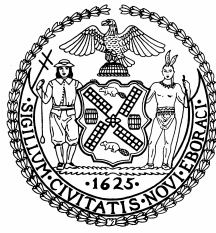


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2008 – 6:30PM
NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER
310 EAST 67TH STREET
AUDITORIUM

Present: Joie Anderson, Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Richard Burg, Roy H. Carlin, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Gerard Clynes, William Friedland, George Fuchs, Nicholas Goddard, Ruth Halberg, Jonathan Horn, Lorraine Johnson, Karen Karpowich, Dave Kleckner, Laura Lijewski, Jacqueline Ludorf, Laura Mayer, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, N. Sharon Pope, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Dan Quart, Diane Rosen, David L. Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Helene Simon, Teri Slater, Cos Spagnoletti, H. Patrick Stewart, Nicholas Viest, Betty Cooper Wallerstein, Elaine Walsh, Charles S. Warren, Hedi White

Absent (Excused): Matthew A. Bondy, Edward Kramer, David Liston, Susan Shapiro

Absent (Unexcused): Deirdre Breslin, Christina R. Davis, Susan Grossman, Kenneth M. Moltner

Arrived Late: Elizabeth Ashby, Matthew Bondy, Barbara Chocky, Christina R. Davis, Kenneth M. Moltner, Ellen Polivy, N. Sharon Pope, Margaret Price, Dan Quart, Diane Rosen, David Rosenstein, M. Barry Schneider, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Hedi White

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Jacqueline Ludorf, First Vice-Chair

1. Public Session

- Ms. Kristen Rodriguez spoke in opposition to advertisements in the neighborhood.
- Mr. Joseph Puglisi spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance design change.
- Mr. Deg K. Rasmussen spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance design change.
- Mr. Ted Long spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance design change.
- Mr. David Cooper spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Ms. Marguente Platt spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Mr. Porots Hicks spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Mr. Denise Kellen spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Ms. Valerie S. Mason spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Mr. Cory Rosenwald spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Ms. Beth Neuhaus spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.
- Mr. Zen Neuhaus spoke in opposition to the Second Avenue Subway 72nd Street station entrance.

3. Manhattan Borough President's Report: Mr. Cullen Barrie represented the Borough President. Mr. Barrie reported that the Borough President, Council Speaker Quinn and Council Member Gale Brewer, Inez Dickins introduced legislation to better regulate blasting on construction sites.

Mr. Barrie also reported that on January 16, 2008 the Borough President joined colleagues from State and City government to announce a comprehensive anti-warehousing plan that will promote the development of vacant land for affordable housing.

4. Elected Officials' Reports:

- a) Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney – Mr. Brice Peyre represented the Congresswoman. Mr. Peyre reported that the Congresswoman on February 5, 2008 hailed the inclusion of \$277.7 million in federal funding for the Second Avenue Subway project and \$219.3 million for East Side Access in President Bush's FY 2009 budget proposal.
- b) NYS Senator Liz Krueger – Ms. Sara Hale Stern represented the Senator. Ms. Stern reported that Carnegie Hill Neighbors is sponsoring a Security Town Forum, which will provide an opportunity to discuss local security and emergency preparedness efforts taking place in the community. The forum will take place on February 28th from 7:00-9:00 pm at Hunter Auditorium, 71 East 94th Street.
- c) NYS Senator Jose Serrano – Mr. Brian Levinson represented the Senator. Mr. Levinson reported that the Senator hosted the Eastwood Housing Forum on Thursday, February 7, 2008 in the Good Shepherd Community Center in Roosevelt Island.
- d) NYS Assembly Member Micah Kellner – Ms. Eliyanna Kaiser represented the Assembly Member. Ms. Kaiser reported that the Assembly Member is pleased to announce that the unfair tax increase for Roosevelt Island has been rescinded. Last September, the Empire State Development Corporation sent an unprecedented and enormous tax bill to three Roosevelt Island Buildings – Westview, Island House, and Rivercross. This would have affected the future of affordability for Mitchell-Lamas on Roosevelt Island.
- e) NYS Assembly Member Jonathan Bing – Mr. Keith Power represented the Assembly Member. Mr. Power reported that the Assembly Member testified on January 16, 2008 at a hearing before the Traffic Congestion Mitigation Commission at Hunter College. He previously testified before the commission on October 25, 2007. Mr. Power also reported that the Assembly Member encourages community residents to support the businesses negatively affected by the construction of the Second Avenue Subway.
- f) Council Member Jessica Lappin – Ms. Jane Swanson represented the Council Member. Ms. Swanson announced that the Council Member is the moderator for the East Side Sustainability Summit on February 25, 2008 at Hunter College School of Social Work at 6:00-8:00pm. This will help New Yorkers change their behavior and improve our environment.
- g) Council Member Daniel Garodnick: Mr. Sven Pamuk represented the Council Member. Mr. Pamuk reported that the Council Member questions Con Edison on the steam pipe inspection and repair procedures. The Council Member reaches out to tenants affected by the building fire at a high-rise building at 200 East 72nd Street. The Council Member

5. Chair's Report David G. Liston: There was no Chair's Report.

6. District Manager's Report: Ms. Brannon reported first and foremost thank you to the Community Board staff and members for their patience and assistance. The Rodents On The Run Forum was very well attended and informative. Thank you Co-Chairs. January District Service Cabinet went well and all Board members are invited to attend. The meetings are held at either the NYPL or the 19th Pct on the last Tuesday of the month. I look forward to all to support the Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee first Forum on March 13, 2008. Thank you!

7. Report of Community Board's 8 representatives to various Task Force and Community Advisory Boards:

- Neighborhood Center for Homeless People (N.C.H.P.) Community Advisory Committee.

- The Borough President's Community Labor Task Force on Responsible Contracting.

8. Committee Reports & Action Items:

Transportation Committee: Reported by Charles S. Warren and M. Barry Schneider - Co-Chairs of the Transportation Committee:

1. A discussion of the applications by DOITT regarding the relocation of Public Pay Telephones (PPT's) to East 59th Street and First Avenue, NE corner; East 60th Street and First Avenue, SE corner; and East 66th Street and First Avenue, NW corner as a result of the Second Avenue Subway project.

WHEREAS, DOITT requests CB8's opinion on moving PPTs to East 59th Street and 1st Avenue, NE corner; East 60th Street and 1st Avenue, SE corner; East 66th Street and 1st Avenue, NW corner and 1531 York Avenue at East 81st Street as a result of the 2nd Avenue Subway construction project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed locations at E. 59th and E. 60th Street are adjacent to a New York City Landmark, the Queensboro Bridge, and

WHEREAS, there are numerous PPT locations franchised by NYC to Verizon and Telebeam which seem primarily to provide advertisements instead of PPT service; and

WHEREAS, NYC franchises PPTs under a 10 year term for which it receives a revenue stream of \$25 million, which franchise term expires in 2 years; and

WHEREAS, DOITT has denied almost 1000 applications for PPT sites; and

WHEREAS, NYC has been in litigation with Telebeam for 10 years at a cost of millions of dollars;

WHEREAS, although cell phone technology has changed or reduced the need for PPTs, they still serve users in CB8 and NYC; and

WHEREAS, there have been numerous complaints to DOITT about service many of which are remedied; and

WHEREAS, there are presently 42 PPTs between 59th and 69th Street on 1st, which averages 4.6 PPTs per block; and

WHEREAS, NYC is becoming a pallet for street advertising; and

WHEREAS, there are too many PPTs in the area of proposed relocation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB8 recommends that DOITT deny the applications to relocate public pay telephones from 2nd Avenue to East 59th Street and 1st Avenue, NE corner; East 60th Street and 1st Avenue, SE corner; 1531 York Avenue and East 66th Street and 1st Avenue, NW corner

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2. Continued discussion: A request for a new Revocable Consent to fence in area and steps at 158 East 61st Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 8 recommends that a revocable consent be granted to 158 East 61st Street to move the entranceway and fence in accordance with plans submitted with the new work not to go beyond the neighboring stoop.

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

4. Continued discussion to install a "No Honking Horn" sign at 72nd Street and Second Avenue.

This item, having been twice adjourned, was tabled.

Community Board 8M voted to table this by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

5. A discussion to amend the Administrative Code of the City of New York regarding Illegal Curb Cuts, Intros No. 619 and 620.

These Intros. Are intended to amend the Administrative Code of NYC regarding the repair of illegal curb cuts by NYC at the owner's expense where owner fails to make repairs after notice to owner. Manhattan Community Board 4 requested that we join them by endorsing these bills. Since this has not been an issue in Manhattan community District 8, the mater was tabled by a unanimous vote.

Community Board 8M voted to table this by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

York Avenue Traffic Conditions Forum: Reported by Charles S. Warren and M. Barry Schneider – Co-Chairs of the Transportation Committee:

1. A discussion of traffic conditions on York Avenue – assessment of existing conditions to include bottlenecks, choke points and pedestrian hazards from E. 59th Street to E. 92nd Street.

BE IT RESOLVED, that Manhattan Community Board 8 recommends that the Transportation Committee:

1. Contact the private entities from E. 73 to E. 61 on York Avenue to sit down and talk out the issues.
2. Communicate to the NYPD the need for more enforcement including Traffic Control Agents and Traffic Enforcement Agents at key intersections along York Avenue'
3. Look at eliminating parking during rush hour on the east and west sides of York between E. 73 & E. 63 Streets.
4. Examine E. 71st and E. 73rd Street entrance/exit to and from the FDR Drive.
5. Confirm that the conversion of York Avenue to one way is a dead issue

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Landmarks Committee: Reported by William Friedland – Co-Chair of the Landmarks Committee:

1. 112 East 73rd Street – Upper East Side Historic District – Application is to legalize the construction of a stoop and areaway while LPC permits were pending

WHEREAS, 112 East 73rd Street is a Queen Anne and neo-Renaissance style house designed by Thom & Wilson built in 1881-82

WHEREAS, the application is to legalize work already done without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the application is disapproved

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 invites the applicant to appear

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

2. 12 East 73rd Street – Upper East Side Historic District – Application is to add an addition to rear yard, replace rear windows and to modify the window proportions.

WHEREAS, 12 East 73rd Street is a neo-Classical five-story limestone residence erected in 1920 by Harry Allen Jacobs.

WHEREAS, the addition to the rear yard would consist of a cellar-space beneath a new terrace. The new terrace/rear yard allows the grade at the rear of the property to match the grade at the front of the property.

WHEREAS, access to the new “rear yard” to accommodate the grade change, requires introducing 5 new steps down from the first floor.

WHEREAS, the new casement windows on the rear elevation at the third, fourth, and fifth floors, to replace existing double hung windows, will use the existing masonry openings

WHEREAS, the proposed new windows on the first and second floors, to replace “stock” French doors/windows will be narrower with the space between each window enlarged. The windows will fit within the existing masonry openings on both floors.

WHEREAS, the windows will be of painted wood and will replace non-historic windows.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the application is approved PROVIDED THAT no original fabric of the rear façade is removed

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 4 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

3. 944 Fifth Avenue – Upper East Side Historic District – Mr. Mark Ferguson – Application is to change two windows on the 14th floor on the south elevation to tilt and turn windows.

WHEREAS, 944 Fifth Avenue is a neo-Italian Renaissance thirteen-story apartment building erected in 1920 by Harry Allen Jacobs.

WHEREAS, the two windows are south side wall windows around the corner from the front elevation.

WHEREAS, the window “Masterplan” for 944 Fifth Avenue is only concerned with the front elevation, requiring 6 over 6 windows in the 4 floors of the limestone base and tilt and turn windows in the 9 floors above.

WHEREAS, there is no “Masterplan” in place for any of the side walls

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the application is approved.

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 22 in favor, 16 opposed, and 1 abstention.

4. 129 East 70th Street – Upper East Side Historic District – Mr. Peter Brotherton – Application is to restore the stoop.

WHEREAS, 129 East 70th Street is a High Victoria Gothic brownstone with Italian Quattrocento details, built in 1863.

WHEREAS, 129 East 70th Street is the oldest house in the Upper East Side Historic District, speculatively built as one of five and the only one to remain. The architect of the five houses is unknown.

WHEREAS, the stoop was removed in 1940.

WHEREAS, the architecture is “eccentric”: the stone arches above the windows are gothic; rest of detailing is basically Italianate.

WHEREAS, the replacement stoop, doorway, door canopy (Italianate style rounded hood) and door are based on an Italianate-style townhouse in Boerum Hill dating from the same period, among other period reference

WHEREAS, newel posts and garden railing will be in keeping with the period as well. **WHEREAS**, the applicant does not need a “revocable consent” from DOT since the stoop is within the property line.

WHEREAS, the restoration of the stoop will bring 129 East 70th Street back to its original character.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the application is approved

Community Board 8M passed this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.