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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:30pm
This meeting was conducted via Zoom**

AGENDA

1. **Amended Agenda**
2. **Speaker Deputy Leader of the State Senate, Senator Michael Granaries. He talked about redistricting and its impact on Roosevelt Island.** The state budget is in good shape supported by aide because of the pandemic. There is funding for schools in the city and support for housing and colleges. Working on establishing a pedestrian walkway on the Queensboro Bridge and resurfacing the whole upper roadway which will include closers.
3. **Presentation by Amanda Matthews Sculptor of “The Girl Puzzle”, the new monument at the north end of Roosevelt Island.** She discusses the ladies who are represented in the monument. Roosevelt Island gets to tell the story differently about who is represented with a national monument. This monument is telling more of the real story of America’s diversity. It conveys Nellie Bly’s legacy across the world in advocating for those unheard in society. The back of the faces conveys her writing and the scars/welds of the woman and how hard it was for them to tell their stories, also representing those who suffered. This monument represents in many ways how our humanity is equal. The balls represent the amplification of our voices. Like Bly, we need people to dare greatly, speak truth to power, help dismantle systems of oppression, and proclaim loudly that we all deserve equality in dignity and rights. “While I live, I hope.” This quote touched me profoundly. One of the largest world sculptures.
4. **Update on Capital Projects from Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation by Prince Shah Assistant Director of Capital Projects.**
 1. **Projects Completed in 2021:** South Point Park Rip Rap project completed. Hope Memorial opened, Blackwell Park pavers renovation and fountain repaired. Youth Center opened. Manhattan Tram Project East elevator opened. Motor gate repair project completed. McManus Welcome Station opened with a green roof. The Girl Puzzle Monument opened.

2. **Projects Planned for 2022:** The additional tram elevator to be completed. The Tram Park to be opened in spring. Sports park renovation in progress. The lighthouse renovation.
5. **Update on Coler Taskforce:** Coler has a new CEO, Steven Catullo.
6. **Status of Resurfacing on Roosevelt Island Bridge is now in the bridge division of the DOT and we are awaiting the scheduling.**
7. **Old Business**
 - a. Cornell Parking and Traffic study we are asking that they move forward.
 - b. East West Road above McManus Field go all the way through and become a full east west road. The original East West road that was lost was road 10.
 - c. Omni for our Tram.
 - d. Additional doorway on the north side of our MTA station.
 - e. The recovery of green spaces behind Coler.
8. **New Business**

Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Chair