

Bayswater Breeze



72nd Year

BAYSWATER

September 25, 2017

BAYSWATER OPEN MEETING

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 8:00 PM

BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER, CORNER HEALY AVE. & DICKENS ST.

GUESTS: 101ST PRECINCT NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATING OFFICERS

SANE ENERGY PROJECT REPS.

KIM FRACZEK & J.K. CANEPA

BAYSWATER CONCERNS

Welcome to the new season of programs of the Bayswater Civic Association. We hope you had a great summer and you will be with us as we begin with our Open Meeting on September 25th. As always, we offer you the opportunity to join with your neighbors to learn what is happening in our community and to learn from you what you are interested in and what your needs are.

We will be introducing the officers of the Neighborhood Coordinating Officers, a new initiative of the NYPD. This unit is specifically assigned to Bayswater and the other areas in our sector of the 101st precinct. They have already held two public meetings and

have shown us how they operate. Do come and learn how they can assist you.

We will also present a program by Kim Fraczek and J.K. Canepa of the Sane Project to enlighten us ; offshore wind projects coming to our shores. We want to know how our community benefits.

We share our concern for the people of the Houston and Florida areas on their horrific devastation and sincerely wish that their recovery be as fast and complete as possible. We know from our experience with Sandy and sympathize and commiserate with them.

Meet and greet your neighbors!

IT'S 2017! DON'T FORGET!!!

We need each other. YES, I'll send my dues!

Bayswater Civic Association

1022 Bay 24th Street

Bayswater, New York 11691

YES, I will join my neighbors for the betterment of Bayswater.

Enclosed \$25 for the year 2017

Do you have a skill BCA can use? Join us.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Print clearly, so we can send messages!

Yes, we have been sending messages.

COMMUNITY MEETING

Monday, September 25, 2017

BAYSWATER JEWISH CENTER

Corner

Healy Ave. and Dickens St.

Time: 8:00 p.m.

JOIN US

THE BAYSWATER BREEZE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do YOU care?

BCA cares and acts on your behalf. Members of our Board of Directors have been attending many meetings concerning changes to Downtown Far Rockaway that will affect all of us. We are not complacent about what is happening. We listen and we express our opinions, but we are just a few. Do you think 1 or 10 or 100 voices would have the same clout as 1000? If you care, you will be a part of the decision. If not, take what you'll get. The choice is YOURS. All we ask is for your membership so we can speak with the voice of many.

Enid Glabman
President, BCA

NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATING OFFICERS

A new and exciting program has come to Bayswater and areas in our sector B of the NYPD 101st Precinct. These officers are specifically assigned to our community and are committed solely to us. It is the NCO's job to proactively reach out to their community and resolve problems before they become big issues.

Our assigned officers have already held two public meetings and have demonstrated their knowledge of our sector and acted upon and solved some of the problems.

We are introducing these officers to you at our Open Meeting. We hope that you will come out and enthusiastically welcome them.

THE BAYSWATER PLAYERS

Proudly Present



The
**Addams
Family**
A NEW MUSICAL
COMEDY

Saturday, October 21 at 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 22 at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Saturday, October 28 at 8:00 PM
Sunday, October 29 at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Monday, October 30 at 8:00 PM
Tuesday, October 31 at 8:00 PM
Saturday, November 4 at 8:00 PM
Sunday, November 5 at 3:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Bayswater Theater
2355 Healy Avenue
Far Rockaway, NY 11691

Produced by
Michael Gliner

Directed by
Zvika Bornstein

Choreographed by
Ariana Wolfson

For Ticket Info Call 718-208-9687

OFFSHORE WIND COMES TO N.Y.

Mandated by the State of New York, wind energy projects are coming offshore from Montauk to the Rockaways. Representatives, Director, Kim Fraczek, and J.K. Canepa of the Sane Energy Project, will discuss the implications for our community. Come to the Open Meeting on Sept. 25 to learn more.

ABOUT DOWNTOWN FAR ROCKAWAY

Council Member Richards and the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises Approve Downtown Far Rockaway Rezoning

CITY HALL, N.Y. – This morning, Council Member Donovan Richards, chair of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises and representative of the Far Rockaway community, voted to approve the Downtown Far Rockaway Redevelopment Project after nearly two years of community meetings and planning. The subcommittee approved the plan by the vote of 5-0.

The rezoning plan will address land use and zoning, economic development, housing, transportation, public space, community services, and culture.

“Today, we begin the journey of building on the progress we have made over the past four years, by infusing hundreds of millions of dollars into infrastructure, quality jobs, parks, streetscape, transit improvements, and both community facility and open space,” said Council Member Donovan Richards. These investments will ensure that Far Rockaway benefits from the amenities that so many other communities in the city enjoy. I’d like to thank Mayor de Blasio, EDC, HPD, DCP, and all of the agencies involved in these negotiations.”

Overall, the plan contains more than \$288 million in Rockaway investments, including federal and private funding, with the City committing more than \$126 million in new City funding. The \$91 million previously announced is set aside for activating key underutilized sites. If those funds are not needed on or before June 2021, the City will work in consultation with the Council Member to reprogram funds for other related projects in the area.

As part of the comprehensive neighborhood plan, the City has committed to a series of investments to help revitalize the neighborhood:

- The City will make a significant investment to provide housing that is affordable to Rockaway residents. This planning process has ensured that 100% of new housing built on public land will be affordable, and the city has committed to create 1,700 new units in the Urban Renewal Area with units set aside for families earning 30% of AMI or below: ensuring the most vulnerable populations will share in the new investments made in this community.

- The City has also committed to help preserve affordable housing by providing free legal services for Rockaway residents facing unlawful evictions and tenant harassment, expanding legal services and financial tools for low-income homeowners, and working with NY State to create a Cease and Desist zone to protect homeowners from unwanted solicitation.

- To address overcrowding in schools, Council Member Richards secured a commitment by the City to reserve a portion of the Urban Renewal Area for the SCA to provide a new school as the neighborhood grows, and add \$10 million in new funding that will be used to invest in upgrades to existing schools’ playgrounds, libraries, auditoriums, and science labs.

- To address open space impacts identified by the Environmental Impact Statement, the City committed to turn an existing DSNY site in Downtown Far Rockaway into a new park, an additional \$59 million for much needed improvements to Bayswater Park, and \$9 Million for upgrades to the Redfern Houses’ playground.

- The City committed over \$77 million to install the required sewer infrastructure improvements, sidewalk expansions, public plazas, and other public amenities that improve the quality of life for all Rockway residents.

- The City committed to pilot an expansion of the Rockaway ferry shuttle service to Downtown Far Rockaway to ensure all residents on the peninsula are able to benefit from the new ferry service.

- DOT has committed to conducting follow-up traffic studies and making the necessary improvements to the Downtown Far Rockaway street network so that it can adequately handle new traffic that will be generated by incoming residents to the area.

- We also have a commitment by SBS to greatly expand its outreach and programming to support local entrepreneurs and existing small businesses as well as providing business incubation space.

- The City will establish a local steering-committee that will meet quarterly to monitor the progress of the development in Downtown Far Rockaway ensuring that commitments made during this process will be realized for Rockaway residents.

- The plan also includes upgrades for our 101st Street Police Precinct facilities, new funding for the Queens Council for the Arts programming in Downtown Far Rockaway, and a great deal more of other needed investments for the Rockaway community.

- The plan will move over to the full Land Use committee for a vote on August 22 at 11 a.m. The full Council vote will be on September 7.



WITH NEW COMMITMENTS AND INVESTMENTS, FAR ROCKAWAY REZONING MOVES TOWARDS APPROVAL

By Abigail Savitch-Lew

In a document released by the city, it announces that “While there are several scenarios under which development in the URA may proceed, it is the City’s goal to facilitate a compelling mixed- use, mixed-income, phased 100 percent affordable development.”

The Urban Renewal Area is a set of underutilized land parcels that the city intends to redevelop, potentially by acquiring the land through eminent domain. Earlier, the city had estimated that around 50 percent

of the housing in the URA would be affordable. With the city now publicly aiming for 100 percent, the total amount of affordable housing that could be created as part of the plan might be at least 1,850 of the 3,123 apartments that the city expects the rezoning will generate, or at least 60 percent of the total housing, (and potentially more through the use of city subsidies on private sites).

The city hasn’t offered a complete commitment to 100 percent affordability because ownership of

the site is still under negotiation. The current private owner of many of the parcels, the estate of Rita Stark, is in talks to sell the land to a private developer. If the properties are purchased by likely buyer Phipps Houses, non-profit affordable housing developer, then the land will be developed with 100 percent affordable housing with support from the city. If it is not purchased by Phipps Houses, then the city will expend the \$91 million allotted by the mayor to purchase the land itself and likely develop 100 percent affordable housing. It’s also possible that another developer with their own intentions might buy the land, but Richards’s office says anyone who purchases the properties would seek to use a city subsidy program because the area does not yet support market-rate development.

“Through this plan, Downtown Far Rockaway is finally getting the investments it deserves, with new jobs and mixed-income housing, open space and community facilities,” said EDC chief James Patchett, in a statement. “We are proud to have collaborated with Council Member Richards and community leaders to develop to a vision for a more vibrant and equitable Downtown Far Rockaway, and to now make that vision a reality.”

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