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**The City of New York**  
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**  
**Roosevelt Island Committee**  
**Thursday, May 20, 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, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Judy Berdy (Public Member)

**Resolutions for Approval:**

**Item 5 – Additional doorway and turnstiles to the Roosevelt Island Subway**

1. **Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation Capital Projects Presentation by John O'Reilly Chief Financial Officer.** South Point Park Rip Rap Revetment, Sports Park Renovation, Manhattan Tram Platform Elevator, Dark Fiber Connectivity Phase One and Two, Motergate Repair, McManus Field Comfort Station, Lighthouse Tower Renovation, Nelly Bly Memorial, Hope Memorial, Blackwell House, Youth Center Renovation Completed, AVAC up grade, Blackwell Plaza pavers redo, Light House Park Expansion open Green Park space behind Coler RFP being sent out, the Dollar Sculpture to be placed on western side of Island self-funded. Starting a conversation to save the Renwick Ruins and create a Covid Memorial there or a First Responders Memorial. Repaving of Roosevelt Island Bridge bike lane costing moving forward with DOT. Start conversation to renovate our Senior Center to the level of Youth Center and Sports Park.
2. **Roosevelt Island Public Safety Department discussion on Community Policing Anthony Amoroso Deputy Director of PSD.** Condolences to the man who passed away at Sports Park. Two officers passed away from Covid with 19 officers contracting it. Focus on Education, Engineering and Enforcement. Changes in Laws regarding Marijuana and impact on community. New trainings that deal with De-escalation as an approach to Community Policing. Working towards getting input from Community through meetings and ticketing program. Major focus on new training and reform. New training in Disability Awareness very important for Roosevelt Island's unique population. Roosevelt Island is the Safest Neighborhood in New York City this has happened even during the Pandemic's escalation of Crime. Working on Bike Safety as ridership increases and issues of safe biking are escalating in the Community. Working on Community awareness with Dog ownership and rules with they are trying to educate new or uniformed community members and have increased summons to chronic offenders. Extended Homeless outreach. Adding to the officers who are on bike patrol. Working on Community Training active shooter, self-defense, and other training ideas. Planning to meet with Building managers on Marijuana issues and Homeless Issues. Ticketing System "TIKIT" is for all Roosevelt Island issues including PSD issues.
3. **Presentation and Discussion on Rank Choice Voting with Rebecca Weintraub** also early voting at Sports Park here on Roosevelt Island.
4. **Status of the Coler Task Force, Russell Squire Chair Coler Taskforce** visitation is going on and they are using day passes to go out. We are trying to get answers from the DOH on guidance and keeping up with the CDC. They will continue to try and make improvements. Coler will have vaccines on site.

## **5. Old Business**

- a. Additional doorway and turnstiles to the Roosevelt Island Subway station “Starbuck’s Entrance” to our existing Station Resolution.

### **Resolution:**

**WHEREAS**, the Roosevelt Island MTA Station has one main entrance which includes, one ADA activated door to the outside and two push open doors to the outside and once in the station having three turnstiles and one attendant activated door. Which do not successfully deal with the station when it is over crowded and in fact creates an unsafe situation due to outgoing and incoming riders having to push past each other to exit or enter and,

**WHEREAS**, those entering riders and those exiting riders continually cross paths and impeded inflow and outflow of safe pedestrian traffic creating unsafe situations and,

**WHEREAS**, the station is large enough to accommodate additional doorways on the north side of the station (near Starbucks) where currently there are windows, this would eliminate cross traffic and create a safer flow of riders entering and exiting the station and,

**WHEREAS**, overcrowding in the station in 2019 created an unsafe and hazardous situation that came close to being catastrophically unsafe and made national headlines because of the unsafe situation.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we respectfully request the MTA add one additional outside push door and one additional ADA door and two additional turnstiles with an additional ADA entrance door directly adjacent to the interior elevator on the North Side of the Station so that Manhattan bound riders and Queens bound riders will be able to enter and exit the station safely no matter how many people use the station at one time.

**VOTE:** 4-0-0-0

In Favor: Strong-Shinozaki, Squire, Tamayo, Berdy

## **6. New Business – No new business**

*Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair*