

# **RIOC CAPITAL PROJECT**

## **FDR HOPE MEMORIAL**

### **RIOC BOARD APPROVES PROJECT TO BE FINISHED IN WINTER 2020**

On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, the RIOC Board of Directors approved a measure that allows for construction of the FDR Hope Memorial to begin immediately. The memorial will be built in Southpoint Park and is currently scheduled to be completed in Winter 2020. The bronze and stone memorial will depict President Roosevelt in a wheelchair turning to greet a young girl using crutches. It will be one of the first public art projects to depict the president's disability and is designed to inspire anyone struggling with all forms of disability.

#### **Working Together**

The FDR Hope Memorial is evidence of what is possible when different parts of the community work together toward a common goal. In 2010, the Franklin & Eleanor Roosevelt Institute pledged \$100,000 to the Roosevelt Island Disabled Association (RIDA) for the memorial. Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright and an anonymous donor were able to provide grants for the project.

When the time came to begin construction in 2018, RIDA asked for RIOC's assistance and expertise to bring the project to completion. RIOC immediately went to work and is now about to begin construction of this important project.

#### **About RIDA**

RIDA's mission is to improve and enhance the quality of life of the disabled residents on Roosevelt Island. They provide activities, programs and services that are designed to improve the mental, physical, and emotional strength of their members. RIDA also provides social services to help their members.

#### **Renderings**

