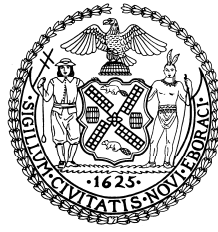


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
New York Blood Center
310 East 67th Street
Auditorium
Wednesday, February 19, 2014
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Albert Barrueco, Lowell Barton, John Bartos, Michele Birnbaum, Roy Carlin, Barbara Chocky, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Cory Evans, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Lorance Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson, Dave Kleckner, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Rebecca Seawright, Teri Slater, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White, Timothy Yeo

Community Board Members (Excused): Lori Ann Bores, Sarah Chu, Domenico Minerva, Debra Teitelbaum

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Matthew Bondy, Jeffrey Escobar

Total Attendance: 42

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

1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, Peter Matsoukas, representing 118 East 60th Owners Corp., spoke in opposition to the liquor license.
- Member of the public, Scott Curtis, representing 118 East 60th Owners Corp., spoke in opposition to the 116 East 60th Street liquor license.
- Member of the public, H. Richard Rean, spoke in opposition to the bar adjacent to building.
- Member of the public, Francis Chen, representing Nextdoor.com, spoke about a private and free social network for the Upper East Side neighborhood where community members can connect.
- Member of the public, Dennis McCarthy, spoke in favor of business.
- Member of the public, Barry Mallin, ESQ., representing 118 East 60th Co-op, spoke in opposition to the new bar at 116 East 60th Street's license.
- Member of the public, Colm Hourican, spoke in favor of the bar-restaurant on 60th Street.
- Member of the public, Susan Weisser, representing 118 East 60th Street, spoke in opposition to the bar.
- Member of the public, Alexandra Desbrao, spoke on safety concerns.
- Member of the public, Sheila Lynott, spoke in favor of the license application.
- Member of the public, Michael Donnelly, representing the New York City Carpenters Union, spoke in opposition to 480 Main Street, Roosevelt Island.
- Member of the public, Richard Mahon, spoke regarding the liquor license.
- Member of the public, Jennifer Ratner, representing Friends of the East River Esplanade, spoke on the organization's spring plans.
- Member of the public, Penelope Josephides, representing Manhattan Neighborhood, spoke in opposition to the MSK/CUNY/HSS development.
- Member of the public, Marise Hauser, representing Green Park Gardeners, spoke on the resolutions.
- Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke in favor of civility.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – November 20, 2013 Full Board, December 18, 2013 Full Board and January 8, 2014 Land Use meeting minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President’s Report:

Athena Moore, a representative from the Manhattan Borough President’s Office, reported on her latest initiatives.

5. Elected Official’s Reports:

- Council Member Ben Kallos reported on his latest initiatives. He gave an overview of some of his new duties which include being the Chair of the Governmental Operations Committee and Co-Chair of the East River Esplanade. He made announcements on some events going on in his district which include the Participatory Budget in which all residents can vote on how they would like to spend millions of dollars for capital improvements in their district. He also asked for a moment of silence to honor CB8M board member Helene Simon who passed away.
- Council Member Daniel Garodnick reported on his latest initiatives. He wished everyone a belated Happy New Year and also mentioned that CB8M board member Helene Simon who passed away will be missed. He spoke on Mayor de Blasio’s \$73 billion dollar budget which is very similar to former Mayor Bloomberg’s budget. However, Mayor de Blasio’s budget has an emphasis on recovering funds for Hurricane Sandy relief, recovering funds for the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit and addressing the 152 unresolved labor contracts that Mayor Bloomberg did not address during his administration. He was very happy to announce that he has been appointed by the City Council to be the Chair of Economic Development and looks forward to working on economic development issues.
- Christina Parisi, a representative from Congress Member Carolyn Maloney’s office, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Matthew Walsh, a representative for Assembly Member Dan Quart’s office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Rebecca Godlewicz, a representative from Comptroller Scott Stringer’s office, reported on his latest initiatives. She introduced herself to the board members and community and gave her contact information. She can be reached by calling 212-669-4291 or by e-mail at rgodlew@comptroller.nyc.gov
- Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative for Senator Jose Serrano’s office, reported on his latest initiatives.

6. Chair’s Report – Nick Viest:

Chair Nick Viest gave his report. Nick spoke about CB8M board member Helene Simon who passed away last week. Helene Simon was an institution at Community Board 8 since she had been a member since 1974. She had a real presence on the board and was never reluctant to speak her mind. She also had a good heart and was totally committed to the community that she served. All of the CB8M community will remember Helene Simon.

7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

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

1A. Application by the Church of the Holy Trinity to close East 88th Street from First to Second Avenues on Saturday, May 3, 2014 for a Block Party.

This event will be open to the Public. No cooking of food will take place on the block. There will be general vendors and entertainment. The event has been held for 20 years.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1B. Application by Marymount Manhattan College to close 71st Street between Second and Third Avenues, on Wednesday, May 7, 2014 from 12noon to 3:00PM for a Block Party.

This is their 44th Annual Strawberry Festival celebrating the end of the school year. It is not a graduation party and the public is invited. Food will be served, but no cooking will take place on the street. There will be music and entertainment.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1C. Application by Ronald McDonald House to close East 73rd Street between First and York Avenues, on Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 11:00AM to 3:00PM for a Block Party.

This is the end of a Walkathon. This event is to highlight their Greek Program at Ronald McDonald House. (They have a large number of Greek Children staying there while they are being treated at the hospital). The public is encouraged to attend. There will be music and food donated by restaurants. No cooking will take place on the block.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1D. Application by the Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91st Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 12noon to 4:00 for a Block Party

This is an end of the year event for the school and the community. There will be Arts and Crafts. No cooking will take place on the block.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1E. Application by Accueil New York to close East 74th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Sunday, June 5, 2014 for a Block Party.

There will be a band and food at this event. There will be no cooking on the block. The public is invited. The event took place last year without any complaints.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1I. Application by St. Ignatius Loyola School to close East 84th Street between Madison and Park Avenues from 5:00 to 8:00PM on Friday, June 6, 2014 for a Block Party.

This is an end of the school year event, but not a graduation party. It is open to the public. There will be music and food but no cooking on the block.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1K. Application by Friendship Circle of the Upper East Side to close East 77th Street between First and York Avenues from 10:00AM to 4:00PM, on Sunday, May 18, 2014 for a Block Party.

This will be the end of a walk. The Friendship Walk Carnival is an event to bring children with disabilities together with students in local schools. They are paired one to one. The festival will include games, music and food. No cooking on the block. It is open to the public.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1L. Ramaz School to close East 78th Street between Park and Madison Avenues from 11:00AM to 4:00PM on Sunday, May 18, 2014 for a Block Party.

This is a family fun day which commemorates the end of a seven week mourning period. There will be inflatable rides and music. No cooking will take place on block. The community is invited.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

Re: 841 Lexington Avenue (between 64th and 65th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District Extension – Daniel Allen, Architect – A Simplified Colonial Revival style building designed by Thomas W. Lamb, Inc. and built in 1929. Application is to install a box awning over the existing storefront spa entry.

Motion to Approve:

WHEREAS 841 Lexington Avenue is a “simplified” Colonial Revival style building designed by Thomas Lamb and constructed in 1929.

WHEREAS there are two entrances to 841 Lexington Avenue, one on Lexington Avenue and one on 64th Street.

WHEREAS the entrance on 64th Street is entirely exposed and is not obviously perceived as a point of entry to either the retail establishment at the ground level and the spa at the second floor.

WHEREAS the applicant, to bring attention to the 64th Street entrance, wishes to install a box awning with a rectilinear box frame covered in canvas, within the existing limestone lintel.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning will project 4' out over the entrance and will be 1'10" high and 12'11" wide so that it extends over the width of storefront entrance

WHEREAS the proposed box awning will be black with white lettering.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning does not conform to Landmarks Preservation Commission rules for awnings/canopies within historic districts; the applicant is seeking LPC approval for a non-compliant awning.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning blocks the east/west vista along 64th Street.

WHEREAS there are no other awnings along the north side of 64th Street which is residential except for 841 Lexington Avenue.

WHEREAS the proposed box awning is out of context and inappropriate within the historic district.

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

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

Re: 165 East 77th Street aka 159-165 East 77th Street, Ardsley Garage (between Lexington and Third)-Park Avenue Historic District - George F. Pelham, Architect-A Terra Cotta style building designed by George F. Pelham and built in 1914. Application to alter commercial signage; fire escape and light fixtures

WHEREAS the applicant did not appear at the Landmarks Committee to present the project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application 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.

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

1a. **Salernitani Ltd., dba San Matteo Pizzeria Espresso Bar, 1739 Second Avenue (@ 90th Street)**-Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 chairs, DCA # 1391390, Due date: February 22, 2014

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 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2a. **89Tenzan Japanese Cuisine Inc., 1714 Second Avenue (@ 89th Street)**-New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 23 chairs, DCA # 867-2014-ASWC, Due date: March 10, 2014

WHEREAS this is solely a change of ownership, 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 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3a. **Majiao Asia Grill Corp, 1817 Second Avenue (@94th Street)** - Application to transfer an existing Wine & Beer Only license **Food/Drink: 85/15**

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

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Monday to Saturday – 11:00am to Midnight

Sunday – 11:00am to 11:30pm

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.

4a. **Thibaut Piettre on behalf of entity to be determined, 1685 First Avenue (87th/88th)**-New application for Liquor, Wine & Beer. **Food/Drink: 70/30**

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Monday to Thursday – 9:00am to 11:00pm

Friday to Saturday – 9:00am to Midnight

Sunday – 9:00am to 11:00pm

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.

4b. **Richard Mahon or entity to be formed, 116 East 60th Street (Park/Lex)**-New application for Liquor, Wine & Beer. **Food/Drink: 40/60**

WHEREAS approximately 25 residents of 118 East 60th Street appeared before the committee to express concerns about this application, and

WHEREAS these concerns focused on the possibility of ill-behaved and/or drunk patrons of the establishment creating excessive noise, particularly at late hours, or blocking access to their building's circular driveway, and **WHEREAS** they were also concerned about trash and food odors that would be produced by the establishment, and

WHEREAS the applicant has owned and operated a similar establishment in our area (the Carriage House at 219 East 59th Street) for over 25 years, and

WHEREAS there have been no reported issues or concerns generated by the operations at that location during its existence, and

WHEREAS at least 2 individuals spoke to the efforts made by the applicant to prevent any problems at his existing establishment, and

WHEREAS the applicant spoke of his desire to be the same good neighbor at 116 East 60th Street as he is at 219 East 59th Street, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to take extra efforts during the reconstruction of the currently deteriorating premises to minimize the possibility of noise and odors exiting onto the street, including creating a double entry doorway, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to install security cameras both inside and outside the establishment

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to have 4 licensed security personal on-site every evening from 6pm to closing, in order to help address the resident's concerns over potentially misbehaving patrons, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to provide his cell phone number to the co-op board at 118 East 60th Street to facilitate their ability to reach him 24 hours a day should any issues arise, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Monday to Wednesday – 10am to 2:00am

Thursday to Saturday – 10am to 3:00am

Sunday – Noon to 2:00am

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 32 in favor, 7 opposed, and 3 abstentions.

4c. **Korean Takeout Express Inc., dba Korean Express, 807 Lexington Avenue, (62nd/63rd)**, -New application for a Wine & Beer. **Food/Drink: 80/20**

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Sunday to Saturday – 11:00am to 10:00pm

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.

4d. **Chirping Chicken NYC Inc., 1560 Second Avenue (@ 81st Street)** -New application for a Wine and Beer. **Food/Drink: 85/15**

WHEREAS this is a new location of a previously licensed business in our district, and

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Sunday to Saturday – 11:00am to Midnight

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.

4e. **T & S Restaurant LLC., dba Viand Restaurant, 300 East 86th Street (@ Second Avenue)**-New application for a Wine and Beer. **Food/Drink: 95/5**

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

WHEREAS the new owner already is licensed to operate Gracie's Corner Restaurant in our district, and

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the establishment is open 24 hours and the applicant agreed to the limit alcohol sales to the following hours of operation:

Monday to Saturday – 8:00am to 4am

Sunday – Noon to 4:00am

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.

5a. **River Lounge Inc., dba Mad River Bar and Grille, 1442 Third Avenue (@ 82nd Street) -**

Renewal application for Liquor, Wine & Beer. **Food/Drink: 40/60**

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to abide by CB8M’s policy and not participate in any bar crawls or similar activities in the future, and

WHEREAS there were no objections from the public, and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to the following hours of operation:

Sunday to Saturday – 11:00am to 4am

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.

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

Re: Informational Presentation: Move NY’s plan for funding the Metropolitan Region's transportation systems/roads/bridges.

Manhattan Community Board 8 moved to lay-over until presentation to the Board by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Re: Continued discussion: Yorkville Senior Pedestrian Focus Area

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Transportation’s Safe Streets for Seniors initiative is designed to increase pedestrian safety in areas with many senior citizens; and

WHEREAS having the Safer Streets for Seniors improvements will decrease injuries not just for senior citizens, but for the entire community; and

WHEREAS NYC DOT has identified the area from East 72nd Street to East 91st Street, between York and Madison Avenues as the Yorkville Senior Pedestrian Focus Area; and

WHEREAS NYC DOT proposed the following four strategies for improvements in the Yorkville Senior Pedestrian Focus Area:

1. Concrete neckdowns (curb extensions) at the following locations:
 - a. SE corner of E. 82nd St. & York Ave.
 - b. NE corner of E. 83rd St. & Third Ave.
2. A pedestrian safety island E. 86th St. at 1st Ave., between the NE & SE corners
3. New or changed Truck Loading Zones at the following four locations:
 - a. East side of Lexington Ave. between E. 83rd & E. 84th St. (Duane Reade & D’Agostino; extending existing hours to 1 PM instead of 10 AM)
 - b. West side of Third Ave. between E. 82nd & E. 83rd St. (Food Emporium)
 - c. East side of Third Ave. between E. 83rd & E. 84th St. (Duane Reade & delis)
 - d. West side of York Ave. between E. 79th St. & E. 80th St. (D’Agostino)
4. A left-turn ban at Lexington Avenue for vehicles traveling west on East 86th Street; and

WHEREAS concrete neckdowns reduce crossing distances, increase pedestrian visibility, slow turning vehicles, and decrease sidewalk overcrowding, more with protection than painted neckdowns provide; and

WHEREAS a pedestrian safety island can reduce crossing distances and slow turning vehicles; and

WHEREAS loading zones can reduce congestion, avoid vehicles swerving around double-parked vehicles in the moving traffic lanes, and increase visibility between drivers and pedestrians; and

WHEREAS 19 pedestrians were struck while crossing at the intersection of East 86th Street & Lexington Avenue during the five years from 2007 to 2011, and

WHEREAS the intersection of East 86th Street & Lexington Avenue has very high pedestrian traffic, with subway entrances at all four corners, and several tourist and shopping destinations located nearby; and **WHEREAS** the 86th Street 4/5/6 Station on the Lexington Avenue line is the 10th busiest subway station in Manhattan, with 63,550 riders on an average weekday in 2012; and **WHEREAS** separated subway platforms, with no available transfer between the uptown and downtown platforms, result in all round-trip commuters needing to cross Lexington Avenue in one direction; and **WHEREAS** there are nearly 10 times as many pedestrians crossing Lexington Avenue in the south side crosswalk on East 86th Street as there are vehicles turning left at that intersection; and **WHEREAS** a ban on left turns onto Lexington Avenue for vehicles traveling westbound on East 86th St. eliminates conflicts between pedestrians and turning vehicles, and would better organize and improve traffic flow on East 86th Street;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the Department of Transportation proposals for the Yorkville Senior Pedestrian Area, but requests that the proposed loading zone on the west side of York Avenue between 79th & 80th Streets be in addition to (not in place of) the current loading zone on the southern curb of East 80th Street west of York Avenue; and, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M requests dedicated traffic enforcement at the affected locations for the first six weeks after installation; and **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks DOT to investigate coordination of staggered delivery schedules to allow for more efficient use of the loading zones.

Manhattan Community Board 8 APPROVED the resolution by a vote of 24 in favor, 12 opposed, 4 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: A request to change the parking on East 63rd Street between York and First Avenues from “No Standing, 7AM to Midnight, all days” to “No Standing, 7AM to 7PM, except Sundays”

WHEREAS New York City Department of Transportation has recently changed the parking regulations on the southern curb of East 63rd Street, between York and First Avenues; and **WHEREAS** the change in the nighttime traffic pattern on the Queensboro Bridge does not appear to have caused a noticeable increase in traffic on East 63rd Street sufficient to require additional parking restrictions between 7 PM and Midnight; and **WHEREAS** the elimination of parking widens the available roadway in the evening and allows cars to speed down this block; and **WHEREAS** NYC DOT is already looking to reverse this change in parking regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan strongly urges NYC DOT to restore the parking regulations on the southern curb of East 63rd Street, between York and First Avenue, to No Standing, 7 AM to 7 PM, Except Sundays.

Manhattan Community Board 8 APPROVED the resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: A request for a neckdown at the intersection of Third Avenue and East 62nd Street to prevent illegal truck traffic

WHEREAS the block of East 62nd Street between Second & Third Avenues is located within the Treadwell Farms Historic District, one of the oldest historic districts in New York City; and **WHEREAS** trucks are prohibited from this block unless making a local delivery; and **WHEREAS** there is a chronic problems of trucks illegally using this block as a through route; and **WHEREAS** a concrete neckdown near the southeast corner of East 62nd Street & Third Avenue would discourage trucks from turning onto 62nd Street;

THEREFORE be it resolved that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges NYC DOT to install a concrete neckdown on the south side of East 62nd Street to the east of Third Avenue.

Manhattan Community Board 8 APPROVED the following resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 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 8:40PM.

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair

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