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February 22nd, 2024

Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

this was a teleconference zoom meeting

Attendees

Laura Shepard, Chair
Carlos Castell Croke, Vice Chair
Lauren Springer
Ryan Smith

Absentee

Nellie Afshar
Danielle Brecker
Benjamin Lucas

Mariana Mogilevich, Public Member
Pearl Brady, Public Member

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Guests

Willis Elkins - Public Comment

Laura Shepard, Chair of the CB2 Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comment

Willis Elkins mentioned the green asphalt facility in Blissville and stated the Assembly Member on the Brooklyn side of Newtown Creek, Emily Gallagher has been involved in trying to document and track the air quality issues relating to the Asphalt plant. The state did issue a violation against the Asphalt plant. Willis Elkins shared the below links:

https://www.instagram.com/p/C2xmXsFR7ra/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc3TjzvU_zsJouTyVFMqu9h4BayzVRTrD3SIhRejlkH5LZBKg/viewform

“Serving the Communities of Long Island City, Sunnyside, Woodside, and Maspeth”

Laura Shepard started the meeting with a discussion on the CB2 Climate Action Plan.

Carlos Castell Croke led the discussion on the CB2 Climate Action Plan with the committee:

- Carlos Castell Croke mentioned this should be a brainstorming effort by the Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee.
- What does the committee think the purpose of the CB2 Climate Action Plan should be?
- What should the community get out of this plan?
- How do we report something that ends of being impactful and useful?
- Discussion took place on how to get the CB2 Community Board to support this plan.
- The Climate Action Plan could help with the CB2 budget process.
- Discussion took place on how the budget process works in the community board.
- When ULURP discussions take place, this would be a good plan to refer to regarding the climate.
- It was suggested for the Climate Action Plan to go before each appropriate committee before going in front of the full CB2 Board meeting.
- There was a discussion on having a checklist before approval for the Climate Action Plan.
- The Environment Committee will work on a list of what the developers should be considering when coming to the community board with a ULURP proposal.
- In addition, should there be a list of asks - issues the community cares about, for example flood mitigation.
- Another part of this Climate Action Plan will be what is asked of the council members and elected officials concerning climate issues.
- The two pillars of this plan will be - what the community cares about and what the community wants concerning the climate and the second part will be what developers should be considering when coming to the community board with a ULURP proposal as it pertains to the climate.
- Carlos Castell Croke stated he will work on the document and present at the next Environment Meeting before presenting it to other committees.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kim Waber