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December 31, 2019

MEETING NOTICE

TO: Members of the Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks
(subcommittee) Committee
(Teague, Committee Chair; Viera; McKeever; Barros;
Chesler; Indig; Kaminski; Katz; Rabbi Niederman; Nieves; Sofer;
Solano; Weidberg; Weiser)

FROM: Del Teague, Land Use Committee Chair
Maria Viera, Land Use Committee Co-Chair
Trina McKeever, Landmarks Subcommittee Chair
Gina Barros, Landmarks Subcommittee Co-Chair

RE: Scheduled Meeting
(8 Members Constitute a Quorum for this Committee)

Please be advised that the Land Use, ULURP & Landmarks (subcommittee) Committee will meet as follows:

WHEN: MONDAY – January 6, 2020
TIME: 6:30 PM
WHERE: CB #1's District Office
435 Graham Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11211
(Corner of Frost Street)

AGENDA:

- **Presentation – Plan for the Redevelopment of the Con Edison Site on River Street:**
Two Trees to present its plans for the site they have acquired from Con Edison – by Mr. Dave Lombino, Two Trees Management. (See Attachment)

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Attachment

cc: CB #1 Board Members

RIVER STREET WATERFRONT MASTER PLAN

“Elevating the standard for urban waterfront access and resiliency”

FACT SHEET December 2019

The River Street Waterfront Master Plan is an unprecedented, mixed-used development anchored by an unprecedented, resilient waterfront park in North Brooklyn. The project – developed by Two Trees Management on the former Con Ed site in Williamsburg and designed by Bjarke Ingels Group (BIG) and James Corner Field Operations – will enhance the community’s connection to the public waterfront, restore natural habitats, elevate the standard for urban waterfront resiliency and transform the way New Yorkers interact with the East River.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

River Street will include two mixed-use, mixed-income residential buildings designed around six acres of cutting-edge public open space and ecological infrastructure that will increase resilience for the site and the surrounding area. The buildings will include 1,000 total units of housing (250 of which will be income limited), a new 47,000 square-foot YMCA, 30,000 square feet of local retail space, 57,000 square feet of office space and 4,500 square feet allotted for community kiosks.

A WATERFRONT PARK UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE HISTORY OF NEW YORK CITY

The centerpiece of the River Street Waterfront Master Plan is a 2.9 acre public waterfront park, in addition to three acres of protected open water, that will include a first-of-its-kind protected public beach and in-water areas for New Yorkers to enjoy aquatic activities including swimming, boating and educational programs (which will far exceed the .7 acres of public space required under zoning regulations). It will feature a circular esplanade extending into the East River and include a large sandy beach, tidal pools, a salt marsh and a fishing pier. This ring connects to the park’s breakwaters – forming a series of nature trails that extend out to the existing concrete caissons – and will provide protection for the numerous aquatic uses inside the ring. In addition, a boating cove at North 1st Street will include a sandy beach for boat access surrounded by wetlands and adjacent to community pavilions and a children’s natural play area. The initial park design was guided by a series of community charettes convened by Two Trees and will continue to evolve with additional input from area residents as the approval process proceeds.

A MODEL OF RESILIENCY, HABITAT RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

River Street will elevate future standards for waterfront development in New York City by embracing the river, rather than building walls that accelerate storm surge and push it to adjacent areas. The project will feature berms, breakwaters, marshes and wetlands designed to increase resilience by taking the energy out of storm surges, reducing flooding and erosion risk and better protecting the North Brooklyn waterfront in the face of habitat loss and climate change (and builds on recent recommendations from the US Army Corps of Engineers and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation). Additionally, the River Street waterfront park will restore salt marshes, wetlands, oyster beds and tidal flats, enriching wildlife and habitat while creating new protected areas for recreation and environmental education.

RIVER STREET, DOMINO PARK AND TWO TREES MANAGEMENT

Closing the gap between Grand Ferry Park and the North 5th Pier, River Street will complete a stretch of continuous waterfront public space along the North Brooklyn waterfront. Furthermore, it will build on the unparalleled success of nearby Domino Park, the privately-funded, award-winning, waterfront public space built by Two Trees along their entire Domino Sugar Factory site. Domino Park (which has become a unique community amenity since opening in June 2018) features resilient design and, similar to River Street, was developed with significant, direct community input on both design and programming. Through its redevelopment of the Park and the entire Domino site, Two Trees Management has established a record of advancing collaborative, community-engaged, long-term planning and prioritizing cutting-edge design, sustainability and waterfront connectivity.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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