

Queens Borough President Recommendation

APPLICATION: ULURP #190424 PCQ

COMMUNITY BOARD: Q01

DOCKET DESCRIPTION

IN THE MATTER OF an application submitted by the New York Fire Department and the Department of Citywide Administrative Services pursuant to Sections 197-c of the New York City Charter for site selection and acquisition of property located at **19-40 42nd Street** (Block 800, p/o Lot 10) for use as an ambulance station

PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing was held in the Borough President's Conference Room at 120-55 Queens Boulevard on Thursday, July 11, 2019 at 10:30 A.M. pursuant to Section 82(5) of the New York City Charter and was duly advertised in the manner specified in Section 197-c (i) of the New York City Charter. The applicant made a presentation. There were no other speakers. The hearing was closed.

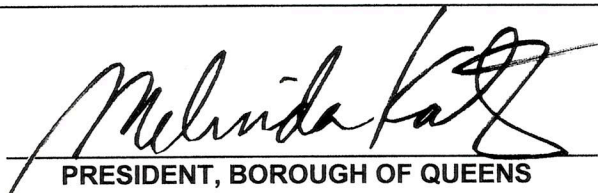
CONSIDERATION

Subsequent to a review of the application and consideration of testimony received at the public hearing, the following issues and impacts have been identified:

- The New York Fire Department (NYFD) and Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) are proposing site selection and acquisition of privately owned property located in an M1-1 District;
- The proposed space is 22,000 sf within an existing 7-story, 100,028 sf building that would be used as the replacement location of EMS Station 49. The proposed facility would have capacity for indoor parking of 12 ambulances including four spare ambulances, a dedicated hazardous materials decontamination area for vehicles and personnel, storage for equipment and supplies, staff locker rooms and bathroom facilities, and administrative space. EMS ambulances are routinely deployed throughout the service area to facilitate the quickest response times and only return to the station as needed;
- EMS Station 49 is currently located at 25-03 Hoyt Avenue South on Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) property which is located under the westbound approach to the RFK Bridge. The service area for EMS Station 49 is northwest Queens ranging from Roosevelt Island, Woodside, Jackson Heights, East Elmhurst and all of the neighborhoods from those points west/north to the East River. This station has been in use past the 2016 expiration date agreed to in the FDNY Memorandum of Understanding with DPR to use the site. The current site is not large enough to effectively meet all the needs of EMS Station 49;
- This site would replace the existing temporary EMS Station 49 that is presently located at 25-03 Hoyt Avenue South on Department of Parks and Recreation property under the westbound approach to the RFK Bridge in Astoria. The replacement site was selected after an extensive search that reviewed 45 city-owned properties and several privately owned properties. None of those other properties were viable for a number of reasons including size, physical condition of the structure, location, and criteria relative to EMS operations and provision of service/area coverage;
- The surrounding area of the proposed site is developed with mostly low-rise buildings. North of 20th Avenue in the manufacturing districts there are several industrial and manufacturing buildings with some residential buildings mixed in. the areas to the south of 20th Avenue are residentially zoned and developed with mostly low-rise residential buildings;
- Community Board 1 approved this application by a vote of thirty-two (32) in favor with none (0) against or abstaining at a public hearing held on June 18, 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

Based on the above consideration, I hereby recommend approval of this application for the acquisition of property as the replacement site for EMS Station 49.


PRESIDENT, BOROUGH OF QUEENS

7/22/19
DATE