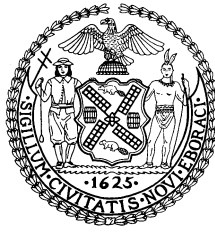


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**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Street Fair Committee Meeting
Lenox Hill Hospital
130 East 77th Street
Thursday, November 12, 2015
6:30 PM**

Minutes

Members Present: Barbara Chocky, Hedi White, co-chairs. Michelle Birnbaum, Barry Schneider, Lorraine Johnson, Glen Pandolfino

Co Chair Barbara Cocky began the meeting by calling attention to the announcement by SAPO (the Street Activity Permit Office) of renewed enforcement of deadlines in the permit application procedures. A copy of a summary of those regulations will be attached to the committee minutes and posted on the Board website.

1. Public Hearing re: Applications for Multi-block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2016

- A. Museum Mile Festival-Fifth Avenue between 82nd-105th Streets on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 5:00PM to 9:00PM for a Street Festival.**

The event has been held each year continuously for 38 years. No changes in format or content. There were no comments from the public.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder

- B. PS 183 to partially close the sidewalk on East 67th Street between York and First Avenues for parking and vendors and the sidewalk in front of the school on the north side of East 66th Street between First and York on Saturdays from Saturday, January 2, 2016 to Saturday, December 31, 2016 for a Flea Market**

This event has been held each year continuously since 1979. There is a flea market on the sidewalk in front of the school and a green market inside the school yard to raise money for the school.

There was some confusion from a community member regarding the sidewalk location of the market based on the wording of the agenda description which has been modified here to clarify that the flea market is set up on the sidewalk area only in front of the school and does not extend into the street.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder

- C. Brick Presbyterian Church to close Park Avenue between 90th and 93rd Streets on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 5PM to 6:30PM for the annual Tree Lighting.**

This event has been held each year continuously since 1945. There will be no changes in format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder

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- D.** 92nd Street Y-Lexington Avenue/79th-96th Streets on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 12PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event has been held continuously each year since 1992. Its main purpose is to inform the public about and promote its programs. The event operator is again this year Clearview Festival Productions. There will be a main stage with music. The content will similar to prior years.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder

- E.** Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Third Avenue Festival– Third Avenue / 66th-86th Streets on Sunday, May 22, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event has been held continuously each year for over 25 years. The content and format will be the same. The event operator again this year is Clearview Festival Productions.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder

- F.** Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Second Avenue Festival-Third Avenue/66th -86th Streets on Sunday, September 11, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event has been held continuously for 20+ years. It has been held on Third Avenue since the commencement of the Second Avenue Subway construction and anticipates returning to Second Avenue in 2017. The event operator again this year is Clearview Festival Productions. There will be no changes in format or content. There were some concerns raised regarding the September 11 date chosen for the 2016 event especially regarding potential strain on police resources for security on that date.

****MOTION TO APPROVE provided there is confirmation of approval by the NYPD with respect to the September 11 date. : 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino.**

- G.** French Institute/Alliance Francaise – 60th Street/Fifth and Lexington Avenue on Sunday, July 10, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This Festival in celebration of Bastille Day and French culture has been held annually for many years. There will be no change to content or format. The event operator again this year is Clearview Festival Productions. There were positive comments about the event from community members present.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- H.** Lenox Hill Neighborhood House – First Avenue / 68th-79th Streets on Saturday, June 4, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event has been held annually for many years to introduce and promote its programs to the public. There will be no change in format or content. There was considerable discussion regarding the management of traffic on 1st Avenue below the festival in on the cross streets. It was recommended that the applicant reach out to NYPD to improve signage notification to traffic particularly on 1st Avenue south of the event that the Avenue will be closed above 68th Street.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 5 yes (Chocky, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino)-0 no-0 abstention- 1 not voting for cause (White)

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- I.** 19th Precinct Community Council -Lexington Avenue/60th-66th Streets on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event by volunteers to raise money for the 19th Precinct has been held annually for many years. There will be no changes to format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- J.** Review of the Greenmarket located on the South side of 82nd Street between First/York Avenues from Saturdays, January 2, 2016 to Saturday, December 31, 2016 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM for a Farmers Market.

This weekly event has been running annually for multiple years. There will be no change to format or content. Discussion focused on clarifying for community members that the event occupies the sidewalk and 4 parking spaces to the west of the church parking spaces only and does not close the street.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 5 yes (Chocky, White, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino)-0 no-1 abstention (Birnbaum).

- K.** Review of the Greenmarket located on the East side of First Avenue between 92nd/93rd Streets from Sunday, June 26, 2016 to Sunday, November 20, 2016 from 8:00AM to 5:00PM for a Farmers Market

This weekly event has been running annually for multiple years. In 2016 the market will return to the 92-93 St. location after a temporary relocation due to construction. There will be no change to format or content. Discussion focused on complaints that there is inadequate room at either location for pedestrians to move through it, especially those with carriages or wheelchairs. The applicant expressed willingness to rearrange the set up to improve passage room and to meet with and work with board members to do so.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 4 yes (Chocky, White, Schnieder, Pandolfino)-2 no (Birnbaum, Johnson)-0 abstentions

2. Public Hearing re: Applications for Single-block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2016

- A.** PS 183 to close East 66th Street between York and First Avenues on Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 9:00AM to 12Noon for a Block Party.

The application is for a Block Festival, not Party. It is focused on promoting community spirit in the school area.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

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- B.** Episcopal School to close East 69th Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Thursday, May 19, 2016 from 9AM to 6:30PM for a Block Party.

This event has been held annually for 18 years. It is a party for nursery age children is that is open to the public to which the invitations are extended in the surrounding area. There will no changes to format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 5 yes (Chocky, White, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino)-0 no-1 abstension (Birnbaum)

- C.** Indonesian Street Festival to close East 68th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday, August 27, 2016 from 12 Noon to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This event was new in 2015 attended by over 1000 people. The application is from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm including set up ad break-down. It is held in front of the Indonesian Consulate and celebrates Indonesian Independence Day and Indonesian culture and food.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- D.** Birch Wathen Lenox School to close East 77th Street between Second and Third Avenues on Friday, June 10, 2016 from 10AM to 3:00PM for a Block Party

This annual spring festival has been held annually for 20+ years. It is not a graduation. There will be no change to format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- E.** The Dalton School to close East 91st Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Friday, May 27, 2016 from 12 Noon to 3:00PM for a Block Party

This event for the youngest Dalton students has been held annually for multiple years and is open to the public. The application hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 pm including set-up and break-down and cleanup. There will be no changes to format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- F.** Ronald McDonald House to close East 73rd Street between York and First Avenue on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM for a Block Party

This event has been held annually for 20 years and is a walkathon and party planned by the Greek division of the Ronald McDonald house. It is open to the public. There will be no changes for format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

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- G.** Rudolf Steiner School to close the sidewalk in front of 15 East 79th Street on Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 10:00AM to 4:00PM for a Block Party

This application has been placed on the Street Fair Committee agenda for every meeting since August. The applicant has never appeared.

MOTION TO DISAPPROVE: 6-0-0 Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Schnieder, Johnson, Pandolfino

- H.** East Sixties Neighborhood Association-East 60th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenue on Sunday, August 21, 2016 from 12:00PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival

This annual event for over 20 years is to celebrate the east sixties community and to encourage residents to patronize its local merchants. The event raises money to support charitable activities of the organization. The event operator again this year is Clearview Festival Productions and will have no changes in format or content.

MOTION TO APPROVE: 5 yes (Chocky, White, Birnbaum, Johnson, Pandolfino)-0 no-0 abstension, 1 not voting for cause (Schneider).

- 3.** The Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) of the Mayor's Office of Citywide Event Coordination and Management (CECM) is proposing amendment to Charter §1043(d) to impose a one-year moratorium on new events, restrict activities in the area of Times Square and change submission deadline for special event applications

Discussion on this item focused on the renewed moratorium on new multi block events which the committee was aware of. The moratorium does not apply to single block events. Deadlines for Submission procedures were reviewed at the start of the meeting, and a NYC summary is attached hereto. The committee did not discuss the Times Square provisions.

- 4. Old Business No old business**

5. New Business No new business

Barbara Chocky and Hedi White Co-Chairs
