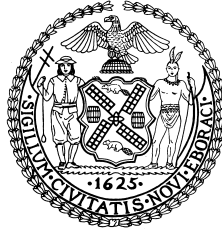


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Parks and Waterfront Committee
NY Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street, Auditorium
February 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM**

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.

Community Board Members (Present): Lowell Barton, Greg Kirschenbaum, Craig Lader, Rita Popper, Tricia Shimamura, Barry Schneider

Community Board Public Members (Present): Judy Schneider

Community Board Members (Excused): Sophia James

Community Board Public Members (Excused): Irma Torres

Resolutions for Approval: Item 2 Unanimous

- The permanent meeting date for this committee has been changed to the 2nd Thursday of the month.**
- Update Presentation on the East River Esplanade reconstruction—Phase 3** by Eric Linsalata and Gabrielle Czernik of the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation (NYC DP&R). They gave an overview of status of the entire Esplanade from 63 to 124th Street. Due to funding constraints, prior work on the Esplanade had been limited to addressing only the worse areas. However thanks to additional funding, the following areas will be completely rehabilitated, with the longest-lasting results (25+ years).
 - Goals are to rehabilitate the existing **E. 62nd-64th** and **E. 90th -94th** Streets structures and extend service life by 25+ years. Currently, these two areas need the greatest amount of repair.
 - They plan to restore deteriorated elements, protect vulnerable elements, replace missing or damaged visible elements, and replace failed structures with new resilient structures.
 - Costs*

<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposed Scope</u>	<u>Cost Estimate</u>	<u>Applied Funds</u>
E 90th - E 94th St	LEVEL 4 Complete Structural Repairs	\$28.5M	\$45.3M Mayoral
E 62nd - E 63rd St	LEVEL 4 Complete Structural Repairs	\$17.8M	\$1M (water service @ 90 th -96 th Street) City Council
			Total: \$46.3M

Actual costs and extents will be will be revised as design is completed and after construction bids.

*Council Member Kallos funded the water service

- Every pile will be looked at individually and brought to a state of good repair, as will the gravity walls.
- 62 -63 Sts. needs some additional coordination with DOT as the work extends under the FDR roadway and causes problems with surrounding land use, flood risk, and local facilities.
- Design completion is expected in April for Phases 2 & 3 simultaneously.
- Permits and approvals should be completed by August. Then Construction Bidding and contracting is the next phase.
- Eric and Gabrielle also spoke about the completed work around Carl Schurz Park/Gracie Mansion and 89/90 Streets.
- Updates on other areas of the Esplanade:
 - ✓ Hospital for Special Surgery will be proposing a beautification project at the Con Ed site (in between 74th and 75th st). There will be a future presentation to our committee.
 - ✓ 68 -70 Sts. was funded by Councilmember Kallos. However, bids came in \$560,000 over budget and the Mayor's funds are covering shortfall. Should start in the fall and take 1 year.
- NYC DP&R will be reporting back on:
 - ✓ Coming back in the future on funding that they will be requesting. It is such an enormous project that all the funds cannot be gotten at one time.
 - ✓ Sink hole reported at Asphalt Green near the FDR.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS the NYC DP&R presented a comprehensive plan for repairs of Phase 3 of the East River Esplanade, and **WHEREAS** the NYC DP&R plan is a complete rehabilitation of the locations from E. 90 - 94 Sts. and E. 62 – E. 63 Streets, and

WHEREAS the work covered by the proposal is urgently needed, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Parks & Waterfront Committee recommends immediate approval of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation's presentation as shown and asks that the NYC DP&R keep Community Board 8 up-to-date on the project.

Approved Board Members: 6-0-0 (Yes: Barton, Kirschenbaum, Lader, Popper, Shimamura, Barry Schneider)

Approved Public Member: 1-0-0 (Yes: Judy Schneider)

The Parks & Waterfront Committee of CB #8, on behalf of the community, recognizes with appreciation the work done by the NYC Parks & Recreation Department to bring the East River Esplanade to a state where it is once again a prized community amenity.

3. Update on 72nd Street Cul-del-sac

- The CB sent a letter to the DPR&R and the DOT asking for a MOU between the two agencies but has not heard back.
- Commissioner Castro has walked the area recently. Steve Simon said he would check with the Commissioner and get back to us.
- Abby Damsky, of Council Member Kallos' office, said they had met with the surrounding neighbors who are in favor of the MOU and would form an active group to look after the location.

4. Update on East River Crew Location (ERC)

- Commissioner Castro did a walk around with ERC and they are actively looking at 99th Street.
- Eric Linsalata and Gabrielle Czernik said they are looking a stretch that is "doable". They don't want to put them someplace and then have to move them in 3 years. Also, they need a spot where the davit can be installed safely and where they can walk from 96th Street. To be followed up.

5. Update on Tramway Park

- RIOC reports that the Tramway project is progressing nicely. The pile installation has been completed and they are scheduled to begin preparations for the foundation during the week of February 10th.
- Work is scheduled to progress until the project's scheduled completion in 2021.

6. Wesley Hamilton with Parks Department Update

- **Honey Locust Park:** Under legal review and hope to have permit next month. Completion should be 2021.

- **St. Catherine's Park:** New Safety Surface under the climbing equipment is in design. This was funded by Council Member Kallos.
- **John Jay Park:** Sitting Area is pending award to contractor. Hopefully work will start in the Spring. The Cat Bird area is progressing nicely and is on track.

7. Discussion of Ruppert Park Re-design and Construction Facilities for March Meeting

- Co-Chair Schneider said everyone should get the word out to as many people as possible about this meeting. We would like to hear from the entire community about their thoughts and dreams for the park.
- Co-Chair Schneider also said there could be some money available from our State Assembly Member Dan Quart. We need to go to all our electeds to raise funds for this project.

Future Months:

Dog Forum,

Report by Meredith Ballew on Friends of East River Esplanade,

Continued follow up on Greenway & AHG Phase IIB & Phase III,

Joint presentation with Transportation on the ferry service in our CD,

Update Report by Central Park Conservancy on Harlem Meer/Pool/Rink,

Update Report by NYC DP&R on Esplanade.

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