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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Pavilion Task Force
April 20, 2023, 6:30pm
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

MINUTES:

CB Members Present: Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michelle Birnbaum, Loraine Brown, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Felice Farber, Ed Hartzog, John McClement, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald, Shari Weiner,

Item 1: Presentation by Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) surgical and nursing leaders on the purposes and functions of the new MSK Pavilion and plan for addressing questions raised at the Zoning and Development Committee Meeting on March 28, 2023

Dr. Drebin, acting president of the hospital discussed the growth in rates of cancer and the need for increased capacity of the cancer center and focused on the purpose and necessity of the Pavilion.

Dr. Ginger Gardner, Surgeon and Medical Director of Patient Flow Command Center discussed the need for the new pavilion to meet the patients' needs. Discussed increasing number of cancer patients and the need for a new pavilion to provide care of cancer patients. Discussed increasing number of cancer patients and the need for a new pavilion to provide care of cancer patients.

Yessenia Valentin-Salgado, Director of Nursing for Perioperative Services (perioperative services refers to nurses who work in operating rooms, pre-operative, and recovery rooms) also discussed patient care. Shelly Friedman

Discussion and Comments:

- With the growth rate projected for new cancer cases, questions and comments were raised about the need for preventive care for the community.
- The building is not a replacement, rather it is an extension because MSK is not at, but is close to capacity.
- For the existing building MSK is hoping to renovate one floor per year (approximately 25 patient beds).
- The total number of new hospital beds has to be approved by NYS Dept of Health, therefore MSK could not provide definitive information the increase in the number of rooms.
- MSK noted that single rooms are better for immune-suppressed patients and is the industry standard.
- The building has been designed from the inside out. Core need is for 28 operating rooms, which generates a need for approximately 200 beds, which then need additional support space to support the operating rooms.
- New operating rooms are needed to meet the increased demand and larger operating rooms are needed to provide the space of all the new technology.

- The patient rooms are “not luxurious”. They are being designed with patients and their families in mind, MSK said.
- More care is handled in an outpatient setting. As a result, more of the inpatient care of is for the sickest patients.
- The new Pavilion will not house any doctor’s offices or outpatient space.
- Concern was expressed about the elimination of 150 housing units and MSK was questioned about plans to build additional housing in the area. The MSK stated that their current inventory of contracted housing will be sufficient to absorb the housing being lost. “The net migration will be Zero or close to it”
- Concern was also raised about the impact the loss of MSK housing would have on other competing housing demands and affordability issues in the neighborhood.
- Most of the patients at MSK are from the metropolitan area.
- There are no zoning or building code regulations that mandate the size or configuration of hospital rooms.
- MSK website will include links to all of the 2001 related documents on their [website](https://www.mskcc.org/locations/new-pavilion) < <https://www.mskcc.org/locations/new-pavilion> >.

The next task force meeting is scheduled for May 4 and will focus on architectural and programmatic responses to stated needs.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Anthony Cohn & Felice Farber, Co-Chairs