

**RIRA – ISLAND SERVICE COMMITTEE (ISC)
REPORT TO COMMON COUNCIL MEETING, 4/4/12**

The ISC hasn't met since the March Common Council meeting. However, the new Main St. Retail Advisory Committee met on 3/26/12.

Updates on issues:

Main St. Retail Stores

The advisory Committee was renamed Main St. Retail Advisory Committee (MSRAC) and Fred Plastino was elected Chair. The MSRAC expects to have its first meeting with Hudson-Related (Dave Kramer) later in April, and will continue to meet on a quarterly basis. Some of the current concerns are the design of the Main St. corridor, follow-up with Gristedes, and the future of the 2nd floor at 504 Main.

We are still waiting for an announcement on the first 5 or 6 new/renewed leases of stores.

Pedestrian Safety Barrier on RI Bridge

A year after we registered our safety concern with the NY Dept. of Transportation (DOT), we received an e-mail from DOT stating: "a safety device known as 'Qwik Curb' was installed on the bridge on 7/7/11. This will insure safety between vehicle traffic and pedestrians".

This is an outrageous response as there is no "Qwik Curb" on the Queens half of the bridge so the original safety problem is NOT resolved.

RIOC Operations Committee Meeting, 3/21/12

Some issues of interest to RIRA were discussed:

- ° Up to 3 mobile food trucks were approved for the West Channel Rd. north of the subway station.
- ° Empty lots especially on the east side of Southtown may be converted to useable space (parks?). Margie Smith will discuss this at the 4/4/12 CC meeting.
- ° The NY Rowing Association wants to set-up a boat club on RI.

Aaron Hamburger, Chair - ISC