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

**STREET FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING**

Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup> 2010

7:00 PM

Ramaz School

125 East 85<sup>th</sup> Street, Auditorium

Board Members Present:

Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky (Co Chair), Sarah Chu, Lorraine Johnson, Laura Lijewski (Co-Chair), Jane Parshall, Judith Schneider, Barry Schneider, Helene Simon, Nick Viest, Hedi White

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by Co-Chairs Chocky and Lijewski

**Green / Flea Market Application**

**Application for a street activity permit filed on behalf of the PS 183. The application proposes to close the south side of the sidewalk on East 67<sup>th</sup> Street and the sidewalk on the north side of East 66<sup>th</sup> Street between York and First Avenues on Saturdays from December 31, 2010 to January 1, 2012 for a flea market.**

The application was presented by LuAnn Propper. The Flea Market, which also includes a Farmers Market, has been in existence since 1979 and operates only on Saturdays, rain or shine. There are vendors on 66<sup>th</sup> and 67<sup>th</sup> Streets. They also use their schoolyard and space inside the school. Food is sold outside and the antiques/flea market is held inside. The market is operated by the PTA who hires a manager. All proceeds benefit PS183.

**Whereas proceeds from this event go to P.S.183, and  
Whereas there was no negative report during discussion of the application,  
Therefore, be it Resolved to approve the flea/farmers' market application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 8-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon

**Public Hearing re: Applications for Multi-Block Street Fairs for Calendar year 2011.**

- 1. Museum Mile Festival, Fifth Avenue/82<sup>nd</sup> - 110<sup>th</sup> Streets, Tuesday June 14, 2011, 6:00-9:00PM**

Presentation by Robin Schatell. The street will be closed starting at 5:00PM. This is an event that has been held every year since 1978. All of the museums along 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue are open for the public and there are special events on the Avenue and in the museums. There is no charge for entrance to the museums for the evening. There is no cooking of food. There will be live music at the museums. This year they are extending the Festival beyond 105<sup>th</sup> Street to 110<sup>th</sup> Street to include the El Museo del Barrio. There was a brief discussion and those present stated how enjoyable this event has been in the past.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas no food is cooked on site,  
Whereas the street fair encourages attendance at the museums,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 8-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon

**2. 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, Lexington Avenue/60<sup>th</sup>-70<sup>th</sup> Streets, Sunday April 30, 2011, 11:00AM-6:00PM.**

Presentation by Mary Ford and Geraldine Corbett of 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council. This is the same location the precinct had for their street fair for the first time last year. CB8 supported the request last year. Lexington Avenue has more pedestrian traffic and made for a more successful fair. There will be food vendors at the event.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas the money raised goes towards support of the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct community outreach programs,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 8-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon

**3. East Sixties Neighborhood Association-East 60<sup>th</sup> between Fifth and Madison Avenue, Sunday August 7, 2011, 11:00AM to 6:00PM. Street will be closed at 8:00AM.**

Presentation by Barry Schneider. There will be about 40 vendors at the event, including about 15 food vendors. Money raised at the event is used to support community projects and to provide materials and / or equipment for the projects. In addition, clothing is collected and donated to Bottomless Closet, a job preparation program for unemployed women. Although concern was expressed about the impact on cross-town traffic, there have not been complaints from the local precinct.

**Whereas this is an annual event enjoyed by the entire community, and  
Whereas there was no negative report during discussion of the application,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve application passed 6-1-2**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, White

Abstain: Simon

Not Voting for Cause: J. Schneider, B. Schneider.

**4. French Institute/Alliance Francais – East 60<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Lexington Avenues, Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup> 2011. Between 11:00AM and 6:00PM. (Street will be closed at 8:00AM.**

Presentation by Florent Chauvin. This is a celebration of Bastille Day. There is food from local French Restaurants. There are no vendors or live animals. Although concern was expressed about the impact on cross-town traffic, there have not been complaints from the local precinct.

**Whereas this is an annual event enjoyed by the entire community, and  
Whereas there was no negative report during discussion of the application,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve application passed: 8-0-1**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, White

Abstain: Simon

**5. Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association, First Avenue/68<sup>th</sup>-79<sup>th</sup> Streets, Saturday, June 11, 2011, 11:00AM-6:00PM. Street will close at 8:00AM**

Presentation by Amy Anenberg. This event is held to benefit Lenox Hill Neighborhood Association and highlight their programs. There will be no live animals. In response to previous years' concerns raised regarding the lack of booths highlighting and relating to LHNA, last year they had six events highlighting their association. This Fair was previously "grand-fathered" into the multiple-block street fairs with the understanding that the Association's activities will be highlighted such as they were in 2010.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve application passed 8-0-1**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon

Not Voting for Cause: White

**6. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Second Avenue Street Fair to be held on Third Avenue (due to Second Avenue subway construction) / 66<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets, Sunday, June 5, 2011, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Street closes at 8:00 AM.**

Presentation by Nancy Ploeger. This event is, normally held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, will be held on Third Avenue due to the Second Avenue subway construction. Funds from this event go to the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce who then gives grants to organizations within Community Board 8. Merchants on Second Avenue will be invited to participate at no charge. The street clean-up is paid for by the operator and sponsor. There are vendors, food vendors, and music, but no live animals. Second Avenue merchants are given first choice of

booth location and Third Avenue merchants, who wish to participate, are given booths outside or as close as possible to the outside of their stores.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve application passed 9-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

**7. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, Third Avenue Street Fair / 66<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets, Saturday, September 10, 2011, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Street closes at 8:00 AM.**

Presentation by Nancy Ploeger. This event benefits the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, who then gives grants to organizations within CB8. The Second Avenue merchants are invited to participate at no charge. The street clean-up is paid for by the operator and sponsor. There are vendors, food vendors, and music, but no live animals.

It was pointed out to the organizers that their event is planned for the weekend of the 9/11 tenth anniversary, therefore it is a possibility, due to heightened security (demands on police personnel), that there may be no street events approved for this weekend.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve application passed 9-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

**8. 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y Street Festival, Lexington Avenue, 79<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Streets, Sunday, September 25, 2011, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Street closes at 8:00 AM.**

Presentation by Charles Patricolo and Shafcat Kassim. The event benefits the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y and highlights their programs. There will be no live animals. There are vendors, food vendors and music. Special rides and inflatables for children to play on will be included as they were last in 2010.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas the proceeds are used by the applicant for programs in the community,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 9-0-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, B. Schneider, J. Schneider, Simon, White

**9. Brick Presbyterian Church – Park Avenue from 90<sup>th</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets, Sunday, December 4, 2011.**

Presentation by Laila Al-Askari. The application was filed on behalf of The Brick Presbyterian Church to close Park Avenue from 90<sup>th</sup> to 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets, from 4:00 PM to 8:00

PM, on Sunday December 4, 2011 for their annual tree lighting event. The trees used are in representation of our veterans.

**Whereas this is an annual event which we have not received any complaints about, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Whereas no cooking of food at the event,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 9-0-0.**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

**10. The Children's Aid Society – Madison Avenue between 57<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets (with 66<sup>th</sup> to 72<sup>nd</sup> Streets closed to traffic) from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 4, 2011.**

Presentation by Cathleen Miles. This is an annual event sponsored by The Children's Aid Society. The application is to hold the event, known as Miracle Mile, between 57<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets and Madison Avenue, on Sunday December 4, 2011. 66<sup>th</sup> Street to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street will be closed to traffic from 8:00Am to 6:00PM.

This is a shopping event. The stores along Madison Avenue participate and 20% of their sales go the Children's Aid Society. There will be one tent on the closed streets. The proceeds that the Children's Aid Society gets from the event will go to programs in Community Board 8.

Concern was expressed that this event is being held on the same day as another event, Brick Church Tree Lighting, in the district. It was pointed out that these two events have been held on the same day in past years without it being a problem. There seems to be enough distance between to two to not further aggravate traffic congestion.

**Whereas this is an annual event in which businesses along Madison Avenue participate,  
Whereas money raised goes to programs within Community Board 8,  
Whereas there was no negative report during discussion of the application,  
Therefore, Be It Resolved to Approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 9-0-0.**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

**11. The Gracie Square Art Show – East End Avenue between 84<sup>th</sup> to 88<sup>th</sup> Streets, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM. Street closes at 7:00 AM.**

The application filed on behalf of the Carl Schurz Park Conservancy was presented by Ann Meschery. The applicant proposes to close East End Avenue between 84<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Street from 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM on Saturday, October 1, 2011 and Sunday, October 2, 2011. It is the 39<sup>th</sup> year for the two day event held at this location.

**Whereas there was no negative report during discussion of the application, and  
Whereas the applicant proposes to serve only food cooked off-site, and  
Whereas the art show has been enjoyed in the past,  
Therefore, Be it Resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 9-0-0.**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

**12. Metal Lathers Union, Labor Day Block Party, 76<sup>th</sup> Street between Second and Lexington Avenues, Saturday, September 10, 2011, 12:00 Noon – 5:00 PM. Street closes at 9:00 AM.**

Presentation by Steve Cawley. The event is for the Metal Lathers Union members and their families in celebration of Labor Day and coincides with the Labor Day Parade.

Also, it was pointed out to the organizers that their event is planned for the weekend of the 9/11 tenth anniversary, therefore it is a possibility, due to heightened security (demands on police personnel), that there may be no street events approved for this weekend.

**Whereas this is an annual event for which we have not received any complaints, and,  
Whereas this is an event enjoyed by the entire community, and,  
Therefore, be it resolved to approve the application.**

**Motion to approve the application passed 9-0-0.**

Yes: Birnbaum, Chocky, Chu, Johnson, Lijewski, B. Schneider, J. Schneider, Simon, White

**Green Market Applications**

**Application by the Council on the Environment for the operation of a Greenmarket located on the south side of East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between First and York Avenues, Saturdays, January 8, 2011 thru December 31, 2011 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM**

The application was presented by the Upper Green Side representative. The greenmarket extended their operation last year to six months from four, i.e., to a start in mid-June rather than July and an end in mid-December rather than November. The current request is to extend the market to a year round operation. The organizers presented a petition with approximately 254 signatures as well as a letter from St. Stephen's pastor, Fr. Angelo Gambatese, in support of expansion to a year round operation. 23 e-mails were also received. Although committee agreed that the greenmarket is well received in the community, some concerns were raised during discussion regarding the impact on the "brick and mortar" neighborhood businesses that sell the same products. Additionally, during the winter, sidewalks may have snow build-up which, when combined with vendors' set-up, may make the sidewalks impassable to non-shopping pedestrians. The question was asked about what, if any, fresh, locally grown produce would be available during the winter months. The organizers stated that hot house products would be sold during the off season.

**Whereas the dates for the operation of the green market are currently mid-June through mid-December, and**

**Whereas, this more than covers the natural growing season, and,**

**Therefore, be it resolved to approve this greenmarket application at its current duration of mid-June through mid-December.**

**Motion to approve passed 7-2-0**

Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Lijewski, J. Schneider, B. Schneider, Simon, White

No: Chocky, Chu

**Old Business:** The private versus public use of streets, i.e., excluding the general public, for events will be discussed at our next meeting in January.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Chocky  
Co-Chair

Laura Lijewski  
Co-Chair