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**Item 27861: Abolitionist Place (Park)**

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Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 2:39 PM

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Keri,

We would like to give public testimony regarding the current conceptual proposal (whose requirements go far beyond what has been presented so far), including what you described as "responses to the PDC's feedback from the January public hearing, including a plan for public engagement."

Can you please place a public presentation on the agenda for Monday or for a later date?

Best wishes,  
Todd Fine

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 2:24 PM Butler, Keri <KButler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Todd,

We would like to give the artist the opportunity to begin their public engagement process so that they can develop the proposal with community input as planned. If you would like to be involved in this process, please reach out to EDC and DCLA.

Keri

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Keri,

There are many people who would like to testify on Monday regarding the conceptual approval. Can this please be placed on the formal agenda? And can we view the revised application as soon as possible? (Including the redesign of the park as several commissioners requested?)

Also, we believe that the PDC commissioners were clear in the transcript that public engagement needed to take place before the item could be considered again for approval.

Best wishes,

Todd

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 12:31 PM Butler, Keri <KButler@cityhall.nyc.gov> wrote:

Hi Todd,

The artist has provided responses to the PDC's feedback from the January public hearing, including a plan for public engagement. Execution of this public engagement, which we understand is set to begin in the weeks ahead, is tied to their Conceptual approval from the PDC. After the community engagement process has been completed, the artist will return to the PDC with the developed project for Preliminary review, which is required before the fabrication and installation of an artwork.

p.s. I would never use the word "ordered" in relation to PDC comments. I hope we aren't seen as that harsh.

Sincerely,

Keri

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Dear Public Design Commission,

I formally request that the item for Monday related to Abolitionist Place Park (27861) be placed on the public agenda for testimony and public presentation. I also protest its consideration given that none of the public process described in the previous meeting has taken place as the Public Design Commission ordered before the item could be considered again.

Sincerely,

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