



Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Meeting Notes

Meeting: MSK Pavilion Construction Working Group (CWG) Meeting
Date: March 20, 2025
Location: Zoom and Memorial Hospital Room M108

Members/Groups in Attendance:

MSK Project Team

CWG Co-Chair Caitlin Hool, Director, Community Engagement and Health Equity
CWG Co-Chair Terron Browne, Project Manager, Design and Construction
Ana Garcia, Senior Director, Community Engagement and Health Equity
Maribel Rodriguez, Senior Project Coordinator, Community Engagement and Health Equity
Charlie Whitney, Vice President & General Manager of Turner New York's Business Unit
Thomas Drumm, Project Executive, Turner Consigli
Ryan Kiefer, Associate Director, Design and Construction
Shelly Friedman, MSK Land Use Counsel, Friedman & Gotbaum
Henry Kearney, Senior Vice President, Air Quality, AKRF
Erin Stolz, Senior Technical Director, Environmental Health and Safety, AKRF

Community Representatives

Yasmina Caleo, F.A.C.T.
Julie Clarke, P.S. 183 PTA
Courtney Ferrissey, NY State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's Office
Harry Gale, NYC Council Member Julie Menin's Office
Jack Glass, ALC Environmental
Laura Jackson, 438 E 66th St
Alex Kogan, Rockefeller University
Kyle Kolich, P.S. 183
Jennifer Rong, ALC Environmental
Anat Rosenberg, F.A.C.T.
Judy Schneider, East Sixties Neighborhood Association
Myishia Taylor-Myke, NYC Department of Education
Martin Woodard, P.S. 183

Observers

Daniel Egers, P.S. 183 parent

Members/Groups Invited but not in Attendance:

Will Brightbill, Community Board 8
Rev. Stefan Chanas, Church of St. John Nepomucene
Rande Coleman, 404 E 66th St
Richard Czaja, Stahl Organization (1213 York Ave)

Andrea Dawes, NYC Department of Education
William Dessofo, 400 E 67th St (The Laurel)
Marianne Dziuba Fiore, Stahl Organization (1213 York Ave)
Rachel George, 400 E 67th St (The Laurel)
Sarra Hale, NY State Senator Liz Krueger's Office
Valerie Mason, Community Board 8
Celeste Royo, Manhattan Borough President's Office
Melanie Russo, P.S. 183 PTA
Sowabiah Shahbaz, Manhattan Borough President's Office
Nate Sherfinski, NYC Mayor's Office
Serge St. Leger, NYC Department of Education
Jonathan Szott, NYC Council Member Julie Menin's Office
Audrey Tannen, NY State Senator Liz Krueger's Office
Mary Thomas, 404 E 66th St
Gregg, Wolpert, Stahl Organization (1213 York Ave)

Welcome and Introductions

Caitlin Hool welcomed the Construction Working Group (CWG) members.

Meeting Goals and Details

The CWG meetings provide a forum where the MSK project team can:

1. Provide timely updates to Upper East Side residents and leaders about Pavilion construction activities.
2. Receive information and questions about ways the project construction activities are affecting the community.
3. Report on how MSK is responding to community construction questions and concerns.

CWG meetings are generally held on the third Thursday of the month from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Meetings are hybrid with members on Zoom or in person at MSK. As discussed in previous meetings, CWG members include the MSK project team, representatives from neighboring buildings, and representatives from local agencies and officials. Each building or office may have one representative and a designated alternate. The CWG meetings are open to the public to observe. All comments and questions regarding Pavilion construction activities should be directed to CWG members to be raised for discussion during the meetings.

The CWG meetings are recorded. Please find the recordings in the Construction Working Group Meetings section of MSK's website: <https://www.msk.org/pavilionconstruction>

Construction Report: Current Status & 6 Week Lookahead

Terron Browne highlighted site readiness activities completed to date, including completion of the site fence and the installation of overhead protection along the sidewalks; the removal of soil at the exterior planters; completion of the exterior scaffolding; and the abatement of asbestos-containing material (ACM) in the lining of the exterior planters and interior of the building.

Activities over the next six weeks will include: initiation of structural demolition activities of the buildings located at 1233 York Ave; abatement of ACM on the exterior of the buildings; steel deliveries to the cellar level in Rockefeller Research Labs; and dewatering of the E 67th St sewer connection. The 6-week Lookahead is available on the Construction Notices page of MSK's website (link above).

Air Quality Report

Terron Browne reviewed the air quality controls in place for the project and the locations of the air quality monitors. He presented a display of the continuous air quality readings from the air monitors since last month's

CWG meeting. The readings are of overall air quality levels, to which the Pavilion construction activities contribute. The readings use the PM10 scale, which measures the amount of particulate matter in the air in micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). On the PM10 scale, a level of 0-50 is generally considered good, and above 150 is considered potentially unhealthy. The highest measurement recorded since last month's CWG meeting was 34 on the PM10 scale.

Old Business

Terron Browne and Caitlin Hool reported on the following actions taken/underway to resolve 20 community inquiries received since last month's CWG meeting:

- Directed people to the air quality report on msk.org
- Connected community members with ALC Environmental
- Added community members to observe the CWG meetings
- Implemented updates to the Pavilion Construction Notices page of msk.org
- Provided more information about the geotechnical borings completed in March
- Investigated the source of an occasional alarm sound reported by residents on E 66th St
- Clarified with community members that overnight work in March was not related to the MSK Pavilion
- Asked the MSK Pavilion architects to confirm the square footage of the inpatient rooms
- We will keep noise within limits allowed by city regulations
- MSK will present information at an upcoming CWG meeting about its current state of deliveries
- Yasmina Caleo will be the community liaison to ALC Environmental

Questions and Answers

The following additional questions were raised during the meeting and answered as indicated.

- Will sewers on E 66th St be impacted by the scheduled dewatering/sewer connection work?

No, the sewers on E 66th St should not be impacted.

- Was a recent power outage in an isolated building on E 66th St related to work at the MSK Pavilion site?

Not that we are aware of. There have been no power/electricity issues at the MSK Pavilion site.

- Can community members meet Jack Glass and Jennifer Rong from ALC Environmental in person?

ALC communicated they would welcome an in-person meeting with community members and encouraged community members to reach out and schedule something with them.

- Are the MSK Pavilion security guards supposed to patrol the site?

The security guard at the main entrance to the site should not leave his post. There should be a guard walking around patrolling the site, and there will be a guard doing that moving forward.

- Can MSK/AKRF provide the height of the current building located at 1233 York Ave?

MSK will follow up with this information.

Adjournment

The next CWG meeting is Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. For project updates, visit msk.org/pavilionconstruction, email communityaffairs@mskcc.org, or call the construction hotline at 212-639-4444.