# Attendees:

Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech

Jonathan Libutti, Cornell Tech Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech

Diane Levitt, Cornell Tech

John Di Capua, Tishman Construction

Tim Croke, Tishman Construction

Tolu Onafowokan, Berlin Rosen

Tom LaPage, Barr & Barr

Keith Stanicse, Barr & Barr

**Task Force Members** Christina Delfico Tricia Shimamura Larry Parnes

Ellen Polivy Matthew Katz Judy Buck

Joe Strong

Cali Madia

# Members of the Public

Margie Smith Lynne Shinozaki Judy Berdy

Frank Farrance

Briana Warsing

Dave Evans

Caitlin Goodspeed

Sara Maher

Rick Conor

# Milestones

# Demolition: Phase I is complete (buildings F, D, H and C); Phase II work ongoing through June 2015 (Demolition of buildings G and J is complete; building A will be complete in March and buildings E and B will be complete in May);

# Demolition Barging: As of February 1st 2015, approximately 16,250 tons of waste have been removed by barge; as a result, including mobilization, approximately 3,775 –4,050 trucks had been avoided as of February 1, 2015. This translates to 7,550 –8,100 truck trips.

# Site Utility work: installation of the water main is underway and expected to be complete in late March pending no additional weather delays; Con Ed cabling work is also underway;

# Central Utility Plant and Vault: mobilization began in February; excavation will begin in early March and foundation walls in April;

# Barr & Barr has been selected as the construction manager for the First Academic Building; infrastructure located in the foundation footprint is in the process of being relocated; excavation to begin in early March;

* Trucking and Barging: barging will continue through the demolition period, scheduled to be complete in May, and an 18 month barging plan for construction is slated to begin in October; Cornell committed to *“reduce the number of construction vehicles along Main Street by approximately 40% from the numbers included in the EIS for the project”;* the final environmental impact statement projected 34,258 trucks over 4 years; a 40% reduction would result in 20,554 trucks (approximate average of 22/day; approximate peak of 40/day); therefore 13,703 trucks must be removed from the roadway; Cornell Tech is meeting this commitment in a number of ways: traffic mitigation work with the contractors has achieved a reduction of 4,000 trucks; approximately 6,000 trucks will have been eliminated during demolition; a minimum of 3,650 trucks will be eliminated during construction; the goal is to barge approximately 10,000 trucks;

# Discussion:

* A few task force members raised the need for more funding for programs at PS/IS 217 and island wide community organizations and that gifts such as those from Verizon should include a percentage for the school and for Roosevelt Island in general;
* A question was raised about Google’s after school coding classes and whether Roosevelt Island Beacon Program students could take part in it; Diane Levitt responded that all after school programs are eligible to participate in this program and that the program has been available for some time;
* There was a general discussion about the barging/trucking operation now that the construction phase of the project has begun. Andrew Winters clarified a number of issues that were raised in a Question and Answer sheet presented by Judy Buck on behalf of the Roosevelt Island Community Coalition (RICC);
* A member of the public as well as task force members raised the issue of air monitoring on Main Street and the need for funding for a study; there were differing opinions on how such a study should be funded; Cornell Tech reiterated its willingness to participate in such a study;
* A question was raised about the name of the street surrounding the campus. Currently the road looping the entire campus is mapped as “One Main Street.” “A task force member asked if the east and west loop roads could be renamed East Main Street and West Main Street; Cornell Tech will research this issue;
* A taskforce member asked when the traffic counts cited in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) were conducted; Cornell Tech will get this information;
* A task force member asked if Con Ed will be installing gas lines; Andrew Winters replied that Con Ed is planning to install high pressure gas lines at some point in the near future;

**Presentations:**

* Diane Levitt, Director of K-12, presented an update on her engagements with PS/IS 217.
* Andrew Winters, Director of Capital Projects, gave an update on demolition and abatement and the trucking and barging plan for the construction phase of the project.
* John DiCapua of Tishman Construction provided an overview of the site utility plan and the construction plan for the Central Utility Plant
* Tom LaPage of Barr & Barr presented the construction plan for the First Academic Building.

# Meeting Dates:

* The next task force meeting will be held on Monday, April 27, 2015 from 6-8pm, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St.