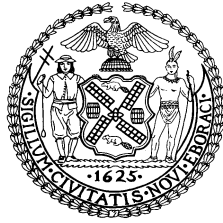


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**The City of New York**  
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**  
**Roosevelt Island Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, December 20, 2018 - 6:30PM**  
**Good Shepherd Community Center**  
**548 Main Street, Lower Level**  
**Roosevelt Island, NY**

**MINUTES**

**Community Board Members (Present):** Lynne Strong-Shinozaki (Chair Roosevelt Island Committee)

**Roosevelt Island Committee Members Present:** Judith Berdy

**Attendees:**

Jill Eisner

Alonza Robertson, RIOC Public Information Officer

Kevin Brown, RIOC Deputy Chief Public Safety

The meeting was called to order at 6:32pm

1. Update on Tram Plaza

- a. Will the plantings and the park be made whole again once construction is complete? The answer was yes.
- b. The Tram elevators schedule has been delayed. This is due to the depth needed to hit solid ground. This will be deeper than original borings indicated. The construction will be over a transit tunnel and approvals from the MTA where needed to proceed with the construction. A solid foundation area has been found and revisions to plans are in progress. Completion of new foundation design currently scheduled for February. Once the construction commences the construction time is one year.

- c. Would RIOC put up better signage to help visitors and residents better understand where to go to get around the construction? RIOC will look into it.
- d. Will the construction company running the project be doing water management at sight to keep insect issues under control during the summer and warmer weather from becoming a problem?

## 2. Update on Water Infrastructure

- a. Cameron Engineering & Associates did a comprehensive analysis of Roosevelt Island's water infrastructure with a plan to mitigate, update and fix existing issues. The cost of the upgrade is expected to exceed \$500,000. With RIOC Board approval in October for Cameron Engineering to do design and construction work. This work is scheduled to start in the spring.
- b. If further testing will be done on Capobianco field was not reported.
- c. They will be evaluating all water fountains and their viability. Not all water fountains will be updated and replaced. However, there are new water fountains planned in three sites for the island.
- d. Will they consider updating and maintaining the water fountain across from the PS/IS217 as it is one of the most popular water fountains on the island? They would investigate it.
- e. Will the new water fountains have bottle fillers? They will look into this.

## 3. Update on Southtown Building 8 or 460 Main Street.

- a. To date we have not received a response to the request for 88,500 square feet that can be sold in Community Board 8 to be kept in the Roosevelt Island Community. The air rights can be sold in bordering districts if they are within ½ mile from the building.
- b. The Ground lease is the legal document that keeps the affordability component on Roosevelt Island. Going forward 60% will remain affordable housing in perpetuity and 40% will remain affordable for 40 years then the 40% will become market rate. The building will have 21 stories and a total 240,000 square feet with 341 total units.
- c. RIOC is currently in final negotiations with Hudson Related this building is financed under NYC HPD and HDC M2 Mixed Middle-Income Program 100% affordability. The

closing is for building 8 and is occurring this week and some things may change.

Currently the building is intended to have 81 studios, 158 one bedroom, 51 two bedroom, and 53 three-bedroom apartments. They will reserve some availability to community board 8 residents.

- d. There is no information for building 9.
- e. As of 2018 Roosevelt Island has 2200 affordable apartments on Roosevelt Island out of the total available apartments stock.

#### 4. Update on Coler Hospital

- a. Coler Hospital is on a City sell list. Can the hospital be re-purposed? No, it is against HHC policy. The renovations necessary are not planned.
- b. The population in the hospital is diminishing and they are not adding new patients.

#### 5. Update on Mental Health Initiatives

- a. Mental Health First Aid for Veterans Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am-5pm Lenox Hill Hospital 130 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street.
- b. Suicide Prevention Forum to be planed for Manhattan in March, location TBD
- c. Mental Health First Aid for Seniors Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> and Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> Carter Burden Senior Centre Both days are required for Certification 2 half day sessions: 9:30am- TBD  
1pm: 546 Main Street, Roosevelt Island.

#### 6. Update on Bike Lane and Ramp

- a. November walk through with Dewberry Engineers for current proposal. Dewberry and Mathews Nielsen Landscape Architects. The GDP had a plan for a bike lane that surrounds the island.
- b. Currently the only aspect of the Bike lane and Ramp that is moving forward is the design of the Ramp. Because of issues with the old steam tunnels and their current state this will have to be evaluated before they will be able to proceed.
- c. More meetings are planned as they move forward.

7. Amazon Head Quarters in Long Island City

- a. Will people who work for Amazon want to live on Roosevelt Island and commute by Ferry to Long Island City?
- b. What could be done to help mitigate the rush hour issues?

8. Old Business

- a. Elevator to the Queensboro Bridge. Demolishing and decontaminating the Steam Plant to build an elevator would be very expensive before you could even start the elevator.
- b. Cleaning up abandoned bikes and space under the Helix is in progress.

9. New Business

- a. Cherry Blossom Festival: Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- b. New Antennas are larger than what was originally presented.
- c. Cleaning of drains near subway that have been flooding during storms.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair**