

## **Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council Meeting**

334 Furman Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Thursday, July 25, 2019 6:30 PM

### **MINUTES**

#### **Attendees**

##### **Community Advisory Council**

Sandy Balboza, Howard Kolins, Carolyn Ziegler, Bennette Kramer, Cynthia McKnight, Matthew Warren, Todd Castilow, Ariana Martuscello, Judson Horn, Linda Derosa

##### **Brooklyn Bridge Park**

Eliza Perkins

#### **Park Report**

##### **July 4 Celebration**

Eliza Perkins for the Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation reported that July 4 was a success. She said that a couple hundred thousand people were in the Park and nothing significant happened. The event was handled the same way as a couple of years ago. The 84th Precinct did a good job. Joralemon Street was roped off and Dumbo was closed.

##### **Bike Lanes**

The major project in the Park is the refurbishment of the Greenway bike lane. The work will start after Labor Day. The bike lane will be paved differently and the markings will be better.

##### **Concessions at Fulton Ferry**

Ample Hills is open.

The Pincus Brothers are working through their design. They have not made another submission to the Landmarks Preservation Committee (LPC). The boat is not there either. The Park does not know when the Pincus Brothers are going to resubmit their design to the LPC.

## **Miscellaneous**

There were questions about the bike ramp at Furman and Old Fulton. There was supposed to be a bike ramp transition where the path comes out of the Park. Eliza said that there had been a recommendation for the Greenway but she does not know what is going on.

Someone else asked if Water Street is going to be converted from two-way to one-way. Eliza replied that this was a DOT issue separate from the Park.

Ariana Martuscello described an alternative surface for the ice skating rink and said that it would be good to consider it. Eliza said that they were still working through designs and that there was no deadline

Matthew Warren said that at the north end of the Park, cars can drive into the Park from John Street where it curves around. He called the Park Enforcement Patrol and got nowhere and then emailed Eric Landau. He called the police. The police came and talked to the person on the phone. The black posts have been knocked over.

## **Manhattan Bridge**

There is a shed over the section of the Park under the Manhattan Bridge. Linda Derosa said that she went to the Park Corp. board meeting in June and the shed was discussed at length. They are trying to figure out who has the responsibility. It was also discussed at the traffic meeting. It seems like nothing is happening. The bridge is covered by DOT and the trains by the MTA, and the two agencies do not get along.

Matt said that stuff is falling off the bridge and there should be a heightened sensitivity. In Queens, a beam went through the windshield of a car. Here, a hunk of metal fell. There is a netting to prevent debris from falling. They have threatened to go to the media to get their attention. It is happening at a lot of bridges so this one is not a priority.

Todd said that he had talked about putting a letter together. Linda Derosa said that she will work to put a letter together. She will get the information from Matt.

Eliza said that there is a Park Corp. board meeting next week.

## **BQE**

Eliza said that there is nothing to report on the BQE. Howard Kolins said that currently there is no big plan or fix.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Design Committee**

Chair not present to report.

### **Operations Committee**

Chair not present to report.

### **Membership Committee**

No report.

### **Traffic Committee**

Linda Derosa said that she DOT had restriped from Old Fulton to the Pierhouse and it is noticeably better. She thought they planned to do the work as far as 360 Furman. Linda will send an email to DOT to find out when the other half is going to be done.

Sandy Balboza said that DOT should focus on the crossing of Atlantic at Furman. Todd said that DOT is going to reconfigure that intersection to make the traffic patterns clearer. It will be nice to get lines after Atlantic Avenue is repaved. There are many semis idling outside the beer depot along with construction trucks.

The Furman Street parking reconfiguration for buses is working well. Seven buses can park near Pier 2, and kids can enter the Park.

### **Other Business**

The August meeting is cancelled. Todd will send out a questionnaire about a September date. School starts on September 5.

On August 6, at 5 pm, the 84th Precinct will have its night out. Anyone can volunteer to BBQ. There will be food and free ice cream in the Pier 5 picnic area. The Boerum Hill Association will support the event.

CAC members discussed encouraging CB2 to attend CAC meetings. CB2 is supposed to be the co-chair. CB6 has sent a representative but the Park is not in the CB6 district.

The jail expansion is going through the ULURP process. The City wants 1140 beds; the community board approved 875; and the borough president wants 900. All community boards voted no. Levin has said that the City should not be building to the largest envelope, it should build to the smallest envelope. If the mental health component is extracted and there is a smaller jail population City-wide, the smaller building should be fine. The fear is that the CPC will simply rubber stamp the City and then send the project to the City Council. The CPC has already had a public hearing. This is the only ULURP process to span four boroughs. No one has seen the drawings. Cash bail reform will eliminate much of the prisoner population.