

JAMAICA BAY TASK FORCE MEETING

Wednesday, August 3, 2005

6:00 - 8:30pm

Floyd Bennett Field

Ryan Visitors Center

Flatbush Avenue

Brooklyn, NY

(718) 338-3876

Car: Belt Parkway to exit 11 south. Continue on Flatbush Avenue until the last traffic light before the Marine Parkway Gill Hodges Bridge. Turn left onto Floyd Bennett Blvd, the main entrance to the park. Make the first left (Aviation Road), the Visitors Center will be on your left.

Train/Bus: 2/5 train to Flatbush Avenue then connect to Q35 Green line bus in front of Lord's Bakery. Ask the driver to let you off in front of the Ryan Center because it is no longer an official stop, or you can get off at the last stop before the toll and walk back towards the center.

Minutes

Eugenia Flatow (NYC Soil and Water Conservation District) called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Karlee Yurek welcomed everyone to the meeting and discussed a few items. Afterwards, various members of the JBTF reported on their organization's activities.

Len Houston reported on the status of the Jamaica Bay Marsh Islands Ecosystem Restoration project. An extensive question and answer period followed.

John Scialdone presented the Jamaica Bay Research and Management Information Network (JBRMIN), a component of the U.S Geological Survey National Biological Information Infrastructure (NBII) Northeast Information Node (NIN). JBRMIN is an attempt to capture and catalog research, management, and other activity occurring in the Bay, primarily to gauge the health of the bay. CIESIN has been building the JBRMIN website since 2003, gathering information from federal, state, regional, and local agencies, as well as universities and non-government organizations, culminating with a public release in April 2005. John felt JBRMIN could play a vital role in supporting JBTF activities, and planned to meet with Task Force officials to discuss areas of collaboration.

Eugenia Flatow concluded the meeting with a few remarks.

E. Flatow adjourned the meeting at 8:30.