

Attendees:

Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech
Jonathan Libutti, Cornell Tech
Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech
Aric Domozick, PAL Environmental Services
Peter Krokondelas, Kasirer Consulting
Jovana Rizzo, Berlin Rosen
Sue McCoy, Philip Habib & Associates

Task Force Members

Christina Delfico
Tricia Shimamura
Larry Parnes
Ellen Polivy
Matthew Katz
Jonathan Kalkin
Judy Buck
Anne Marie Boranian
Joe Strong

Members of the Public

Margie Smith
Howard Polivy
Donald Chesley
Dr. Ali Schwayri
Dick Lutz
Vicki Feinmel
Lynne Shinozaki
Deepti Shukla
Ashwani Agrawal
Judy Berdy

Milestones

- Demolition: Phase I (the northern 4 buildings: C, H, D, and F); Operations are complete in Building C; façade removal and structural demolition are complete in building H; in Building F, façade removal was to have been completed by 10/27 and structural demolition by 10/31; Façade removal was to begin in Building D on 11/3, to be followed by structural demolition; work on the building will be completed in late November; the foundations of buildings, H, D, and F will all be removed at the same time with all operations complete by December 31, 2014. For Phase II buildings, roof abatement work on Bldg. E was completed late October; Buildings J, E, A & B are all ready for structural demolition; anticipated start date for Building J is November; Building E is scheduled for December, building A in January and Building B in April.
- Barging continues. As of October 1st, approximately 6,900 tons of waste have been removed by barge. Including mobilization, approximately 3,350 – 3,600 truck trips have been avoided. Restoration work continues on the murals that Cornell Tech has rescued from Goldwater Hospital and they will eventually be displayed on the campus, beginning with the Bolotwksy mural that will be placed in the First Academic Building. B
Based on discussions at the previous task force meeting in July regarding the preservation of trees, Cornell Tech and its engineer further explored options for its campus design that would include going

onto RIOC's property in an effort to save more trees. Cornell Tech will set up a meeting with city DOT to review the options with them for safety, compliance with standards, etc.

- Early infrastructure work along the west roadway is slated to start by the end of November. The work will include installation of a new ductbank and relocation of a water line. Cornell Tech is currently working with contractors to develop logistics plans and finalize work plans.
- Tishman Construction has been selected as construction manager for the central utility building; drawings are currently in the bid phase; excavation and foundation work is slated to begin in December.
- Cornell Tech is currently seeking a construction manager for the first academic building. Infrastructure currently located in the foundation footprint will soon be relocated; anticipated groundbreaking is January 2015;
- Cornell Tech continues its engagements with the Roosevelt Island community, most recently volunteering in the Fall for Arts Festival and participating and contributing to the Halloween Day parade; Cornell Tech staff has been meeting with island community organization heads and other stakeholders to determine the interests and needs of the disabled and seniors on Roosevelt Island, focusing in particular on technology needs; Diane Levitt, Cornell Tech's k-12 Director, has been working closely with the principal of PS/IS 217, PTA members and the Beacon after school program director to offer computational literacy programs, including codester, a robotics program and bootstrap.

Discussion:

- During the tree discussion, a member of the public asked that an additional option be studied: locating the sidewalk inside the Cornell property line, rather than along the street. Cornell Tech will study this idea and include it as an option in its meeting with DOT; Cornell Tech emphasized that it was important to strike a balance between tree conservation, safety and the need to provide a robust infrastructure to support the site and that they want to work with the task force, RIOC and DOT to achieve this goal.
- During the discussion about upcoming construction, a number of task force members expressed concern about the number of trucks that will be coming and going down Main Street. Cornell Tech replied that additional information regarding truck deliveries will be developed when the FAB construction manager is hired, but that Cornell Tech has committed to reducing overall project truck trips by 40% by barging heavy loads such as steel, bulk materials, large equipment, panel facades, etc.
- A task force member asked about air quality reports and the fact that monitoring was not performed during rain; Cornell Tech explained that monitoring is not conducted during rain because precipitation acts as a natural suppressant and prevents the migration of particulates. In addition, the monitoring equipment is sensitive and moisture can impact its ability to take accurate readings. Cornell referred meeting attendees to the baseline report that was published to the construction website on March 18, 2014 as well as a further explanation that was sent to Taskforce members on May 29, 2014.
- A task force member asked if future programming at the school would include more programming during the school day; Cornell Tech responded that working at the direction and involvement of the principal they would be most interested in doing that;
- There was a general discussion about the upcoming Town Hall to be held on Dec 8th from 6 to 8 pm at the Community Room at Manhattan Park, 8 River Road. Task Force members will help publicize the event. It was agreed that the agenda should include an update on demolition and construction and a report on many of the issues discussed at the task force meetings, such as Cornell Tech's community engagements, including its activities and programs at PS/IS 217.

Presentations:

- Aric Domozyck of PAL Environmental Services gave an update on demolition and abatement.

- Andrew Winters, Director of Capital Projects for Cornell Tech, presented an update and overview of the entire construction project.
- Jane Swanson, Assistant Director for Government and Community Relations for Cornell Tech, gave a presentation on current and future community engagements, including recent computational literacy programs at PS/IS 217.

Meeting Dates:

- The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, January 26, 2015 from 6-8pm, Gallery RIVAA, 527 Main St.