BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 21, 2010

ATTENDANCE:

D. ABRAHAM J. ARMER J. FOULKE

T. MISKEL M. MURPHY R. OBERLENDER

G. REILLY R. SLOANE

EXCUSED:

W. BLUM A. MCKNIGHT M. VERRET

ABSENT:

S. BURZIO D. GIULIANO J. IGNERI H. LINK M. RECA-HEYER J. THOMPSON

GUESTS:

L. DEPALMA - REP. FOR HON. M. MARKOWITZ, BKLYN BORO PRESIDENT POLICE OFFICER J. GALANTE – 76^{TH} PRECINCT POLICE OFFICER M. KINSKY - 76^{TH} PRECINCT LIEUTENANT P. PISKIN – 76^{TH} PRECINCT SARGEANT LAYNE – 76^{TH} PRECINCT M. PURYEAR – BROOKLYN GREENWAY

J. MARSHALL J. BARKEY T. COLLINS D. SCHACK N. ODER D. KIRTON

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM.

 Briefing by representatives for the Department of Transportation and Forest City Ratner Company on the planned permanent closure of sections of 5th Avenue (between Flatbush & Atlantic Avenues), Pacific Street (between 5th & 6th Avenues and between Vanderbilt & Carlton Avenues) and related impacts.

A representative of Sam Schwartz and Assoc. reviewed street closures, changing street regulations, postings of Traffic Control officers (temporarily), signal timing changes, new street markers, turning movement modifications, parking changes and bus route modifications. (A copy of the community notice is attached herewith.)

Committee members asked questions regarding:

- Traffic counts
- Where traffic would be diverted
- Construction fencing
- Construction material and equipment staging
- Bus ridership and mitigation measures.

Community residents expressed concerns about pedestrian safety, condemnation schedule and contingency plans.

No motions were made. No vote was taken. The presentation was for information only.

Presentation and update by representatives for the Brooklyn Greenway Initiative and the Department of Transportation on the planning and development of a greenway along the northwestern portion of the Brooklyn waterfront from Greenpoint to sunset Park.

The presentation was made by Milton Puryear of the Brooklyn Greenway Initiative. The project extends from Greenpoint to Sunset Park and ultimately connects to the Shore Parkway bikeway. Approximately 500,000 people reside near the Greenway. 85% of the right of way has been tentatively agreed upon. Milton briefed the committee on the planning process and possible future initiatives to create additional open spaces along the Greenway,

Craig Hammerman made a brief report on the progress on the reconstruction of Columbia Street. The project is now in the 5th year of a two year capital project. Many complaints were expressed by committee members. A letter from the Community Board will be sent to the commissioner of the Department of Design and Construction.

Jerry Armer made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The minutes of the meeting were submitted by Roy Sloane.