

Chairman Mohammed Mujumder - District Manager William Rivera Public Safety & Transportation Committee Meeting Summary September 7, 2023

Board Members Present: Shante Chamblee, Robbin Kelly, Brent Woodie

I. 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 Sanitation & NYS Liquor Authority.

II. Liquor Licenses

DM Rivera will visit the new establishments with Officers. There are no issues with the renewals.

- John's Diner (1786 Westchester Ave), Renewal
- El Molcajete (1506-08 Westchester Ave), Renewal
- El Valle Típico (849 Castle Hill Ave), Renewal
- El Cerrito Restaurant (1184-86 Elder Ave), Renewal
- La Cucharita (1802 Westchester Ave), New Application
- Don Emilio (1315 Castle Hill Ave), New Application & Temporary Retail Permit
- La Clave (1186 Evergreen Ave), New Application
- Jimmy's Grand Cafe (1001 Castle Hill Ave), Renewal

III. Speakers

A. Caitlyn, CB9 Pedestrian Outreach Request: WalkRollMap.org- During the pandemic Caitlyn spent a lot of time walking around the Bronx and noticed areas where there are many ways that we can improve the walking environment for Bronx residents. Along with her team she wants to help improve and make safer the walking experience for all Bronx residents. To do this, data is needed to understand what barriers are preventing people from walking and where. Also needs to know if these barriers vary by time of year and vary for different people. This data is needed because cities do not have the capacity to continuously audit their sidewalks annually for these problems. We can advocate and work with city officials by showing them the data and thus the need for pedestrian infrastructure in our communities. Theres a crowdsourcing website called WalkRollMap.org where residents can help make their walking environment safer and more accessible by mapping their experiences.

Within WalkRollMap.org people can submit three types of data:

-Falls, near misses or collisions (areas where pedestrians fell, nearly missed being in a crash, or where they were in a crash)

-Hazards or concerns (such as a broken sidewalk or a road crossing issue)

-Missing Amenities (such as sidewalks, benches, or bus stops)

Caitlyn is hoping to collect data to show where walking infrastructure can be modified or added to improve the walking experience for all.

IV. Notifications

- Theriot & Seward Avenue Row Tow Operation
- Noble Ave Speed Hump Request DOT-522921-Z2G9 (Denied)
- Zerega & Newbold Ave Speed Hump Request DOT-518185-J1V7 (Denied)
- Zerega Ave Speed Camera Request DOT-598022-R5S0 (P.S./M.S. 194 School is currently covered by DOT existing Fixed Speed Enforcement Program)
- Bronx River Avenue from Noble Avenue to Rosedale Avenue Speed Hump Study DOT-547675-X0D3 (Denied)
- Story Avenue and Elder Avenue Installation of Traffic Controls DOT-493270-X4H7 (Approved)
- Story Avenue and Noble Avenue Bus Shelters DOT-584727-L3D9 (DOT sent request to MTA that bus shelters could be reinstalled for a fee, awaiting MTA response)
- New Green Infrastructure Design Contract GI-BX-PP
- Pugsley Avenue between Lacombe Avenue and Randall Avenue Street Lighting DOT-580073-M6X9 (Repaired)
- Wheeler Avenue and Westchester Avenue Installation of Traffic Controls DOT-472718-B8P8; DOT-507910-K6H4 (Approved)

V. New Business

• Bicycle Network Expansion- Safety Improvements. Implementation began summer 2023. Expanding the bike network in Community Board 9 by:

-Adding standard bike lanes on:

Gleason Ave., Metcalf Ave. to Cross Bronx Service Road; Ellis Ave., Cross Bronx Service Road to Castle Hill Ave.;

Watson Ave., Morrison Ave. to Castle Hill Ave.; Noble Ave., 184 St. to Watson Ave.; and Rosedale Ave. northbound,

Watson Ave. to 174 St.

-Adding shared lanes on:

174 St, Metcalf Ave. to Rosedale Ave.; and Rosedale Ave. southbound, 174 St. to Watson Ave.

VI. DM Report/SR

• DM Rivera discussed service requests in the district with the committee attendees, and advised to contact CB9 office via email, 311 and Elected Officials.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:30pm

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