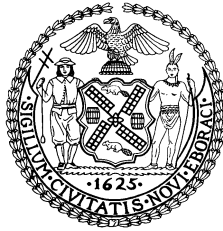


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8**

**ZONING & DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE**

Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street (Lexington-Park)
Michael Bruno Presentation Room
October 23, 2014
6:30PM

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Meeting: 6:30-8:30pm

Attendance: Elizabeth Ashby, Barbara Chocky, Craig Lader, Marco Tamayo, Teri Slater, Elaine M. Walsh, co-chairs

Re-order of the agenda was approved

1. Discussion and Planning for Zoning Workshop. Date for the workshop is tentatively planned Spring 2014 depending availability of space and speakers. The focus of the workshop is on residential, commercial district regulations. It will be informational and educational a basic 101 for the community and interested board members. The format for the program continues to be a work in progress. Mark Torrey, Center for Urban Pedagogy presented his organization's experiential learning approach to educating people on zoning. There was much interest in how his tool kit breaks down the complexities of zoning thru visual props. Following this presentation the committee focused on what do we want to accomplish? What do we want people to go away with? What does zoning do? Why is it important? Committee will contact the civic groups who expressed interest and continue the discussion of format and speakers. It was clear that those present were interested in the inclusion of the Center for urban Pedagogy.
2. Basha Gerhards, Deputy Director Land Use, Manhattan Borough President presented on AIR Rights Regulation and the Upper Westside Retail Initiative.
 - a. There was an interesting and complex discussion about the process involved in transferring unused development rights.
 - b. Westside Retail Initiative: Initiated by the then City Council member for the West side (Gale Brewer), was the result of over three years of public outreach, input and research into the unique condition of the Upper West Side. It ensures that storefronts are generally consistent with the existing built environment, while allowing for flexibility for change over time(source NYC Dept. of Planning Web site)special district was created through a map change

in the C1 and C2 zoning area on Broadway (3 - 72nd - 110 Streets) Amsterdam (2 - generally 73rd - 110th streets) and Columbus Avenue (- 2 - 72nd - 87th streets). The goals were to encourage diverse retail and service opportunities; preserve and enhance multi store character of the Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues and promote active streetscape and attractive environment for pedestrians.

3. Signage Enforcement current status report by NYC Department of Buildings Bryan Munoz, Office of Intergovernmental Relations represented the Department of Buildings (DOB). He is the liaison for CB 8. Mr. Munoz responded to a previously sent list of questions. The DOB does not have on file the previous lists of illegal signage complaints sent by CB#8. Mr. Munoz requested that the community and CB#8 submit our complaints through 311 and then send him the tracking numbers with photos. They cannot act on complaints unless submitted via 311. (Previous complaints had been sent via 311 but there are no records at DOB) The signage regulations are still in effect; signage companies self-certify so DOB only knows if a violation if they receive a complaint; there are regulations that pertain to the party wall row house situations, the builder is to comply with all regulations for safety; no data provided re inspectors they are assigned to complaints as needed; CVS, Duane Reade can locate in any commercial area. Regarding enforcement, CB8 was assured the full cooperation of DOB.
4. Old Business: R8B: there has been no movement on the board application submitted in 2009. The office of MBP has requested an update.

As there was no additional business the meeting was adjourned

Teri Slater and Elaine Walsh
Zoning and Development Committee Co-Chairs