

# Pacific Park

## BROOKLYN

### Virtual Quality of Life Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 2022

#### NOTES

#### **1. Empire State Development / Atlantic Yards Community Development Corp.**

The next Quality of Life meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12. The next AYCDC meeting will be held in the coming weeks, details will be shared when available. Notes from the January and March Quality of Life meetings will be available on the ESD website by the end of the week.

There were 15 meeting participants including representatives from the offices of Congressmember Yvette Clarke, Assemblymember Souffrant-Forrest, Councilmember Crystal Hudson, and local community organizations.

#### **2. Barclays Center**

The NY Liberty WNBA season has tipped off, with games expected through summer. The Brooklyn Nets recently helped renovate the Joseph Miccio Community Center Fitness Room in Red Hook. The facility was damaged during Hurricane Ida and was fit out with new equipment including treadmills and weights. Art pieces and murals were also installed in the community center.

There will be updates to the arena plaza this summer. Equipment staging will occur the first week of June, and work expected to start in late June and continue in phases through September. The Atlantic Terminal subway entrance will remain accessible as well as portions of the plaza.

### 3. Greenland Forest City Partners + TF Cornerstone

662 Pacific Street, B15 is complete, with leasing operations ongoing. 18 Sixth Avenue is near substantial completion with fit out of upper and hoist row units progressing, and sidewalk repair along Atlantic Avenue. Construction is ongoing at 595 Dean Street, B12-B13, window and façade installation continues. Completion remains on track for spring 2023. National Grid was conducting work on Dean Street to install new gas lines.

Work on the Block 1120 platform is expected to commence in the coming weeks, pending final permits from LIRR and NYC Department of Buildings. There will be new construction fences around the perimeter of the site. Maps showing the changes to the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including changes to the traffic pattern along Atlantic Avenue are available on ESD’s website under May 10, 2022 Quality of Life Meeting. (esd.ny.gov/atlanticyards)

With these changes, combat/ back-in parking on the north side of Pacific Street will no longer be available, and pedestrians will be directed to walk on the southside of the street. The work on the platform is expected to take approximately 3 years.

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Below is a list of the questions submitted in advance of and during the meeting via the chat feature and email. Applicable responses follow.

<u>Questions</u>	<u>Responses</u>
<b>Barclays Center</b>	
How much money did the Barclays Center & Nets contribute towards the renovation of the community center?	The amount will not be disclosed, but a press release is available with details about the partnership.
How much of the plaza will be blocked off while the restoration work is ongoing?	Full details about the work will be provided in a memo that will be distributed to the community.
Please be cautious with outdoor lighting while the work is ongoing.	There will be measures in place to minimize any disturbance to the community.
Are there plans for the Barclays Center to host any job fairs?	Staff will follow-up on various hiring initiatives and community events.
<b>Construction</b>	
Who is the contractor for the platform work?	The work will be conducted through a joint venture with Plaza Construction and China Construction.
Please run through the timeline for the platform and B5, B6 and B7. Will the	The platform will be built from west to east, starting at Atlantic and Sixth Avenues

buildings start before the 421-a deadline, which is June 15?	and moving towards Vanderbilt Avenue. There are no updates on the construction of B5 – B7.
When will work start on the Block 1121 portion of the platform, which would support B8/B9/B10, start? How long would it take?	There are no updates on the start of construction of the platform over Block 1121.

**Affordable Housing**

Will B12-B13 and B5 have 30% middle income affordable housing as with B4 and B15? Has that middle-income option been ruled out?	There are no details on the affordable housing programming for B12-B13 and B5.
How will B5 and future buildings help the developers meet the Project’s May 2025 affordable housing deadline? Is the Developer aiming to have that deadline extended or modified?	Affordable housing programming for B5 will be shared when available. There are no updates or changes to the Project’s affordable housing obligations.

**Miscellaneous**

How is the platform being funded? Is there a new outside or publicly-assisted funding source? Is the developer planning to lease any of the sites?	No details are available at this time.
What are plans, in terms of scale, program/affordability, and timetable, for Site 5? How much of the bulk from B1 does the developer aim to transfer to Site 5 and other Project sites?	There are no updates on the proposed programming for Site 5 or the transfer of bulk from B1.
If 421-a is defeated may this change the Project’s timeline?	It is unclear what the impact of changes to available affordable housing subsidy programs will be on the Project.
The intersection of Atlantic Avenue and Sixth Avenue can be dangerous for pedestrians, especially with the loss of the	The pedestrian island in the median on Atlantic Avenue will be restored in the coming months after the completion of

<p>pedestrian refuge. Has a safety assessment been done to ensure this updated (referring to the changes from the construction fences for the platform work) pedestrian flow will be better?</p>	<p>construction at B4. All construction fences and changes to vehicular and pedestrian traffic must be approved by NYC Department of Transportation to ensure the safest possible conditions.</p>
<p>Why does the plan allow for two northbound traffic lanes on Sixth Avenue instead of a sidewalk?</p>	<p>Given the construction logistics for the platform, it is not possible to have a sidewalk at that location. Pedestrian access will be available on the other side of the street.</p>
<p>How are the Quality of Life Meeting agendas distributed?</p>	<p>The meeting agendas are sent via email, moving forward, the agenda will also be posted on ESD's website.</p>
<p>How many people participated in the meeting?</p>	<p>There were 15 meeting participants.</p>
<p>Is there a view to see other meeting attendees?</p>	<p>The meeting format does not allow for guests to see other attendees, but representatives from elected officials are recognized.</p>
<p>Why are notes from the last two Quality of Life meetings not yet posted? What is the cause of the delay and how long will it take for future notes to be posted?</p>	<p>The notes from the January and March Quality of Life meetings are pending staff review and will be posted by the end of the week. Typically, notes will be posted 2 to 3 weeks after the meeting, or as soon as possible.</p>
<p>Who is assuming the role and responsibilities of former ESD executives Marion Phillips and Holly Leicht?</p>	<p>There is no information to share on the staff transitions.</p>