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## The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Street Fair Committee Meeting  
Monday, February 23, 2010  
7:00 PM

Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center  
415 East 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, Dining Room A & B

### Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Chocky and Laura Lijewski, Co-Chairs; Michele Birnbaum, Lorraine Johnson.

Members Excused: David Rosenstein, Helene Simon

Others-(See attached attendance sheet)

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the Co-Chairs.

#### 1. Public Hearings RE: Applications for Street Closings for Single Block Fairs.

- a. Marymount Manhattan College, East 71<sup>st</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues on Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 PM.

Marymount representatives indicated that they want to close the street in-order to hold a Strawberry Festival for the College Community. There will be music and food. Regulations relating to music and food were reviewed with the applicants. The event is for Marymount students, faculty and staff. Food will be provided by the College and there will be no outside vendors. There will be inflatable games.

Committee members discussed whether the street should be closed for an event that is not open to the public. Their representatives said there is no adequate space within the school for this event. Some members believed that since this is a local institution that we should support them.

Since the event is not open to the public; and since it is within close proximity to the Second Avenue construction, committee member Lijewski did not vote to support the application.

**Whereas, there is no adequate space within the school to hold this event, and**

**Whereas, the College is a community institution,**

**Therefore: be it resolved to approve this application.**

**Motion to approve passed 3-0-1**

Yes 3 (Birnbaum, Chocky, Johnson)

No 0

Abstain 1 (Lijewski)

- b. Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints, East 87<sup>th</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

This is the second year that the Church will be holding the rummage sale outside – it was held indoors in the past. There will be outdoor cooking managed by teenagers. The applicant was advised that they will need a food permit.

Since the event is open to the general public; and since it is within close proximity to the Second Avenue construction, committee member Lijewski did not vote to support the application.

**Whereas, there is no adequate space within the church to hold this event, and**

**Whereas, the church is part of our community,**

**Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve failed 2-0-2**

Yes 2 (Chocky, Johnson)

No 0

Abstain 2 (Birnbaum, Lijewski)

- c. Trevor Day School, East 90<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Friday, June 11, 2010 from 3:30 PM to 5:00 PM.

This is a Commencement Reception to follow their High School graduation. There is no adequate space within the school to hold the reception. Free food will be distributed, but there will be no vendors. There will be chairs around bistro tables for some of the guests who can't stand.

Committee members believed that the school is part of the community and that this event would not have a negative impact on the community.

Since the event is not open to the general public; and since in the past they have used indoor space for the event, committee member Lijewski did not vote to support the application.

**Whereas, there is no adequate space within the school to hold this event, and**

**Whereas, the school is part of our community,**

**Therefore, be it resolved to approve:**

**Motion to approve failed 2-0-2**

Yes 2 (Chocky, Johnson)

No 0

Abstain 2 (Birnbaum, Lijewski)

- d. Goat Hill Neighborhood Association, East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Wednesday, June 2, 2010 from 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

The presenter indicated that the purpose of this event, which is a picnic, was to collect dues from neighbors who have not yet paid their dues.

**Whereas, the event is restricted to private use by members of the Goat Hill Neighborhood Association, and**

**Whereas, the purpose of this event is to collect money from neighbors who did not pay their dues,**

**Therefore, be it resolved that the street should not be closed and application be disapproved.**

**Motion to disapprove passed 4-0-0**

Yes 4 (Birnbaum, Chocky, Johnson, Lijewski)

No 0

Abstain 0

2. Application by the Council on the Environment for the renewal of a Greenmarket located on the south side of East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between First and York Avenues, Saturdays beginning June 19, 2010 – December 18, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Members of the committee requested that the display and service of wine be monitored at all times including the sidewalk display of wine bottles. Additionally, committee members requested that the operators be sure to maintain adequate the sidewalk clearance for pedestrians.

The pastor from St. Stephen's of Hungary, the site of the green market, spoke in favor of the green market's operation on their property.

**Whereas the dates for the operation of the green market are to start a month earlier and continue a month longer than in past years, and**

**Whereas, the operators agreed to monitor the wine merchant's operation more closely, and**

**Whereas, the operators agreed to maintain proper sidewalk clearances,**

**Therefore, be it resolved to approve the greenmarket application at its current size for the extended period of time.**

**Motion to approve passed 4-0-0**

**Yes 4 (Birnbaum, Chocky, Johnson, Lijewski)**

**No 0**

**Abstain 0**

3. Application by the Council on the Environment for the renewal of a Greenmarket located on the East side of First Avenue, between East 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets, Sundays beginning June 20, 2010 – December 19, 2010 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

During a discussion, Lorraine Johnson relayed her concerns that this market is too expensive for the people living in the Stanley Isaacs buildings. It is felt that, since the market is located on Stanley Isaacs Houses property, it should be better priced to serve the residents. The Council representatives said the ETV (food stamps) program, which was in place last season, will be in place at the beginning of this year's market. Ms. Johnson also said the produce offered is very limited in variety and one of the vendors extends his booth too far onto the sidewalk. Additionally, Ms. Johnson is opposed to the extension of their operation into December.

**Whereas the dates for the operation of the greenmarket are to start a month earlier and continue a month longer than in past years, and**

**Whereas, the ETV (food stamp program) will be in place throughout the market's season, and**

**Whereas, the Council on the Environment agreed to keep the sidewalk clear for pedestrian traffic,**

**Therefore: be it resolved to approve the greenmarket application.**

**Motion to approve passed 3-1-0**

**Yes 3 (Birnbaum, Chocky, Lijewski)**

**No 1 (Johnson)**

**Abstain 0**

4. Public Hearings RE: Applications for Street Closing for Multi-Block Fair.

- a. Manhattan Youth Baseball Corp, East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street between Lexington and Second Avenues on Sunday, October 31, 2010 from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM.

**Whereas, the applicant did not appear, and**

**Whereas, there are concerns that the funds raised do not go to programs within the community board district, and**

**Whereas, the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct representative indicated there has been a negative response to this event in the past and that the operator canceled the event last year,**

**Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the committee disapprove the application.**

**Motion to disapprove passed 4-0-0**

Yes 4 (Birnbaum, Chocky, Johnson, Lijewski)

No 0

Abstain 0

There were no Old or New Business items for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chocky and Laura Lijewski

Co-Chairs