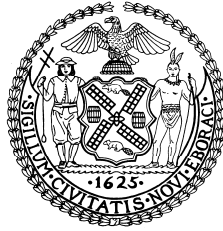


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## **The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8**

**Roosevelt Island Committee  
Manhattan Park Theater Club  
8 River Road  
Roosevelt Island, NY  
Thursday, November 14, 2013  
6:30PM**

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

**Public Members Present:** Judith Berdy, Judith Buck

**Transportation Committee Member Present:** Timothy Yeo

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM

1. Introduction of new committee Public Members  
The Co-chairs introduced the new Public Members, Judith Buck and Judith Berdy both of whom are Roosevelt Island residents and active in island affairs. It was explained that public members may vote at the committee but not at the full board.
2. Presentation by Department of City Planning of its Western Queens Transportation Study which includes the Roosevelt Island Bridge – *joint issue with the Transportation Committee*

The presentation was made by Jack Schmidt Director of the Transportation Division of the Department of City Planning and Kevin Olinger, Deputy Director. The goals of the project are: Link existing and new development and improve access and mobility around them; Establish connectivity to points of interest; and focus on pedestrian, bicycle and transit improvements. The study area generally includes the Astoria and Long Island City portions of Queens community districts 1 and 2 and Roosevelt Island.

The study will analyze: Access to residential uses; Access to Roosevelt Island; Bicycle network; Pedestrian network; On-Street parking; Transit connectivity; Way finding signage; and Streetscape.

The study is under way and recommendations are expected in the spring of 2014. Concerns expressed by island residents at the meeting focused around improving service on the Q 102 bus and providing better bus access to the retail areas within the study area.

The presentation will be posted on the CB 8's web site

3. Presentation by Cornell of:

- a. The open space plan as part of the commitment to the BP's office during the ULURP process. Kristen Ellis of the Borough President's Office introduced this presentation noting that the BP required this as part of his ULURP recommendation.

The presentation was made by Karen Tamir of James Corner Field Operations, Landscape Architects. Like the overall project, the open space is being designed in two phases.

Phase I, which is designed in more detail will include an inviting and open entry court, a campus plaza that can accommodate programmed activities and a large lawn area. The open areas will maximize views through the site and allow people to enjoy views of both Manhattan and Queens. There will be landscaping and fixed and movable seating. A publically accessible café with outdoor seating will be located in the first academic building and will front on the campus plaza. A small open amphitheater is located behind the corporate co-location building and will be used by Cornell and also be available to the community.

Phase II will be on the southern portion of the site and will be interim until buildings are constructed there.

Suggestions were made to provide public restrooms in addition to those proposed for the café, involving island children in a proposed planting garden and programming of the space for island groups.

- b. The schematic design for the co-location building that will be brought to the city's Public Design Commission for preliminary approval.

The presentation was made by Marion Weiss, Erin Saver and Michael Manfredi of Weiss/Manfredi, architects for this building. The 90' tall building will include ground floor and space for Cornell and private tech businesses. The developer for the building is Forest City Ratner. Cornell is submitting the schematic plans to the city's Public Design Commission for preliminary approval and has requested action by CB 8. The committee adopted the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, on November 14, 2013, Cornell NYC Tech appeared before the Roosevelt Island Committee of Community Board 8 to submit for its review and recommendation of the schematic design and plans for its Corporate Co-Location Building, the second of three buildings to be built during Phase 1 of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the design architect for the Corporate Co-Location Building presented its design intent for the schematic plans during that November 14, 2013 appearance and the developer of the Corporate Co-Location Building was identified as Forest City Ratner; and

**WHEREAS**, the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building enhance river-to-river sight lines throughout the campus while preserving the overall ship's hull master design of Roosevelt Island; and

**WHEREAS**, the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building and its surroundings successfully makes the least impact on the surrounding environment of Roosevelt Island, maintains the open space requirements agreed to during the ULURP process and provides for an environmentally sustainable building; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Committee still had reservations of whether or not the final design of the Corporate Co-Location Building will sustain and incorporate the agreed to waste mitigation systems, including but not limited to the campus wide garbage dehydration systems that would reduce the amount of waste removal by truck; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the committee expressed concern about the location of access to loading docks for the entire first phase development; and

**WHEREAS**, this is the first building that Cornell NYC Tech has submitted for review and approval by the Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, Cornell NYC Tech has indicated that it will return to the Committee for a review and recommendation concerning the proposed Construction Document plans and specifications for the Corporate Co-Location Building including plans showing access to loading areas and the proposed waste mitigation system; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee **recommends approval** of the schematic design and plans for the Corporate Co-Location Building provided that Cornell NYC Tech returns to the Committee for review and recommendation the Construction Document Phase plans and specifications for the Corporate Co-Location Building as agreed.

*2 Community Board Members in Favor (Polivy, Parnes)*

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

*0 Community Board Members Against*

*1 Community Board Member Not Voting for Cause (Escobar)*

**Jeffrey Escobar and Laurence Parnes, Co-Chairs, Roosevelt Island Committee**