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211 EAST 43RD STREET, SUITE 1404
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**197-a Working Group Meeting
Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 7 PM
CB6 Board Office – 211 East 43rd Street, Suite 1404**

Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Collins, Sandra McKee, Lou Sepersky, Sandro Sherrod, Letty Simon, Carin van der Donk

Absent: Elaine Tai

Guests: Molly Hollister, CB6; Claude L. Winfield, CB6; Jesus Perez, CB6; Carol Rinzler, Turtle Bay Association

Call to Order and Adoption of the Agenda/Previous Meeting's Minutes

Sandra McKee called the meeting to order at 7 PM.

1. Goals of existing 197-a - The group reviewed and confirmed that the goals of the 197-a plan are still valid.
2. Status of previous 197-A requests, etc.
 - a. Land Use and Zoning
 - i. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) still in effect? Was or is there an extension or an expiration date? Molly Hollister will speak to Terry O'Neal and Brian Kavanagh. Jesus Perez will reach out to City Hall.
 - ii. Solow sites on First Avenue between 35-41 Streets. Is there an expiration date for their approved plans? What is the status of the project? The large scale plan approved by CPC had a 10 year limit. The property on the west side of First Ave has been developed. The property on the east side remains undeveloped. Molly recently spoke to Solow's attorney who indicated there was another 10 year extension because they completed development on the west side of First Ave. We need confirmation from CPC. It was also suggested that the attorney or Solow's reps be invited to give us an update. We also need to find a copy of the Solow plan submitted years ago.

- iii. Bellevue Campus: Is the East River Science Park fully built out, or will there be more work done on that site? We want status.
 - iv. Mid-Block Community Development/ Community Facilities: Group wants to get status from CPC. This is item “h” in the City Council Amendments to the 197-A Plan.
 - v. Housing: We still want more low-income housing.
 - vi. Central Business District addressed by the Midtown Rezoning Plan.
 - vii. Education: Biggest ask remains the need for additional Pre-K seats.
 - b. Waterfront Esplanade and Open Space
 - i. Access to Waterfront. Public access zoning: Waterfront esplanade and open spaces. Reinforce our request to have views and pedestrian bridges. Streets that extend the street grid to the water.
 - ii. We still want the pinch point removed. New bridges at 16th Street, a bridge at 39th and 40th Sts. is a priority. 197-A plan should be modified to reflect the East Coast Resiliency Plan.
 - iii. CB6 should follow up NOW
 - c. Urban Design and Preservation
 - i. Create a map indicating contextual zoning and community facilities. Good idea to include sites for waterfront views. This is a project for a Community Planning Fellow in the Fall semester. The group will outline the scope and Jesus Perez will follow through
 - d. Streets and Transportation
 - i. Reopen certain streets that were requested to be demapped.
 - ii. We note an increase in intermodal transportation has been implemented
 - iii. Additional entrance to the L train on First Avenue is in the works.
- 3. Mechanisms for Achieving Goals of the 197-A plan
 - a. Reiterate the goals that have not yet been realized
 - b. Gather information and develop a list of sites and how the current 197-A plan affects them, for example Con Ed site, East River Science Park. The maps previously mentioned are also effective tools and resources.
- 4. New Goals
 - a. Incorporating social issues as rationale and to support some of the goals.
 - b. Examples of social issues: Aging in place (NORCs), green buildings,
 - c. Brookdale site

- d. Identify new sites and what we want to see happen. For example: Mt. Sinai sites roughly between First Ave and Third Avenues, from 14th to 23rd Streets.
 - e. more will arise as work progresses
5. Next steps
- a. Basic updates of things mentioned in the minutes
 - b. Focus on specific sites: For example Solow site, Mt Sinai sites, East River site, Brookdale, community facilities (senior centers)
 - c. Develop description of job for Community Planning Fellow:
 - d. Create maps identifying site zoning potential

Minutes submitted by: Letty Simon