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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Monday, September 9, 2024 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom.**

MINUTES:

Present: Judith Berdy (Public Member), Sharon Pope-Marshall, James Starace (Public Member).

Absent: Paul Krikler and Barbara Rudder.

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 20

James Starace welcomed all attendees to the meeting and Introduced Bryant Daniels, Director of Communications of RIOC.

Item 1 – (06:43 minutes in) RIOC Updates

Bryant Daniels introduced himself and began the update on community affairs. Wed. September 11, RIOC will have its annual ceremony honoring those who lost their lives on 9/11 at 8:30 am. Bryant Daniels mentioned Fall for The Arts Festival on Saturday, September 14th, and, in partnership with RIVA Gallery, will present the works of community members on the meditation lawn. This year, there will be jazz music offered, as well as in two sessions at the Library Plaza.

Mr. Daniels began the discussion about Roosevelt Island's Red Buses. Mr. Daniels thanked Senator Liz Kruger for reaching out to the MTA Chair to get assistance getting the fleet back on the road and up and running during the wait for the new buses. RIOC is trying to make sure they have at least 3 buses on the road during the morning and evening rush hour. Bryant Daniels mentioned E-bikes and electric scooter initiatives to crack down on reckless driving around the island.

Item 2 – (37:30 minutes in) Library Updates

James Starace introduced Librarian Brandon Korosh. Brandon Korosh thanked Paul Krikler and Community Board 8 for giving him a monthly slot to discuss the library and its activities. Mr. Korosh discussed the bands playing at the Library during Fall for The Arts festival on September 14th, 2024. Mr. Korosh mentioned that Judy Berdy will be hosting "Roosevelt Island at 50" on September 17th at 6:30 PM at the library and the annual Library Open House Week on September 18th with two toddler story times, at 10:15 AM and 11:15 AM with games for kids after school in the library back yard, and button making for teenagers to participate in. Mr. Korosh introduced the links with which to see events on the site. Judith Berdy announced (42:55) the flower show at FDR Four Freedoms Park, including a greenhouse with 100,000 flowers free and open to the public this coming weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Item 3 – (41:50 minutes in) Community Updates

James Starace introduced community updates. Brandon Korosh mentioned that on September 28th in the community room, Cornell Tech will host a discussion about the upcoming election cycle at 3:00 PM. Judith Berdy announced (42:55) that the flower show at FDR Four Freedoms Park includes a greenhouse with 100,000 flowers free and open to the public this coming weekend, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Item 4 – (44:10 minutes in) The Citizen Project – Launch Demo with Kaushal Shah

James Starace introduced Kaushal Shah, founder of The Citizen Project. Mr. Shah presented a slide show with the app's features displayed. Mr. Shah described the many ways the app will work with highlights featuring transportation locations and events and event locations. Mr. Shah described the way the app will work, with Red Bus Transportation.

James Starace mentioned the upcoming celebration of Israel Wengerd on Saturday, September 28th, at 2:30 PM. Paul Krikler, James Starace, and Amanda Brown (PTA President for PS/IS 217 on Roosevelt Island) will honor Mr. Wengerd for his 35 years of dedicated service to our community in providing us with a weekly Farmer's Market with a surprise from school children and anyone from the community who wishes to participate, at the Farmer's Market at the Good Shepherd Chapel.

Item 5 – Old Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

Item 6– 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