

Borough President Adolfo Carrion, Jr.

October 15, 2007

Mr. Dart Westphal
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Dear Mr. Westphal:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of October 5th explaining your concerns about the planned Yankee Stadium garages and for recognizing my efforts to address topics relating to the parking facilities. During recent weeks I have engaged in serious, substantive discussions about the parking garages, their financing and their relationship to surrounding development. As you know, I delayed convening a vote of the Bronx Borough Board until my questions and issues were satisfactorily resolved.

I agree with your observation that many local residents feel estranged from the Yankee organization. In fact, my January 2006 report to the New York City Planning Commission (CPC) called for a paradigm shift in the Yankees' relationship with their neighbors. Hopefully this situation has begun to improve, but it requires constant vigilance, including the efforts of citizens like you.

I welcome the City's recognition that the new Metro-North station will reduce parking demand. I am determined to have a planning process for the reprogramming of Garage Site D, with the objective of achieving development that is appropriate for the neighborhood and that addresses local needs. With respect to the overall plan for park and recreation space and garages, the project is moving forward and I do not anticipate major changes at this stage.

Your list of concerns cites some especially constructive suggestions which I have asked my staff to evaluate with an eye towards implementation, in particular:

- Your innovative suggestion to install electrical hookups at bus parking lots merits consideration. While bus idling is of course illegal, such plug-ins have proved more effective than enforcement alone at the Hunts Point market and could improve air quality in the stadium vicinity. I plan to discuss this with the garage operator and government agencies;
- As the congestion pricing concept evolves, further discussion of park-and-ride potential may occur. Were transit users to park in this area, it would make sense for them to use lots with direct access to the Major Deegan Expressway;

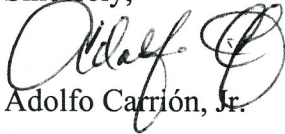
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- My report to the CPC called for resident parking permits, modeled on Boston and other areas. I have raised this topic with the NYC Commissioner of Transportation;
- My report to the CPC also called for lower resident garage parking rates, which I will be discussing with the garage operator;
- Year round bicycle parking facilities provide a low cost way of reducing automobile traffic and concomitant pollution.

As you know, on October 5 the Bronx Borough Board voted in favor of the garage financing terms. A copy of the Borough Board Resolution is attached for your interest. I appreciate your communication.

Sincerely,



Adolfo Carrión, Jr.

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