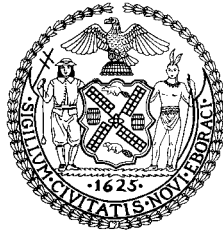


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
197-A/Parks and Waterfront Committee**
Rockefeller University Weiss Building, Room 301
December 5, 2019 at 6:00 PM

Community Board Members (Present): Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Tricia Shimamura, Barry Schneider
Community Board Public Members (Present): Judy Schneider, Irma Torres
Community Board Members (Excused): Lowell Barton, Greg Kirschenbaum, Barbara Rudder

1. Presentation by the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) and Parks Department on the East Midtown Greenway and Andrew Haswell Green Phase IIB and Phase III Conceptual Drawing.

- A. East Midtown Greenway by Will Fisher, Yvi McEvelly, and Robert Reid-Skanska USA Building
- Runs from 53 to 62 Streets and is a new Esplanade out in the river, which is approximately 40 feet wide.
The bike path is elevated and separated from the pedestrian path. The Greenway is broken into 5 sections going from 53 Street North: Birch Point; The South Dune/Pollinator Meadow; The Buff, The Grove; The North Dune/Wetland Forest ending with the Landing at 59/60 Street at Andrew Haswell Green Park.

EMG and Andrew Haswell Green Park



- Path will narrow as it comes closer to the former sanitation building. The opening will be changed to the Eastern side of the building. Inside the building will be a 15-foot-wide path near the waterside and columns on the interior side blocking off the unfinished space.
- Skanska plans to bring most of necessary construction items in by water. There may be several occasions when the ramp will have to be used. But they will inform the community in advance.
- Skanska will start in Area 1 first, working from north to south 53 Street and then come back and do the vegetation in Area 1 last. They have already started to work on the pilings in Area 1.

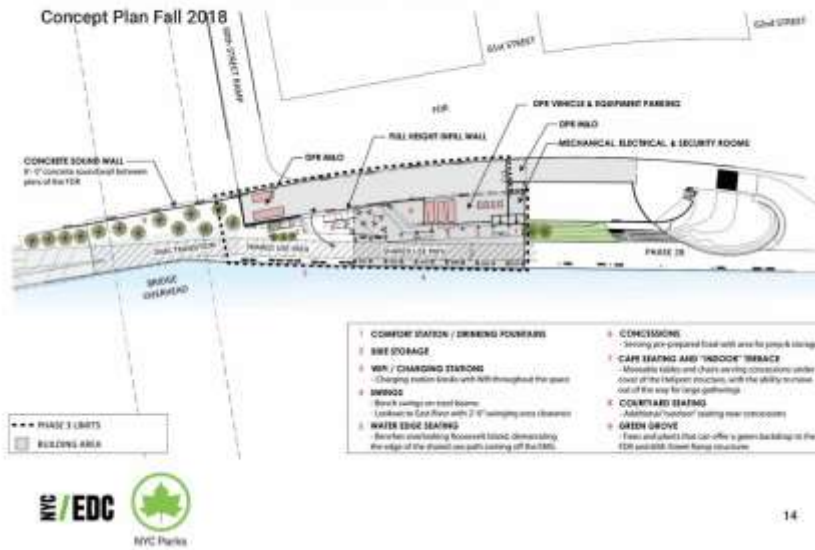


- The public art part of the project is in the pavers. It was requested that the agencies investigate being able to use these further up on the Esplanade, in order to tie the entire project together. The Committee chairs will write a letter to the city agencies requesting this happen. Some attic stock of special design tiles will be purchased.
- The Greenway and inside the building will have lighting.

B. Phase III Conceptual Plan by Michael Bradley and George Bloomer

Andrew Haswell Green Phase 3

Concept Plan Fall 2018



- Skanska has done a conception plan with the community’s input at prior meetings.
- Time for the plan is 3 to 4 years from kick off to completion in 2029.
- Cost: \$22 million for the project plus the soft costs would total \$25 to \$30 million. There maybe a way to use expense dollars—this will be explored further. Fund Raising for this project should start now.

C. Phase IIB by Michael Bradley



- **Best news** was EDC self funded the \$8 million gap in this part of the project and having Skanska build it will result in a saving, rather than going out to another bidder.
 - The project will be done in conjunction with the Greenway and is projected to be completed in 2022.
 - There will be a ground breaking soon for this phase of the project.
 - Community requested that signage be put up in the early part of the project, for Andrew Haswell Green Park on the Tram Structure, which is an element of the project. The reason being there is no real existing signage with the name of the park at this time.
- 2. RIOC Update on Tramway Plaza Manhattan Elevator Project** by Prince Shah and Terrence McCauley
- A. The current elevators are non-ADA-compliant. The new elevators will improve circulation at the street and plaza levels. Excavation was started September 2018, when it was found the sub-surface soil was not structurally suitable for the design.
 - B. A geo-tech engineer had to be hired and the shallow foundation planned, became a pile system. RIOC was required to go to many agencies including TA, Building Dept. etc. for approvals on the new design. No work has occurred during this period.
 - C. Contractor is expected to start work by the end of this year and the project should be completed by the end of 2020, if not sooner. When the first elevator is complete it will be opened and then they will work on the second elevator.
 - D. Terrence McCauley is the new Public Information Officer for RIOC and he introduced himself. He will have all the update on capital construction and will advise the board office of any night time work that may be necessary so the residents can be notified.
- 3. Update on 72nd Street Overlook**
- Tricia drafted a letter from CB 8 to Commissioners Pincar and Castro requesting a meeting to discuss the area and obtaining a MOU. The electeds all signed on and it was just sent today. (Copy Attached)
- 4. Parks Department update by Wesley Hamilton, District Manager.**
- A. Carl Schurz Park: The temporary pathway has been removed and the permanent pathway now goes down to the ferry. THE HILL: They have started to clean off; they will start the landscaping; but there will be no sledding this year, as the vegetation must take hold; it will open in the spring. Fencing still needs to be installed along the sea wall. Hope the equipment will be cleared out soon. They are very close to completion.
 - B. John Jay Park: The construction is moving along, drain lines have been installed.
 - C. Asphalt Green: They received their tree replacements from the Sanitation Dept.
 - D. 24 Sycamores Park: Still waiting for results of the asbestos testing before work can begin.
 - E. Board requested an update on 14 Honey Locust Park and how is that coming along.
- 5. New Business**
- A. There was discussion of moving the committee meeting date to a different Thursday in the month. Tricia will circulate a notice to the board members.
 - B. The committee has been trying to schedule a meeting with the Parks Chair of CB11 on the Esplanade and the Marx Brothers playground.

Tricia Shimamura and Barry Schneider
Co-Chairs, Parks and Waterfront Committee