

Minutes of Community Board 6 Transportation Committee Meeting
NYU Dental School, 433 First Ave., New York, NY
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ATTENDANCE

Committee Members: Sandra McKee (Chair), Joe Parrish (meeting minutes), Molly Hollister, Kathleen Kelly, Gene Santoro, Larry Scheyer, Ann Seligman, Nick Smolney, Ronnie White, Ray Knowles (Public Member), Fred Arcaro, Matt Robert, Brian Van Nieuwenhoven, James Wilson (Public Member)

Absent and excused: Bob Cohen (Public Member), Beatrice Disman

Chair Sandra McKee called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

- I. Co-naming of East 19th Street between Second and Third Avenues to include “Mother Cabrini Way”

Sister Veronica of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus gave an extensive historical review of Mother Cabrini’s life (1850-1917) and Mother’s accomplishments that led to her founding of Columbus Hospital at East 19th Street between First and Second Avenues, which in time became Cabrini Medical Center. The Committee voted favorably to **Resolve** that East 19th Street between Second and Third Avenues be co-named to include “Mother Cabrini Way” as the co-name for that block in Manhattan. Kathleen will prepare the resolution for presentation to the Full Board in February.

Vote: 15 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining.

- II. East Midtown Rezoning transit issues

Sandra read the official process to update transit improvements per City Code 16.682 which permits the Community Board to provide input to this process.

A prominent concern was that provisions for an improved corridor be established between Grand Central Station and the future Second Avenue Subway line at 42nd Street; accelerating overcrowding of the Lexington subway lines make this imperative. The Land Use Committee is to vote on the proposal in March, and they need to be aware of our concerns. Capital improvements for transportation need to be prioritized. The committee discussed a recommendation that the rezoning not proceed until the Second Avenue was in place and voted to not include this in their resolution. The following resolution was made: **Resolved** that connections with the future Second Avenue Subway and #7 Subway must be prioritized in the planning process.

Vote: 13 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain

III. Report on the Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Midtown rezoning

The EIS modeling indicates 116 intersections will have “unavoidable adverse impacts” for one or more days due to the rezoning.

Serious Adverse Impacts will be at the following three areas in or near CB6:

1. 42nd Street at Grand Central Station
2. 53rd Street at Lexington Avenue
3. 42nd Street and Bryant Park

These three Stations need to be upgraded as a priority to increase the flow of people; these problems need mitigation.

The Committee

Resolved that priority must be given to a consideration of the density of current overcrowding which is already serious for subways, motor traffic, pedestrians and bikes, and.

Vote: 13 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining

IV. The MTA is to come to our March meeting to give an update on the delineators at the East 37th Street exit from the FDR Drive, the projects that DOT has previously presented to the committee and proposed projects.

V. Chair’s Report

The Committee suggested several possible projects for the summer CB6 Interns:

1. Produce a map of current CitiBike Station locations versus the original locations
2. Compare current conditions versus our resolutions for the past four years
3. Evaluate the use of on street parking by non New York residents
4. Document concerns and complaints by pedestrians hit by bicycles

VI. Old Business

Final wording for **Reso** supporting City Council Intro. 1243-2016 was reviewed and will be edited by Ann.

VII. New Business – for next meeting

- A. A review of the dangerous intersections data collected from the CB6 survey will be reviewed.
- B. Citibike is being invited to give an update

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Minutes submitted by Joe Parrish