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**Manhattan Community Board Six
Land Use & Waterfront Committee
January 28, 2019 - 6:30 PM
433 1st Ave, Room 220 (NYU School of Dentistry)**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Sandro Sherrod, Adam Hartke, Jim Collins, Kathleen Kelly, Sandra McKee, Lawrence Scheyer, Ann Seligman, Lou Sepersky, Letty Simon, Kathy Thompson, Elaine Tai

Absent: Terrance O'Neal, David Tsin

Guests: See table below

Sandro Sherrod called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

A motion was made by Lou Sepersky to adopt the agenda, the motion was seconded by Kathy Thompson and passed. A motion was made by Lou Sepersky to adopt the previous month's minutes, the motion was seconded by Kathy Thompson and passed.

Committee Business

Item 1) China Liangtse Wellness Spa seeks a 10-year Special Permit for the operation of a Physical Cultural Establishment located at 150 East 55th Street, BSA Calendar Number: 2017-181-BZ

Elyse Foladare, from Erik Palatnik's office, gave a brief presentation on the application. This will be a brand-new facility and will include a 51 foot non-illuminated signage. Mr. Sepersky moved a resolution of no-objection for a special permit to allow operation of a Physical Culture Establishment for a period of 5 years, seconded by Adam Hartke. The Motion passed 10 – 0 – 0 – 0.

Item 2) Update by the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) on the East Midtown Greenway, the project's public art component, and the 54th Street bridge design

Representatives from EDC provided updates on the art component of the East Midtown Greenway project. The artist was on hand to describe the pavers and designs that will

be used on the walkway. Representatives from Stantec stated that native plants will be used throughout the project. The geotechnical work on the project has been completed. The pavers that will be used will not be semipermeable. The artist is continuing to test out the pavers and develop designs. There is a chance that the pavers could be displayed in the community before construction to showcase the forthcoming art.

3. Update from the Department of Design and Construction (DDC) regarding the upcoming public review process for the East Side Coastal Resiliency project (ESCR)

Representatives from the ESCR project provided a presentation regarding the changes and updates to the entire ESCR project area in both Community Districts 3 and 6.

Most items in Community District 6 remain unchanged (Murphy Brothers Park, Stuy Cove Park, Asser Levy). The concept of a flyover bridge at the Pinch Point will be designed, the ESCR team is working with the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to advance the concept.

Drainage updates: A small mechanical room was proposed in the median of Stuyvesant Town and 20th St. Design plans and construction plans are ongoing.

Representatives answered questions from both board members and community attendees.

- Pinch Point- concept is in design
- Outreach should include more groups
- Construction schedule will be updated as design continues. Sandro stressed that part of the park should be open during construction
- Most of the trees will be removed and replanted in East River Park. The New York City Parks Department seeks to replant trees that are more adaptable to climate change
- Community Members were upset about the changes to the construction plan. Many viewed it as a radical change to the original plan that sought much community input.
- Claude L. Winfield asked for a specific presentation regarding CB6 issues. He then voiced concerns about the wall at Asser Levy and the construction of the mechanical room. Representatives from DDC stated that DEP will be responsible for maintenance of the room and team will follow-up regarding design and construction
- Jim Collins voiced concerns about Little League teams not being able to use the fields for up to two years
- Ann Seligman voiced concerns about the costs, specifically about construction schedules. Representatives from DDC stated that issues will be addressed in EIS.
- Representatives from DDC stated that a new action plan will be ready in early spring

Mr. Sherrod expressed displeasure in the uncompromising plans for the Asser Levy wall. We would like to see updates and are still concerned about the proposed wall and gate that bifurcate the park instead of building a wall around the edge of the park.

4. Discussion of a zoning text amendment application by JP Morgan Chase seeking to reduce the legally required size of a public space at a proposed development at 270 Park Avenue

Mr Sherrod announced that the Board will send letter of support to increase public space to 10,000 square feet. Board members reiterated that public space should not be compromised in the new developments of the East Midtown Rezoning. Voicing support will help set a precedent that trying to develop less public space than what is mandated will not be tolerated.

5. Chair's Report

Mr. Sherrod stated that opened a discussion of the exploration of a 197-A working group. This group would explore both the feasibility and topics addressed in a 197-A plan that would be completed by CB6. Discussions of the boundaries included from 14th St to 34th from the East River to 3rd Ave. The intent would be to address areas that are under development or could be developed in the near future.

Initial focus areas: transportation, infrastructure, school seats, public realms, protraction of landmarks, transition of medical corridor, potential sale of police academy, waterfront issues, the sale of the Marina garage/gas station, pinch point, etc.

Volunteer group so far is comprised of Sandro Sherrod, Elaine Tai, Letty Simon, Sandy McKee, Jim Collins, and Lou Sepersky, with other members from other committees to be identified.

Discussion of Mechanical Voids- Mr. Sherrod stated that a public hearing will be held by the Land Use & Waterfront Committee before the next Full Board meeting to hear the updates to the zoning code. The committee can caucus during Full Board and pass a resolution. Letty and Adam will work on language for a possible resolution in support of DCP's changes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Minutes submitted by Adam Hartke

Name	Affiliation
Jo-Ann Polise	Resident of Community District 6 ; VP Stuyvesant Cove Park Association
Stephanie Bello	Con Edison
Elyse Foladare	Attorney/Representative or Applicant for Application on Tonight's Agenda (please specify in "Other" box)
Morgan Jones	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box) EDC
Stephen Holley	Consultant
Travis Bunt	Consultant
Rachel Perlman	Resident of Community District 6
Sara Newman	Representative of a City/State elected official (please specify in "Other" box);Powers
Mathew Staudt	Project consultant
Ben Jacobs	Representative of a City/State elected official (please specify in "Other" box);CM Powers
Maria Scavullo	Interested person
Rachel Morrison	Resident of Community District 6
Jeff Margolies	Representative of a City/State elected official (please specify in "Other" box);DDC
Melinda Billings	Resident
Sakiru Okeowo	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);NYCEDC
Rebecca Kriss	ESCR team AKRF
Emily Curtis-Murphy	Solar One
James Cottone	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);DDC
Wilfredo Lopez	Representative of a City/State elected official (please specify in "Other" box);CM Kallos
Melissa Haldeman	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);NYC PARKS
Sarah Neilson	NYC Parks
Alda Chan	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);NYC parks
Minelly De Co	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);City Hall
Neg Lakew	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box)
Doug Breuer	Consultant designer

Autumn Visconti	ESCR
Jeremy Siegel	Consultant
Jill Bauer	Resident of Community District 6
Yvi McEvilly	NYCEDC
Carrie Grassi	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);MOR
Molly Bourne	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);DDC
Anton Mallner	Resident of Community District 6
Victor weiss	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Stephanie Chan	Representative of a City/State elected official (please specify in "Other" box);Gale Brewer
Kevin FitzGerald	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Molly Hollister	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Fay Lee	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);NYCDDC
Ian Michaels	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box);DDC
Maria Rocha-Buschel	Town & Village
Lauren Flejzor	Resident of Community District 6
Jamie Rogers	Resident of Community District 3
Charles Molloy	Resident of Community District 6