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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Budget Committee Meeting Monday, October 7, 2013 Community Board 8 Office, 505 Park Avenue, Suite 620

Members Present: Barbara Chocky, A. Scott Falk, Jacqueline Ludorf, Nick Viest, Elaine Walsh

Member of the Public: Katie Finlowski, Gregory Morris, Jill Rothstein, Gladys Sanders-Valdes, Jean Pamphile

1. Discussion and Preparation of FY2015 Capital and Expense Budget Requests. Those present reviewed CB8's FY2014 priorities for FY 2015 budget requests.

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 and restore the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 59th and 63rd Streets.
- 4) Fund repair of roof at 67th Street Library to protect recently restored millions spent on this branch
- 5) Provide funding for an elevator at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 6) Fund a fully built park along the East River between 60^{th} and 63^{rd} Streets
- 7) Fund full renovation of Carnegie Hill Library located at 112 East 96th Street
- 8) Provide funding for a new HVAC system at the 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) Install historic lamppost in historic districts
- 13) Fund the installation of newsracks for East 86th Street that meet NYC regulations
- 14) Provide funding for a new boiler for the 67th Street Library
- 15) Provide funding for new windows, exterior façade repair and exterior lighting for the East 67th Street library
- 16) Provide funding for new windows and front façade repair at the Yorkville Branch library

Continuing Support/Capital:

CS Fund the installation of Fire Alarm system for the Yorkville and Webster Branch libraries

- CS Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch Library
- CS Provide funding for the renovation of the woman's homeless shelter at the Park Avenue Armory
- 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 reconstruction of the 81st Street Bridge over the FDR

VOTE: 4 In Favor, (Chocky, Falk, Ludorf, Viest) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

Expense Budget Priorities

- 1) Continue to fund Out of School Time 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) 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.
- 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 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) Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Department of Parks and Recreation.
- 12) Provide additional Department of Buildings inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement
- 13) Provide additional funding for Children's Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.
- 14) Provide funding to maintain current numbers of Traffic Control Agents
- 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) Provide funding to all NYPL to maintain six-day service, increase hours, materials, resources and programs.
- 19) Restore funding for all staffing of FDNY Fire Marshalls.
- 20) Provide funding for small business loans to all businesses affected by Second Avenue Subway construction.
- 21) Fund additional PEP officers for all Community District 8 Parks.
- 22) Increase recycling program
- 23) Increase funding to insure all NYCHA community and senior centers remain open.
- 24) Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk café and street vendor regulation enforcement.
- 25) Fund additional NYPD Police Officers

VOTE: 4 in Favor, (Chocky, Falk, Ludorf, Viest) 0 Opposed, 0 Abstentions

2. Review of CB8 Internal Budget.

We reviewed and received an update on the CB8 Internal budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.