

**The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
WTC Redevelopment Subcommittee Meeting Transcripts
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[V.Chair S. Rechler] The first portion of today's meeting is being held in public session after which the subcommittee will meet in executive session to discuss matters involving ongoing negotiations and reviews of contracts or proposals. In addition, the public portion of this meeting is being broadcast live on the Port Authority's website for those interested in viewing today's proceedings via the Internet. At this point, I'd like to ask the board secretary to advise the subcommittee of any commissioner recusals of any items before the subcommittee in today's public session.

[Secretary] Thank you. With regard to the World Trade Center, the additional expenditures for Hurricane Sandy recovery work, Vice Chairman Rechler as well as Commissioner Moerdler would be recused. World Trade Center Street, Liberty Park item, Commissioner Moerdler would be recused.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] Okay, thank you. With that, I ask Steve Plate to report on the authorization of additional contract actions and expenditures to support ongoing post-Hurricane Sandy recovery.

[S.Plate] Thank you, Commissioners. This morning I'd like to offer you the next installment on Sandy recovery work. We continue to replace damaged equipment, and as a result of that we've been able to turn on not just the top of the building but also the bottom of the building that was damaged— the buildings that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. This includes One World Trade, the VSC, and the Hub. Each one of these elements were in the process or have been corrected, and as a result, we've been able to make very successful hand-offs as committed to our third-party stakeholders, including Conde Nast, who have begun their fit out exactly on schedule on January second of this year, and things are going very well on that front. I offer the resolution.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] Any questions, Commissioners?

[Comm. W.Shuber] Thank you, Steve. I will move it.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] All in favor to move it? Okay, you're good? Okay, it will be moved to the consent calendar. The next item is the update on the World Trade Center's Side Streets, Utilities, and Related Infrastructure Program, Phase 3, Liberty Park, and the award of the landscape and architectural finishes packages. Steve?

[S.Plate] Thank you again, Vice Chair. This item is the last major contract associated with Liberty Park, located on the southern portion of the site. This is to provide for a number of elements including hardscape, which is the precast concrete pavers and furnishing seating and also the landscaping for the plantings, both trees and different greenery that will make that a delightful place for people to enjoy as well as transverse from Battery Park City across to eastern side of Manhattan. It's worked out very well. We're working very closely with our other stakeholders, both the community as well as the people at the site, and things are moving along

very nicely. And we're in the process of making some significant headway on the earlier contracts, which provide the structure for which this will receive late this year/early next the plantings. So I offer this resolution. For information, the bids were very competitive and came in significantly less than our engineer's estimate.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] Steve, when you said the plantings early next year, so does that mean the park will be completed sometime the beginning of next year or the 1st quarter, 2nd quarter?

>>[S.Plate] Yes. In that time frame, yes. We were actually striving to do it earlier, but obviously the planting has to be done, and that you can't rush. We're going to do some in the fall, and then the last portion in '15. And keep in mind, as you well know, that we're working closely with our partners, Greek Orthodox Church, and they're in the process of bidding their contracts now and will begin in earnest in the next few months—1st/2nd quarter this year— so we'll have to hand-in-glove type of thing, logistically working through that. We'll work some of the plantings around their schedule as well. [P. Foye] Just to be clear, the Greek Orthodox Church is paying for the construction. [S.Plate] Absolutely. Completely independent, but we're just like every other partner. Like Silverstein, like all the different partners, we're stakeholders at the site. We're just coordinating with them.

[V.Chair S. Rechler] And Steve, just on that note, I know it's not on the agenda, but speaking of partners, can you give a quick update on the status of the memorial museum and if we're on schedule with that and how we're doing? [S.Plate] Yes, we're driving to the completion date as announced by them, which was spring of this year. We're in the process right now of buttoning up all the finishes, so we have a number of activities. Specifically we have testing of all equipments so we can get the certificate of occupancy. We're driving to do that. We also have all the punch lists being done. And specifically what's going on is a large part of the area has already been turned over, in particular, the north footprint and portions of the south footprint. If you have a moment to go down there, anyone wants to go down there, you can see a lot of the exhibits well along the way and making great progress. So we're driving to the completion date that we'll plan to meet.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] Just on that note, I was at a memorial meeting at the last board meeting, and the mayor, Bloomberg—ex-mayor Bloomberg— made the point to note how cooperative and collaborative we've been working and how productive the Port has been on meeting the schedule and very complimentary of you and the team and working down there, as with Dan Tishman, who's running it for them. So I appreciate that, and good work on getting that done and being collaborative.

[Comm. W.Shuber] Yeah, I would agree with that. I think that Steve and his team have done a terrific job there given the history that's involved here. I guess the question I have—is there a date now for the opening? Or is it just in the spring? [S.Plate] I've heard it dated, but— [V.Chair S.Rechler] I think sometime in May, I think they're hoping. [S.Plate] Mid-to-late May, I think I heard, somewhere in that range.

[V.Chair S.Rechler] Any other questions for Steve Plate? Okay, can I have a motion to move this to the consent calendar? >> So moved. All in favor? Okay, we move this to the consent calendar. This concludes the public portion of today's meeting. The subcommittee will now adjourn to

executive session to discuss matters involving ongoing negotiations or reviews of contracts or proposals. Thank you.