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Date: Fri, Sep 17, 2021, 5:24 PM

Subject: Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Abolitionist Place (Park)

To: Ryan Max <rmax@culture.nyc.gov>

Cc: Kendal Henry <khenry@culture.nyc.gov>, Jacob Morris <blackorchidxl@gmail.com>, Raul Rothblatt <rrothblatt@gmail.com>, Han, Grace <ghan@cityhall.nyc.gov>, Butler, Keri <kbutler@cityhall.nyc.gov>, David Mandel <dmandel@culture.nyc.gov>, Justyn Turner <jturner@edc.nyc>, Signe Nielsen <snielsen@mnlandscape.com>

Dear Ryan,

"Largely unchanged" does not mean "unchanged," and my email is requesting that very proposal. In fact, we have never actually seen the original proposal submitted, so we would like to see whatever you have sent. Then or now.

The commissioners were quite clear 8 months ago that the reason that the item was tabled was so that you could engage the community and revise the proposal.

It was also extremely clear that the proposal did not meet the bare minimum requirements for a conceptual proposal that are listed on the cover sheet.

This attachment is also incoherent and cannot be justified as a reason to approve the proposal "largely unchanged" after 8 months.

Could you please forward the application itself?

Best wishes,
Todd

On Fri, Sep 17, 2021, 4:06 PM Ryan Max <rmax@culture.nyc.gov> wrote:
Good afternoon,

There will not be a public presentation on the Abolitionist Place artwork included in next week's PDC hearing. PDC is including it on the consent agenda in acknowledgement of responses to their requests following [the artist's January presentation](#); this most notably includes the public engagement outline subsequently submitted to PDC by the artist (see attached), which will have to be completed before the artwork is submitted to the local community board and PDC for the next round of review. Aside from this, the proposal is largely unchanged from what the artist presented in January. The artist is set to begin community engagement in the weeks ahead; to offer feedback to the artist and/or receive updates on community engagement, you can send an email to percentinfo@culture.nyc.gov.

Best,

Ryan

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Can you please forward the current application today so that we can review it?

Peace be with you,

Todd

On Thu, Sep 16, 2021 at 8:08 AM Todd Fine <tdfine@gmail.com> wrote:

Ryan and Kendal,

Would you be able to provide the current PDC application for the artwork in Abolitionist Place (Park), item 27861 on the agenda?

Best wishes,

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