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COMMUNITY BOARD 7



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TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, March 13, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

- I) Attendance sheet in file
 - A) Members in attendance include: Lowell Green, William Francis, Samelys Lopez, Nilsa Cintron
 - B) Excused members include: Adaline Walker-Santiago
 - C) Absent / Leave of Absence members include: Lisa Sills-Short
- II) Meeting started at 6:30 pm.; Quorum Present
- III) Department of Transportation Presentations (DOT):
 - A) East Gun Hill Road Safety Improvements: (The project has 3 locations)
 - 1) Jerome Avenue and Gun Hill Road:
 - a) Southeast Corner of Jerome Avenue and East Gun Hill Road as well as the Southwest Corner of Jerome Avenue and East Gun Hill Road. An in-house crew from DOT will install a concrete curb extension on the Southeast Corner of Jerome Avenue and East Gun Hill Road (the Westchester Bee Bus Line stop). Also, an in-house crew from DOT will install a concrete curb extension on the Southwest Corner of Jerome Avenue and East Gun Hill Road. Work will start in June. DOT will look into putting either a bus shelter or a bench at the Southeast Corner (bus stop location)
 - 2) Perry Avenue and Reservoir Place:
 - a) An in-house crew from DOT will install a concert curb extension as well as simplify and shorten crossing distance at this location.
 - 3) Olinville Avenue:
 - a) This site is not located in CB7. A print out is available of the work to be done.
 - B) Neighborhood Slow Zone for Norwood:
 - 1) The purposes of a Slow Zone are to reduce car speed as well as save lives and prevent injuries. The Speed Limit within the Slow Zone is 20 miles an hour. The Norwood Slow Zone has the boundaries of Gun Hill Road/Bainbridge Avenue/E. 204th Street and Webster Avenue. The neighborhood residential speed is reduced by Signage (Speed Limit Signs) Markings (Speed Limit is Marked on Street) and placement of Speed Bumps/Humps. All of these items are placed within the Slow Zone Area.
 - 2) April 2014-13 Speed Bumps/Humps will be installed.
 - 3) May 2014- 12 gateways signs and 10 street markings will be installed.
 - 4) There should be no loss of parking spaces as gateway signs are now done on the sidewalk. A print out is available of the work to be done.



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- C) In response to a question about the marking of the bus lane on West Fordham Road near Sedgwick Avenue, The DOT Commissioner stated that the bus lane is concrete and the lane markings have worn off. DOT will repaint the bus line with a new paint mixture once the winter weather is done. DOT feels the signage identifying the bus lane is fine.
- IV) Transportation Alternatives Organization:
- A) Talked about the importance of the Mayor's Vision Zero Action Plan. This plan is an attempt to reduced pedestrian injury/or death on the streets of NYC. As Transportation Alternates represents bike rides as well as pedestrians, the organization would like to see better enforcement of the "Yield to Pedestrian" rule.
 - B) A general discussion was held. All present felt that pedestrians as well as motorists need to observe and obey New York City's traffic rules better.
 - C) The Committee Chair told the Transportation Alternatives representatives that the Community Board could help in getting bike racks placed in the community.
 - D) Transportation Alternatives Bronx Activist Committee meets on the Second Wednesdays of every month at the Bronx Museum located at 1040 Grand Concourse at 6:30pm.
 - E) Transportation Alternatives can be reached by email at Bronx@transalt.org. People can also visit their Web Page at www.transalt.org/Bronx
- V) New Business:
- A) The Committee approved a letter of support for the Kingsbridge Unity Festival to be held on Saturday, June 21, 2014. Chairs will bring the request to the April Executive Committee Meeting.
 - B) DOT will be coming to the Thursday, April 10, 2014 Committee Meeting to talk about Capital Project Designs for Webster Avenue as well as an update of the Select Bus Service and the new bus lane.
 - C) DOT will likely have a workshop meeting in May for Bronx' residents about the Vision Zero Plan. At this workshop, residents will be asked to identify hazardous streets and intersections in their neighborhood.
- VI) Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.