

Pacific Park

BROOKLYN

Quality of Life Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 2017

NOTES

A red asterisk (*) at the end of the paragraph signifies that a response to the question raised or issue discussed has been provided after the notes.

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

The meeting opened with responses to questions and discussion topics submitted by community members. The concerns raised include: increased truck traffic on side streets, specifically St. Marks Avenue; garbage and litter on sidewalks; dog owners not picking up after their pets; and businesses neglecting to clean in front of their establishments. Each development site under active construction has approved protocols that direct truck routes to and from the area. Residents were encouraged to send pictures of trucks believed to be Project-related and in non-compliance with the approved protocols to AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov. Improving neighborhood cleanliness, the Pooper Scooper Law and city regulations about the removal of dog waste were also discussed.

In addition, the request was made for including community feedback in the drafting of the scope of work for ESD's environmental monitor. Residents called for improved interagency coordination and outreach to local elected officials and Community Boards, as well as participation in Quality of Life meetings by NYC Department of Transportation and NYPD representatives.

The next Quality of Life meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2017. The next meeting of the Atlantic Yards Community Development Corporation (AYCDC) will be announced.

2. Greenland Forest City Partners (GLFCP)

Work is ongoing at 38 Sixth Avenue (B3) with move-ins expected at the end of October. The building will have 67 parking spaces as well as medical offices operated by Methodist Hospital. The construction fences around the building will be removed in the coming weeks.

There were no updates on the construction timeline for B15; negotiations on a site access agreement with the neighboring building owners continue. Complaints about site conditions and rodents were discussed. The area has been baited, weeded, and the sidewalk repaired. A long term site maintenance plan is in the works. The Developer will follow-up on the signage required for an area that has been baited.*

ParkPro Systems was announced as the operator for the parking garage at 535 Carlton Avenue (B14). Installation of the CitiBike Station on Carlton Avenue will result in the loss of five parking spaces. Carlton Avenue between Dean and Pacific Streets has been paved and restriped, and Dean Street between Carlton and Vanderbilt Avenues is expected to be paved and restriped, with approximately six parking spaces restored to this block.

The publicly accessible Open Space at 535 Carlton Avenue and 550 Vanderbilt Avenue (B11) is expected to be completed in the coming weeks. The Open Space will be managed by a Conservancy with eight members appointed by the Developer (until completion seven appointees will be selected by the Developer, and one appointee selected by the Property Owner's Association), two members appointed by ESD, three ex-officio members from Community Boards 2, 6, and 8, and one non-voting member from the NYC Parks Department. There are no updates on when the permanent eight acres of Open Space will be completed.

Fencing has been installed along Pacific Street to separate the truck queuing area from the Open Space around 535 Carlton Avenue and 550 Vanderbilt Avenue.

A question was asked about the changes to the construction fence on Dean Street between Carlton and Vanderbilt Avenues. The Developer's representative was not aware of any changes to the fence. The relocation of the 8-foot fence back to the property line was observed by ESD field staff. There will be follow up discussions to confirm what work was actually done and what, if any, near future fence work can be anticipated.*

At the Long Island Rail Road site, the West Portal is expected to be completed by the end of the year. It is expected that there will be two weekends of suspended service at Atlantic Terminal to allow for the portal track connection to the station. There is no update on the completion date for the permanent railyard. Construction barriers on Atlantic Avenue and Sixth Avenue are expected to be removed in November.

There was a question about future plans for street trees on Atlantic Avenue given the extent of the current water and sewer infrastructure work. There was also a question about parking spaces provided for the 78th Precinct, and the feasibility of having parking on Carlton Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street. *

Barclays Center

Upcoming events at the arena include Paul McCartney concerts and Islanders pre-season NHL games. There was a request for a walk through around the arena during the McCartney concert to highlight parking and traffic concerns.

There was a discussion about community programs available through the Barclays Center Cares Foundation and the process for requesting donations.

Responses / Updates

Q. Will signs be posted on the B15 fence that the area was baited?

Yes, signs will be posted with notice of rodent bait at the B15 site.

Q. Please explain the changes made the construction fence along Dean Street. Were portions of the fence reduced from 16ft. to 8ft.?

Parts of the 8ft. construction fence along Dean Street were moved laterally from the street to the property line at the B13 site. There are currently construction logistics trailers at B13 and no construction activity at the site. There were no changes to the 16ft portion of the fence which is required by the Memorandum of Environmental Commitments to mitigate noise impacts. Current fence height measurements follow the approved March 2017 Maintenance and Protection of Traffic plans. Any changes to the 16ft portion of the fence would require ESD approval. The Community's request to reduce the height of the 16ft fence to 8ft, and move it to the property line remains under consideration.

Q. Is it possible to have parking permitted on Carlton Avenue between Atlantic Avenue and Pacific Street?

Requests for changes to the parking regulations for Carlton Avenue should be made through the local Community Board's transportation committee.

Q. What are the plans for street trees given the extent of infrastructure work along Atlantic Avenue?

At this stage of construction it is too early to tell precisely where the street trees will be planted on Atlantic Avenue. The design intent of the project has always been and remains to have as many street trees as possible and they will be planted wherever they can subject to Parks Department and other agency direction. However the City and LIRR infrastructure at this location will present a challenge to plant street trees. Also we will not truly know until there are detailed construction drawings for the platform and buildings in this area, which will include utility design to serve the buildings. Please note a bus stop must also be restored at this specific location.