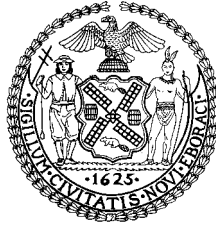


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Manhattan Community Board 8

Waterfront Committee Meeting

Church of the Holy Trinity
316 East 88th Street (First-Second)
Thursday, February 22, 2017, 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Lori Bores, Alida Camp, A. Scott Falk, Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider (Public Member), Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo

Chair Tricia Shimamura called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

1. Review of Waterfront Committee Mission Statement

The Committee reviewed a drafted mission statement, and made minor changes. Below is the finalized statement, to be posted to the Community Board 8 website's Waterfront Committee page.

The Waterfront Committee will focus on the preservation, enhancement, and usages of the East River and waterfront land located within the boundaries of Manhattan Community Board 8. The Committee will work with community organizations, environmental groups, private and nonprofit entities, and government agencies on issues related to current and planned usage and initiatives involving the East River and its adjoining waterfront.

2. Discussion of Concerns and Interests along the Waterfront in Manhattan Community Board 8

Members of the public and Committee members identified the following priorities and concerns related to the waterfront located in Community Board 8:

I. Citywide Ferry Service

- Concerns about the rollout of ferry service, including the use of a single fare system and the coordination between the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and other city agencies.
- The Committee briefly discussed the recent letter sent by elected officials to the MTA and EDC requesting an integrated, single fare system.

II. East River Esplanade

- Safety Concerns
 - i. Many of the lights have not been turned back on after Super Storm Sandy
 - ii. The Esplanade is not currently on any 311/911 map. If you have an emergency, the City's 311 system does not recognize the waterfront.
- Pedestrian and bike coordination/safety

- Calls for a master design plan for the entire esplanade
 - Interest in discussing potential areas of esplanade expansion
- III. Marine Transfer Station
- Safety concerns surrounding the MTS
 - i. Looking at re-purposing the MTS, possibly as a ferry terminal or a NYFD or NYPD water unit
- IV. Resiliency
- Questions about resiliency and what the City is doing to protect the waterfront
- V. Roosevelt Island
- Interest in discussing the Roosevelt Island waterfront, including preservation and development plans and any impact of the citywide ferry service.

The Committee Chair will contact various city agencies and other stakeholders in order to arrange for presentations and discussion on the various topics listed. Given that many of the identified issues overlap with other committees, Ms. Shimamura will also reach out to related committee chairs to ensure coordination and partnership between the committees.

Because this meeting time conflicts with another committee, Ms. Shimamura will also work with committee members to find a more suitable meeting date.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35PM.

Tricia Shimamura
Chair, Waterfront Committee