Minutes of the Parks Board Meeting

Date: June 13, 2023

Location: Discovery Tank

Meeting Called to Order: 6:36 PM

1. BPAC Presentation - Gwen Dawson, SVP of Real Property for BPAC
   • Gwen Dawson presented the NW Resiliency Project.
   • The project involves the Museum of Jewish Heritage, crosses over 9A into Tribeca, and extends north.
   • The project began in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy and is expected to be completed in 2025.
   • Design-build authority was granted in 2020.
   • It combines the north BP resiliency project into a single NW resiliency project.
   • Meetings were held with CB1, HRPT, City, and State agencies.

2. Peter Gluss - Design Team
   • Presented alignment and sections for the northern part of the project.
   • Discussed feedback received and how the design has been adapted.
   • The goal is to reduce the risk of flooding.
   • Focus was on Reaches 1 and 2, with a total of 7 phases.
   • Five meetings were held with public stakeholders, including residents, DOT, DEP, and the Mayor's Office of Residency.
   • Feedback included concerns about pedestrian and cyclist experiences, visual connectors, north-south flow, and interactions with the park and Stuyveson.
   • Maximum height of the wall along the east side of the greenway is 9.5', but this may vary.

3. Key Feedback
   • Operations and maintenance
   • Sightlines and news
   • Circulation
   • Coordination with DOT
   • Adjacent impacts
   • Other impacts: shading, light, drainage

4. Reach 2: North Esplanade
   • Maximum height of the wall along the water is 16.5".
   • Acknowledges expansion into Hudson River Park.
   • Seeking to minimize impacts through discussions with state and city agencies.
   • Coordination with FEMA to certify the area.
   • Consideration of the HATS study by USACE and alignment with its assumptions of risk.
• Project timeline: 20% complete currently, 60% expected in late 2023, utility relocation in early 2024, GMP in mid to late 2024, construction start in late 2024/early 2025.

5. Q&A Session
• Various questions and concerns were raised, including jurisdiction, alternative approaches, and the need for a comprehensive strategy.

6. Business
• Discussion about forming a task force for coordinated planning.
• Safety committee updates, including concerns about volleyball players jumping into the water and noise complaints.
• Discussion about revenue sharing at Pier 94 and the privatization of food and beverage operations.
• A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:40 PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM

Note: Additional details and specific questions have been summarized for brevity.