



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 views
- 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.