



Manhattan Community Board 1 Chairperson's Report

January 2024 - HYBRID

SINCE LAST MEETING

-The Chair has been at the following....

- Jan 3 - Staff - weekly
 - Jan 9 - HRP AC
 - Jan 11 - CB Leadership Meeting on NW BPCR
 - Jan 12 - PBWG - Public Bathroom Working Group
 - Jan 16 - Grand Opening - OPEN SQUASH - 100 Pearl St - 14th fl
 - Jan 18- Borough Board Meeting
 - Jan 18 - IBI - Institute of Black Imagination Meeting
 - Jan 19 - 250 Working Group
 - Jan 19 - Urban Planner Discussion
 - Jan 19 - PBWG - Public Bathroom Working Group
 - Jan 23- Orientation - Welcome Jill Goodkind
- *** EPC Resiliency New Pathway and UPDATE***



We have
company in
the office

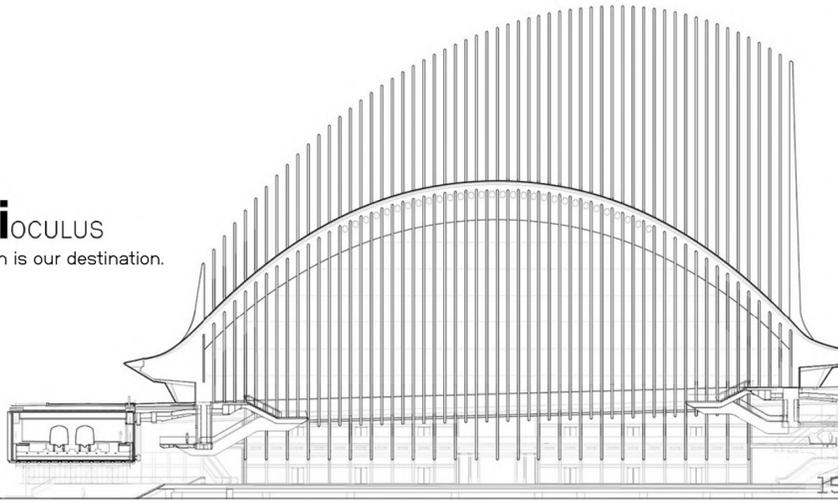


January UPDATES



Photos by TAM

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Imagination is our destination.



About.

The IBI.

Whether in the built environment, urban plan, or social domain, the world we find ourselves in has been designed. By whom? For whom? In a world not designed with us in mind, Black people have continually hacked, remixed, and jerry-rigged the spaces, objects, and ideas that we confront, and in that process, have not only brought about our own deliverance, but that of others as well. The current state that we as citizens find ourselves in is by design, and we must design our way out of it.

The Institute of Black Imagination is an international non-profit organization advancing education, policy, practice, and funding for the ascension of the black and brown creative class. As a collaborative force, our mission is to expand the creative potential of black and brown thought leaders throughout the diaspora by providing a platform for self-expression, empowerment, and innovation.

Originating as a library housing the personal archives of the iconic artist Geoffrey Holder, the institute highlights the blueprint for creativity left behind via his archive. We aim to create a pathway for self-actualization and dialogue surrounding the concept of the Black imagination—an extraordinary force that transcends boundaries and ignites the spirits of individuals and communities.

THE INSTITUTE OF BLACK IMAGINATION.

OUR APPROACH

Empowering Black Genius Globally

Our Liberation Framework includes 3 core tenets that guide our work:

Celebrating Freedom Through Creativity

We believe in the power of artistic expression to convey narratives of liberation. Through artistic forms, we engage individuals in critical reflection, encouraging them to explore their own realities and question the status quo. In this way, we align with the concept of "conscientization," where individuals become conscious of their social and political circumstances.

Empowering Change Through Education

Education is our catalyst for transformation. We are committed to providing accessible learning opportunities on the African diaspora, equipping individuals with the knowledge and tools needed to drive societal change. This echoes the notion of education as a tool for liberation, where learners are active participants in their own learning, not passive recipients of information.

Preserving Cultural Legacies

We hold dear the importance of preserving Black cultural archives. By collecting and conserving these archives, we recognize the significance of memory and history in the struggle for freedom, both spiritually and economically. Our oral history interviews and digitization projects serve as repositories of collective memory, aligning with the idea of memory as a source of cultural identity and resistance.



*Rendering of Oculus space.

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Design Guidelines Workshop

Manhattan Borough-Based Jail Facility

DATE

Tuesday
Feb 06, 2024

TIME

5:30 pm to 6:30 pm

*Chinese language interpretation services will be available (Mandarin and Cantonese)

LOCATION:

Online Zoom Meeting

PLEASE RSVP AT

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOCsrzsqE9HlvYBhz27RLGva_TiWWzUx



Please join us for a report-back online meeting for the Design Guidelines for the Manhattan Borough-Based Jail Facility!

The Design Guidelines will be included in the new facility's Request for Proposal (RFP) and will identify essential goals to aid design-builders in preparing proposals, inspire creative solutions, and support the City's evaluation and selection process.

The City has received community input on the Design Guidelines in 2020 and 2023. We will provide details about the feedback received and how they will be incorporated in the reviewed Design Guidelines and RFP.

If you have any questions, please contact:
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First of all, we would like to thank everyone who participated in our previous community engagement sessions to discuss the Manhattan Facility Design Guidelines.

Please join us for a report-back online meeting on **February 6, 2024, at 5:30 PM**. We will provide details about the feedback received and how they will be incorporated into the reviewed Design Guidelines and RFP.

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM

Location: Online (Zoom)

Registration:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlscOCsrzsqE9HlvYBhz27RLGva_TiWWzUx#/registration

Please check the flyer attached for more information.

Best,

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Green Fast Track for Housing



Green Fast Track for Housing will allow NYC to build sustainable housing more quickly.

Green Fast Track for Housing will streamline the environmental review process for small- and medium-sized residential developments. By cutting up to two years and \$100,000 of red tape, Green Fast Track will speed up construction of much-needed housing across the city.

Upcoming Public Meeting

February 7, 2024, 10:00 am

Join this City Planning Commission hearing to give your feedback on the Green Fast Track proposal.

[Get details to participate here.](#)

Which Buildings Would Be Eligible for Green Fast Track?

Green Fast Track only applies to modest, eco-friendly residential buildings.

To qualify, projects must:

- Add 175 or fewer units in R1-R4 Residence districts, or 250 or fewer units in R5-R10 Residence, Commercial, or Manufacturing districts. [Learn more about zoning districts here.](#)
- Use all-electric heating instead of fossil fuels for heat and hot water
- Be located outside the most vulnerable coastal areas or away from major roads
- Meet specific standards for areas with hazardous materials, industrial emissions, or lots of ambient noise

Read the information:
<https://www.nyc.gov/assets/planning/download/pdf/about/dcp-rules/proposed-green-fast-track-housing.pdf>

Why Is Green Fast Track Needed?

Today's environmental review process puts unnecessary burdens on modest, sustainable housing projects. To tackle our city's housing crisis, we must remove these burdens to bring New Yorkers the high-quality housing they need.

The Department of City Planning (NYC Planning) analyzed more than 1,000 environmental reviews over the last decade. NYC Planning consistently found that modest housing projects with certain characteristics had no negative impacts on the environment. By shifting these projects onto the Green Fast Track for Housing, NYC will eliminate as much as two years of environmental review and more quickly deliver homes.

What's Next?

Green Fast Track for Housing is a proposed city rule and must go through NYC's City Administrative Procedure Act rulemaking process.

The City Planning Commission will hold a public hearing and accept written comments after publication of the proposed rule in the City Record, which is expected to occur soon.

The Planning Commission will then review comments and make modifications as appropriate before the rules go into effect.

