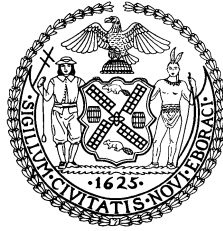


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 6: 30 PM

Church of the Holy Trinity

316 East 88th Street. Draesal Hall

Minutes

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Lori Bores, A. Scott Falk, Andrew Kalloch, Craig Lader, David Menegon, Peter Patch, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White; Jordan Wouk (Public Member)

Absent (Excused): Rita Popper

The Meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM, with some introductory remarks from Councilmember Ben Kallos, who spoke about the selection process for bike share station locations.

1. A request for a new Revocable Consent for three disconnect manholes in 73rd and 74th Streets, west of the FDR Drive. (*Requested by DOT, Franchises, Concessions and Consents*)

Representatives from Philip Habib & Associates spoke in favor of Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's petition for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use three disconnect manholes on the sidewalks in front of their new facility on East 73rd & 74th Street.

According to the presenters, Con Edison requested to have new manholes in the sidewalk, instead of using the existing street manholes, both because they did not want to work extensively inside manholes located on an FDR Drive access roadway and because of complications resulting from the elevation of mechanical systems to the second floor of the facility pursuant to flood plans.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center has petitioned for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use three disconnect manholes on the sidewalks in front of their new facility on East 73rd & 74th Streets; and

WHEREAS the petitioner reports that Con Edison has requested that these new manholes be located in the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS one or more of the existing on-street manholes are located in a busy FDR Drive access roadway; and

WHEREAS there would be additional complications with connecting the existing manholes to the mechanical systems that will be elevated to the second floor due to flood readiness planning; and

WHEREAS the three new disconnect manholes will be located to the extreme eastern side of the property to minimize the risk of pedestrian traffic across the manhole covers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center's petition for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use three disconnect manholes on the sidewalks in front of their new facility on East 73rd & 74th Streets, as presented.

Approved: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 not voting for cause, plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.

Yes: Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Kalloch, Lader, Menegon, Warren, White; Wouk (Public Member)

Abstain: Walsh

2. A request for a new Revocable Consent to construct, maintain and use a fenced in area at 117 East 83rd Street. *(Requested by DOT, Franchises, Concessions and Consents)*

At the Jan. 7, 2015, meeting of CB8's Transportation Committee, Angelo Costa of Meltzer/Costa had previously presented a request for a fenced-in area and plantings in front of a former carriage house being renovated at 117 East 83rd Street, between Park & Lexington Avenues. The two existing front entrances to this building are located 8 inches above the sidewalk, and there are sidewalk vaults beneath the front of the house that need to be removed and covered; there is a garage located between the two front entrances.

At its meeting of January 7, the Transportation Committee had disapproved the prior application for this location, citing concerns about a proposed 3' 8"-tall fence in front of the entire 25' length of the property. Mr. Costa had agreed to return with a revised proposal, which eliminates the fence and incorporates removable planters to be placed on the single step in front of each front entrance doorway.

The Committee passed the following resolution to approve the revised application:

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan had previously disapproved David Edelstein's petition for a new revocable consent at 117 East 83rd Street to construct, maintain, and use a proposed fenced-in area; and

WHEREAS the application has removed the previously proposed fence that would have extended the entire 25-foot length of the property; and

WHEREAS the revised plans involve one step in front of each front entrance, with a bannister and removable planters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the revised request for a revocable consent for 117 East 83rd Street

Approved: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain, 0 not voting for cause, plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.

Yes: Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Kalloch, Lader, Menegon, Warren, White; Wouk (Public Member)

Abstain: Walsh

3. Proposed locations for Citi Bike bicycle share stations on the Upper East Side.

John Frost, Executive Director of NYC DOT's Bike Share Program, gave an extensive presentation of the proposed Citi Bike station locations for the Upper East Side, accompanied by Margaret Forgione, the Manhattan Borough Commissioner for Transportation. Key points mentioned in the presentation include the following:

- The Upper East and Upper West Sides are scheduled to be the second set of expansion areas for Phase 2 of Citi Bike, after Northern Brooklyn and Long Island City.
- DOT is expanding its efforts to promote cycling safety, including safety awareness classes, giveaways of safety equipment (helmet fittings, bells, lights), and commercial cycling workshops. Additional safety panels are planned prior to Upper East Side Citi Bike expansion.
- There have been 16 million NYC bike share trips with no fatalities.
- DOT and system operator New York City Bicycle Share (NYCBS) held more than 35 meetings on the UES with CB8, elected officials, area institutions, block associations, etc., as well as two public community planning workshops.
- The draft station siting plan was shaped by previous feedback as well as network considerations, but the final station siting plan will reflect public feedback to the draft plan.
- 37 stations are included in the draft station siting plan, with the locations of two additional stations pending further coordination with NYCHA and NYCHA tenant associations.
- Options for station locations include the following:
 - In the roadway, typically in parking lanes
 - On the sidewalk
 - Along the curb line
 - Along the building line
 - Along the Central Park Verge

Ten maps were presented, each showing a small section of the Upper East Side and the proposed station locations within that area. After all ten maps were shown, the floor was opened to approximately 90 minutes of questions, comments, and concerns from the public, followed by 15 minutes of discussion among Board members.

CB8 will collect feedback over the next month regarding the station locations, and will share this with DOT.

4. Old Business.

There was no old business.

5. New Business.

There was no old business.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs