

**Brooklyn Community Board Seven
Waterfront & Economic Development (W&ED) Committee
January 14th, 2021 Committee Report**

Issue/Agenda: Presentation on Siting of Equinor Off-Shore Wind at South Brooklyn Marine Terminal (SBMT)

Location: Video/Audio Conference Remote Meeting

Attendance for committee meetings are available from the Community Board Seven District Office upon request. A full recording of the committee meeting and digital copies of documents presented there are available through the Community Board Seven social media sites.

The January 14 meeting was held remotely by video conference and called to order at 6:05 PM Economic Development and Waterfront Committee Chair Murphy introduced **Radhy Miranda** from NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) to speak about the history of the marine terminal and the proposal process that led to the siting of of Equinor, an energy company, for the purpose of partial assembly of wind turbines.

Julia Bovey spoke on behalf of Equinor. and co-presented with EDC a slide deck of plans for site construction, operations, outreach and workforce development. As part of the lease agreement with EDC, Equinor has committed to invest 5 million dollars to the local community. The company will be working with local community and economic development organizations, and Ms. Bovey stated an interest in looking for more stakeholders in the surrounding neighborhoods with which to engage and collaborate with.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions for NYC EDC and Equinor included:

- Requests for more information on types of employment available for applicants with differing skillsets, and workforce development for minority and immigrant populations within the local neighborhood (Ruiz, Maritnez, Avilles),
- Requests for information about the levels of energy produced, its storage and its deliverance to end users (Azadian, Roca) (Ruiz),

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- Mitigation of negative effects on marine wildlife (Vanden Bosch),
- Requests to decouple of the project from BP (formerly British Petroleum) due to that company's record of pollution, and environmental degradation (Muniz),
- Request that Equinor integrate near-zero emissions policy in regards to all aspects of its facility and transportation fleet and present a traffic study, possibly within a larger overdue study from NYC DOT (Walsh),
- Desire for future meetings to update Community Board Seven on fulfillment of promises and obligations to act on Community Benefits (Zuniga).

John Santore proposed that the committee present a resolution *motion* to the full board resolve as follows:

WHEREAS the Sunset Park Task Force has been given direct influence over a \$5 million fund to be created by Equinor in support of New York's offshore wind industry,

WHEREAS the Sunset Park Task Force is currently reviewing its policies internally, but has not stated if the public will be involved in those conversations,

RESOLVED: That EDC, SBIDC and Councilman Carlos Menchaca's office should jointly host a public meeting as soon as practical to allow the public to comment on the future of the Sunset Park Task Force, its rules, its responsibilities, and its operating procedures.

The committee voted by unanimous decision to recommend the resolution to the full board for a vote and I now seek a motion to discuss and call the question on the resolution.

Submitted by Daniel A. Murphy, Committee Chair, November 18, 2020