STATE OF NEW YORK

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IN ASSEMBLY

May 24, 2018

Introduced by M. of A. NOLAN -- read once and referred to the Committee on Cities

AN ACT to amend the economic development law, in relation to establishing the Sunnyside Yards district advisory workgroup; and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. The economic development law is amended by adding a new article 24 to read as follows:

ARTICLE 24

SUNNYSIDE YARDS DISTRICT ADVISORY WORKGROUP

Section 470. Sunnyside Yards district advisory workgroup.

§ 470. Sunnyside Yards district advisory workgroup. 1. There is hereby established the Sunnyside Yards advisory workgroup (the "workgroup") which shall consist of sixteen members, four of whom shall be appointed by the governor, four of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly, four of whom shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate, two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the assembly, and two of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate. All of the members of the workgroup shall be residents of, or work within community boards one and two in Queens County as defined by the city of New York and established pursuant to section twenty-eight hundred of the New York city charter. The chair of the workgroup shall be nominated by the members of the workgroup.

2. There is hereby established the Sunnyside Yards district. The boundaries of the Sunnyside Yards district shall be, in the county of Queens, west of 43rd Street, south of Northern Boulevard and Jackson Avenue, east of 21st Street, and north of 49th Avenue and Skillman Avenue.

3. The workgroup shall undertake a review of the actions and measures necessary to improve the Sunnyside Yards district as established in this section that would be beneficial to community boards one and two in the county of Queens.

EXPLANATION--Matter in *italics* (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [-] is old law to be omitted.

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4. The workgroup shall review and make recommendations regarding the possible uses of the Sunnyside Yards district as defined in this section. Such recommendations shall include but not be limited to:

(a) Recommendations for new open space and parkland, and uses for such open space and parkland;

(b) Possible uses for the area including levels of commercial, residential and industrial uses;

(c) Recommendations for improvements to existing neighborhood facilities or new neighborhood facilities including, transportation, education and all municipal services. Such recommendations shall include any service provided by governmental, non-governmental or quasi-governmental entities as the workgroup may determine;

(d) Recommendations for appropriate development and density and changes to zoning to accomplish such development. Such recommendations may include those for affordable housing which may be defined by the workgroup; and

(e) Recommendations for the retention and increase of industrial and commercial uses within the district for purposes of job retention and creation.

5. The commissioner shall provide support and resources as he or she determines is appropriate for the proper functioning of the workgroup.

6. The Sunnyside Yards workgroup shall, by a majority vote, approve and issue a final report and recommendations to the governor, the temporary president of the senate, the speaker of the assembly, the minority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the assembly, the mayor of the city of New York, and community boards one and two in the county of Queens on or before December thirty-first, two thousand nineteen.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed January 1, 2020.