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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Roosevelt Island Committee  
Monday, February 2, 2026 - 6:30 PM  
Conducted remotely on Zoom**

*Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee co-chairs to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolution is discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.*

**MINUTES:**

**Present:** Paul Krikler, Sharon Pope-Marshall, James Starace\*, Jeff Kloythanomsup\*, and Todd Stein.

*\*Public Member*

**Approximate Number of Public Attendees:** 31

Paul Krikler welcomed all attendees to the meeting (2:20) and thanked Amy Namdar for her service on the CB8 Public committee for Roosevelt Island for the last year. Mr. Krikler then welcomed Jeff Kloythanomsup and Jimmy Starace as Public Members of the committee for 2026.

**Item 1 – RIOC Update (2:46)**

Paul Krikler introduced Bryant Daniels, Director of Communications of RIOC

- Bryant Daniels announced that the AVAC system on the east side of the island has been out for weeks for remediation work and to remove a piece jamming the system. The east side line has remained offline since then because another jam occurred in another building on the east side.
- Mr. Daniels described some issues and that RIOC is continuing to work to resolve the problem.
- Mr. Daniels discussed the demolition of the steam plant (6:00). RIOC is in touch with New York City and their handling of the demolition and the various issues with communication RIOC is having with the city.
- Mr. Daniels announced the purchase of a second hybrid red bus (7:20). He announced there should be 2 new hybrid buses on the island by the end of 2026.

**Item 2 – Library Updates (8:10)**

Paul Krikler introduced Librarian Kate Federiconi with the library update.

- Paul Krikler introduced Kate Federiconi, manager of the Roosevelt Island Public Library. Ms. Federiconi announced the branch will be closed on Presidents Day, February 16th.
- Ms. Federiconi announced the branch's new "Trending Now" section (8:35) which includes the latest titles in books and movies.
- Ms. Federiconi announced the new "All Access to the New York Times" at the library online through the WiFi (9:00).
- The children's room now has a color-coded board book section. She announced three new programs (10:00): The Teen Book Club starting this month, February 11th at 5:00 PM. Wednesday February 25th at

6:30 PM, local author Rina Shaw will debut her new book "Every Happiness" with a reading and Q&A to follow.

### **Item 3 – Community Updates (11:55)**

Paul Krikler Introduced Judy Berdy of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society. Judy Berdy thanked Kate Federiconi for the folder she sends out each month listing all of their programs for every age group. Ms. Berdy announced starting in April that the Historical Society's program is coming back featuring three women authors to be announced later and will be well worth attending.

### **Item 4 – Unhoused neighbors on Roosevelt Island: Safety, compassion, concerns, practical steps, and the state of homelessness around NYC - Dan Sadlier (15:00)**

Paul Krikler Introduced Dan Sadlier of City Relief to discuss our unhoused neighbors on Roosevelt Island: safety, compassion, concerns, practical steps, and the state of homelessness around NYC (15:00).

Mr. Sadlier introduced himself and described his time on Roosevelt Island with his family. Mr. Sadlier described his work with City Relief (16:00) and conducted a Q & A with meeting participants.

### **Item 5 – Steam Plant Demolition - Judy Berdy and Zora Boyadzhiev (55:30)**

- Paul Krikler introduced Judy Berdy and Zora Boyadzhieva (55:30).
- Zora Boyadzhieva introduced herself and described her life on Roosevelt Island and her involvement in local organization Community Alliance and her history of involvement in the steam plant demolition.
- Paul Krikler introduced Judy Berdy (1:07:41).
- Ms. Berdy recommends a resolution to be brought before the Community Board to demand information and action about the steam plant demolition.
- Mr. Krikler introduced Tibor Krisko (1:09:45).
- Mr. Krisko discussed the resolution that was created. (Mr. Krikler did a roll call of the members of CB8 Roosevelt Island Committee. [1:20:40] for the vote on the resolution to stop the work on steam plant demolition which passed 5-0. Mr. Krikler described what the process is for bringing the resolution to the Community Board meeting for the full board.

**WHEREAS** the City is proceeding toward demolition of the former steam power plant located at 5 East Main Street, New York, NY 10044, a major industrial structure situated in immediate proximity to residences and key public infrastructure on Roosevelt Island; and

**WHEREAS** public statements indicate demolition will commence in the near term as part of a broader planning effort for the future of the site; and

**WHEREAS** public reporting indicates that an emergency order has been cited as a basis for demolition and that HPD is managing the work for this City-owned structure; and

**WHEREAS** Roosevelt Island's geography and constrained access routes mean that demolition activity—especially trucking, staging, dust-generating work, vibration, and noise—can have outsized impacts on resident health, safety, daily mobility, and emergency access; and

**WHEREAS** residents and stakeholders have reported that key information has not been made readily available in a timely, centralized, and responsive manner, including (but not limited to): the demolition scope and sequencing, contractor selection and oversight approach, hazardous-material survey findings and abatement plans, air/noise/vibration monitoring plans, and transportation/logistics plans (including debris removal methods); and

**WHEREAS** residents are very concerned about exposure to noxious and toxic materials from the emergency demolition work already started; and

**WHEREAS** residents and stakeholders have also raised concerns that reasonable alternatives to full demolition may not have been transparently presented, evaluated, or compared through a public, evidence-based cost/benefit and risk/mitigation process (including stabilization, partial deconstruction, façade retention, or other approaches that could reduce near-term harms while preserving optionality for future site planning);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan opposes proceeding with demolition as currently structured and communicated, and calls upon HPD, in coordination with relevant City and State agencies, to pause any demolition work beyond immediate, narrowly tailored safety stabilization; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges that any final decision-making for the site—including whether components of the structure could be adaptively reused or preserved—occur only within a planning process that clearly centers the short- and long-term interests of Roosevelt Island residents and the broader community.

**ADOPTED** by a vote of 5-0-0

**In favor:** Paul Krikler, Sharon Pope-Marshall, James Starace\*, Jeff Kloythanomsup\*, Todd Stein

**Item 6 – Old Business**

No items of Old Business were discussed.

**Item 7 – New Business**

No items of Old Business were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

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