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# Transportation, Historic Preservation, and Landmarks Committee

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

Hon. Raquel Vazquez, Chair Hon. Lisa Downing & Hon. Maurice Sessoms, Vice-Chairs

<u>Committee Members in Attendance</u>: Troy Gethers, Karen Horry, Maurice Sessoms, Crystal Shipp, Keith Taylor, Raquel Vazquez <u>Excused</u>: Lisa Downing <u>Unexcused</u>: Daniel Clark, Aarian Punter, Danni Tyson

# **MEETING MINUTES**

### 1. Welcome/Introductions

## 2. Presentation: DOT Citi Bike Updates for CB10

- DOT anticipates doubling the Citibike system in 2017 to 330 stations across New York City.
- Phase 2 of the Citibike expansion includes uptown Manhattan, Queens, and Brooklyn.
- DOT conducted public outreach sessions regarding Citibike expansion. DOT provided door-to-door notifications for business owners next to proposed Citibike station locations.
- In Manhattan Community Board 10, there are 17 total stations proposed. No parking spaces will be compromised due to Citibike stations. All 17 proposed stations will be located on sidewalks across the district.
- The dimensions of the stations are 8 ft long with the bikes on the rack; 2 ft without bikes on the rack. A 5 ft minimum is required for pedestrian clearance.
- Installation Plan: Targeted for the later summer of 2017. All Citibike station installations are anticipated by the end of 2017.
- Citibike customers will require a debit/credit card for payments. The Committee suggested that DOT, Motivate, and Citi provide an option for gift debit cards for those residents who may not have access to a debit or credit card. DOT will explore this option with its partners. DOT explained that it has partners with community development financial institutions (CDFIs), but admitted that none of their CDFI partners are located in Harlem.
- Residents present at the meeting recommended that DOT install additional bike racks across the district.
- We will need bike safety trainings to promote the safety of cyclists and

pedestrians. Our committee is currently working with Council Member Perkins' office to coordinate a bike helmet giveaway event in our community.

#### 3. Discussion Items:

- a. Bx6 Select Bus Service (SBS) Implementation & Proposed Changes to the West 155<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct
  - i. Feedback from the public hearing held on 5/4/17
  - ii. Review draft board resolution concerning this topic
  - Our committee held a public hearing on May 4th to gather community feedback on DOT's proposed plans. The draft resolution incorporates community feedback from the public hearing and at the latest committee meetings.
  - The committee recommended that DOT conduct a walkthrough of West 155th Street and the viaduct ASAP, so that DOT understands the traffic patterns in the corridor especially during morning and afternoon rush hour periods and on Yankee game days.
  - DOT still needs to provide CB10 with a traffic impact study which would detail the impact that their proposed viaduct changes would have on traffic in the area.
- b. Updates from DOT re. Vision Zero Safety Improvements on W. 116<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Lyle has been in communication with the project managers for this project and notified us that the plan will be delayed since DOT is taking our recommendations into consideration and updating their plans accordingly. DOT originally planned to implement their proposed changes in June 2017.
  - We reiterated what CB10 included in our resolution regarding West 116th Street safety improvements and stressed that we strongly oppose any restriction on northbound turns at the intersection of West 116th Street and Lenox Avenue.
  - Community residents asked DOT for information on accidents that took place along West 125th Street since bus lanes were installed.
  - Buses have the capability of taking pictures of cars in bus lanes and the drivers of these cars will receive fines via mail.
- c. Follow-up re. preservation work with LPC
  - LPC is still conducting research on the sites that Save Harlem Now and CB10 shared with them. They expect to share updates this summer.
- d. Jane's Walk held on 5/6/17
  - It was a very successful event over 30 attendees came.

#### 4. Voting Items:

a. Resolution re. Bx6 SBS Implementation & Proposed Changes to the West 155<sup>th</sup> Street Viaduct

6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

# b. Proposed Street Co-Namings from the Street Co-Naming Special Meeting held on 4/25/17:

1) Applicant Name: Grant Harper Reid Street/Intersection: Corner of West 123<sup>rd</sup> Street and Manhattan Avenue (NE corner)

**Proposed Street Co-Naming: Fannie Pennington Way** 6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

2) Applicant Name: Glenn Hunter Street/Intersection: Northeast corner of 137<sup>th</sup> Street and Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.

**Proposed Street Co-Naming: New York Rens Court** 6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

3) Applicant Name: Gene Howard Street/Intersection: Northeast corner of W. 139<sup>th</sup> Street & Malcolm X Blvd.

**Proposed Street Co-Naming: Valerie Orridge Way** 6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

4) Applicant Name: Ann King
Street/Intersection: Southeast corner of 116<sup>th</sup> Street and Malcolm X Blvd.
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Apostle Brown Way
6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

5) Applicant Name: Gwendolyn Lancaster Street/Intersection: W. 121<sup>st</sup> Street and Frederick Douglass Blvd. NE Corner

**Proposed Street Co-Naming: Michael Lancaster Way** 6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

6) Applicant Name: Ruth Johannes Street/Intersection: SW corner of 125<sup>th</sup> St. and Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd.

#### Proposed Street Co-Naming: Dr. Yosef (Johannes) ben-Jochannan Way

6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

7) Applicant Name: Col. Gregory Collins
Street/Intersection: Corner of W. 129<sup>th</sup> Street and Adam Clayton Powell,
Jr. Blvd. (SW corner)
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Harlem Marine Ackeem Paul Green
Way
6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

8) Applicant Name: Bob Gumbs
Street/Intersection: Adam Clayton Powell Jr. between W. 149<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 150<sup>th</sup> Street
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Bill "Bojangles" Robinson Way
The applicant asked to postpone the proposed street co-naming to allow

for additional time to collect requested materials.

9) Applicant Name: Nadirah Ahmed
Street/Intersection: Malcolm X Blvd.
Proposed Street Co-Naming: El-Hajj Malik El-Shabazz Way
0 voted in favor; 6 opposed; 0 abstentions

10) Applicant Name: Mary Thurman
Street/Intersection: Northeast corner of 132<sup>nd</sup> and Malcolm X Blvd.
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Hon. Geraldine L. Daniels Way
6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

11) Applicant Name: Judynell Johnson Groce
Street/Intersection: NW corner of W. 131<sup>st</sup> Street and Adam Clayton
Powell, Jr. Blvd.
Proposed Street Co-Naming: William Atmore Byrd Sr. Way

**Proposed Street Co-Naming: William Atmore Byrd Sr. Way** 6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

12) Applicant Name: Judynell Johnson Groce
Street/Intersection: W. 123<sup>rd</sup> and Frederick Douglass Blvd (NE on
Frederick Douglass Blvd. and NW on Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Blvd.)
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Randy ''Bubba'' Nelson Mcghee Place
6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

13) Applicant: Amelia Montgomery
Street/Intersection: West 136<sup>th</sup> Street & Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd., NW corner
Proposed Street Co-Naming: Tuskegee Airman Dabney N.
Montgomery Place
6 voted in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstentions

#### 5. New Business

-None

#### 6. Adjournment

Minutes drafted by Raquel Vazquez.