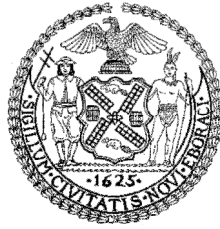


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

Environment & Sanitation Committee
Thursday, Sept 27, 2012
Brick Presbyterian Church
62 East 92nd Street, Carnegie Room
6:30 pm

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

Number of Attendees: 14 (attendance sheet attached)

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

1. Topic: NYC DEP/DDC Water Main Project

Presenters: Sanjay Modi, Engineer-In-Charge, NYC Department of Design & Construction (DDC) and Sarah Wilmoth, Community Liaison Consultant, NYC DDC.

Phase 1 of water main construction for the 3rd Harbor Water Tunnel/Shaft 33-B project in CD8 is ahead of schedule and near completion. DDC is nearly finished with restoration work on 1st Avenue, and is completing work on 2nd and 3rd Avenues including putting in a 30" regulator pipe on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue and 59th Street, which will involving digging up the sidewalk and providing a temporary walkway for pedestrians.

DDC was invited to discuss plans for Phase 2 of the project, including design and placement of the secondary/redundant water main construction south of 59th Street that is anticipated to begin in 2013 and to take three years to complete. Details were not available when DDC/DEP attended the Committee's meeting back in March, and so the Committee again requested a presentation that would include a more detailed update and discussion on the next phase of the project.

The presenters who attended the meeting said that they were not made aware by their agency of the request and could not discuss plans. Therefore, the Committee will invite DDC to return in October to discuss Phase 2, including the restoration of Honey Locust Park for which a letter may be sent to DEP by CB8 to continue follow-up to CB8's December 2011 correspondence and DEP's response that there are not yet sufficient funds available for site restoration.

2. Topic: Dept of Sanitation E. 74th Street Garage Site

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

Background

The DSNY Garage at 525 E. 73rd Street at the FDR Drive was torn down in 2008 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 to develop the site, which was envisioned as a potential mixed-use facility to include a new DSNY garage in combination with a commercial or institutional use.

Prior to the demolition of the former DSNY garage, there were personnel, trucks, and equipment including a mechanical broom operation housed at this facility and that serviced Manhattan Community District 8 (CD8M), CD6M and CD5M. Mr. Klein estimated that the facility housed more than 140 vehicles that primarily included trash/recycling trucks, as well as salt spreaders, street washers, mechanical brooms/sweepers, and supervisor passenger cars.

New Proposed Facility

CB8 recently learned that the Bloomberg administration announced plans on September 10, 2012 to develop the site as a result of the EDC's award of its RFP as noted above. The proposed development project for the site would include a land swap whereby a new DSNY garage would be constructed at what is now the Hunter-Bellevue School of Nursing at CUNY's Brookdale campus located at East 25th Street and First Avenue in CD6M instead of at the 525 E. 73rd Street site. The new facility would service only CD8 and CD6 (not CD5 as did the former facility).

No Alternative Site Including the Site of the Proposed E. 91st Street MTS

When asked, Mr. Klein responded that no alternative site has been identified in the event that the DSNY garage is not built at the Brookdale campus site. He indicated that building the garage at that site could become unfeasible including if it is rejected by City Council as part of the ULURP process, or if site testing reveals unmitigable environmental hazards that would cause MSK/Hunter-CUNY to reject the former DSNY garage site in CD8 for its intended development project. Mr. Klein also responded that to his knowledge, DSNY/the City has not considered abandoning its proposal for an East 91st Street MTS in order to use that site for the new DSNY garage.

Debbie Teitelbaum and Dave Kleckner
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