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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, December 18, 2013 New York Blood Center 310 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street Auditorium 6:30PM

**Community Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Ashby, Lowell Barton, John Bartos, Michele Birnbaum, Molly Blayney, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Roy Carlin, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Cory Evans, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, David Helpern, Lorance Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Dave Kleckner, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White **Community Board Members (Excused):** Lorraine Johnson, David Rosenstein, William Sanchez, Teri Slater, Timothy Yeo

**Community Board Members (Unexcused):** Albert Barrueco, Jeffrey Escobar, Edward Hartzog, Domenico Minerva, Rebecca Seawright, Helene Simon **Total Attendance: 39** 

## Chair Nicholas D. Viest called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.

#### 1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, T.K. Zellers, representing Grow NYC, spoke on the free Stop N Swap event.
- Member of the public, Daniel Feigin, representing Trevor Day School, spoke in favor of the street closing for graduation at East 90<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke on the topics of the calendar and bicycle deliveries.
- Member of the public, Karen Meara, representing 1000 Park Avenue, spoke.
- Member of the public, John Hardiman, representing 1000 Park Avenue, spoke on the Park Avenue Historic District.
- Member of the public, Clark Munnell, spoke on the topic of old business.
- Member of the public, Esra Munnell, spoke on the topic of old business.
- Member of the public, Cindy Allen, spoke in opposition to 819 Madison Avenue.
- Member of the public, Regina Glocke, representing 35 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street, spoke in opposition to 817-819 Madison Avenue.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – November 13, 2013 Land Use meeting minutes adopted.

#### 4. Manhattan Borough President's Report:

Kristen Ellis, a representative from the Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO) Scott Stringer, reported on his latest initiatives.

#### 5. Elected Official's Reports:

- Christina Parisi, a representative from Congress Member Carolyn Maloney's office reported on her latest initiatives.
- Patrick Madigan, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office reported on her latest initiatives.
- Matthew Walsh, a representative for Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Emma Lowe, a representative for Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

#### 6. Chair's Report – Nick Viest:

Chair Nick Viest gave his report. Nick announced that CB8M staff member Lovaeta Amoako will be leaving to work for another city agency. He thanked her for all her great work and contributions to CB8M and wished her the best in her new position. He reminded the board members that if they had not paid the suggested amount towards the food and the tips for the building staff they should do so with Latha this evening. She also acknowledged board member Debbie Teitelbaum and thanked her for being Secretary. Tonight was her last night as Secretary. He also commended board members, Jim Clynes, Larry Parnes, Teri Slater, and Marco Tamayo for their excellent attendance record in the past year. Each of them attended all of the 18 Land Use and Full Board meetings. He announced that the Brevity Awards would be in February. He made his apologies to the Public Safety Committee because the Rockefeller University Task Force meeting had to be scheduled on the very same night. This schedule was unavoidable because the Rockefeller University Task Force needed to meet and make their decision on the ULURP application by the deadline date.

#### 7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

#### • Street Fair Committee – Barbara Chocky and Hedi White, Co-Chairs

#### Public Hearings re: applications for multi-block street fairs for calendar year 2014.

**1A.** Museum Mile Festival –Fifth Avenue, between 82<sup>nd</sup> and 109<sup>th</sup> Streets, on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. This is the 36<sup>th</sup> year of the Festival. The street will be closed at 4:00pm and 9 museums will be open to the public without charge. Only positive remarks were made relating to this event

#### Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**1B**. Application by the Parents Association of P.S. 183 to close the side walk on the South Side of East 67<sup>th</sup> Street between York Avenue and First Avenue for Vendors and parking and the side walk on East 66<sup>th</sup> Street between First and York Avenues, on Saturdays from Saturday January 4, 2014 to Saturday December 27, 2014 from 6:00am to 5:00pm for a flea and Farmers market. This is a fundraiser for the school. There have been no complaints in the years that it has been held. The sidewalk is partially closed but not the street. **Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.** 

#### Public Hearings re: applications for Single Block Street Fairs for Calendar year 2014.

**2A.** Application by the Parents Association of P.S. 167 to close East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenues, on Sunday May 4, 2014 from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a block party. This is a carnival and the funds are used to support the school. It is open to the public. One board member expressed concern about notification and approval by residents of the block who park their cars in the garage. The applicant informed us that they will be notified and there were no complaints last year.

#### Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**2B.** Application by Trevor Day School to close 90<sup>th</sup> Street, between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Tuesday June 17, 2014, from 12:00pm to 1:30pm for a Block Party. This will be a celebration following their graduation. There was discussion whether a street should be closed for a private event. Questions were raised to why the reception could not be held indoors.

#### Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 24 in favor, 14 opposed and 1 abstention.

**2C.** Application by the Dalton School to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street, between Park and Madison Avenues, on Friday May 23, 2014 from 11:30AM to 3:00PM for a block party. This event has been held for 15 years. It is for their elementary school and is open to the public. They have on site security.

#### Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**2D.** Application by Birch Wathen Lenox School to close East 77<sup>th</sup> Street between Second and Third avenues, on Friday June 6, 2014, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM for block party. This event has been held for 20 years and is open to the public.

#### Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

**2E.** Application by the Episcopal School to close East 69<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Thursday, May 15, 2014 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM for a block party. This is a family event for their preschool. It is open to the public. Extra security will be present since very young children are participation. **Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.** 

#### • Landmarks Committee – David Helpern and David Liston, Co-Chairs

**Re: 791 Madison Avenue (66<sup>th</sup>/67<sup>th</sup> Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District –** *Page Ayres Cowley Architects, LLC* - A Italianate/neo-Grec style building designed by F.S. Barus and built in 1871, with alterations made in 1896, 1907 and 1925. Application is to alter the façade and storefront windows.

# THIS APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO TWO PARTS: PART A – Façade and storefront windows except for conversion of door to window on south façade and; PART B – Window replacing door on south façade

#### Part A: Façade and storefront windows except for conversion of door to window on south façade

**Whereas** 791 Madison Avenue was built in 1871, has had three major alterations, and has had multiple lesser alterations, the last of which was in 2011;

Whereas the retail space on the first and second floors is being renovated and extended to the east to maximize the use of the first floor for retail;

Whereas the heavily textured stucco on the first and second floors will be replaced with limestone as the major material since the original brownstone, long lost, cannot be replicated;

Whereas the limestone will match the limestone of the adjoining storefront to the south;

Whereas the limestone will define structural openings on the first and second floors;

Whereas the windows on the first floor will be raised to the underside of the new string course at the second floor;

Whereas the height of the show windows and entrance doors on Madison Avenue will align with those of the adjacent storefront;

**Whereas** the window on the south elevation below the bay window on the third floor will be widened to eliminate the brick that had been added and/or patched either side of the existing window so that the window will have a better proportion in relation to the window below;

Whereas the brick on the south and west facades will be painted a dark gray to complement the limestone color; Whereas the lintels and trim on the upper floors will be painted a color similar to the limestone;

Whereas a cornice to match the original cornice will be replaced on the Madison Avenue façade;

Therefore be it resolved that Part A of this application be approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

#### Part B: Window replacing door on south façade

Whereas the building was enlarged with a rear extension;

Whereas the rear extension appears to be added on to the original building;

Whereas the southern end of the original building has a strong vertical termination in the alignment of the windows on the upper floors with the existing door on the ground floor;

**Whereas** the large window that would replace the door does not recall the door, does not relate to the texture of the window panes above, and detracts from the expression of verticality of the current composition;

Therefore be it resolved that Part B of the application be disapproved.

# Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

### Re: 817-819 Madison Avenue (68th/69th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District – Ted Bodnar, Architect

- A Beaux-Arts style residence designed by Carrere & Hastings in 1892, with alterations made in 1922 by Carrere & Hastings. Application is to add a two story rear yard extension.

Whereas the rear yard extension is for one story that is two stories in height at 19'-0";

Whereas the rear yard extension fills in a courtyard between 817-819 Madison Avenue and 35 East 68th Street;

Whereas 817-819 Madison Avenue and 35 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street were both designed by Carrere & Hastings;

Whereas the courtyard is part of the overall composition of the two buildings;

Whereas the proposed rear yard extension covers portions of the facades of both buildings;

Whereas the proposed rear yard extension does not preserve the courtyard;

Whereas the proposed rear extension is not in the spirit of the Special Madison Avenue District;

Therefore be it resolved that this application be <u>disapproved</u> as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

#### • Street Life Committee – Jonathan Horn and Domenico Minerva, Co-Chairs

1a. <u>Romy East, LLC d/b/a Shalizar, 1420 Third Avenue (80<sup>th</sup>/81<sup>st</sup> Streets)</u> – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats, DCA #1314788

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 recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1b. <u>**1431 Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Zucchero e Pomodori, 1435 Second Avenue (74<sup>th</sup>/75<sup>th</sup> Streets)</u> – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats, DCA #1232028</u>** 

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 recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1c. <u>KMG Group, LLC d/b/a Molly Pitcher's Ale House, 1641 Second Avenue (@ 85<sup>th</sup> Street)</u> – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats, DCA #1254082
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 recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0

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1d. Sato, Inc. d/b/a Mole by Taco Taco, 1735 Second Avenue (89<sup>th</sup>/90<sup>th</sup> Street) – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 17 chairs, DCA #1389784

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 recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1e. <u>PQ Carnegie Hill, Inc. d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, 1309 Lexington Avenue (87th/88th Streets) –</u> Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 chairs, DCA #1381014

**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 recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2a. <u>Saltoto, Inc. d/b/a Salvo's, 1477 York Avenue (@ 78<sup>th</sup> Street)</u> – New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 20 seats, DCA # 1430-2013-ASWC

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to reduce their application to 8 tables and 19 chairs, and

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the application is Approved.

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

2b. <u>1462 Second Restaurant, LLC d/b/a The Meatball Shop, 1462 Second Avenue (76<sup>th</sup>/77<sup>th</sup> Streets)</u> – New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats, DCA #1482-2013-ASWC

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to close their windows and doors at 10pm, and WHEREAS the applicant agreed to close their windows and doors at 10pm, and

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3b. <u>Carino on Second, Inc., 1710 Second Avenue (88<sup>th</sup>/89<sup>th</sup> Streets)</u> - New application for a Liquor, Wine & Beer license (*Application laid from the November meeting*) Food/Drink: 85/15

WHEREAS this is a new owner for an established restaurant with no changes anticipated

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Monday to Saturday – 5pm to 11:00pm

Sunday – 5pm to 10:00pm

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the application is Approved

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

3c. <u>Greenleaf 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., Inc. d/b/a Beechmont, 1678 First Avenue (87<sup>th</sup>/88<sup>th</sup> Streets)</u> – New application for a Liquor, Wine & Beer license. Food/Drink: 25/75

WHEREAS this is a new owner for an established bar with no changes anticipated

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the existing establishment has used their rear yard without any reported issues for at least 5 years, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to close the rear yard by 11pm on Sunday through Thursday and by Midnight on Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation (for the inside space):

Sunday to Saturday – 11am to 4:00am

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

3d. <u>Philippe NYC I, LLC d/b/a Philippe, 33-35 East 60<sup>th</sup> Street (Madison/Park Avenues)</u> – New application for a Liquor, Wine & Beer license Food/Drink: 80/20

WHEREAS this is a new owner for an established restaurant with no changes anticipated

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

#### Monday to Saturday – Noon to Midnight

Sunday – 3pm to Midnight

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the application is Approved.

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

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

**Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a stoop, steps and fenced-in area at 48 East 64<sup>th</sup> Street BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M approves the request for a revocable consent for a fenced-in area, stoop, and steps in front of 48 East 64th Street.

Manhattan Community Board 8 <u>APPROVED</u> the resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

**8. Old Business** No new business.

**9. New Business** No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.