

Atlantic Yards

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Community Update Meeting
Wednesday, April 13, 2016

NOTES

1. Empire State Development (ESD) – Nicole Jordan

Ms. Jordan opened the meeting by providing attendees with information on how to file Project-related complaints, and how to contact the Developer's Community Liaison Office (CLO).

After the meeting introduction, there was a discussion on how an incident of sexual harassment and assault was presented at the March 2016 AYCDC meeting. The sexual assault victim was present and asked a number of questions about the response to the incident, follow-up actions by the developer, and frustration with the little attention the incident had received. The sexual assault victim expressed that they still experienced harassment by construction workers while running in the neighborhood or walking home.

In response to the questions ESD staff apologized for any misrepresentation of the incident and committed to follow-up on the issue. Ashley Cotton spoke on behalf of Greenland Forest City Partners (GLFCP), she addressed the questions noting that the arena code of conduct for Islander games was updated and that the construction worker ID card system will be implemented by the end of April. The equipment needed to print labels and badges has been ordered.

There was a discussion about other suggestions for improving safety at the site, including hiring private security, a head of security to coordinate between the arena, mall, and construction site, sexual harassment trainings, and a campaign on sexual harassment.

During the meeting there were numerous conversations and comments about the ESD Incident Report Log, how issues were classified, the source of the information and the system for following-up on complaints. Residents requested that NYPD issues and 311 complaints be listed on the log.

2. Atlantic Yards Community Development Corporation (AYCDC) – Tobi Jaiyesimi

Tobi Jaiyesimi, AYCDC Director, informed the audience that the community feedback app was being worked on and updates would be provided to the AYCDC Directors and community when available. Ms. Jaiyesimi announced Samuel Filler's transition from the Project, and that she will assume his responsibilities. The next AYCDC Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, location to be confirmed.

3. Department of Transportation (DOT) – Abigail Ikner

Ms. Ikner presented on the approval process for Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) Plans:

- A plan is drafted by engineers
- The plan is sent to DOT's Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC)
- The plan is reviewed by an engineer at OCMC according to federal guidelines
- Comments on the plan are sent back to the submitting engineer with suggested changes
- After the MPT plans are revised with the OCMC engineer's comments, it is approved, and implemented
- After implementation the MPT is reviewed depending on how pedestrian and vehicular traffic adjust to the plan

After Ms. Ikner's presentation, there was a discussion about the MPT and unpaved portions of the sidewalk on Dean Street, and also how utility companies apply for street closure permits. Ms. Ikner explained the process for issuing violations, if the utility company was not in compliance with DOT regulations.

There are also proposed changes to the pedestrian signals at the intersection of Atlantic Avenue, Sixth Avenue and South Portland Avenue.

Ms. Ikner noted that residents can send any traffic or MPT complaints and concerns directly to DOT's Borough office.

4. New York Police Department (NYPD) 78th PCT – Lt. Rhodes

NYPD representatives did not give a formal presentation but did answer questions about the incident of sexual assault.

The representatives also addressed questions about illegal parking and the no parking zone in front of the VIP entrance to the arena. Parking is currently permitted in the MPT at the discretion of the 78th Precinct's Commanding Officer.

5. Greenland Forest City Partners (GLFCP) – Ashley Cotton (Presentation posted to the ESD Atlantic Yards Website)

There was a presentation of the design for 38 Sixth Avenue (B3), a 100% affordable building on the corner of 6th Avenue and Dean Street. A question was asked about how brownstone and red brick materials influenced the building's design. It was noted that no part of the building is dedicated to any arena related activities. The parking spots will be available for public lease.

A Stantec representative presented the overall MPT plan for the project from April 2016 to December 2018. Traffic on Sixth Avenue between Bergen Street and Atlantic Avenue will be northbound only from April/May 2016* to August 2017* (dates are tentative and will be announced in the Two Week Look Ahead). Also, the 16 Ft. construction fence on Block 1129 will be reduced to 8 Ft. along Vanderbilt Avenue and Carlton Avenue. B4, Site 5 and railyard platform work was not included in the overall MPT presentation.

Information was provided about anticipated water and sewer work, which will include street excavation, new water main, new sewer main, below grade work and new manhole covers. There will also be refrigerator and boiler trucks at the site. The only anticipated reduction in parking spots will be along Pacific Street during the water and sewer work, and possibly on Atlantic Avenue during demolition of the bump buildings. All activity will be noticed in the Two Week Look Ahead.

There were additional questions about the construction timeline for Block 1120 and Block 1121, and the affordable housing numbers for the Project in light of the possible change in programming for B4. It was announced that the developer is working on selecting an architect for Site 5.