

Good Evening:

The Traffic and Transportation Committee met in quorum on March 11, 2009 at our brand new District office with representatives of the 68 Precinct, Council member Gentile and Assembly person Hyatt-Spencer present. We were assisted by the presence of our DM Beckmann. There were two items on the agenda but we still managed to discuss them for at least two hours.

We discussed the increase in parked cars on sidewalks in the District and the suggestion for a location for an APT in the district.

#### INFORMATIONAL REPORT

On the issue of vehicles parked on the sidewalk it was agreed that certain locations appear more likely to suffer than other areas. The problem is a quality of life issue and particularly problematic for senior citizens and disabled persons. The Committee identified some of the most problematic areas in the neighborhood and agreed that the board should concentrate efforts to eradicate this scourge in those areas. In addition, the Committee discussed how parking, in general, is still an issue of importance in the community. It was decided that a multi pronged attack from the community board would produce the best results in eradicating parking on sidewalks. The problem or "hot" spots identified:

88<sup>th</sup> Street and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue (in front of "Universal Diagnostic Center next to Arirang restaurant)  
89<sup>th</sup> street by 4<sup>th</sup> avenue (Bay Ridge Volvo),  
89<sup>th</sup> Street by 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
89<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 5<sup>th</sup> avenue (Giuffre Hyundai)  
92<sup>nd</sup> Street by 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(behind Harbor Fitness, by "Windows We R" and Life Quality Motor Sales)  
Xavarian High School  
5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Senator street ( near Approved Oil)

No one was singled out for blame but these "hot" spots and parking on the sidewalk are areas of concern and the aforementioned entities operate near the locations.

1. It was suggested that CB 10 directly engage in communication with NYPD Chief Scagnelli and find out the policy for allocation of Traffic Enforcement Agents (TEAs), and the chain of command in Traffic Enforcement so that the community can get results on sidewalk parking. A meeting with Chief Scagnelli and the DOT TEA supervisor for the CB 10 area would give us information as to what is possible to assure enforcement and avoid unwanted side effects. If the community asks for more TEA deployment it could well increase the amount of tickets issued in the neighborhood for non sidewalk parking issues. The Committee agreed to ask the board to initiate a dialogue with the chief to get information that we could use for future requests like deployment of TEA agents in the problems areas to ticket those cars that park on the sidewalk.
2. The committee agreed to send a terse letter to the merchants and organizations that seem to attract/permit the use of the sidewalk as a parking area would be appropriate. The letter should remind the entities that there will be request for corrective action on sidewalk parking as soon as it can be done.
3. Steve Harrison suggested that the board make a request street furniture for the sidewalk areas

that are most often used as parking spots. The furniture would prevent the use of the sidewalk in a aesthetically pleasing way. The committee agreed to ask the board to direct a request to our elected officials to assure placement of street furniture at the "hot" spots identified.

4. The Committees agreed to send a letter to C.O. Rodriguez of the 68<sup>th</sup> precinct to send resources to the problem area at least once or twice a month regularly to tow those vehicles parked on sidewalks without registration or licence plates since a ticket on those vehicles would be an ineffective deterrent to these violators.

5. There was a consensus that we need to investigate other enforcement methods that could be added to the precinct's panoply of remedies such as recording official placards that are displayed in vehicles parked on the sidewalk and the adoption of a sticker ( like the Department of Sanitation notice stickers affixed to the windows of street cleaning regulation violators)..

In addition Steve Harrison and George Prezioso brought up the fact that Century 21 's parking garage is nearing completion and there was a promise from the owners to share the 200+ parking spot capacity of new garage with the community. Specifically it would be the right time to discuss methods of arranging cooperative use of that space between valet parking services in Bay Ridge and the garage to alleviate street parking shortages after the store is closed for the evening. The committee voted to ask the Board to send a letter to invite the owners of Century 21, the local business organization and the valet services to a future meeting to the T&T Committee to make sure that the promise is remembered and the resource is utilized. I ask to amend the agenda to consider a discussion and vote on the issue of inviting the groups to a T&T meeting.

#### AUTOMATIC PAY TOILETS

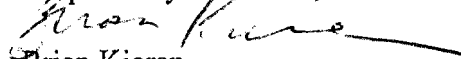
The Committee discussed Automatic Pat Toilets to a "watery" death. Jean Ryan brought up issues of non compliance with ADA and recounted first hand experiences with the first APT installed in New York. There are photographs at the table for your enlightenment. The NYCDOT "flushed" our first suggested location at the 69<sup>th</sup> street pier and the Committee after long discussion touching on the utility and appropriateness of an APT decided that a location near Shore Road and near the shore bike path would combine the likely success, utility and deference to taste that would enable the project to be done if the city gets around to doing it. The Committee voted to select as a proposed location:

On the parkland near the eastside terminus of the pedestrian overpass of the Belt Parkway located between 80<sup>th</sup> Street and 81<sup>st</sup> Street and Shore Road. The APT should not be located on the sidewalk of Shore Road and there should be sign indicating the location on the street level as well as by the bike path.

This site was selected over suggestions of the Narrows Botanical Garden and on 86th Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue. We settled on making a single suggested site in order to have at least one location in the community under consideration. We voted to ask the community board to send a letter to NYCDOT and our elected officials to install an APT at the aforementioned location.

Thank you

Respectfully submitted,

  
Brian Kieran

**STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY – NEW APPLICATIONS & RENEWALS**

<u>Name/Address</u>	<u>Received at CB 10</u>	<u>Status</u>
Marie Louisa Restaurant Inc., d/b/a 101 Restaurant & Bar, 343-101 <sup>st</sup> Street	3-17-09	Renewal
9208 Lounge Inc., 9208 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3-20-09	Alteration Application
Netties Sports Bar Inc., d/b/a Netties Sports Bar 7724 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3-20-09	Renewal
LaBella Panini, 7001 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3-20-09	Renewal
Fei Long Market Inc., c/o Yao Fei Dai, 6301 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3-23-09	Notice of Intent
Mythai Café, 7803 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3-24-09	Renewal
Nouvelle on Third Ave Corp., 8716 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3-24-09	Notice of Intent
Café Blue Ginger Inc., 6619 Fort Hamilton Parkway	3-26-09	Renewal
427 Kings Highway, Inc., Peppino's, 7708 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3-30-09	Renewal
7102 Ft. Hamilton Tavern Corp., 7102 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy.	3-30-09	Renewal
Splitem Corp., d/b/a Bullshots, 8121 5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3-30-09	Renewal
Tien Café Inc., 6802 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	3-31-09	Renewal
No Name Café & Bar Inc., 7003 Ft. Hamilton Parkway	3-31-09	Renewal
Longbow New York LLC, d/b/a Longbow Pub, 7316 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	3-31-09	New Application
Joe's Italian Cafeteria Inc., d/b/a Rocco's Italian Cafeteria, Inc., 6408 Ft. Hamilton Pkwy.	4-1-09	Renewal
Mezeny, Inc., d/b/a Meze, 6601 13 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	4-6-09	Renewal