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197-A QUEENSBORO BRIDGE AREA COMMITTEE Joint Meeting with Parks and Recreation Committee Greenway and Phase III and IV of Andrew Haswell Green (AHG) Park

Wednesday, June 27, 2018, 6:30 PM New York Blood Center, Auditorium 310 East 67th Street

MINUTES

Board Members in attendance: Peggy Price, Barbara Rudder, Tricia Shimamura, M. Barry Schneider **Community Board Public Members:** Judith Schneider, Irma Torres

- 1. Update by the EDC on **The East Midtown Greenway** by: Morgan Jones, Amy Seek, and Miquel Rosales
 - A review was given of the general project with more specifics about the curved bridge over the FDR; layout for pedestrians, bikes, draught tolerant greenery; paving; lighting; fencing/railings; accommodations such as: drinking fountains, bike racks, trash receptacles, signage.
 - There will be plateau areas along the route. The route is divided into 7 areas: the dock, south dune, the quay, bikeway bow, north dune, and the terminal.
 - There will be water connections from 53 Street up to AHG Park, which is coming from the park.
 - At 54th Street there will be a wider "Node" for Educational Opportunities: educational signage, monitoring devices, walking surface, crab and minnow traps, billion oyster project, bird watching (binoculars/webcams), photo ops, integration with artist.
 - Discussion of making the bikeways narrowed to avoid speeding, but the pathways are being designed to be consistent with DOT specifications.
 - At the 59th Street end there will be room for a small open plaza type space.
 - At the Preliminary Design phase now and will be coming back to us in July. There will also be a report at that time about the artist Brian Tolle's work on the project. (This presentation on CB8 website)
- 2. **Andrew Haswell Green Phase (AHG)** Phase III & IV, which will now be called Phage III presented by: Adam Ferrari
 - Adam gave a very thorough tour with pictures showing everyone how the Greenway was going to
 meet the AHG Park with a walk through the former sanitation building and described where the
 roadways and the ramps were in relation to the building. He pointed out it was very noisy inside
 the building, as there is an opening to the FDR.
 - There will also be a tour of the building arranged for the public, as most people in the room had never been in the building before.
 - When the Greenway meets the former Sanitation Building, the opening will be changed to the waterside.
 - Presentation completed, we gathered around large maps of the AHG former sanitation building, ramps and the Greenway leading to the building and made comments about what we would like

to see done to this area: such as: screening off the FDR from the interior of the building to eliminate noise; lighting; talked about the signage & railings on the Greenway being consistent with that to the north; plantings; possible Kiosk/food cart location; artwork or sculpture of Andrew Haswell Green; where the Greenway meets the sanitation building several solutions: sound barrier with greens, passage for Parks vehicles, and staircase up to Alice Aycock Sculpture located on the Pavilion at top of the building, Plans marked with comments and stickers

• The July meeting should have an evaluation of the suggestions made and maybe some budget numbers.

Submitted by,

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