

Newtown Creek Steering Committee Meeting  
Thursday, April 26, 2018  
4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET

### **Attendees**

Leah Archibald  
Lisa Bloodgood  
Willis Elkins  
Christine Holowacz  
Kelly MacDonald  
Paul Pullo

#### **1. Facilitator Selection**

- Willis Elkins has interviewed two of the three candidates for the facilitator position. There is one additional candidate to interview.
- Paul Pullo suggested that Willis narrow the selection down to two candidates and conduct a follow-up conference call interview with more Steering Committee members to gather more input for the final selection.

#### **2. Congresswoman Velázquez's Superfund Enhancement Act**

- The Steering Committee informally discussed the CAG's endorsement of the Superfund Enhancement Act. Members at the meeting were generally in support of endorsing it. Willis Elkins, Ryan Kuonen and Kelly MacDonald will discuss how to proceed with a formal CAG endorsement in accordance with CAG bylaws. Lisa Bloodgood suggested touching base with environmental justice-focused groups to see if they also support the Act, prior to the CAG's endorsement. Willis plans to reach out to several organizations.

#### **3. Upcoming CAG Meetings**

- The CAG would like to hold a CAG technical meeting in May. The Steering Committee asked Kelly to reach out to EPA about availability for several potential meeting dates identified by the Steering Committee. Willis will discuss potential topics for the technical meeting with EPA and suggest the use of the Newtown Creek Alliance office as the regular meeting location for the technical meetings.
- The CAG would like to hold a CAG general meeting in June in Queens. The Steering Committee asked Kelly to reach out to EPA about EPA's availability for several potential meeting dates identified by the Steering Committee. Potential topics for the general CAG meeting include: 1) discussing the finalization of the Remedial Investigation Report; 2) inviting other federal or state agencies to present; and 3) inviting someone from another local CAG (e.g., the Gowanus Canal Superfund Site CAG) to present.

**4. Debrief from March 20 CAG Meeting**

- The Steering Committee would like more information from AnchorQEA and EPA regarding ongoing sampling and research.