

Atlantic Yards - Additional Community Forum

As a result of the significant turn-out at the August 23, 2006 Public Hearing on the Atlantic Yards Land Use Improvement and Civic Project (“Project”) and numerous comments received from the public, ESDC has scheduled an additional Community Forum for the purpose of soliciting comments on the Project. There will now be two Community Forums scheduled as follows:

- I. Tuesday, September 12, 2006 – 4:30 pm – 8 pm at the New York City College of Technology (Klitgord Auditorium), 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn
- II. Monday, September 18, 2006 – 4:30 pm – 8 pm at the New York City College of Technology (Klitgord Auditorium), 285 Jay Street, Brooklyn

Basic Protocol for the Community Forums

1. The Community Forums will be structured similar to the August 23rd Public Hearing. ESDC representatives will be in attendance. There will be an independent Community Forum officer and a court reporter present and a stenographic transcript will be prepared. There will be no Project presentation, except that the Community Forum officer will make some preliminary comments regarding the procedures to be followed at the Community Forum.
2. All comments at the Community Forums will be given the same consideration as comments received at the Public Hearing and will be considered by ESDC prior to final action on the Project. All comments will be made part of the public record.
3. Written comments may be delivered to ESDC, 633 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017 (Attention: Maria Mooney), or sent by e-mail addressed to atlanticyards@empire.state.ny.us. All written comments will be considered by ESDC and made a part of the record provided that such comments are received by 5:30 p.m. on September 22, 2006.
4. Approximately 470 individuals registered to speak at the Public Hearing and approximately 100 speakers provided testimony. The names of registered speakers that did not have an opportunity to provide testimony at the August 23, 2006 Public Hearing will be compiled and prioritized by ESDC for purposes of the Community Forums (first priority to those names not called; second priority to those names called but who were not in attendance). Individuals can send an e-mail addressed to atlanticyards@empire.state.ny.us to request notification of his or her place on the list of registered speakers for the Community Forum.
5. Additional speaker registration will be accepted at the Community Forum commencing 30 minutes before the starting time of the Community Forum (each individual may only sign-up one person). No other advance registration will be permitted.
6. Community Forums will be limited to first time speakers, including elected officials (i.e. if an individual, including elected officials, spoke at the Public Hearing he or she will not have an opportunity to provide additional oral testimony at the Community Forum).

There are no limits on written testimony provided the same is received by ESDC by 5:30 p.m. on September 22, 2006.

7. The Community Forum may be extended, if necessary, for a reasonable period of time to address additional speakers, at the discretion of the hearing officer.
8. Although the Community Forum officer will generally attempt to call speakers based on order of registration (as described above and in order of registration at the Community Forums), the hearing officer and ESDC reserve the right to deviate from that schedule to provide for an open and fair hearing. In addition, elected officials that have not previously provided oral testimony will be given priority.