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BOARD MEETING VIRTUALLY HELD VIAWEBEX JUNE 24, 2020

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested a moment of silence. She dedicated it to all of all of the first responders, doctors, transportation, framers who get food to our tables and to all of the families that may have lost loved ones. She included those who are fighting for social justice.

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Ms. Fuller requested District Manager Mr. Esposito to call the roll, there were 25 members answering the call, a quorum was not established. Ms. Rachlin asked how long do we wait (for a quorum)? Chairperson Fuller related that they would wait. This was a board meeting, not a public hearing. She noted that the public session would not be at this time.

The roll call was repeated. There were 29 board members answering the call. A quorum was now present. The virtual board meeting was called to order.

Board members were advised to mute their microphones until they speak. Chairperson Fuller noted that WEBEX is the system that CB#1 is using. It is the one that was provided by Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Ms. Teague made a motion to approve the agenda as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. A roll call was conducted. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follow: 26 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".



APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mr. Solano made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2020 Combined Public Hearing & Board Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Ms. Cabrera. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was carried. The vote was: 26 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 1 "ABSTENTION" (Mr. Needelman); 0 "RECUSALS".

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairperson Fuller noted that there were committee chairpersons who requested to present written reports.

Parks & Waterfront Committee. – A written report was submitted and distributed for review. Mr. Caponegro (Parks & Waterfront Committee Chair), presented the report. There was one item that required a vote. Mr. Caponegro spoke about the Committee's report. He noted that this is the item regarding <u>Bushwick Inlet Park & The Motiva Site</u>.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The committee was recommending approval. Mr. Caponegro made a motion to approve the report. Mr. Elkins requested a friendly amendment: to include the letter that was received about suggestions for the design. He discussed the letter and noted that the changes were not major ones. Mr. Caponegro accepted the friendly amendment. The motion was seconded by Ms. McKeever. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was carried. The vote was: 28 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Weiser raised concern about the roll call votes. They were taking a lot of time to conduct.

It was noted that this is the way the City recommends that the votes are recorded.

Public Safety & Human Services Committee. – A written report was submitted and distributed for review. Mr. Burrows presented the report. There were no items that required a vote. Mr. Burrows provided an overview of matters to date.

<u>SLA Review & DCA Committee.</u> – A written report was submitted and distributed for review.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Mr. Burrows presented the written report. Mr. Solano made a motion to support the report and the recommendations that it contained as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Caponegro. A roll call vote was conducted. The motion was unanimously carried. The vote was as follows: 30 "YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTION"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Land Use, ULURP and Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee. - A written report was distributed for review. In the report were items that required a vote.

 <u>BSA SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION – BSA CAL. NO. 2019- 307-BZ, 277 SOUTH</u> <u>5TH STREET, AKA 263-279 SOUTH 5TH STREET, BROOKLYN, 2 NY 11211 (Block</u> <u>2447 Lot 35).</u> The application is for a Physical Cultural Establishment (PCE) in a building currently under construction. – by Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel P.C.). <u>Recommendation</u>: The committee members, including non-board members, voted unanimously to <u>approve</u>. Ms. Teague made a motion to support the recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser and was carried. The vote was as follows: 31"YES"; 0 "NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0

"RECUSALS".

- <u>CITY PLANNING BEDFORD AVENUE OVERLAY EXTENSION CAL. # 200258</u> <u>ZMK</u> – A zoning map amendment to map - a C2-4 Commercial Overlay over an existing R6B District to facilitate the development of a 3- story, 5,400 square foot mixed use development, including approximately 2,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 3,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space, is being sought by private applicant at 276 Bedford Avenue (Block 2380), Lot 20) in Williamsburg, CD1, Brooklyn – by Slater & Beckerman PC. <u>Recommendation</u>: The committee members voted to <u>approve</u> the application, finding it to be an improvement over the current use and contextual with the heights and uses of the nearby buildings along Bedford Avenue. Ms. Teague noted that at the time she had recused herself in the committee's vote. Ms. Teague made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser and carried. The vote was as follows: 27 "YES"; 2 "NO" (Kuonen, Solano); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".
- <u>PLAN FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CON EDISON SITE ON RIVER STREET</u>.
 CB#1 received a letter dated February 7, 2020 from Two Trees inviting the community board to participate in an affordable housing working group with them to help them finalize their plan for the site. <u>Recommendation</u>: The committee members voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that CB#1 not participate in order to not be perceived as giving tacit or pro forma approval of the planned development. In furtherance of forming an independent opinion of our own, the board recently approved using discretionary funds to work with an objective outside consultant to investigate the effect the proposed development will have on the community. Mr. Solano made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Chesler and was carried. Rabbi Niederman asked about Two Trees and what they were doing. Ms. Teague related that the committee feels that the board should be independent. He noted that this makes sense. The question was called and Chairperson Fuller asked for a vote. The vote was as follows: 23"YES"; 2 "NO" (D'Amato, Kuonen); 3 "ABSTENTIONS" (Argento, Bruzaitis, Rachlin); 0 "RECUSALS".

Mr. Chesler noted that there was no new business on the agenda and that he wanted to bring up a matter with the By-Laws Committee. Chairperson Fuller related that they were still doing committee reports.

Transportation Committee. – Mr. Bruzaitis submitted two written reports. He read the report from March and noted that there were some items that needed a vote. Ms. Nieves made a motion to support the report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Stuart. The motion was carried.

• <u>FRANKLIN STREET/QUAY/STREET/GREENWAY CONNECTOR PLAN PROPOSAL.</u> -This is a revised plan presented by the D.O.T. The board members voted to support the revised plan with the contingency that DOT reach out to the affected businesses on Meserole Avenue (between Franklin Street and Banker Street) to inform them about the additional, removal/reduction of parking spaces that may impede loading. The vote was as follows: 28 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Chirachella); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

- <u>NORTH 14TH STREET/ONE WAYCONVERSION EASTBOUND PROPOSAL.</u> Recommendation to support the proposal for the one-way conversion with a contingency that DOT must study another bike path that includes a safer and more efficient route for bicyclists. The vote was as follows: 28 "YES"; 1 "NO" (Chirichella); 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".
- <u>SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR RODNEY STREET</u>. The committee recommends approval of the plan.

Mr. Bruzaitis noted that the item for the <u>BQE EXIT</u> was tabled. However, at the June meeting, the committee voted on the following:

• <u>SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR BROADWAY & RODNEY STREET</u>. - The committee recommends approval of the plan as proposed and that a vote is needed because it requires a direction change on South 9th Street. Mr. Bruzaitis made the motion to support the committee's recommendation. Ms. Kaminski seconded the motion. The board members voted to support the recommendation. The vote was as follows: 29 "YES"; 0"NO"; 0 "ABSTENTIONS"; 0 "RECUSALS".

Ms. Nieves recommended that members mute themselves during the vote to avoid an echo with their microphone.

Mr. Chesler spoke about the By-Laws Committee's report. It was not presented this evening. He said that the committee really needs to meet again. He raised the issue of elections and amending the By-Laws.

Chairperson Fuller related that the committee's chair. Ms. Foster, was ill and in the hospital. The committee will meet as soon as she is better. Chairperson Fuller noted that because of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are in a place that we have never been in before. Mr. Needelman noted that the by-laws say that the officers stay in place until they are replaced. It was noted that the Law Department advised that the officers sit until an election takes place. There was a discussion on the by-laws and the elections. Ms. Nieves asked if someone else from the committee could give the report. It was noted that there is no co-chair. Chairperson Ms. Fuller related that Ms. Foster has not asked for someone else to give the report.

The members continued to discuss elections. Ms. Peterson spoke about the need to continue leadership during this COVID-19 pandemic. Focus on the real priority for the community, the virus, is needed at this time. Ms. Kuonen spoke about nominations. Chairperson Fuller said that there will be elections. Mr. Chesler noted a memo that was sent from the Brooklyn Borough President's Office about elections. Mr. Chesler spoke about holding elections and democracy. Chairperson Fuller related that the Board had to reach out to the Law Department for guidance

and it took some time. The members continued to discuss the matter. It was noted that the board is waiting for guidance to move forward.

Ms. Viera wished Ms. Foster a speedy recovery. Ms. Rachlin noted that there were other persons who wanted to talk about the by-laws. It was advised that they put the info into the chat. Mr. Solano spoke about assigning a co-chair. Ms. Rachlin asked about moving forward with elections and was concerned about running out of time. Ms. McKeever spoke about the committee's report and felt that there was a discrepancy. She had submitted a letter with a proposal. Mr. Needleman spoke that the process for submitting changes. The members continued to discuss the matter. Ms. Peterson spoke about moving forward. Traditionally, an elections committee conducts the elections by distributing and collecting ballots. The by-laws have to change. The By-Laws committee can reconvene to look at amendments. Ms. McKeever discussed having a special elections. It was noted that a special election is regarding when there is an in-term vacancy. The Law Department said that the Executive Committee stays seated. The members continued to discuss the matter. It was noted that the by-laws would need to be adjusted to reflect changes before the nominations and elections are held. Chairperson Fuller said that the By-Laws Committee is to reconvene for a consensus. The committee is to bring the consensus back to the full board. Chairperson Fuller thanked all for their input and interest. She said that no one is putting off the elections, we just have to do it right and legally. She related that the board is trying to get legal advice. This takes time. She appreciated everyone's time and energy. She moved on to the next item on the agenda.

Board Budget Committee. - Ms. Viera wanted to provide a verbal report from the Board Budget Committee. She said that tomorrow night is the final presentation on the deliverables of the work plan that the Hester Street Collaborative has worked on. This is the Zoning Guide and the Zoning Training that everyone agreed on having. This is the final deliverable on the engagement as the board spends down the discretionary allocation. Chairperson Fuller noted that the committee has worked very hard for over six-eight months to put this presentation together. It is something that the board could use. She urged all to attend. The event will be on WEBEX at 6:30 PM tomorrow evening. A second notice will be sent out. She hoped all of the board members attend. Ms. Viera thanked all of the committee members for meeting every every two weeks during the pandemic.

Chairperson Fuller said that they tried to make the meeting as seamless as possible. She urged committee chairs to provide her with information ahead of time that they have a report.

<u>PARKS DEPARTMENT MINUTE</u> – A written report was submitted by Mary Salig, Parks Manager/North Brooklyn Parks. The report was distributed for review.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ms. Marie Priscilla, Southside HOA Group. - She raised concern that the homeowners have. She spoke about the poor service from the post office for the Southside area, noting that they are not getting timely deliveries. She also noted public safety issues and not getting NYPD response or follow through. There is drug dealing happening. She said that they have also reached out to the Mayor's Office. She is seeking support in addressing the Post Office's Administration. They are

not getting responses. Calls have been made to 311. District Manager Mr. Esposito asked her for the information and to contact the board's office. He related that he is in the office daily and provided the board's email address.

Ms. Lauren Comito, Brooklyn Public Library/Manager of the Leonard Branch - Spoke about resuming some services in the branches. At the Bushwick Branch, material will be placed on hold for pick up in the lobby. The books are quarantined for three days. This is how long the virus has shown to live on the Mylar covers. There will be no fines for late fees while books are checked out. Summer reading for children will be offered on-line. She urged people to sign up. Other series for children (i.e. children's dance party, toddler yoga) are also being offered. The Leonard Branch is running a book club where patrons can read a chapter a week and discuss it together. The library is hosting the events on-line. There are other programs that are also offered virtually from the Library System on Zoom. District Manager Mr. Esposito noted that the reconstruction of the streets by the Leonard Branch were completed and looks great.

Ms. Konstancja Maleszyńska, Sustainability Consultant, Two Trees Management, spoke about Domino Park and make an announcement. She related the Food Scrap Collection Program began on June 1st. It was in response to the City stopping their curbside collection. The program is open to the public for receiving the household material (food scraps and garden clippings) for recycling on two days a week (Tuesday and Thursday) free of charge. Larger quantities from community gardens are being considered for collection by pick up/delivery that can be arranged if a need exists. She discussed the materials that could be collected (bread, egg shells, fruit, garden & lawn clippings, leafy greens, spent coffee grounds, vegetables). They have collected 3,000lbs.of scraps. They are also advocating for DSNY to restore its collections. She announced a Green Market operating on South 4th Street between Kent Avenue & River Street, Open Sundays, July 12th to November 22nd, 9:00 AM. - 3:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mr. Eric Radezky, from Assemblyman Lentol's Office was acknowledged.

Mr. Edward Cerna, Brooklyn Borough Director, NYC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs was present and spoke to provide an update. He spoke about outdoor dining and that there was criteria that was distributed, that included adhering to regulations. They were also doing enforcement on fireworks. There will be a series of shows for the yearly fireworks. He noted that Cumberland Hospital was doing COVID-19 testing. Ms. Weiser related that there were complaints about fireworks happening nightly at Marcy Houses. Mr. Cerna related that the complaints have to go to NYPD thru 311. The complaints have to go directly to them.

Ms. Venus Galarza-Mullins, from the NYC Comptroller's Office, was present and spoke to provide an update. She is the Brooklyn Borough Director. She spoke about the efforts that they are offering during the COVID-19. They are working with Women's Minority Businesses and offering workshops and assistance. They can contact her. They are also calling on the City t(a letter was sent to the Mayor) to consider allowing the release of NYPD records to the public via foil. They are looking at the budget (\$9 Billion) deficit created by the COVID-19 pandemic. They are looking at ways to address the budget shortages. She can be reached at: (646) 689-6817.

Chairperson Fuller noted that there was no other order of business raised.

She thanked all for their participation in the board's first virtual meeting. She requested a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Solano made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Mr. Weiser. The motion was unanimously carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marie Bueno Wallin ADM CB#1 Brooklyn

Reviewed by:

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Sonia Iglesias U Recording Secretary

Roll Call #1. - Attendance/Quorum Call -To Open the June 24, 2020 Board Meeting.

<u>Roll Call #2.</u> - Approval of the Agenda for the June 24, 2020 Board Meeting.

Roll Call #3. - Approval of the Minutes, as written, for the Combined Public Hearing & Board Meeting of February 11, 2020.

<u>Roll Call #4.</u> - Approval of the Parks & Waterfront Committee's Report RE: Recommendation for the Parks Dept.'s Bushwick Inlet & Motiva Site Plans & to include the letter that was received from the Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park about suggestions for the design. <u>Roll Call #5.</u> - Approval of the SLA Review & DCA Committee's Report, as written, from the March 12, 2020 meeting.

Roll Call #6. - Approval of the Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee's Report RE: Item – BSA Special Permit (277 So. 5th Street/aka 263-279 So. 5th St.) (BSA CAL.#2019-307-BZ).

<u>Roll Call#7.</u> – Approval of the Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee's Report RE: City Planning Item – Commercial Overlay Extension on Bedford Avenue (Cal. # 200258 ZMK).

NAME	ROLL CALL #1	ROLL CALL #2	ROLL CALL #3	ROLL CALL #4	ROLL CALL #5	ROLL CALL #6	ROLL CALL #7
GINA ARGENTO	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
BOGDAN BACHOROWSKI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
LISA BAMONTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GINA BARROS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TEON BROOKS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ERIC BRUZAITIS	-	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y
THOMAS J. BURROWS	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
IRIS CABRERA	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
PHILIP CAPONEGRO	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
FRANK P. CARBONE	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
STEPHEN CHESLER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MICHAEL CHIRICHELLA	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
THERESA CIANCIOTTA	P	-	_	Y	-	Ŷ	-
GIOVANNI D'AMATO	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ERIN DRINKWATER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ARTHUR DYBANOWSKI	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
T. WILLIS ELKINS	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
JULIA AMANDA FOSTER	_	-	-	-	_	_	_
DEALICE FULLER	Р	-	Y	-	_	_	_
JOEL GOLDSTEIN	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JOEL GROSS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SONIA IGLESIAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MOISHE INDIG	_	-	-	-	_	-	_
BOZENA KAMINSKI	Р	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y
AVROM KATZ	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WILLIAM KLAGSBALD	_	-	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
RYAN KUONEN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Ν
YOEL LANDAU	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARIE LEANZA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ABRAHAM LEBOVITS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
YOEL LOW	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TRINA McKEEVER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SANTE MICELI	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	-
TOBY MOSKOVITS	-	-	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARTIN NEEDELMAN	Р	Y	ABS	Y	Y	Y	Y
RABBI DAVID NIEDERMAN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
KAREN NIEVES	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARY ODOMIROK	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
JANICE PETERSON	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DANA RACHLIN	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ISAAC SOFER	Р	Y	Y	-	Y	Y	Y

ROBERT SOLANO	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
JAMES STUART	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
DEL E. TEAGUE	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOMMY TORRES	Р	Y	-	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAM VEGA	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARIA VIERA	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
STEPHEN WEIDBERG	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
SIMON WEISER	Р	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL:	29 P	26 Y	26 Y	28Y	30 Y	31Y	27Y
			1 ABS				2N

(Roll Call 6-24-2020) KEY:

(P = PRESENT) (Y= YES) (N= NO) (ABS = ABSTAIN) (R= RECUSAL) (- = DID NOT VOTE)

<u>ROLL CALL #8</u>. – Approval of the position to not participate in the Working Group for the Redevelopment of the Con Edison Site on River Street. Position taken in order to not be perceived as giving tacit or pro forma approval of the planned development.

ROLL CALL #9A - Approval of the Franklin Street/Quay/Greenway Connector Plan Proposal

ROLL CALL #9B – Approval of the North 14th Street/One-Way Conversion Westbound Proposal

<u>ROLL CALL #10</u> – Approval of the Safety Improvement Plan for Broadway & Rodney Street

NAME	ROLL CALL #8	ROLL CALL #9A	ROLL CALL #9B	ROLL CALL #10
GINA ARGENTO	ABS	Y	Y	Y
BOGDAN BACHOROWSKI	-	-	-	-
LISA BAMONTE	-	-	-	-
GINA BARROS	-	-	-	-
TEON BROOKS	-	-	-	-
ERIC BRUZAITIS	ABS	Y	Y	-
THOMAS J. BURROWS	Y	Y	Y	Y
IRIS CABRERA	Y	Y	Y	Y
PHILIP CAPONEGRO	Y	Y	Y	Y
FRANK P. CARBONE	Y	Y	Y	Y
STEPHEN CHESLER	Y	Y	Y	Y
MICHAEL CHIRICHELLA	Y	Ν	Ν	Y
THERESA CIANCIOTTA	Y	-	-	Y
GIOVANNI D'AMATO	Ν	Y	Y	Y
ERIN DRINKWATER	Y	Y	Y	Y
ARTHUR DYBANOWSKI	-	-	-	-
T. WILLIS ELKINS	Y	Y	Y	Y
JULIA AMANDA FOSTER	-	-	-	-
DEALICE FULLER	-	-	Y	-
JOEL GOLDSTEIN	-	-	-	-
JOEL GROSS	-	-	-	-
SONIA IGLESIAS	-	-	-	-
MOISHE INDIG	-	-	-	-
BOZENA KAMINSKI	Y	Y	Y	-
AVROM KATZ	-	-	-	-
WILLIAM KLAGSBALD	Y	Y	Y	Y

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RYAN KUONEN	N	Y	Y	Y
YOEL LANDAU	-	-	-	-
MARIE LEANZA	-	-	-	-
ABRAHAM LEBOVITS	-	-	-	-
YOEL LOW	-	-	-	-
TRINA McKEEVER	Y	Y	Y	Y
SANTE MICELI	-	Y	Y	Y
TOBY MOSKOVITS	Y	-	-	Y
MARTIN NEEDELMAN	Y	Y	Y	Y
RABBI DAVID NIEDERMAN	-	Y	Y	Y
KAREN NIEVES	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARY ODOMIROK	-	-	-	-
JANICE PETERSON	-	-	-	-
DANA RACHLIN	ABS	Y	Y	Y
ISAAC SOFER	-	Y	Y	-
ROBERT SOLANO	Y	Y	Y	Y
JAMES STUART	Y	Y	Y	Y
DEL E. TEAGUE	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOMMY TORRES	Y	Y	Y	Y
WILLIAM VEGA	Y	Y	Y	Y
MARIA VIERA	Y	Y	Y	Y
STEPHEN WEIDBERG	Y	Y	Y	Y
SIMON WEISER	Y	Y	Y	Y
TOTAL:	23 Y	28 Y	28 Y	29Y
	2 N	1 N	1 N	
	3 ABS			

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June 24, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

PARKS AND WATERFRONT COMMITTEE

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members

FROM: Philip Caponegro, Committee Chair, Parks & Waterfront Committee Trina McKeever, Co-Chair, Parks & Waterfront Committee

RE: Parks & Waterfront Committee Meeting June 3, 2020

On Wednesday, June 3, 2020, the CB1 Parks and Waterfront Committee met virtually quorum via Web-Ex.

Attendance:

Present - Caponegro, Committee Chair; Chesler; Cianciotta; Elkins; McKeever, Committee Co-Chair; Odomirok; Berger (non-Board Member).

Absent - Carbone; Goldstein; Peterson.

Six (6) board members were present, and one (1) non-board member.

A quorum was established.

(1.) A schematic design for the **Motiva Parcel of Bushwick Inlet Park** was presented remotely by landscape architect, Terri Burger, from Abel Bainnson Butz, LLP (Landscape Architects). An initial design for this parcel was presented to Community Board No. 1 in January. Following the recommendation of the Parks & Waterfront Committee, the design was not approved due to issues with the shoreline treatment, the access to the waterfront, the circulation design as well as the proposed plantings. The revised design addressed each of these concerns (see attached) and was met with general approval from committee and community members present.



Brooklyn Borough Parks Commissioner Marty Maher, who was present at the meeting, stated that the timeline for the project would be between 2 to 2.5 years although he noted there could be delays and budget cuts as a result of the ongoing COVID pandemic.

While there were questions regarding the size of the revetment stone, the possibility of a second more southern entrance and the elevation where the Motiva site meets the Monitor Museum, in the end <u>the committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the design</u>: The motion to approve the design was made by Mr. Steve Chesler. The motion was seconded by Ms. Trina McKeever.

The vote was as follows:

"YES":	6 (Board Members: Capanegro, Chesler, Cianciatta, Elkins, McKeever, Odomirok.)
	1 (Non-Board Member: Berger.)
"NO":	0
"ABSTENTION":	0
"RECUSAL":	0

(2.) Despite the community cry for additional open space, Commissioner Maher stated that Parks Department currently does not have the staffing or the budget to reopen 50 Kent, the 1.9 acre grass field parcel of Bushwick Inlet Park behind a locked fence. He indicated that he would "give a hard look" at the issue after the new fiscal year budget begins on July 1. (Opening, according to the Parks Department, requires staffing and portable bathrooms.)

The Parks Department is waiting for the City's ruling regarding the opening of playgrounds and ball fields. Commissioner Maher said Parks is hoping to allow for volunteering in the parks to resume; guidelines are being developed.



June 23rd, 2020

Mary Salig Husain NYC Parks Department Director of North Brooklyn Parks

Greetings-

We would like to thank you for the June 3rd presentation to Community Board 1's Parks and Waterfront Committee with the revised design for the Motiva parcel of the Bushwick Inlet Park. The plan is really fantastic and we are very appreciative of Parks Dept. incorporating much of the feedback following the original presentation. We would like to offer a few outstanding ideas to help improve upon the current design before it is voted on by Brooklyn CB 1.

1. Consolidate the low marsh as much as possible. This will help ensure the health and viability of the grasses and minimize the total amount of unsightly goose fencing during the first few years of establishment. We believe the two sections located north of the beach could be combined and located along the corner on the northern shore (see diagram below).

2. Redesign of the Western edge shoreline (near the Monitor Museum property border) with the use of smaller stones - similar to the shores at Valentino Pier and Bush Terminal Park (see photos below). This different shoreline treatment will add to the public's experience of the inlet and allow more space for people to get to the water. The proposed 18" riprap is excessive for the calm waters of the inlet and smaller stone should be used on all shoreline areas where feasible.

3. Ensure that the sand on the beach will remain in place and that no hard infrastructure that is put in place to prevent erosion will be used that may pose threat to boaters at low tide (as has been the case in other similar launches).

4. The addition of more trees along the Northern edge (border with the MTA Quay street Facility) to provide more of a buffer.

5. CB1 and community members should have another chance to weigh in on some of the finer details including paving materials, bench design, and plant species as the process advances.

Sincerely,

Katherine Thompson, Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park Toby Bryce, Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park Scott Fraser, Friends of Bushwick Inlet Park Rob Buchanan, New York City Water Trail Association Lisa Bloodgood, Newtown Creek Alliance, North Brooklyn Neighbors Kevin LaCherra, Greenpoint resident

CC: Brooklyn Community Board 1



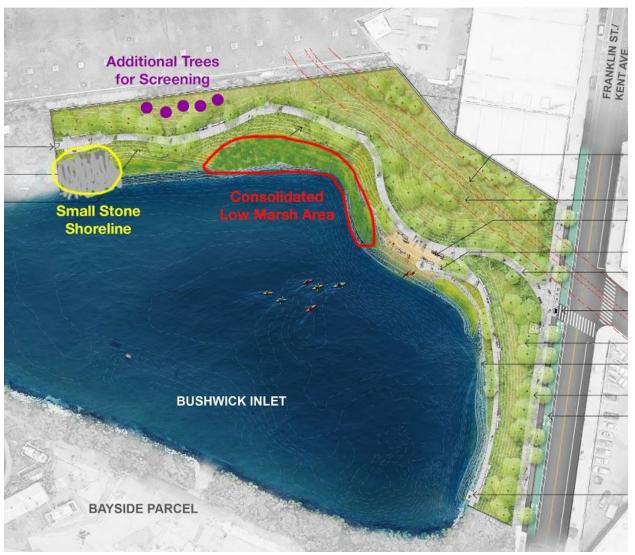






Small stone shoreline at Bush Terminal Park





Rough schematic showing proposed Consolidated Low Marsh, Small Stone Shoreline and Additional Trees.

Bushwick Inlet Park Motiva Parcel

bounded by Franklin Street/ Kent Avenue, East River and Quay Street, in Bushwick Inlet Park in the Borough of Brooklyn.

CB1 - Parks Committee Meeting, Schematic Design Presentation June 03, 2020 Abel Bainnson Butz, LLP

Total Budget:\$9,818,000Mayor, Bill de Blasio - \$9.8 M FY19

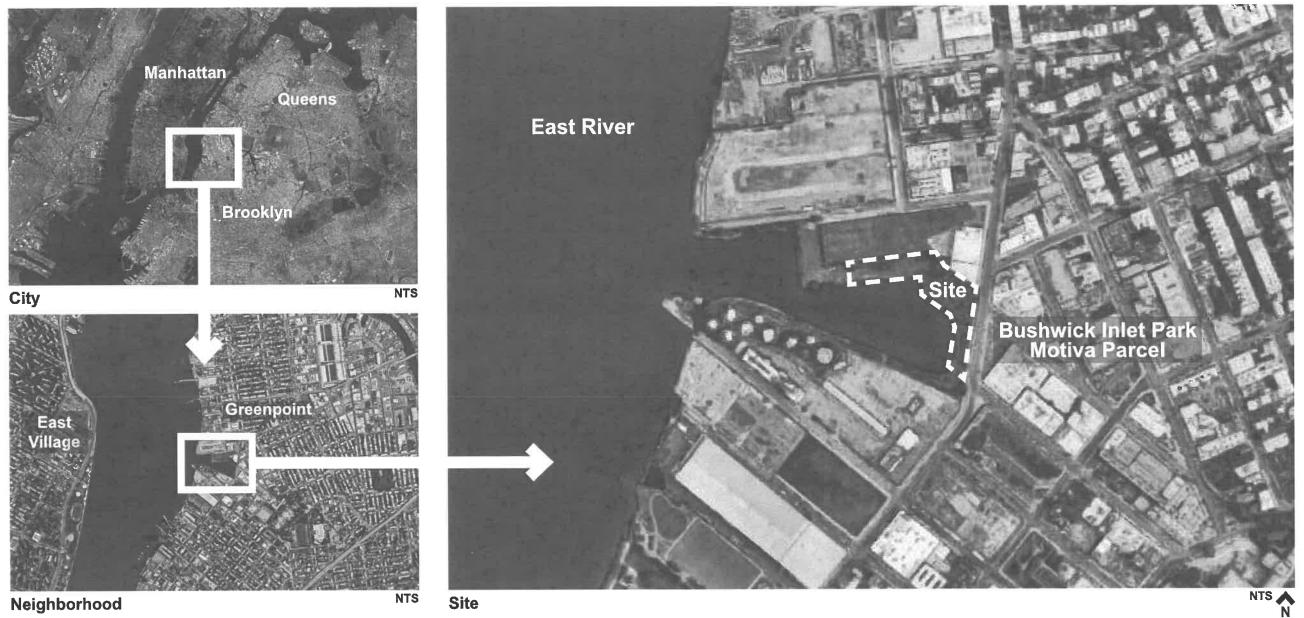
Project Size: 1.90 ac

Parks

Goals

- Reconnect the community with the waterfront by providing a passive park that remediates environmental site conditions, restores native plant habitat and increases wildlife biodiversity.
- Coordinate design vocabulary with adjacent Bushwick Inlet Park parcels to create a cohesive plan which aligns with the vision of the 2009 Greenpoint Williamsburg Open Space Master Plan and allows for a connection to the future build out of Bushwick Inlet Park.









Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Project Location

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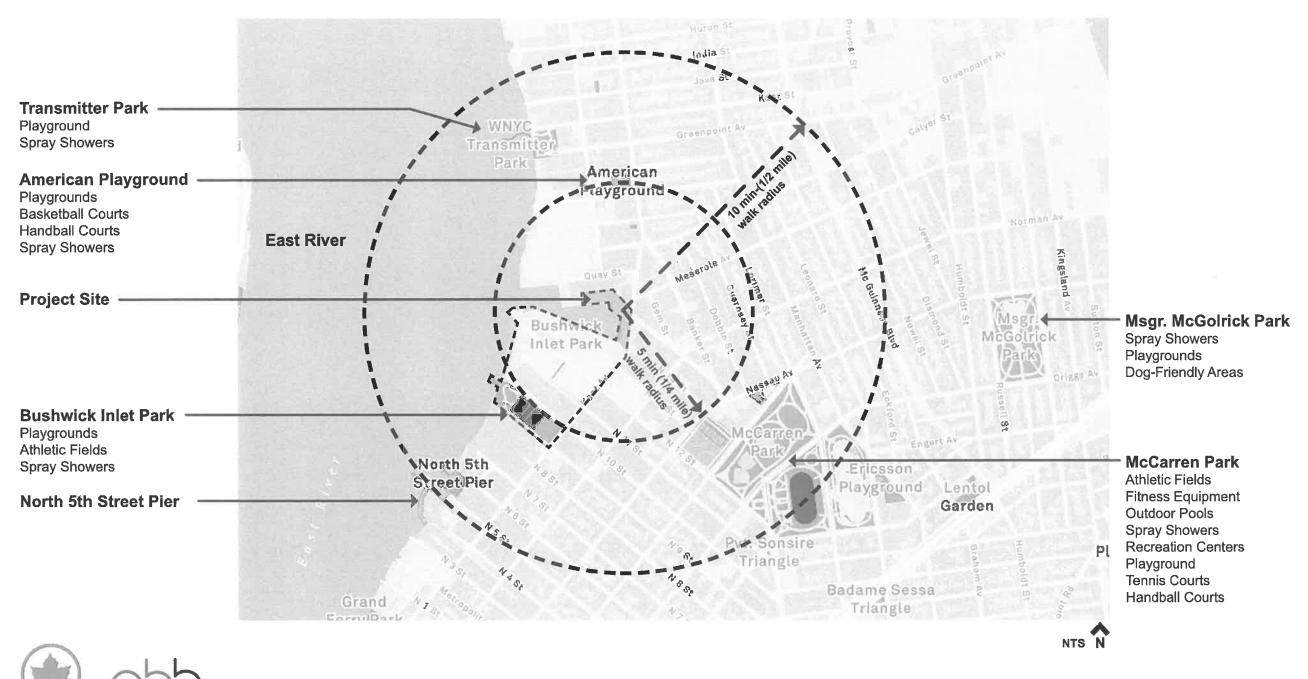


Land Use Categories

- 1 And 2 Family Residential
- Multi-Family Residential
- Mixed Use
- Open Space And Outdoor Recreation
- Commercial
- Institutional
- Industrial
- Parking
- Transportation / Utilities
- Vacant Lots
- - Site Boundary

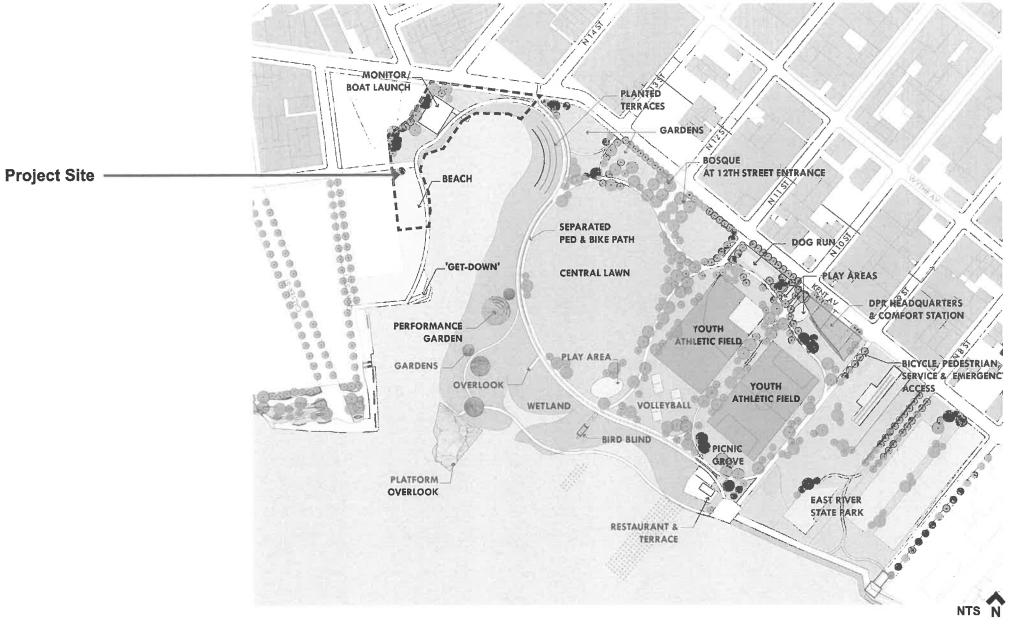
Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Surrounding Land Use

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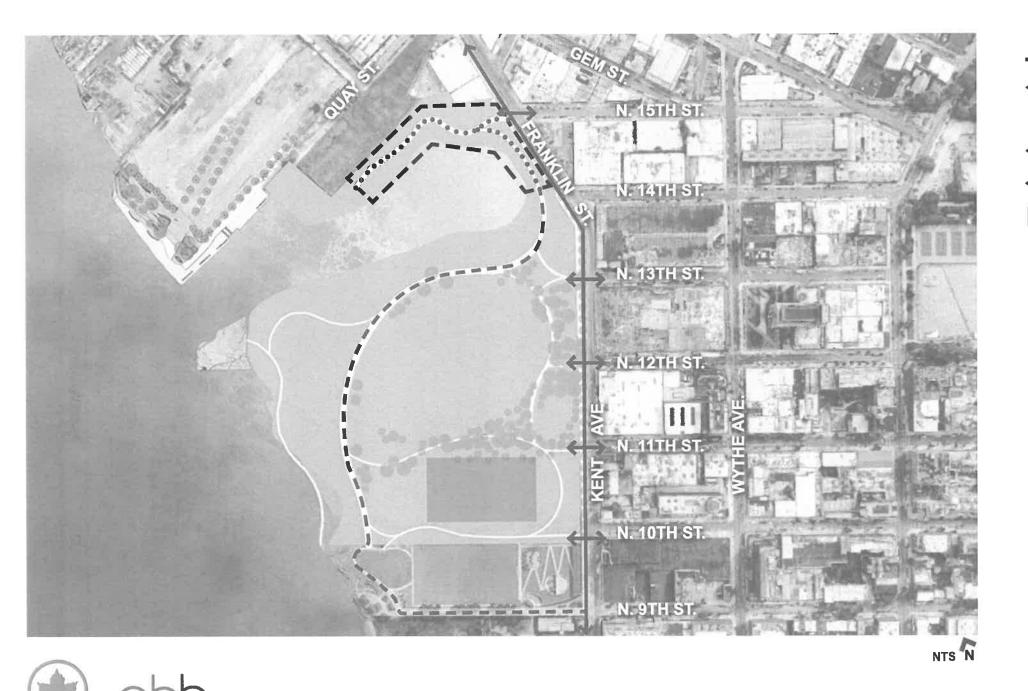
Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Neighborhood Context

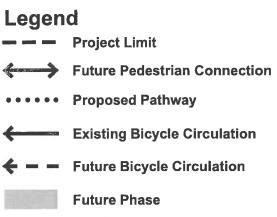
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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Concept from 2009 Greenpoint Williamsburg Open Space Master Plan

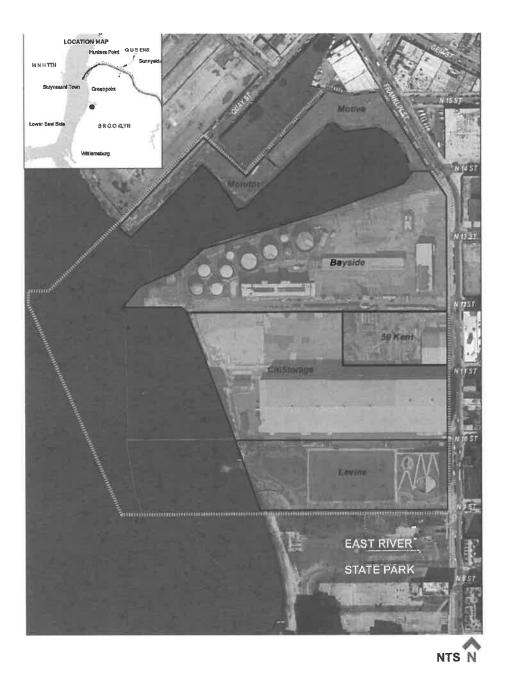


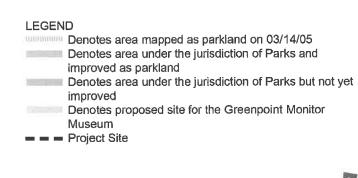


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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Site Plan (Future Integration with Master Plan)

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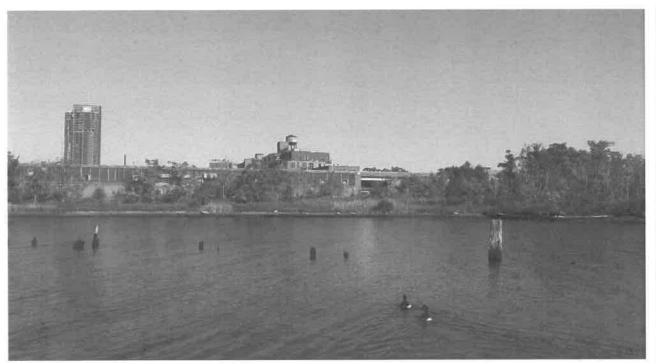




Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Existing Conditions

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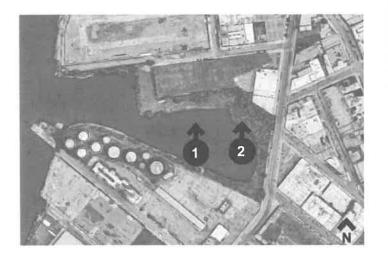
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1 - Looking north at Bushwick Inlet with MTA facility in background



2 - Bushwick Inlet

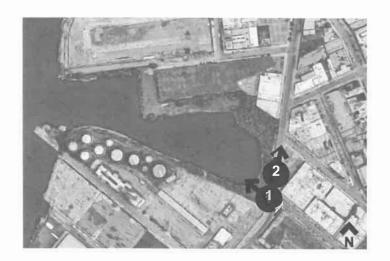






1 - Bushwick Inlet from Franklin Street

2 - Looking north along Franklin Street

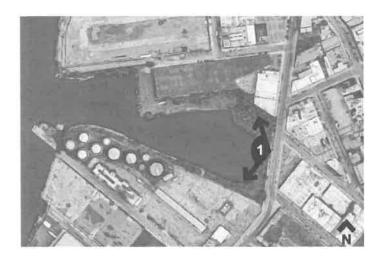








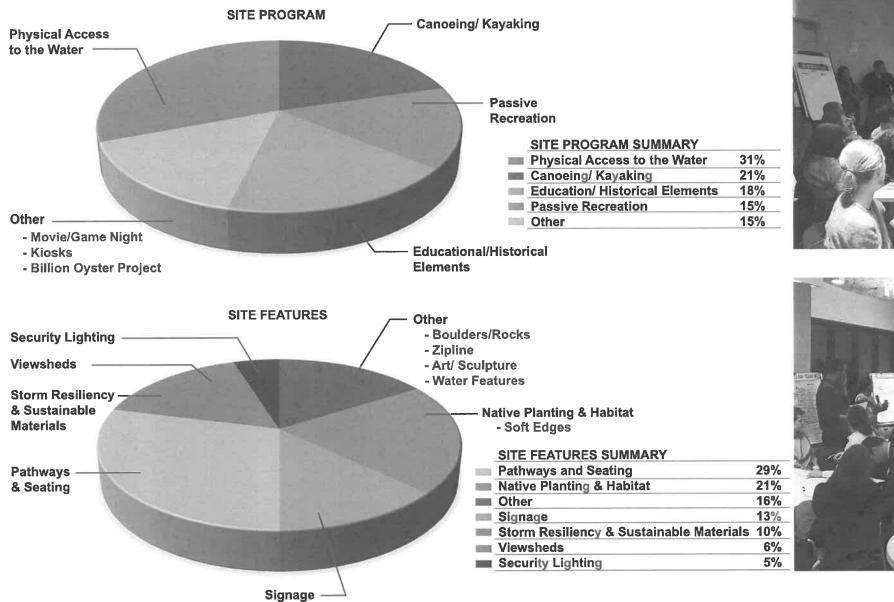
1 - Panoramic View of Existing Conditions







WHAT WE HEARD:



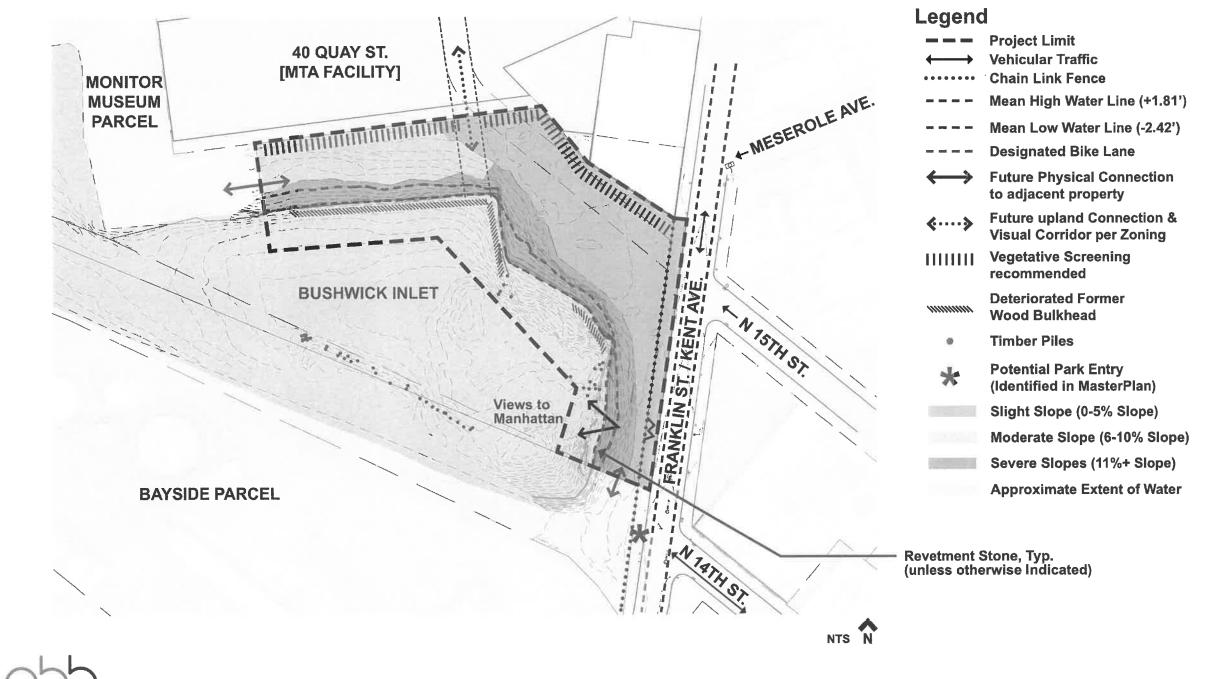


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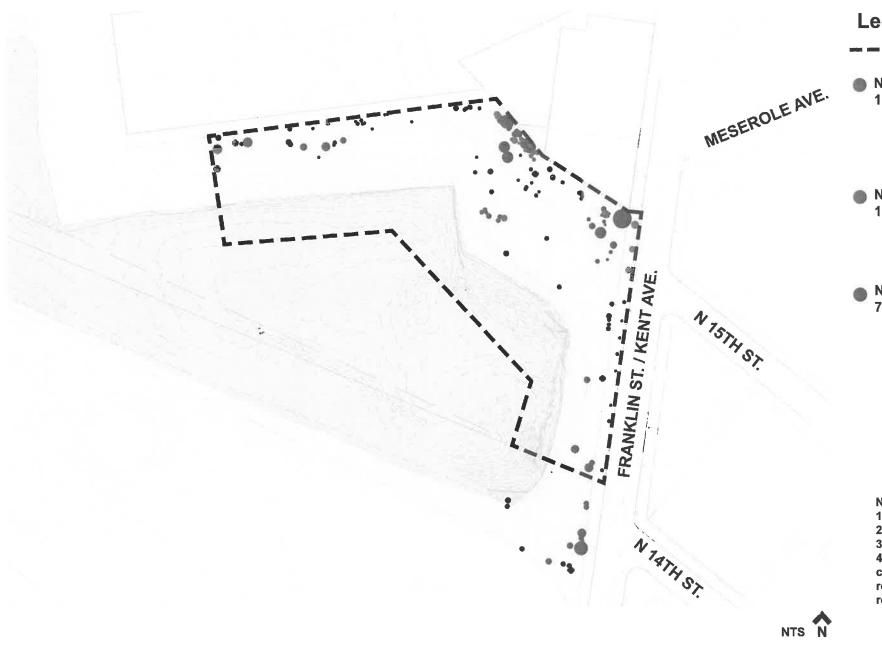
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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Site Analysis



Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Tree Inventory + Analysis

Legend

---- Project Limit

Native, Non-Invasive **10% of Total Trees**

Chamaecyparis thyoides Populus deltoides Prunus serotina Quercus palustris

Atlantic White Cedar (1.0%) Eastern Cottonwood (1.0%) Black Cherry (4.0%) Pin Oak (4.0%)

Non-Native, Non-Invasive Species 17% of Total Trees

Prunus sp. Unknown Cherry (9%) Pyrus calleryana Callery Pear (1%) Japanese Zelkova (7%) Zelkova serrata

Non-Native, Invasive Species 73% of Total Trees

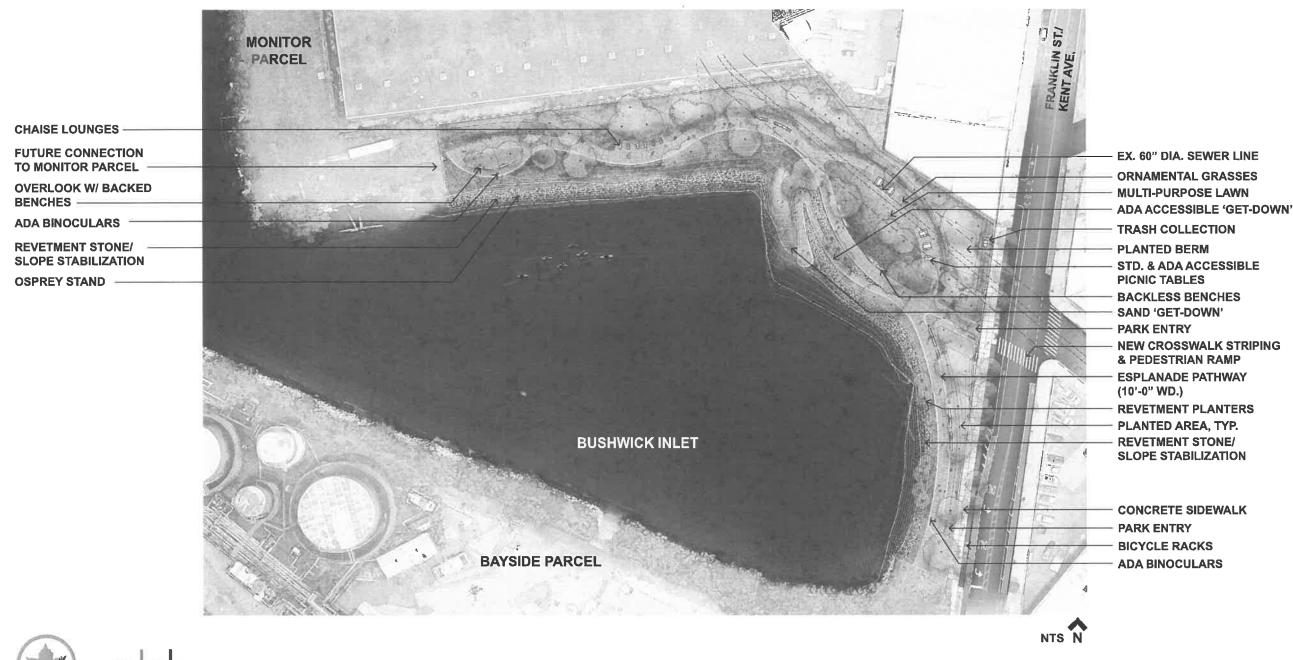
Ailanthus altissima Corylus colurna Elaeagnus umbellata Morus alba Paulownia tomentosa Ulmus pumila

Tree of Heaven (57.0%) Turkish Hazelnut (1%) Japanese Silverberry (1%) White Mulberry (9.0%) Royal Empress Tree (4%) Siberian Elm (1%)

Notes:

1. Trees 4"+ caliper inventoried by NYC Parks. 2. Canopy size indicated calculated from DBH. 3. Percentages rounded to the nearest %. 4. All trees to be removed due to soil contamination & environmental soil cap requirements except street trees which are to remain.





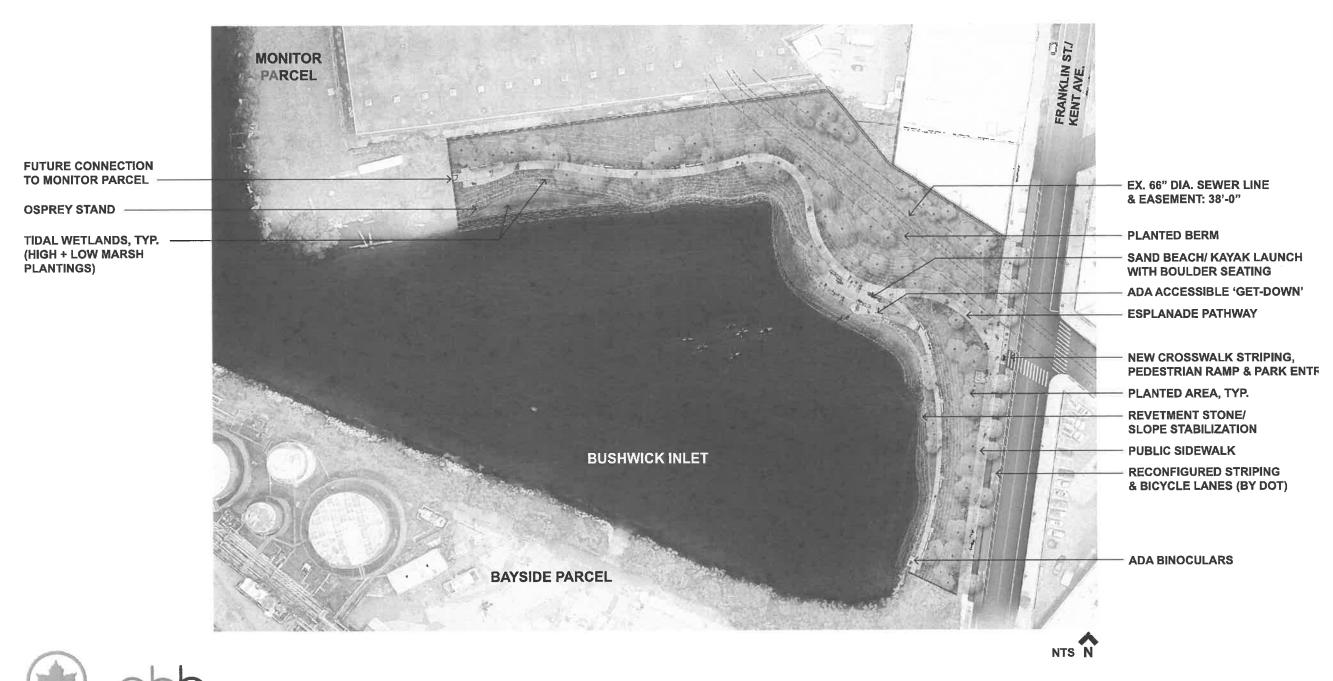
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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design Plan (Disapproved by CB#1)



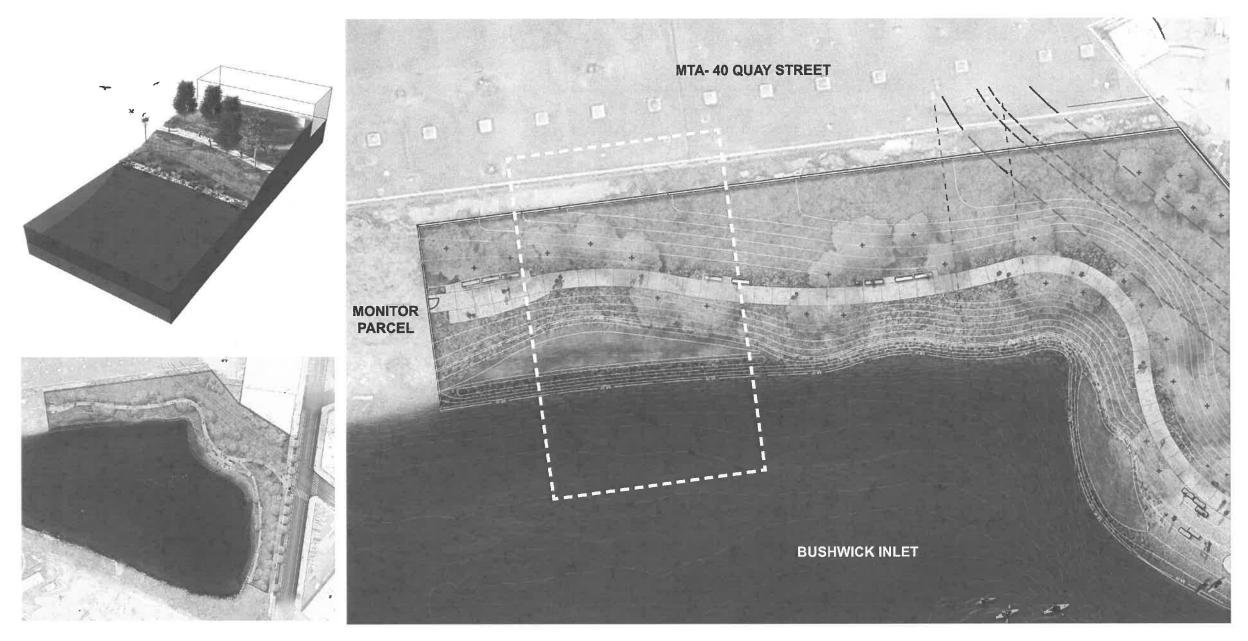
- 1. Shoreline Treatment:
 - CB Comment: Provide a softer, more naturalistic shoreline.
 - Reduced amount of revetment.
 - Incorporated tidal wetlands along waterfront edge.
 - Varied shoreline geometries.
 - Provided additional planting at waterfront edge.
- 2. Waterfront Access:
 - CB Comment: Provide direct access to the water.
 - Relocated a larger sand kayak launch to the center of the site off the main pathway.
 - Enlarged kayak launch and added stone boulder seating.
 - Incorporated ADA access directly down to the water.
 - Provided a pathway which brings users right along the waterfront's edge.
- 3. Circulation:
 - CB Comment: Rethink pathways; softer, more naturalistic, fewer.
 - Reduced the number of pathways and total quantity of hardscape.
 - Reconfigured pathway geometries to have smooth, sweeping curves.
- 4. Ecology:
 - CB Comment: Provide more ecologically immersive planting.
 - Introduced tidal wetlands along the waterfront (low & high marsh planting).
 - Provided a planting palette with year-round seasonal interest.
- 5. Program
 - CB Comment: Reduce program, more naturalistic.
 - Removed the lawn, picnic tables & chaise lounges.
 - Provided a program which is more passive in experience.





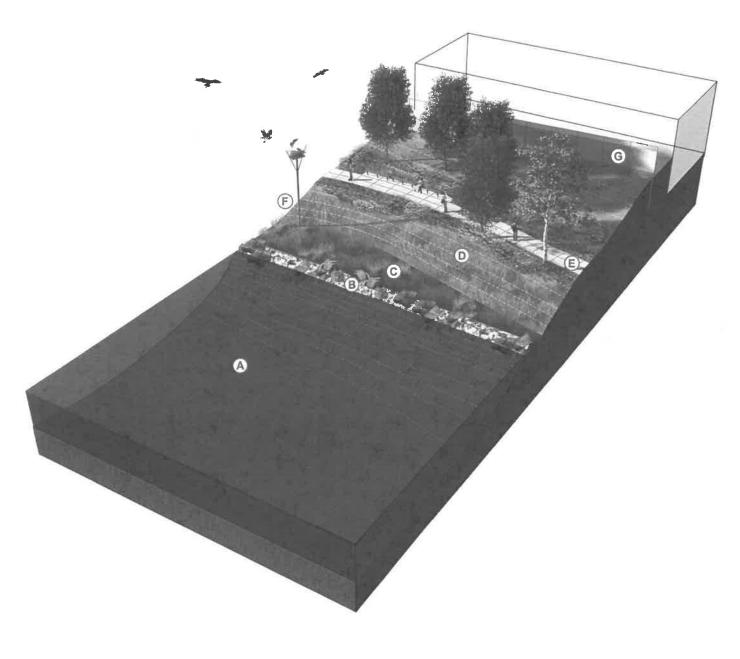
Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design Plan

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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design - Enlargement Plan 1 - North

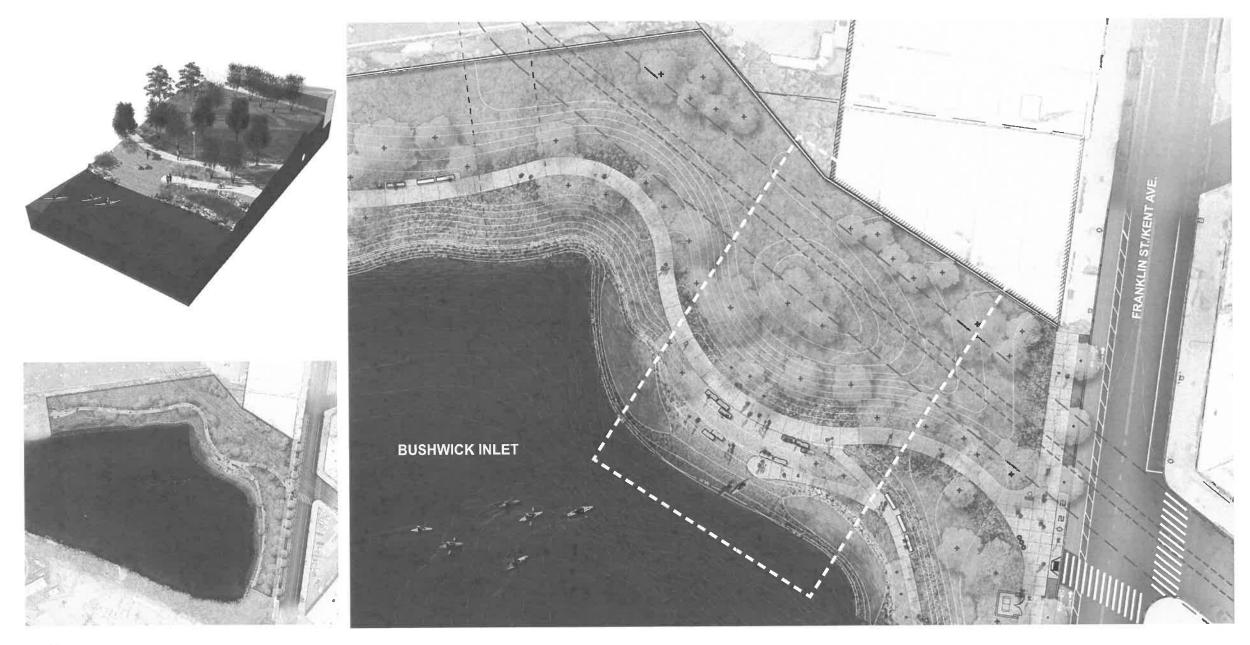


BUSHWICK INLET REVETMENT STONE B TIDAL WETLANDS/ LOW MARSH © TIDAL WETLANDS/ HIGH MARSH (D) ESPLANADE PATHWAY OSPREY STAND (F) CHAIN LINK FENCE G



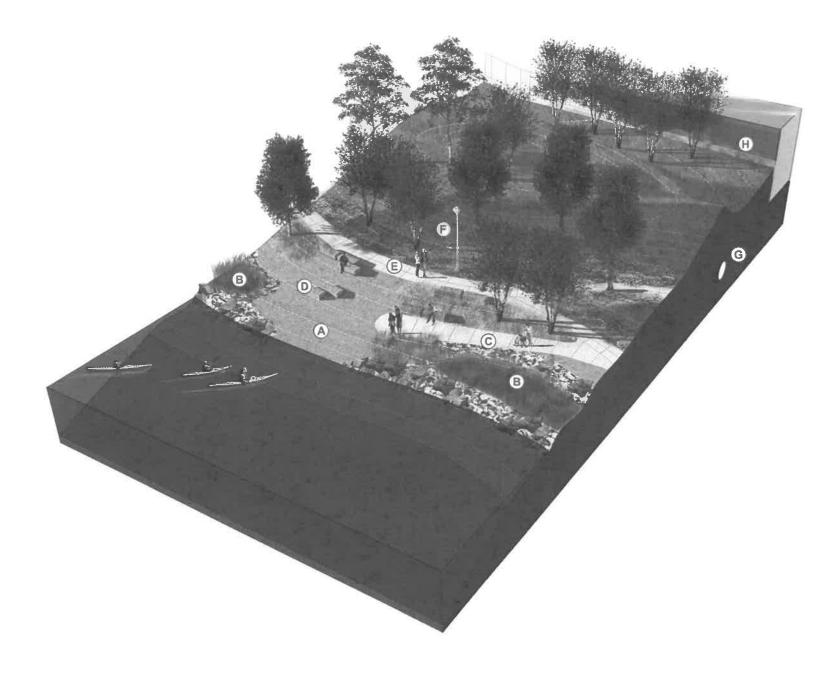


Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Axonometric 1 - North

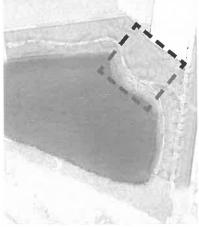




Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design - Enlargement Plan 2 - Central

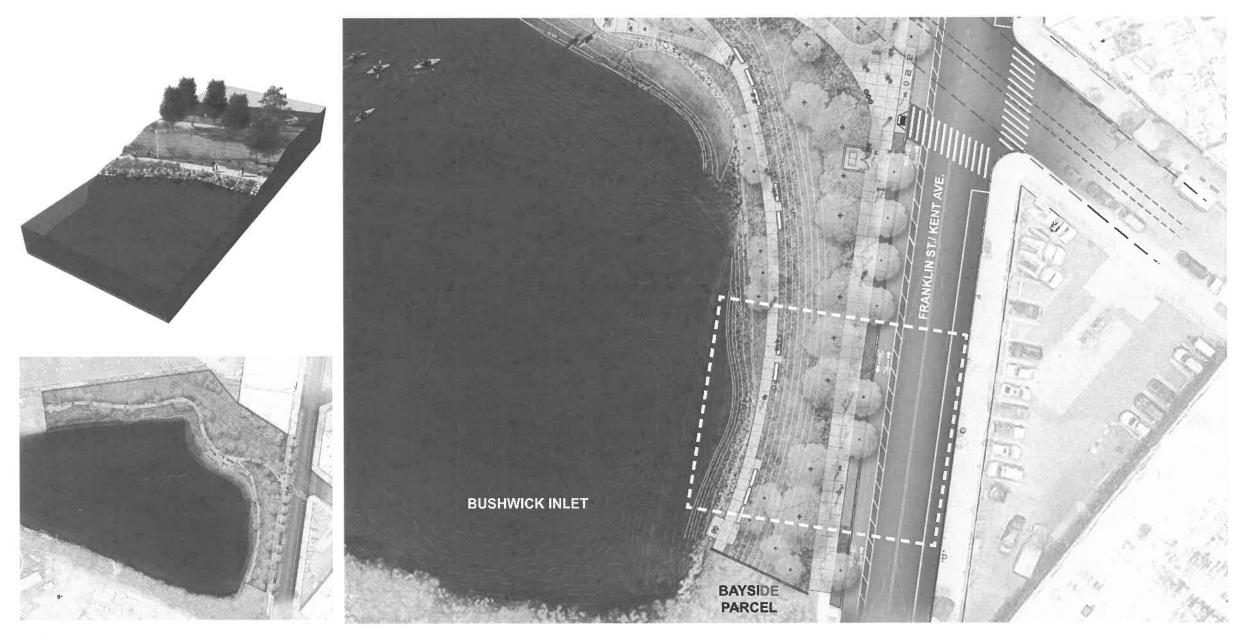


SAND BEACH/ KAYAK LAUNCH (A) TIDAL WETLANDS/ LOW MARSH (B) ADA ACCESSIBLE GET-DOWN (C) BOULDER SEATING (D) ESPLANADE PATHWAY (E) TIDAL WETLANDS/ HIGH MARSH (F) EXIST. 66" DIA. SEWER (G) CHAIN LINK FENCE (H)



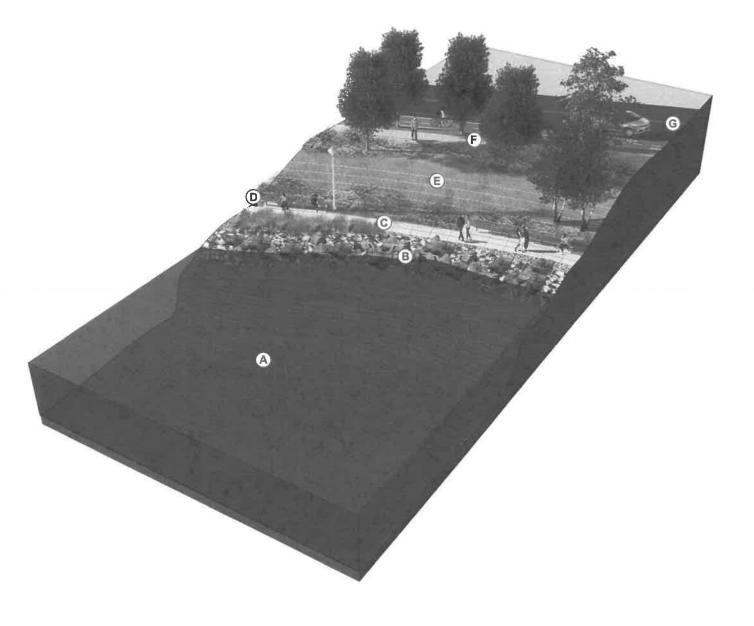


Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Axonometric 2 - Central





Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design - Enlargement Plan 3 - South

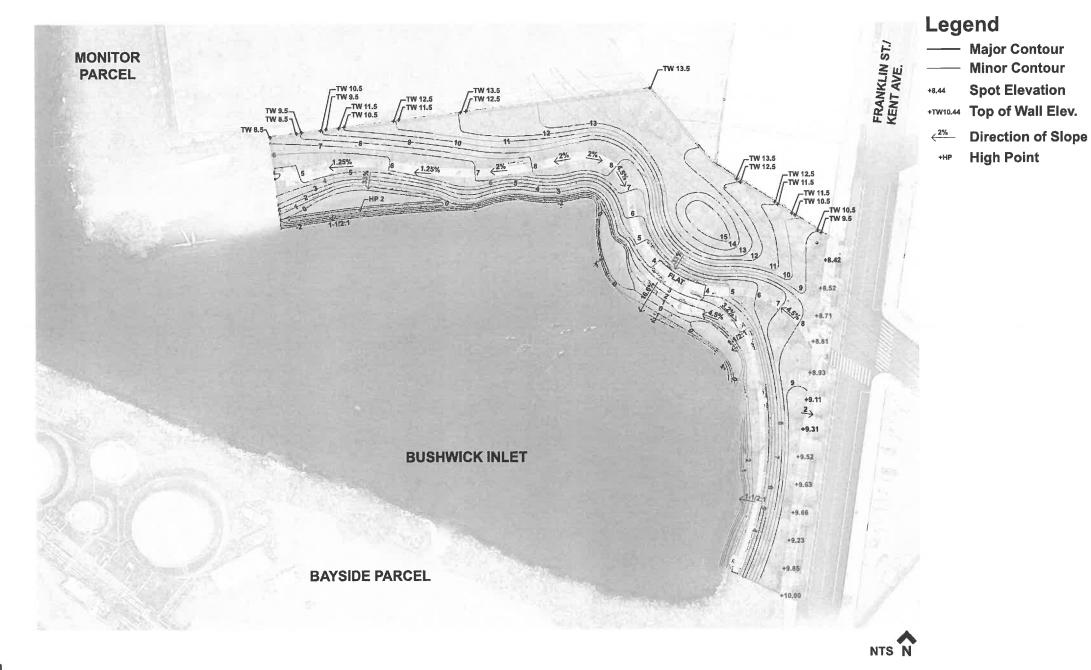


- BUSHWICK INLET
- REVETMENT STONE B
- LOWER ESPLANADE (5-FT WD.) ⓒ
 - BACKED BENCHES (D)
 - SLOPED PLANTED AREA (E)
 - PUBLIC SIDEWALK (F)
- FRANKLIN STREET/ KENT AVE.



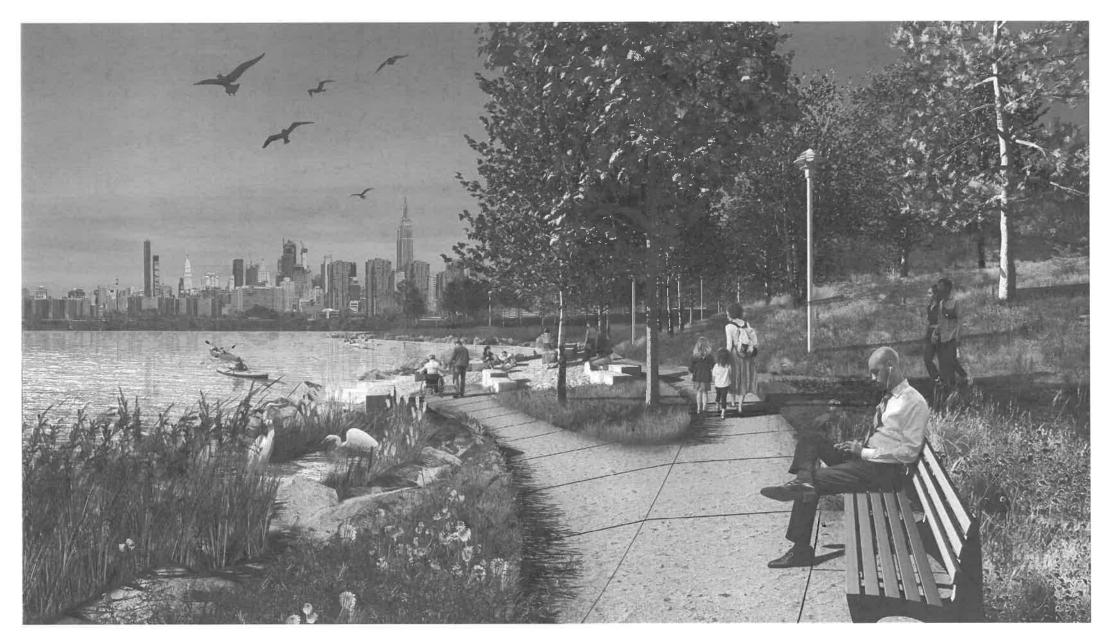


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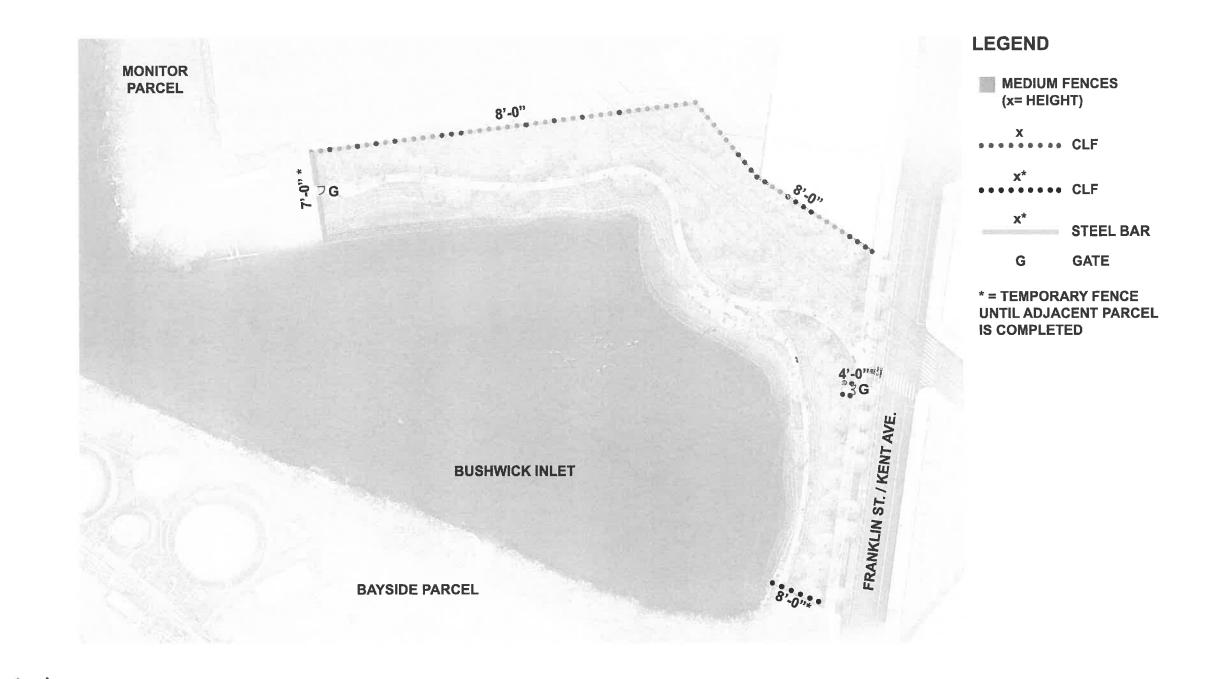
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Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Grading Plan



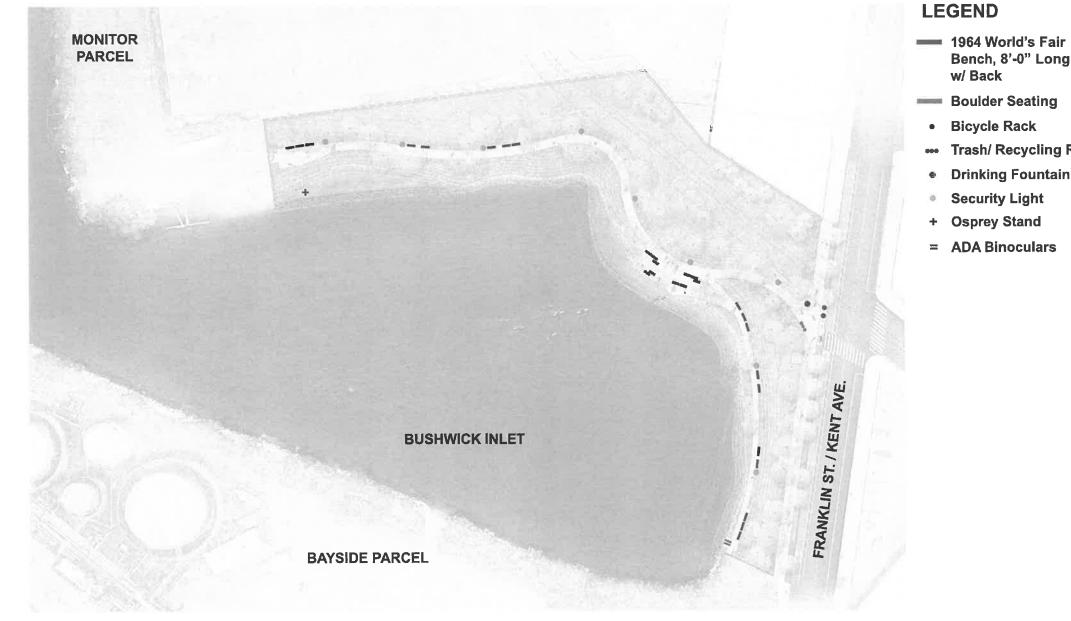


Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Perspective View



Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Fence Diagram

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- Bench, 8'-0" Long
- --- Trash/ Recycling Receptacle
- Drinking Fountain
- Security Light
- = ADA Binoculars

Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Site Furnishings





1964 WORLD'S FAIR BENCH W/ ARMS GALV. STEEL FRAME W/ 'CEDAR' RPL



TRASH / RECYCLING RECEPTACLES GREY BODY W/ BLACK, BLUE & GREEN LIDS



TYPE F HI-LO DRINKING FTN. & BOTTLE FILLER, COLOR: BLACK



DUAL BINOCULARS MFG: HI-SPYVIEWING FREE & ADA ACCESSIBLE



BIKE RACK, FLO BY LANDSCAPE FORMS, STAINLESS STEEL, POLISHED [MASTERPLAN STD.]



WATERFRONT PATHWAY



TIDAL WETLANDS / LOW MARSH



PLANTED SLOPES/ HIGH MARSH



SECURITY LIGHTING- FLUSHING MEADOWS LUMINAIRE & POLE [GREENPOINT-WILLIAMSBURG MASTERPLAN STD.,12'-0" HT. 'B-POLE' AND 'RIVERSIDE PARK LUMINAIRE' COLOR: SILVER



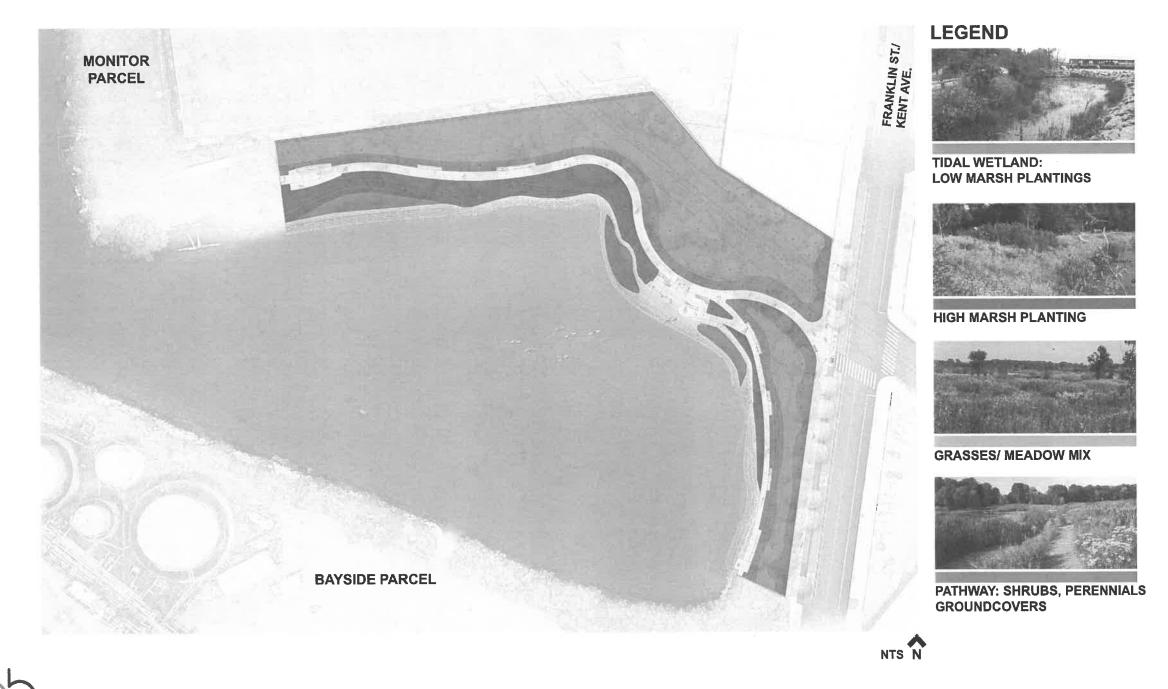


OSPREY STANDS

NATIVE PLANTINGS & HABITAT RESTORATION



Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Ecological Enhancements





Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Planting Typology Identification Plan





Blackgum / Nyssa sylvatica



Pitch Pine / Pinus rigida



Northern Red Oak / Quercus rubra



Black Oak / Quercus velutina



Quercus palustris / Pin Oak



Eastern Red Cedar / juniperus virginiana



Eastern Redbud / Cercis canadensis



Black Cherry / Prunus serotina



Staghorn Sumac / Rhus typhina



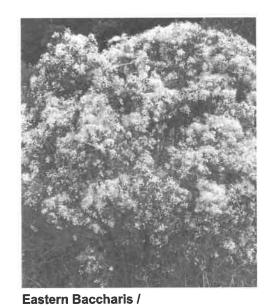
Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Plant Palette - Major & Minor Trees (Sampling)



Carolina Rose / Rosa carolina



Bayberry / Morella pensylvanica



Baccharis halimifolia



High-tide Bush / Iva frutescens



Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Plant Palette - Shrubs (Sampling)



Seacoast bulrush / Bolboschoenus robustus



Coastal little bluestem / schizachyrium littorale





Switchgrass / Panicum virgatum



Pennsylvania smartweed / Persicaria pensylvanica



Virginia glasswort / Salicornia depressa



Seaside Goldenrod / Solidago sempervirens



Smooth Cordgrass/ Spartina alterniflora



Saltmeadow cordgrass / Spartina patens



New York Aster / Symphyotrichum novi-belgii





Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Plant Palette - High Marsh & Low Marsh (Sampling)



TIDAL WETLAND



HIGH MARSH



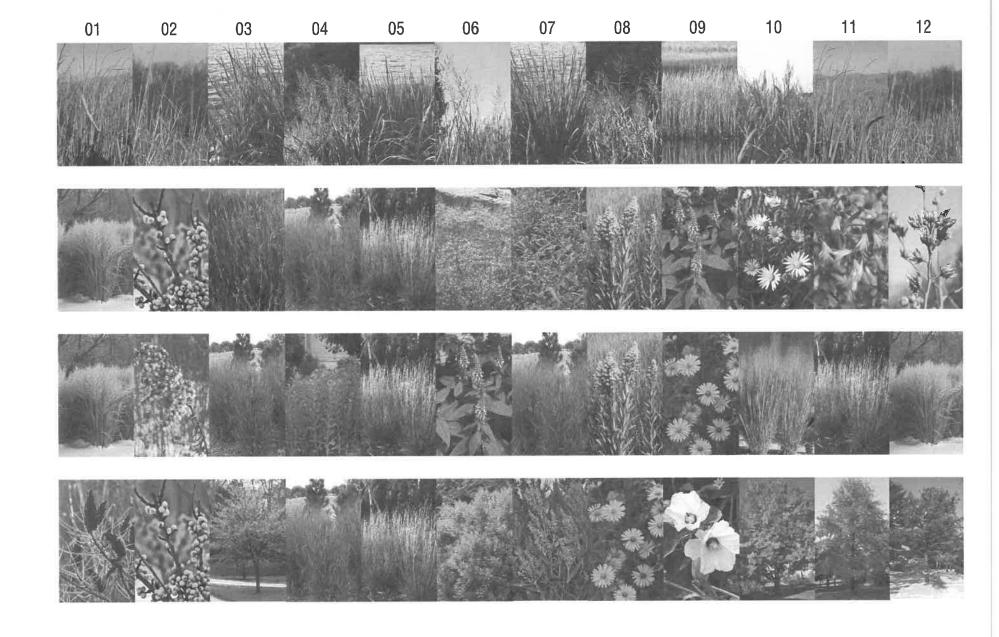
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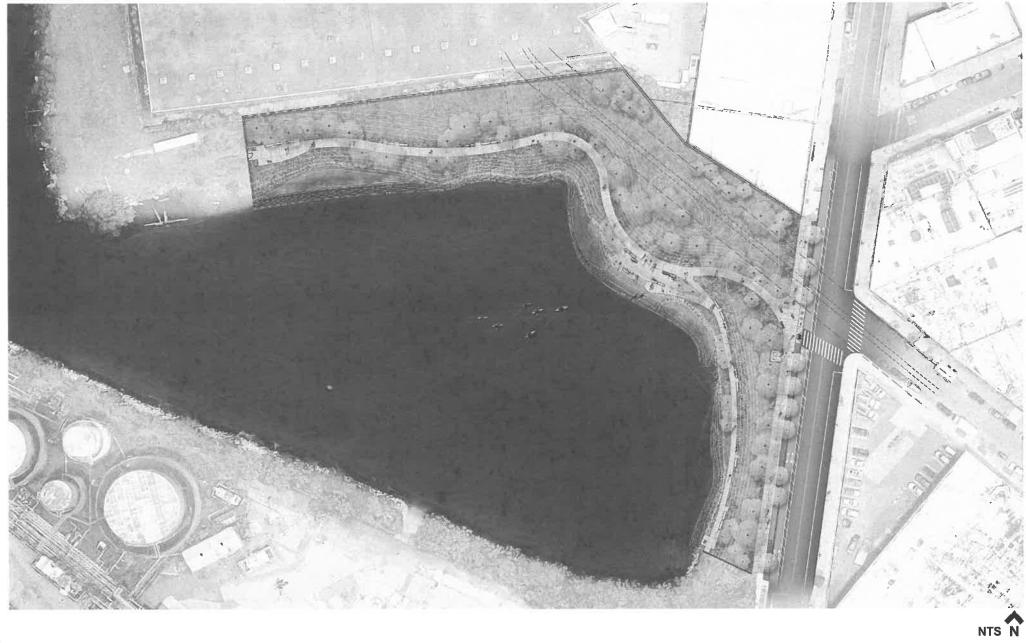


PATHWAY: SHRUBS, PERENNIALS GROUNDCOVERS



Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Plant Palette - Seasonal Interest







Bushwick Inlet Park, Motiva Parcel | Schematic Design



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March 12, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

LAND USE, ULURP & LANDMARKS [subcommittee] COMMITTEE

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and Board Members
FROM:	Ms. Del Teague, Committee Chair
RE:	Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee Meeting held on March 2, 2020

The Land Use, ULURP and Landmarks [subcommittee] Committee met on March 2, 2020 at 6:30 PM, in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u> - Teague, Committee Chair; Viera; McKeever; Barros; Chesler; Rabbi Niederman; Sofer; Weidberg; Weiser; Berger (*); Li (*) (* Non board members) <u>Absent</u> –Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Nieves; Solano, (A quorum was present)

AGENDA

(1.) <u>PRESENTATION: BSA SPECIAL PERMIT APPLICATION</u> – BSA CAL. NO. 2019-307-BZ, 277 SOUTH 5TH STREET, AKA 263-279 SOUTH 5TH STREET, BROOKLYN, **NY 11211** (Block 2447 Lot 35). The application is for a Physical Cultural Establishment (PCE) in a a building currently under construction. – by Richard Lobel, Sheldon Lobel P.C.)

Mr. Frank Noriega presented. This is an application for a special permit for a Physical Cultural Establishment that will be primarily a rock-climbing facility with a small fitness area on the ground floor in a mixed-use building that is still under construction. There will be lockers and showers in the cellar. When the committee members asked about noise control with respect to the residential units, the presenter explained that the facility will be separated from those residential units, so there should not be a sound issue.

As with their other facility on Starr Street in Bushwick, there is no plan to have eating or drinking at the facility.

The owner spoke and assured us that there will be discounts for children through a non-profit partner, Urban Peaks.

<u>Planned hours of operation</u>: M-F- 7 am to Midnight Weekends – 9 am to 10 pm.

<u>Recommendation</u>: The committee members, including non-board members, voted unanimously to approve.

(2.) PRESENTATION: CITY PLANNING – BEDFORD AVENUE

OVERLAY EXTENSION – CAL. # 200258 ZMK – A zoning map amendment to map - a C2-4 Commercial Overlay over an exisitng R6B District to facilitate the development of a 3-story, 5,400 square foot mixed use development, including approximately 2,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space and 3,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space, is being sought by private applicant at 276 Bedford Avenue (Block 2380), Lot 20) in Williamsburg, CD1, Brooklyn – by Slater & Beckerman PC.

Mr. Ben Stark presented. This is a request for a zoning map amendment for a C2-4 Commercial Overlay over an existing R6B District to facilitate the development of a 3-story mixed use building with 2,200 square feet of ground floor commercial space and two (2) residential apartments above. The southernmost approximate ten (10) feet of the subject lot is within the existing commercial overlay. The developer would like to have commercial space in the entire ground floor. There will be two (2) residential units in the two floors above.

Mr. Stark explained that in doing its required outreach to neighbors, the developer reached out to the boards of directors of People's Firehouse, Inc. (PFI) and the nearby senior residence, Jarka Hall, managed by PFI, to ask if there was any objection to the request. The board members voted not to object in light of the size and planned use of the space, which they felt were in character with the area and an improvement over the existing use of the lot.

Mr. Stark also explained that after the suggestion by a resident at the last full Community Board No. 1 meeting, that the developer consider assisting with the development of a community garden in a nearby space owned by Jarka Hall, the developer has been talking to the executive director of PFI and to Council Member Reynoso's Office. Mr. Rivera attended the committee's meeting and

explained that while PFI and Jarka Hall appreciate the suggestion, at this time it may be premature to discuss any specific partnership or assistance, because the planning for the garden is in its infancy.

Although the application does not involve any condition that the developer provide any benefit to PFI or Jarka Hall, Ms. Teague, who is a board member of both organizations, recused herself from voting on this matter.

The committee asked whether there was an opportunity for the developer to purchase air rights that might enable it to build higher than 3-stories. Mr. Stark stated no such opportunity is available. He also showed the committee pictures of the lot in the 1940's that shows a 3-story building with the same combination of commercial/residential use as the developer seeks to build now.

The committee members voted to approve the application, finding it to be an improvement over the current use and contextual with the heights and uses of the nearby buildings along Bedford Avenue.

Recommendation: Approve.

Board members - 1 recusal; remaining voted in favor. Non-board members - 1 voted in favor, 1 abstained.

(3.) ADDENDUM RE: Plan for the Redevelopment of the Con Edison Site on River Street:

We received a letter dated February 7, 2020 from Two Trees inviting us to participate in an affordable housing working group with them to help them finalize their plan for the site. The committee members voted unanimously to recommend to the full board that we not participate in order to not be perceived as giving tacit or pro forma approval of the planned development.

In furtherance of forming an independent opinion of our own, the board recently approved using discretionary funds to work with an objective outside consultant to investigate the effect the proposed development will have on the community.



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COMMITTEE REPORT

SLA REVIEW & DCA COMMITTEE

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members
FROM:	Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair SLA Review & DCA Committee
RE:	Committee Report – Meeting held on February 25, 2020.

The SLA Review & DCA Committee met at 6:30 PM on February 25, 2020 in the CB#1's District Office, 435 Graham Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211.

ATTENDANCE:

<u>Present</u>-Burrows; Bachorowski; Bruzaitis; Cohen; Dybanowski; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart. <u>Absent</u>- Barricelli; Barros; Torres. (A quorum was present)

It is noted that all applicants are requested to sign stipulations.

I. UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATIONS:

<u>UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ</u>: UNENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ: NLAM Inc., 178 Kent Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11249-3103 (#1389004-DCA) 12 Tables; 25 Chairs. (RENEWAL).

The Committee recommends approval.

II. LIQUOR LICENSES:

NEW

- 1. 189 Bedford Tacos LLC, dba Dos Toros, 189 Bedford Avenue, (Corporate Change, Beer/Cider, rest.) *The Committee recommends <u>approval.</u>*
- Biba Williamsburg LLC, dba Biba Williamsburg, 110 Kent Avenue, (New, Bar, Tavern, liquor, wine/beer, cider).
 The applicant did not appear. The Committee recommends <u>denial.</u>
- Ebbs LLC, dba Ebbs Brewing Company, 177 North 7th Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern, Live Music) <u>POSTPONED</u>. (Need posting on both sides of location, legal side and actual entrance; Signatures from buildings to the left, to the right and across the street, Need sufficient basis for SLA to find that issuing a license would be in the public interest)
- Entity to be Formed by Brent Young, dba TBD, 434 Humboldt Street, (New/Transfer, liquor, wine/beer, cider, tavern). *The Committee recommends <u>approval.</u>*
- Family Project LLC, dba Grand Days, 307 Grand Street, (New, Wine/Beer, cider, coffee shop, play space) *The Committee recommends <u>approval.</u>*
- John J. Healy, dba Prohibition Creamery, 44 Berry Street, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
 The Committee recommends approval.
- MDMPZZA LLC, dba Ace Pizza Shop, 637 Driggs Avenue, (New, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest.)
 The Committee recommends <u>approval.</u>
- S. Fristensky on Behalf of Entity to be Determined, dba TBD, 560 Manhattan Avenue, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern) *The applicant did not appear. The Committee recommends <u>denial.</u>*
- Tomo Japanese Restaurant Inc., 1077 Flushing Avenue, (Class Change, Wine/Beer, cider, rest.)
 The Committee recommends approval.
- 10. Vabeh First LLC, dba Vabeh First LLC, 103 Havemeyer Street, Store 2, (Corporate Change, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern) *The Committee recommends approval.*

RENEWALS

- 1. 9 Monkeys Inc, dba Hi Noddle Thai, 333 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 2. 3 Piglets Inc., 577 Union Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

- 3. 44 Berry Wine Corp, dba The Counting Room, 44 Berry Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar, tavern)
- 4. 63 Montrose LLC, dba The Rosemont, 63 Montrose Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 5. 301 Tavern Corp, dba TBD, 301 Ainslie Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 6. 451 Graham Avenue Corp, dba The Richardson, 451 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 7. Asbury Greenpoint LLC, dba The Springs, 224 Franklin Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar/tavern)
- 8. DAR 168 Inc., dba DAR 525, 168 Driggs Avenue, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
- 9. Dutch Concorde Inc., dba St. Mazie, 345 Grand Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 10. Graham Central Cafe LTD, 442 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 11. Guchi's Idea LLC, dba Okonomi, 150 Ainslie Street, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
- 12. Kinfolk General Inc., dba Kinfolk, 94 Wythe Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Performance Space/Art Gallery)
- 13. My Music & Time Corp., dba Koda, 985 Flushing Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 14. Post No Bills LLC, dba Post No Bills, 253 Bushwick Avenue, North Store, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, bar)
- 15. Nineteen Twenty Four Inc., dba Roberta's, 43 Bogart, Street AKA 271 Moore Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)
- 16. Santiago & Arlo Corp., dba Friducha Mexican Restaurant, 946 Manhattan Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, Mexican Restaurant)
- 17. Soviet Subs LLC, dba Falansai, 111 Harrison Place, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
- 18. Soviet Subs LLC, dba Falansai, 112 Harrison Place, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
- 19. Terere Corporation, dba Tabare Restaurant, 221 South 1st Street, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, restaurant)
- 20. Wild Ginger Vegan BJQ Inc., dba Wild Ginger, 182 North 10th Street, (Renewal, Wine/Beer, cider, rest)
- 21. Winsome Foods LLC, dba Win Son, 159 Graham Avenue, (Renewal, liquor, wine/beer, cider, rest)

The Committee recommends approval of the above renewals.*

(*) As of the committee meeting date of 2/25/2020 there were no issues with renewals and the Committee recommended approval. However, the Committee's Chair is interested in knowing how many violated the COVID-19 DCA and SLA Special regulations.)

PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED:

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café: Two Hands Williamsburg LLC, 266 Kent Avenue, 13 tables, 26 chairs (NEW) Postponed from 01/28/20. *The Committee recommends approval.*

23 Meadow LLC, dba Pending, 23 Meadow Street, (New liquor, wine/beer, cider, event space) Postponed from 01/28/20. Need Security Plan, Pedestrian plan, Meeting with NYPC & FDNY, Traffic Study, Meeting with Evergreen, meeting with Reynoso. Need to schedule presentation to full board at 03/12/20 meeting. <u>POSTPONED.</u>

The next meeting of the SLA Review & DCA Committee is to be determined and announced.



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June 24, 2020

COMMITTEE REPORT

SLA Review & DCA Committee and Public Safety & Human Services Committee (Joint Committee Meeting)

TO:	Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB#1 Board Members
FROM:	Thomas J. Burrows, Committee Chair SLA Review & DCA Committee Public Safety and Human Services Committee
RE:	Joint Committee Report

A Joint Meeting of the SLA/DCA Review Committee with the Public Safety/Human Services Committee was held on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, via a WEBEX Virtual Meeting.

ATTENDANCE:

Present – Burrows, Chair; Barros; Bachorowski; Rachlin; Torres; D'Amato; Leanza; Viera; Bruzaitis. Absent – Argento; Bamonte; Cianciotta; Cohen; Dybanowki; Gangone; Green; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Landau; Low; Foster; Sofer; Solano; Stuart. (A quorum was not present). Also present were board members (Chesler; Kuonen), agency representatives, and members of the public. (*It is noted that because of the Meeting designation for the session, the number of persons accessing the room was found to be limited.*)

To stay connected and informed on the situation in the Community Board #1 area with regard to COVID-19 and the plan for reopening, the first WebEx meeting of Community Board #1 was a meeting of members of both the SLA/DCA Committee and the Public Safety/Human Services Committee was held on WebEx.



It was hoped that members of both Committees as well as representatives of the Homeless Services Agency; the NYPD 90 Pct., 94 Pct. & PSA 3; Health & Hospital Corporation; the Councilmember's offices; the Mayor's office and Assembly office would all be able to attend. The new Brooklyn Borough Director of the NYC Mayor's Office of Community Affairs, Edward Cerna was able to attend. Also invited was Jessica Arocho, the new Director of Community Affairs for Woodhull. Some of these individuals were in attendance but it was difficult to take accurate attendance.

Notice of the meeting had been sent to the above and public members also had the link. Unfortunately, the choice of meeting size did not match the demand and we reached the maximum number before all could link in.

The purpose of the meeting was the need to connect with Committee members who had not had a meeting in months and had not seen or spoken to other Committee members. The meeting connected the members with City and State agency members to connect and provide support and information in addressing the pandemic. With the loss of life and serious illness contact with others was needed to relief some grief, stress and anxiety.

Since the date of the meeting much has changed in the City and State and the response to the incidents involving police across the country added to the stresses already arising from the COVID-19 crisis and the pressure to reopen.

The SLA/DCA Committee's main responsibility is to review and make recommendations regarding alcohol licenses, sidewalk café permits and other licensing by the DCA. Since the advent of the Stay at Home PAUSE no new or renewed licenses have been brought to the Committee for consideration. The SLA has issued interim regulations which are in effect until June 27, 2020 and it is not clear when review will start again.

Attendees at the combined meeting shared some of their experiences in the two month period of the PAUSE and raised some issues with some street congregating issues they wished to address.

<u>Open Streets</u>: At the time of the meeting, there was community support expressed to the Committee for Open Streets. There were some problem areas particularly some locations on Berry Street. The original understanding was that Open Streets would be parallel, adjacent or contiguous to parks to expand the area available for social distancing for walking, working out, riding bicycles, enjoying the outdoors. Berry Street was not at first recommended but was closed nonetheless and became a party space for bars along its route in violation of the SLA To-Go policy, NYC Open container rules and closing hours. The majority of Berry Street has been enjoyed by residents and families to enjoy being outdoors, riding bikes, walking and just relaxing.

<u>POD Hotel Shelter</u>: Breaking Ground and Yuri Sanchez of Homeless Services were in attendance to be available to address any concerns that may have been raised regarding housing 300 homeless individuals in the POD Hotel. With the advent of the COVID-19 panademic people that were being sheltered in congregate, dormitory-style housing sere moved to hotels. The NYPD reported that there have been no problems and we had no neighborhood complaints.

<u>Southside Neighborhood Concerns</u>: Members of the Public Safety Committee and representatives of the Southside Neighborhood Association brought to the Committee's attention concerns about groups gathering on the sidewalks not observing social distancing, not wearing masks, drinking, smoking etc and concerned about lack of enforcement. At the time of the meeting we had hoped to facilitate a follow up meeting with the Councilmember's office, the 90th Precinct and the Neighborhood Association to address these concerns. Captain Vasquez and PO Melendez of the 90Pct had tried to join the meeting but capacity had been reached.

<u>Parks Concerns</u>: As part of the misunderstanding regarding the SLA To-Go Guidelines it was reported that people are purchasing pizza and alcoholic beverages and heading to Transmitter Park to eat and drink. Not only are the To-Go rules being violated, and the prohibition against alcohol in city parks it seems that No Litter rules are also being ignored and Transmitter Park is loaded with empty pizza boxes and plastic cups. A letter to both the Parks Department and the Department of Sanitation was suggested to request extra attention to this park.

<u>Take Out...Don't Hang Out</u>: The information provided in the Community Affairs flyer provided prior to the meeting of the Committee was offered to the meeting:

Take Out...Don't Hang Out

Social Distancing Guidelines for

Restaurant and Bar Takeout

- 1. Wear face covering and line up 6 feet away from the person in front of you.
- 2. Ordering alcoholic beverages with food to-go is okay.
- 3. DO NOT gather in front of businesses after pick-up
- 4. DO NOT open or drink alcoholic drinks in public.

Clearly this was not clearly communicated to bars & restaurants and establishments with liquor licenses that sell alcohol without food to-go, and/or allow people to congregate and drink in front of their location are at risk of having the SLA take action against them.

<u>Upcoming Concerns As Reopening Expands</u>: As the State and City move forward to relaxing the restrictions under "PAUSE", a number of concerns remained:

• Open Streets

Current streets/hours

Proposed

Adherence to Open Street guidelines and who will enforce.

<u>To-Go Rules</u>

Pick up/Delivery of Food with Closed Containers only.

No lingering, no eating/drinking outside location.

Enforcement by DCA, SLA, NYPD?

• Expanded Outdoor Dining Areas

Use of public sidewalks and streets for expanded dining areas for restaurants.

Use of private property such as parking lots for expanded dining areas for restaurants.

Locations

Rules for outdoor dining, DOH, DOT etc.

Delineating areas of the new dining areas.

The WEBEX meeting was recorded and if interested please contact the Community Board office.

Our next regularly scheduled SLA/DCA meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 23, 2020. However, there has not been a Public Hearing for applicants seeking licenses prior to a Committee meeting and there will be no meeting.

TAKE OUT...DON'T HANG OUT

Social Distancing Guidelines for Restaurant and Bar Takeout





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TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE <u>REPORT</u>

TO: Chairperson Dealice Fuller and CB #1 Board Members

FROM: Mr. Eric Bruzaitis, Committee Chair

RE: Committee Report from Wednesday, June 17, 2020 Meeting

The Transportation Committee met Wednesday, June 17, 2020 (CALLED TO ORDER: 6:37 PM; ADJOURNED: 9:10 PM) via Webex virtual meeting platform. A quorum was met.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Bruzaitis; Weiser; Argento; Elkins; Klagsbald; Kuonen; Nieves; Stuart; Costa*. Absent: Gallagher; Gangone; Goldstein; Green; Odomirok; Schlesinger;

AGENDA:

1. <u>Calver Street Triangle, Review of DOT's plan for street treatment and slip closure</u> Presentation to be made by Jessica Cronstein, NYC DOT (Presentation attached)

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After some discussion of the revised plan (attached) the committee was supportive of the efforts by DOT to close the slip on Banker between Calyer and Franklin and make the necessary surface treatments to affect a pedestrian friendly "plaza" at this location.

However, there are still concerns from Lucky's Real Tomatoes regarding their loading zone on Banker. It is also questionable whether a 40' could make the turn onto Calyer from Franklin and immediately turn again onto Banker with the direction change proposed.

POST MEETING NOTE: Despite outreach to businesses by the proposed maintenance partner Silk Road Cycles, Lucky's was neither contacted by Silk Road nor NYC DOT. Because Lucky's recieves 53' trucks (which they do not control) on Banker, a direction change to accommodate the slip closure is not possible without seriously impacting the business.

No vote taken.

2. <u>Review of latest revisions to streets adjacent to Wythe Avenue exit off BQE</u> Presentation by Kol Gjelaj and Gregory Haas, NYC DOT (vote required) (Presentation attached)

After a very spirited discussion the committee could not come to a concensus to approve the latest proposal. 1st Vice Chair Wiser sent these concerns after the meeting:

"As per the plan of the bqe. we were requested to submit comments 1. A full study has to be done on the impact the surrounding streets will have, when the traffic will be diverted, especially kent ave & penn st 2.all affected parties like following schools that have locations, around the location of the exit . following schools. uta @Wythe and Penn. uta scholl @Wythe and Williamsburg West a meeting that has to be sent up with the whole neighborhood, has to in a way that all the parties should be able to hear their concerns, not just via text. Simon weiser cb1 1st Vice Chair"

Other concerns were expressed that the impact of restricting left turns on Wythe and directing southbound vehicles to proceed to Kent to make their turn could exacerbate issues at that intersection.

Others expressed a concern that the current conditions are dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians, and also greatly contributes to air pollution from idling vehicles trapped in up to a half mile of back up on the BQE.

Committee members have requested background data on the proposal with additional vehicle counts on other effected streets.

There is also a request for an additional walk thru of the area.

This project will be tabled by the committee. It is important that this project is done correctly, and there are many challenges associated with it.

NOTE: In the confusion of negotiating WEBEX the votes below were misreported during the meeting. The initial count was reported as a tie.

MOTION: SIMON WEISER. DENY THE PLAN UNLESS A SPLIT SIGNAL IS INSTALLED BEFORE INTERSECTION AND VEHICLES ARE ALLOWED TO TURN LEFT ONTO WYTHE. 2ND: JOEL GOLDSTIEN YEA: WEISER; GOLDSTIEN; KLAGSBALD; STUART. (4) NAY: BRUZAITIS; KUONEN; ELKINS; COSTA* (4) ABSTENTION: NIEVES (1) MOTION FAILS

MOTION: KUONEN. APPROVE PLAN AS PROPOSED 2ND: ELIKINS YEA: BRUZAITIS; KUONEN; ELKINS; COSTA* (4) NAY: WEISER; GOLDSTIEN; KLAGSBALD; STUART. (4) ABSTENTION: NIEVES (1) MOTION FAILS

***NON-BOARD MEMEBER**

3. <u>Safety Project for the intersection of Broadway and Rodney Street</u> Presentation by Kol Gjelaj and Gregory Haas, NYC DOT (Presentation attached) There was some concern about the source of the request for the direction change, however 1st Vice Chair Weiser confirmed that the most immediately effected stakeholder had asked for it.

Based on the NYCDOT presentation the committee voted unanimously to approve the project with the direction change

MOTION: ELKINS. APPROVE PLAN AS PROPOSED 2ND: NIEVES YEA: BRUZAITIS; WEISER; KUONEN; ELKINS; GOLDSTIEN; KLAGSBALD; STUART; COSTA* NAY: NONE MOTION PASSED

***NON-BOARD MEMEBER**

4. Discussion: Open Streets, issues currently and going forward

The committee discussed issues with Open Streets currently and going forward. Ms. Stephanie Shaw from NYCDOT answered questions about process for requesting an Open Street thru the DOT website. Also mentioned that some requests come directly from elected officials.

The chair asked for better notification for new Open Streets and allow input from the board whenever possible.

There were a number of concerns about abuse by those drinking openly. Also, with Street Seat type parking spot takeovers. There is a process to request thru the website for that as well.

There were a number of participants that noted that overall, the drinking issue was confined to two locations on Berry. But overall it is positive.

Willis Elkins discussed barriers being removed on Russel St. and not replaced. It is clear that NYCDOT needs to monitor those issues better, but ultimately it is a NYPD enforcement issue.

Many of the issues discussed are better addressed to NYPD. Neighborhood Coordinating Officers from both the 94th and 90th Precincts will be invited to the next Transportation Committee meeting to discuss enforcement hot spots and other issues.

NOTE: Regrettably, the WEBEX file of this meeting is too large to attach, and therefore many of the comments submitted by text are not immediately available. As the board fine tunes the use of the WEBEX platform, those comments will be added to the record.

Attached are comments from Philip Leff who submitted comments for the record via email.

The next meeting of the Transportation Committee TBA

FRANKLIN ST, QUAY ST GREENWAY CONNECTOR

Presentation to Brooklyn Community Board 1

March 4, 2020





PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- 1. Background
- 2. Proposal
- 3. Making It Work
- 4. Summary



Background



KENT AVENUE, FRANKLIN ST, WEST ST

Timeline

- 2009 Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway implemented on Kent Ave (Williamsburg St West to N 14th St)
- 2013 Upgraded Kent Ave South bike lanes (Williamsburg St West to Clymer St) creating on-street protected path
- 2014 Installed pedestrian improvements on Kent Ave at N. 8th
 St, N. 9th St to improve access to East River State Park
- 2020 West St greenway to be completed





PROJECT LOCATION & GOALS

Creates new bike network connection, closes gap between greenway and parks

Extends greenway experience to increase cyclist safety and comfort

Connects neighborhoods to parks, recreation, waterfront destinations:

- East River State Park
- Bushwick Inlet Park
- WNYC Transmitter Park
- NYC Ferry





EXISTING CONDITIONS & ISSUES

Commercial, industrial corridor with edge condition

- Gap in the protected bike lane network between Kent Ave two-way bike path and West St two-way path
- Challenging transition from Kent Ave to Franklin Ave with increased bicycle volumes along a truck route
- Limited eastbound access from West St Quay St and Calyer St are westbound



Safety – Complete Street Redesign Street designs that include protected bike lanes increase safety for all users

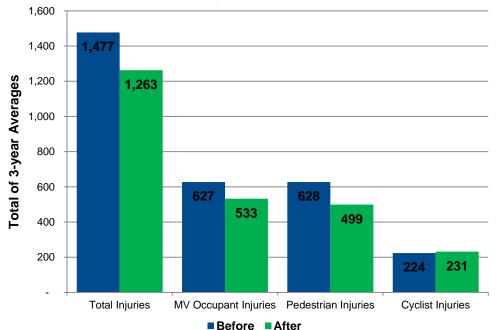
-15% drop in all crashes with injuries -21% drop in pedestrian injuries

on streets where protected bike lanes were installed 2007-2017

Injuries to cyclists increase only 3%, despite a 61% bike volume increase

Protected Bike Lanes

Before and After Crash Data, 2007 - 2017





Data from 25 separate protected bicycle lane projects installed from 2007-2014 with 3 years of after data. Includes portions of 1 Ave, 2 Ave, 8 Ave, 9 Ave, Broadway, Columbus Ave, Hudson St, Lafayette St / 4 Ave, Sands St, Allen/Pike St, Kent Ave, Prospect Park West, Flushing Ave, Bruckner Blvd & Longfellow Ave, Imlay St / Conover St, Paerdegat Ave. Only sections of projects that included protected bike lanes were analyzed.

Source: NYPD AIS/TAMS Crash Database

PROJECT LOCATION

Overview

Project Segments

- 1
 - Kent Ave: N 13th St to N 14th St
- 2 Franklin St: N 14th St to N 15th St
- **3** Franklin St: N 15th St to Quay St
- Quay St: Franklin St to West St

Project Goals

- Close gaps in bicycle network
- Extend greenway
- Improve access to parks
- Improve safety for all road users

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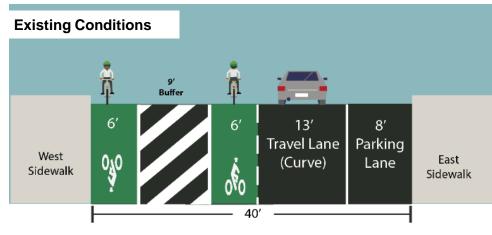


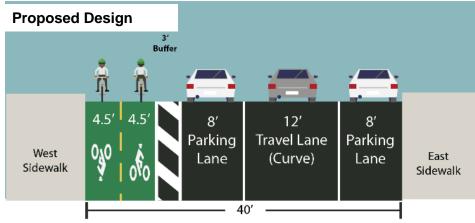


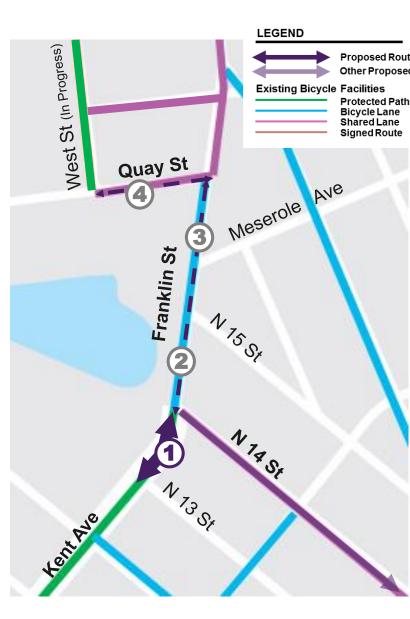
(1) KENT AVE: N 13th St to N 14th St

Parking Protected Two-way Bike Lane

- Separate cyclists from pedestrians and vehicles
- Cyclists protected by buffer and parked cars
- Maintain all travel lanes and capacity for turns



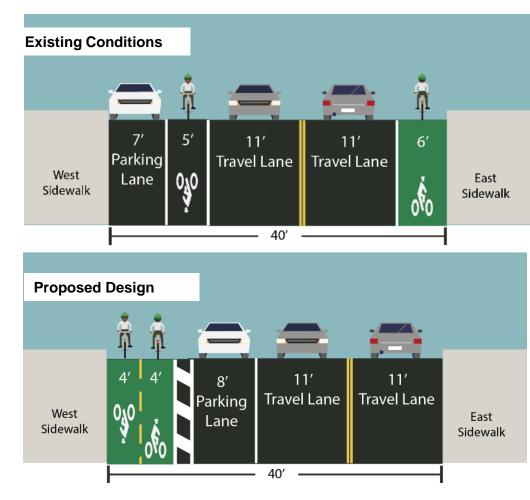


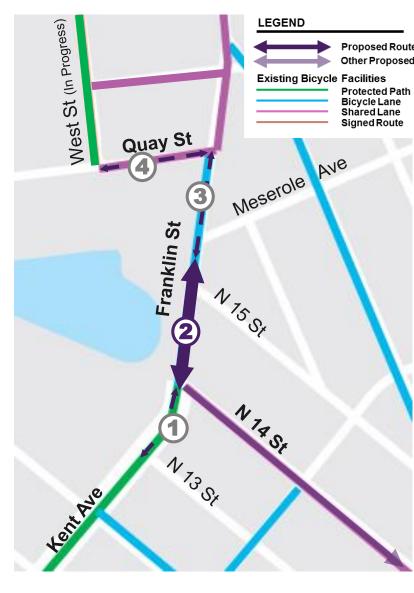


2 Franklin St: North 14th St to North 15th St / Meserole Ave

Parking Protected Two-way Bike Lane

- Separate cyclists from pedestrians and vehicles
- Cyclists protected by buffer and parked vehicles
- Maintain all travel lanes, shift parking from curb

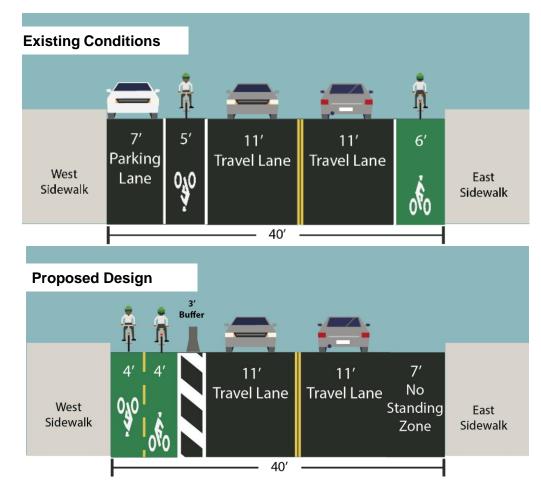


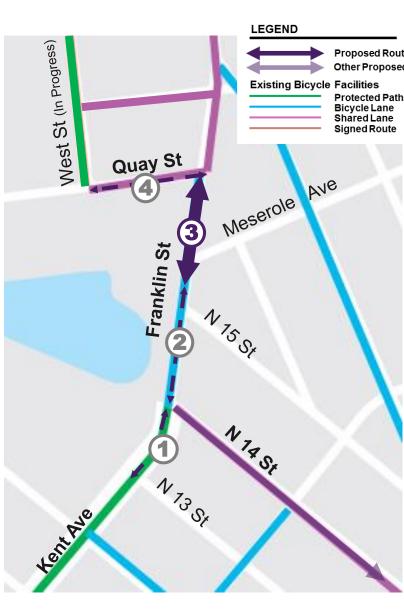


③ Franklin St: Meserole Ave to Quay St

Barrier Protected Two-way Bike Lane

- Separate cyclists from pedestrians and vehicles
- Cyclists protected by buffer and vertical barriers
- Maintain all travel lanes, remove 7 spaces on west curb

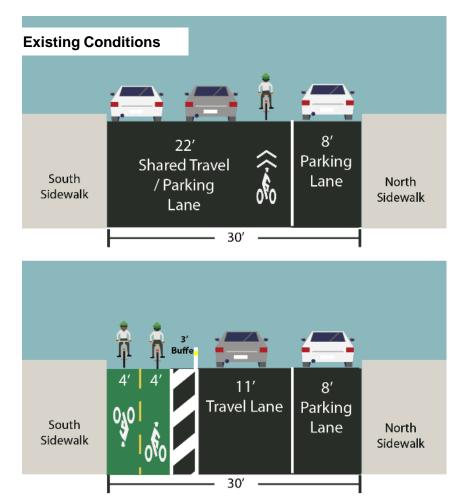




Quay St: Franklin St to West St

Delineator-Protected Two-way Bike Lane

- Separate cyclists from pedestrians and vehicles
- Cyclists protected by buffer and vertical delineators
- Maintain travel lane, remove parking on south side





Making It Work



Making It Work

LOADING AND CURB ACCESS

Driveways

 Driveway access is maintained and indicated with markings

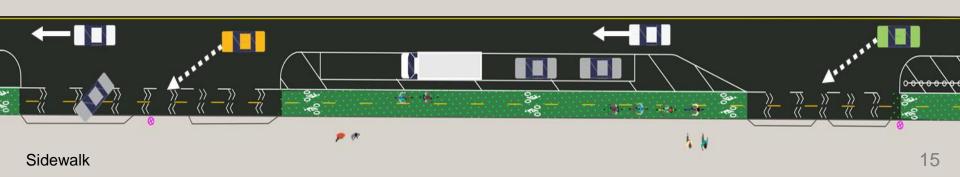
Curb Access

• Design preserves loading and access, shifting parking to the east curb

Curb Management Tools

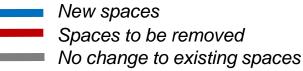
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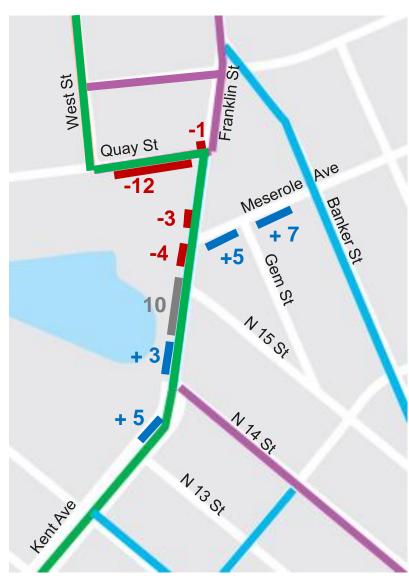




CURB MANAGEMENT, PARKING UPDATES

- MTA to consolidate B32 stop on west curb of Franklin (Meserole Ave to Quay St)
- Project results in 0 net loss of parking spaces
 - Franklin St (N 14 St to N 15 St): Add 3 new floating parking spaces
 - Kent Ave (N 13 St to N 14 St): Add 5 new floating parking spaces
 - Meserole St (Franklin St to Banker St): Add 10 new parking spaces to south curb





Parking totals are approximate and subject to final engineering review

Summary



Summary

Improved Bike Safety and Access to Brooklyn Waterfront Greenway

Project Benefits

Reduce conflicts, increases safety

- Separate bikes from moving vehicles reduce conflicts between bicycles, pedestrians, vehicles, trucks
- Increase predictability of cyclist location for drivers and pedestrians

Create new neighborhood amenity

- **Create** new two-way protected bicycle lane to connect to greenway, **improve access** to waterfront destinations
- Provide **comfortable** space for cyclists of varied ages and experience levels
- Encourage physical activity recreational bike rides, walking, jogging





THANK YOU!

Questions?





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Appendix

Franklin St, Quay St – Greenway Connector

DRAFT Updated Proposed Design

For Illustrative Purposes Only

