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A better photograph.

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if any of you are interested about what happened in front of the building last night - i came across this blog post by a bike activist -

http://www.bikeblognyc.com/love-your-lanes-or-loose-them/

On Wed, Jun 30, 2010 at 5:36 AM, Lois Carswell wrote:
Before I hit the road, a couple of thoughts:

We should add calling 311 with complaints to both DOT and the Mayor to our who to contact list

We should develop a simple (1 paragraph ) sample letter to hand out. It should include the defacing of the street, if Amanda Burden is going to be the decisive player here.

In the interests of speed today, my contact at 34 Plaza Street is Nancy Tim Use my name

Lisa, email me and we'll decide on a system to coordinate our mailing lists. And I agree that handing out flyers door to door is a must on the side streets.

Last night was great. Lois

Last night was great
Thanks to all for a good meeting tonight. Clearly we’re growing fast as a planning group. Sorry our AC unit took so long to cool us off. Next time, I’ll turn it on earlier if it’s hot. Thanks very much to Carlo, Andrew and James for coming and helping us strategize. We greatly appreciate your help. Carlo and Andrew, please thank Marty for his support. Carlo and Andrew made it clear that we need to get to the mayor. While we should not neglect Brad Lander, he should not really be the main focus of our efforts; the sense of the BBP is that even if Lander were to come over to our side tomorrow, DOT would still roll along doing what they are doing now, as they are merely using CB6 as a stalking horse. Levin is seen as laying low not taking a position because we don’t represent enough of his district to matter (though we should remember that at election time). Please try to be discreet in speaking about our progress in specific terms with individuals outside of the group. We will be outed soon enough, but there is a positive element to staying anonymous as long as we can.

Here’s where I think we are in terms of action items.

1. We will meet again in a week or so. I’m ok next week for July 6, 7, and 8. Tonight, I will send you a Meeting Wizard email (don’t erase it as spam) with these dates, and you can indicate which ones you can and can’t do. If you don’t get such an email by tomorrow, let me know.

2. Linda, Louise, Lisa, and James will “converse” to develop a list of tasks and assignments. These include the bullets below, as a partial list with some people who said they were interested in helping on particular ones. Feel free to volunteer yourself:
   - Data (Mike and Louise; Louise is trying to figure out how to set up a video surveillance camera on the terrace point toward PPW to log bikes, cars and pedestrians. If anyone has any experience with video surveillance, let me know. I think all I need is a wireless camera, a video capture card, and some software, but it would help to have someone who has done this before.)
   - Access to those influencing the mayor, e.g., Amanda Burden on the horrible aesthetics, Patricia Harris as First Deputy Mayor – need to get them here to see what has been wrought
   - Grass roots contacts to get people to write, call and sign petitions (Bob, Iris?; Connie?)
   - Media (maybe not immediately, unless something falls into our lap, like Bob’s editorial in Daily News), but when we are ready -- the feeling is though we must not wait too long, as there are a number who think we don’t have the luxury of months to work on this.
   - Environmental issues (Micha, Lisa?)
   - FOIL inquiries (Jessica)
   - Materials for the public; Petitions, website; cards to call 311; flyers; etc. (James, et al?)
   - Outreach to individuals who live on the other side of the park (CB 14; see maps attached for the three most relevant districts, 33, 39 and 14, helpfully supplied by the Center for the Study of Brooklyn at Brooklyn College. They have a lot of data on Brooklyn, but not much on transportation, but I will check on that again; their website is: http://www.brooklyn.cuny.edu/pub/departments/csb/)
3. I'm taking the liberty of nominating Lisa, Linda, and Lois to work together on a combined mailing list of people we can reach out to. Lisa's facebook page is at: http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=133693466650297&v=wall. Everyone should check it out and send Lisa pictures. I'm sending the Fresh Direct crash picture. I will send Linda the combined list I have compiled for her old list and the contacts I've developed. Lois has what appears to be one of Brooklyn's biggest Rolodexes - she knows many people and is responsible for many of the names on my list. She will be in Canada, but is still a vital force in connecting us to good colleagues for our efforts, even from north of the border. We need to decide whether to include on the list emails from petitions. I've got 53 names on 4 pages of petitions just from today. Interestingly, 24 of them (without emails unfortunately) are residents at 1 PPW, the Residence. So even they are unhappy with this.

4. Louise will work with Iris to find a transportation consultant for this project, keeping in mind at the moment we have no financial resources - just our brain trust. Jessica will work on anything that is FOIL-related.

5. Gordon will work on bringing in the buildings and folks on Plaza St. East, including the Meier Building. The problem there at the moment is that we need names of contacts in the Plaza East buildings to reach those on the coop boards, or begin organizing the residents. If you know of anyone who lives on Plaza St. East, please inquire about whether they or their coop officers or board members know what is in store for them in the GAP plan, and whether they can help with organizing. Send any contact names you can develop to Gordon DiPaolo, whose email is above.

6. Don is our point man in Italy for the next week or so. He's keeping in touch with Paul Steely White of Transportation Alternatives. White lives on PPW near 11th St. The mission of Transportation Alternatives is to "reclaim New York City's streets from the automobile, and advocate for bicycling, walking and public transit as the best transportation alternatives", just so we know what we're facing. We think these were the guys who took an interest in our meeting today.

7. Anything else I forgot? I wasn't really taking notes, but was trying to store the main points.

Thanks to all for your energy and good ideas. James will keep us in order and get us to assign and carry out tasks, which I think is what we need now. If you have other thoughts you think should be in this summary, feel free to add them.

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