

Webinar Chat Transcript

May 7, 2020

From Rev Yolanda Brown

10:14 AM

Hello, is this being recorded for replays?

From Luis.hernandez

10:15 AM

Yes! We will share the video with the Borough President's Office

From Stephanie Chan (MBPO)

10:15 AM

Good morning Reverend, yes it is being recorded and will be uploaded to the MBPO website after.

From Rev Yolanda Brown

10:15 AM

Great. Continue the excellent work.

From Rev. Dr. Charles Butler

10:33 AM

How can I obtain a copy of the book?

From James Clark

10:34 AM

Do case studies including failed projects - as a way to identify pitfalls, lessons learned?

From Jason's iPhone

10:34 AM

was there anything that didn't make it into the book that you think is important

From James Park

10:35 AM

Will this Task Force members will be able to read it before the final book printed and documented?

From Rev. Dr. Charles Butler

10:35 AM

My church is in the process of using the air rights and building affordable housing above our building. Are you available to provide technical assistance or financial support?

From James Clark

10:36 AM

Thank you!

From Karen DiLossi

10:36 AM

Is the ultimate hope the the Manhattan Borough President's office is going to try and use this resource to help guide some changes in policy to help protect some needed congregations in underserved neighborhoods from developers? Will this go to City government with that hope as well?

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:36 AM

Does the action book address how landmarking has hindered church development and mission?

From Peter Cook

10:36 AM

curious if covid reshaped recommendations? How directly do address access to predevelopment funds?

From Braham Berg

10:37 AM

Do the findings recommend public-private partnerships and/or suggest some of the national/regional financing programs and organizations available in the impact investing space?

From Veanda

10:40 AM

Nice job everyone. Very important information!

From Karen DiLossi

10:45 AM

Just as a note, Partners for Sacred Places also does help congregations think about space sharing partnerships that align with their mission and vision. Thanks Dapha!

From Rachel Hildebrandt

10:46 AM

Partners for Sacred Places is also in the process of developing a guide to transitioning property, which can compliment this work! It's a very timely topic!

From rebeccaamato

10:47 AM

Rachel, that's great — do you have an ETA on that guide?

From Daphna Ezrachi

10:48 AM

Thank you Karen! <https://sacredplaces.org/>

From Rachel Hildebrandt

10:49 AM

Fall of this year.

From Malcolm A. Punter, Ed.D

10:50 AM

Did you discuss the various types of religious organizations approval process ("polity") in the disposition of church or religious organization property? Was their any discussion of the pitfall of religious organizations engaging it unrelated business activities?

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:51 AM

I wondered whether a house of worship can undo landmarking to do the mission it intends in its community

From Ann-Isabel

10:52 AM

RE: landmarking, don't know if findings reflect this, but Conservancy spoke with Noelle re: National Register listing as non-regulatory alternative to local landmark designation; we can provide Manhattan examples...

From Braham Berg

10:53 AM

Thank you - helpful

From K Karpen

10:53 AM

If these buildings are going to survive, some way will need to be found for city funding for preservation of the physical structures, obviously not the religious purposes. If these buildings are seen as a public good, SOME means has to be found for public funding.

From Daphna Ezrachi

10:55 AM

If you have additional questions please send to: RFTF@manhattanbp.nyc.gov

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:55 AM

Thank you for this Action Book!

From Patrice Ruel

10:55 AM

Thank you!

From rebeccaamato

10:55 AM

You've done an excellent job, Wagner students!

From Katherine

10:56 AM

Thank you so much for your work on this Action Book!

From Peter Cook

10:56 AM

This is so helpful and eagerly look forward to seeing this book.

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:56 AM

Department of Buildings

From Rachel Hildebrandt

10:56 AM

I would suggest sharing it with judicatories / denominational bodies

From Stephanie Chan (MBPO)

10:56 AM

Hello everyone from the MBPO. If you have questions about the Action Book or task force please email us at RFTF@manhattanbp.nyc.gov. We will be distributing this book to the public and community boards very soon. This recording will also be uploaded onto our website. Resources and presentations of previous task force meetings can be found at: manhattanbp.nyc.gov/rftf

From Karen DiLossi

10:56 AM

We would also be happy to share it on our NYC webpage and with any congregations we are working with right now directly.

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:57 AM

Judson Memorial and Union Seminary often have seminars that can highlight the book

From K Karpen

10:57 AM

I have a list of all the religious institutions in CB7 I'd be glad to forward a link to.

From Stephanie Chan (MBPO)

10:57 AM

Thank you Robert, K and Karen!

From Malcolm A. Punter, Ed.D

10:57 AM

Distribution through seminaries, faith based membership organizations (e.g. HCCI, etc...) and community boards would be beneficial.

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

10:58 AM

Metro IAF

From Braham Berg

10:59 AM

Would like highlight one organization I'm working with is Crossing Capital Group - and we support faith-based groups and seminaries via a leadership development training, technical/development/design advisory service, and are in discussions around funds for pre-development in the impact investing... www.crossingcapitalgroup.com.

From Stephanie Chan (MBPO)

10:59 AM

As a reminder, RFTF did have two more remaining meetings before COVID, one on policy and another to close out the task force. Thus the policy chapter will be revised when we are back in the office after we are able to meet and discuss policy in person, so if you have suggestions there is an opportunity to add them.

From Robert Foltz-Morrison

11:00 AM

Thank you Gale.

From Jason's iPhone

11:00 AM

also send to all Judicatories (those that require statutory approval for real estate transactions and others)

From K Karpen

11:00 AM

I think policy changes on air rights would be important.

From James Park

11:00 AM

Everyone please hit three dot - to the right. Save chat on your PC folder.

From Karen DiLossi

11:00 AM

Thanks James!! have to go, I have another Zoom call that starts at 11am! Great to see everyone online!