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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

CB8 Members - Molly Blaney, Teri Slater, Judy Schneider, Ed Hertzog, Marco Tamayo, Jane Parshall

6:40p Nick Viest called meeting to order

Shelly Friedman gave a brief overview and introduced Iris Weinshall Chancellor of CUNY

Iris Weinshall gave an overview of CUNY and its mission.

Suzy Heeley of MSK gave an overview of MSK and their mission.

Todd Schliemann of Ennead Architects presented the actual details of the projects including building plans.

Shelly Friedman presented the Zoning Text Amendments required for the project and also proposed an arrangement where CUNY MSK would make significant contributions toward the costs of the Haswell Green Park.

Members of the public expressed concerns about the impact of this project on the community regarding traffic and construction. Some residents also felt that they did not receive proper notification of the meeting. The Chair noted that this item was posted and that letters addressed to building management were delivered to the doormen buildings. There will be a follow up by the Chair regarding these issues.

CB8 members expressed strong concerns about the traffic and construction problems associated with this project and the general impact that such a project will have on the community. Some Board members also requested that open space be found close to the site of the project which would benefit the immediate community as opposed to a site located in the low 60's.

The Chair stated that there may be an additional meeting prior to the Land Use meeting on this project.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:45p

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair, CUNY-MSK Task Force