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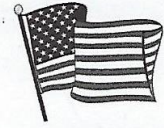
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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
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Municipal Services

June 9, 2021 7:30 P.M.

Via Cisco WEBEX

Present: R. Baez, P. Del-Debbio, D. Noble, R. Bieder, T. Accomando, H. Acampora, M. Caruso, J. Landi, N. Rosario, M. Velazquez

Absent: None

Guests: R. Miranda, N. Lopez, A. Andreano, G. Ng, D. Anagnoston, N. DeLorenzo, S. Mota, F. Andrade, R. Ashe, B. Dolensk, V. Chirstini, J. Cohen, A. Leavy, J. Cass, J. Doyle, M. Besse, S. Betsalel, Z. Piccolo, L. Baldwin

Chairperson Baez led with the street activity permits. R. Ashe brought petitions from business owners and residents. R. Ashe says the store owners were very enthusiastic about having the event and that he has been in contact with both precincts and both community boards. A. Leavy discussed her Street activity permit. All petitions were submitted to the board office.

Motion to accept the following street activity permits was proposed by R. Bieder and seconded by J. Landi and unanimously approved by all with no abstentions or votes in opposition.

Event: ID# 572116, St. Helena’s Summer Fair – Single Block Festival

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Setup: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Breakdown: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Castle Hill Avenue between Westchester and Starling Avenues Contact: Todd Berman

Event: ID# 572125, St. Helena’s Fall Fair – Single Block Festival

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Time: 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Setup: 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Breakdown: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Castle Hill Avenue between Westchester and Starling Avenues Contact: Todd Berman

Event: ID# 578899, 10th Annual Griswold Avenue Block Party

Time: 1:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Setup: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 PM

Breakdown: 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Location: Griswold Avenue between Dwight Place and MacDonough Place

Contact: Alisa Leavy

The next agenda item was the New York City ferry service project slated for Throggs Neck. The features will be 2.75 fare. It will be 7-day, year-round service. There will be contactless ticket scanning. Construction will start this summer. Construction will be on the parking lot and pier. Working hours will be from 7AM to 5PM. Equipment will include compactor, asphalt paver and dump trucks. Deliveries will be minimized to reduce impact to park users. Upgrades will include new lighting, trees, 210 parking spaces with ADA accessible spaces and transit buddy shuttle. New bike racks and a widened path will also be a part of the construction. Questions centered regarding harbor patrol and e-scooters. Unfortunately, there are no plans for a harbor patrol unit at the ferry service dock currently. T. Accomando mentioned the quality of life concerns from park goers. There are times when the parking lot is full which could pose problems.

The last agenda item was on Rodman's Neck. NYPD officials want a full indoor range renovation to help with the sound abatement. All monies are secured. Project is at procurement stage. NYPD is confident that temporary sound abatement will be successful. Early spring 2022 is the target for construction for the short-term sound abatement. Construction on long term solution will start in 2023. It will be finished in 2026. There is a request for more community notification so that members of the public can adjust. Lieutenant Ng will find out if he can alert the community with notification on heavy gun shooting.

The Gateway Project was discussed as part of old business by M. Caruso. The portion described will be used by Con Edison as part of its gas line project. M. Caruso through Gateway is seeking a lease for the site. The illegally parked trucks are violating zoning and an eyesore for the community of City Island. For this reason, Bronx DOT Commissioner Nivardo López was invited to the meeting. Borough Commissioner López says there is no agreement or license currently between the city and the private actor parking the commercial vehicles. However, DOT is working with other mayoral agencies to confirm this point. There is a chance that legal action can be taken if there is such an agreement that is being violated. NYCDOT cannot sign any license agreement until Con Edison finishes its project. In November 2019, Gateway has sought a license. DCAS awaits NYCDOT sign-off, according to L. Baldwin. L. Baldwin asks NYCDOT to work with Council Member Gjonaj to help delineate where city and private property begins and ends.

D. Noble is asking for updates on Locust Point left turn request. N. López will provide information tomorrow. D. Noble informed the Committee that traffic remains congested at the Harding avenue entrance. M. Cruz clarified that the MTABT issued an ultimatum about closing the entrance entirely. The Committee seeks to contact state officials.

The meeting closed at roughly 9:15 P.M. by vote of adjournment.