

Task Force Meeting 1.25.18

Attendees:

Jane Swanson, Cornell Tech
Floyd Young, Cornell Tech
Tapan Parikh, Cornell Tech
John Thomey, Berlin Rosen
Lauren Tsuboyama, Berlin Rosen
Jill Likstutis, RED Hospitality Consulting
Mike Saraceno (Barr & Barr)

Task Force Members

Christina Delfico
Ellen Polivy
Sarah Hague
Matthew Katz
Ian Wilkin (for Audrey Tannen)
Jonathan Kalkin
Lynne Strong-Shinozakai
Sushant Harite

Members of the Public

Briana Warsing
Judy Berdy
Carole Kennedy
Alessia Danielle

Presentations

- **Diana Allegretti, Director of Design and Construction** provided an update on hotel and Executive Education buildings construction. (presentation is attached);
- **Floyd Young, Director of Operations for Cornell Tech** gave a presentation on the Cornell Tech Café (presentation is attached)
- **Professor Tapan Parikh** gave a presentation on “Remaking the City”, the service learning course he taught in the fall semester:

Discussion/Questions

- Is Concrete poured on the island? Yes..
- How will you coordinate with RIOC for helix and this project? We haven't finalized the contract and still figuring out. When the contract is signed we will be ready.
- There doesn't seem to be enough room or space for vehicles at the hotel particularly if there is a big event or a lot of guests. How will you handle traffic? No intention for Trucks to stay; there is a loading dock: they will unload and leave; For events, vehicles will drop off and then leave (taxis, fire hire vehicles, etc.); don't expect people to park; Operations staff will coordinate with RIOC ahead of events;
- Is the hotel the only concrete building? The residential tower is concrete; concrete is poured on site; fewer trucks now since only two buildings are under construction
- The hotel and executive education center were supposed to be built at the same time, but now the hotel is pushed back further why is that? Closing on the hotel and financing was delayed.
- Special rate for residents at the hotel? Still committed to a special rate for RI residents
- Is there room for guest speakers and lectures? Yes

- Will residents have access to guest speaker or events programming? Don't know at this point; still developing the plan;
- Can you Communicate better to students about using cutting down on usage of straws in the cafe? We will consider putting signage up that says "straws upon request"
- Any monetary incentive to bringing your own cup, etc.? Nothing yet; considering it;
- Gluten free or dairy free? We have those options; (suggestion was made to have better signage)
- Wine or beer on campus? yes.
- Events at cafe? Considering entertainment on the outdoor patio
- Do we have a rat problem? (Someone saw two traps on campus) Not aware of the traps; operations staff will follow up;
- Where is hotel trash going? It will have its own compactor on-site and be carted off-site;
- Dehydrating trash? Goal is to compost – hope to roll out in April
- Would you consider purchasing reusable bottles to give to staff and students? Floyd (Operations staff) will look into it;
- Outdoor fill station? Not yet; will look into it;
- Hills to sled on where my kids use to be able to sked but now cant? Can we remove post? That grass is still trying to grow and take root- they're supposed to be meadows, 4 ft high and can't put people on there. Need a good year and year and half to let the grass grow
- How to get students off campus- get bulletin board? Send information to Floyd in Operations and he will put it on the monitor;
- What happened to the Dockless bike sharing proposal that came out of Professor Tapan Parikh's class? It wasn't one of the winning teams. There were insurance difficulties.