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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Roosevelt Island Committee  
Thursday, October 17, 2019 – 6:30PM  
Good Shepherd Community Center  
543 Main Street, Auditorium  
Roosevelt Island, NY**

**Minutes:**

**Board Members in attendance (Present):** Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Marco Tamayo

**Board Members not in attendance (Not Present):** Barbara Rudder.

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

**Additional Attendees:** Terrell Brock, Alejandra Domenech, Sana Cometti, Maria Cometti, Nicoles Cometti, David Handlle, Terrell Brock: Community Liaison Senator Jose Serrano's Office, and Alejandra Domenech: Reporter The Villager

The Agenda was amended to include the following Items:

Old Business

1. Bike Lane Plan for Roosevelt Island
2. Current Status on Senator Jose Serrano's Bill S-1426.

New Business

1. Nellie Bly Memorial
2. Moorgate Electrical Charging Stations
3. Shoreline Restoration Project

The Status of the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation are as follows:

Octagon Fields Phase 1 work has been completed and the field is now available for permitting. Phase 2 is in progress with the comfort station and bleachers to be completed by Summer 2020.

The bike ramp that will start from the Helix platform and will descend to street level is in the design phase and will require 4 reviews by the State before it can be bid out for construction. Review 1 has been completed and Review 2 is in process.

The Tram Plaza renovation in Manhattan had to be redesigned as the ground was not solid enough to support the original design and pylons had to be added to the structure for support. The redesign went through a lengthy process and was finally approved with work to commence by the end of October.

Pending Sale of Roosevelt Landings information was presented relevant to L + M Development Partners and Invesco Real Estate. Residents from the building were concerned because they did not believe the current management was informing the residents of the pending sale. It was recommended that they reach out to their fellow neighbors and inform them of the pending sale and organize so that they may be informed, and potential have a say in what happens to them and the building going forward.

The Sanctuary, which is in the former Dayspring Church space, had applied for a Liquor License before our Street Life Committee on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>. They are currently being used as an event space, and they would like to grow into a restaurant in the next year. The Street Life Committee approved the application with stipulations regarding times of operations and occupancy limits. The operators have offered to give tours of the space to anyone who is interested.

The status of South Town Building 8 Affordable housing was that it is nearing completion.

Currently the plan for bike lanes on Roosevelt Island start at the Bike Ramp and extending to the Cornell Campus. There is currently no additional plans for bike lanes to encircle the entire island. There was discussion that there should be a multiple phased plan that is inclusive to the entire island and not just a bike lane to Cornell which was perceived as a “ROAD TO CORNELL.”

Senator Jose Serrano’s Bill S-1426. The bill was passed by the Corporations, Authorities and Commissions Committee May 20, 2019. It came before the State Senate May 29<sup>th</sup> and was delivered to the Governor on October 11<sup>th</sup> and was signed by the Governor this week.

Nellie Bly Memorial was announced yesterday by RIOC. “RIOC has selected Amanda Matthews and Prometheus Art to construct the Nellie Bly Monument on the northern end of Roosevelt Island at Lighthouse Park. The sculptural installation will be known as “The Girl Puzzle” Amanda Matthews said “It is my great honor to represent Nellie Bly’s Life and Legacy and to celebrate her passion for diversity and inclusion. Her voice remains timely and significant today.

Motorgate Electrical charging stations are expected to be placed in the C line of Motorgate with an expectation of installation spring of 2020.

RIOC last week presented the plan for remediation of South Point Park due to the flooding of hurricane Sandy. The project is called the “Shoreline Restoration Project” and is similar to other shoreline restoration projects in New York post Sandy.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

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