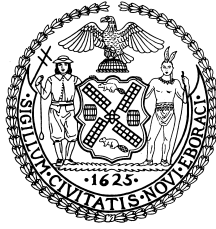


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Roosevelt Island Committee
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – 6:30 PM
Cultural Center, 548 Main Street, Roosevelt Island, NY**

CB8 Members Present: Jeffrey R. Escobar, Chair, Ellen Polivy, Lynne Shinozaki

CB8 Public Members Present: Judy Buck, Judy Berdy

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

1. A presentation by Cornell Tech of its Public Design Commission application for the design of the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel, status of final portion of Phase One Campus Development.

Andrew Winters of Cornell Tech appeared before the Committee to give a report on (a) the status of the progress of the final portion of the Phase One Campus Development, and (b) its application to the Public Design Commission for the approval of its design of the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel. Representatives from Snohetta, the firm awarded the design and architecture portion for the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel were on hand to present its vision for the design.

As the presented, the proposed design would look to be both differ and be distinctive from the current designs in place for the academic buildings and residential building, while at the same time create a sense of flow and unity between the planned buildings. For example, the aesthetic wrap of the Hotel component is to coalesce with the designs in place for the other Phase I buildings, while still being distinct and separate. The Verizon Executive Education Center is to be wrapped in a wood curtain wall, reflecting the building with the Island natural and native environments. Moreover, so as to lessen the height of the Verizon Executive Center and its impacts on the surrounding buildings, the proposed design seeks to decouple the Hotel from the Verizon Executive Education Center by splitting the buildings into two, thereby not only reducing the foot print of the buildings but creating more open spaces. Notably, Snohetta as a landscape designer is mindful of the impact of design as it blends and incorporates into green and open spaces, which was evident throughout the presentation.

After the presentation, attendees to the meeting voiced questions and concerns as to (a) the lack of more than one planned loading and unloading docks, thereby creating potential traffic issues with the flow of traffic of the single lane, one way road ringing the Project and the Island, (b) the lack of incorporation of a planned waste management system targeted at reducing the number of trucks on the Island, exacerbated with the lack of more than one planned loading and unloading docks, and (c) the design and lighting of any proposed signage and wayfinding for the Verizon Executive Education Center and the Hotel. The attendees, however, commended Cornell Tech on both the aesthetically pleasing nature of the design, its complicit incorporation into the existing campus design and planned buildings against the natural habitat and environment of Roosevelt Island, and the decoupling of the Verizon Executive Education Center from the Hotel while at the same time maintaining the current foot print for the planned building (while increasing open space and reducing the height of the planned buildings).

To wit, the Committee proposed and passed the following resolution for the Land Use Committee's consideration with respect to Cornell Tech's Application:

Resolution to Approve the Cornell Tech Application to the Public Design Commission for the proposed design of the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel

Whereas, Cornell Tech seeks approval from the Public Design Commission for the design by Snohetta of the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel and comes before the Roosevelt Island Committee for review and comments as to the planned design;

Whereas, the Roosevelt Island Committee approves the aesthetic pleasing nature of the proposed plan and its use of alternative materials for the existing facades of the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel to both distinguish said buildings from the other planned buildings of the campus while complicitly incorporating into the local and natural environment and habitat of Roosevelt Island;

Whereas, the planned landscaping for the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel is appropriate for the overall site plan;

Whereas, the planned design seeks to decouple the Verizon Executive Education Center from the Hotel, thereby creating two separate buildings within the same space without the need for enlarging the existing planned footprint for the center while at the same time creating new open spaces;

Whereas, concerns were raised as to traffic flow and ability of vehicles to freely move around the planned center due to the lack of appropriate number of loading and unloading docks, planned pull-over spots, and either reduction or incorporation of waste management with an overall site plan; and

Whereas, concerns were raised as to any wayfinding, signage or branding to be put into place on either building which would disrupt the overall design and architecture of the Island, as well as any lighted signage which would be out of character for the Island.

Therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that the proposed application to the Public Design Commission is **APPROVED**, **provided that**:

1. Changes in design and measures be taken to both increase the number of loading and unloading docks that the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel will utilize so as to improve and lessen any potential impacts on traffic and traffic flow;
2. Changes in design and measures be taken to both reduce the number and need for waste management trucks to utilize the same loading and unloading docks, as well as incorporation into an overall waste management plan for the project site;
3. Cornell Tech be required to appear before Community Board 8 and its Land Use and Roosevelt Island Committees to review and approve any planned signage and wayfinding to be placed on the Verizon Executive Education Center and Hotel regardless of whether or not they are able to erect and place such signage as a matter of right; and
4. Cornell Tech be required to return and appear before Community Board 8 and its Land Use and Roosevelt Island Committees for any proposed material changes to the design of the planned buildings.

Yes 5 Escobar, Polivy, Shinozaki (CB8 Members); Berdy, Buck (Public Members)

No 0

Abstain 0

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Escobar
Roosevelt Island Committee, Chairs