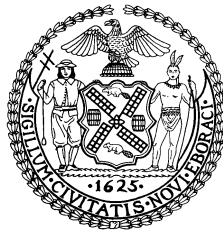


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

Manhattan Community Board 8
Street Fair Committee Meeting
Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street Theatre Room 2A
November 13, 2014

Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Chocky, Hedi White, Judy Schneider

Unanimous Approvals 1A, 1C, 1D, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2H

Unanimous Disapproval: 2A

Unanimous Layover: 1B, 2D

1. **Public Hearing re: Applications for Multi-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2015**

A. Museum Mile to close Fifth Avenue between East 82nd and East 105th Streets on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 from 6:00PM to 9:00PM for a Street Festival

This annual festival now in its 37th year is a non-commercial event run by the Museum Mile Committee comprised of members from each of the 8 participating museum. One new museum, the African Center on 110 Street, will participate this year although the Avenue closing will continue to end at 105th Street. It is estimated that approx. 40,000 people attend. There are no vendors; some of the museums set up tables. There have been not complaints.

Motion to approve: 2-0-0 Chocky, White

B. PS 183 to partially close the sidewalk on East 67th Street between York and First Avenues for parking and vendors and the sidewalk on the north side of East 66th Street between First and York on Saturdays from Saturday, January 3, 2015 to Saturday, December 26, 2015 for a Flea Market

Applicant did not appear. Motion to lay over to December meeting: 2-0-0 Chocky, White

C. Brick Presbyterian Church to close Park Avenue between East 90th and East 93rd Street on Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM for the annual Tree lighting

This annual event since 1945 when it was first held to honor returning veterans from World War 2 is open to all. Run by volunteers. There is minimal cleanup afterward.

Motion to approve: 2-0-0 Chocky, White

D. Gracie Square Art Show to close East End Avenue from 84th to 89th Streets on Saturday, October 3, 2015 to Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10AM to 5PM for the annual Art Show

The applicant stated that the event will end at 88th St., not 89th St. In its 43rd year, this event has been named one of the top 100 Art Shows in America. Over 100 artists participate. It is run almost entirely by volunteers; All proceeds go toward the maintenance of Carl Shurz Park. A small food concession will be run by a local restaurant that will also donate breakfast to the participating artists. Open to public; approx.; approx. 3000 attend.

Motion to approve 2-0-0. Chocky, White

2. Public Hearing re: Applications for Single-block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2014

- A. Rudolf Steiner School to partially close the sidewalk on East 79th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday, November 22, 2014 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for a Block Party.

The applicant, who had stated they would be present, did not appear. As this is not the first year that this has happened there was a

Motion to disapprove: 2-0-0

- B. Christ Church to close the curb lane only on Park Avenue between East 60th and East 61st Streets on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 2:00PM to 5:00PM for a Religious Ceremony
This religious ceremony "Blessing of the Animals" is in its 4th year. The curb lane of the street is the only portion occupied during the ceremony. Open to public.

Motion to approve: 3-0-0

- C. Manhattan Sephardic Congregation to close the sidewalk and curb lane on East 75th Street between First and Second Avenues on Sunday, December 21, 2014 from 5:00PM to 8:00PM for a Religious Ceremony

This menorah lighting ceremony is open to the public, only occupies the sidewalk and street for about 100 feet to the east and west of the synagogue.

Motion to approve 3-0-0 Chocky, White, Schneider

- D. The Dalton School to close East 91st Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Friday, May 22, 2015 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM for a Block Party

The applicant was not present.

Motion to lay over: 2-0-0 Chocky, White

- E. Trevor Day School to close East 90th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Thursday, June 11, 2015 from 5:00PM to 6:30PM for a Block Party

This would be the 5th year for this event, which is a reception for students and families following

commencement which is held inside. There are no activities. Food is served that has been prepared inside. While it is a school event, it is open to the public.

Motion to approve: 2-0-0 Chocky, White

- F. Episcopal School to close East 69th Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 3:30PM to 5:30PM for a Block Party

In its 25^h year, this nursery school event is intended to be a community event. Outreach and invitations are sent to neighbors on the block. Activities are age- appropriate for young children

Motion to approve: 2-0-0 Chocky, White,

- G. Sephardic Academy of Manhattan to close East 67th Street between First and Second Avenues on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for a Block Party. **This is a new application.**

This new event is still in its planning stage. There was discussion about the fact that East 67th Street is a bus route. Since there is still plenty of time, applicant was requested to come back when specific plans can be presented.

- H. PS 267 East Side Elementary School to close East 63rd Street between Second and Third Avenues on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM for a Block Party.

This will be the 3rd year for this PTA sponsored fund-raising event for PS 267 now in its 3rd year at this location. . It will be held on the same date as the 5-Boro Bike Tour which means 63rd Street will be closed off by the Avenue closings. It is open to the public and there will be

charges for rides and food. Permits have been obtained for both cooking and music. There have been no problems or complaint.

Motion to Approve 3-0-0 Chocky, White, Schneider

3. **Old Business** There was no old business
4. **New Business** There was no new business

Barbara Chocky and Hedi White Co-Chairs
