

ESCR CAG) Meeting -- July 27, 2023
(via Zoom)

CAG members present

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[Link to June CB3 presentation re: ESCR](#)

DDC Presentation of Updates

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[Link to slide deck for this presentation](#)

1. Hiring compliance (quarterly): Stephen of Bui Studios presents data as of May 31, 2023
 - a. Total PMCM¹ staff (they oversee the project): 193
 - i. *See slide 5 for breakdown of PMCM team by project area, MWBE subs, minorities, and sex*
 - ii. Many people on the team come from existing staff that were within each employer database prior to the project.
 - b. Total General Contractors' (GC) Staff: 1,454
 - i. *See slide 6 for breakdown of GC team by project area, MWBE hires, minorities, and sex*
 - c. MWBE Goals and Projected Utilization
 - i. Hiring is either projected to meet or exceed goals. *See slide 7 for the specific figures.*
 - d. Section 3 Hires
 - i. PMCM: 5 New hires
 - ii. Project Area 1, GC: 8 new hires
 - iii. Project Area 2, GC: 1 new hire
 - e. Staff by Residency
 - i. Majority live in Long Island, New Jersey, and other non-NYC locales. See slide 8 for breakdown by borough and new hires.
 - ii. They will increase their targeted outreach in Manhattan.
 - f. Strategy and good faith efforts to meet goals. *See slide 9 for these efforts.*
 - i. Ongoing efforts
 - ii. City and Local Partners
 - g. M/WBE | Section 3 | Local hiring goals

¹ Project Management/Construction Management

- i. Staff by Residency
 - ii. Sandy Recovery hiring
 - iii. HireNYC
 - iv. U.S. Department of HUD Section 3 program
 - v. Numerical goals
 - 1. 30% new hires
 - 2. 3% non-construction contracts
 - 3. 10% construction contracts
- h. July 24, 2023, Brooklyn Construction Career and Training Resource Fair put on by DDC
 - i. It was a great event. Over 700 registered and were mostly folks from the construction industry. Many people from the ESCR area attended.
 - ii. More to come on future events
- i. Recent collaborations with Workforce One
 - i. To do outreach in different parts of the community about ESCR employment opportunities

There were no questions from the CAG about hiring compliance. Desiree mentioned that she'll add the latest workforce numbers that were presented into the ongoing PDF of hiring data.

- 2. Overview of contracts
 - a. Much of the information on slide 14 has not changed.
- 3. PA1 2023 Construction activities
 - a. Esplanade removal activities along the waterfront. Deep sewer activities/pile install and park drainage work. Floodwall (Combi-wall) pre-drilling and installation. Fill material delivery by barge and placement onsite.
 - b. Delancey Street curb & sidewalk construction – utility work on hold
 - c. Construction for new Corlears Hook bridge.
 - d. Passive lawn partial closure for utility work.
 - e. Utility work near Montgomery Street & South Street. Begin floodwall construction in 2023.
 - f. Montgomery St. – Cherry St. Greenway floodwall activities.
 - g. E. Houston Street test piles and future pile install.
 - h. ConEd work in Shared Use Path E. Houston Street to E. 10th Street Slip Ramps in use.
 - i. E. 10th Street utility work.
 - j. Ongoing partial FDR lane closures continue at various locations
- 4. Sidewalk Closure at Delancey Street and FDR Drive. *See slide 16 for more info. and a map.*
 - a. Traffic and access to East River Housing parking lot will be maintained.
 - b. Pedestrian detour is in effect, and street parking is limited.
- 5. PA1 Construction work sequencing and photos. *See slides 17-19.*
 - a. Pier caps being installed; the new esplanade will be built on top of them.
 - b. Bulkhead combi-wall and cap wall being made
- 6. Fill Operations Update
 - a. East River Park Fill Operations
 - i. See [CB3 presentation](#) for initial responses

- ii. Responses to CAG letter with fill-related questions will be posted to the ESCR CAG Inquiries page
 - b. Delivery Update:
 - i. Fill deliveries will continue starting next week, with several deliveries per day for the next two months
 - ii. If air quality or stormwater concerns are encountered dust mitigation measures will be implemented
 - iii. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) protective measures prevent soil materials from leaving the site: silt fence, hay bales, etc.
- 7. ESCR Phase 2 Esplanade Acceleration Work: An Update (*Slides 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27*)
 - a. Key points/reminders:
 - i. The ESCR Program is on schedule to finish by the end of 2026.
 - ii. The team continues to evaluate the schedule and available work areas to ensure timely completion while maintaining 42% Open Space access to the community.
 - iii. As work prioritization and acceleration opportunities arise, the ESCR team weighs these options in conjunction with potential impacts to park users and looks for solutions to mitigate impacts.
 - b. Previous examples of work prioritization and acceleration *See slide 23 for the “why,” “how,” and “result” of these.*
 - i. Phase 1 – Work north to south – In progress | Prioritization
 - ii. Phase 2 – Ballfield #3 column installation and sewer bypass – Completed | Acceleration
 - c. Upcoming Acceleration: Phase 2 Esplanade Demolition
 - i. Why: Manufacturing of pre-cast concrete pier caps relies on survey of existing pier caps which vary in size.
 - ii. How: Close the Phase 2 esplanade in stages to begin demolition and survey of piers during Phase I work. Complete walkway in stages to minimize disruption to park users while maintaining pedestrian circulation and access to park amenities.
 - iii. Result: Accelerated reconstruction of the Phase 2 esplanade to prioritize Phase 2 fill operation. Deliver and set prefabricated esplanade via barge, eliminating roughly 900 large truck deliveries of concrete from local roads and highways.
 - d. Building the new ESCR esplanade
 - i. Existing, uneven pier caps (previously unknown)
 - 1. Leveling of pier caps to then be surveyed
 - a. The esplanade support beams that go on top of them are fabricated off site and barged in.
 - e. Overview of accelerated esplanade work (subject to change) *See slide 26.*
 - i. Work done in phases starting towards end of this year to temporarily close a portion of the esplanade and then construct a pedestrian access path along the existing recreation field fences to maintain a full circuit around the park. This will be done by early next year and certainly before spring.
 - ii. DDC working with Parks to review pedestrian circulation throughout all phases
 - iii. More details to come as we move forward in the next couple of months
- 8. What We've Heard
 - a. Archaeology

- i. Testing has been completed; mitigation plan approved by all consulting parties, which includes permanent signage to be installed in vicinity of the archaeological findings.
 - ii. Construction will commence as planned in that area in accordance with mitigation plan.
 - b. Formal response to CAG [compost facility letter posted](#) to ESCR CAG webpage
 - i. Parks has maintained regular communications with LESEC throughout the project, including bi-weekly calls with the Parks Strategic Partnerships division.
 - ii. The schematic design is anticipated for LESEC and CB3 review, and subsequent PDC Preliminary Review, in fall 2023. Per PDC submission guidelines, a Final Review is required at approximately 90% completion. This review is anticipated in spring/summer 2024.
 - iii. With the design scheduled to be completed mid-2024, construction of the compost yard will likely begin in mid-2025 with completion in alignment with the ESCR Project Area 1 at the end of 2026.
 - c. Tree and Shrub Maintenance
 - i. Maintenance - Contractor responsible for maintenance and watering; guarantee period is 18 months for plants and 24 months for trees. Before then, Parks will assess tree and plant health with the contractor and replacements will be made as necessary.
 - d. Tree size
 - i. The majority of the trees planted will be in the range of 2.5 to 3.5 inch caliper which will vary in height from 12 to 18 feet tall.
 - ii. The tree design includes a high proportion of fast to medium growing trees, such as the honey locust, dawn redwood, coffee tree, and red oak. They're expected to grow from 13 to 24 inches per year.
 - iii. For more information about the tree palette, see the 2020 Design Presentation.
 - iv. Desiree measured trees near 10th Street and will circle back with Parks; more info. to be provided after this meeting
9. PA2 Construction Progress – Slide 31
- a. Most work north of E. 20th Street has been completed.
 - b. Much of the work now is below E. 20th Street
 - i. Seven gates have been installed; three more are scheduled for this year
 - c. Stuyvesant Cove Park
 - i. Area #1 – Open
 - ii. Area #2 – Greenway and Park scheduled to reopen Fall 2023s
 - iii. Greenway connecting to East River Park will open with Stuyvesant Cove Park South (Area 2).
 - d. Upcoming FDR Ramp overnight work means closure of FDR Northbound exit 7 on 7/27/23 and 7/28/23.
10. Environmental Reporting Update: Air Quality Monitoring (AQM)
- a. Air quality on June 6-10 and 28-30 impacted by smoke drifts from the Canadian wildfires
 - b. “Non-construction activities” indicate weekends or overnight when the contractor is not working
 - c. PA1 AQM has seen significant improvement as of last month
 - i. Minor exceedances in very northern part of area

- ii. In the Montgomery St.-Jackson St. area where we have the combination of PA1 and Pier 42 construction vehicles, there were a few more exceedances, but we ended up being better than last month. The contractor continues to monitor the traffic going in and out of the site and to which project they belong.
- d. PA2 AQM
 - i. Most of the exceedances for June were related to the Canadian wildfires.
 - ii. A few construction activities generated a few exceedances detected by the monitors at Murphy Brothers Playground.
 - 1. We're working with the contractors to try to understand these a bit more (these June numbers just came in), but we didn't want to hold back on releasing the data for this meeting.

11. Parallel Conveyance (PC) construction progress

- a. Most of the work is at Jackson and Water Streets, Location 1
 - i. Water main installation on Jackson St. between South St. and Water St.
 - ii. Test pit and water main installation on South St. between Jackson St. and Gouverneur Slip W.
 - iii. Utility relocation on Water St. between Jackson St. and Gouverneur Slip
- b. Location 2 –Lewis St. & Delancey St.
 - i. No operations
- c. Location 3 –Baruch Dr. & Delancey St.
 - i. Test pits and pinning
- d. Location 4 –Houston & Avenue D
 - i. Test pit operations
- e. Location 5 –Avenue C and E. 18th
 - i. No operations
- f. Location 6 –Avenue C, E. 23rd to E. 25th
 - i. Test pits and pinning

Q & A

Martin: Tonight's our last concert of our series; it's been great having the area open. The rails were filled with asphalt so they can't slide.

Desiree: That's a temporary modification as they work through the design of creating something there that's not a trip hazard. Since the flood protection isn't complete, the gates haven't been put into use. Once it's complete the asphalt and thus the trip hazard will be removed.

Christine: I'd like to thank Desiree and Jeff for pulling this letter together (re: compost). I appreciate the effort. What was missing was updates from the design team in terms of the progress of the design. I would reiterate that as an organization with 20 years of experience operating compost facilities we should be involved in that design process. We're really asking for monthly check-ins with DDC and the design team.

Desiree: We can certainly bring this back to the team that's working on the design.

Wendy: You talked about the concrete that's being pumped in for the cap heads and the pier tops. Were any climate measures taken (e.g., fly ash) for any of the concrete being used in the park?

Desiree: I would have to go back and check the components of the concrete.

Wendy: The temporary esplanade looked like it was one person wide. How wide is it?

Desiree: About eight feet.

Wendy: It's packed out there these days; I'm not sure how this will serve the community if it's so tight. It seems poorly planned if you're saying the park is open. I encourage the temporary esplanade to be wider. Also, are you going to move the privately owned vehicles off the greenway during this period?

Desiree: The details are still being worked out for how the materials will be staged and delivered. We understand the importance of circulation of the park, but we do want to move the project forward and stay on schedule. We're trying to strike a compromise of keeping areas open and accessible while allowing the construction to progress forward, especially with the esplanade which is a big lift. We're trying to balance everything and open up areas as much as possible.

Wendy: There's an area north of the track that's fenced in and has some equipment; it's a fallow area that could be shaded. Is there any way it could be opened?

Desiree: I can take that back and see if that area could be made accessible.

Wendy: It would be great to have a coal bucket in the grove by the Sixth Street bridge. I see ashes being dumped here and there close to those trees.

Wendy: I've asked about the wide of the future bike lanes, and you sent me some information. From what I can see, 12 feet seems to be the width for the two-way bike lane that's replacing the former greenway that was about 20 feet wide and busy all the time. I would love to have a real view of that bike line and where it goes. We haven't seen how it goes from end of the park to another.

Desiree: We can bring that back and focus on that for the next meeting.

(Slide 26 is being shown during the following conversation about the accelerated esplanade work.)

Dianne: This schedule is much more aggressive than what you've shared previously which said the esplanade change would start in early summer 2024. Is there a construction reason for starting this early, or is this mostly being driven by the idea that they want the temporary path open by spring?

Desiree: We were still working out the details of the esplanade closure, and then there was a decision made based on when the park is used most (i.e., the warmer months) to have everything set up by spring.

Dianne: The community preference would be to put this off as long as possible. An 8-foot path is going to be a challenge for most people. I don't feel safe on the esplanade anymore because it's very narrow, and the cyclists maneuver to maintain their speed. I'm concerned about this approach. I'd like you to take this back. It will be hard to keep the cyclists off the esplanade. Also, as Wendy said, it seems like the only way to make this pedestrian access path would be to demolish the planting beds that are immediately adjacent to the esplanade and to take down the trees that are there to create this 8-foot space. I'm also assuming that this new construction fence wouldn't just be a chain link fence but would have some construction netting on it. You'd be running, like, inside of a bowl. Do you have any details on any of that?

Desiree: There will be some clearing of trees and plants along the existing recreational field fence for the pedestrian access path. If there is

active construction adjacent to the pedestrian access path there will be a construction fence. There will be demolition in certain stages; during low impact construction work the fence will be removed so there's access to the waterfront.

Dianne: This is a loss of an amenity. I appreciate that you've come to understand how important circulation is in this park. This esplanade is the amenity for me; it's why I go to the park. I can live with the replacement with a blacktop path, but the 8-foot path and being behind construction netting is a very big deal to me and others, as will be the loss of waterfront seating/ability to sit by the water. I would encourage you to put this off as long as possible within the constraints of construction.

Trever: We had talked about doing a tour of PA1 a little while back. It would be useful to organize a tour within the next 60 days with the CAG group.

Trever: Also, I don't know if DDC is filming or document this, I hope so given the project's historical significance. You're explaining things that people outside the CAG would like to know.

Desiree: A photographer has been documenting the site throughout the progress for both PA1 and PA2 as well as PC, I think. We have a mixture of photos on the website as well. Beyond that, we'd have to find out from DDC if anything else is planned.

Trever: I'd like to see the esplanade work done as soon as possible. I understand the challenges, but getting the work done during the winter months is crucial. My understanding is that unless you encroach on the fields you can't go any further towards the esplanade because the esplanade will be completely demolished; is that correct?

Desiree: There wouldn't be an impact on any of the fields. There is enough room.

Trever: Will the entire esplanade/walkway be closed, or will it be open in certain sections? I'm assuming this will happen in phases so the esplanade is not completely closed.

Desiree: At Stage 4 in February 2024 the full esplanade will be closed, but it will close in stages.

Trever: So, from October to January parts of the esplanade will be open.

Desiree: Correct.

Christine: I wanted to comment about slide 26. I echo Dianne and Wendy regarding the real loss of an amenity, seating. People won't be able to sit down by the waterfront. It will be horrible to look at construction fence with netting instead of the esplanades. Today's presentation shared the news of the accelerated esplanade work without telling us what you'll open in the southern portion to make up for this lost space to the north. Also, getting public access to blacktop along the highway is no replacement for destroying the esplanade in the northern section. It will diminish the experience of being in the park.

Desiree: The opening and closing of the park remains the same as far as the areas and the 42% (minimum open space during construction). The phasing approach hasn't changed since the last meeting.

Christine: You will close the esplanade up north in 2023, and then we'll have to hope you make good on your promise to open the southern part in 2024?

Desiree: Correct. We're not closing any field amenities in Phase 2; it's the esplanade.

Christine: The field amenities are a great part of this park, but more people use the esplanade than the fields.

Desiree: We 100% understand that, and we'll take all these comments back. This isn't anticipated to start until the end of the year, so there's time.

Damaris: I'll make a few comments to agree with my fellow CAG members. I'm concerned that 8 feet isn't wide enough and about possible collisions with cyclists. We'll be put in unfair predicament that pits pedestrians and cyclists against each other. I would really encourage you to do everything in your power to widen that to mitigate future accidents.

Desiree: We understand, and we'll take these comments back.

Damaris: I get the 42% minimum of the park open at all times, but there's not equal access for all users. As much as possible if there's a way to go back and look at this and ensure that as the esplanade gets taken offline, we would still be replacing the way for pedestrians to get around the park. Walkers and ball players should have equal access to use the park's amenities.

Damaris: I'm really surprised to hear from Christine that they weren't included in the design of the compost yard. I encourage the City to put their (LESEC's) concerns and ideas up front and center. It doesn't make sense for them not to have real input.

Desiree: The design for the new compost yard hasn't started yet. LESEC and Christine have provided input on the programming and the elements of that. Christine made a comment about what the coordination and collaboration should be moving forward, so I'll take that back.

Damaris: In response to the archeological finds and the new signage that will be installed, who is overseeing that and what role do community members have regarding how it will be accessible to us?

Desiree: I will take that question back and then provide more detailed information about steps moving forward to Paula and Tara to share.

CAG-only Portion

Michael: Friends of Corlears Hook Park petitioned to be named as a consultant party to the archaeology work, and we were (as was LESPI). That means we'll be kept abreast of everything. We were given the final report to review before construction proceeded. We're meeting with LESPI tomorrow because they submitted suggestions that we supported that were all shot down. I'm not 100% sure if I'm allowed to share the reports, but we asked for not only signage but some sort of display case in the comfort station where artifacts could be viewed. We also asked for some sort of plexiglass foundation so the underground findings could still be viewed by the public, but that was shut down, which I can understand. It looks like the only thing the City is willing to do is some sort of signage. Between now and next CAG meeting I'll see if I'm allowed to share, and I'll do so with Pratt.

Ayo: The archaeology report should be able to be shared; it's public information to inform the development of a public site. If that information is indeed to be made public, I'd appreciate it. I don't know all of the things that LESPI asked for, but it's not acceptable to me that the historical and archaeological finds are not demonstrated in a substantial way in East River Park. People of native descent were here before all of us. Unless there's anyone in this meeting who disagrees with this assessment, then I want this to be shared with everyone involved with decision-making for this project. A little plastic sign is not enough. I would also like to know the results of the archaeological dig. If remains and artifacts were found, I would like to know where

they are, who they will be handed over to, and what kind of research will be done on them. Does anyone disagree? (No one indicates that they do.)

Tara: If Michael is not able to release it, we'll submit a request to DDC and we can figure out if/how we want to collectively respond.²

Tara: We're not sure if you had a chance to review the City's response to the compost letter, but I wanted to give you/Christine a chance to see if the response was sufficient and what you want as next steps.

Christine: As I mentioned in the public session (of this meeting), I would really like engagement with DDC; they're hiding behind the fact that we have biweekly check-ins with Parks where they say they don't have any updates about the compost yard. I'm surprised that they haven't done any design work because the letter from Deputy Mayor JOSIE?XXX said it would be part of ESCR. I would like monthly check-ins with DDC to discuss the compost yard and the progress of the design. By going through this exercise with DSNY to develop the temporary composting facility in Canarsie we learned that there are a lot of details that need to be worked on, and we have a lot of suggestions to provide. The other piece is that we have lots of questions about is the fireboat house. How much work will DDC do and how much will be left to be done by Parks before we go back to a highly functioning building? There are lots of reasons why we need to have an ongoing conversation with DDC. There are promises in public meetings, but the information isn't forthcoming.

Tara: We will go back to DDC directly. I'd like to ask people to hold tight. We might draft another quick letter to specifically request monthly meetings moving forward.

Ayo: Christine, would it make sense to have non-verbal participation from the CAG at a future compost meeting. You and your organization are the experts, so your input is extremely important, but I'm wondering if it would be OK with you if there could be non-verbal members of the CAG observing and learning from your meeting.

Christine: I don't see a problem with that.

Dianne: I'm going to change to subject back to the esplanade. By choosing to remove an entire amenity the city's pitting different types of park users against each other. My concern given that there will be no CAG or CB 3 August meetings is that plans will advance in the background, but we won't know about it. We need to work out where the CAG stands on this (I know Trever said that he wants it done as soon as possible). I'd encourage us to do this quickly and get on some common ground where we can have Paula and Tara stay in touch and get information in timely way. I don't want them to come back in September with a fete accompli to receive the news that the esplanade is about to be torn down. The CAG should not just be here to receive that news. We need to be participants and understand how this is unfolding, what the pros and cons are, and what any other options might be.

Christine: I also think that we were just confronted with a whole new set of realities, and Desiree's saying that we still have so much time. And not understanding what will really happen in the southern portion. We didn't see any details, just an accelerated closure of the esplanade in a part of the park that's still open.

Dianne: I'm also concerned that they'll go ahead and close the esplanade and they'll say sorry but there's a delay in opening the south end. It was initially framed as a trade-off, and I feel like it's moving away from that. I'm concerned about the fact that this was framed as a decision of

² Michael shared some of these documents with Pratt Center who then shared with them with the CAG.

convenience to do it in the winter rather than get it done just in time to facilitate the construction that needs to happen. I'd like to follow up on those two points as well.

Wendy: Maybe we need to help them rethink the ball fields as more multi-purpose and take down some of the ball field fences. I'm concerned about the runners in the community. been no mitigation for runners, dog walkers. Will they open Pier 42 and take some of the pressure off? Can we make a demand that they hurry that up? Also, we talked last month about reaching out to Councilmembers; we haven't had an update with them at all.

Damaris: There's always going to be trade-offs, but at the same time we're giving up a lot, and the least we're asking for is to be consulted and give input before they make decisions. They come to us after the fact. Can we reset the clock on some of these things in terms of having the ability to weigh in before changes can be made? If all we are is a body for the ESCR folks to sound off to and give us information, that's wone thing. I thought my job on this CAG was to be able to weigh in a way that represents what people want to see. When you take that agency away from us this whole process is an exercise in futility. If we don't say something concrete now, we'll lose our chance to truly weigh in meaningfully. I want to move to action to put us in a position where we have an opportunity to be partners in this project.

Tara: I think this is where Trever's suggestion about a walk-through sooner than later would come in handy. We'll work on getting a date on the calendar so we can address a lot of these issues.

Damaris: I agree; I like the walk-through idea, but we should think about what the plan of action is for us. The plan of action isn't the walk-through.

Tara: Do we want to talk about bringing in our local councilmembers into play?

Trever: Besides the ball fields, where are the other spaces we can draw from (keeping in mind that the esplanade must be completely demolished at some point)? We should have some suggestions for them that are well thought out and that we can agree on? We need to form some consensus.

Christine: We need to remind our public officials what the role of the CAG is, and we should put political pressure on this. Otherwise, we're just spinning our wheels and wasting our time.

Ayo: The walk-through should take place in August. If we wait until September, more will have been done. I suggest an early morning the third week of August.

Damaris: Everyone's right; we won't find a time that works for everyone to go on a walk. We should plan a walk and think about accessibility for CAG members who can't walk the distance. We should give people a time by which they should have walked the park on their own time. The next step would be to have a follow-up conversation to talk about the problem areas that we would like to highlight or address before they move forward. It doesn't make sense to have a walkthrough if we'll all go rogue independently. If we can come to a general agreement around the areas of concern then we can push this forward collectively. The third step would be to then talk to the Councilmembers united and say "this is what we want, these are the issues that are coming up, and we need your advocacy and support."

Tara: I think this would be quicker than writing a letter.

Christine: We're frustrated about the CAG's lack of agency. We're just being told what's going to happen next. That's a premise I think we all can agree on. I would suggest to schedule a meeting with our elected officials. If we can come up over email our top 3 to 5 things that we can

all agree on. The overarching thing is that we're coming to these meetings and just watching presentations; that just has to change. Even if that's all we agree on, it's worthy of meeting with our electeds.

Damaris: These councilmembers aren't going to meet with us every other week every time we have a new concern. We should get our ducks in a row in advance to get the biggest bang for our buck when we do meet with them.

Ayo: Why can't we just decide right now that we're going to do a walk-through? Let's pick a date to meet with them that will force us to get our ducks in a row.

Trever: We shouldn't pick a date without knowing that the construction team is able to be there; it's a construction site.

Tara: Per Damaris' suggestion, I would like to put something on the calendar for the group to come back together to give their feedback on what they want to suggest to DDC and the electeds. We could just put a hold on September 7th to talk about all these issues and how we want to move forward.

Tara: The CAG could first do a walk-through with DDC the week of 8/14 and then try to meet on September 7th to talk about what was observed (during the organized walk-through or one they did on their own) and what you want from the elected officials. After that we'll meet with the electeds; we will reach out to them now to schedule a meeting after 9/7, ideally before the next CAG meeting on 9/28.

Damaris: How will we facilitate the conversation at this meeting on 9/7? And how will we synthesize it to bring our ideas and suggestions to the Councilmembers?

Wendy: I could start a Google doc. with a list of issues and share it so people could add to it. Air quality and its impact on the community across the board is one of those issues.

Damaris: I want to caution us about making a laundry list of issues. We should make sure to talk about some of the practical utility and design phases that are still ahead of us. I'm not saying there's no room for other things, but I want us to be practical about what we may actually be able to impact.

Christine: Maybe it's three things that we can all agree on. I agree that we can't make this into everything because then we just won't get anything in the end.

Damaris: We want to walk away from the 9/7 meeting with a minimum of three items to make the most of the time with the Councilmembers.