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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Roosevelt Island Committee  
Monday, March 4, 2024 - 6:30 PM  
Conducted remotely on Zoom.**

**MINUTES:**

Present: Judith Berdy (Public Member), Paul Krikler, and James Starace (Public Member).

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 30

**Item 1 – RIOC Update**

RIOC Update provided by Bryant Daniels, Director of Communications for RIOC. The next RIOC Operations Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 6th at 4 PM at the Good Shepherd Chapel, with an agenda that includes updates on the state of repairs for the island's Z bricks (including repairs to the sea wall at Lighthouse Park), tram swinging, McManus soccer field, AVAC, and the Red Bus Fleet. Bryant Daniels spoke about the upcoming RIOC newsletter, with information including details about a profile on Judith Berdy, summer activities scheduled, and other calendar events.

Bryant Daniels presented a slideshow update on the Red Bus Fleet, including requirements for the maintenance of the buses and its shuttle service stops during the F train repairs. Also presented was information about the purchase of two new diesel buses, the costs of the buses, and their environmental benefits.

Judith Berdy requested an update on the status of elevator repairs in the Good Shepherd Church, and Bryant Daniels responded with details about the issues involved with the repairs and an assurance that it will be resolved as soon as possible.

**Item 2 (29 minutes in) – Introducing The Citizen Project, whose aim is to leverage technology to better serve our community. The technology platform they are building is based on a community-driven, bottom-up approach, where RI residents are an integral part of designing and developing solutions to urban challenges.**

Paul Krikler introduced Kaushal Shah, who discussed and presented a slideshow for The Citizen Project, whose aim is to leverage technology to better serve the community. The platform they are building is based on a community driven bottom-up approach, where RI residents are an integral part of designing and developing solutions to urban challenges such as acclimation to the island, help with challenges, and providing feedback as organizations connect with, work with, and assist residents.

Bryant Daniels thanked Rebecca Seawright's office for their assistance with communication with DOT to get pothole repairs done on the RI Bridge.

Dhruvika Amin spoke about the cost and acquisition of the Bus Fleet.

**Item 3 (1 hour in) – Creating Miyawaki Method Pocket Forest in Southpoint Park, Roosevelt Island (presented by iDig2Learn)**

Paul Krikler introduced Christina Delfico from iDig2Learn. A slideshow was presented detailing the many community projects Christina has been involved in across the island and with the community, the latest project being the Akira Miyawaki Pocket Garden that will be planted in Southpoint Park in April.

**Item 4 – Old Business**

No items of Old Business were discussed.

**Item 5 – New Business**

No items of New Business were discussed

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.

**Paul Krikler, Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee**