

Task Force Summary

March 19, 2008

Chronology of Task Force Focus:

- Initiated as a means of improving dialogue between NYU and its communities. NYU's Comprehensive Campus Planning began in 2001 but was stepped up and formally addressed in 2006 with the initiation of the Task Force and the hiring of an outside Planning Team.
- Mission: to create a common language and identify common concerns as a platform for regular and continuing community-based forums (Town Halls, Community Board hearings, local Task Forces).
- Created Task Force Working Principals in 2006 – See *website*
- Developed a working agreement with NYU for full participation in the Task Force.
- Worked with NYU and Planning Team in better identifying:
 - Core Campus – area and key zoning and contextual issues
 - Offsite Campus integration with long-term planning
 - Importance of adaptive reuse
 - Co-Opting /Sharing uses with the Community
 - Maintaining/replacing rent controlled or low income housing
- Worked to promote NYU Open House Presentations and Community Participation
- Worked to expand outreach to Community-based organizations and TF visibility among NYC agencies
- Published Planning Principals for Adoption, Jan 2008

2008 Agendas - At the March 19th meeting the TF agreed to meetings on the following topics:

1. Session on Process - Refine TF process and discuss guidelines for improving Community Feedback process.
2. Sessions to be scheduled – more precise definition of terms and concepts within the Planning Principals e.g.:
 - “Decentralizing” Facilities – Relooking at options after NYU Planning Team Report; potential for new offsite campus locations.
 - Contextual Development – How can site specific factors be addressed in a general platform for contextuality while giving latitude for local preferences and existing built environments?
 - What constitutes “reuse” in terms of reducing impact or effects of additional development within the Campus Core?
 - Agreement on recommended base construction protocols.

- “Open Space” – For community sharing; for ecological impact.
- “Quality of Life” definitions/priorities.

NYU Review of Current Planning Timeline

April 2008 - Consulting Design Team will deliver to NYU their presentation of possibilities, based on their research, open house feedback and firm experience in other campus planning projects. **This will mark the end of the beginning phase of the NYU Plan.**

The next phase will call on the University to “vet” the Consultant Design Team’s report against other realities:

- Financial Feasibility
- Construction Feasibility
- Community Feasibility
- Faculty and Student Feasibility
- What can be accomplished in 3 years, 5 years, 10 years, 25 years..

The report and initiation of the next phase will launch with a Town Hall possibly co-sponsored by NYU and the Task Force, possibly in late April.

Important Date Regarding Silver Towers Landmarking: The public hearing for Silver Towers is set for June 24, 2008. The University is supporting the landmarking process; and a key decision about what/how to think through future development for the landmarked site will need to be considered for the June 24 presentation.

NYU Update on Offsite Campus Locations

Brookdale site RFP has been extended to May 22nd. NYU working on their submission.

Governor’s Island – RFEI’s won’t be released for application until summer. NYU has been in conversations with GIPEC about the possibilities for this site.

Brooklyn Polytech – the agreement which specifies that PolyTech will remain autonomous for the next 10 years, has been voted upon by their Board. It still must be approved by the New York State Board of Regents.

Next Meetings:

- **Tuesday, April 15th at 5pm in the Borough President's office, located at 1 Centre Street, 19th Floor South** to continue our discussion regarding **133-137 MacDougal Street.**
- The next meeting of the **Full Task Force** has been scheduled for **April 22nd at 5pm at the Borough President's Office.** At this meeting, we will be discussing "process" as it relates to NYU's planning concepts.