



Meeting Minutes

Breezy Point/Roxbury Planning Committee

September 9, 7:00pm–9:00pm, Breezy Point Cooperative, 202-40 Rockaway Point Blvd, 2nd Floor, Breezy Point

Attendance

Chair: Denise Neibel

Committee Members: Martin Ingram, A.J. Smith, Tom Bach, Bob Taikina, Joanne Fogarty, Peter Mulholland, Steve Greenberg

NY Rising Department of State Planners and Regional Leads: Ken Smith, Fred Landa, Chelsea Muller, Claudia Filomena

Consulting Team: Jamie Torres Springer, Katherine Michonski, Bill Calabrese, Amy Ford-Wagner, Kevin Maddox

Agenda Item - Introduction

Presenter - **Jamie Torres Springer (HR&A)**

Summary of Discussion

Jamie Torres Springer of HR&A Advisors welcomed the Planning Committee and invited each person in the room to introduce themselves and their affiliation. After this, an overview was given of the NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program, which is currently being undertaken in 10 community planning areas across New York City. NY Rising is a community-driven planning process that will result in a draft conceptual plan by October 28, 2013 and a final plan by March 2014. The communities of Rockaway East are eligible for NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program funding, as well as numerous other funding sources. Program funding is still being finalized, as boundaries have recently changed.

The State has outlined goals for the program (including increasing resiliency of key assets, driving economic growth, protect vulnerable populations, and others) and Six Recovery Functions that will be to provide structure within the program – Community Planning & Capacity Building, Economic Development, Health & Human Services, Housing, Infrastructure, and Natural & Cultural Resources.

Planning Committees are to work in conjunction with the NY State Recovery planning staff and the Consultant Team lead by HR&A, also including Parsons Brinckerhoff, Beyer Blinder Belle, Mathews Nielson, and Hammes Company. While the Consultant Team will help to guide the work of the Planning Committee, ownership of the plan and its resiliency and recovery strategies ultimately lie with the Planning Committee.

Agenda Item - Public Engagement

Presenter - **Jamie Torres Springer (HR&A)**

Summary of Discussion

- Breezy Point has town hall meetings but because there are many seasonal residents it's important to do so by early October - the associations stop meeting at end of September.

- The first public meeting should be informational and focus on assets, risks, and needs and opportunities.
- The second public meeting will serve to provide feedback on the conceptual plan's strategies and community priorities.
- The third public meeting should be for reviewing the final plan.
- The Committee emphasized the importance of using online engagement to accommodate feedback from seasonal residents and residents unable to make the meeting.
- NY Rising team should plan for large turnout; last meeting had 800 people.
- The Committee discussed the idea about having intermediaries to sit on a subcommittee or working group working on the resiliency of the Rockaway Peninsula as a whole.
- Outreach should include advertisements/articles in Rockaway Point News

Decision/Motions/Votes

- Work plan and schedule generally supported by Committee
- First public meeting to be held on October 2.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Incorporate guidance into public outreach strategy	Consulting Team	Ongoing

Agenda Item - Reconstruction, Assets, and Funding Eligibility
Presenter - Jamie Torres Springer (HR&A)/Kevin Maddox (PB)

Summary of Discussion

- Recovery efforts might include:
 - Protection of seawall
 - Boundary protections on east and west side
 - Storm water runoff control project
 - Building groins or other infrastructure for beach protection
 - Raising firehouse, medical facility, or ballfields
- Breezy Cooperative Storm Protection Project was developed recently – a Cooperative conceptual plan that outlined:
 - Prospective shareholder-funded dune protection system
 - Improved drainage through new system and mobile pumping unit in Old Rockaway
 - New early warning system and evacuation plan
- The Committee had many questions about funding eligibility

- Would NY Rising beach protection projects require public access to beach?
- What hiring and contracting requirements would be required by the CDBG program?

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Compile Committee questions on eligibility	Chair	PC# 2
Review draft asset maps and make revisions	Planning Committee	ASAP
Research CDBG eligibility requirements	NY Rising Team	PC#2