

# Pacific Park

## BROOKLYN

### **Quality of Life Meeting Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

\*Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, restrictions on large gatherings, and social distancing directives this meeting was held virtually.

#### **NOTES**

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

The next Quality of Life meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 13. The next AYCDC Directors' meeting has not been scheduled; meeting details will be distributed once available.

There are no updates on Site 5. The condemnation proceedings have been stayed until the litigation between P.C. Richards and Brookfield/FCR is resolved. There was a total of 20 meeting participants.

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

The arena hosted a virtual STEM Day event on April 9. Students heard from arena employees and Nets Player Blake Griffin about how STEM is relevant in various sports careers. Students at PS. 308 also participated in a virtual cooking class with the Brooklyn Nets food pantry. Students and their families learned how to prepare healthy meals with ingredients available at the pantry.

##### **3. Greenland Forest City Partners**

At B4, the façade is fully installed, and the crane has been removed; interior work continues with fit-out of the residential units, and electrical and plumbing connections. At B15, façade and window installation has been completed, interior fit-out of the residential units continues. Leasing information, and the affordable housing lottery applications for B4 and B15 are being finalized; details will be shared once available. At the railyards, the final track work was completed a few weeks ago; work related to the punch list items has also

been completed. The Developer is waiting on final substantial completion approval notice from the LIRR.

Excavation work is complete at B12-B13, with superstructure work expected to start soon. A tower crane will be installed at the site in the coming weeks. It is expected that the site will be at sidewalk elevation by the end of summer. The buildings remain on track to be completed by Spring 2023.

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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.

## **Questions**

### **Barclays Center**

- How is it that the arena encourages parking on the Dean Street sidewalk just east of the Dean Street entrance and before the loading dock? • Is that portion of the sidewalk public property or is that considered part of the arena property? If the latter, what are the dimensions of the arena-controlled sidewalk and where, in project documents, is that listed? • Why does the K-9 Unit need to be housed in a car on the sidewalk? • Can the Barclays Center start sharing monthly calendars? • How can one be added to the Barclays Center distribution list? • Why is there combat parking by the arena along Atlantic Avenue?

The arena does not encourage any of its guests to park on the sidewalk. The vehicle for the explosive detection K-9 unit is occasionally partially parked on the sidewalk. The K-9 unit is not housed in the car, but the vehicle is temporarily parked on the sidewalk close to the arena entry. Yes, monthly calendar of arena events will be shared with the community. Those wishing to join the distribution list can send an email to [AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov](mailto:AtlanticYards@esd.ny.gov). The arena utilizes Atlantic Avenue for combat parking; the 78<sup>th</sup> Pct. is aware of this practice. The NYPD is solely responsible for the enforcement of parking regulations.

### **Construction**

- When are the first and second phases of the platform construction expected to start?
- How long would it take? • Has the LIRR approved final completion of the railyards?
- When is B5 expected to commence construction? • What is the justification for requesting 6 AM weekday after-hours permits for B12 – B13 given past complaints that 7 am was disruptive to neighbors? • How long would the 6 AM start persist? • Has the early start time been approved by NYC Department of Buildings (DOB)? • The justification given to DOB for the permit was for safety, not the timely completion of the project. Can you clarify? • Please be more cognizant of pedestrians at the B15 site as the fence and walkway is being changed.

There are no updates on the timeline for the platform construction. Once available, details will be shared accordingly. The LIRR has not issued the final completion notice for the railyards; all trackwork and punch list items have been completed. Initial permits for B5 have been filed with NYC Department of Buildings, there are no updates on when construction is expected to begin. Early work at B12-B13 ensures that the construction team is able to maintain their schedule and deliver the project by 2023. The start time has been approved and the justification given to DOB was to allow to continue to formwork, rebar installation and installation of the crane, so work can start across the site at 7 AM. This will ensure continued progress towards the superstructure phase and timely delivery of the project. Concerns about the B15 fence have been shared with the construction team.

### **Affordable Housing**

- What level of affordability is expected at B4 and B15?
- When will details on the affordable housing lottery be available?

B4 and B15 will deliver 30% of the residential units as affordable. Leasing information and details on the affordable housing lottery are being finalized and will be shared shortly.

### **Miscellaneous**

- Are there any updates on Site 5?
- Is there a time limit on the condemnation filing?
- In the winter, who is responsible for the upkeep of the sidewalk on Atlantic Avenue between Vanderbilt and Sixth Avenues?

There are no updates, the Site 5 condemnation proceedings have been stayed until resolution of the litigation between P.C. Richards and Brookfield Properties/ Forest City. ESD has met the deadline to file for the condemnation of Site 5. The condemnation proceedings are under a court issued stay. There is a coordinated effort between the LIRR and the developer to ensure snow removal and that there are safe conditions for pedestrians to navigate around the project.