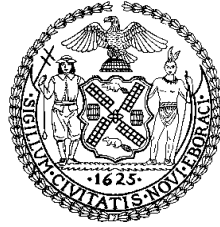


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Manhattan Community Board 8

Waterfront Committee Meeting

Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street (Lexington-Park)
Michael Bruno Presentation Room
Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 6:30 PM

In Attendance: Barry Schneider, Judy Schneider (Public Member), Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo

Chair Tricia Shimamura called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

1. Discussion of the Manhattan Borough President's Manhattan Community Award Program and possible waterfront projects.

The Waterfront Committee (the Committee) discussed the Manhattan Borough President's Manhattan Community Award Program (MCAP), which provides modest funding (between \$3500 - \$5000) to community nonprofit organizations for specific programming or operational expenses. The awards are reimbursement-based and must be contracted through one of five City agencies: Department of Corrections, Department of Education, Department of Health, Department for the Aging, or the Department of Parks and Recreation. In the spring, the Borough President's office held an MCAP presentation and encouraged Community Boards to apply for the program. As an example, the Borough President's Office discussed Manhattan Community Board 12, which was awarded \$5000 for an LGBTQ outreach project in FY2017. The application will open up in mid-July and will close at the end of September.

The Committee discussed possible projects that could potentially qualify for MCAP funding. Possible projects included funding a "white paper" or basic "master plan" for the East River Esplanade or creating a map/signage to be posted along the East River Esplanade that provides useful information about the various projects along the waterfront. The Committee further discussed how maps/signage along the Esplanade could inform waterfront users about activities such as (1) upcoming ferry service; (2) institution-led improvements along the waterfront (i.e. Rockefeller University and Hospital for Special Surgery); (3) access points on/off the Esplanade; (4) nearest bathrooms/drinkable water; (5) on-going underwater repairs, etc.

After further discussion about the application process and the possible uses of MCAP funding, the Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Manhattan Borough President's office has encouraged Community Boards to apply for Manhattan Community Awards Program (MCAP) funding up to \$5000 for a project meant to serve the local community; and

WHEREAS the East River Esplanade is used by thousands of residents throughout New York City every day; and

WHEREAS there are currently numerous public and private projects on-going and planned for the East River Esplanade within Community Board 8, including NYC ferry service in 2018, institutional expansions along the waterfront including Rockefeller University and Hospital for Special Surgery, and ongoing structural repairs to the Esplanade seawall; and

WHEREAS there is currently no user-friendly map of the East River Esplanade that identifies the nearest service stations or drinkable water locations, or other pedestrian-friendly amenities; and

WHEREAS a comprehensive and user-friendly signage featuring a map of the East River Esplanade can help inform Esplanade users and make the waterfront a more enjoyable public space;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 8 seeks to apply for a \$5000 Manhattan Community Award Program grant to create a signage/map program for the East River Esplanade along the length of Community Board 8 (59th to 96th Street).

Approved, 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, plus 1 Public Member Yes.

Yes (4+1): Schneider, Barry; Shimamura; Spagnoletti; Tamayo; Schneider, Judy (Public Member)

2. New Business

The Committee identified various topics that they would like to discuss at upcoming meetings. Topics included:

- **EDC Ferry Service:** Community members reported seeing sinkhole repair signs along the Esplanade that give a completion date of 2020; which is after the expected ferry service rollout in 2018. EDC Representatives have committed to making a presentation to the Committee in the fall of 2017. Ms. Shimamura will follow up with the EDC representatives to schedule the presentation.
- **Waterfront along Roosevelt Island:** Ms. Shimamura noted that she will discuss with the Roosevelt Island Committee a good time to have a joint meeting focused on the waterfront surrounding Roosevelt Island.
- **Presentations on the East River Blueway Plan:** CB 8 member have requested a presentation on the East River Blueway Plan, which is an urban design initiative spanning from Brooklyn Bridge to East 38th Street. The Committee wishes to becoming informed about the plans for other segments of the East River Esplanade.

- **Discussion of Land Use and Zoning along the Waterfront:** the Committee briefly discussed legislative/zoning changes that would ensure continued preservation of the waterfront when new developments arise. Ms. Shimamura will speak with Community Board 8 Chair to discuss dedicating time at a future Land Use meeting to discuss these ideas.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

**Tricia Shimamura
Chair, Waterfront Committee**