

CB12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting
October 5, 2020, at 7:00 pm

Committee Members Present –Chair, Debby Nabavian; Assistant Chair, Omar Tejada; Richard Allman, Mary Anderson, James Berlin, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Mariela Graham, Jay Mazur, Bruce Robertson, Angel Vasquez.

CB12: Daryl Cochrane, Tanya Bonner, Maria Luna,

Public: Natalie Espino MBPO; Julio Batista and Sandra Harris (NYP & CUMC); Dario Quinsec, State Senator Jackson's office. Rob Boatti, Taja Nia Henderson, S Fruchtmann, Fred Jewell, Paul D., HK Dunston, Bernard Grobman, Jerry Culligan, Dave Thom, Tara Wholley

Call to order 7:04 pm

1) Chair welcome and update:

- a) Citibike stations in CB12 continue to be emptied regularly, and Citibike has messaged lately for Bike Angels to bring bikes back to Washington Heights.
- b) Mariela Graham has taken the lead to invite Amber Charter to the T&T meeting to share their plans and projections for student arrivals and departures to/from the school, which will occupy a building that in the past has been a school.

2) Daniel Pearlstein (RSD resident) presentation of the proposal to add a protected bike lane from Riverside Drive @ Broadway to Staff Street next to Dyckman. Drivers act like the stretch is the highway, and speed along the right lane, often ignoring lights. Proposes reducing traffic to one westbound lane, with a protected two-way bike lane as far as Staff street (not protected West of Henshaw). Allows access to Greenway and addresses the fact that bike lane on Dyckman has been subsumed into Open Street / Dining from Broadway to Seaman.

- a) DKN: Note that DOT has made adjustments to signal to time on this stretch, but we continue to hear of issues with people exiting the highway and the left at Henshaw. Opportunity to ask DOT to evaluate this area and the idea.
- b) MG: clarify the proposed structure and also how to speed would be reduced, and safety increased. A DP/ DOT has various options to implement the bike lane. The speeding issue is in the right lane when speeding towards either HHP NB or to cut into line for HHP SB.
- c) OT: Supports DOT giving this proposal a look as going west on Dyckman from Broadway has now been impeded due to open streets.
- d) JB: Supports DOT giving this proposal a look.
- e) BR: Could this be a place where a speed bump could work? Should ask DOT.
- f) DC: How many parking spots? As this doesn't remove them. DP: there a few metered parking spots.
- g) GD: agrees DOT should look at this and what impact it would have on congestion.
- h) Chair motions to have DOT review this request, Jim B. seconds the motion.

i) Committee votes: 9-0-0

3) Street Co-naming, Health Care Heroes Way presented by board member Daryl Cochrane. W. 168th Street & Fort Washington Avenue to honor all healthcare workers. Provided info on a petition signed, reception at the first discussion at the Health committee.

- a) JM: in the health committee, it was noted that the hospital has not been transparent about the COVID data at the CB12 level.

- b) OT: supports this and wonders if it can be extended to west 220 where the Allen hospital is? A DC / There are tools and could be other options as well. We don't know further details yet. JB A/ That would be a separate co-naming, and Healthcare Heroes can be a collective one.
 - c) TB: supports the initiative. It could be a model for other communities.
 - d) ML: Supports this co-naming and notes the community good of acknowledging all who contributed in the worst times.
 - e) NE: emphasis on the language, which is all-encompassing of all workers, such as laundry or greeters or cleaning staff who labored during the worst part of the pandemic.
 - f) JB notes that so many Healthcare related workers live in CB12.
 - g) Julio Batista and Sandra Harris expressed their support and thankfulness.
 - h) Chair motion to support, Jim B. seconds
 - i) Committee votes: 9-0-0, Other board members: 1-0-0
- 4) **Isaiah Che Moronta co-naming.** Presented by Angela Fernandez, Oscar Moronta, and Yvelise Beltre to honor the life of Isaiah, who not only jumped in to save a friend in distress but did this always in his life – whether standing up for someone being bullied or for others who needed help. He touched people of all ages with his way of being.
- a) JB: Thank you for his bravery and support wholeheartedly.
 - b) RA: honored to be a small part of this. Is this the same process to name the plaza leading to the train station? Could provide an opportunity for better signage. Oscar M.: that is a great idea. RA asked if a friendly amendment could be made, A / separate matter with MTA.
 - c) MG: great idea to celebrate young people as it's rare for them to receive this recognition.
 - d) Chair motions for support, Richard seconds.
 - e) Committee votes: 9-0-0, Other board members: 1-0-0
- 5) **Community District Needs Budget Discussion/Ranking.** DKN / Opportunity to clean up old items that are no longer relevant and add some items related to issues that we have been discussing over time.
- 6) **Old Business**
- a) Riverside Drive DOT project. Public comments
 - b) Fred Jewell: Resident of the area and against the single lane configuration. Very concerned that this could move forward anyway. Chair A/ DOT would require a resolution from this board first before converting a two-way street to a one way.
 - c) Paul D Q / When will this be addressed again? Chair A/ it is tabled with no timeline to place it back on the agenda. You are always welcomed to provide information to the district office, who will share w/ committee.
 - d) S Fruchtmann – Making a lower roadway of RSD one way would be dangerous, particularly for the elderly.
 - e) Bringing back Shuttle bus service on St Nicholas
 - f) Concerns about bus drivers not wearing masks.
- 7) Meeting adjourned: 10:01 pm