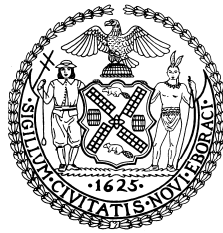


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

MSK-Rockefeller Research Laboratories

430 East 67th Street (First-York) Room RRL-117

6:30 PM

Minutes

Present: Lowell Barton, Lori Bores, A. Scott Falk, Jonathan Horn, Rita Popper, Charles Warren, & Hedi White; Michael Dillon & David Menegon (Public Members)

Absent (Excused): Timothy Yeo.

Absent (Unexcused): Michele Birnbaum, Lorraine Hockert, & Helene Simon.

The Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM.

1. A discussion of street light replacement with new LED lights

Resident Gail Clyma presented several handouts and listed some of her concerns about the City's plan to replace 250,000 streetlights with new LED lights. Among the concerns that she cited were the following:

- There will be light pollution, both in terms of excess light and inadequate shuttering.
- The specific lights chosen may have too much blue in the light emitted.
- The lights selected are not properly adjustable to reduce light levels based on traffic levels.

The committee laid this over to allow for DOT to send a representative who would be prepared to discuss the specifics of this program, and respond to the concerns that have been raised. In addition, the continued discussion of this will be posted as a joint item with the Environment & Sanitation Committee.

Ms. Clyma acknowledged that she had not yet seen these lights where they may already be in use in New York, and the Committee plans to request a list of some locations where these lights have already begun to be installed, to allow for viewing before continuing the discussion.

2. A request to change the current parking regulations in front of 218-220 East 72nd Street to "No Standing except Trucks Loading and Unloading between 7AM to 7PM, Monday-Friday."

In November, Marymount Manhattan College had submitted a request to change the parking regulations in front of their delivery entrance on the south side of 72nd Street. The current regulation is No Parking (alternate sides), 9:00 – 10:30AM, Mondays & Thursdays. The desired parking regulation is No Standing Except Trucks Loading & Unloading, 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM, Monday – Friday.

On the day of the meeting, the Community Board office received a letter from DOT's Manhattan Borough Commissioner informing CB8M that a work order was submitted to make this change. It appeared that DOT may have misinterpreted the CB8M parking change request form as an official request from CB8M, rather than a request submitted to CB8M. As a result, the Committee will send an email to DOT informing them that CB8M had not approved or requested this change, and asking DOT not to make any changes in the parking regulations at this location until such time as the Committee has had a chance to hear this request after it has been posted. (The applicant did not appear at the December 4 meeting.)

3. A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a stoop, steps and fenced-in area at 48 East 64th Street.

The architects working on the petitioner's building at 48 East 64th Street explained that they are restoring this building to its original condition. They will be removing an existing wrought-iron staircase and replacing this with a stoop that will be in line with its neighbors, and will match the neighboring building that was constructing at the same time as 48 East 64th Street. This landmark aspects of this request have previously been approved by CB8 and Landmarks.

The Committee passed the following unanimous resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves the request for a revocable consent for a fenced-in area, stoop, and steps in front of 48 East 64th Street.

Approved: 7 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Yes: Barton, Bores, Falk, Horn, Popper, Warren, White

Public Member Votes: 2 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstentions

Yes: Dillon, Menegon

4. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

5. New Business

There was a brief discussion of a persistent and consistent problem with double- and triple-parked cars at the Caedmon School at 416 East 80th Street, which one Committee member reported is getting "exponentially worse." This school has a school bus loading zone, but does not seem to provide staffing to deal with cars dropping off students in the bus loading zone. The Committee will invite the school to a future meeting and discuss this problem.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs**