

**COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 9  
890 NOSTRAND AVENUE  
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11225**

**Minutes of Transportation Committee Meeting  
December 4, 2019**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members:**

Carmen Martinez (Committee Chair, CB 9)  
Stanley Greenberg (Community Member)  
Jeffrey Grannum (Community Member)  
Dave Paco Abraham (Community Member)  
Calista DeJesus (Community Member)  
Valerie Fleming (Community Member)

**Guests:**

Eva Rippeteau (Community Resident)  
Julia Mabin (Community Resident)  
Alex Hubbard (Community Resident)  
Ben Verde (Reporter)

**Absent Members:**

Augustine Blackwell (CB 9)  
Shloma Hetch (CB 9)  
Desma Ross (CB 9)

Karen Fleming (Community Member)  
Felice Robertson (Community Member)

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Committee Chair Carmen Martinez convened meeting at 7:08PM and welcomed attendees.

Following brief remarks and introductions, Ms. Eva Rippeteau shared her concerns and provided additional information about traffic and pedestrian safety issues at the intersections of Flatbush and Lefferts Avenues, and Washington and Lefferts Avenues which she had brought to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation, area elected officials and CB 9's attention via written correspondence earlier this year. Those concerns are as follows: a) dollar vans routinely running red lights on Flatbush Avenue and stopping in crosswalks; b) motorists constantly speeding on Lefferts Avenue from Washington to Flatbush Avenues to beat traffic light on Flatbush Avenue; c) motorists driving over the pedestrian ramp at Washington and Lefferts Avenues to enter/exit the gas station because the concrete boulders are not strategically placed; d) the B43 and B48 city buses traveling south on Washington Avenue and turning right onto Lefferts Avenue rarely yield to pedestrians.

Ms. Rippeteau's concerns are shared by her neighbor, Ms. Julia Mabin. Both residents expressed the urgent need for speed bumps on Lefferts Avenue between Washington and Bedford Avenues to slow motorists down. Of further concern is the fact that there are two daycare centers on the block. Although requests for speed humps have been submitted to DOT and a ticket number was assigned, there have been no further actions in years. In addition, DOT should consider installing neckdowns at the intersection of Washington and Lefferts Avenues to slow down turning traffic, particularly after a block resident was recently hit by a turning motorist.

The Transportation Committee will target this area for study during its upcoming walk through the district and in order to make recommendation to DOT for safety improvements.

After establishing quorum, the minutes from the November 13, 2019 meeting were approved. A request was made for a member to volunteer to serve as the committee's Secretary; position remains vacant as there were no volunteers.

- Council Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo's office confirmed that the co-naming of McKeever Place as Zenita Thompson Place between Sullivan Place and Montgomery Street in 2006 is in Intro 457-2006, Section 30. The missing street sign will be installed upon the family's designation of the lamppost for the installation

- The several streetlights outages along the Flatbush Avenue strip from Empire Boulevard to Eastern Parkway, both southeast and northwest bound, that were reported to the DOT are still inoperative.

DDC/DOT:

- The Infrastructure Upgrades Along Utica Avenue | Utica Avenue Select Bus Service Project HWK100BUS continues as scheduled and the Transportation Committee has not been made aware of any complaints.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM.

The next Transportation Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2020.

Respectfully submitted by Carmen L. Martinez, Chair Transportation Committee  
December 19, 2019

