

Brooklyn Bridge Park Corporation d/b/a
Brooklyn Bridge Park
Meeting of the Directors
Held at Brooklyn Borough Hall
209 Joralemon Street
Brooklyn, NY

August 6, 2014

MINUTES

The following members of the Board of Directors were present:

Alicia Glen – Chair
Margaret Anadu
Peter Aschkenasy
Steven Cohen
Henry B. Gutman
Kyle Kimball
Stephen Levin
Stephen Merkel
John Raskin
Mitchell Silver
Anne Strahle
Edna Wells Handy
Joanne Witty

Also present was the staff of Brooklyn Bridge Park (“BBP”), the Mayor’s Office, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the New York City Law Department and members of the press and public.

Chair Glen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:05 PM. Suma Mandel, Secretary and General Counsel of BBP, served as secretary of the duly constituted meeting and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Prior to proceeding with the agenda items, Chair Glen introduced and welcomed two new Directors to the Board: Commissioner Mitchell Silver, appointed in May 2014 as the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation, and Margaret Anadu, who was appointed to replace outgoing Director Smith.

Chair Glen also announced that for this meeting, in light of the level of interest in one of the resolutions that would be discussed, she would depart from the Board’s established practice and permit a half hour of public comment prior to a vote on the second agenda item.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes of the June 5, 2014 Board of Directors meeting were unanimously approved as revised.

2. Public Comment

Members of the public spoke, including representatives of the Brooklyn Borough President, BuildUp NYC, the Downtown Brooklyn Partnership, the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, New York City Community Alliance for Justice, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, the Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council (“CAC”), and the Brooklyn Heights Association, as well as other local residents and State Senator Daniel Squadron.

3. Consideration of Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council Resolutions

Director Raskin requested that the following two resolutions of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Community Advisory Council (“CAC”) be adopted by the Board:

CAC Resolution dated May 27, 2014 (as received by BBP):

The CAC would like to have a review of the GPP, including but not limited to, the uplands of Pier 6, including the street grid, beginning with an immediate solicitation of public comments at a hearing and a review by DOT of the traffic flow, followed by a presentation to the public and public comment on an expedited basis, including building envelopes, surrounding plazas, and all related design elements of the Pier 6 uplands. This review does not mandate or preclude ULURP.

CAC Resolution dated July 22, 2014 (as received by BBP):

The CAC urges a full scale public review of the existing GPP (and/or its succession by ULURP) to include financing parameters and environmental considerations that have evolved since 2004.

Ms. Myer advised that after careful consideration of the two resolutions, BBP Staff believes that directing the requested review of the Park Project’s General Project Plan (“GPP”) would not be in the best interest of the Park, the City or the community. Ms. Myer noted that the GPP is the result of decades of extensive planning, design and community participation and that park construction has proceeded under the GPP to resounding success and is now nearing completion, using capital provided by the City and State on the commitment that the limited areas designated as development sites would fund the maintenance, operations and marine infrastructure of the Park. Ms. Myer also noted that the Park’s financial model has proven itself to be sound, stating that with the activation of the final development site located on the Pier 6 uplands, the five development sites, situated near the edges of the Park and representing less than 10% of the area under BBP’s jurisdiction, are projected to completely fund the Park’s maintenance and operation expenses.

Ms. Myer also advised the Board that BBP Staff and BBP’s environmental consultants would undertake an analysis of the potential environmental impacts of the proposed development of final development site in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act, its implementing regulations and the City’s environmental quality review technical manual to determine whether a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (“SEIS”) would be required. She stated that the analysis, and if required, any SEIS, would be completed before the Board is asked to take any action with respect to the Pier 6 development sites.

Following discussion by the Board, during which BBP Staff confirmed that it had not found a precedent for revisiting the General Project Plan of a project that was as close to completion and as successful as the Park and Susan Amron, the chief of Corporation Counsel’s Environmental Law Division, answered questions about the proposed review, a motion was made by Director Raskin and seconded by Director Levin. The motion failed by a vote of 3-10, with Directors Raskin, Levin, and Strahle voting in favor, and the remainder of the Directors opposed.

4. Financial Model Presentation (Non-Voting Item)

David McCarty, BBP's Project Manager, presented an update of BBP's October 2013 financial model presentation, including five years of projected revenues and expenses as requested by Director Raskin.

5. Presentation of the President's Report (Non-Voting Item)

Ms. Myer then updated the Board on the Park's progress, including (i) construction, (ii) programming, (iii) the Pier 6 development RFP process, (iv) measures to improve traffic operations in the southern end of the Park, and (v) the annual Park survey.

6. Public Comment

Members of the public spoke, including District Leader Simon, additional representatives of BuildUp NYC and the CAC, and representatives of the Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy, People for Green Space Foundation Inc. and the 360 Furman Street condominium board.

7. Executive Session

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the public left the room and the Board entered into Executive Session to discuss a pending litigation with BBP's attorneys. Upon the Board adjourning the Executive Session, the public was invited back into the meeting.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Glen requested a motion to adjourn the meeting, and upon the motion being duly made and seconded, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Suma Mandel

Suma Mandel
Secretary

Dated: November 7, 2014