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Land Use and Waterfront Committee
Monday, October 22, 2018
6:30 pm
433 First Avenue (NYU School of Dentistry), Room 220

Meeting Minutes

Present: Vice-Chair Adam Hartke, Kathleen Kelly, Sandra McKee, Lawrence Scheyer, Lou Sepersky, Letty Simon, Elaine Tai, Kathy Thompson, David Tsin

Absent: Jim Collins, Terrence O'Neal, Ann Seligman, Sandro Sherrod

Guests:

District Manager Jesús Pérez
CB6 Community Associate Cody Osterman
CB6 Member Gene Santoro
CB6 Member Claude L. Winfield
Ben Powers from Council Member Keith Powers' office
Rurik Baumrin from Senator Brad Hoylman's office
Jervonne Singletary, Assistant Vice President of Legislative Affairs, NYC Economic Development Corporation
Alexander Brady, Vice President of Asset Management, NYC Economic Development Corporation
Drew Pecker, CB6 resident
Kyle Croce, CB8 resident
Vitally Filipchenko, CB6 resident
Naintara Goodgame, NYU student

Call to Order and Adoption of Agenda/Previous Meetings' Minutes

Vice-Chair Adam Hartke called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

Committee Member Lou Sepersky made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Letty Simon and passed.

Committee Member Larry Scheyer made a motion to adopt the minutes from the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Letty Simon and passed.

Committee Business

Vice-Chair Hartke welcomed new committee members Elaine Tai and David Tsin.

Agenda Item #1

Presentation by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) on a request for proposals for an operator at the East 34th Street Heliport.

Jervonne Singletary, Assistant Vice President of Legislative Affairs for NYC Economic Development Corporation introduced Alexander Brady, Vice President of Asset Management for NYC Economic Development Corporation.

Mr. Brady presented an update of their progress with the ongoing Request for Proposals for an operator for the East 34th Street Heliport. He explained that the current vendor, Atlantic Aviation, will continue to operate the heliport until the end of 2018.

He noted that the City Planning Commission has issued a special permit allowing flights Monday through Friday from 8 am to 8 pm, commercial flights only. There will be no tourist flights. The total amount of flights allowed will be 28,000.

Mr. Brady reviewed the top two respondents that are being considered. In addition to potentially \$1M per year in fees to the city, other factors being considered are noise mitigation, flight tracking, air quality, operating experience, financial capability, and capital investment to the heliport and surrounds.

Proposed projects and capital improvements under consideration include, but are not limited to, exterior landscaping and drainage, ADA accessibility, security cameras, and upgraded lighting. Bike and pedestrian path improvement is also under consideration.

The next steps in the process will be for an operator to be selected and negotiations with that operator concluded during the month of October, 2018. A review and approval of agreement with MOCS/City Law will be undertaken in November, 2018. A public hearing will be held in December, 2018. An agreement will be executed and registered in January, 2019, with the new agreement beginning in March, 2019. Mr. Brady noted that while Atlantic Aviation's contract terminates at the end of 2018, they will be able to carry on operations of the heliport until a new operator is in place in 2019.

Mr. Brady and Ms. Singletary addressed many questions from the committee that were follow-ups from previous presentations, as well as questions arising from this presentation. For the majority of questions raised by individual committee members, both Mr. Brady and Ms. Singletary were unable to answer, noting that they would take the questions back to their offices for further review.

Since almost all of the committees' questions were left unanswered, Vice-Chair Hartke suggested that the presenters return for the next committee meeting on November 8th to provide answers.

While the committee and the board have provided innumerable lists and reports of the community's concerns as regards the heliport over the past few years, the committee agreed to provide yet another list to EDC; an overall, comprehensive scope of all of the community's questions and concerns. The committee will compile the list which will be distributed to EDC by the CB6 board office.

Chair's Report

Vice-Chair Hartke waived his report.

Old/New Business

There was no old business.

Under new business, Mr. Hartke noted that Chair Sherrod had set the next committee meeting for November 8th. A poll will be sent out to committee members regarding alternate available dates for December, as our regularly scheduled meeting would fall on Christmas Eve.

Adjournment

Committee Member Kathy Thompson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Lou Sepersky and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm.

Minutes submitted by Committee Member Kathy Thompson