1/29/14 Task Force Meeting Summary

*Attendees:*

Meghan French, Cornell Tech

Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech

Diana Allegretti, Cornell Tech

Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech

Jonathan Libutti, Cornell Tech

Karen Tamir, Jim Connor Field Operations

Aric Domozick, PAL Environmental Services

Ted Musho, Tishman

John DiCapua, Tishman

Peter Krokondelas, Kasirer Consulting

*Task Force Members*

Christina Delfico

Anthony Morenzi

Christina Parisi

Larry Parnes

Ellen Polivy

Joe Strong

Dave Evans

Greg Meyer

Matthew Katz

Jonathan Kalkin

*Members of the Public*

Rick ‘OConor

Margie Smith

Howard Polivy

Joyce Short

Vicki Feinmel

Lynn Strong-Shinozaki

Judith Berdy

Judy Buck

Milestones

* The delivery of equipment and materials via barging began on January 21st and is ongoing.
* Installation of the construction fence is underway and will enclose the entire construction site.
* The demolition permit is expected to be issued the week of February 3rd. This will allow work to begin on the building interiors. Demolition work will begin on the northern half of the parcel first.
* Prior to starting, interior air testing will take place. These readings will help establish a baseline before work begins.
* The west roadway remains closed to all but emergency vehicles. The west promenade is open for pedestrian access to the southern part of the island.
* Security continues to be present on site 24 hours a day.
* Jane Swanson is the new Cornell Tech Community Liaison and came on board January 15th and was introduced at the meeting.
* Diane Levitt is the new Cornell TechK-12 Director.

Presentations

* Aric Domozick of PAL Environmental Services made a presentation on the barging operation and the abatement and deconstruction of the former Goldwater Hospital buildings.
* Karen Tamir of James Corner Field Operations gave a presentation on open space.

Discussion

* During discussion of the open space plan, Roosevelt Island resident Lynn Strong-Shinozaki recommended that Cornell Tech plant cherry trees on the eastern side of the campus to complement the cherry trees on the western side. This would advance a desire to create a necklace of cherry trees around the entire perimeter of the island. Cornell Tech agreed to consider it.
* Also during the open space plan discussion, task force member Christina Delfico suggested using the meadow that will be created on campus for k-12 programming and learning. This suggestion will also be considered.
* Task Force members also expressed interest in Cornell Tech’s academic partner, the Technion, and it was agreed that Adam Schwartz, the Director of the Jacobs Institute, would make a presentation at the next meeting.
* People were encouraged to suggest to members of the public that they sign up for the two week look-ahead.

Meeting Dates:

* Next meeting data: April 28th, 6-8pm, 546 Main, 12th floor

Upcoming meetings of note are:

* Land Use Meeting Community Board 8, NY Blood Center, 310 E. 67th St. 6:30 pm. 2/12/14
* Roosevelt Island Committee CB 8 Meeting, 546 Main Street, 6:30 pm. 3/3/14