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The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan Roosevelt Island Committee Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 6:30 PM This meeting was conducted via Zoom

## Agenda:

- 1. Update from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office by Cory Hansson.
  - a. Early Voting on the Island at Sports Park
  - b. Open House on Roosevelt Island in October for enticing a Bank to Roosevelt Island.
  - c. Community stakeholders to attend.

## 2. RIOC Capital Projects update by John O'Reilly and Prince Shaw

- a. Sports Park renovation scheduled to be completed Fall 2022 most importantly ADA updates.
- b. Light House Tower restoration with energy conservative LED lights.
- c. Nellie Bly Monument "the Girl Puzzle" please see the Website: thegirlpuzzle.com
- d. Blackwell Park Pavers Improvement Project readjusting for ADA compliance and sidewalk expansion redoing Blackwell Plaza to update and remove unsafe pavers.
- e. Manhattan Tram Station Elevators
  - i. East-side elevator to open eminently
  - ii. Elevator Two in progress.
- f. McManus Welcome Station open it is family friendly a green roof, seating updated to accommodate more spectators. More accommodating as a park space.
- g. Discussion with John O'Reilly on Sports Park and Design Elements. Traffic study for main street how best to move traffic from the public school to Blackwell House corridor. RIOC is focusing on deliveries and potential management and speed control. Traffic Study to be comprehensive.

3. **New Subway Entrance Presentation** per CB8M's resolution to the MTA June of 2020, what this new subway entrance could look like by Prince from RIOC and CB8M's Roosevelt Island Committee Chair on the collaboration for the proposal of the new entrance for the current station. Presentation sent to the MTA.

4. **Discussion on growing homeless population on Roosevelt Island** proposal to invite Public Saftey Chef to come and discuss how they are currently being managed. Possible solutions to investigate. Get experts to talk to us about how to address our Homeless situation.

- 5. Discussion on Roosevelt Landings leases for RIDA and Carter Burden sub-leased by Hudson Related. Investigate the Legal aspects to help facilitate them getting leases.
- 6. Old Business

## 7. New Business

a. New East-West Road discussion with the goal of getting community response and potential input to move forward to a resolution for a North-East west road. At the North End of the Island we need a straight through East-West road. We had an East-West Road that was removed during the construction of Octagon. We are proposing extending the current ½ road at the top of McManus field

b. Help facilitate getting the Omni for the Tram we are currently a low priority, and this creates a problem for community members who do commute because they are unable to transfer and are paying double fairs. We would like to encourage RIOC and Elected's to move us up on the MTA Omni priority list. We would like to encourage community input to move forward with a motion for a Resolution to the MTA.

Respectfully submitted,

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