# Attendees:

Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech

Meghan French, Cornell Tech

Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech

Floyd Young, Cornell Tech

Jovana Rizzo, BerlinRosen

Stephen Noone, Cornell Tech

Judith Spitz Cornell Tech/Verizon

Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech

Floyd Young, Cornell Tech

Pete Krokondelas, Kasirer Consulting

Task Force Members Christina Delfico Matthew Katz Judy Buck Katerina Matic Sushant Harite

Ellen Polivy

Larry Parnes

# Members of the Public

Rick O’Conor

Judy Berdy Howard Polivy Albert Salas

Lynn Shinozaki Vicki Feinmel Howard Polivy

David Stone

Jenny Bright

Briana Warsing

Sherrie Hilstien

**Presentations**

* + **Judith Spitz, Cornell Tech’s Verizon Executive-in-Residence**; Judy heads Cornell Tech’s Women in Technology and Entrepreneurship in New York (WiTNY) initiative and gave a presentation on her work. The mission of WiTNY is to facilitate, encourage, and enable a significant increase in the participation of women in both higher education and entrepreneurship in fields related to technology in New York. Through strategic initiatives with key institutions – including a partnership with CUNY – WiTNY targets high school girls getting ready for college, undergraduate and graduate women, preparing them to secure a rewarding and lucrative position in the tech industry). PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED.
* **Kate Bicknell, Senior Vice President of Commercial & Residential Development at Forest City Ratner.** Kate gave a presentation on The Bridge” at Cornell Tech. In The Bridge at Cornell Tech, a corporate co-location building, established tech companies and startups are located side-by-side academic researchers with the goal of bringing tech to market faster. PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED.
  + **Andrew Winters, Director, Capital Projects, Cornell Tech** provided an update on construction. PRESENTATION IS ATTACHED.

**Discussion/Questions:**

* + What is the timeline for future phases of construction? (asked in the context of understanding the timeframe of the mowed meadow in that there is interest in having landscape design continuity w/ South Point Park); No update on this yet; Andrew agreed to connect the community with Field Operations, who is leading the campus’ sustainability program, including landscaping;
  + Will you continue barging when you build the hotel and Executive Education Center? There will likely be some barging;
  + Is the work on the Queensboro Bridge Cornell Tech related? No, it is Con Ed work
  + Is there a hotel operator? Not yet, we Cornell Tech will keep the task force posted on it.
  + Where are job listings posted? On the Cornell Tech website and also sent to the local island publications.
  + How much retail space will there be at the Bridge? About 6,000 square feet.
  + Will there be a café at the Bridge? No.
  + What will the retail be like in the Bridge? We are waiting to choose tenants first before deciding on retail. It will complement island retail.
  + Will there be a ground floor bathroom open to the public at the Bridge? Still to be determined.
  + How long will companies stay there? Depends on a number of factors; there could be 3/5/10 year leases.
  + How will you manage waste at the Bridge? This has not yet been determined.
  + Will there be universal design? Accessibility? Looping? The building will be accessible.
  + Will there be public access to some of the spaces? There will be access on the ground floor to retail spaces.
  + How many tenants will be in the Bridge and what will the tenant mix be like? This has not yet determined.
  + Will there be Wi-Fi in public spaces? We don’t know yet.
  + Will there be Citi bike on Roosevelt Island? That is a question for RIOC.
  + Did Cornell Tech talk to the city about the route of ferry service? No.
  + Will Cornell Tech be getting a liquor license for the café? Yes.
  + Is ground water refuse going into East River from geothermal wells that Cornell Tech has installed? The geothermal system will likely require a small amount of excess deep groundwater to be discharged intermittently to the East River. Cornell Tech began the process to permit the discharge by filing an Industrial SPDES Permit Application on May 5, 2016. Cornell Tech coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) on development of the permit application and NYSDEC determined the application was complete. Currently awaiting permit.
  + How is WiTNY recruiting for the summer program? CUNY pushed out the application for this program.
  + Who developed the WiTNY summer studio? K-12 Director Diane Levitt and Studio Director J McLoughlin; the idea is to scale it over time.
  + What is the percentage of women at Cornell Tech? That depends on the particular program; some are 50/50
  + A task force member recommended that the summer studio component of WiTNY can be modified for middle school at some point.
  + Floyd Young, Cornell Tech’s Director of Operations, announced that he would be hiring a Director of Security within the next few months.