

**RIRA – ISLAND SERVICES COMMITTEE (ISC)
REPORT TO THE COMMON COUNCIL MEETING, 4/6/11**

Updates on the key issues ISC is working on:

Red Bus Schedule – There continues to be problems with the new Red Bus schedule and with numerous complaints from residents. At the 3/31/11 RIOOC Operations Committee meeting, we were introduced to Cy Opperman, new General Manager for bus operations. Cy is an experienced bus operations manager recently retired from the MTA. He begins work 4/4/11. Cy seems to fully understand the problems facing the Red Bus and is committed to making the Red Bus operation safe, efficient and on-time. ISC, Planning Committee and RIRA President plan to meet with Cy after he's been on the job for 3 - 4 weeks.

Strollers on Red Bus during rush hour - We have deferred raising this issue with RIOOC until we meet with Cy Opperman.

Pedestrian Safety Barrier on RI Bridge – A letter (attached) was sent to the NYC Dept. of Transportation officials. We are awaiting a response.

Public Library – We've been notified that Senator Serrano may authorize some money for the Library project planned for 504 Main St. We are trying to find out how much money could be granted. The total RI Library project was estimated last year to require about \$10 million. Most of the money would have to come from the New York Public Library capital funds. RIOOC is expected to provide some money as well as possibly some of the developers.

Programs for Older Youth After 9 PM – The Social Cultural & Educational Committee is taking the lead on this issue with support from ISC.

Main St. Stores – We had expected that the contract for the Main St. Commercial Master Lease would be awarded at the April 6 RIOOC Board meeting. However, so far, this meeting's agenda doesn't include the Master Lease proposal. Also, the RIOOC Real Estate Committee is meeting in executive session on April 4 to "discuss Final Terms of the Main St. Commercial Master Lease". So, it seems likely this issue won't come to the RIOOC Board until their May meeting.

Parks - The opening of Southpoint Park has been delayed until July.

Aaron Hamburger, Chair - ISC