CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

May 22, 2013, Calendar No. 7

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the Queens West Development Corporation pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter and Section 5-430 *et seq.* of the New York City Administrative Code for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- the elimination, discontinuance and closing of 46th Road and 47th Avenue between East River Road and Center Boulevard; a portion of 46th Avenue and 47th Road between East River Road and Center Boulevard; and East River Road north of 47th Road;
- the establishment of a park addition northwest of 47th Road and Center Boulevard;
- the extinguishment of a pedestrian access easement;
- the delineation of sewer easements; and
- the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby,

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Community District 2, Borough of Queens, in accordance with Map No. 5016 dated July 23, 2012 and signed by the Borough President.

The application (C 110253 MMQ) for an amendment to the City Map involving the elimination, discontinuance and closing of 46th Road and 47th Avenue; portions of 46th Avenue and 47th Avenue; the establishment of park additions; the delineation of sewer easements; and the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby was filed by the Queens West Development Corporation (QWDC) on March 16, 2011 in order to reflect the updated development plans for Hunters Point in the Long Island City neighborhood, in Community District 2, Borough of Queens.

BACKGROUND

The subject streets are unimproved paper streets which were established on the City Map in 1990 (ULURP Application Number C 890001(A) MMQ) as part of the 1990 master plan for the redevelopment of Hunters Point. All the subject streets are mapped to a width of 60 feet, except for East River Road, which is mapped to a width of 42 feet. The streets were mapped to provide internal circulation for several proposed residential development sites. However, since the time of the 1990 approval, it was determined that these streets would have little or no functional value



and would better serve the area as public open space. 47th Road and 46th Avenue will be partially eliminated west of Center Boulevard, leaving each as a dead-end stub, neither one to exceed 121 feet in length.

All the areas comprising the streets proposed to be eliminated, except for the easterly half of East River Road between 46th Avenue and 46th Road, will be mapped as parkland. Also to be mapped as parkland are two triangular areas in Tax Block 21: one located at the southeast corner of 47th Avenue and East River Road (abutting Lot 70), the other at the northeast corner of 46th Avenue and East River Road (abutting Lot 10). The total amount of additional parkland proposed to be mapped is 107,530 square feet (approximately 2.5 acres). The amount of contiguous waterfront parkland on Hunters Point previously established on the City Map by the 1990 action is 19.2 acres. All of the areas proposed to be mapped as parkland have already been developed as public open space. These parks consist of landscaped pedestrian walkways, a playground, sitting areas along the water, and large open grassy areas. The land comprising the parkland addition is currently owned by QWDC. The proposed parkland addition, like the existing parkland, will be owned and maintained by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation.

A 15" storm sewer and 48" combined sewer currently exist in the subject portion of 47th Avenue and another 36" storm sewer and 18" sanitary sewer is planned to be constructed in the subject portion of 46th Avenue. Therefore, the proposed action also includes the delineation of sewer easements to preserve the City's access to the existing and planned sewers. Whereas the State owns the subject paper streets, the sewer easements will require acquisition by the City from the State, an action also authorized by this application. The erroneous label of the previously-mapped sewer "corridors" from the 1990 City Map change application will be nominally corrected to read "easements" since the parkland is not owned by the City.

The application also includes the extinguishment of a north-south pedestrian access easement on Block 19, Lot 21 to facilitate the development by the City of a new branch of the Queens Public Library. The pedestrian access easement was associated with plans in 1990 for a restaurant at this location. At that time, the parcel directly to the west of this site was not under QWDC jurisdiction, which raised concerns that pedestrian access between the waterfront open space north and south of the site could be disrupted, and necessitated the need for the pedestrian access easement. The parcel directly west of the site is now State parkland and a public esplanade currently exists along the western border of the site providing for north-south park access and making the pedestrian access easement unnecessary. If the pedestrian access easement were not removed from the City Map, it could stand as an encumbrance to the Library construction project.

The Queens West site is located within an M3-1 zoning district; however, in order to implement the General Project Plan, QWDC, a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), a New York State Corporation, exercised its power to override local zoning regulations which allowed for the site to be developed with residential and commercial uses. Queens West is currently developed with multiple high-rise residential buildings along Center Boulevard. Ground-floor retail uses are located in several buildings. Public School 78, on the ground floor of one of the residential buildings, serves grades pre-K through 5. Immediately adjacent to the mapping area are the planned Queens Public Library site and the Gantry Plaza State Park.

Development of the remainder of the Queens West site is currently in progress. This includes completion of the remaining residential buildings and public open space as well as community facilities and retail space. Although currently the northern portion of the Queens West site is partially unbuilt, additional high-rise residential buildings are now under construction in this area, and additional high-rise residential buildings are slated for construction in accordance with the Queens West's General Project Plan.

The affected agencies and utilities were polled on August 4, 2011. No agencies expressed any objections to the proposal.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 110253 MMQ) was reviewed pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and the SEQRA regulations set forth in Volume 6 of the New

York Code of Rules and Regulations, Section 617.00 *et seq.*, and the City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR) Rules of Procedure of 1991 and Executive Order No. 91 of 1977. The application was originally assessed for impacts in the Hunter's Point Waterfront Development Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) SEQRA #87-224Q, dated June 1990. It was approved by the New York State Urban Development Corporation (UDC), now doing business as Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC) in June 1990. On April 18, 2012 the ESDC issued a technical memo stating that the changes to the project would not result in any adverse environmental impacts that had not been previously identified.

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

This application (C 110253 MMQ) was certified as complete by the Department of City Planning on January 7, 2013, and was duly referred to Community Board 2 and the Borough President of Queens in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b).

COMMUNITY BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Community Board 2 held a public hearing on this application (C 110253 MMQ) on March 7, 2013, and on that day, by a vote of 33 to 0, with 0 abstentions, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT RECOMMENDATION

This application (C 110253 MMQ) was considered by the Borough President of Queens who, on April 14, 2013, issued a recommendation to approve the application.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

On April 10, 2013 (Calendar No. 2) the City Planning Commission scheduled April 24, 2013 for a public hearing on this application (C 110253 MMQ). The hearing was duly held on April 24, 2013 (Calendar No. 13).

There were no speakers and the hearing was closed.

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM CONSISTENCY REVIEW

This application (C 110253 MMQ) was reviewed by the Department of City Planning for consistency with the policies of the New York City Waterfront Revitalization Program (WRP), as amended, approved by the New York City Council on October 13, 1999 and by the New York State Department of State on May 28, 2002, pursuant to the New York State Waterfront Revitalization and Coastal Resources Act of 1981 (New York State Executive Law, Section 910 *et seq.*). The designated WRP number is 12-016.

The City Planning Commission, acting as the City Coastal Commission, having reviewed the waterfront aspects of this action, finds that the actions will not substantially hinder the achievement of any WRP policy and hereby determines that this action is consistent with WRP policies.

CONSIDERATION

The City Planning Commission believes that the proposed amendment to the City Map is appropriate.

The proposed action will officially recognize as mapped park the existing conditions and jurisdiction of the project site which include a waterfront esplanade, landscaped pedestrian walkways, a playground, sitting areas along the water, large open grassy areas and open space to be preserved for use by the community.

The Commission notes that 46th Road and 47th Avenue between East River Road and Center Boulevard, 46th Avenue and 47th Road between East River Road and Center Boulevard, and East River Road north of 47th Road to be eliminated from the City Map and included in the newly mapped parkland are unbuilt paper streets and are not necessary for current or future traffic patterns.

The Commission believes that the proposed park facilities are vital resources for the community and it is important that they be afforded the protection provided by being established and shown on the City Map.

RESOLUTION

Therefore, the City Planning Commission, deeming the proposed amendment to the City Map and any related acquisition or disposition to be appropriate, adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission finds that the action described herein will have no significant impact on the environment; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Planning Commission, in its capacity as the City Coastal Commission, has reviewed the waterfront aspects of this application and finds that the proposed action is consistent with WRP policies; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, and Section 5-430 *et seq*. of the New York City Administrative Code, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 110253 MMQ) for the amendment to the City Map involving:

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- the extinguishment of a pedestrian access easement;
- the delineation of sewer easements; and
- the adjustment of grades necessitated thereby,

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in Community District 2, Borough of Queens, in accordance with Map No. 5016 dated July 23, 2012 and signed by the Borough President is approved; and be it further **RESOLVED** that, pursuant to Section 5-432 of the New York City Administrative Code, the City Planning Commission determines that "such closing or discontinuance will further the health, safety, pedestrian or vehicular circulation, housing, economic development or general welfare of the City"; and be it further

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5-433 of the New York City Administrative Code, the City Planning Commission adopts the legally required number of counterparts of Map No. 5016 dated July 23, 2012, providing for the discontinuance and closing of 46th Road and 47th Avenue between East River Road and Center Boulevard; a portion of 46th Avenue and 47th Road between East River Road and Center Boulevard; and East River Road north of 47th Road, said streets to be discontinued and closed being more particularly described as follows:

DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF 46th AVENUE SOUTH OF EAST RIVER ROAD

In the matter of discontinuing and closing a portion of 46th Avenue south of East River Road, Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, in accordance with Borough President Map No. 5016:

Starting at a Point of Beginning located on the southerly line of 46th Avenue, said point lying 94.00 feet west of the intersection of 46th Avenue and Center Boulevard, as those streets are laid out on the City Map, thence;

- Running thence westerly, along said former southerly street line of 46th Avenue, discontinued and closed, 167.71 feet to its intersection with the former East River Road, discontinued and closed;
- 2) Running thence northerly, along said former easterly line of East River Road, on a nontangent curve, having a radius of 1975.00 feet and a central angle of 01 degrees 46 minutes 08.6 seconds, a curve length of 60.98 feet to its intersection with the former

northerly line of 46th Avenue, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle to the right with the previous course of 80 degrees 36 minutes 41.4 seconds;

- 3) Running thence easterly, along said former northerly street line of 46th Avenue, discontinued and closed, 156.84 feet to the newly established western terminus of 46th Avenue, said course forming an interior angle to the right with the previous course of 101 degrees 09 minutes 27.2 seconds, thence;
- Running thence southerly, along said newly established western terminus of 46th Avenue, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, 60.00 feet to the point or place of beginning.

The area described above consists of 9,746 square feet, more or less.

DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING OF 46th ROAD BETWEEN EAST RIVER ROAD AND CENTER BOULEVARD

In the matter of discontinuing and closing 46th Road between East River Road and Center Boulevard, Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, in accordance with Borough President Map No. 5016:

Starting at a Point of Beginning located at the intersection of the former northerly line of 46th Avenue and westerly line of Center Boulevard, as those streets are laid out on the City Map, thence;

 Running thence southerly, along the newly established westerly street line of Center Boulevard, 60.00 feet to its intersection with the former southerly street line of 46th Road, discontinued and closed;

- Running thence westerly, along said former southerly street line of 46th Road, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, 368.07 feet to its intersection with the former easterly street line of East River Road;
- 3) Running thence northerly on a non-tangent curve, having a radius of 1975.00 feet and a central angle of 01 degrees 44 minutes 33.3 seconds, a curve length of 60.07 feet to its intersection with the northerly line of 46th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous to the right of 88 degrees 11 minutes 46.1 seconds;
- Running thence easterly, along former northerly street line of 46th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course to the right of 93 degrees 32 minutes 47.3 seconds, 365.27 feet to the point or place of beginning.

The area described above consists of 22,009 square feet, more or less.

DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING OF 47th AVENUE BETWEEN EAST RIVER ROAD AND CENTER BOULEVARD

In the matter of discontinuing and closing 47th Avenue between East River Road and Center Boulevard, Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, in accordance with Borough President Map No. 5016:

Starting at a Point of Beginning located at the intersection of the former southerly line of 47th Avenue and westerly line of Center Boulevard, as those streets are laid out on the City Map, thence;

 Running thence westerly, along said former southerly line of 47th avenue, 338.24 feet to its intersection with the easterly street line of East River Road, discontinued and closed;

- Running thence northerly on a non-tangent curve, having a radius of 575.00 feet and a central angle of 06 degrees 05 minutes 06.3 seconds, a curve length of 61.07 feet to its intersection with the northerly line of 46th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 103 degrees 37 minutes 47.2 seconds;
- Running thence easterly, along said former northerly street line of 46th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course 82 degrees 27 minutes 19.2 seconds, 361.86 feet to its intersection with the westerly street line of Center Boulevard;
- 4) Running thence southerly, along the newly established street line of Center Boulevard, along a non-tangent curve having a radius of 250.000 feet and a central angle of 14 degrees 04 minutes 38.64 seconds, a curve length of 61.42 feet, said course forming an interior angle to the right with the previous course of 85 degrees 21 minutes 11.8 seconds, to the point or place of beginning.

The area described above consists of 21,113 square feet, more or less.

DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING A PORTION OF 47th ROAD SOUTH OF EAST RIVER ROAD

In the matter of discontinuing and closing 47th Road south of East River Road and Center Boulevard, Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, in accordance with Borough President Map No. 5016:

Starting at a Point of Beginning located on the southerly line of 47th Road, said point lying 115.62 feet west of the intersection of 47th Road and Center Boulevard, as those streets are laid out on the City Map, thence;

- Running thence westerly, along said former southerly line of 47th Road, discontinued and closed, 83.50 feet to its terminus;
- Running thence northerly, along said former northerly terminus line of 47th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds, 26.48 feet to a point, thence;
- 3) Running thence northerly on a non-tangent curve, having a radius of 57.00 feet and a central angle of 42 degrees 11 minutes 18.70 seconds, a curve length of 41.97 feet to a point of tangent on the former westerly terminus line of 47th Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 238 degrees 21 minutes 15.60 seconds;
- Running thence northerly along the tangent of said former terminus of 47th Road, discontinued and closed, 0.91 feet to its intersection with the southerly terminus of East River Road, discontinued and closed;
- 5) Running thence easterly, along said former southerly terminus of East River Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course of 73 degrees 50 minutes 03.1 seconds, 55.00 feet to its intersection with the northerly street line of 47th Road;
- 6) Running thence easterly, along said former northerly line of 47th Road to its intersection with the newly established western terminus of 47th Road, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course to the right of 73 degrees 02 minutes 04.8 seconds, 62.73 feet to the point or place of beginning.

The area described above consists of 6,092 square feet, more or less.

DISCONTINUING AND CLOSING EAST RIVER ROAD NORTH OF $47^{\rm TH}$ ROAD

In the matter of discontinuing and closing East River Road north of 47th Road, Borough of Queens, County of Queens, City and State of New York, in accordance with Borough President Map No. 5016:

Starting at a Point of Beginning located at the intersection of the former southerly line of East River Road and westerly line of Center Boulevard, as those streets are laid out on the City Map, thence;

- Running thence northwesterly, along said former southerly line of East River Road, along a curve having a radius of 20.000 feet and a central angle of 114 degrees 58 minutes 11.55 seconds, a curve length of 40.13 feet to a point of compound curvature;
- Running thence southwesterly, along said former easterly line of East River Road, along a curve having a radius of 160.000 feet and a central angle of 16 degrees 55 feet 30.8 seconds, a curve length of 47.26 feet to a point of compound curvature;
- 3) Running thence southwesterly, along said former easterly line of East River Road, said course tangent to the previous course, along a curve having a radius of 1975.00 feet and a central angle of 18 degrees 13 minutes and 51.5 seconds, a curve length of 628.43 feet to a point of compound curvature;
- 4) Running thence southeasterly along said former easterly line of East River Road, discontinued and closed, said course tangent to the previous course, along a curve having a radius of 575.00 feet and a central angle of 13 degrees 36 minutes and 51.9 seconds, a curve length of 136.63 feet to a point of curvature;
- 5) Running thence southerly, along said former easterly line of East River Road, discontinued and closed, said course tangent to the previous course, 171.35 feet to a point of tangency;

- 6) Running thence southeasterly along said former easterly line of East River Road, discontinued and closed, said course tangent to the previous course, along a curve having a radius of 15.00 feet and a central angle of 73 degrees 50 minutes 03.1 seconds, a curve length of 19.33 feet to a point of curvature and its intersection with the northerly line of the former 47th Road;
- 7) Running thence westerly along the former northerly line of 47th Road, discontinued and closed, 55.00 feet to its intersection with the former said westerly street line of East River Road;
- 8) Running thence northwesterly along the former westerly line of East River Road, discontinued and closed, said course forming an interior angle with the previous of 106 degrees 09 minutes 56.5 seconds, 170.44 feet to the point of curvature;
- 9) Running thence northwesterly, along said former westerly East River Road, discontinued and closed, along a curve having a radius of 617.00 feet and a central angle of 13 degrees 36 minutes 51.90 seconds, said course tangent to the previous course, to a point of compound curvature;
- 10) Running thence northerly, along said former westerly East River Road, along a curve having a radius of 2017.00 feet and a central angle of 18 degrees 04 minutes 33.89 seconds, a curve length of 636.34 feet, said course tangent to the previous course, to a point of compound curvature;
- 11) Running thence northeasterly, along said former westerly East River Road, along a curve having a radius of 207.00 feet and a central angle of 31 degrees 15 minutes 01.04 seconds, said course tangent to the previous course, to its intersection with the newly established westerly line of Center Boulevard;

12) Running thence southeasterly, along said newly established westerly line of Center Boulevard, said course forming an interior angle with the previous course, 79 degrees 11 minutes 02.3 seconds, 69.46 to the point or place of beginning.

The area described above consists of 44,045 square feet, more or less.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to subdivision 1a of Section 5-433 of the New York City Administrative Code, public utility facilities within the subsurface of the streets cited herein which are to be discontinued and closed by this action, may be maintained in place or relocated within such subsurface by the public utility, so that such maintenance in place or relocation of such facilities is consistent with the proposed use of the closed portion or portions of such subsurface, and the requirements of other facilities located therein;

All such approvals being subject to the following condition:

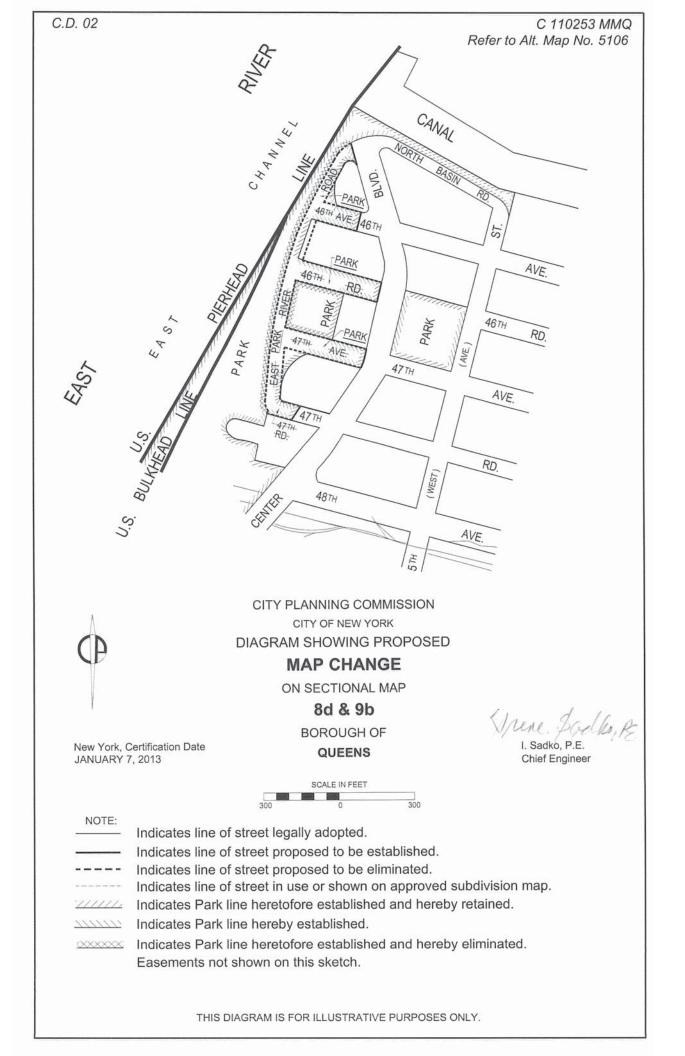
a. The subject amendment to the City Map and any discontinuance and closing of street shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. 5016 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter and Section 5-435 of the New York City Administrative Code.

b. The subject amendment to the City Map shall not be filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with condition "a" above until the applicant shall have executed a mapping agreement protecting the city's interest, if so required by and approved as to form and sufficiency by the Corporation Counsel and accepted by the City Planning Commission (the "Mapping Agreement"). If such agreement is determined to be required by the Corporation Counsel but is not accepted by the City Planning Commission within two years of the date of this resolution, the approved amendment to the City Map may be returned to the City Planning Commission for rescission;

The above resolution (C 110253 MMQ), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on May

22, 2013 (Calendar No. 7), is filed with the Office of the Speaker, City Council and the Borough President, in accordance with the requirements of Section 197-d of the New York City Charter.

AMANDA M. BURDEN, *FAICP*, Chair ANGELA M. BATTAGLIA, RAYANN BESSER, IRWIN G. CANTOR, *P.E.*, BETTY Y. CHEN, MICHELLE R. DE LA UZ, MARIA M. DEL TORO, JOSEPH I. DOUEK, RICHARD W. EADDY, ANNA HAYES LEVIN, ORLANDO MARIN, Commissioners



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Queens Borough President Recommendation

APPLICATION: ULURP #110253 MMQ

COMMUNITY BOARD: Q02

DOCKET DESCRIPTION

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including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in the Borough of Queens, Community Board 2, in accordance with Map No. 5016 dated July 23, 2012 and signed by the Borough President.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held in the Borough President's Conference Room at 120-55 Queens Boulevard on Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter and was duly advertised in the manner specified in Section 197-c (i) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

CONSIDERATION

Subsequent to a review of the application and consideration of testimony received at the public hearing, the following issues and impacts have been identified:

- The Queens West Development Corporation (QWDC) is proposing these map changes to reflect the streets and open space as built in accordance with the Queens West Project Plan.;
- QWDC is the operating authority for the Queens West Project a joint venture of the New York State, New York City and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The Queens West Project was enabled by an act of the New York State Legislature to facilitate revitalization of the East River Hunters Point site. QWDC is made up of representatives from the development partners and was established shortly after the final approvals were gained to oversee and implement the development plan.;
- The Queens West Project Plan was modified and approved by QWDC in 2009 in consultation with the 0 development partners. The modifications were consistent with the intent of the project to revitalize the formerly industrial waterfront, provide new green open space and to make it more publicly accessible for all area residents in western Queens. The more contiguous open space and additional mapped parkland fulfill those goals.;
- Community Board 2 (CB2) approved this application by a vote of thirty-three (33) in favor with none (0) 0 against or abstaining at a public hearing held on March 7, 2013.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of this application.

Helen M. Malshall ____