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BOROUGH OF THE BRONX

COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 23rd, 2009 @ 6:30PM

- I. The Chair on behalf of CB7 gave testimony at the MTA Hearing-February 4, 2009. A copy of the letter is posted on the CB7 web site-bronxcb7.info A copy of the letter was given to the members of the MTA Board that were present at the hearing. A large number of individuals were present to tell the MTA how they felt about the prospered rate hike, elimination of Bronx bus lines and the increase in the cost of an access-a-ride. The community of Woodlawn turned out with several bus loads of residents against the elimination of the bx34 bus.
- II. In response to a question,, the Bronx Historian, Lloyd Ultan, stated that concrete pylons in the D train maintenance yard were placed there in 1960 but not erected (there was a plan to erect a platform on them to hold the projected campus of the Bronx Community College). Unfortunately, the spaces between the tracks were too narrow to permit the trains to negotiate curves without hitting the pylons if they were erected. The plan was dropped and the Bronx Community College ended up on University Ave.
- III. A traffic survey of Jerome Ave and West Mosholu Parkway (by Tracy Towers) was requested of DOT.
- IV. Councilwomen Maria Baez requested CB7 help in obtaining a school crossing guard for MS/PS 15. The DM will contact the School's Principal and the PTA President/ Parent Coordinator for letters of support.
Next Meeting: February 23, 2009 CB7 Office 6:30 pm
- V. Follow-up of the broken gate in front of the Bronx's New School: Con Edison is responsible for the grate. They have filed a request for a work permit with the city. They are waiting for the permit.
- VI. Follow up of the Safe Routes for Senior Initiative
 - A. Due to a large number of pedestrian accident involving seniors in the Fordham/University Heights area of CB7 and CB5, the DOT will be making changes in the area.
 - B. DOT will repaint crosswalks as well as install raised island at certain intersection on Fordham Road. Were possible, these islands will become green streets with plantings that the Parks Department will maintain.
 - C. The number 12 bus will made its correct turn around and no u-turn on Fordham Road. Certain "Free Right Turns" like on to Creston Ave/190th Street will be removed. Creston Ave will be blocked off and become a Park Street Area.
 - D. Traffic direction on Webb Ave will be change.
 - E. Work on these changes will start Spring 2009.
- VII. Next meeting March 23, 2009