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

**Roosevelt Island Committee**  
Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> 2018 - 6:35 PM  
Good Shepard Community Center  
543 Main Street  
Roosevelt Island, NY  
Auditorium (Upstairs)

*Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee chair to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.*

### **MINUTES**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Lynne Strong-Shinozaki (Chair Roosevelt Island Committee), Trisha Shimamura (Co-Chair Parks and Recreation Committee), Barbra Rudder (Co-Chair Health, Seniors and Social Services) Marco Tamayo (acting co-chair Zoning and Development Committee)

**Community Board Public Members (Present):** Judith Berdy

**Attendees (Present):** Audrey Tannen (Chief of staff Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright) Michael Shinozaki (Resident Board Member RIOC) Jill Eisner (District Leader), Rick O'Conner (Editor Roosevelt Islander), Rossana Ceruzzi (President Wildlife Freedom Foundation), Lee Wiggins, Anthony Rayner, Elisabeth Stapen,

1. Update on Tramway Plaza information from a joint meeting with Parks and Recreation Committee held July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018
  - a. Two new elevators are being installed to replace the existing elevator and lift. They will be ADA compliant and allow for a larger queue area on the platform
  - b. The update received from Prince Shah of RIOC on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 is as follows;  
“Regarding the Tram Elevator project, we are awaiting construction fence permit from the Department of Buildings. We anticipate receiving it week this week. Once the permit is in place, we will be on site setting up the fence and beginning work.

- c. The original plan of removing 2 Trees has changed to 5 trees the Parks Committee of CB8M, In a resolution in June requested that the 5 trees to be replaced be replaced in Tramway Park They also supported the completion of a sprinkler in the park.
  - d. The Tram Station Elevator is a \$6.1 million construction project to upgrade the Manhattan Tram Station elevator. Initial work started last month, and the two building phases well be finished in 2019.
  - e. Per Stephen T. Noone (Assistant VP of Capital Planning and Projects for RIOC), July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018 “We are expecting the last of several permits between NYC Parks and NYC DOB to be obtained by the Contractor by the middle of next week. The entire interior section of the park will be closed to the public and saved off with DOB plywood fencing to establish the contractors Limit of Work. This will occur as soon as the last outstanding permit is received.
  - f. From the joint meeting and today’s meeting a request to follow up on the new lights to be installed in the tram elevators and the intended hours that they will be illuminated when the tram is not in-service.
2. Update on 460 Main Street (Southtown Building 8)
- a. The following Resolution was passed by the CB8M Full Board the Resolution comes from a joint meeting with Zoning and Development Committee held July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- WHEREAS** the Inclusionary Housing at 460 Main Street (also known as South town building 8) will generate about 88,500 square feet of development rights that can be sold to developers in Community District 8, and
- WHEREAS** the height limit of 210 feet that Community Board 8 has long advocated is not yet in place. And
- WHEREAS** First, Second, Third and York Avenues remain vulnerable to the construction of damagingly tall buildings, and
- WHEREAS** additional housing is badly needed on Roosevelt Island,
- BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 requests that development rights created by Inclusionary Housing at 460 Main Street be retained on Roosevelt Island.
- b. Investigating the feasibility of the remaining South Town Building 9 to utilize the development rights from building 8 to create a low-income apartment and/or condo building that is targeted for Seniors and the Disabled and other moderate and low-income residents possibly even Veterans.
3. Update on Wildlife Freedom Foundations’ Cat Sanctuary in South Point Park.
- a. CB8 Parks Committee did a Resolution in support of RIOC turning the water back on during the CB8 full board’s June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 meeting. A letter was subsequently sent on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 to RIOC’s President by the CB8M Chair and our elected Officials were copied.

- b. An agreement was reached on June 25<sup>th</sup> by RIOC and the Wildlife Freedom Foundation that the water to the Cat Sanctuary in south point park would be turned on.
- c. Do to the requirement of RIOC for the WFF to sign a waiver because of possible contamination of water that is connected to the sprinkler system with the understanding that the water is not suitable for human consumption. This raised a concern in the community that other sprinklers and water fountains may also have a contamination issue.
- d. RIOC abruptly turned off the sprinklers and the water fountains in the community. This announcement was made July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018, “Healthy Building International Inc. has been retained by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) to conduct water sampling and analysis at several drinking water fountain locations in parks and playgrounds across Roosevelt Island, RIOC President and CEO Susan Rosenthal said Tuesday.”

**The following Resolutions were passed by a unanimous vote 5 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause:**

**PART A:**

**WHEREAS** the water currently used may not be potable; and

**WHEREAS** RIOC abruptly turned off the sprinklers and the water fountains in the community, for safety reasons on July 6<sup>th</sup>, and announced this to the community on July 10, 2018; and

**WHEREAS** the community has suffered inconvenience during the hot summer days; and

**WHEREAS** need for diligence in informing the community the potential risk, and timeline and possible remedial remedy for this loss; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that RIOC be forthcoming in informing the community of this potential issue and present a remedial remedy until such time as the issue is resolved.

**PART B:**

**WHEREAS** the water currently used in the sprinklers and water fountains on Roosevelt Island parks and playgrounds may not be potable; and

**WHEREAS** “Healthy Building International Inc. has been retained by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) to conduct water sampling and analysis at several drinking water fountain locations in parks and playgrounds across Roosevelt Island”; and  
**WHEREAS** Community Board 8M questions if this is the best agency to determine what is the problem; and

**WHEREAS** Community Board 8M urges the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Health, from the City and State to evaluate this situation to be certain the water used by the community, especially children, is safe; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 informs the above stated entities/agencies of this situation so that the proper testing and evaluation can occur and that they can report to the community their findings.

4. Update on Mental Health Awareness Initiatives

- a. Suicide Prevention Forum, Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> , 2018, 6:30PM
- b. Mental Health Forum, Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> , 2018 , 6:30PM
- c. Carter Burden Network has requested we do an additional Training in the fall/winter
- d. The Child School Roosevelt Island has asked us to do a training this fall/winter
- e. The Child Center has asked us to do another training in PS/IS 217
- f. As of August we will have trained 96 people

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25PM

**Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair Roosevelt Island Committee**

**Tricia Shimamura Co-Chair Parks and Recreation Committee**

**Marco Tamayo, Acting Co-Chair Zoning & Development Committee**