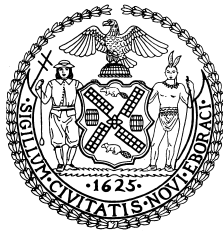


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**The City of New York  
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STREET FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING  
Lighthouse International  
111 East 59<sup>th</sup> Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Flr. Junior Ballroom  
MARCH 18, 2014**

Meeting called to order by and Barbara Chocky at 6:35PM.

Committee members present: Barbara Chocky, Hedi White, Michele Birnbaum. Please see attached sheets for attendance.

**1. Public Hearings re: applications for multi-block street fairs for calendar year 2014.  
(The other multi-block applications were heard previously.)**

- A. NYC DOT to close Park Avenue between East 32<sup>nd</sup> and East 72<sup>nd</sup> streets between Park and Fifth Avenues on Saturdays, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 16<sup>th</sup> from 7:00AM to 1:00PM for Summer Streets.

No one from DOT was present, so no position was taken on this application.

**2. Public hearings re: Applications for Single Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2014**

- A. PS 6 to close East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Saturday September 27,

No one was present from PS 6 to represent the applicant.

**Motion to lay over until next Street Fair Committee: Passed 3-0-0. Yes Birnbaum, White, Chocky.**

- B. The Brick Church to close East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues, on Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup> from 12noon to 4:00PM for a Block Party.

This will be open to the Community, and has been held for 14 years. There will be food and beverages available. No cooking will take place on the block. There will also be music and other **entertainment. No complaints have been received relating to this event.**

**Motion to Approve passed 2-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky**

- C. Bohemian Benevolent and Literary Society to close East 73<sup>rd</sup> Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, October 4, 2014 from 12Noon to 5:00PM for a Block Party.

This is to celebrate Czech Independence Day and has been held for 14 years. Events include music and programs for children. Food will be available but not cooking will take place. The sponsor has worked with the two garages on the block to insure that they will not be blocked during the event.

**Motion to approve passed 2-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky**

- D. Cathedral of The Lady of the Sign to close East 92<sup>rd</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> 2014 from 10:00PM to 2:00AM (Sunday) for a Religious Service.

This is to Celebrate Russian Orthodox Easter with a Midnight Service.

**Motion to approve passed 3-0-0. Yes: White, Birnbaum, Chocky.**

- E. Goat Hill Neighborhood Association to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 5PM to 9PM for a Block Party.

This event is literally a block party by neighbors for neighbors. It is open to the public and there is an outreach to neighboring blocks to encourage attendance. There are no vendors. Food is available but not sold. Ms. Birnbaum expressed concern that block closings for socializing while pleasant, don't constitute a sufficient basis for the interruption and expense for the city.

**Motion to approve 2 Chocky, White -1 Birnbaum-0**

- F. Gamelan Kusuma Laras to close East 68<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Saturday, June 21, 2014 from 1PM to 6PM for a Block Party. This is a new application.

This event is a public musical performance by a group of approximately 40 performers from Java in front of the Indonesian Consulate as a part of Make Music NY. There is no amplification. East 68<sup>th</sup> St is a crosstown bus route and there was some concern about temporarily interrupting the route for an afternoon.

**Motion to approve 2 Chocky, White- 1 Birnbaum-0**

- G. Ramaz School to close East 78<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenue on Tuesday, May 6, 2014 from 10AM to 12Noon for a Block Party.

This event held on and is in celebration of Israeli Independence Day. There are no vendors, rides or outside entertainment. It is open to the public and will be of short (2-hour) duration.

**Motion to approve 3-0-0 White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- H. Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenue on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 3PM to 7PM for a Block Party

This event is the closing of the street in front of the school in conjunction with Graduation. It is not to be open to the public. This is as private event, not open to the public.

**Motion to Disapprove: 3-0-0. White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- I. Hunter College Elementary School to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenue on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 10AM to 4PM for a Block Party

This event, now in its approximately 10<sup>th</sup> year, is an end of school-year Carnival for students of this elementary school. It is open to the public at no charge. There are tickets sold for rides and to participate in children's games.

**Motion to Approve 3-0-0 White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

2. **Old Business** There was no old business
3. **New Business** There was no old business

**Barbara Chocky - Co-Chair and Hedi White Co-Chair**

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