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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Monday, April 7, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom.**

MINUTES:

Present: Paul Krikler, Sharon Pope Marshall, James Starace (Public Member), TJ Stein, and Marco Tamayo

Absent: Amy Namdar (Public Member; Excused)

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 8

Introduction (2:11)

Paul Krikler welcomed attendees to the meeting and introduced Bryant Daniels, Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC) Director of Communications & Community Affairs.

Item 1 – RIOC Update (3:36)

Bryant Daniels announced cherry blossom season being in bloom on Roosevelt Island. RIOC held a community prep meeting to deal with the expected uptick of visitors to the island. Mr. Daniels announced that for the month of April, RIOC is running a weekend shuttle to Manhattan from the tram station from 11am to 7pm on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be additional Public Safety Officers during the month of April keeping an eye on the volume of visitors for cherry blossom season.

Item 2 – Library Updates (6:45)

No New Business to announce.

Item 3 – Community Updates (7:00)

Paul Krikler introduced Rossana Ceruzzi. Rossana Ceruzzi announced that rat poison has been killing various wildlife besides the rats. Ms. Ceruzzi described finding 5 dead squirrels around the 405, 415, and 425 Main Street area of Roosevelt Island. Mr. Daniels described how RIOC has been looking into the issue and stated that RIOC has paused on its rat poison operations temporarily and how RIOC approached local buildings and the Department of Environmental Conservation. Mr. Daniels informed that RIOC has reached out to local buildings about the placement of their rat poison traps. Three action items:

1. James Starace and Rossana Ceruzzi to email David Kramer at DEC to ask him to make sure their building staff are doing what they should.
2. Jeff Kloythanomsup to create an e-flyer of how to contact DEC and what to tell / show them.
3. Rossana Ceruzzi to circulate details of an ultrasonic deterrent to be used in place of poison.

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 (34:00) at 7:04 PM.

Paul Krikler, Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee