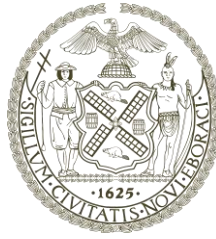


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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Roosevelt Island Committee
Monday, May 4, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom**

MINUTES:

Present: Jeff Kloythanomsup*, Paul Krikler, and Todd Stein.

**Public Member*

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 18

Paul Krikler welcomed all attendees to the meeting.

Item 1 – RIOC Update (2:47)

Paul Krikler introduced Bryant Daniels, Assistant Vice President, Communications & Government Affairs at the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOC):

1. Mr. Daniels announces that RIOC has requested information from New York City Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) regarding the Steam Plant Demolition and is awaiting a response.
2. Mr. Daniels announces that RIOC is addressing the potholes on Main St, to date has filled 250 potholes, and is continuing to work through the backlog.
3. Mr. Daniels thanks the Petal Protectors' volunteers for protecting the cherry blossoms on the island. 37 volunteers covering about 50 shifts.
4. Mr. Daniels announces the upcoming events:
 - a. Pride Flag raising on June 1st at 11 AM at the Blackwell Plaza.
 - b. Roosevelt Island Day on June 6th at Firefighters' Field.
 - c. 50th Anniversary of the Tram on July 5th.

Item 2 – Library Update (3:55)

Librarian Kate Federiconi did not attend.

Item 3 – Community Updates (8:38)

District Office Chief of Staff Harry Gale from Speaker Julie Menin's Office: HPD and New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) have sent over an FAQ sheet that covers questions that were asked during the Town Hall meeting about the Steam Plant Demolition. A copy of the FAQ letter can be found at: <https://www.cb8m.com/2026/05/59459/>.

Item 4 – Steam Plant Demolition Update – Tibor Krisko, Emanuella Grinberg, Kalin Kresnitchki (14:58)

Paul Krikler introduced local advocates from Roosevelt Island: Tibor Krisko, Emanuella Grinberg, and Kalin Kresnitchki.

1. Tibor Krisko thanks RIOC for reaching out for the creation of a Community Advisory Group (CAG) from HPD.
2. Kalin Kresnitchki spoke to BJ Jones and other RIOC Board Members today, but mentioned that RIOC has not taken responsibility for pausing the demolition's progress. The DOB Commissioner's Deputy has offered a walkthrough of the building prior to the demolition, but there has been no update on that, and the chimney demolition is already scheduled.
3. Emanuella Grinberg provides updates that complaints are continuing to be filed and is grateful for CB8 and RIOC's actions, but that there continues to be no changes on behalf of DOB or HPD.

Legislative Aide Dylan Klein provided an update from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, whereas her Office has requested the creation of a CAG.

Item 5 – Old Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

Item 6 – New Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Paul Krikler, Chair, Roosevelt Island Committee