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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee*
Thursday, January 21, 2021 – 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom

Minutes:

1. Agenda Approved with amendment.
2. **COVID-19 Community Conversations** presentation by Aldo Cano Trevino from New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Presentation includes institutional racism discussion, anxiety, and grief. Giving people resources and encourages people to think about and discuss what they are doing for their mental health. Presentations are done in multiple languages. Prescheduling is groups of 10 or more is necessary.

3. **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright** and her exciting appointments.

Her advocacy for Landlord legislations and rent forgiveness. Advocating for Covid-19 sites particularly on Roosevelt Island. Working with State Finance Committee to get a bank on Roosevelt Island.

4. **Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation Capital Projects and updates by Acting President Shelton Haynes**

Roosevelt Islands Free Rapid Testing Site opened Wed-Sat. Emphasis working with the community too in new outreach. Manhattan Side Tram elevator status. Motorgate improvements status 6 electrical car charging points added. McManus Field Update. Nelly Bly construction delays due to Covid-19. Hope Memorial completed opening delayed. Youth Center almost completed. Brian Correia thanked RIOC for setting up free testing site. Lowell Barton asked about contractors for sea wall rate of pay. Roosevelt Island Zero Impact efforts community collaboration. Supporting Composting and Big Reuse site under the 59th street Bridge.

5. Roosevelt Island Bridge bike lane Updates from DOT reviewing and costing.

6. **Status of the Coler Task Force update**

Joint letter from Taskforce and Elected official and Rally was successful in stopping medical facility for treating covid-19 active patients from being reopened there. Getting more

information about Covid-19 immunization. Figure out how to get Mental Health Community Conversation available to residents they have done so in other like facilities. Next steps try to do a pilot at Coler with the Mental Health Community.

7. Old Business

- Gale Brewer reviewing and setting up new Taskforce addressing Helicopter fly over issue.

8. New Business – None.

Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair

**Joint Meeting with Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee*