

4/28/14 Task Force Meeting Summary

Attendees:

Adam Shwartz, Jacobs Technion- Cornell Innovation Institute
Andrew Winters, Cornell Tech
Meghan French, Cornell Tech
Bay Brown, Cornell Tech
Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech
Aric Domozick, PAL Environmental Services
John DiCapua, Tishman
Omar Alvarelllos, Kasirer Consulting
Jovana Rizzo, Berlin Rosen

Task Force Members

Christina Delfico
Brice Peyre (for Anthony Morenzi)
Christina Parisi
Larry Parnes
Ellen Polivy
Joe Strong
Matthew Katz
Jonathan Kalkin
Jesus Perez

Members of the Public

Mogens Petersen
Rick O'Conor
Fiona Taylor
Vicki Feinmel
Margie Smith
Judy Buck
Curt Meltzer

Milestones:

- Interior demolition is complete in buildings C, D, F and H; interior abatement is ongoing or near completion in these buildings;
- Mural removal is underway in Building B; the art conservation firms have made significant process with these WPA era murals. The Ilya Bolotowsky mural canvas has successfully been separated from the wall. Removal of the Albert Swinden and Joseph Rugolo murals should be complete in early May. Murals will go to conservation studios for restoration. In Building J, preparation for removal of the mosaic is underway.
- Barging continues. In total, 236 truckloads of waste have been removed via barging so far - 472 truck trips have been avoided.
- Cornell Tech has been actively engaged with the Roosevelt Island community over the last couple of months, meeting with community groups, island leaders as well as with the principal,

teachers and PTA for PS/IS 217. In addition, staff, faculty and students participated in *Relay for Life* on Roosevelt Island on April 26th. *Relay for Life* is the signature fundraising event of the American Cancer Society. Cornell Tech has been engaging with other Cornell partners including Weill Cornell Medical College and the Cornell Cooperative Extension in bringing programming to Roosevelt Island; they will participate together in the much-anticipated Roosevelt Island Day on June 21st.

Presentations:

- Aric Domezick of PAL Environmental Services gave an update on interior demolition and abatement.
- Andrew Winters, Director of Capital Projects for Cornell Tech, presented an update and overview of the entire construction project.
- Adam Shwartz, Director of the Jacobs Technion-Cornell Innovation Institute gave an overview of the Institute and its programs, including connective media, healthier life and the built environment.

Discussion:

- Task Force members agreed to add a representative to the Task Force from the office of Queens Borough President Melinda Katz because of a number of shared interests including transportation.
- Task Force Member Christina Delfico raised a number of issues concerning Cornell Tech's programs for PS/IS 217 and it was agreed that Cornell Tech's new Director of K12, Diane Levitt, would make a presentation at the next task force meeting in July.
- After the construction update presentation, a number of task force members had comments and questions regarding air monitoring; Cornell Tech will draft a response with additional information and circulate to those who expressed interest.
- There was discussion about the west roadway closure, including pedestrian and vehicular access; Cornell Tech will continue to evaluate the options and needs of the community and will provide an update on the issue on its construction website.
- Task Force member Larry Parnes inquired about the possibility of providing a "window into the construction" on the perimeter construction fence; Cornell Tech will look into this possibility.
- Larry Parnes also asked about an onsite construction contact for the community and it was pointed out that inquiries are best directed to Cornell Tech staff whenever possible but that Bill Speleotes is the Tishman contact on site; in addition, the construction hotline number is also available for inquiries.

Meeting Dates:

- The next quarterly meeting will be Monday, July 28th, 6-8pm, 546 Main Street, 12th Floor

Upcoming Meetings of Note:

- Land Use Meeting, Community Board 8, Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 pm, the Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street