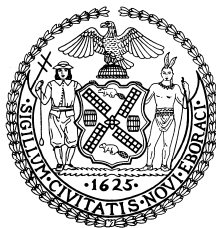


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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

**Roosevelt Island Committee**  
**Thursday, January 9, 2014**  
**6:30PM**  
**546 Main Street 12<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Roosevelt Island, NY**

**Members Present:** Jeffrey R. Escobar and Larry Parnes, Co-Chairs, Ellen Polivy  
**Public Members Present:** Judith Berdy, Judith Buck

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

### **Presentation by Cornell/Tech of the design for the first academic building and the central utilities plant**

The design of the First Academic Building (FAB) was presented by Ung Joo Scott Lee of Morphosis Architects. The building will have a total height of 75 feet and will have 4 stories and a roof canopy of solar panels. The ground floor will be fully glazed and will include a lobby/sitting area and café with a total of 240 seats. An outdoor café will have 150 seats. These spaces will be accessible to the public. The first floor will also include lecture halls and seminar rooms. As scheduling permits, these spaces can also be used by the public. Floors 2 – 4 will be used for academic purposes. The building will have a 4 story atrium that will permit views through the building to Manhattan.

The Central Utilities Plant (CUP) was present by Colin Koop of SOM. The building will be located opposite the existing Sports Park and behind the campus' executive education center/hotel and the residential building. It will house Con Ed electrical equipment that will serve the campus. The building will have solid bronze façade and will have a green roof.

After questions from the public and committee members, the committee adopted two resolutions:

#### **1. Central Utilities Plant**

**WHEREAS** Cornell/ NYC Tech will be asking the city's Public Design Commission for approval of the schematic design of the Central Utilities Plant; and

**WHEREAS** concern was expressed about that the dark color of the façade across the street from the dark façade of the existing Sports Park building would create the feel of a dark corridor; and

**WHEREAS** the dark façade is in contrast with the other facades on the campus, and

**WHEREAS** there is concern that service to the CUP be done totally off-street; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Roosevelt Island Committee approves the schematic design for the CUP subject to the following conditions:

1. That the façade be modified to provide more interest and lighter color; and
2. All service access to the building is off street.

**APPROVED** 5-0

3 Community Board Members in Favor (Escobar, Polivy, Parnes)

2 Public Community Board Members in Favor (Berdy, Buck)

0 Community Board Members Against

**2. First Academic Building**

**WHEREAS** Cornell/NYC Tech will be asking the city’s Public Design Commission for approval of the final design of the First Academic Building; and

**WHEREAS** the building provides considerable publically accessible space at the ground floor; and

**WHEREAS** the building’s design compliments the design of the opposite Co-Location building; and

**WHEREAS** concern was expressed about the removal of existing trees along the site’s perimeter; and

**WHEREAS** concern was expressed about the building’s compliance with ADA standards, especially for those with hearing disabilities; therefore

**BE IT REOLVED** that the Roosevelt Island Committee approves the final design of the FAB subject to the following conditions:

1. That Cornell reexamines its landscaping plan as it relates to the existing trees along the site’s perimeter.
2. That the FAB be developed with Universal Design, especially with looping for the hearing impaired

**APPROVED** 4-1

2 Community Board Members in favor (Polivy, Parnes)

2 Public Community Board Members in Favor (Berdy, Buck)

1 Community Board Member against (Escobar)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm

**Jeffrey Escobar and Laurence Parnes, Co-Chairs**