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Recommendations for AYCDC Board Leadership and Community Engagement Regarding the Proposal Review, General Project Plan (GPP) Modification and Ultimate Development of the AY Project's Site 5.

This document is a draft set of recommendations to NY ESD regarding how the imminent, new proposal for Site 5 (the juncture of Flatbush Ave, Atlantic Ave, Pacific St and 4th Ave) will be reviewed and assessed by the AYCDC Board (in their advisory role to the ESD) and the public. They are not particular to Site 5 and could be used for any future SEIS process within the AY Project.

These recommendations are organized into three phases; **(1) the public release of the new Site 5 proposal from FCRC/Greenland (2) preparation of the draft scope of work and execution of a Supplemental EIS and (3) AYCDC Board Recommendations regarding the proposal and final GPP Modification Approval.**

These recommendations are meant to ensure pursuit of the highest level of public interest regarding changes to the GPP through the promotion of public discussion and engagement at all phases of the Site 5 proposal.

***The overarching Goals of this proposal are:***

- 1. To complete a successful Site 5 project.***
- 2. To pursue the highest level of public interest.***
- 3. To streamline the engagement and involvement of the public, elected officials and the AYCDC Board.***

## **Phase 1: Upon Public Release of the Site 5 Proposal**

The AYCDC Board of Directors and ESD will hire third party Planning, Design and Construction consultants to review the proposal with the responsibility of informing the AYCDC Board and public as to its details. The principle emphasis of Phase 1 is to promote public understanding of the Site 5 Proposal. More specifically the consultants will:

- Review and present to the AYCDC Board details of the proposal and its potential changes to the GPP.
- Convene and facilitate at least two preliminary public meetings along with the AYCDC Board to discuss community priority issues.

- Digest the GPP changes and associated community priority issues for the AYCDC Board prior to their vote on the Site 5 Proposal Adoption.

It is recommended that consultants be hired prior to the public release of the Site 5 proposal, with access and review of all relevant documents, so they can have sufficient time to prepare a presentation to the AYCDC Board and public. It is also recommended that a minimum of 8 weeks pass between the public release of the Site 5 Proposal and the AYCDC Board's vote on its adoption. These steps will prepare the Board to make a decision informed by both project details and public concern regarding the proposal's change to the overall GPP. As we move to adopt the proposal we will ensure both public and AYCDC Board understanding.

## **Phase 2: Preparation of the Draft Scope of Work and Execution for a Supplemental EIS**

The consultants will independently gather and review information resulting from the following tasks in a public document to be submitted to the AYCDC Board. The complexity and longevity of the AY Project requires this additional, independent process. This proposed process, to be overseen by the AYCDC Board, goes above and beyond the traditional SEIS by reviewing the Site 5 Proposal's SEIS draft scope within the context of the entire project going back to 2006. Consultants will:

- Conduct a public informational meeting (organized collaboratively with all impacted Community Boards) to discuss community concerns and priority issues with State, Consultant, Elected Officials and AYCDC Board.
- Review and document past project EIS('s) 2006, 2009 and 2014 and the public response/comments raised.
- Conduct at least two tours of the site with residents to learn from their day to day knowledge.
- Present to the Board, public documentation of these tasks and the draft scope input of the SEIS.
- Upon release of the draft scope of the SEIS, conduct another public informational meeting (organized collaboratively with all impacted Community Boards) to discuss draft scope with State, Consultant, Elected Officials and AYCDC Board.
- Review of the draft scope and completed SEIS with digested documentation of findings for the AYCDC Board.

This recommendation is meant to gather information from both the AYCDC Board and public on what should be studied in the draft scope of work as well as provide resources to the Board and Public during the draft and final SEIS stages.

### **Phase 3: Preparation of AYCDC Board Recommendations to ESD Board Prior to Vote on GPP Modification Approval.**

Recognizing that the Public review process and SEIS must be completed prior to the ESD Board vote on approval, this recommendation is meant to allow for consolidation of Phase 1 and Phase 2 findings as well as allow sufficient review time for the AYCDC Board.

The same Consultant will prepare the AYCDC Board for submission of recommendations through:

- Public presentation and review of past project EIS('s) 2006, 2009 and 2014 in conjunction with the findings of the draft Site 5 SEIS. Consultants will also provide a public document to the AYCDC Board digesting public response/comments raised to all.
- Present final MGPP and SEIS via a public informational meeting (organized collaboratively with all impacted Community Boards) including the State and AYCDC Board.