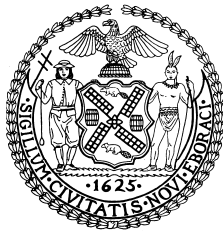


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## **The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8**

**STEET FAIR COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2012  
NEW YORK BLOOD CENTER  
310 EAST 67<sup>TH</sup> STREET, AUDITORIUM  
7:00PM**

**Board Members present: Hedi White, Nick Viest, Barbara Chocky and Michelle Birnbaum (after first item). See attached list for Public Names.**

**Meeting called to order at 7:15PM by Hedi White and Barbara Chocky**

**1. Public Hearings re: Applications for Multi-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2013**

- A. Museum Mile- Application to close Fifth Avenue from 82<sup>nd</sup> street to 109<sup>th</sup> street on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm to hold a Street Festival.**

**This will be the 35<sup>th</sup> year of the Festival where all the museums on Fifth Avenue participate.**

**During discussion the Public and Board Members spoke about how much they enjoyed this festival.**

**Motion to Approve—Passed 3-0-0 – Yes Viest, White, Chocky**

- B. Brick Presbyterian Church- Application to close Park Avenue from 90th to 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets from 5:00PM to 8:00PM for a religious ceremony.**

**This event started in 1946. During the event the Christmas trees are lit on Park Avenue.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0. Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky.**

- C. Application by the Parents Association of P.S. 183 to close the sidewalk on the south side of East 67<sup>th</sup> Street between York and First Avenues for parking and vendors and sidewalk on the north side of 66<sup>th</sup> street from York and First Avenues, from Saturday January 5, 2013 to Saturday December 28, 2013 from 6:00AM to 5:00PM for a flea market.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- D. Application by the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council to close Lexington Avenue from 60<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 PM to 5:00PM for a Street Festival.**

**Funds from this event are used to support the community.**

**Motion to approve: Passed 3-0-0-1-Yes White, Birnbaum, Chocky. Not voting for cause Viest.**

- E. Application by Lenox Neighborhood House to close First Avenue from 68<sup>th</sup> to 79<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00PM to 5:00pm for a Street Festival.**

**The funds from this event are used to support their programs.**

**Motion to approve: Passed 3-0-0-1 Yes Viest, Birnbaum, Chocky. Not Voting for Cause White.**

- F. And G. It was decided to hear these two items together.**

**Applications by the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to close East 66<sup>th</sup> to East 86<sup>th</sup> Streets on Third Avenue on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup> and on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00 PM for Street Festivals.**

**On June 2<sup>nd</sup> it will be the Second Avenue Festival which cannot be held on Second Avenue because of the subway construction. Merchants on Second Avenue will be given priority for space at the June Festival.**

**Motion to approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, Birnbaum, White, Chocky**

- H. Application by the French Institute/Alliance Francaise to close East 60<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Lexington Avenues, on Sunday July 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 5:00pm for a Street Festival.**

**This is to celebrate Bastille Day.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, Birnbaum, White, Chocky**

- I. Application by the East 60<sup>th</sup> Street Neighborhood Association to close East 60<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Sunday August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 5:00pm.**

**One of the Bd. member expressed concern that the Association is a 501C4 and that we should consider only approving application by 501C3 organizations.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 3-0-1 Yes Viest, White, Chocky Abstain Birnbaum.**

- J. Application by the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y to close 79<sup>th</sup> to 96<sup>th</sup> Streets on Lexington Avenue on Sunday September 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00PM for a Street Festival**

**The funds from this event would be used for programs at the Y. Many of these programs will have displays and demonstrations at the Festival.**

**Motion to approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- K. Review of the Greenmarket located on the South side of 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between First and York Avenues on Saturdays from January 5<sup>th</sup> to Saturday December 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 5:00pm for a Green Market. (every Saturday)**

**A member of the Board was concerned about congestion and difficulty during the winter when there is snow on the street.**

**Motion to approve: Passed 3-1-0 Yes Viest, White, Chocky. No Birnbaum**

- L. Review of the Greenmarket located on the East side of First Avenue between 92<sup>nd</sup> and 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets on Sundays from June 23<sup>rd</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**This is one month shorter than this year.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- M. Application by The Gracie Square Art Show to close East End Avenue from 84<sup>th</sup> to 88<sup>th</sup> Streets on Saturday October 5<sup>th</sup> and Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 5:00pm for an Art Festival**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky.**

**Please note it was decided that the application by Prime Butcher Baker to close an East Curb Lane on Second Avenue should not be heard by The Street Fairs Committee. Nick Viest the Chair of the Bd. will refer it to the Transportation Committee.**

**2. Public Hearings re: Applications for single block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2013.**

- A. Application by The Convent of Sacred Heart to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:00pm to 3:00pm for a block party.**

**There was no one present from the School, so application was laid over.**

- B. Application by the Dalton School to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 to 2:30 for a block party. They have been holding this event for at least 10 years. The Community is invited.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- C. Application by the China Institute to close East 65<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Sunday February 10<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 to 12:00 for a block party.**

**There was no one present from the China Institute so item was laid over.**

- D. Application by Immanuel Lutheran Church to close East 88<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 5:00pm for a block party.**

**This is the second year they are holding this event. The Community is invited. The money raised will be used for a new Church roof.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- E. Application by Trevor Day School to close East 90<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 1:30pm**  
**This is a graduation event. There was a discussion whether streets should be closed for graduations, or should these parties be held indoors. There was also some concern that even though the whole school is invited this is a high school graduation and the high school is located on the West side.**

**Motion to disapprove: Motion failed. Yes Birnbaum, Chocky. No Viest, White**

- F. Application by Manhattan New School (PS 290) to close East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between First and Second Avenues from 11:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

**This is a fundraiser run by the parents.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- G. Application by the Episcopal School to close East 69<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Thursday May 16<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 6:00pm for a block party.**

**This party has been held for 25 years. It is not a fundraiser and the community is invited.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- H. Application by Ronald McDonald House to close East 73<sup>rd</sup> Street between First and York Avenues on Saturday September 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 6:00pm for a block party.**

**The community is invited to this event.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

- I. Application by Temple Israel to close 75<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 3:00pm for a religious ceremony.**

**No one was present from Temple Israel so the application was laid over**

- J. Application by the Parents Association of PS 267 to close East 63<sup>rd</sup> between Second and Third Avenues on Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a block party.**

**This is a new school that used to be part of PS158. It will be a fund raiser and the community is invited.**

**Motion to Approve: Passed 4-0-0 Yes Viest, White, Birnbaum, Chocky**

**No New business or old business.**

**Meeting adjourned 9:00pm**