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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING

Memorial Sloan Kettering 430 East 67th Street (First-York) RRL Auditorium Wednesday, April 20, 2016 6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Loraine Brown, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Daniel Dornbaum, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Lorraine Johnson, Allison Kopf, Craig Lader, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Zoe Markowitz, Michael Mellamphy, David Menegon, Glen Pandolfino, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Ellen Polivy, Sharon Pope, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Sara Solomon, Cos Spagnoletti, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Carolina Tejo, Charles Warren

Community Board Members (Excused): Jeffrey Escobar, Sophia James, Andrew Kalloch, Laurence Parnes, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Katherine LaGuardia

Total Attendance: 43

Chairman James G. Clynes called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

- 1. Public Session Those who wish to speak during the Public Session must register to do so by 6:45 pm
 - Member of the public, Rebecca Donsky, representing the 67th Street Branch New York Public Library spoke on the library's April events.
 - Member of the public, Elizabeth R. King, spoke in opposition to the new windows proposal for the entire block of East 64th and 65th Streets from First to York Avenues.
 - Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke in opposition to the Shoga Sushi & Oyster Bar establishment.
 - Member of the public, Liz Patrick, representing East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, extended an invitation to the community to attend the first meeting of East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association on Monday, May 16th, at 7:00pm at the Jan Hus Church, 351 East 74th Street, NYC 10021.
 - Member of the public, Judy Schneider, spoke in favor of the City and Suburban First Avenue Estates landmark windows.
 - Member of the public, Danny, spoke on the protected bike lanes.
 - Member of the public, Lo van der Valk, spoke in favor of the Goat Hill Neighborhood Association block party at East 95th Street.
 - Member of the public, James Wang, representing Suga Restaurant spoke.
 - Member of the public, David Rosenstein, spoke on public safety and the subway exits at East 86th
 Street and Lexington Avenue during construction.
 - Member of the public, George Boyle, representing George Boyle Architect, spoke on the landmarks master plan for windows.

- Member of the public, Julia Bradford, representing Goat Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of closing the street for a block party on June 7th.
- Member of the public, Kim Kelly, spoke on the 68th Street subway.
- Member of the public, Caron D. Young, spoke in opposition to the bike lanes.
- Member of the public, Robyn Pocker, spoke on the East 63rd Street MTA construction.
- Member of the public, Michele Collett, representing All Souls School, spoke on the All Souls Festival of Friends Block Party on June 2nd.
- Member of the public, Patricia Ann Parenti, spoke on the furniture on the street that needs to be recycled.
- Informational Presentation on the Environmental Assessment for the Hunter College/East 68th Street and Lexington Avenue station.

• Borough Board Proposal on International Passive House Standard

WHEREAS, buildings are a major source of greenhouse gasses, accounting for 39% of CO2 emissions and consuming 70% of the electrical load in the U.S., according to the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC); and WHEREAS, the energy used in New York City buildings contributes nearly three-quarters of citywide emissions, according to One City: Built to Last, and that to successfully reduce the threat of climate change, the CO2 emissions of our buildings need to be dramatically cut back while maintaining and improving the services they provide; and

WHEREAS, the Passive House (PH) Standard is a recognized worldwide standard for energy-saving buildings of all types, which reduces heating and cooling energy requirements by 90% and overall energy demand by up to 75% compared to conventional buildings while also providing the most comfortable and healthy inside environment; and

WHEREAS, energy inefficient buildings in Manhattan have resulted in costly tenant utility bills, contributing to housing unaffordability; and

WHEREAS, the effectiveness of the PH Standard has been illustrated by tens of thousands of Passive Houses in the world, from Shanghai, China, to New York City; and

WHEREAS, Brussels, Belgium adopted its 2015 building regulations based on the PH Standard and is a core component of the European Union's planned mandate of "nearly zero energy" buildings by 2020. A growing number of cities in the U.S., from San Francisco to Philadelphia, officially acknowledge the PH Standard as part of their efforts to promote sustainability; and

WHEREAS, Passive House is directly focused on reducing energy needs through the application of building physics, high quality construction and proven construction technologies including insulation, airtightness, heat recovery, solar energy, solar shading, and incidental internal heat gains. Resulting reductions in building energy requirements can enable renewable sources to meet 100% of energy needs ("Net Zero" performance) or to supply surplus energy to the utility grid ("Net Positive" performance); and

WHEREAS, New York City is an environmental thought leader and standard setter. The City Council unanimously approved a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 80% by 2050. Mayor Bill de Blasio issued the policy, One City Built to Last: Transforming New York City's Buildings for a Low Carbon Future (2014), which recognizes the PH Standard and serves as an affordability, economic development, and public health plan. Further, former Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg published PlaNYC: A Stronger, More Resilient New York, a long-term sustainability plan in 2013 that the de Blasio administration revised in 2015 with the release of One New York: The Plan for a Strong and Just City; and

WHEREAS, New York City is one of the world's leaders in real estate development, architecture and engineering firms, skilled labor unions, financial institutions, and research universities and therefore is uniquely poised to develop the solutions needed to transform our city and share these solutions with the world.

WHEREAS, New York City has exceptional potential as an economic engine for sustainability in the U.S. and the world. The integrated urban lifestyle of the city results in a low carbon footprint, ranking NYC's carbon profile as the 4th lowest in the nation. Passive House innovations can help solidify and extend sustainability leadership efforts; and

WHEREAS, New York Passive House (NYPH) is an established local resource of Passive House expertise. NYPH works with other local low-energy and sustainability stakeholders, and is in continual collaboration with the Passive House Institute (PHI), for the development and transfer of engineering and environmental technologies. PHI is an independent scientific institute in Darmstadt, Germany, that is responsible for developing the PH Standard and the evolving scientific research that underpins its worldwide implementation; and

WHEREAS, cost is a major consideration in construction projects and it is essential that all publicly supported PH undertakings be focused on reaching cost parity with conventional construction; and

WHEREAS, PH cost parity has been accomplished on projects in Europe, in the U.S. and New York City and, with the collaboration of global PHI and NYC planning and policy expertise, it would be possible to undertake an initiative of Passive House construction best practices with a goal of achieving cost parity in local demonstration projects; and

WHEREAS, New York City has in the range of 69,000 existing buildings according to the Department of Finance in 2007 and renovating our existing building stock to an energy efficient standard is critical to meeting carbon reduction goals and an incremental renovation plan is needed; and

WHEREAS, Passive House Standard can be applied to both new construction and renovations, with the majority of Passive House projects completed to date in New York City being renovations; and

WHEREAS, the performance standard for renovating existing buildings is slightly more lenient but still results in a roughly 90% reduction in average heating and cooling energy usage and up to a 75% reduction in primary energy usage, according to One City Build to Last; and

WHEREAS, maximizing energy efficiency in residential buildings would reduce tenant utility costs and improve overall housing affordability; and

WHEREAS, Passive House could facilitate community storm resilience under the coldest and hottest weather conditions, the importance of which is described in New York City's Building Resiliency Task Force (BRTF) Report, issued in response to Hurricane Sandy, as Proposal #27 Maintain Habitable Temperatures Without Power; and

WHEREAS, New York City is committed to reducing its Greenhouse Gas (GHG)

Emissions by 80% by 2050—the level that the United Nations projects is needed to avoid the most dangerous impacts of climate change—and will chart a long-term course for a total transition away from fossil fuels to renewable sources of energy; and

WHEREAS, in New York City, our buildings are responsible for the overwhelming share of our GHG emissions, accounting for nearly three-quarters of our contribution to climate change, according to One City Build to Last; and

WHEREAS, President Barack Obama announced new actions to bring renewable energy and energy efficiency to households across the country, and New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) intends to work closely with NYSERDA to monitor the ongoing energy use intensity of any Passive House projects that may be selected for funding in order to provide valuable data to the market to accelerate the trend toward construction of Passive-House-certified affordable multifamily buildings; and

WHEREAS, on Roosevelt Island, Cornell Tech has started work on a 24-story dormitory building which will be the tallest and largest Passive-House high-rise in the world when it is completed in 2017;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manhattan Borough Board supports the investigation of the implementation of the Passive House Classic, Passive House Plus (net zero) and Passive House Premium (net positive) Standards for potential application to new construction and renovation in our community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manhattan Borough Board encourages the completion of a public project in Manhattan to demonstrate a zero-net energy standard and cost saving potentials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manhattan Borough Board supports working towards the adoption of a zero net energy standard, such as the Passive House Standard, into the New York City building code by adjusting existing regulations to accommodate differences in methodology and performance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Manhattan Borough Board urges New York City administration to leverage its eco-leadership in construction, finance, and innovation with an integrated promotional and green awareness campaign to gain support from government agencies and officials, developers, contractors, unions, real estate, buyers, and the public and to normalize a zero net energy standard and the use of renewable energy in our city and across our country.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

- **2. Adoption of the Agenda** Agenda adopted.
- **3. Adoption of the Minutes** January 13, 2016 Land Use and January 20, 2016 Full Board minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President's Report

Lucille Songhai, a representative from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's office reported on her latest initiatives.

5. Elected Officials' Reports

Council Member Ben Kallos spoke on his latest initiatives. He spoke on his Earth Day recycling event on April 21, 2016, at 6:00PM. In terms of women's health there will be a free mammogram event on April 27th. He spoke on the 86th Street corridor and that there will now be twice a week pick-ups on 86th Street and he is working on a BID for this area. He is also working on pre-K seats in our community schools.

Christopher Consalvo, a representative from Liz Krueger's office spoke on her latest initiatives.

Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative from Senator Jose Serrano's office, spoke on his latest initiatives. Genevieve Marcy, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's office spoke on his latest initiatives. Will Brightbill, a representative from Council Member Dan Garodnick, spoke on his latest initiatives.

6. Committee Reports and Action Items:

a. Transportation Committee - A. Scott Falk and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs

Re: Madison Avenue at 96th Street Traffic, Bus, and Safety Improvements

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation wishes to improve safety and traffic flow in the area bounded by 96th & 97th Streets and Madison & Fifth Avenues; and

WHEREAS DOT and New York City Transit wish to reduce travel time on the M96 bus; and

WHEREAS DOT proposes a series of traffic, bus, and safety improvements including ten pedestrian neckdowns, a pedestrian island, and changes to curb regulations and traffic signal timings to achieve these goals,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 approves the proposal for traffic, bus, and safety improvements in the area bounded by 96th & 97th Streets and Madison & Fifth Avenues, as presented; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 requests that NYPD provide traffic enforcement for at least the first two weeks following implementation of these changes.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Re: Discussion of possible elimination of left turn and split signal phase for northbound traffic on York Avenue at 79th Street.

WHEREAS Community Board 8 wishes to improve safety at the intersection of 79th Street & York Avenue; and WHEREAS DOT has confirmed that they will remove the left-turn signal arrow for northbound traffic on York Avenue only if CB8 requests to eliminate the left turn from northbound York Avenue to westbound 79th Street, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 asks the Department of Transportation to eliminate the left turn from northbound York Avenue to westbound 79th Street, and to restore standard traffic control signals at the intersection of York Avenue & 79th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 urges DOT to add Accessible Pedestrian Signals at this intersection, simultaneous with the change in traffic signals.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: A request to change the parking regulations on the north side of East 67th Street between 2nd & 3rd Avenues, including reducing the NYP press parking zone to extend only the length of the Fox 5 building and changing the 7 AM - 7 PM to regular alternate-side parking wherever it exists on that side of the block. WHEREAS there have been persistent complaints from the neighborhood about abuse of press parking privileges on the North side of East 67th Street between Second and Third Avenues; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 has indicated to Fox 5 that it would consider taking away the press parking on that block if there were continued problems; and

WHEREAS there has been a lack of enforcement of violations of press parking rules, which are difficult to enforce; and

WHEREAS there are problems with double parking, a congested street on a bus route, and general noise at late hours.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 asks the Department of Transportation to extend and relocate the NYP press parking zone to properly align with the property lines of Fox 5's building at 205 East 67th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 asks DOT to change all "No Parking 7 AM – 7 PM" regulations on the north curb of East 67th Street between Second & Third Avenues to instead be standard Alternate Side Parking; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 urges NYPD to rigorously enforce the parking regulations on this block.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a planted area at 825 Fifth Avenue (Requested by DOT, Division of Franchises, Concessions and Consents).

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 approves the request for a new Revocable Consent to install a planted area at 825 Fifth Avenue, as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 30 in favor, 10 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a fenced-in planted area and steps at 134 East 74th Street (Requested by DOT, Division of Franchises, Concessions and Consents).

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 approves the request for a new Revocable Consent to install a fenced-in planted area and steps at 134 East 74th Street, as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution to <u>approve</u> by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

b. Landmarks Committee – David Helpern and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

Re: 923 Fifth Avenue-(between 73rd and 74th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District - Steven Harris, architect- Application to install new windows and make changes to existing windows.

WHEREAS 923 Fifth Avenue is a 92 unit, 21-story apartment building designed by S. L. Bien and constructed in 1951.

WHEREAS 923 Fifth Avenue is listed as a non-contributing building in the designation report for the historic district.

WHEREAS the 19th floor reads as a penthouse and is at the building's second setback [12' from the front elevation].

WHEREAS the applicant proposes, at the 19th floor, to enlarge the windows/masonry openings on all 4 elevations both in width and height so that all the elevations will read as mostly glass with single plates of insulated glazing; the existing windows are one-over-one double hung windows. [See below. Note that only one or two examples of changes to the window openings on each elevation are given simply to show the extent to which the glazing is being significantly increased.]

WHEREAS at the west elevation which faces Central Park, there are now 6 windows and one door; all 6 windows and the door will be enlarged significantly with the largest opening 15'9' wide. [the height of most windows on this elevation will change from approximately 4'10" tall to 6'7" tall]

WHEREAS at the south elevation there are now 6 windows; the largest opening will now be 15' wide – {previously 9'8" high and 4'10" wide}; the height of 3 windows will increase to 7'.

WHEREAS at the east elevation – the rear of the building -- there are now six windows; the largest opening will change from $11^{\circ}8$ " high x 5" wide to 20' wide x 5'3" wide. Otherwise, on this elevation, there will be no changes to the existing windows.

WHEREAS at the north elevation there are now 9 windows and one door. 3 of the existing windows and the door will be enlarged; one window will be closed with new brick to match the existing brick; the largest opening will now be 12'8" wide x 5'2" high (originally 3'4" wide x 4'10" high).

WHEREAS the applicant also proposes to replace the existing metal handrails with glass frameless handrails and to add a painted metal, slatted visor/eyebrow above the windows along the entire west elevation that will wrap around to both the north and south elevations and extend about half way down both the north and south elevations.

WHEREAS the new visor/eyebrow will project out 4' from the west and south elevations and will be narrower [2'1"] on the north elevation.

WHEREAS the window intervention is within the context of a modern building.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 1009 Fifth Avenue-(between 81st and 82nd Streets)-Metropolitan Museum Historic District-Individual

Landmark - Tiffani Simple, architect. Application for the repair and upgrade to existing guardrail.

WHEREAS the retaining wall around the moat has started to shift inwards due to water infiltration;

WHEREAS the inner portion of the wall, composed of ashlar blocks and brick masonry, is failing;

WHEREAS the large, bluestone coping blocks have started to tilt inwards;

WHEREAS some of the cast iron columnar posts on the guard rail have started to crack due to the shifting of the retaining wall;

WHEREAS the cast iron railing and posts are rusted in multiple locations;

WHEREAS the bluestone copings and ashlar blocks are to be replaced with cast stone to match the color and texture of the bluestone;

WHEREAS brick from the inner (non-visible) wythe will be removed, salvaged and reused;

WHEREAS damaged and deteriorated brick from the exterior face of the wall will be replaced with new brick to match the existing – with salvaged brick to be in most visible locations and new brick to be in least visible locations:

WHEREAS the interior of the wall will be drained into the moat and new weep holes incorporated in the reconstruction of the interior wall;

WHEREAS the existing guard rail will be repaired and repainted black;

WHREAS new ³/₄" square steel vertical rods with a new ³/₄" top rail will be set on the inside of the existing guard rail to bring the railing into compliance with the current Building Code, which now requires that the safety components be vertical and not horizontal;

WHEREAS the top of the existing guard rail ranges from 33" to 36" above the sidewalk and the posts are 46" high, the new rail composed of vertical rods will be 42" above the sidewalk to meet the current building code;

WHEREAS the retaining wall and existing guard rail will be fully restored, the new safety railing with vertical rods will be painted to match the original guard rail, and the new safety railing will be designed to be as unobtrusive as possible in the dimension of the rods and the placing of the rods to the inside of the original guard rail;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this application be approved as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 744 Madison Avenue-(between 64th and 65th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District - Michael Chirigos, architect- Application for signage.

WHEREAS 744 Madison Avenue is a two-story commercial building designed by Rouse & Goldstone and constructed in 1917.

WHEREAS the proposed awning is to be located above the Madison Avenue entry door to the tenant spaces of the third and fourth floors.

WHEREAS the fixed awning will be made of galvanized steel to create a "half-dome" frame and will be covered in a silver fabric with dark gray or black lettering and will match the color and signage previously approved for 744 Madison Avenue.

WHEREAS the awning will extend 2' out.

WHEREAS the awning is appropriate within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application be approved as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 212 East 62nd Street-(between Second and Third Avenues)-Treadwell Farms Historic District - David

C. Acheson, architect. Application for exterior renovation and rear yard extension.

WHEREAS the original, four story, brownstone front façade had been covered with a stucco coating;

WHEREAS the current color of the front façade is cream;

WHEREAS there is a great variation in color along the street front;

WHEREAS the front façade is to receive a new, cementitious coating;

WHEREAS the color of the cementitious coating is to be similar to limestone;

WHEREAS the existing wood windows on the basement are six over six and the existing wood windows on the first, second, and third floors are nine over nine;

WHEREAS the existing windows in the front façade are to be replicated with insulated glass;

WHEREAS the existing wood cornice is to be repainted;

WHEREAS the wood, raised panel front door is to be replaced with a new raised panel front door of similar design;

WHEREAS the existing perimeter metal fence in the front is to be repainted black;

WHEREAS the rear elevation is to be rebuilt from top to bottom in a red brick with a gray wash with a historic character that relates to red brick on the rear facades of some of the nearby houses;

WHEREAS the basement level will be extended 12 feet towards the rear and the first and second floors will be extended six feet towards the rear;

WHEREAS these extensions are modest in size;

WHEREAS the new stair from the first floor to the basement level of the rear yard will be painted metal to match the black painted metal in the front and the new, painted metal railings on the new first floor and third floor terraces created by the extensions will also be painted black;

WHEREAS the doors and windows on the rear will be divided lights with insulated glass to match in scale the windows in the front:

WHEREAS the basement level will have four panels, two of which are center opening sliding doors;

WHEREAS the first, second, and third floor will have triptych arrangements: the first floor will have three sets of French doors with transoms above; the second floor will have three sets of casement windows with transoms above; and the third floor will have three sets of French doors;

WHEREAS the renovation is contextual and appropriate within the historic district;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this application is approved as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 25 East 64th Street aka 740 Madison Avenue-(between 64th and 65th Streets)-Upper East Side

Historic District - *Maori Hughes, architect.* Application for rooftop elevator bulkhead.

WHEREAS 24 East 64th Street is a neo-Grec style building designed by John G. Prague and constructed in 1879.

WHEREAS the proposed bulkhead will extend 13' above the roof and is setback 20' from the cornice and 26' from the property line.

WHEREAS the proposed bulkhead will be 8'4" wide and 20'9" deep and is visible along Madison Avenue at 63rd Street.

WHEREAS the bulkhead will have a stucco finish that reads as limestone.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 16 East 94th Street-(between Fifth and Madison Avenues)-Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District

Alan Berman, architect. Application for changes to front and rear façade.

This application is divided into three parts.

Part A: Front Facade

WHEREAS the existing brick façade is to remain a brick façade with the exception of the base which is to be changed to rusticated limestone to be similar to the limestone bases of the houses on either side;

WHEREAS the existing brick façade is to be cleaned and repointed;

WHEREAS the pair of main entrance doors are to be replaced with a painted, raised panel, wood door and the service door opening is to be modified to accommodate a multi-pane window with 12 lights of glass;

WHEREAS on the first floor, the existing wood French doors in the arched openings are to be replaced with new, white painted wood French doors that open onto small balconies;

WHEREAS on the first floor, the tops of the arches are to receive limestone keystones;

WHEREAS the three second floors windows, which open onto a Juliette balcony, are to receive a new decorative limestone lintel and limestone sill;

WHEREAS the railings on the two first floor balconies and second floor balcony are to be new and painted black:

WHEREAS the three window openings on the third floor and the three window openings on the fourth floor are to receive decorative limestone keystones;

WHEREAS all windows are to be painted white;

WHEREAS a new limestone cornice is to be added above the fourth floor windows;

WHEREAS the modifications to the front façade are contextual and appropriate within the historic district;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the modifications to the front façade are approved as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Part B: Front Yard

WHEREAS the existing front yard, which is four steps down from the sidewalk, extends six feet from the face of the house:

WHEREAS the front yard is to be extended six feet so that it will align with the front yard of 18 East 94th Street, the house to the east;

WHEREAS the existing black metal fence will be replaced with a new black metal fence with bronze caps;

WHEREAS the extended front yard would reduce the width of the sidewalk unnecessarily;

WHEREAS 16 East 94th Street is set back from 18 East 94th Street, which is grander in scale, and is in line with 12 East 94th Street to the west, which is similar in scale and whose front yard is set slightly behind the current front yard of 16 East 94th Street;

WHEREAS the extended front yard of 16 East 94th Street would be disproportionate in relation to the front yard of 18 East 94th Street because of the grander scale of 18 East 94th Street;

WHEREAS the extended front yard of 16 East 94th Street would be disproportionate in relation to the size of the front yard of 12 East 94th Street because of the similarity in scale of the houses;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the enlargement of the front yard is disapproved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Part C: Rear Enlargement

WHEREAS the existing partial width extensions on the rear of the house are to be demolished to create a 55'-3' long shell to be extended to the rear for the full width of the site;

WHEREAS the 55'-3" long shell is to be extended 9'-6" to the rear for all five floors above grade;

WHEREAS the new facade is to have a painted stucco finish:

WHEREAS the basement level is to have a new, full height, steel framed multi-pane center window with multi-pane steel and glass doors that open out on either side of the center window and have multi-pane steel and glass transoms above;

WHEREAS the windows on the first floor are to be eight over eight aluminum windows with a black finish;

WHEREAS the three windows on each of the second, third, and fourth floors are to be six over six aluminum windows with a black finish;

WHEREAS a black metal railing is set on top of a short parapet;

WHEREAS there is a variety of enlargements within the donut;

WHEREAS the enlargement of the rear of the house is deemed to be appropriate in its design and in the context of the existing conditions within the donut;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the enlargement of the rear of the house is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 29 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 715 Park Avenue-(between 69th and 70th Streets)-Upper East Side Historic District - *David Estreich*, *architect*-No style apartment building designed by Emery Roth & Sons and constructed in 1948-49. Application for façade work

WHEREAS 715 Park Avenue is a no-style apartment building designed by Emery Roth & Sons and constructed in 1948-49.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the existing black granite entry portal (the surround for the front door and the set of windows to the left of the front door at the ground level) with a new limestone portal and a new flat canopy that will integrate more successfully with the proposed limestone over the portal.

WHEREAS the existing pre-cast concrete that covers the rest of the ground floor will remain; the limestone will match in color the pre-cast concrete.

WHEREAS the existing gray curved canopy will be replaced with a new gray flat canopy with a narrower profile.

WHEREAS the existing front door with its two glass side transoms will be replaced with a new larger door – the opening for the door will remain the same but because the side transoms are being deleted, the glass doors will be minimally widened and framed in limestone.

WHEREAS the base of the building will present as more monochromatic.

WHEREAS the existing black granite portal as well as the curved canopy and the existing front doors are more evocative of the period when the building was constructed.

WHEREAS the original design for the black granite portal has become part of the streetscape along Park Avenue; the appropriate nature of the original Emery Roth design for the portal should not be tampered with.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this application is approved as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 401-409 East 64th Street/402-408 East 65th Street/1194-1192 First Avenue- (between First and York Avenues) - City and Suburban Homes Company, First Avenue Estate, Lot 1- Individual Landmark

WHEREAS the wood windows on the exterior walls are deteriorated and need to be replaced;

WHEREAS there are approximately 1,500 windows to be replaced;

WHEREAS the existing wood windows are of two types -- either two over two or one over one double hung;

WHEREAS the replacement windows are to be double hung, aluminum windows with clear, insulated glass;

WHEREAS the double hung aluminum windows will be of two types: two over two or one over one and will replace the two wood window types in kind;

WHEREAS the wood frames and trim will be covered with aluminum panning to match the existing profiles; **WHEREAS** the Architect for the Windows Master Plan stated that he was using as a precedent the aluminum windows and aluminum panning that were used for the replacement windows and trim at City and Suburban on East 79th Street;

WHEREAS the color of the new windows will be the same as the original color, which is a mustard/gold; **WHEREAS** the original color was determined by removing layers of paint in selected locations and testing samples:

WHEREAS the color that is specified is the closest commercial color to the original -- "Bleached Maple," manufactured by Pittsburgh Paint;

WHEREAS the existing windows and trim are being replaced with aluminum windows and aluminum panning instead of wood windows and wood trim;

THEREFORE be it resolved that this application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 29 in favor, 13 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

- c. Street Fair Committee Barbara Chocky and Lorraine Johnson, Co-Chairs
 - 1. Public Hearings re: Single Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2016

B. St. Joseph School of Yorkville to close East 87th Street between York and First Avenues on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 10:00am to 6:00pm for a Street Fair.

This is the 12th year they are having this event. The Community is invited. There will be two rides and food will be grilled and served.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

C. Manhattan New School to close East 82nd Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday May 21, 2016 from 10:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Festival.

This is the 24th year they are holding this event. There will be music and other entertainment. No vendors will be participating. The Community is invited.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

D. Friendship Circle Upper East Side to close East 77th Street between First and York Avenues, on Sunday May 22, 2016 from 10:00am to 4:00pm for a Block Party.

This event has been held previously. Friendship Circle serves children with Special Needs. The event is open to the Public. No cooking on the street. There will be games, including a moon balance ride.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

E. Brick Presbyterian Church to close East 92nd Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Sunday May 22, 2016 from 9:00am to 3:00pm for a Block Party.

This is their Congregation wide Strawberry Festival. It is open to the Public. Food and beverages will be sold. The event was held previously.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

F. All Souls School to close East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues on Thursday June 2, 2016 from 12 noon to 7:00pm for a Block Party.

This is a party for their pre-school children. The Public is invited. This is an annual event. There will be games and music.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

G. Goat Hill Neighborhood Association to close East 95th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, on Tuesday June 7, 2016 for a block party.

This is an event for the neighbors to get to know each other. There is no cooking on the street and no music. It is open to the Public. One of the Board Members did not support this type of event.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

H. Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91st Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Thursday June 9, 2016 from 9:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Party.

This event has been held previously. It is open to the Public. There will be games and face painting. Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I. PS 198 PTA to close East 91st Street between Third and Lexington Avenues on Saturday June 11, 2016 from 8:00am to 7:00pm for a Block Festival.

This is a read-a –thon. They will be giving away books, and there will be games and arts and crafts. A Dental Van from NYU will be on site to give exams. The event is open to the public.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

J. Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91st Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Tuesday June 14, 2016 from 12noon to 10:00pm for a Block Party.

Committee has taken the position that streets should not be closed for events not open to Public.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to <u>disapprove</u> application because it is a private graduation not open to public by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

L. Marymount Manhattan College to close East 71st Street between Second and Third Avenues on Thursday, September 22, 2016 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for a Block Party.

This is the seventh year they are holding their "Apple Fest". This event is to introduce the new students to the various clubs in the College. The Public is invited. There will be music, food and rides. No cooking outside. Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

d. Parks and Recreation Committee – Susan Evans and Margaret Price, Co-Chairs Re: Hospital for Special Surgery's Proposed Improvements to the East River Esplanade between East 70^{th} and 72^{nd} Streets

WHEREAS the East River Esplanade in Manhattan Community Board 8 is in poor condition and in urgent need of repairs above and below its surface; and

WHEREAS the Hospital for Special Surgery (HSS) has proposed an array of repairs and upgrades to the Esplanade between 70th and 72nd streets, near its facility; and

WHEREAS these area improvements include new 1964 World's Fair-style benches with arm rests, improved lighting, refurbished hexagonal pavers along the walkway, installation of an 8-foot sound barrier wall, the addition of an ADA-accessible drinking fountain and painting and other repairs to the area's existing steel railing; and

WHEREAS the HSS' plans also provide for new plantings, including trees, shrubs, grasses and perennials, and an irrigation system to help sustain them; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB8M supports the Hospital for Special Surgery's proposed repairs and upgrades to the East River Esplanade between 70th and 72nd streets.

The full CB8M board voted to adopt the resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

e. Street Life Committee - Laurence Parnes and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs

1a. Louya Corp., dba Jacques' Bistro, 204 East 85th Street (2nd/3rd)-Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 27 chairs. DCA#1173625-DCA. Due Date April 17, 2016

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1b. 1462 Second Restaurant LLC, dba Meatball, 1462 Second Avenue (76th/77th)-Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 chairs. DCA # 2002637-DCA. Due Date April 24, 2016

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOVLED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2a. Amber Uptown Inc., 1406 Third Avenue (79th/80th)-New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 39 chairs. DCA# 1745-2016-ASWC. Due Date April 7, 2016

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2b. Campania Felix LLC dba San Matteo Pizzeria & Cucina, 1559 Second Avenue (80th/81st)-New application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 25 chairs. DCA#139312-2015-ASWC. Due Date May 5, 2016

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3a. 88 Fusion Link Inc., dba Shoga Sushi & Oyster Bar, 1698 Second Avenue (87th/88th)-Alteration application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS at the April 5, 2016 Street Life Committee meeting, a member of the public reported that the restaurant continues to utilize electric bikes; and

WHEREAS a member of the committee visited the site and concurs with the above information; and

WHEREAS the applicant was invited May 2015 Street Life Committee meeting to address the issue of electric bikes but failed to appear; and

WHEREAS at the full board meeting on October 21, 2015 Community Board 8 disapproved a similar request by the applicant with the following resolution:

WHEREAS the change was the moving of the bar area due to the addition of a sushi bar; and

WHEREAS at the Street Life Committee meeting on October 6, 2015, a member of the public raised a concern regarding the bicycle delivery staff riding on the sidewalk and using illegal electric bicycles, and although the applicant agreed to look into the matter photos taken just prior to the October 21, 2015 full board meeting showed the applicant has not corrected the problems;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 34 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause; and

WHEREAS this restaurant failed to deal with the problem of electric bikes; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 24 in favor, 16 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

4a. Gemelli Restaurant Group Inc., 152 East 79th Street (Lexington/Third)-New application for Liquor, Wine and Beer

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed not to use the outdoor garden in the back of the restaurant after 10 pm; and **WHEREAS** the applicant's application to CB 8 indicates the restaurant will be open until 11:30 pm seven days a week; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED** subject to the stipulations that the outdoor garden in the back of the restaurant not be used after 10 pm and that the hours of operation for the SLA license shall be until 11:30 pm, seven days a week.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 29 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

4b. 3rd Avenue Coffee Corp., dba Irving Farm Coffee Roasters, 1424 Third Avenue (80th/81st)-New application for Wine and Beer

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; and

WHEREAS the applicant's application to CB 8 indicates the restaurant will be open until 10 pm Monday through Saturday and until 8 pm on Sunday; therefore

BE IT ŘESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED** subject to the stipulation that the hours of operation for the SLA license shall be until 10 pm Monday through Saturday and until 8 pm on Sunday.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

4c. Montana Eats LLC., 1750 Second Avenue-South Store (91st/92nd)-New application for Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS this application is for a transfer of an existing license; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; and

WHEREAS the applicant's application to CB 8 indicates the restaurant will be open until 11 pm seven days a week; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED** subject to the stipulation that the hours of operation for the SLA license shall be until 11 pm seven days a week.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

f. Environment & Sanitation Committee – Abraham Salcedo and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs Re: NextGen Neighborhoods at Holmes Tower

Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned about the loss of open space due to the development of the NextGen Neighborhood at Holmes Towers; and

Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned that no amount of funds has yet been committed exclusively and wishes to ensure that all of Holmes Towers debt of approximately 33 million be paid prior to developer breaking ground on Holmes Towers from the NextGen Initiative; and,

Whereas, Community Board 8 wishes to ensure that there is public space made available to the entire community in whatever development is built under the NextGen Initiative;

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Housing Authority and Housing Preservation and Development ensure that any development at Holmes Towers related to the NextGen Initiative ensure the following 1) that funds received from the NextGen Initiative be committed to ensure that all required repairs and improvement at Holmes Towers (currently estimated at \$33M) are completed before any of the funds are allocated to any other NYCHA location, 2) that any development under the NextGen Initiative at Holmes Towers ensure the creation of and accessibility of open public space for the community, and 3) that open space owned by NYCHA throughout the city is opened and made available to compensate for or exceed the open space being lost due to the NextGen Initiative at Holmes Towers

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

g. Marine Transfer Station Task Force – Abraham Salcedo and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs Re: Marine Transfer Station Traffic Conditions on Upper-East-Side

Whereas, Community Board is very concerned about the impact of the Marine Transfer Station on traffic condition on the Upper East Side; and

Whereas, the initial traffic study relating to the MTS was completed in 2005; and

Whereas, since 2005 there have been material changes on the Upper East Side due to several factors including the construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway, the installation of bike lanes, the installation of bus lanes, among others

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY), within three (3) months of this resolution conduct an updated and comprehensive traffic study of the Upper East Side and the impact that the Marine Transfer Station will have on traffic taking into account the material changes since 2005. Further this study should include the impact of both the current 91st Street ramp and the planned ramp relocation to 92nd Street.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: Marine Transfer Station Impact on Pedestrian-Cyclist Safety on Upper-East-Side

Whereas, Community Board is very concerned about the impact of the Marine Transfer Station on pedestrian/cyclist safety on the Upper East Side; and

Whereas, the initial safety plan relating to the MTS was completed in 2005; and

Whereas, since 2005 there have been material changes on the Upper East Side due to several factors including the construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway, the installation of bike lanes, the installation of bus lanes, among others.

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY), within three (3) months of this resolution, conduct an updated and comprehensive pedestrian/cyclist safety study and develop a safety plan of the Upper East Side and the impact that the Marine Transfer Station will have on safety taking into account the material changes since 2005. Further this study should include the impact of both the current 91st Street ramp and the planned ramp relocation to 92nd Street.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: Marine Transfer Station Escalating Cost and Over Budget

Whereas, Community Board 8 is very concerned of the escalating cost of the E. 91st Street Marine Transfer Station and that the MTS is exceedingly over budget; and

Whereas, Community Board 8 believes that the funds for the MTS could be put to better used to benefit our community and the city as a whole; and

Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned that the MTS is not an effective or efficient means to address the city's sanitation goals;

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that New York City Comptroller, Scott Stringer, within six (6) months to one (1) year from the date of this resolution, conduct an audit of the plan for the MTS to understand the reasons for being over budget and moreover to assess whether the MTS is an efficient and effective use of city funds.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: Marine Transfer Station High Volume of Garbage Trucks & Potential Danger to UES Pedestrians & Cyclists

Whereas, Community Board 8 is concerned with the high volume of garbage trucks which will be introduced into the Upper East Side and the potential danger that this creates for pedestrians and cyclists; and

Whereas there have already been several instances of pedestrian/cyclist fatalities due to being struck by garbage trucks;

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY) ensure that all City garbage trucks and City-licensed trade waste hauling vehicles entering the Upper East Side to utilize the E. 91st Marine Transfer Station be required to have side guards installed on those vehicles. For clarity "side guards" are devices fit to the side of a truck that help prevent pedestrians and cyclists from falling into the exposed space between a vehicle's axels.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: Marine Transfer Station Concerns about the State of Air Quality on UES

Whereas, Community Board 8 is deeply concerned about the state of air quality on the Upper East Side; and **Whereas,** Community Board 8 is also deeply concerned that the E 91st Street Marine Transfer Station will only worsen the air quality on the Upper East Side;

Therefore let it be resolved that, Community Board 8 requests that the New York City Department of Sanitation (DSNY), within three (3) months of this resolution, commence continuous real time monitoring of air quality on the Upper East Side. This quality monitoring should include readings of PM10 as well as PM 2.5. This monitoring should be made readily available to this community board and the community at large. Additionally, a system of fines should be implemented should emissions of air quality particulates emanating from the MTS exceed generally accepted normal levels.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

h. Housing Committee - Loraine Brown and Ed Hartzog, Co-Chairs

RE: RESOLUTION - NYCHA Privatization Housing, Taking Park Space Away For Private Development **WHEREAS**, the City and NYCHA have held only one hearing regarding the Mayor's "Next Generation Neighborhood" plan; and,

WHEREAS, the residents of Stanley Isaac Houses and Holmes Towers and Community Board 8 have expressed their dissatisfaction the Next Generation Neighborhood plan and its impact on their continued housing and quality of life; and,

WHEREAS, the residents and community members are not afforded an opportunity to disapprove of the Next Generation Plan; and,

WHEREAS, this plan will impact the residents of Isaac Houses-Holmes Towers and Community Board 8 for generations to come and,

WHEREAS, the lack of transparency and input raise issues of an undemocratic process and potential for financial inefficiencies or continued poor management by the City and NYCHA;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8 recommends that City Council hold a vote on New York City and NYCHA's "Next Generation Neighborhood" plan and to vote "No" on the plan.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

The Health, Seniors & Social Services Committee announced that they wanted to send out a letter in support of the New York City Citizens' Committee for Children's "Save Summer Programs for NYC Children" petition.

Manhattan Community Board 8 voted unanimously in support of this petition.

7. District Manager's Report – Latha Thompson

Latha Thompson did not give a report.

8. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes

Chairman Jim Clynes gave his report. He announced the Parks & Recreation Committee's gathering to help make the Queensboro Oval Park a full-time public park. The gathering will be held on Saturday, June 25th, from 11:00am – 1:00pm at the Queensboro Oval Park at York Avenue and 59th Street. This gathering is to promote the Queensboro Oval Park to be opened to the public full-time and year-round. He also mentioned that he would see the new board members at the New Board Member Orientation in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45PM.

James G. Clynes, Chairman