

NYU Task Force Meeting Minutes: Process Meeting Part II

August 14, 2008 @ 5:30PM

1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South, Small Conference Room

1. Areas to look at:

- a. Timeline (when/who does NYU go to)
- b. Roles (of TF/electeds/CBs)
- c. Questions (NYU should be prepared to answer for each project)

2. Roles of TF—needs clarification

Below are a number of points that came out of a discussion regarding the role of the TF as it relates to the 2031 plan, and the TF and University's interactions with each other.

- a. Role of electeds— perhaps no need for separate role since they are part of TF
- b. Look at 2031 plan in a macro way
- c. CB committees (e.g. CB 2 Institutions) are appropriate forum for public discussion
- d. Safe space / good faith partnership
 - i. TF is where information sharing happens- tension with people wanting to report back to fellow organizations, but also need to respect confidential conversations
 - ii. Members of TF shouldn't lobby for or against parts or all of the plan
- e. Vetting body (some are pro, some are con), but not a voting body
- f. Playhouse should be model going forward of TF/NYU relationship at work. What worked about this process? What didn't? How can this experience inform our future process?

3. Timeline Discussion

TF members discussed what a timeline should look like and proposed the following possibilities:

- a. NYU should bring projects to TF first— after they have been approved by the University when they are at the massing stage
- b. TF should help NYU adapt projects after massing stage—work with University to improve them, not use that stage in the timeline to stop the project
- c. As soon as a project is in the pipeline, NYU should create a notice of intention and send it to everyone in the impact zone
- d. There are potential conflicts with setting a strict timeline
 - i. When donor have specific restrictions
 - ii. When purchasing property from a developer
- e. Could potentially expedite timeline in times of extraordinary circumstances