Planning Committee Meeting #6

Attendance:

Planning Committee Members:
John Besant  Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association
Barbara Brown  Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association
Eastern Queens Alliance
Valencia Butler  Springfield/Rosedale Community Action Association
Patrick Evans  Springfield Taxpayers Civic Association
Bill Perkins  Rosedale Civic Association
Irnel Stephen  Rosedale Civic Association

GOSR Representatives:
Claudia Filomena  Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery
Ron Rizzotti  Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery

Consultant Team:
Jennifer Gonzalez  Louis Berger Group
Simon Kates  BFJ Planning
Sarah Yackel  BFJ Planning

The purpose of the sixth NYRCR Planning Committee Meeting was to discuss the Committee’s comments on the draft plan and make any final edits or revisions to the plan and projects. The meeting began at approximately 7:30 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. The following was noted:
Agenda Item: Incorporation of the “Study to Determine the Feasibility of Employing Radial Collection to Resolve Chronic Groundwater Flooding” to the plan

Presenter: Sarah Yackel

Summary of Discussion:
- Project A1: Green Infrastructure Community Master Plan was revised to include a component to study radial collection as a strategy to reduce stormwater flooding.
- The Consultant Team presented the updated text, which was agreed upon by the Committee.
- The cost of project A1 is increased to $750,000 to include the cost estimate associated with the radial collection study.

Agenda Item: Revisions to project C1: Idlewild Watershed Community Master Plan

Presenter: Sarah Yackel

Summary of Discussion:
- To address eligibility concerns, project C1 has been split into two phases, with Phase 1 as a Proposed project and Phase 2 as a Featured project.
- The Consultant Team explained this strategy, which was agreed upon by the Committee.

Agenda Item: Project Voting

Presenter: Sarah Yackel

Summary of Discussion:
- The Committee agrees with the list of projects and associated costs on the voting form presented.
- The Consultant team will revise the voting form to update the cost of project A1 and revise project C1 to reflect the two phases.

Action Items
1. Simon Kates will update the voting form and resend to the co-chairs by Thursday, December 4.
2. The Committee will meet and vote by consensus and return the voting form to GOSR by Friday, Wednesday, December 17.

Agenda Item: Review of Draft NYRCP Plan

Presenter: Barbara Brown

Summary of Discussion:
- The Committee provided comments on the draft NYRCP Plan for revision by the Consultant Team.
- A list of the Committee’s comments can be found under separate cover.

Agenda Item: Rising to the Top Awards
Presenter: Sarah Yackel

Summary of Discussion:

- Discussion of additional edits to the Rising to the Top (RTTP) award submission, which had been outlined by the Consultant Team.

Action Items

1. Barbara Brown will send RTTP text to the full Committee for comment.
2. The Committee will upload the final RTTP submission by Friday, December 12.

Agenda Item: Final Public Meeting

Presenter: Sarah Yackel

Summary of Discussion:

- Discussion about strategies for the final Public Engagement Event, to be held in January.
- Suggestions include combining with an Eastern Queens Alliance community café event or holding a joint meeting of all civic associations to review the final plan.

Action Items

1. The Committee will discuss plans for the final Public Engagement Event when they meet to discuss the final plan between December 10 and December 17.