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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Monday, July 1, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom.**

MINUTES:

Present: Judith Berdy (Public Member), Paul Krikler, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Valerie S. Mason, James Starace, and TJ Stein.

Absent: Barbara Rudder.

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 47

Paul Krikler, Chairman, welcomed all attendees to the meeting (1:29) and introduced Bryant Daniels, Director of Communications of RIOC.

Item 1 – (01:58 minutes in) RIOC Updates

Bryant Daniels introduced himself and detailed the current leadership structure of RIOC with the departure of Gerrald Ellis, former Deputy General Counsel and former head of the RIOC interim leadership team. Mr. Daniels informed attendees of the present leadership team in place. Mr. Daniels assured attendees that RIOC is continuing to work on the day-to-day quality of life issues as always. Mr. Daniels began detailing the status of the Red Bus service, the delivery of new buses, and problems with the Octagon Express service. Mr. Daniels spoke about community working groups. Coler Berm and Main Street redesign will be next, with announcements to follow for community working groups. Mr. Daniels announced that the upcoming movie series at Southpoint Park will begin on July 12th. Mr. Daniels announced the National Night Out Against Crime spearheaded by PSD, with an announcement to follow. Mr. Daniels thanked all participants in the Juneteenth event and Roosevelt Island Day. Mr. Daniels concluded the update. Paul Krikler asked Mr. Daniels to pass along thanks and best wishes to Gerrald Ellis.

Item 2 – (10:00 minutes in) Oversight and Representation on Roosevelt Island - with State Senator Liz Krueger and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

Krikler introduced State Senator Liz Krueger and Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright and the topic of Governance and Representation. Paul Krikler described the process of obtaining signatures throughout the neighborhood for a petition to request direct elections of the Board of Directors of RIOC. Paul Krikler described the process by which the State appoints Directors to the Board.

Rebecca Seawright introduced herself with salutations to local members of the community. Ms. Seawright described her history of advocating for Roosevelt Island. Ms. Seawright invited all attendees to attend a Shred a Thon on August 22, 2024. Ms. Krueger introduced herself and her representative, Audrey Tannen, her district manager of District 28. Ms. Krueger discussed the process of obtaining support in Albany about local issues on Roosevelt Island, and Ms. Krueger described her thoughts about how Roosevelt Island residents' issues are dealt with by the Governor and legislature in Albany and quality of life issues on Roosevelt Island that have inspired the petition to elect the Board of Directors to the RIOC Board. A question-and-answer session continued for the remainder of the meeting.

Paul Krikler thanked Liz Krueger and Rebecca Seawright for attending the meeting.

Item 3 – Old Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

Item 4 – New Business

No items of New Business were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Paul Krikler, Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee