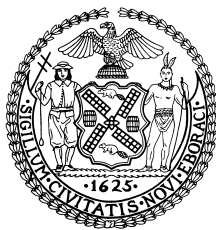


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Transportation Committee**

Wednesday, February 1, 2017, 6:30 PM
New York Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street, Auditorium

Minutes

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Lori Bores, Daniel Dornbaum, A. Scott Falk, Craig Lader, David Menegon, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Charles Warren; Jordan Wouk (public member)
Unexcused: Sharon Pope

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM.

Item 1. A request for a new Revocable Consent for a fenced-in planted area and stoop at 36 East 68th Street. (Requested by DOT, Franchises, Concessions and Consents)

Petition Details: "Fenced-in area & stoop in front of property at 36 East 68th Street, New York, NY"

Petition Purpose: "Pedestrian access to property."

Mark Sullivan of Sullivan Group Design and Hilda Cohen of Matiz Architecture & Design appeared on behalf of the petitioner to present a request for a new revocable consent. The renovation of this building, as approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, includes relocating the building entryway, removing an existing entry canopy, and replacing an existing fenced-in area with a new fenced-in area and stoop with the existing footprint.

The Committee passed the following resolution by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS Sage 12 Holdings Ltd. has petitioned for a new revocable consent for a fenced-in area and stoop in front of their property at 36 East 68th Street; and

WHEREAS the building entrance is being redesigned, with a relocated entryway and the removal of the existing canopy above the old entrance; and

WHEREAS the new fencing, stoop, and stairs retain the same footprint as the existing conditions, with the new fence extending the same distance from the property line as the previous fence; and

WHEREAS there were no objections presented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves the request for a new revocable consent at 36 East 68th Street as presented.

Approved, 10 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, plus 1 Public Member Yes.

Yes (10): Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Lader, Menegon, Popper, Schneider, Shimamura, Warren; Wouk (Public Member)

Item 2. A request for a No Standing Anytime signs on East 71st Street between Second and Third Avenue for sanitation trucks to park for garbage collection. (Requested by Mr. Dabah, resident)

Mr. Mac Dabah made a presentation to the Committee in support of this request showing the problems with garbage pickup on East 71st Street with a number of City garbage trucks blocking traffic at different times of the day. Mr. Dabah stated that the problem related to the fact that there were three large apartment buildings on East 71st Street that put out their garbage at different times of the day and that was what created the traffic problems. He believed that changing the parking regulations as he suggested would greatly help the situation.

The Committee indicated that there had never been a situation where parking regulations were changed to accommodate garbage pickup, and that the Sanitation Department confirmed that they never request this type of change. Colleen Chattergoon of DOT confirmed that DOT does not make these types of changes for garbage pickup. The Committee suggested that this should be discussed with the Sanitation Department to see what could be done to relieve the traffic situation. The CB8 office would bring it up at the District Services Cabinet, and the Committee would follow up with the Sanitation Department.

Item 3. A request for a No Standing Anytime sign on north side of East 62nd Street between the Queensboro Bridge exit and First Avenue.

Committee Member Craig Lader introduced area resident Karen Spiegel, who had complained to him about issues at East 62nd Street and the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp. Two lanes of the exit ramp allow right turns onto 62nd Street at all times, but curbside regulations on that block of East 62nd Street vary at different times, so there aren't always two lanes available to accommodate turning vehicles (including certain times when bridge traffic is highest), often causing congestion. Mr. Lader proposed that the Committee request to change the approximately 150-foot portion of the north side of 62nd Street between the QBB exit ramp and First Avenue that is currently posted for "No Standing 7 AM – 7 PM Except Sunday" to "No Standing Any Time."

Mr. Lader presented a hand-out showing traffic patterns and volumes of Queensboro Bridge traffic at various times of the day, reasons for and anticipated benefits of the proposed change, and some possible future actions that the Committee could consider involving curbside regulations on the south side of the same block. He also raised concerns about a fence near the northeast corner of the intersection of the ramp and 62nd Street. Ms. Spiegel spoke about the issues she had identified with driving through this area, and her support for the request.

The co-chairs noted that the Committee had previously been informed by NYC DOT that the medical parking signage was expected to be removed from the south side of this block, but that this had not happened subsequent to that discussion. Colleen Chattergoon of DOT said that she would look into this.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the first 150 feet of the northern curb of East 62nd Street to the east of the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp is currently posted for "No Standing 7AM to 7PM, Except Sundays," while the rest of the northern curb on that block is "No Standing Any Time"; and

WHEREAS both the middle and right lanes of the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp allow vehicles to turn right on East 62nd Street, but more than half the time there is only one lane of traffic available to these two lanes of turning vehicles; and

WHEREAS some of the busiest volumes for westbound Queensboro Bridge traffic take place outside of the hours when the No Standing regulations are in effect on the northern curb of East 62nd Street; and

WHEREAS the majority of the southern curb of East 62nd Street between the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp and First Avenue permits standing and/or parking at certain times; and

WHEREAS changing the parking regulations for the first 150 feet of the northern curb of East 62nd Street to the east of the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp from “No Standing 7AM to 7PM, Except Sundays” to “No Standing Any Time” will help ease congestion and eliminate the need for two lanes of turning vehicles to merge into one lane of through traffic, and standardize all regulations on that side of the block;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M asks the Department of Transportation to change all “No Standing 7AM to 7PM, Except Sundays” parking regulations for the northern curb of East 62nd Street between the Queensboro Bridge exit ramp and First Avenue to “No Standing Any Time”.

Approved, 9 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain, plus 1 Public Member Yes.

Yes (9 + 1): Bores, Dornbaum, Falk, Lader, Menegon, Popper, Schneider, Shimamura,

Warren; Wouk (Public Member)

Abstain (1): Birnbaum

Item 4. Old Business.

A member reported recent instances of Hampton Jitney buses idling while laying over within our district.

A resident reported two occasions during the final week of January when all three MetroCard kiosks for the M15-SBS station at 79th Street and Second Avenue were out of service. The co-chairs noted that NYCT will be in attendance at our March 1 meeting for discussion of M79-SBS plans and general review of transit service.

Item 5. New Business.

There was no new business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A. Scott Falk & Charles Warren, Co-Chairs