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## Community Board 8

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Chairperson, Martha Taylor

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<b>Parks Committee Meeting:</b>	Flushing Meadows Electrical Vaults Upgrade
<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, October 27, 2022
<b>Time:</b>	7:30 p.m.
<b>Place:</b>	Community Board 8 Office 197-15 Hillside Avenue Hollis, NY 11423

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**Bhitihara Martha Fulton, Parks Committee Chair**

**Board Members:** Susan Cleary, Ahsan Habib, and Marc A. Haken.

**Also in attendance:** Steven Moltz, Deputy Director of Engineering, NYC Parks, Anthony Sama, Administrator for FMCP, NYC Parks and Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff Member.

*Chairperson Fulton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.*

*Chairperson Fulton asked Mr. Steven Moltz to begin the presentation to the Committee.*

**Steven Moltz, Deputy Director of Engineering, NYC Parks** – Mr. Moltz stated that this project is fully funded by FEMA (\$50M) and Mayoral (\$2M) Funds. The project size is 28 acres. This upgrade is to construct structures that are large enough to fit all the equipment to meet code compliance. The main goal is to re-pave the parkway; widen the parkway, where permitted, to resolve drainage and flooding issues.

These are some of the main highlights of the presentation on the Flushing Meadows Electrical Vaults Upgrade:

- Total Budget is \$52M. Funds were granted by FEMA and the Mayor’s Office.
- The Electrical Vaults are located at Flushing Meadow Corona Park. Proposed locations of the vaults were shown. They are called vaults, but they are really utility structures. (Slide #7).
- They want to replace the electrical distribution equipment damaged in eight electrical structures, boathouse, and the working platform (at Ederle Terrace).
- The construction will conform with FEMA P-936 Design Code for flood proofing and based off a smaller version of the single standard structure design provided under the base project scope.
- Designed flood elevation is 13 feet. Minimum equipment on second floor has elevations at 14.75.
- They are still finalizing the color of the bricks that will be used to build the structure. The vaults shed are planned to be black and the comfort station will be red. Actual material was presented to the committee at the meeting so that they can see a sample of the material. It is designed to last 50 years.

- The project goal is to demolish the existing structure and provide a new code compliant building designed for the anticipated flood elevation. The design will match the NYC Parks prototypical comfort station.
- Pictures of the floor work platform and proposed comfort station were shown (Slides #11-15).

*During the presentation, several questions were raised by the Board Members. The following is a recap of the questions and the responses received:*

**Marc A. Haken – How many stalls will there be in each comfort station?**

**Answer: [Mr. Moltz] – Two in each bathroom.**

**Susan Cleary – When will construction start?**

**Answer: [Mr. Moltz] – If all goes well, we will finish designing this project in about 6 months, then there will be a procurement period and later construction. Most likely in a year or less. My guess would be summer of 2024.**

**Bhitihara Martha-Fulton – I like it. Let’s make a motion to approve this project.**

**Marc A. Haken made a motion to approve the Flushing Meadows Electrical Vaults Upgrade seconded by Susan Cleary.**

Count in favor   4        Opposed:   0        Abstained:   0  

**Board Members in Favor:**

Susan Cleary, Bhitihara Martha Fulton, Ahsan Habib and Marc A. Haken.

**Bhitihara Martha-Fulton – stated that they will give a report to the Board after this meeting so that a vote is taken and a letter is sent in approval of this project.**

**Adjournment:**

Marc A. Haken made a motion to adjourn this meeting at 7:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Jatnna Reyes, CB8 Staff  
October 31, 2022*