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Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 18, 2023

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

The Transportation Committee met on May 18, 2023 via Zoom Audio and Video Conference. The following board members were present: Isaac Bowen, Magdamary Marcano, Rosa Peraza, Lisa Sanchez, Maria Ruiz, and Monique Williams.

The Transportation Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion on Board Member Frank Franz's Traffic Control Proposal for East 191st Street**

The Transportation Committee discussed Board Member Frank Franz's Traffic Control Proposal for East 191st Street. Mr. Franz is proposing that the northern side of East 191st Street be "No Standing" at all times as is reflected on Hughes Avenue and Bathgate Avenue. This is to allow truck traffic, ambulances, fire engines, garbage trucks and other large vehicles access to the street at all times, especially when it snows, and the traffic lane becomes more restrictive and prevent vehicles from double parking. As a result of his proposal, the Transportation Committee will request a traffic study from the New York City Department of Transportation to identify what would be a feasible measure to address this issue. The committee also requested to obtain community feedback from the homeowners of this area of the district on this issue.

- **Discussion on Senator Gustavo Rivera's Auto Repair Shop Oversight Bill S.5936**

The Transportation Committee discussed Senator Gustavo Rivera's Auto Repair Shop Oversight Bill S.5936, which addresses the issues caused by auto shops occupying sidewalks, streets, and residential parking. The Transportation Committee recognized that while it is currently illegal, there is a lack of capacity for the New York City Police Department to tow vehicles in the district. To address this, a bill was drafted that proposes subjecting auto shop licenses to a public hearing for renewal and giving community boards a voice in the matter. The committee discussed follow-up steps, noting that the bill is in the senate and requires legislators' approval. It was suggested that the Board create a letter of support and circulate it to other community boards facing similar issues to garner additional support. The Transportation Committee unanimously agreed to issue a letter in support of the bill.

- **Discussion on the Southern Boulevard Safety Improvement Project**

The Transportation Committee discussed the Southern Boulevard between East 182nd Street and Fordham Road Safety Improvement Project that was implemented by the New York City Department of Transportation in 2021 after the Board expressed their concerns with the proposals of the project and issued a letter of objection. As a result of this project, the Community Board has received numerous complaints in regard to the safety of pedestrians and bicyclist, the significant loss of parking, and traffic congestion. Therefore, the Transportation Committee is requesting data and a study to determine the project's results. The Transportation Committee unanimously agreed to issue a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation to reconsider the Southern Boulevard between East 182nd Street and Fordham Road Safety Improvement Project and to provide data of the project.

- **Update of the Café Building and Kiosk 2 at Fordham Plaza**

The Transportation Committee was informed that the New York City Department of Transportation has not provided the Community Board with an update in regard to the Café Building and Kiosk 2 at Fordham Plaza. As a result, the Transportation Committee determined that they will be conducting a rally.

- **Update of the Devoe Avenue, Boston Road and East 177th Street Project**

The Transportation Committee was informed that the New York City Department of Design and Construction has not provided an update in regard to the project. As a result, the Transportation Committee will be requesting temporary street markings in the meantime.