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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Thursday, March 18, 2021 – 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

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.

Minutes:

Present: Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Billy Freeland, Craig Lader, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Barbara Rudder, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Judy Berdy (Public Member)

Resolutions for Approval:

Item 3 – Bike Ramp Addition

Item 6 – Parks Licensing Agreement for Space under Queensboro Bridge (Unanimous)

1. **Roosevelt Island Bridge bike lane action plan and outreach** – Joint item with Transportation Committee
Due to the confusion with the multiple Bike Initiatives an explanation was made to differentiate the two main bike projects that are separate but will impact each other.
 - a. Resurfacing of the bike lane on the Roosevelt Island Bridge to create a safer bike experience entering Roosevelt Island.
 - b. Bike Ramp addition to existing Helix for greater safety for biking down to the street level of Roosevelt Island.
2. The Bike lane on the Bridge is currently being costed by DOT and we are awaiting their estimates to then address where to get the funding for the resurfacing. We have asked Councilman Ben Kallos to help us get this project expedited and look forward to a report.
3. RIOC Bike Ramp presentation by engineer Prince Shaw. Questions about lighting and positioning of existing elements post project and the minimal impact on Community were commented as well as the emphasis on safety. Per community input, the project has the Bike Ramp end on the to be created Perimeter Bike lane that in full completion will fully encompass Roosevelt Island. The Bike Ramp and Bike lane perimeter project is being paid for with Federal Funding. Addressing how to enforce Bike lane safety is in review. Goal to have appropriate signage to encourage engagement with local business. Resolution in support of the Project. Currently no impact on Vehicular traffic planned.

Resolution in Support of Bike Ramp addition to the Roosevelt Island Helix and the first phase of a bike path on the Eastern Side of the Roosevelt Island:

Whereas: the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation has received Federal funds for this project

Whereas: This project is in keeping with a City-Wide effort to encourage the ridership and use of bikes.

Whereas: This contributes to the ecologically sound initiative that many Roosevelt Islanders and New Yorkers' support

Whereas: We also urge that any and all means will be employed by the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation State and Local Officials to expedite this project.

Therefore, be it Resolved: That Community Board 8 Manhattan Supports the Proposal as Presented by RIOC

Be it Further Resolved that we urge all appropriate entities to expedite its construction and completion.

VOTE: 7 In Favor; 1 Against; 0 Abstaining; 0 Not Voting for Cause

4. The Roosevelt Island Disabled Association Pantry serving approximately 220 Roosevelt Island Residents. They have been supporting the food insufficient residents for a year with the food pantry they created.
5. Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation Capital Projects Presentation by John O'Reilly CFO. Youth Center opening soon. Sports Park Renovation's starting soon, this will be a phased project to cause as little interruptions as possible. Hope Memorial opening to be scheduled. South Point park remediation under budget and ahead of schedule. Elevator Project Manhattan Tramway Plaza behind schedule due to delays in receipt of glass. RIOC offices moving from 591 Main St. location to be determined approximately 15 people to be moved.
6. Resolution in support of Parks Department extending the Licensing agreement to Big ReUse and send a letter to the Parks Commissioner.

Whereas; Both Community Boards 1 and 2 in Queens Support this Licensing Extension and it is of a benefit to the entire City of New York's Parks.

Whereas; Big ReUse has been a partner with the Roosevelt Island Compost initiative for 6 years and just under 80 tons of food scraps have been turned into compost from Roosevelt Island alone and that has directly benefited all of New York City's Parks.

Whereas; the Roosevelt Island Community has prioritized its Zero Waste initiatives and its collaboration with Haki Composting and Be ReUse and they are a major part of this effort and that this effort has continued even during the Pandemic.

Whereas; we believe that the cutbacks in Sanitation due to the Pandemic Crisis have detrimentally effected environmentally sound initiatives and we believe that preserving this composting site at all costs will help move the City back on track before the Pandemic Crisis creates a further Ecological Crisis in our City.

Be It Resolved; that we The Roosevelt Island Committee of Community Board 8 Manhattan and the Board Support the Parks Department extending a Licensing agreement with Big ReUse under the Queensboro Bridge at its current site indefinitely.

VOTE: 5 In Favor; 0 Against; 0 Abstaining; 0 Not voting for Cause

7. Cornell Collaboration with the Residents of Coler and the Residents of the Community through the Maker Lab "Craft at Large" a Cornell presentation by Niti Parikh and Jane Swanson. Out of which came this amazing collaboration called "I Can Breathe Map Keyboard" a permanent installation at Cornell which was a nine-week project with artist Var portraits at Coler and other artist from the community.
 - a. Vince Pierce the founder of Nursing Home Lives Matter and resident at Coler Nursing Home presentation of the Twilight Vigil held on Saturday March 13th in memory of those who were lost and kept in isolation for one year. Beautiful and moving presentation.

Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair