

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
& PARKS/RECREATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
APRIL 15, 2013

ATTENDANCE-ECONOMIC/WATERFRONT/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

PRESENT:

R. BASHNER	N. BERK-RAUCH	L. BUFFINGTON
R. CERVONE	N. COX	J. FRANCIS
A. KOZYR	A. KRASNOW	R. LUFTGLASS
P. MINDLIN		

EXCUSED:

L. DEROSA	V. HERAMIA	D. KIKEL
L. SONES		

ABSENT:

F. BROWN	A. DAVILA	E. DEMETRIOU
G. O'CONNELL	D. ORTIZ	M. SCOTT
D. SCOTTO		

ATTENDANCE-PARKS/RECREATION/CULTURAL AFFAIRS

PRESENT:

Z. ABRAMS	N. COX	J. FRANCIS
H. HUGHES	J. KLETTER	C. PIGOTT
C. RYAN		

EXCUSED:

G. KELLY	J. OLTMAN SMITH	
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ABSENT:

E. CAUSIL-RODRIGUEZ	R. CERVONE	I. DUTTON
R. GRAHAM	J. HEYER	N. LALLI
K. MAIER	M. PETTIT	E. ROBERTS
B. SLADE	A. VESSELS	

GUESTS:

L. DIXON	M. SPINELLI	
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*** MINUTES ***

Presentation and update from representatives for the Governors Island Corporation on the further development of the island, including a briefing on recent land use action that will establish a Special Governors Island District to facilitate the reuse and retenanting of the existing historic structures and the construction of a new building at the northern end of the island.

Lezlie Simon of the Governors Island Corporation made the presentation.

- 7 years at Governors Island
- Geographically the island is part of Manhattan
- Psychologically it is part of Brooklyn
- 4th summer – rides from Brooklyn
- Presentation to be posted on their website
- Will offer tours to the board
- Memorial Day weekend opening
- Diverse programming this summer. A pivotal year for the island.

2007 – beginning of the design process. Phase 1 will open later this year – in the Fall.

A Landmark building, terrace, hammock grove and play lawn to open in the fall. The high rises were demolished except for one remaining for demo in June.

Phase 2: Infrastructure

- Been running massive capital campaign – seawall, docks, etc.
- Create public spaces and to get ready for year round
- Urban Assembly (the harbor) 3rd year; 432 students; college prep
- Lower Manhattan Cultural Council
- New tenants in historic buildings
- Need to align the zoning with purpose
- 40% from Brooklyn

Zoning Process

- R32 – low density residential (creating own zoning – consider all commercial uses – but over \$75K to respond to CB1) best ideas to come out of RFP process
- Doesn't increase density – C1 overlay – every proposal to State Historical Preservation office and Landmarks Preservation Environmental Impact report
- May 8th – May 20th. May 8th meeting at City Planning Commission.
- Middle of process-right now-CB 1 unanimous
- Hotel/Office/Restaurant/Retail all considered for commercial use – only for North Island area – historical area – rezoning only for North Island.

Questions

- Surveying for visitors to aid in lobbying our Community/Borough for support
- 8-10,000 per day on weekends
- Praesidio – Island in San Francisco – rental income and Federal subsidies but Governors Island had more focus on public
- Little League baseball (2) Soccer (1). Southern end will become “pickup games”
- 33 acres “new construction” but no plan yet
- Designed to anticipate 10 year flood
- Only lost 8-10 out of 1700 trees.
- Kayak dock – welcome to come dock

Follow-up – The presentation will be sent to the District Manager and will also talk to him about hard hat tours for Board.

Potential topics for future meetings:

1. Judi Francis: numbers for Governors Island – making it accessible to Brooklynites especially with decommissioning of docks - how can we push to get numbers of Brooklynites. Can we get the District Manager to address a letter to the group responsible for numbers
2. Update on RFP