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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

# Budget Committee Meeting Monday, March 2, 2015 Community Board 8 Office 505 Park Avenue, Conference Room 6:30PM

Members Present: Barbara Chocky, James Clynes, Judy Schneider

Member of the Public: Jean Pamphile, Rebecca Donsky

1. CB8 Statement on the FY 16 Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget Requests. Those present reviewed the agency responses to CB8's FY2016 priorities.

# **Capital Budget Priorities**

- 1) Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.
- 2) Provide funding for a ramp at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 3) Provide funding to repair, restore and design the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- 4) Fund repair of roof at 67<sup>th</sup> Street Library to protect recently restored millions spent on this branch
- 5) Provide funding for an elevator at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 6) Provide funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 7) Upgrade fire alarm system at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 8) Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 9) Fund the installation of pedestrian countdown timers at remaining intersections in our district
- 10) Increase funding for audible accessible crossings signals for intersections in our district
- 11) Request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs
- 12) Request curb cut throughout the district
- 13) Fund the installation of Big Bellies in our district
- 14) Fund the installation of newsracks for East 86<sup>th</sup> Street that meet NYC regulations
- 15) Fund the installation of newsracks for Second Avenue that meet NYC regulations
- 16) Provide funding for a new boiler/HVAC for the 67<sup>th</sup> Street Library
- 17) Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and where needed extend the tree pit where needed
- 18) Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of "rat-proof" garbage containers with lids in Community Board 8 preferably solar powered compactor baskets.

# **Continuing Support/Capital:**

CS Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the New York City Public Library

- CS Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters
- CS Provide funding to construct additional public school seats to accommodate current and projected overcrowding
- CS Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge over the FDR Drive
- CS Fund a Fully Built Park along the East River between 60<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets on the Esplanade

# VOTE: 3 In Favor, (Chocky, Clynes, Schneider) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

#### **Expense Budget Priorities**

- 1) Fund Pre-K, Out of School Time and Daycare Programs for all children who go to school in Community District 8 or who have parents that work in Community Board 8.
- 2) Increase funding for youth programs in Community Board 8.
- 3) Increase funding for Rodent Extermination on city streets especially locations within the Second Avenue Subway construction area.
- 4) Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
- 5) Provide funding for exterminators of all parks within Community Board 8.
- 6) Increase funding for services to Older Adults, including Personal and Home Care; Transportation Services; Meals-On-Wheels; Senior Congregate Care Meal Programs and Case Managers.
- 7) Increase funding for additional Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers.
- 8) Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide the Department of Homeless Services with updated Information Technology equipment.
- 9) Provide funding to the NYC Department of Transportation for the necessary materials and personnel to repair potholes and repave avenues and major cross-town streets more frequently than every 10 years within Community Board 8.
- 10) Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair and preserve the Department of Transportations infrastructure-(Bridges and Roads)
- 11) Provide additional Department of Buildings inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement
- 12) Provide additional funding for Children's Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.
- 13) Provide funding to maintain current numbers of Traffic Control Agents
- 14) Provide funding for enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with general vendors
- 15) Provide additional funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.
- 16) Increase funding for the Department of Health enforcement of all Food Vendor rules and regulations.
- 17) Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting a weekday hours
- 18) Restore funding for all staffing of FDNY Fire Marshalls.
- 19) Increase recycling program including solid waste.
- 20) Increase funding for all NYCHA community and senior centers
- 21) Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk café and compliance permits regulation enforcement.
- 22) Fund additional NYPD Police Officers

# VOTE: 3 in Favor, (Chocky, Clynes, Schneider) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.