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April 22, 2020
Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was Teleconference by Webex

Board Members Present

Thalia (Karesia) Batan
Stephen Cooper
Lisa Deller
Sally Frank
Kenny Greenberg
Benjamin Guttman
Christine Hunter
Denise Keehan-Smith
Lauren Springer

Board Members Absent

Richard Gundlach
Patrick O'Brien
Elliot Park
Michael Son

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert

Department of City Planning

Alexis Wheeler

Elected Officials/Representatives

Victory Garvey, Representing Queens Borough President's Office

Guests

Jaime Cho, Small Business Services/ Sunnyside Shines BID

Jaime Faye Bean, Sunnyside Shines BID

Ms. Deller welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced the meeting was being teleconferenced.

Sunnyside Shines Commercial Needs District Assessment

Sunnyside Shines to present the commercial district needs assessment in Sunnyside. The survey and needs assessment focused on business owners, consumers, and physical conditions of the neighborhood, including storefront and street scape conditions.

Jaime Cho and Jaime Faye Bean discussed the Sunnyside Shines Commercial Needs District Assessment.

In partnership with the NYC Department of Small Business Services, Sunnyside Shines Business Improvement District surveyed merchants, consumers and property owners to assess the needs of the Sunnyside Commercial Corridor. Data was collected along 48th to Skillman Avenue between 33rd and 52nd Streets from August through December 2019.

The topics discussed were as follows:

- Strengths
- Challenges
- Opportunities
- Business Inventory
- Consumer Survey
- Merchant Survey

See attached presentation.

Jack Bernatovicz, representing Council Member Van Bramer noted that they had their first stated meeting remotely.

Victoria Garvey, Queens Borough President's Office provided the following update:

- The ULURP/Land Use Calendar was suspended.
- Introduced herself as new representative from the Borough President's Office as the borough planner for CB2.

Department of City Planning

Ms. Wheeler provided the following update:

Announced that the ULURP Clock has temporarily been suspended.

Announced there will be a new CB2 liaison, Teal Delys who is a planner and urban designer.

She discussed to use the time to take stock and find ways for future projects.

Discussed to rethink the density and balance the value of open space.

Discussed the yourLIC.

Lisa Deller discussed the March 12, 2020 hearing on the Sean Ogs Consumer Affairs Application and discussed the revised plans.

Jack Bernatovicz discussed that they were in touch with the architect.

Jack Bernatovicz discussed legislation and that the DOT will be opening 75 miles of bikes lanes and pedestrian roadways.

Kenny Greenberg discussed the Wolkoff art component and the management by a local non-profit. Apparently, Wolkoff is moving forward with curating the art space.

Lisa Deller stated there was a prior 2013 signed agreement between the Board and the developer that recommended the space be curated by a local arts organization.

Lisa Deller and Kenny Greenberg suggested that we invite Mr. Wolkoff to the May Land Use Committee Meeting and that it would be a joint meeting with Arts & Cultural Committee to discuss what they are doing.

A discussion about the role of Tessa Kennedy in the project took place.

Ms. Deller suggested that we invite her also to the May Land Use Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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