Former PS90 Site

BK Community Board 14

November 30, 2020

Background

Activation of long underinvested City-owned site in Flatbush that may have been location of African burial ground

- Vacant site formerly contained landmarked school building demolished in 2016. Previous archaeological investigations uncovered artifacts and disarticulated human remains

- Announced Oct. 2020 by Mayor and CM Eugene, for development of ~130 affordable housing units and youth-centered community space

- EDC will manage Task Force engagement process and archeological/descendent research

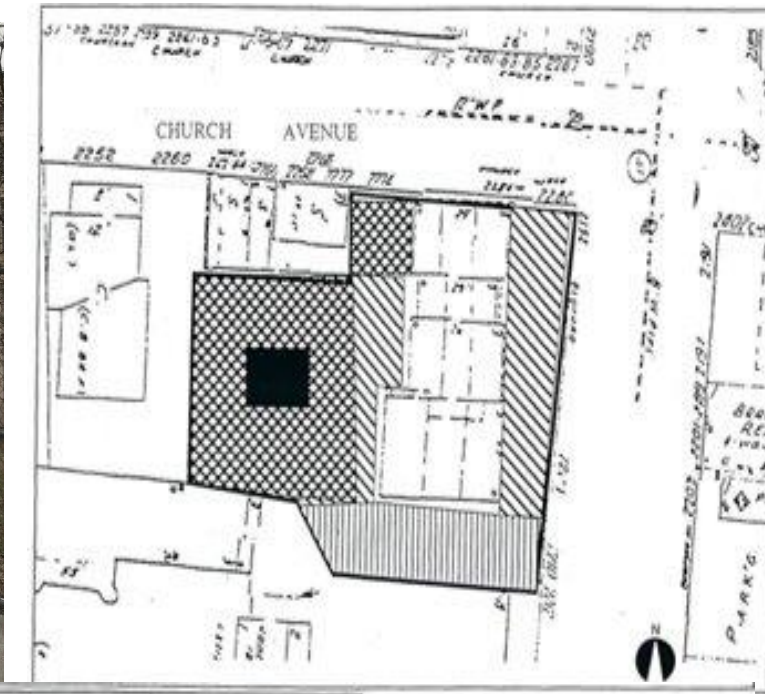- HPD will issue public procurement for future housing project

1842-1878 School & 1865-1898 Fire House Cisterns/Privies/Wells; ca. 1842-1878 & ca.1878-1960 School Yards; Potential Slave Burials & Dutch Colonial House Lot Features

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Site of ca.1905 P.S. 90 Water Closets (no archaeological potential)

ca. 1873-1890 Dwelling & Potential Cisterns/Privies/Wells

FIGURE 3

Historic Archaeological Sensitivity

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Timeline & Process

The Task Force and RFQ/RFP processes will run in coordination from Dec. 2020 to mid-2021. The Task Force will create recommendations to be included in the HPD RFP on aspects of future development project, on- and/or off-site memorialization, and appropriate handling of additional artifacts and human remains, if discovered in the future. Task Force will be supported by NYCEDC and HPD, with technical expertise from LPC.

Task Force (~6 meetings)

- *~6 meetings, from Dec. 2020 to mid-2021*
- December 9: First meeting
- Spring 2021: Task Force public workshops and community questionnaire
- Mid-2021: Task Force submits recommendations to HPD for inclusion in RFP

HPD RFQ/RFP

- January 2021: Release RFQ
- Spring 2021: Shortlist developers from RFQ
- Mid-2021: Release RFP to shortlist of developers

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Task Force Next Steps

- **Co-chaired by BP Eric Adams and CM Mathieu Eugene**
- Members will include local CBOs, historical/archaeological advisors, and other community stakeholders
- Will meet ~6 times between Dec. 2020 – mid-2021; First meeting Dec. 9th
- Will create recommendations for HPD RFP on:
    - Aspects of future development project
    - Memorialization options and appropriate handling of additional artifacts and human remains, if discovered
- Will host 2 public workshops and community questionnaire