



Community Board 12M

Washington Heights & Inwood

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May 28, 2004

Michael A. Winter, Director
Federal Transit Administration
Office of Civil Rights
400 Seventh Street SW Suite 90100
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Mr. Lawrence G. Reuter, President
MTA New York City Transit
370 Jay Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Mr. Winter & Mr. Reuter:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote by Community Board 12, Manhattan at it's General Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2004:

WHEREAS, the current agreement between state and federal government agencies, the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association and Disabled in Action calls for 100 key subway stations (out of 468 stations) to be made fully accessible by 2020; and

WHEREAS, the criteria for key stations are prescribed by the Federal Transit Administration as follows: ridership volume exceeds the system average; the station includes multi-platform transfers that require movement up or down; stations serve as an inter-modal transfer point to bus, commuter rail or ferry, the station is the terminal point on the line are; the station is proximate to key destination points such as schools, hospitals, recreational facilities, airports, etc.; and

WHEREAS, the designation of key stations does not take into account the rapid development and changes of neighborhoods in New York City; now therefore,


BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #12/Manhattan calls for the MTA and appropriate government agencies to create a task force to develop a comprehensive concrete plan and timetable to make New York City's transportation system accessible. The plan should include a needs assessment of the disabled community's mass transit usage and a complete report of all stations that cannot be made fully accessible for physical or economic reasons; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the task force should include engineering experts, a diverse group of people with disabilities and elected officials; and

Be IT Further Resolved, that Community Board #12/Manhattan urges our elected officials to actively support this resolution and all other Community Boards both to pass resolutions to support this request and to identify stations in their neighborhoods that should be added to the "key station" list.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this resolution and look forward to your response at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Zead Ramadan
Chair

cc: Hon. Michael R. Bloomberg, Mayor
Hon. William Thompson, NYC Comptroller
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, District 31
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assemblyman, District 71
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilmember, District 7
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilmember, District 10
Hon. John C. Liu, Chairman – Transportation Committee NYC Council
Adrienne Taub, MTA – Director Govt. Community Relations



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The Council on the Environment
of New York City
The Greenmarket Program
Greenmarket
130 East 16th Street
New York, NY 10003

Dear All Interested Parties:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote by Community Board 12, Manhattan at it's General Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2004

- Whereas: 253 community residents signed a petition requesting a Greenmarket in Inwood and submitted their request to Community Board 12, Manhattan, which held a meeting at the Inwood Public Library on May 17, 2004 to hear from the community; and
- Whereas: Tom Strumolo, Greenmarket Director, Council on the Environment Inc., presented two locations at the meeting for consideration, Isham Street between Cooper Street and Seaman Avenue, and Post Avenue between Isham Street and West 207th Street, after visiting the neighborhood three times for potential sites; and
- Whereas: the Greenmarket on Isham Street would open from 8:00AM - 4:00PM on Saturdays starting in July 2004 through Thanksgiving for eight to ten regional farmers to sell fruits, vegetables, and other farm products, with a market manager, and a security guard on site at all times for the first year; and
- Whereas: the existing no parking regulation on Isham Street between Cooper Street and Seaman Avenue from 7:00AM-4:00PM Monday through Friday, would be extended to Saturday from 8:00AM-4:00PM to accommodate the Greenmarket; and
- Whereas: community residents strongly supported a Saturday Greenmarket on Isham Street, and a weekday market on Post Avenue, which would operate from 8:00AM to 5:00 or 6:00PM for six to eight regional farmers and result in the loss of eight metered parking spaces, and asked that an additional meeting be held to discuss this with the community in June 2004; and
- Whereas: Greenmarket will advertise and promote local businesses and restaurants who obtain ingredients from Greenmarket farmers each week, agreed to donate unsold produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens in Washington Heights-Inwood recommended by Community Board 12, and help our local schools with fundraising and conduct Greenmarket educational tours; and

Whereas: Jane Schachat, Director, Northern Manhattan Parks, asked that Anne Loftus Playground be considered as a potential market site in the future;

Whereas: Community Board 12 Manhattan plan to hold an informational meeting with community residents and local businesses in June to consider the establishment of weekday Greenmarkets at the Post Avenue location and on the plaza outside the Anne Loftus Playground;

Therefore be it

Resolved: that Community Board 12, Manhattan, recommends a Greenmarket on Isham Street between Cooper Street & Seaman Avenue, which will operate on Saturdays from 8:00AM - 4:00PM beginning in July 2004 through Thanksgiving and close the street to parking during that time, and

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this resolution and look forward to your response at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Zead Ramadan
Chair

cc: Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President
Hon. Charles Rangel, Congressman, District 15
Hon. Eric Schneiderman, State Senator, District 31
Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72
Hon. Herman D. Farrell, Jr., Assemblyman, District 71
Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilmember, District 7
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilmember, District 10
Tom Strumolo, Greenmarket Director



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May 27, 2004

Honorable Gifford Miller
Speaker
City Council
City Hall
New York, NY 10007

Dear Speaker Miller:

The following resolution was passed by a majority vote by Community Board 12, Manhattan at it's General Meeting, Tuesday, May 25, 2004:

Whereas: Community Board 12, Manhattan has been petitioned by the Brick family and friends of Ladder Company 36 and Engine Company 95 of the City of New York Fire Department to add "Thomas C. Brick Way" to Vermilyea Avenue between Dyckman and Academy Streets; and

Whereas: Thomas C. Brick, 37, was a beloved husband, father and friend committed to public service, whose life ended on December 16, 2003 while valiantly fighting a fire on Tenth Avenue near West 206th Street; and

Whereas: Thomas C. Brick was born in Flushing, New York, and attended St. Kevin's Grammar School where he served as an altar boy in the church. He later attended Holy Cross High School and furthered his education at Nassau Community College in Garden City. As an adult, Thomas volunteered at his church and served in his parish youth guild. Later he became a member of The Ancient Order of the Hibernians and was known for holding its' banner in the City's Saint Patrick's Day Parade; and

Whereas: Thomas C. Brick was in the first group of new "probies" hired after September 11, 2001, and earned a medal for bravery battling a four-alarm fire and saving several Inwood residents during his first tour of duty as a firefighter; and

Whereas: The Brick family and friends of Ladder Company 36 and Engine Company 95 wish to honor Firefighter Thomas C. Brick for his exemplary bravery and commitment to the general welfare of Inwood residents;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved: That Community Board 12, Manhattan supports the request to add the name of "Thomas C. Brick Way" to Vermilyea Avenue between Dyckman and Academy Streets.

We would appreciate your favorable consideration of this resolution and look forward to your response at your earliest possible convenience. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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Hon. Adriano Espaillat, Assemblyman, District 72
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Hon. Robert Jackson, Councilmember, District 7
Hon. Miguel Martinez, Councilmember, District 10
Commissioner Nicholas Scoppetta, FDNY
Chief Francis Ritchie, 13th Battalion, FDNY
Mrs. Thomas Brick