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Morry Galonoy
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December 19th, 2022

Environment, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

this was a teleconference zoom meeting

Attendees

Frank Wu
Morry Galonoy
Laura Shepard
Lauren Springer

Absentee

Chhemang Lama
Benjamin Lucas
Karla Perez
Steven Raga
Anthony Tudela

Community Board 2 Staff

Debra Markell Kleinert, CB2 District Manager

Guests

Pearl Brady
Tyler Juliano, Hunters Point Recycling
La Shaun Lesley
Gil Lopez, Smiling Hedgehog Ranch

Frank Wu welcomed everyone to the CB2 Environmental, Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting.

Frank Wu introduced Tyler Juliano of Hunter's Point Recycling Facility.

Tyler Juliano introduced himself and presented a presentation to the committee.
(presentation is attached)

- Hunter's Point Recycling Facility has been part of the LIC Community for 20 years.
- This facility has been in operation since 2016 and at this location since 2010, 29-55 Hunters Point Avenue.
- The Hunters Point Recycling Facility has a multitude of different businesses in construction and environmental.
- Tyler Juliano is mostly involved with the recycling and construction companies.

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- This facility operates a Rock and Dirt Transfer Station.
- The types of projects they serve are: Green infrastructure, Parks, Water/sewer mains, road/curb/sidewalk reconstruction, Treatments plants and utility upgrades
- The materials they accept are Rock, dirt, concrete, brick and sand.
- The final destinations of the materials they go through are in New Jersey and Connecticut.
- Roughly 3,750 trucks go through their facility a month.
- Their new proposed project is called Newtown Creek Recycling.
- The operation would be a rock and dirt transfer station located at 37-50/90 Railroad Avenue, LIC.
- It will be less than one mile from Hunters Point Recycling Facility.
- This new proposed location is in a more industrial part of LIC.
- Some key features of this new proposed project are:
 - Water and rail access
 - Approved plans to repair and replace the deteriorated bulkhead currently at site.
 - Processing operation will be done inside of the building, mitigating dust and noise concerns.
 - State of the art Wash Plant
- A Wash Plant basically turns the excess material that is being trucked to NJ and Connecticut into a sand and stone material that can be used.
- This wash plant is designed to catch rainwater which will be used in this washing process.
- This technology is new to America. It has been used in Europe for 20-30 years.
- The new proposed Newtown Creek Recycling facility will be very large, offering jobs to the community.
- If it is approved, they will close the current facility at Hunters Point.
- The new location would have to get approved by DEP, DOS, DEC and the Community Board.
- This proposal has been worked on for 3-4 years.
- It will take them 5-6years to get through the permitting process.
- This proposed new project would:
 - Take trucks off the road (especially 29th street)
 - Reduce Carbon Emissions
 - Manufacture sand and stone from materials currently destined for landfills
 - Make the essential construction industry greener
 - Add jobs to the community. They would be open 24/7 and have multiple shifts.
- They are getting close to submitting to the agencies.

Gil Lopez, of the Smiling Hedgehog Ranch partnered with the Newtown Creek Alliance regarding illegal dumping in the space under the LIE. Gil Lopez presented in the Spring of 2022 and wanted to give an update. They did another clean up in November 2022. A representative from the Mayor's office attended the clean-up. The representative shared information regarding a clean soil plant in Brooklyn. He talked about stockpiling products that gardeners could use at this site. Materials for the Earth. This property belongs to the City DOT. They are hoping to meet with DOT to get a license to use the land. People are still squatting their trucks and trailers on the land so it gets difficult.

A short discussion was held on the funding approval for Windmueller Park and if shading would be in that design proposal.

Every meeting the committee records the existing CO2 air quality. Today's reading was 416.86 ppm.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Waber