

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
JULY 28, 2015

PRESENT:

J. ARMER	P. BELLENBAUM	P. BLAKE
P. FLEMING	A. KRASNOW	R. LEVINE
R. LUFTGLASS	E. MCCLURE	T. MISKEL
M. RACIOPPO	G. REILLY	M. SHAMES
M. SILVERMAN	B. SOLOTAIRE	S. TURET

EXCUSED:

R. BASHNER	G. KELLY	S. LONIAL
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GUESTS:

E. LANDER-REP. FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
C. MARTIN - REP. FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
L. DEGUELDRE - REP. FOR DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
K. JEFFREY – PARKS BORO COMMISSIONER

***** M I N U T E S *****

Presentation and discussion with representatives from the Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Parks & Recreation on the siting, construction and maintenance of retention tanks as an EPA-mandated remedy for the Gowanus Canal Superfund plan.

Presentation was made by Eric Landau of DEP on retention tank replacement.

Two tanks out of many choices. Final decision from 2 choices on each site

1. OH-007 – mid-canal Sanitation salt lot
2. RH-034 – head of canal (north)

Kevin Jeffrey of NYC Parks – Thomas Greene playground is the greatest use of intermediate size pool. No other park space in 4-5 block ¼ mile radius.

1st choice for RH-034 next to pumping station

- DEP makes recommendation to EPA who makes the decision
- Park clean-up – park is very contaminated – EPA thinks it needs to be cleaned. State DEP doesn't think – if not disturbed – it is ok.
- If EPA says it wants to site tank in park – DEP's estimate is 8 years but on site will assure cleanup of site. Cleanup alone is 4 years.

Size of tanks: DEP wanted smaller tanks from EPA. DEP thinks it will meet _____ site

CAG wants to make sure the Thomas Greene Playground gets cleaned up.

Q. What would go on top of tank if it is situated next to the canal?

A. EPA considers TGP to be major source of contamination – they want it cleaned.

Q. Is a head house needed?

A. It takes care of odor control. It needs to be cleaned if there is no head house.

Preferred site: 3 owners of land – if needed, “Eminent Domain” would be used.

EPA decision: Expect a decision by the fall on tank siting. EPA will listen to community perspective. The size of tanks are based on 2040 projections for population.

LANDMARKS/LAND USE

619 3rd Street – for the lowering of a portion of the front areaway with alteration of garden-level stairs.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

227 4th Avenue – for the creation of new at-grade entrances at 4th avenue and at President Street facades, removal of existing perimeter fencing, partial lowering of parapet wall, removal of chimney and the addition of HVAC equipment.

Motion with conditions

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

857 Carroll Street – addition of a three-story extension and a new deck in the rear yard, and rooftop addition and terrace.

Motion was made to disapprove

VOTE: 12.....YEAS 2.....NAYS
MOTION PASSED

41 Montgomery Place – addition of a rear yard extension with deck, rooftop addition with new HVAC equipment and alterations to fence in rear.

Motion to approve with conditions

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

170 Amity Street – construction of a 2 story rear extension with deck and alterations to upper stories at rear elevation including new windows.

Conditional approval

VOTE: 10.....YEAS 4.....NAYS
MOTION PASSED

177 Pacific Street – façade alterations and corrections to landmark violations. Request to legalize what they built.

Motion was made to not legalize proposal.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

350 Henry Street – restoration and repair of façade, modification of window openings and doors, rooftop addition for HVAC equipment and partial story, new sidewalk, fences and gates.

Motion – removing bridge, reducing roof bulk

VOTE: 13.....YEAS 1.....NAYS
MOTION PASSED

188 8th Avenue – construction of a one-story rear yard extension with replacement deck.

Conditional approval.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

188 Prospect Park West/190 Prospect Park West – alterations to 188 PPW and construction of a new 6-story building at 190 PPW.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to send the letter to SCA

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

PERMITS AND LICENSES

126 Union Street – new on-premises liquor license application

Recommendation as motion

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

494 4th Avenue – new on-premises liquor license

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

234 Flatbush Avenue – new on-premises liquor license

Recommendation to approve.

MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

119 5th Avenue has been tabled

17 Seabring Street – new on-premises liquor license

Approve as amended

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

BROOKLYN BRIDGE PARK – R. LUFTGLASS

- Wants to modify General Plan. Change: eliminate language about housing. Question of whether housing is needed – that it must be for financial necessity.
- EIS should be updated
- BBP does not want to.
- Should we submit a public comment – written comments are accepted over August

CB6 position – if there is housing, it should be affordable. It would be good but can be manipulated.

EIS – schools are overcrowded. If they are building apartments what about the infrastructure – schools, transportation etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Ariel Krasnow.