, seconded by Joe Bacote – That CB11 recommend approval of all of the street closings listed on the agenda, except for the Narragansett Party, due to its applicant’s non-attendance at the Committee meeting.  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**
2. Proposed 30 enhanced subway stations, temporary closure of Pelham Pkwy station on 5 train. – Mr. Prezioso shared MTA project scope document from Jackie Carter. Mr. Gelnick expressed concern over total closing of Pelham Pkwy station.

Committee asked to have CB11 invite MTA to April 4<sup>th</sup> committee meeting to explain proposed interruptions and to hear community concerns.

3. Update on White Plains Road Congestion – Rolande Infante, Director of Community Affairs for Con Ed, proposed adding 2 traffic lights in front of Con Ed’s property. Mr. Prezioso provided history of DOT’s involvement in this area, taking it from 4 lanes to 2 lanes and causing tie-ups. Don Tone, an engineer contracted by Con Ed agreed with Mr. Prezioso that Van Nest Community, CB11 and Con Ed should work together to improve traffic conditions in this area.

Con Ed is ready to submit plans to DOT showing addition of 2 lights, but agreed to time their submittal to coincide with Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance’s plan, which seeks to restore the 4 lane conditions. Mr. Prezioso suggested seeking assistance from elected officials. Mr. Tone agreed to hold off on submission until CB11 has had a chance to review it and stated that DOT would prefer if Con Ed had CB11’s support of their plan.

4. Eastern Bound Bx26 Bus Stop Relocation (Land Use Committee Request) – Because eastern bound Bx26 buses now block the Shell gas station driveway at 950 Allerton Avenue and off load passengers into that driveway, a request has been made by the Land Use Committee to move the bus stop east approximately one car length.

Motion by Vinny Prezioso, seconded by Joe Thurston – That CB11 send an email to the MTA requesting the relocation of this stop, as proposed by the Land Use Committee, and an email to the DOT asking for a shelter to be added to this location.

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

5. Ghana United Methodist Church request for temporary parking – Representatives of the church requested CB11’s support of their request to use a striped cul-de-sac at the end of Pelham Pkwy N. Service Road and Bronx Park East for temporary parking of approximately 15 cars only on Sundays during church services. The committee was not opposed to this request. Vinny Prezioso and Dom Schiano will tour site and get more information to confirm dates for requested parking.

6. New Business

- a. Mr. DeFrancis asked for a traffic study in area of Boston Rd, Allerton Ave & Matthews Ave. He is concerned about safety, especially with regard to left turns. Mr. Prezioso explained that area had been previously studied by DOT and they will not re-study before 18 months have passed. The CB11 Office will check the date of the last study. If beyond 18 months, a request for a new study will be made.
- b. Bike Lanes on Allerton Ave – Mr. DeFrancis would like these removed.
- c. Paving of Allerton Ave – Mr. DeFrancis asked to have CB11 support to get Allerton Ave paved. Mr. Prezioso explained that it is not on the list recently distributed of streets being paved by DOT.

#### 7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Minutes taken by Cecilia Haas, edited by Staff.