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**Manhattan Community Board Six  
Land Use & Waterfront Committee  
March 25, 2019 6:30 PM  
333 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street (Japan Society)**

**Meeting Minutes**

Present: Adam Hartke, Sandra McKee, Lawrence Scheyer, Ann Seligman, Lou Sepersky, Kathy Thompson, Elaine Tai

Absent: Sandro Sherrod, Terrance O'Neal, David Tsin, Jim Collins, Letty Simon, Kathleen Kelly

Guests: See table on page 3.

Vice Chair Adam Hartke called the meeting to Order at 6:35.

**Committee Business**

**Item 1) An application from Friends Seminary to install a rooftop greenhouse which would cause the building to exceed the normal height limit by 9 feet 7.25 inches – Application Number N190264 ZCM**

Project will add a new greenhouse on top of the Friends Seminary School building. Representatives stated that the addition will exceed the height limit by 9ft 7in. The greenhouse will have year-round learning spaced and will teach environmental stewardship. Construction will start in June/July of 2019 and will concluded in August 2019. Landmarks reviewed plan but waived comment because greenhouses are a permissible exemption. Lou moved a resolution of no-objection and seconded by Kathy. Motion passed 7- 0 - 0 – 0.

**Item 2) Update by the New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) on the East Side Coastal Resiliency Plan**

Representatives from the City presented updates to the East Side Coastal Resiliency (ESCR) Plan, with an emphasis on the areas directly in CB Six. Representatives addressed the forthcoming timeline for ULURP, continued outreach plans, and focused on issues based on previous feedback. The ULURP is scheduled to be submitted on April 18<sup>th</sup> with a public hearing happening in May/June. Notable elements: projected is

fully funded, closure schedule was outlined, budget is approved for a flyover bridge at the “Pinch Point” with NYCDOT paying for the construction of the structure, discussion of the regulator and interceptor proposed for 20<sup>th</sup> St (will go 40ft below grade, easiest site to dig based on geologic conditions, design is still underway).

Questions: There was clarification on the barriers at Asser Levy Park and the FDR exit. Reps will follow-up with usage numbers on the sidewalk between the exit ramp and the park. Concerns about the elimination of the view from the cycletrack due to the proposed wall, in addition to concerns about worsening air quality from the proposed wall. Reps will look at raising the bikeway and air quality issues will be addressed in the EA. When asked about a proper mitigation plan, reps responded that NYCDOT is looking into alternatives. Suggestions were made to close parts of the FDR Drive to carve out additional pedestrian space at the Pinch Point. Other suggestions were made to utilize space at the EDC Skyport Parking Garage and the area under the FDR by StuyCove. Reps stated that there will be mentions of mitigations in the EIS and that they will solicit additional feedback during the public hearings. Additional conversation centered on the location of the wall and how it cuts off the cycletrack from the park. Reps stated that complexities for underground utilities and the FDR. Regarding the interceptor-further concerns were brought up about flooding north of 25<sup>th</sup> St. Additional questions were asked about drainage and the total cost of the project- slated at 1.45B.

### **3. Presentation from East River Alliance on their proposals for the East Side Coastal Resiliency project (ESCR)**

Representatives from the East River Alliance gave a presentation about their organization and their concerns with the ESCR and ways to change the project. They would like to see a constructability study and have questions regarding the current plan, preferring the original plan that sought years of community input. They would also like 5% of the project budget to be dedicated to mitigation and have a mitigation task force to identify items that can be implemented during the park closures.

### **4. Chair's Report**

Vice Chair Hartke asked the committee to be prepared for a discussion of district needs at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Minutes submitted by Adam Hartke

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>
Emily Curtis-Murphy	Representative of East River Alliance
Zainab Kazmk	Representative of a City/State Agency
Stephanie Bello	Representative of Con Edison
Daniel White	Representative of Friends Seminary
Ashley Tripp	Representative of Friends Seminary
Dianne	Representative of East River Alliance
Michael A. Nieminen FAIA	Architect
Christine Datz Romero	Representative of East River Alliance
Eric ilijevich	Representative of a City/State agency (please specify in "Other" box)
Alyson Evans	Employee in CD 6
Fay Lee	Representative of NYC Department of Design and Construction/ESCR
Autumn Visconti	Representative of NYC Department of Design and Construction/ESCR
Stephen Holley	Representative of NYC Department of Design and Construction/ESCR
Deborah Van Dermark	Representative of a City/State agency
Andrew lawrence	Resident of Community District 6
Scott baker	Resident of Community District 6 ; Developer
Claude L. Winfield	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Rajesh Nayar	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Rebecca kriss	Representative of a City/State Agency
Alda Chan	Representative of NYC Parks
Ben Jacobs	Representative of CM Powers
Doug champlin	Representative of NYC Department of Design and Construction/ESCR
Robert Stromsted	Engineering Management
Scott williamson	Representative of City Planning (DCP)
Sandeep Mehrotra	Representative of a City/State Agency
Jeff Margolies	Representative of NYC Department of Design and Construction/ESCR
Caitlin Fedio	Consultant
Sisi Kamal	Friends Seminary Employee
Caroline Amendola	Citizen
Gene Santoro	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
John mattera	Representative of a City/State elected official
Arthee Jahangir	Local citizen
Mathew staudt	Consultant to the city
Brian Lafferty	Representative of MBP Brewer
Will Gott	ESCR Design Team
Jamie Torres-Springer	Representative of a City/State agency
Steve krauss	Resident of Community District 6
Asher Baumrin	Representative of Senator Brad Hoylman
Molly hollister	Member of Community Board Six (not on this committee)
Rebecca Nieves	Representative of AM Harvey Epstein
Katie Loeb	Representative of CM Carlina Rivera
Charles molloy	Resident of Community District 6
Carrie Grassi	Representative of NYC Mayor's Office of Resiliency
Victor weiss	Resident of Community District 6
Humberto Galarza	Representative of NYC DEP
Douglas Friend	Consultant
Gabrielle Dann-Allel	Representative of Mayor's Office, Community Affairs Unit
Neg Lakew	Representative of NYC DOT
Frank Avila-Goldman	East River Alliance member