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To Jasmine Melzer [REDACTED], Lois Carswell [REDACTED], Carol Linn [REDACTED], Czerny [REDACTED]

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Subject Re: We need to communicate

To clarify what our attorneys asked, they feel that our action would be strengthened by showing that it's not just a few NIMBY "old rich folks" (my words, not theirs) who are opposed to the bike lane. They felt that support from others, particularly members of the business community negatively affected by the lane, would broaden our chances as an article 78 would need to go in front of a politically-connected/appointed judge, who might chose to dodge a decision unless it seemed to involve more than just our group's dislike of the impact/aesthetics.

They actually only asked us for some suggested names of people in the local business community who might support an action against the lane as currently situated/designed and said they would have their people follow up with anyone suggested. And they asked for this pretty much immediately. It seems to me that we've be better off feeling out people before they are approached by the firm's attorneys, but apparently this is not required and it would be better to send them some names than to wait if contacting the targets takes too much time for you.

The suggestions of specific people that Jasmine sent are exactly the type they are interested in. I included the links to business directories from the North Flatbush and 5th Ave BIDS because it seems likely to us (Lois, Norman and me) that businesses that do a lot of pick-up and delivery in the area, are more likely, on the face of it, to be hostile to the lane and delivery restrictions. A local restaurant, for instance, might not, unless they do a lot of deliveries. So that might mean dry cleaners, car services, florists, plumbers, etc. Can you all please look over the directories on the two sites (NFBID and FABID) and let us know if we should add them to the list we send to Gibson Dunn? If you have confirmed their opposition, also let us know that.

So far, I think we have only Jasmine's suggestions. I'm sure that people know others. It would be a help if you can feel them out. I will being to compile the names in a spreadsheet that I will copy you on as I get other suggestions.

Thanks.

On Fri, Jan 7, 2011 at 11:37 AM, Jasmine Melzer [REDACTED] wrote:

To my mind, the only ones on this list that might work with us are North Flatbush BID and Fifth Avenue BID.

Some of you may know Regina Cahill of the North Flatbush BID, and it also includes the Pintchik brothers

On the 5th Ave. BID, I do know that Joe Leopoldi hates the 5th Avenue bike lane and he knows many other business owners who feel the same way. Roger knows Greg O'Connell (who is focused on Red Hook).

Our lawyer suggests we try to involve some of these entities and any other groups we can to enlarge our credibility. Do you (or Roger) know anything about any of these, or have any contacts? We could divide up the list. I'm going to be at the Garden today, but maybe we could put our heads together tonight or over the weekend. If you ever need me at the office I'm at loiscarswell@bbs.org (reaches me at home, too) and 718-623-7225.

Jasmine, how are you feeling? Any date for surgery?

Happy New Year to all. L

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From: Louise Hainline <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Some web results

This came from Googling "Park Slope small business":

<http://charretteproperties.com/Charrette Properties/Neighborhood Properties/Charrette Properties.html>

North Flatbush BID: <http://www.nfbid.com/>, business directory on the top to target "high delivery" businesses

Fifth Ave BID: <http://www.parkslopefifthavenuebid.com/> a business directory link

This is a list from the 5th Ave BID (in the section on "about Park Slope"). How about the Park Slope Chamber of Commerce? We can write off the last two.

BUSINESS/MERCHANT GROUPS

- North Flatbush Avenue Business Improvement District <<http://www.nfbid.com/>>
- Park Slope Chamber of Commerce <<http://www.parkslopesshops.com/>>
- Fifth Avenue Committee <<http://www.fifthave.org/>>
- Imani House <<http://www.imanihouse.org/>>
- Neighbors Helping Neighbors, Inc. <<http://www.nhhhome.org/>>
- Park Slope Civic Council <<http://www.parkslopeciviccouncil.org/>>
- Park Slope Neighbors <<http://www.parkslopeneighbors.org/>>

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