



Meeting Summary

East Bronx Waterfront Planning Meeting #8

Thursday, October 30, 2014, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Locust Point Civic Association, 3300 Tierney Pl, Bronx, NY, 10465

Attendance: (Committee members, firm representatives, invited guests, members of the public)

John Doyle	Committee Member	Claudia Filomena	NY Rising Regional Lead
Cynthia McIntosh	Committee Member	Alex Zablocki	NY Rising Regional Lead
Chrys Napolitano	Committee Member	Tom Jost	Planning Team
Denise Noble	Committee Member	Kevin Maddox	Planning Team
Valerie Wilson	Committee Member	Theresa Cassano	Planning Team
Jane Protzman	Committee Member		
Ron Rauch	Committee Member		
JoAnn Sohmers	Committee Member		
Dorothea Poggi	Committee Member		
Greg Miller	NYC DCP		
Shawn Brede	NYC DCP		

Agenda Item: Project Discussion

Presenters: Tom Jost, Planning Team

Summary of Discussion:

The goal for the meeting was for the committee to discuss the projects and determine which projects they approved, discussing the specific components of each project, determining if any projects were missing, and approve which projects would be shown at the public meeting. The following projects were discussed:

- Edgewater Park pumping system
 - It was determined that the project should remain on the list and it addresses a critical need in the community. The project would elevate and harden the control panels for the pumping stations.
- Locust Point Civic Association
 - Would need an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) complaint entrance if elevated
 - Fuel storage would be an issue if a backup generator was part of the improvements
 - Since the facility was just renovated – possible build a second floor, move kitchen upstairs, add solar arrays, and allow the first floor to flood
 - The committee does not want the project to have a negative impact on the civic association
- North Tower Firehouse (Edgewater Park)
 - Edgewater has been working on plans to make the building more resilient and better equipped to function as a community resource center following a storm
- Community Recovery Plan
 - Committee needs to determine what would be the priorities of the plan. Items the plan would contain could be:
 - Means to communicate amongst residents
 - Identify what residents could do to help
 - Create community group communication network and establish connections to the city recovery infrastructure
 - Committee also needs to determine the format of the plan (e.g. website, manual, one-page guide, etc.) and who would maintain in the long term
 - Plan would build off of existing programs such as NYC OEM's Ready New York Guide and NYS Citizen Corp
 - City Island is particularly interested in a plan that addresses their limited evacuation options and lack of community spaces on the Island

- City Island Wetland
 - Remove “park” from project title and add “wetland restoration” and “edge protection” to description
- Street End Study
 - Study would identify the vulnerable street ends and possible coastal protection features.
 - Asked to add Schley Avenue to the list
 - The committee wants a pilot project attached to the study
 - Also emphasized that public access is not a necessary component
- Recommend that the City’s high level sewer system projects move forward
- Recommendation that all City agencies shall consider sustainability, resiliency, and protection in all future and ongoing studies and plans
 - Committee mentioned park upgrades at Soundview Park and Ferry Point Park as examples of projects that could include resiliency features such as stormwater retention
- Change project names to Locust Point Civic Center resource center and resiliency improvements and North Tower resource center and resiliency improvements

Agenda Item: Public Meeting discussion
Planning Team

Presenter: Tom Jost,

Summary of Discussion:

Preparations for Public Meeting #3 were discussed. The committee recommended a handout that had the following:

- Basic information/overview of project
- List of projects/line of description
- Map of room
- Description of proposed and featured projects

The community will vote on projects by placing three dots on a voting board. Projects should be placed in alphabetical order or in cost order.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Due Date
Comments on public meeting boards	Committee	11/3/2014

Agenda Item: Committee Business

Presenter: Tom Jost, Planning Team

Summary of Discussion:

The Committee decided that the next Planning Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th at the City Island Nautical Museum from 6 to 8 PM.