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**Manhattan Community Board Six
197-a Plan Working Group
Thursday, March 7, 2019
211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1404 (CB6 Board Office)**

Present: Jim Collins, Sandra McKee, Lou Sepersky, Sandro Sherrod, Letty Simon

Excused: Elaine Tai, Carin van der Donk

Guests: Molly Hollister, Claude L. Winfield, Jesus Perez

A page on the CB6 website has been created for the working group containing relevant documents: <http://cbsix.org/197-a-working-group>

CB6's 197-A Plan was approved in 2008. The working group is tasked with reviewing the plan, discussing goals met, unmet, changes in the district, what's needed presently and for the future, and whether to embark on a new plan or revise this one. This was an organizational meeting to determine process and identify potential issues

Process:

1. We will begin using the report "City Council Amendments to the 197-A Plan..." as a framework and point of departure for our work. We also intend higher level conceptual planning (e.g. zoning, infrastructure, schools, housing). Everyone was tasked with
 - a. Reviewing the summary of goals in 197-A Plan
 - i. Increase amount of useful open space, unmet
 - ii. Improve access to waterfront
 - iii. Complete East River Esplanade
 - iv. Enhance and reclaim the street network to restore the street grid and improve transportation systems and access to the waterfront
 - v. Implement land use policies consistent with historic trends in the area
 - vi. Preserve significant residential development and individual buildings
 - b. Read Chapter 4 which compares CB6's recommendations and the City Council's modifications. A print-out of those pages was provided.
2. Consult available demographic studies, census, housing statistics, for insight into trends and changes.

3. Discuss goals that were met and unmet in the 197-A Plan, changes that have taken place in the 10 years since it was approved by Dept of City Planning, assess current needs, and what, if any, changes are needed.
4. Decide whether the 197-A plan should be revised, goals removed or added, plan amended, can what's needed be accomplished with a reso, or is a new plan needed.

Working Group Chair: Sandra McKee was elected Interim Chair by a vote of 5-0-0-0

Some issues to consider, anticipating additional issues will arise as we proceed.

- Zoning, property usage,
- Changes in population, density, and other demographics
- Infrastructure
- Public realm
- School seats
- Protecting public spaces
- Landmarks
- Changing medical needs
- Potential sale of the Police Academy
- Waterfront
- Brookdale site/DSNY
- Transfer of Stuy-Town air rights across First Avenue
- 53rd Street between Second and Third Avenues is zoned residential, prevalence of commercial use on ground floor requires BSA approval. Rezone to reflect usage. (NOTE: this is not within the specified boundaries but is an issue that needs attention.)
- East River Greenway
- Solow sites
- Area south of Waterside: commercial marina, heliport, garage/gas station
- Pinch point at 14th St and how it intersects with ConEd/ East River Drive exits

Meeting schedule:

First Thursday of the month.

Next meeting: April 4th. Time and location TBD

Prepared by Letty Simon