

**RIRA – ISLAND SERVICES COMMITTEE (ISC)
REPORT TO COMMON COUNCIL MEETING 6/6/12**

The ISC met on 5/23/12.

Present were: M. Atkins, Rick O'Connor, A. Hamburger, M. Katz, S. Marcus, R. Schwartz.

Updates and action plans on ISC issues:

° Full-services Pharmacy

The problems with RI Pharmacies continue. Duane Reade doesn't accept prescriptions from Express Scrip and has stopped delivering to customers. Gristedes carries a very limited inventory of drugs, has limited Sunday hours and a limited delivery service. Through Hudson-Related and ISC contacts, we are working to improve pharmacy services on RI. Our efforts will primarily concentrate on Gristedes as we believe we'll have a better chance of success with their pharmacy than with Duane Reade.

° Red Bus Schedule

Red Bus service is being extended to Southpoint Park on May 24. With this change, it's possible that the bus schedules will no longer be linked to the Tram arrivals. The new Bus schedule will be reviewed at a RIOC meeting on May 30. ISC will have a representative at this meeting.

° Separate bike lanes on the West and East Promenades.

So far, there's been little work by RIOC on creating separate bike lanes. In light of the expected increase in bike riders on RI, ISC will press RIOC to get on with the promised bike lanes, which will improve the safety of pedestrians.

° Bike Racks – Overnight Use

ISC will monitor this new issue. Yes or no overnight storage of bikes in the racks?

° Public Library

We're still waiting for the New York Public Library to put the new Public Library (at 504 Main St.) in their capital budget. It's beginning to look like we'll be waiting for an extended time.

Aaron Hamburger, Chair

