

Pacific Park

BROOKLYN

**Quality of Life Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2016**

NOTES

1. Empire State Development (ESD) / Atlantic Yards Community Development Corp. (AYCDC)

The meeting opened with an overview of the agenda, and description of materials available at the sign-in table. The discussion then turned to ways to improve how Quality of Life meeting notices are sent. Recommendations were made for ensuring that all community boards are on the mailing list and that meeting reminders are prominently featured in the text of an email, not just as an attachment.

An inquiry was made on the status of the community feedback app. No new updates were available, but options for a digital solution were being considered, along with ongoing internal discussions about the feasibility of such options.

It was announced that the next AYCDC meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2016. Due to a lock out at Long Island University, the usual meeting place for the Board, the meeting will be held at ESD's offices. Open Meetings Law requires that the agency webcast all board meetings; the technology necessary to webcast a public meeting limits the number of locations where the meeting can be hosted. A recommendation was made to consider City University of New York (CUNY) campuses.

Residents asked about the approval process and overall benefits of bond refinancing for the Barclays Center. The refinancing was approved by Brooklyn Arena Local Development Corporation (BALDC), an ESD subsidiary. The PILOT remains unchanged and savings from the refinancing will be deposited to an account dedicated for the maintenance and operation of the arena.

There was also a discussion about improving interagency coordination and the allocation of resources towards the monitoring and oversight of the Project.

2. Department of Transportation (DOT)

Department of Transportation (DOT) representatives did not give a formal presentation, but were present to answer questions on the loss of parking spaces, the agency's long term plans to address traffic conditions, and enforcement of parking regulations.

While DOT is responsible for street signs and traffic regulations, enforcement of such signs and regulations are strictly under the jurisdiction of the Police Department.

In response to a question about whether parking for construction workers was permitted behind construction fences, DOT representatives explained that Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) plans are approved according the construction activity anticipated at the site. Residents should submit complaints about the misuse of MPTs to the agency.

The discussion then changed to the drafting and approval process for MPT plans. The process requires that the plans are reviewed by a trained and licensed engineer. It was also explained that changes to traffic regulations would require approval from the federal government, not just the NYC DOT. Residents asked for improved representation of the community's needs, as it relates to traffic patterns, parking regulations, and the streetscape, in the decision making process.

Requests were made for information on the total number of parking spots lost as a result of the Project and the linear foot allowance for a parking space. DOT representatives will research the questions and respond accordingly.

3. NYPD 78th Precinct

Community Affairs Officers were in attendance, but there was no formal presentation or public Q&A session.

4. Greenland Forest City Partners (GLFCP)

Construction Updates

- i. LIRR Yard - Substation delivery is scheduled for the weekend of September 24. The delivery will occur during night hours and will require temporary street closure on Pacific Street between Sixth Avenue and Carlton Avenue.
- ii. 550 Vanderbilt Ave (B11) – Anticipated that construction fences will be removed by the end of November.
- iii. 535 Carlton Avenue (B14) - The affordable housing lottery closes September 15, 2016. Anticipated that construction fences will be removed by the end of November.

- iv. 664 Pacific Street (B15) - Work is stalled due to litigation on the site access plan for the adjacent property. The School Construction Authority (SCA) is still considering design options for B15, members of the community interested in the process were encouraged to reach out to the SCA.
- v. 461 Dean Street (B2) – Will be the first residential building to open.
- vi. Permits for the “bump buildings” on Atlantic Avenue have not been approved by the Department of Buildings (DOB).
- vii. There were no updates on the Developer’s proposed changes to B1, B4 and Site 5.

Infrastructure Work: Old 8in water main pipes on Pacific Street between Vanderbilt Avenue and Carlton Avenue are being replaced with new 20in pipes. Due to difficult field conditions, heavier machinery has been needed to cut through asphalt, at times cobble stone and cement. Additional infrastructure work for the relining of sewer pipes is expected later in the fall. The Developer will look into a request for vibration monitors at the Newswalk building.

Barclays Center – No large scale upcoming events, both the NHL and NBA seasons kick off later in the fall.

There was a discussion about improving the quality of Traffic Enforcement Agents (TEAs) and Pedestrian Managers. A request was made to possibly have a representative from the TEA Department present at a Quality of Life Meeting.

An inquiry was made about the Construction Worker ID System – Workers are tagged on a rolling basis as they start at the site. The Developer is working to provide each contractor with the equipment necessary to ID workers, making for a more efficient system. There have been no complaints related to worker behavior since the last meeting.

In response to a question, it was explained that there have been no recent penalties issued to contractors for idling trucks or truck route violations. The site has a high compliance rate, and the Developer and ESD closely monitor conditions to minimize the impact on the community.

Following up on the presentation about the upcoming affordable housing units, a resident asked whether the requirement for Community Board preference was being monitored as the units were awarded. Compliance with Community Board preference, along with other lottery preferences (i.e. disability) will be announced once the numbers are available. Additionally, units with varying income bands will be dispersed throughout the building, without isolation.