



CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

September 22, 2021 / Calendar No. 14

C 210180 MMK

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by The New York City Department of City Planning and The New York City Department of Parks and Recreation pursuant to Sections 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter for an amendment to the City Map involving:

- 1) the establishment of Park within the area bounded by Huntington Street, Smith Street, Nelson Street, Hoyt Street, 4th Street, Bond Street and The Gowanus Canal;
- 2) the adjustment of grades and block dimensions necessitated thereby;

including authorization for any acquisition or disposition of real property related thereto, in accordance with Map Nos. X-2755 and X-2756 dated December 7, 2020 and signed by the Borough President.

This application (C 210180 MMK) for an amendment to the City Map was filed by the New York City Department of City Planning (DCP) on November 20, 2020. The proposed amendment would, in conjunction with related actions, facilitate land use changes for 82 full or partial blocks in the Gowanus neighborhood of Brooklyn, Community Districts 2 and 6.

RELATED ACTIONS

In addition to this City Map amendment (C 210180 MMK) that is the subject of this report, implementation of the proposed Gowanus Neighborhood Plan also requires action by the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the following applications, which are being considered concurrently with this application:

- C 210177 ZMK** Amendment to the Zoning Map to change R6, R6B, R8A, R8A/C2-4, C8-2, M1-1, M1-2, M2-1, and M3-1 districts to R6B, R6A, M1-4/R6B, M1-4/R6A, M1-4/R7A, M1-4/R7-2, M1-4/R7X, C4-4D, and M1-4 districts, eliminate commercial overlays, establish the Special Gowanus Mixed Use District, and replace a Special Enhanced Commercial District (EC-1).
- N 210178 ZRK** Zoning text amendment to establish the Special Gowanus Mixed-Use

District, Gowanus Waterfront Access Plan, establish a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area, and replace the Enhanced Commercial District (EC-1) within the rezoning area

C 210052 HAK Disposition approval and urban development action area project designation

C 210053 PPK Disposition of City-owned property

C 210179 MMK City Map amendment involving the establishment of streets, the elimination of street segments and removal of a Public Place designation

Together, these actions would facilitate the Gowanus Neighborhood Plan, a comprehensive plan developed with community stakeholders and elected officials, in coordination with City and other public agencies, that identifies needs and opportunities to support a shared long-term vision of a sustainable, inclusive, and mixed-use Gowanus neighborhood. Implementation of the objectives of the plan and the shared long-term vision for the neighborhood would create affordable housing; spur economic and job growth; facilitate brownfield remediation; foster safer, active streets; create a vibrant, accessible, and resilient waterfront; generate new community resources; and support the overall remediation of the canal.

BACKGROUND

A full background discussion and description of this application appears in the report for the related zoning map amendment (C 210177 ZMK).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This application (C 210180 MMK), in conjunction with the related applications (C 210177 ZMK, N 210178 ZRK, C 210052 HAK, C 210053 PPK and C 210179 MMK) 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 designated CEQR number is 19DCP157K. The lead is the City Planning Commission.

A summary of the environmental review, including the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), issued on September 10, 2021, and a Technical Memorandum – 001, issued September 21, 2021, appears in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 210177 ZMK).

UNIFORM LAND USE REVIEW

On April 19, 2021, this application (C 210180 MMK) and related applications (C 210177 ZMK, C 210052 HAK, C 210053 PPK, and C 210179 MMK) were certified as complete by the Department of City Planning and were duly referred to Community Board 2 and 6 and the Brooklyn Borough President, in accordance with Title 62 of the Rules of the City of New York, Section 2-02(b), along with the related application for a zoning text amendment (N 210178 ZRK) for information and review, in accordance with the procedures for referring non-ULURP matters.

Community Board Public Hearing

Brooklyn Community Board 2 and 6 held a joint public hearing on this application (C 210180 MMK) and the related applications (C 210177 ZMK, N 210178 ZRK, C 210052 HAK, C 210053 PPK, and C 210179 MMK) on June 3, 2021. On June 16, 2021, Community Board 2, by a vote of 34 in favor, five in opposition and one in abstention, adopted a resolution recommending disapproval of the application. On June 23, 2021, Community Board 6, by a vote of 28 in favor, six in opposition and two in abstention, adopted a resolution recommending approval of the application with conditions as described in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 210177 ZMK).

Borough President Recommendation

The Brooklyn Borough President held a public hearing on this application (C 210180 MMK) and

the related applications (C 210177 ZMK, N 210178 ZRK, C 210052 HAK, C 210053 PPK, and C 210179 MMK) on June 30, 2021 and, on August 24, 2021, issued a recommendation to approve the application with conditions, as described in the report on the related application for a zoning map amendment (C 210177 ZMK).

City Planning Commission Public Hearing

On July 14, 2021 (Calendar No. 8), the City Planning Commission scheduled July 28, 2021, for a public hearing on this application (C 210180 MMK) and related actions. The hearing was duly held on July 28, 2021 (Calendar No. 47) in conjunction with the public hearing on the applications for related actions. There were 29 speakers in favor and 36 in opposition, as described in the report for the related zoning map amendment action (C 210177 ZMK).

WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION PROGRAM CONSISTENCY REVIEW

This application (C 210180 MMK), in conjunction with those for the related actions, was reviewed by the City Coastal Commission 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 30, 2013 and by the New York State Department of State on February 3, 2016, 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 19-036. This action was determined to be consistent with the policies of the New York City WRP.

CONSIDERATION

The Commission believes that this application for a City Map amendment (C 210180 MMK), in conjunction with the related applications, is appropriate.

A full consideration and analysis of the issues, and the reasons for approving the application appear in the report on the related action for a zoning map amendment (C 210177 ZMK).

RESOLUTION

Therefore, the City Planning Commission, deeming the proposed amendment to the City Map and to be appropriate, adopts the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that having considered the FEIS, for which a Notice of Completion was issued on September 10, 2021, with respect to this application (CEQR No. 19DCP157K), the City Planning Commission finds that the requirements of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and Regulations have been met and that:

1. The environmental impacts disclosed in the FEIS were evaluated in relation to the social, economic, and other considerations associated with the actions that are set forth in this report; and
2. Consistent with social, economic and other essential considerations from among the reasonable alternatives available, the action is one which avoids or minimizes adverse environmental impacts to the maximum extent practicable; and

The report of the City Planning Commission, together with the FEIS, issued September 10, 2021, and a Technical Memorandum – 001, issued September 21, 2021, constitutes the written statement of findings that form the basis of the decision, pursuant to Section 617.11(d) of the SEQRA regulations; and be it further

RESOLVED, by the City Planning Commission, pursuant to Section 197-c and 199 of the New York City Charter, that based on the environmental determination and the consideration described in this report, the application (C 210180 MMK), for an amendment to the City Map involving:

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All such approvals being subject to the following conditions:

- a. The subject amendment to the City Map shall take effect on the day following the day on which certified counterparts of Map No. X-2755 and X-2756 dated December 7, 2020 are filed with the appropriate agencies in accordance with Section 198 subsection c of the New York City Charter.

The above resolution (C 210180 MMK), duly adopted by the City Planning Commission on September 22, 2021 (Calendar No. 14), 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.

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