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Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18, 2012
The Child School/Legacy High School
566 Main Street
Roosevelt Island
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Kenneth Austin, Albert Barrueco, John Bartos, Molly Blayney, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Roy Carlin, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Jeffrey Escobar, Cory Evans, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, George Fuchs, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Lorance Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Dave Kleckner, Domenico Minerva, Jane Parshall, Mary Boresz Pike, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Helene Simon, Teri Slater, Cos Spagnoletti, H. Patrick Stewart, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren,

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Michele Birnbaum, Lorraine Johnson, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Laurence Parnes, William Sanchez, Nicholas Viest, Hedi White

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Deirdre Breslin

Total Attendance: 41

First Vice Chair James Clynes called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, Robert Bailin, spoke on the Queensboro Oval issue.
- Member of the public, Raymond Motanez, representing The Quality of Life of My Neighborhood, spoke in opposition to the 21 East 69th Street Manhattan expansion.
- Member of the public, Richard Roth, spoke in opposition to the 21 East 69th Street addition.
- Member of the public, Mrs. Gay Cropper, spoke in opposition to the 21 East 69th Street addition.
- Member of the public, Guy S. Ortmann, representing Talent Unlimited High School, spoke in favor of entertainment.
- Member of the public, Sidney Offit, representing 23 East 69th Street tenants, spoke in opposition to the 21 East 69th Street expansion.
- Member of the public, Avadah K. Offit, representing 23 East 69th street, spoke in opposition to the 21 East 69th Street enlargement.
- Member of the public, Phyllis H. Weisberg, representing the Preservation Coalition, spoke in opposition to 583 Park Avenue.

- Member of the public, William J. Williams, Jr., representing 570 Park Avenue, spoke in opposition to 583 Park Avenue Catering Hall.
- Member of the public, Bradley S. Cohen, spoke on the Queensboro Oval issue.
- Member of the public, Jessica Bondy, spoke in opposition to the Queensboro Oval extension.
- Member of the public, Judith Berdy, spoke on the RIHS & Coler G Water CAB.
- Member of the public, Joan Bondy, representing the Queensboro Oval, spoke in favor to preserve 4 consecutive months for baseball.
- Member of the public, Fernando Martinez, representing the Roosevelt Island Operating Corporation (RIOCI), welcomed everyone to Roosevelt Island.
- Member of the public, Jo Ellis-Tracy, spoke in opposition to the Historic District.
- Member of the public, Lowell Barton, spoke on the subject of RIOCI and PLA.
- Member of the public, John Steinberg, spoke on an issue at John Jay Pool.
- Member of the public, Barry Schneider, representing East Sixties Neighborhood Association (ESNA), made an announcement about the ESNA Annual Meeting.
- Member of the public, Esther Grant-Walker, representing Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, spoke on the scheduled closing of the Beacon Program.
- Member of the public, William Leeds, representing 21 East 69th Street, spoke in favor of the landmark.
- Member of the public, Ken Hom, representing the community of Queensboro Oval, spoke in opposition to tennis vs. open space.
- Member of the public, Fred Bondy, spoke on the Queensboro Oval usage.
- **Public Hearing: BSA Calendar No. 67-12-BZ, 1442 First Avenue, Block 1469, Lot 46, Second Avenue Deli-** Application pursuant to Section 72-21, ZR for a zoning variance to permit the extension of an existing eating and drinking establishment in Use Group 6 on the first floor of the premises to the second floor in a building occupied on the third and fourth floors by residential uses and for the construction of a convenience stair between the first and second floors.

Whereas, Application pursuant to Section 72-21, ZR for a zoning variance to permit the extension of an existing eating and drinking establishment in Use Group 6 on the first floor of the premises to the second floor in a building occupied on the third and fourth floors by residential uses and for the construction of a convenience stair between the first and second floors.

Whereas, Community Board 8M held a public hearing regarding this matter;

Whereas, Community Board 8M members had concerns regarding open violations at the location, the relocation of former tenants on the second floor, a non ADA compliant ramp built in the middle of the sidewalk, an expired Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO); the owner changing the usage on the second floor from the existing two apartments to one apartment and a non-commercial art gallery; application fails to be in compliance with Local Law 5887 when modifying a building entrance and the applicant has failed to comply with Local Law 19 and no Certificate of Non Harassment has been filed with HPD as required when a change of use is made; therefore

Be It Resolved that Community Board 8M **disapproves** the BSA application to permit the extension of the existing eating and drinking establishment in Use Group 6 on the first floor of the premises to the second floor.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution to disapprove by a vote of 34 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstentions and 2 not voting for cause.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – March Full Board and March Land Use meeting minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President's Report:

Kristen Ellis, a representative for Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's office (MBPO) reported on his latest initiatives. She welcomed the newly appointed CB8M board members, Albert Barrueco, John Bartos, and Cory Evans. The MBPO looks forward to seeing them at the New Member Orientation on April 30th. She also announced that the MBPO in collaboration with St. Luke's Roosevelt Crime Victims Treatment Center and Center for Anti-Violence Education is hosting and inviting girls and women ages 12 and up to participate in a "Self Defense Workshop and Discussion on Sexual Assault Prevention". April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and April 25th is Denim Day – please wear jeans. The event will take place on April 25th, 4PM-6PM, at the Marta Valle High School, Gymnasium, 145 Stanton Street, New York, NY 10022. Please reserve your place by calling 212-669-4462 or emailing hnemchik@manhattanbp.org

5. Elected Official's Reports:

- Brice Peyre, a representative from Congress Member Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives. He announced that on April 12th Congresswoman Maloney presented a mock check from the federal government for \$500,000 to officials charged with creating the new Franklin Delano Roosevelt Four Freedoms Park on the southern tip of Roosevelt Island. The display check symbolizes the half-million dollar appropriation that the Congresswoman helped to secure to support the park's construction. On Equal Pay Day she re-introduced her "Ending Tax Breaks for Discrimination Act of 2012" legislation that would end tax breaks for doing business at clubs that discriminate, such as Augusta National Golf Club. Brice announced that he will no longer be working as Congresswoman Maloney's representative but will still be working in her office doing full-time communications work among other duties. He stated that it has been a pleasure and distinct honor to work for 8 years as Congresswoman Maloney's representative. He introduced Christina Parisi who will be taking over his responsibilities as the new representative.
- Patrick Madigan, a representative from State Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on her latest initiatives. He announced that Senator Krueger and The Center for the Study of Women in Society at CUNY are hosting an evening of *Basic Training Learn What You Can Do to Stop The War Against Women*. The event is being held on Tuesday, April 24th, 6:30PM-8:30PM, at The Graduate Center at CUNY, Elabash Auditorium, 365 Fifth Avenue @ 34th Street. For further information, e-mail Susannah Pasquantonio at spasquantonio@gmail.com or call 212-490-9535. The State passed the budget on time and the remaining funding for the Second Avenue Subway construction project is included in the budget. He gave an update on the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station. The Senator's Office has not received a response yet from the Army Corps. of Engineers. However, Senator Krueger reported that The Friends of LaGuardia Airport, an organization pursuing multiple legal actions challenging the construction of the North Shore Marine Transfer Station in Queens on the grounds that it poses a threat to air traffic, and led by former Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) staff, is challenging the 91st Street MTS on similar grounds. These issues include the fact that the Queens and Manhattan Transfer Stations would create a flight path for birds that goes directly over LaGuardia Airport. Senator Krueger is hopeful that this new legal front may prove fruitful in the effort to force City government to reconsider its ill-conceived plans for the East 91st Street MTS.
- Ricki Gunsburg, a representative from Assembly Member Micah Kellner's office, reported on his latest initiatives. The Assembly Member wrote a letter to Cas Holloway, Deputy Mayor for Operations at City Hall, calling for a coordinated effort amongst all appropriate City Agencies to aggressively enforce the laws and regulations governing the conduct of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) and its contractors during construction of the Second Avenue Subway to insure the health and safety of the community. It was announced that April 28th is "National Prescription Drug Take Back Day". The Drug Enforcement Administration is encouraging families to safely dispose of their unwanted, unused or expired prescription drugs to keep them away from drinking water, landfills, and children's hands. The event is scheduled for April 28th, 10:00AM-2:00PM at the Lenox Hill Hospital lobby located at 100 East 77th Street. For more information please e-mail Greg Wayrich at GWayrich@nshs.edu The Amateur Astronomers Association (AAA) is hosting stargazing sessions one Friday night each month from April through October at Carl Schurz Park located along East End Avenue at East 86th Street on the park esplanade (John Finley Walk). For more information please visit <http://aaa.org/carlschurz>

The Lenox Hill Neighborhood House's Community –Supported Agriculture (CSA) has partnered with Paisley Farm for the 2012 Summer Season and will be offering vegetable, fruit, egg, cheese, wild forager, and pasture raised pork shares. Distribution will take place on Thursdays, 4:00PM-6:30PM at the Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House at 343 East 70th Street. If you're interested in joining this CSA or want more information please contact Miles Crettien, at 212-744-5022 ext. 1213 or mcrettien@lenoxhill.org Ricki also mentioned that there was detailed information regarding the Second Avenue Subway construction health and safety issue and his message on the special budget in the Assembly Member's newsletter. Ricki announced that it was a pleasure being at this Community Board. Next week she will be resigning the Assembly Member's office to pursue her short-term and long-term goals.

- Matthew Walsh, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives. On a community note, Assembly Member Quart has written a letter to the Department of Buildings (DOB) Borough Commissioner, Derek Lee, in regards to the significant increase along the East 86th Street corridor and East 90's of illegal signage and has requested the DOB to conduct inspections of these sites and issue citations if necessary.
- Genevieve Michel, a representative from Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office reported on his latest initiatives. The main update is that Council Member Garodnick will be chairing the Consumer Affairs Committee meeting on Vendors on April 24th. There will be 7 bills that will be discussed relating to various issues relating to vendors. If you are interested in testifying or watching the proceedings it will be held at the District Office, April 24th, on the 14th floor. For more information please feel free to call the Council Member's office at 212-818-0580.
- Cullen Barrie, a representative from Council Member Jessica Lappin's office, reported on her latest initiatives. Council Member Lappin wanted to share some good news regarding Roosevelt Island's Beacon Program. There is a positive development, Mayor Bloomberg released the list of programs targeted for closure and Roosevelt Island Beacon is not one of them. On the issue of the Second Avenue Subway construction, the Council Member has introduced legislation that would require the city Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to monitor and publish monthly reports on the air quality near Second Avenue subway sites. The measure would require the Commissioner of the DEP to take immediate action if unsafe levels of pollution were detected. The Council Member's office received notice through a New York Post article that the 19th Precinct reported identity theft is up on the Upper-East-Side. This is due to people taking their paper goods to be recycled. Reminder to the Community: All paper goods should be shred prior to recycling.

6. Chair's Report – Nicholas D. Viest:

First Vice Chair James Clynes delivered the Chair's Report on behalf of Chair Nicholas Viest who is out of town. Nick apologizes for not being here because he is in North Carolina on business. Jim Clynes thanked The Child School/The Legacy School for their hospitality and he introduced and welcomed the 3 newly appointed CB8M members, Albert Barrueco, John Bartos, and Cory Evans. He also thanked former CB8M board members Ruth Halberg and Joie Anderson (who did not re-apply) and Alex Tisch (who has become a judge) for all their work during their time with the Community Board. He also announced that the Community Board will be honoring former CB8M Chair, Jacqueline Ludorf, on April 24th, 6PM-9PM, at Maz Mezcal. He reminded the board members that they needed to RSVP and pay \$32.00 in cash to the CB8M staff at tonight's meeting, bring the cash to the CB8M Board Office or pay at the door on the night of the event. The Community Board has established the Roosevelt Island Task Force to address all the issues regarding the Cornell School of Applied Sciences coming to Roosevelt Island. The Task Force will meet on Tuesday, May 8th, 6:30PM, at the Chapel of the Good Shepherd, 547 Main Street, Auditorium, at Roosevelt Island.

7. District Manager's Report – Latha Thompson

District Manager Latha Thompson gave her report. She just had two items. All meeting agendas for the month of May are due tomorrow to the CB8M Board Office. FYI – The 2014 Budget Consultation for groups and individuals – official notice will go out from her next month.

8. Committee Reports and Action Items:

- **Street Life Committee** – Domenico Minerva and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs

1a. **Shalizar, LLC d/b/a Persepolis, 1407 Second Avenue (73rd/74th Streets)** – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats, DCA #1361517. Due date: Apr. 23rd

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1b. **Louya Corp. d/b/a Jacques Bistro, 204-206 East 85th Street (Third/Second Avenues)** – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 27 seats, DCA #1173625. Due date: May 7th

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1c. **ASB Pizzeria, Inc. d/b/a Bellini Brick Oven Pizzeria, 1658-1660 Third Avenue (92nd/93rd Streets)** – Application for re-apply for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats, DCA #1308512. Due date: Apr. 26th

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2a. **East Side Burgers, LLC d/b/a Bare Burger, 1370 First Avenue (@ 73rd Street)** – New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 32 seats, DCA #1420350. Due date: Apr. 13th

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2b. **1431 First Avenue Corp. d/b/a Numero 28, 1431 First Avenue (74th/75th Streets)** – New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats, DCA #1420358. Due date: Apr. 13th

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2c. **CB-NACT 1469, LLC d/b/a Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf, 1469 Third Avenue (@ 83rd Street)** – New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 48 seats, DCA #1420711. Due date: Apr. 19th

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3a. **Amura Japanese Restaurant, Inc., 1567 Second Avenue (81st/82nd Streets)** – New application for a wine and beer only license

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3b. Atami on 2nd Avenue, Inc., 1167 Second Avenue (61st/62nd Streets) - New application for a wine and beer only license

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3c. NYC 1294 Third Avenue Bakery, LLC d/b/a Maison Kayser, 1294 Third Avenue (74th/75th Streets) – New application for a wine and beer only license

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3d. Alfa 64, Inc. d/b/a Altesi, 26 East 64th Street (Fifth/Madison Avenues) – New application for a liquor, wine and beer license

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

3e. PQ East 77th, Inc d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, 252 East 77th Street a/k/a 1477 Second Avenue – New application for a liquor, wine and beer license

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- **Transportation Committee** – A. Scott Falk and Charles S. Warren, Co-Chairs

Re: A request by DOT for a letter from the Community Board recommending that a relic from the Queensboro Bridge, the pedestal for the torchiere that at one time flanked the entrance to the bridge, that is no longer of use in connection with the bridge, be donated to the Roosevelt Island Historical Society.

WHEREAS a pair of torchieres once flanked the Second Avenue entrances to the Queensboro Bridge, and

WHEREAS the 60th Street torchiere was removed for Roosevelt Island Tramway construction, and was until recently believed lost, and

WHEREAS the base of the torchiere has been rediscovered, but the lamppost still cannot be located, and

WHEREAS there is apparently no appropriate location in Manhattan to install the remnants of the torchiere base in proximity to the Queensboro Bridge, and

WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society has previously restored one of the trolley kiosks that was located at the 59th Street & Second Avenue entrance to the Queensboro Bridge, and

WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society has identified an appropriate location to display the torchiere base, in close proximity to the Queensboro Bridge and the restored kiosk now in use as the RIHS Visitor Center, and

WHEREAS the Roosevelt Island Historical Society intends to raise the funds to preserve, restore, and install the torchiere base, and

WHEREAS information will be displayed near the restored torchiere base explaining its history,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves of giving the remnants of the torchiere base to the Roosevelt Island Historical Society to preserve, restore, and install on Roosevelt Island near the Tramway Station exit and will send a letter to that effect to NYCDOT.

Community Board 8M **APPROVED** the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent at 20 East 93rd Street for a stoop and fenced-in area

WHEREAS Community Board 8M unanimously approved the Landmarks application for alterations at 20 East 93rd Street and the restoration of the stoop and front doors to their historic condition, and

WHEREAS the Landmarks Preservation Commission has also approved the restoration of the stoop and the front doors to their historical condition,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves the request for this new Revocable Consent.

Community Board 8M APPROVED the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: A request for a curb cut for a length of three feet in length at 429 East 75th Street

WHEREAS the Hospital for Special Surgery has located a new care facility in the entire building located at 429 East 75th Street, and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 recently approved a drop off zone for ambulettes and other similar vehicles in front of the facility,

WHEREAS vehicles drop off and pick up patients throughout the day, and

WHEREAS many of these patients are in wheelchairs or have some other difficulty walking, and

WHEREAS the curb in front of this building is six inches tall,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves the request to install a curb cut three feet in length in front of 429 East 75th Street.

Community Board 8M APPROVED the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

- **Street Fairs Committee** – Barbara Chocky and Hedi White, Co-Chairs

America's Society to close East 69th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for a Block Party.

The event, "Music of the Amercias Concert" will be performed by children from both New York City and South America

The event is open to the public

There were no objections from the public

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

92nd Street Y to close East 91st Street between Lexington and 3rd Avenues on Thursday, June 21, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a Block Party.

The event will consist of two 1 ½ hour guitar jam sessions with a professional guitarist.

Anyone from the public with a guitar is welcome to participate

The event is open to the public

There may be water and non alcoholic beverages served

This is the 2nd year this event is being held

There were no objections from the public

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Immanuel Lutheran Church to close East 88th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Saturday, September 21, 2012 for a Block Party 12PM to 5PM, set up 10AM, Break down 6 pm.

This event is being held to help raise funds needed for the restoration of the roof and interiors of this church constructed in the 1860's during the Civil War.

This event is open to the public

There were no objections from the public

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

- **Parks Committee** – Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

Re: Plan to Alter Central Park's 72nd St. Cross Drive, Known at Terrace Drive, to Accommodate 2-Way Bicycle Traffic

WHEREAS the addition of a bicycle lane on Central Park's Terrace Drive would permit 2-way east-west bike travel through the park at 72nd St.; and

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy, Dept. of Transportation and Parks Dept. maintain that the removal of a lane of car traffic to accommodate this change would not create traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS this plan for a second bike lane on the Terrace Drive would not involve use of the adjacent pedestrian paths; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the plan by the Central Park Conservancy, Dept. of Transportation and Parks Dept. to remove a lane of traffic along Central Park's Terrace Drive in order to create space for a second bike lane on that roadway.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions.

Re: Plan to Allow the Wi-Fi Equipment in Central Park to Become Permanent Fixtures

WHEREAS AT&T and the City of New York have arranged a 5-year plan to provide free public wireless Internet access in 2 locations of Central Park (as well as such installations in other City parks); and

WHEREAS the size and color of the Wi-Fi equipment do not interfere with the scenic landscape of Central Park; and

WHEREAS there has already been substantial use of Central Park's Wi-Fi system, which has been provided through temporary permits for the necessary equipment; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, approves of the City's request, of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, for permanent approval of Wi-Fi equipment at the Central Park Zoo and at Central Park's Mineral Springs snack bar.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Re: Discussion of the Parks Department's plans to extend until mid-June a tennis facility's use of the Queensboro Oval at East 59th St.

WHEREAS Community Board 8M passed a resolution in February 2010, stating that it unequivocally opposes extending the use of the Queensboro Oval—which is public parkland—to a privately owned year-round franchise tennis facility, and maintains that the Oval must be made available for public use for four contiguous months a year; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. agreed in 2010 to honor THE PUBLIC's desire to maintain the Queensboro Oval Park as a public space for sports leagues and for the use of the community at large for four straight months each year; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. has extended, without prior notice to the community, the terms of a private tennis facility's use of the Queensboro Oval for an additional six weeks each year, thereby shortening the public's ability to use the space by six weeks, and

WHEREAS the Queensboro Oval is typically left in disrepair when the tennis facility dismantles its "bubble" facility; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8, Manhattan, reaffirms its positions stated in its resolution of February, 2010 and urges the Parks Dept. to honor its agreement with the community to maintain the Queensboro Oval as public land for sports teams and the public at large for four contiguous months each year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8M asks the Parks Dept. to compensate the public for six-weeks of lost access to the Queensboro Oval this spring by extending public access to the park by six weeks this fall and revert to the original agreement of four consecutive months starting in 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB8M urges the Parks Dept. to ensure that the Queensboro oval lessee restore the field to its proper parkland condition after the tennis bubble is dismantled.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.

- **Landmarks Committee** – David Liston and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

Re: 28 East 70th Street (Madison Avenue) – Upper East Historic District - Mr. Angelo Costa, Architect –

Application is to enlarge a window opening at the 15th floor.

WHEREAS, 28 East 70th Street is an apartment building designed by Emery Roth.

WHEREAS, the proposed new window on the 15th floor was not shown in the context of the building façade.

WHEREAS, the window is dissimilar to the other windows in that it is taller than the windows on either side and not in line with the window below.

WHEREAS, the window is set too close to the corner for a masonry building of this style and period,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 149 East 73rd Street (aka 1019-1029 Lexington Avenue aka 145-151 East 73rd Street – Upper East Historic District Extension – Mr. Doug Simpson, Panorama Windows – Application is for a Master Plan for window replacement.

WHEREAS, 149 East 73rd Street is a Renaissance Revival-style apartment building designed by J. E. R. Carpenter and constructed in 1924.

WHEREAS, the original J. E. R. Carpenter design for the building included 8 over 8 windows for the large openings and 6 over 6 windows for the small openings; these windows were replaced in 1984 with one over one aluminum double hung windows.

WHEREAS, the Upper East Side Historic District Extension includes 149 East 74th Street; a Certificate of Appropriateness is required from the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a window Master Plan.

WHEREAS, the applicant now wants to establish a Master Plan that would upgrade the windows so that they would be more energy efficient and that would maintain the one over one windows; the new windows would be constructed of aluminum-clad wood or be all aluminum.

WHEREAS, J. E. R. Carpenter was one of the great designers of luxury apartment buildings in New York City; the 1984 window replacement diminished the building considerably.

WHEREAS, a new Master Plan for the windows at 149 East 73rd Street must reflect the original fenestration (8 over 8 windows for the large openings and 6 over 6 openings for the small windows).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 63 East 92nd Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District – Brendan Coburn, Architect – Application is to alter the façade and enlarge the penthouse.

WHEREAS, 63 East 92nd Street is a Neo-Colonial style row house designed by John Brandt and altered by Edward Webber.

WHEREAS, the extension of the front areaway would replace a public sidewalk with a private entrance way.

WHEREAS, the existing front façade has a delicacy and a scale appropriate to a small row house and the proposed limestone and brick appear too grand.

WHEREAS, the roof top addition would be visible from the Street.

WHEREAS, the squared off expansion of the rear of the ground floor would replace a unique and charming curved wall with curved windows.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 170 East 75th Street (between Lexington and Third Avenues) – Upper East Historic District Extension – Mr. Thomas M. Felton, Architect – Application is for a rooftop addition and for a window enlargement at the ground floor of the front elevation.

WHEREAS, 170 East 75th Street is an Arts & Crafts style rowhouse designed by B. Muldron and constructed in 1880-81; altered by Hill & Stout in 1902.

WHEREAS, 170 East 75th Street is one of a row of 5 townhouses constructed at the same time.

WHEREAS, there is a commercial space at the ground level with apartments above; the applicant proposes to return 170 East 75th St. to a single family dwelling.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes extending out the first floor at the rear by 7'; the integrity of a 30' rear yard will be maintained.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes adding a new 5th floor plus a stair bulkhead; the new 5th floor will be set back 10' from the front elevation and at the rear will be flush with the rear elevation.

WHEREAS, 170 East 75th Street is now 43' 11' high; the new 5th floor will be 14' high and the bulkhead will be 4' high so that the new overall height of 170 East 75th St. will be approximately 63' high.

WHEREAS, at the front elevation on the 4th floor, a dormer window was altered in the 1970s and now presents as a large plate glass window with two divided lights on either side; this window is not contextual within the historic district.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to bring back/replace the side windows with 6 over 6 wooden windows and replace the single plate glass window with a 5 over 5 wooden window; the panes of these new windows would be in proportion to the panes in the windows on the rest of the front elevation. [All the windows on the front elevation are wood windows.]

WHEREAS, at the rear, the new bulkhead would have a paned window to bring light into the stairwell.

WHEREAS, all the windows on the rear elevation would be steel casement windows; the windows at the first and second floors would have doors in the middle for access to both the garden and the terrace at the second floor.

WHEREAS, at the front, at the ground or 1st floor, the center tri-partite window, which now extends to the ground, would be shortened. There will be brick infill below the new window. [The part of the window that will be removed now presents as painted wood paneling.]

WHEREAS, the existing painted wood panel that is part of the window at the ground level adds charm and whimsy to 170 East 75th Street.

WHEREAS, a part of the new 5th floor and a part of the new bulkhead are partially visible only from Madison Avenue, but are otherwise not visible from the public way; the architect did not present sightlines from Madison Ave. but did present sightlines from the immediate neighborhood.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **approved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 35 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 21 East 69th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East Historic District – Mr. William Leeds, Architect – Application is for an enlargement of the building.

WHEREAS, 21 East 69th Street is a Neo-Georgian style building erected in 1885-86 by Charles Buck & Co. and altered in 1926-27 by Sloane and Robertson.

WHEREAS, the enlargement of the building using the full depth of the site would eliminate the open space in the rear of the building.

WHEREAS, the proposed bulk of the building would be out of scale with the massing of the existing residentially scaled buildings.

WHEREAS, the proposed enlargement would significantly reduce the light and air to the garden level of the adjoining buildings.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 121 East 64th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) - Upper East Side Historic District – Higgins Quasebarth & Partners, LLC - A residence originally designed by John McCool and built in 1876-77, altered by James E. Casale with a neo- Tudor style façade in 1919-22. Application is to restore the facade and replace ironwork.

THIS APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: PART 1 – THE FRONT ELEVATION AND PART 2 – THE FENCE AT THE FRONT

PART 1 – THE FRONT ELEVATION

WHEREAS, 121 East 64th Street is a residence designed by John McCool and constructed in 1876-77 and later altered in the neo-Tudor style in 1919-22 by Frederick J. Sterner.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to restore the front elevation to the 1919-22 neo-Tudor redesign.

WHEREAS, the applicant would remove the non-original thick, heavy stucco coating that now exists and would reapply a smoother coating that would duplicate the original historic coating – at the upper floors the coating would present as a slightly rougher stucco finish and the oriel [the large bay window that projects out] at the 3rd floor as well as the base and the balustrade at the second floor would be clad in a less textured, smoother stucco finish.

WHEREAS, the applicant would repair and replace, if necessary, any limestone elements on the front elevation, including window surrounds and clean, paint and restore ground level door and window limestone surrounds.

WHEREAS, the applicant would recreate the arch-termination detail at the service entrance at the ground floor and the two existing carriage lights that now flank the entry door would be removed – one to be centered over the service door and one to be centered over the entry door.

WHEREAS, Sterner houses are special and rare. In addition to being involved with the design of many prominent buildings in the United States, he was known for remodeling brownstones into houses of artistic merit in New York City.

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration of the front elevation is lovely and will return 121 East 64th Street to its neo-Tudor glory and is a great improvement over the existing condition with its heavy stucco finish

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration of the front elevation is contextual within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 1 of this application – the restoration of the front elevation -- is **approved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

PART 2 – THE PROPOSED FENCE

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes replacing the existing non-historic fence at the base of 121 East 64th Street with a more Gothic design based on a fence at a similar building in the neighborhood.

WHEREAS, the more Gothic design would include cage piers with an arch at the top of the gate at the main entrance and a flat gate with spikes at the service entrance.

WHEREAS, the current fence is 4'6" high; the new fence will be 5'4" high and 6' high to the crown of the piers that will flank the fence at the entry.

WHEREAS, the house at 18'7" isn't wide enough to take such a tall fence and obscures the neo-Gothic architectural detailing of the house.

WHEREAS, the height of the fence is not appropriate in the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Part 2 of this application – the proposed fence -- is **disapproved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 32 in favor, 4 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Re: 1511 Third Avenue (aka 1511-1515 Third Avenue aka 201-203 East 85th Street) [Yorkville Bank Building] – A request to landmark the building. (Laid over from March 19th meeting)

WHEREAS, 1511 Third Avenue is an Italian renaissance Revival style structure built in 1905 by Robert Maynicke.

WHEREAS, this well preserved building has maintained its architectural integrity.

WHEREAS, this building, which was once the Yorkville Bank Building, is a rare, fully intact survivor in a neighborhood that has undergone significant change.

WHEREAS, the building is an important example of the German community that once populated Yorkville.

WHEREAS, the building is significant for its social and cultural heritage as well as its distinctive architectural presence.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **approved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 122 East 95th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District – Michael Zenreich Architects, PC – Application is to replace windows and doors.

WHEREAS, 122 East 95th Street is a Queen Anne style row house designed by C. Abbott French & Co.

WHEREAS, the main entrance door will be changed to simulate the original wood entrance door that was on the second floor at the top of the original stoop that had long since been removed.

WHEREAS, the two new windows on the second floor, in the location of the original entrance door, match the other four windows on the second floor.

WHEREAS, the brick infill below the new second floor windows is slightly recessed to evoke the memory of the original doorway.

WHEREAS, the new pairs of windows on either side of the central window on the fourth floor are reminiscent of the design of the original windows.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **approved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 126 East 62nd Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) – Upper East Historic District– Ms. Raffaella Bortoluzzi, Labo LLC Architecture – Application is to replace windows and enlarge the 3rd floor.

WHEREAS, 126 East 62nd Street is an Italianate style brownstone designed by John Sexton and constructed in 1871.

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing the add 120 sq. ft. (9'6" x 12' 6") at the 3rd floor at the rear elevation; the addition will cantilever or project out from the rear elevation.

WHEREAS, similar enlargements in the exact same dimensions now exist at the first floor and at the second floor; the new enlargement at the 3rd floor will mimic these existing enlargements.

WHEREAS, the enlargement will have a metal grid parapet that will be covered with climbing ivy to match similar treatments at the 1st and 2nd floors; it will be made of steel.

WHEREAS, the application respects the 30' rear yard requirement.

WHEREAS, at the front elevation at the ground level there are two windows to the right of the entry door that do not align; both windows will be replaced with wooden double hung windows that replicate the original windows.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to extend the window at the far right down 4" to correct the alignment.

WHEREAS, both the enlargement should be at the 3rd floor and the alignment and replacement of the windows at the front elevation at the ground level are contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

WHEREAS, the applicant is to be commended for including a model of the proposed new rear elevation as part of his presentation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **approved** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

9. Old Business:

No old business discussed.

10. New Business:

Manhattan Borough Board Resolution in support of passage of the New York State Dream Act and Dream Fund.

Jonathan Horn made a motion to table the Dream Act resolution. The motion failed.

Resolution:

WHEREAS, America is a nation of immigrants and New York City is sustained by our immigrant past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, New York City is home to the largest population of immigrants of any city in the U.S.; well over three million foreign-born residents comprise nearly 40 percent of New York City's total population; and immigrants compose over 40 percent of the city's workforce and are essential to our economic output and stability; and

WHEREAS, over 30 percent of Manhattan's residents are foreign-born and a number of the borough's community districts are majority foreign-born; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York and the nation as whole could benefit from passage of DREAM legislation including the NYS DREAM act (S.4179-b/A.6829-b) and NYS DREAM Fund (A. 8689); and

WHEREAS, the federal DREAM Act Legislation has failed to pass; and

WHEREAS, the States of Texas, California, New Mexico and Illinois have voted to sign DREAM legislation into law; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York must move to pass the NYS DREAM Act and NYS DREAM Fund in order to enable our youth to maximize their potential and make valuable economic and social impacts in our communities, strengthening our ability to compete and thrive in a global economy and society

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board applauds Senator Perkins and Assemblymember Linares for the introduction of the New York State DREAM Act; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board applauds Assemblymember Moya for his introduction of the New York State DREAM Fund; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board offers full support for the DREAM legislation introduced in the State Assembly and State Senate that will open doors for higher education and civic engagement to all students in New York State regardless of their immigration status; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board urges passage of the New York State DREAM legislation.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted to support the resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 6 abstentions.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:40PM.