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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Thursday, July 15, 2021 – 6:30 PM
*This meeting was conducted remotely via Zoom***

Minutes:

CB8 Members Present: Sharon Pope-Marshall, Barbara Rudder, Barry Schneider, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, Judy Berdy (Public Member)

1. Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation Capital Projects Presentation by John O'Reilly, Chief Financial Officer.

July is Disability Pride Month and there will be a **Hope Memorial Presentation and Ribbon Cutting** on Saturday July the 17th 2021. Our Elected officials and community will celebrate. Please stop by and take a look.



*Franklin Delano Roosevelt presented in a wheelchair reaching out to a little girl who was also impacted by Polio.
Photos by Irina Hage Island Images*

South Point Park rip-raf - This project will be completed on the East Side of the island. The north end is in need of a railing. They are a couple of months ahead on the completion and should be done this fall. At the west side rip-raf the overlook is almost completed and is a beautiful viewing spot for the east side of

Manhattan and the UN. This project is on time and currently under budget to be completed between October and November.

Manhattan Elevator Project - The Eastern side of the elevator should be completed soon with the demolition of the old elevator most likely completed this fall. This project has had a year-long delay due to the pandemic.

Sports Park Renovation Project - This project is on time. Phase one to be completed in August currently under budget.

Jack McManus Field - The comfort station is awaiting DOB signoff approval.

Motor Gate Renovations - RIOC renovation completed. Manhattan Park Renovations to begin on water proofing etc. Coordination with the shared project is happening weekly.

North End - Work has begun in Lighthouse Park and preparation for the Nellie Bly Monument should be completed by October 2021.

Youth Center - There have been 75 participants this summer.

Bike Ramp - This is still in the design phase.

2. **Update on RI Bridge Resurfacing for bike lane** - We have received funding through Ben Kallos' office for this project. (Update from Colleen Chattergoon of DOT: They have confirmed the funding for this project and construction is projected for Spring of 2022. The material is a specialty item and work will begin when the panels are available to DOT. Official announcement to come.)
3. **Graduate Hotel Opening presentation by Christina Dalal, Director of Sales, Graduate Hotel Roosevelt Island** - Opened in June, it is the 29th hotel in a Collage community. The Fly Boy big sculpture in the Lobby, where 5000 feet of books and history of the island is depicted, represents curiosity and inquisitiveness.

Restaurants - Anything at all is available. They are open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, but the top floor restaurant and bar are not open yet. There is also a panorama room. Sustainability initiatives hope to be rated soon. Could they have a section of Books dedicated to Roosevelt Island authors? Yes, they would love to add them. Come and see our new gem which was highlighted in the most recent issue of Vogue Magazine.
4. **Status of the Coler Task Force** - We are working on some issues with the disappearance of Property. Coler has passed all its certifications and there is no more weekly testing. Residents are allowed out and visitors are able to visit.
5. Old Business - There was no old business.
6. New Business - There was no old business.

Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair