

**BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

Attendance:

J. Armer	P
P. Blake	P
J. Brown	A
E. Causil-Rodriguez	A
B. Chancey	P
S. Cialek	A
D. Gordon	P

K. Gurl	P
J. Hessney	P
E. McClure	E
T. Miskel	P
M. Murphy	E
R. Rigolli	A
E. Santogade	P

M. Silverman	P
R. Sloane	A
J. Smith	P
M. Tannen	A
S. Tarpin	P
U. Zimmerman	P

P = present, E = excused, A = absent

Guests:

L. BRANCH –REP. FOR DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

A. RENDO

A. CLAYMAN

D. ARBEENY

M. EPSTEIN

*****MINUTES*****

Presentation and review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation to re-install temporary seasonal seating in the parking lane in front of 63 5th Avenue (southeast corner St. Marks/5th Avenues), under the City's Street Seats program.

NYC DOT came before the committee seeking blanket approval to re-install the street seat at 63 5th Avenue (in front of Sky Ice) for this season and future seasons.

- This Street Seat was installed in the same location in 2016.
- The Street Seat is installed in place of curbside metered parking from late April/early May through November.
- The seat is open to the public, no purchase required, no fee, and no waiter service.
- Sky Ice manages and owns the unit and signs an agreement to use the street space with NYC DOT.
- Sky Ice brings out movable seats and tables each morning and brings them inside each night upon closing at 10pm, 10:30pm on Fridays and Saturdays.
- DOT has approved 14 Street Seats city-wide in 2017, double the program's number from 2016.

Motion to approve the re-installation of the proposed Street Seat at 63 5th Avenue for a period of 3 years, at which point NYC DOT should return to update the committee and seek extended approval. Seconded.

VOTE: 10..... YEAS 0..... NAY 1..... ABSTENTION
MOTION PASSES

Presentation and continued review of a proposal by the Department of Transportation for the installation of safety enhancements for the intersection of Court/Amity/Dean Streets in Cobble Hill.

- NYC DOT presented this proposal in December to the Committee and returns to present in closer proximity to the proposed project site.
- NYC DOT proposes:
 - Adding a crosswalk across Court Street on the north leg of the intersection of Court Street and Dean Street.
 - Adding a “class 2” dedicated on-street bicycle lane on Amity Street for two blocks between Henry Street and Court Street.
 - Adding “class 3” Sharrow road markings to the travel lane on Dean Street for one block between Court Street and Boerum Place.
 - Adding signage to indicate that bicycle riders may ride contraflow across the crosswalk at Court and Dean Streets to travel from Amity Street to Dean Street.
- Closes a gap in the bicycle network to allow cyclists traveling along the riverside bicycle path or coming down Henry Street from the Brooklyn Bridge to connect to Dean Street, a primary eastward bicycle route.
- Proposal would remove 1-2 parking spaces from the western side of Court Street between the existing crosswalk at Dean and the proposed one on the northern leg of that intersection.

Motion to support the proposal with the condition that NYC DOT examines additional signage and engineering options to minimize pedestrian and cyclist conflict, and that NYC DOT returns to the committee 6 months post-installation with NYPD collision data and 311 complaint data. Seconded.

VOTE: 6..... YEAS 5..... NAY 1..... ABSTENTION
MOTION DOES NOT PASS

The minutes of the previous Transportation and Public Safety Committee meeting held on December 12, 2016 were approved unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were submitted by Bahij Chancey