

Attendees

Task Force Members

1. Alexa Aviles, New York City Council Member Alexa Aviles' Office
2. Nick Azadian, Sunset Park resident
3. David Bolotsky, Uncommon Goods
4. Edward Cerna, New York City Council Member Alexa Aviles' Office
5. Ryan Cuffe, NYCDOT
6. David Estrada, Sunset Park BID
7. Max Feld, Sunset Park resident
8. Robert Gottheim, U.S. Representative Jerrold Nadler's Office
9. Damaris Gonzalez, DG Tax
10. Courtenay Granger, Opportunities for a Better Tomorrow
11. Dash Henley, NYCDOT
12. Jeremy Laufer, Brooklyn Community Board 7
13. Stephen Leone, Industrial Carting
14. Steve Mei, Chinese American Planning Council
15. Emmitt Mendoza, NYS Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes's Office
16. Violeta Munera, UPROSE
17. Daniel Murphy, Brooklyn Community Board 7
18. Emily Riquelme Beaufort, NYCDOT
19. Summer Sandoval, UPROSE
20. Esther Sosa, Sunset Park Resident
21. Eugenia Tang, NYCDOT
22. Chris Taylor, Lilac Chocolates
23. Pat Whelan, Sahadi's
24. Jenny Zhang, NYS Assembly Member Marcela Mitaynes's Office
25. Freda Zurita, NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie's Office

Members of Co-Convening Organizations

1. Nse Esema, NYCEDC
2. Marie Nachsin, SBIDC
3. Megan Quirk, NYCEDC
4. Christine Paglialunga, NYCEDC
5. Kathryn Prybylski, NYCEDC
6. Micaela Skoknic, SBIDC
7. Jesse Solomon, SBIDC
8. Eftihia Thomopoulos, NYCEDC
9. Justyn Turner, NYEDC

Guest Speakers

1. Alba Pena, Equinor

Members of the Public

1. Stuart Bridgett

2. Jane Burn
3. John DeLooper
4. Chris Lee
5. Myes, no last name
6. Silvia, no last name

Minutes

Part I

Welcome, Introductions

- SPTF co-convenor Christine Paglialunga (CP) opened the meeting, welcoming everyone and noting that we would skip round robin intros for the sake of time but record attendance in the minutes, and that new member Mike Stamatis unfortunately had to excuse himself from attendance due to a parallel SBMT event with Representative Charles Schumer
- CP then went over the meeting agenda.

Housekeeping

- CP introduced Sunset Park's newly elected officials.
 - Justyn Turner (JT) introduced the new Brooklyn Borough President, Antonio Reynoso, and the new City Council Member for District 38, Alexa Aviles (CM Aviles).
- CP then noted that the next Spring meeting would tentatively be held on April 6th in a hybrid in-person/online format, and asked if members were OK with emails being shared within the group for the purposes of communication and calendaring meetings.
 - Chris Taylor (CT): will member emails as a result be public due to this change in communication protocol?
 - CP: member emails would not be made public on the website.
 - **It was decided that email circulation within the group was permissible

Part II

New Member Intro: Mike Stamatis, SBMT

- New Member Mike Stamatis, President of the Red Hook Container Terminal, LLC, was unable to join and will provide an introduction at the next Task Force meeting.

Offshore Wind Ecosystem Strategy Subcommittee Updates

- CP introduced Nick Azadian (NA), Pat Whelan (PW), and Jesse Solomon (JS) as the members of the Strategy Committee and handed it off to JS to report out on the Subcommittee's work.
- JS went over major takeaways from the first two Strategy Subcommittee meetings:
 - She introduced the Offshore Wind Ecosystem Fund, spoke to the fund priorities, and indicated they will coordinate soliciting feedback from the community.
 - JS: disclaimed that members of the Committee are unique independent stakeholders and are aware that they are not representative of the whole community. She posted the question of how to elevate more voices so as to incorporate the narrative of a just transition for offshore wind in particular but also for other eco-programs.

- JS: reviewed updates on the Committee meetings and reviewed the timeline through July, when the RFP for the opportunity would be released.
- JS: feedback requested from the Task Force, including on the language on the three priorities of the fund as they were outlined in the meeting slides. Does the group have recommendations on what other community members should be contacted as the Subcommittee thinks about fund priorities?
- JS then took questions and comments from the group, including from David Estrada (DE), Alba Pena (AP), summer Sandoval (SS) Esther Sosa (ES), Jenny Zhang (JZ), Emmit Mendoza (EM), and CM Aviles (CM).
- JT acknowledged that members Assembly Member Mitaynes' team had joined the meeting.

Transportation Topics in SP

- CP then introduced the NYCDOT team that joined today's meeting, and invited the Task Force to provide feedback on NYCDOT topics to be discussed in April.
- Micaela Skoknic (MS): SBIDC had been hearing from businesses and the Task Force itself, including limited public and business parking, parking, limited accessibility, truck idling, derelict trucks, enforcement, pedestrian and bike safety, the one-way pair study, etc.
 - MS recorded questions from NYCDOT from the group, including from Steve Mei (SM), Jeremy Laufer (JL), NA, SS, and Dan Murphy (DM).
- MS provided her email to allow people to send her issues after the meeting, and CP thanked everyone for their comments and feedback, noting that it was all being recorded to be addressed at the next meeting.

District Updates

Infrastructure Project

- Kathryn Prybylski (KP): after the project was paused in 2020, NYCEDC has re-procured the contractor and now are working to get the contract signed so that work can begin in the spring.

One Way Pair Study

- Megan Quirk (MQ): the one-way pair study had been completed and shared with the group, and we are now asking for money to continue into the next stage of design and eventual implementation so we're waiting to see if we can get the project funded to move forward.
- CP took a question from JL on the Infrastructure Project.

Site-Specific Updates

SBMT

- NE: SBMT updates on behalf of Romulo Garza, who could not attend today's meeting. She then took a question from EM.

Made in New York (MiNY)

- CP: Updates on Made in New York Campus and Bush Terminal Piers Park were given.

Pier 6

- CP: there are few updates on the Pier 6 project; NYCEDC is requesting funds to retain an engineering and design consultant to complete a feasibility and design scope of work. The design work will involve public input.

Brooklyn Wholesale Meat Market:

- CP: NYCEDC are working with an external consultant to assess campus conditions and needed repairs.

Brooklyn Army Terminal

- CP: provided updates on Pier 4 and the CitiBike docking stations, as well as events.
- CP took Q&A from JL, NA, DB, and EM on BAT and MiNY.

Workforce Trends

- JS: we have seen the highest historical number of job orders (people seeking jobs); she also acknowledged CFL for being a helpful partner. Also seeing employers ask for a booster shot more and more frequently.

Q&A + Comments

- CP and JS then opened up the floor for general Q&A, and took questions from DE, SL, CT, and DM.

Conclusion

- CP thanked everyone for attending, and reminded everyone of the April 6th meeting.
- The meeting was then adjourned.