

Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council Meeting

334 Furman Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 6:30 PM

MINUTES

Preliminary Discussion

In Todd Castilow's absence, Howard Kolins presided at the meeting.

The minutes of the July 25, 2019 meeting were approved as modified.

Howard Kolins pointed out the New York Times article on Marine Borers which have been found in all New York City Parks that have piers. Brooklyn Bridge Park has a four-year \$114 million project to encase the pilings on four piers. BBP has 2000 pilings. 1100 are in good enough condition and will be encased in epoxy, while 500 have been found to be too far deteriorated so will be encased in concrete. The epoxy should last about 50 years.

The BQE Panel report is due in the fall. The City Council hired ARUP to perform an independent review of the BQE. The BQE Panel has said that it will be good to have another set of eyes.

Park Report

Comments

Sarah Krauss gave the Park report. She said that ARUP is also the engineer for the Squibb Park Bridge.

The Greenway improvement is on track. The Greenway within the Park goes from Pier 6 to Pier 1. All crossings will be clearly marked as part of the improvement. Katrin Adam said that the crossings are dangerous. Sarah Krauss said that there will be signage which will be done in the next few weeks. She said that she will resend the presentation and put the discussion on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Pier 3 upland is also on track. The planned opening is the fall of 2020.

The bridge will be demolished the weekend after Columbus Day.

The maritime work will begin this month and continue for three to four years.

The final design is still being developed for the space next to the Brooklyn Bridge. Sarah cannot comment about the planning process. Linda Derosa said that there had been a lot of design input by the community. The community process is finished. Sarah said that the Park will update the CAC when they know more. DOT is now considering options.

There are no updates on the Manhattan Bridge scaffolding. Greer Mayhew from Senator Kavanagh's office said that Senator Kavanagh met with Vicki Been. City Hall is looking into the situation on their own. Everyone is looking for a solution. MTA/DOT have been collaborative.

Linda Derosa said that maybe the next step should be for MTA/DOT to have a meeting at the site with the Traffic Committee. Greer Mayhew said that there is a communication issue. Community support letters would be helpful. Someone said that a community support letter has already been done with 300-400 signatures. Councilman Levin, Senator Kavanagh, Borough President Adams, Congresswoman Velazquez and Assemblywoman Jo Ann Simon all signed the letter.

The Loop Road will reopen at the end of this month.

There was a discussion about Dumbo and how crowded it has become. Carolyn Zeigler said that the Brooklyn Bridge segment is that last part of the Park to be developed, and the Park should be sensitive to the people who live there.

Concessions

The Park has issued an RFP for the Pier 5 concession where Ample Hills is now.

On Fulton Landing, the Pincus Brothers are working through their design options and docking issues. In the meantime, they are paying rent.

Nancy Webster announced that the Americana Music Festival will take place on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, on Pier 6.

Photoville will take place this weekend as well.

The Harvest Festival will take place on Pier 6 on October 19.

Committee Reports

Design Committee

Katrin Adam reported that there was nothing more to report. The committee needs to meet.

Operations Committee

The committee did not have a report.

Membership Committee

Howard Kolins reported that they were talking to CB2 about rejoining the CAC. They were told that CB2 was not interested right now. There should be a meeting between Todd Castilow and Rob Perris. Howard Graubard (CB6) said he knows Rob Perris and needs to reach out.

Traffic Committee

Linda Derosa said that they had a meeting with Greer Mayhew. DOT is working on the Atlantic/Furman intersection. The committee is most concerned about the east to west crossing of Furman on the north side of Atlantic. DOT added a traffic signal giving pedestrians 20 seconds to cross before the traffic. Bollards have been put up on the north side. The bollards are really intended to keep various vendors out. DOT has been helpful.

The Park has no jurisdiction over Pier 7. People should call local officials, about the trucks that block access to the Park. The trucks can only enter Pier 7 at certain times.