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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Environment & Sanitation Committee Monday, March 13, 2012 Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center 415 East 934d Street (First-FDR Drive) Dining Room 6:30 pm

Board Members Present: Dave Kleckner, Debbie Teitelbaum, Ed Hartzog, Mary Pike, Judy Schneider, Barry Schneider.

Number of Attendees: 17

The meeting was called to order at 6:35pm.

1. <u>Topic: Dept of Sanitation E. 74th Street Garage Site</u>

Presenter: Daniel Klein, Director, Real Estate, NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY).

The DSNY Garage at E. 74th Street at the FDR Drive that was torn down was to be reconstructed and enlarged, however, construction was delayed due to lack of capital budget funding. In the interim, the NYC Department of Citywide Services auctioned temporary use of the site for accessory parking for the adjacent auto body repair shop.

Subsequently, the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) issued a Request for Proposals that generated two responses. EDC is in negotiations with one of the respondents, and until negotiations are completed the identity of this organization is not being released. However, it was noted that the entity would take over the entire site for a mixed medical/educational use.

The disposition of the site, and any rezoning, would need to be presented to CB8, probably as a ULURP item. It was indicated that the RFP respondent would seek to increase the FAR beyond the current zoning in constructing a 750,000 to 800,000 square foot facility.

Since the new facility would displace the DSNY garage that was to be constructed at the site, moving forward with this developer would necessitate siting a new DSNY garage in another location.

It is expected that more information will be forthcoming in the coming months. DSNY will provide updated information to CB8 when it is available for release.

2. Topic: NYC DEP/DDC Water Main Project

Presenters: Shane Ojar, NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and Sarah Wilmoth, NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC).

Night-time work on the 59th Street main was being completed during the week that our meeting was convened. The work on 2nd Avenue has been completed except for milling and paving the roadway. Work on 3rd Avenue continues only on the weekends, and includes trunk main excavation at 58th and 59th streets. Along 1st Avenue, excavation continues 59th and 60th streets, including work on the 40" water main trunk that is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The work on the water main along 59th Street is expected to be completed in the summer of 2013. The redundant/secondary water main construction south of 59th Street — East 58th Street is being considered — is anticipated to begin in 2013 and take three years to complete. Details were not available and the Committee anticipates inviting DEP/DDC to return in May for a presentation that includes a more detailed update and discussion on the next phase of the project.

DEP was asked about the lack of a response to the letter sent by CB8 to DEP in December 2011 pertaining to the DEP's restoration of 14 Honey Locust Park, which was used as a staging area for the work on Shaft 33-B and the water main construction. Mr. Ojar indicated he will follow up with Assistant Commissioner Mark Lanaghan on the request for a response.

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Debbie Teitelbaum and Dave Kleckner Co-chairs Environment and Sanitation Committee