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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Monday, March 3, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom.**

MINUTES:

Present: Lori Bores, Paul Krikler, Amy Namdar (Public Member), Sharon Pope-Marshall,

Absent: Barbara Rudder, James Starace (Public Member; Excused)

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 17

Introduction (4:00)

Paul Krikler welcomed attendees and introduced Bryant Daniels, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) Director of Communications & Community Affairs.

Item 1 – RIOC Update (4:28)

Bryant Daniels provided updates on:

- Tram schedule changes: a return to 7.5-minute intervals during rush hour, 15-minute intervals off-peak
- Temporary fixes to the onboard communications system, which appear to have eliminated incidents of swinging, with a full replacement planned
- Upcoming work on the tram entrance, which will not impact the schedule
- 2025 Island events, including a summer movie series and Roosevelt Island Day celebrations
- Community feedback and participation opportunities, including a questionnaire on island events

Item 2 – Library Updates (15:45)

Brandon Korosh, Branch Manager - NYPL RI Branch, reported on:

- Programming:
 - English language conversation classes
 - Scrabble and crochet groups
 - Movie screenings
 - Book club meetings
 - Baby and toddler story times
- AV system upgrade in the community room

Item 3 – Community Updates (46:05)

Sharon Pope-Marshall requests review and/or removal of newspaper boxes on the island – they are unused, unsightly, and attract trash.

Item 4 – 3K Education on Roosevelt Island (46:05)

Emanuella Grinberg and others discussed efforts to bring 3K and Pre-K seats to the island, including:

- A new position paper highlighting the need for additional 3K seats given the current waitlist
- Letter-writing campaign to the Department of Education
- Challenges with transportation to off-island schools, including tram overcrowding and subway unreliability

Item 5 – Old Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

Item 6– New Business

No items of New Business were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned (50:15) at 7:20 PM.

Paul Krikler, Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee