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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2010 – 6:30PM
New York Blood Center
310 East 67th Street
AUDITORIUM

Present: Joie Anderson, Elizabeth Ashby, Michael Auerbach, Kenneth W. Austin, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Deirdre Breslin, Roy H. Carlin, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Gerard Clynes, Christina R. Davis, Susan Evans, George Fuchs, Ruth Halberg, David Paul Helpern, Jonathan Horn, Lorraine Johnson, Edward Kramer, Laura Lijewski, Jacqueline Ludorf, Jane Parshall, Mary Boresz Pike, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Dan Quart, David L. Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Helene Simon, Teri Slater, Patrick Stewart, Debra Teitelbaum, Alexander Tisch, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles S. Warren, Hedi White

Absent (Excused): Richard Burg, Dave Kleckner, Domenico Minerva, N. Sharon Pope, Cos Spagnoletti, Betty Cooper Wallerstein

Left Prior to Adjournment:

Jacqueline Ludorf, Chair - Called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

1. Public Session:

- Ms. Crystal Eng Won, spoke in favor for census cooperation/participation

2. Manhattan Borough President's Report: Reported by Greg Kirchenbaum on Dan Benjoya no longer community board 8 Liaison due to a promotion in the MBPO. Also MBPO attended a press conference on Jan 7th unveiling plans for long terms and short term solution for people on a waiting list for housing. On Jan 11th Borough President testify educational impact statement referred to school closing in the East Side and also continuing the fight for school metro cards.

3. Manhattan Borough President's Report: Greg Kirchenbaum reports Dan Benjoya new position in the Manhattan Borough President's office, no further information on a new liaison for community board 8. Press conference on January 7th unveils a long term / short term plan for people on a waiting list for housing. January 11th MBP testify educational impact statement refer to school closing in the East Side, also the continue fight for school metro cards.

4. Elected Official Reports:

Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick- DOT & MTA presents their plans for select bus service for M15 (Very Slow) that is in need of improvements. Such as changes on street design, off set bus lane, and protected bike lane. The Goal is to speed up bus service by 20% and clear bus lane for traffic. On noise issues from the Guggenheim Museum, solutions are to reduce overnight noise in the area. Deliveries from 9AM - 9PM will no longer take place near residential area located on East 89th street, Garbage from 10:30Am – 7:30AM no longer take place, Guggenheim will have someone monitoring noise levels from late night events, and they will also minimize use of traffic lane for loading/unloading. On new voting machines their office will be campaigning with the Public Advocate to educate people how to use the new voting machine in time for the September votes.

NYS Senator Liz Krueger- Announce how to make 311 works to obtain information, report a problem, and request services. Along with a new program for boomers and seniors called “You and Your Money” for older adults with financial issues.

NYS Senator Jose M. Serrano- Senator Serrano joins NYS attorney general Cuomo to fight for immigrant rights. They have also announced a lawsuit on two companies that provided fraudulent and unauthorized immigration services to countless victims in NYC. Serrano is also encouraging disaster preparedness providing residents with resources from community org., government agencies and other participants. Receive a free interactive CD to view to learn to create evacuation plan and other tools to help in case of an emergency.

NYS Assembly Member Micah Kellner- Introducing resolution condemning Ugandan Anti-LGBT Bill. Calling upon President Obama and the us congress to impose appropriate diplomatic sanctions against Uganda should the bill be enacted? Assemblyman Kellner voted no on re-authorize the seats on the MTA board of directors that are reserved for non-voting representatives of MTA riders and labor unions.

NYS Assembly Member Jonathan Bing- Assemblyman Bing introduces legislation to install bus cameras to ticket all cars using the bus lane, wanting to keep the bus lane clear. New Legislation to protect patients and doctors, this aims for creating better health insurances practices.

Council Member Jessica S. Lappin- Sponsor the Electronic Recycle Event where 250 people attended and with a great success collected 5 tons of electronic to be recycles. Council member Lappin encourages people to use “Notify NYC” where NYC delivers important information about emergency events and City services. On December 10th Council member Lappin worked with the 19th Precinct on the intersection of 63rd and York to organize horn honking sting. To stop the continual frustration of city living of endless horn honking.

Transportation Committee- Jonathan Horn and Charles Warren, (*Co-Chairs*)

2) A discussion of the East 67th Street Signage by Memorial Sloan Kettering

WHEREAS, Memorial Sloan Kettering has requested certain parking signage changes be made on the north side of East 67th Street between First and York Avenues to better serve their needs, and

WHEREAS, these changes have no effect on parking availability to the general public,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOVED, that Community Board 8M approves the following parking sign changes on the North side of East 67th Street
Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 Abstentions

Landmarks Committee- David Liston and Jane Parshall, (Co-Chairs)

1) 23 East 67th Street -Upper East Side Historic District
THIS APPLICATION IS DIVIDED INTO 3 PARTS: 1) PARAPET, 2) GLASS FRONT DOOR AND 3) SIGN

A) **Parapet**

WHEREAS 23 East 67th Street is a rowhouse designed by Robert Robertson and built in 1882-1883 and redesigned in the neo-Federal style by Sterner and Wolfe in 1919.

WHEREAS the applicant removed the existing wood parapet consisting of a stockade fence with a railing on top, replacing it with a new 3'6" high brick parapet with precast coping that was approved by the Trust, but not by the LPC.

WHEREAS the applicant also designed a limestone detailed parapet with dentils which the applicant is now presenting as a preferable parapet to the LPC.

WHEREAS the replacement brick parapet does not in any way relate to the architectural details of the original building

WHEREAS the limestone detailed parapet relates to both the limestone at the cornice and to the limestone on the ground floor.

WHEREAS a limestone-detailed parapet is more appropriate to the architecture of the building within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Part 1 of this application, the new limestone detailed design for the parapet, be approved as presented.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 Abstentions

B) **Glass Front Door**

WHEREAS the applicant has replaced the existing wood door with a new ½" tempered glass door.

WHEREAS the existing wood door has been stored on location for future reuse.

WHEREAS the door measures 3' x 7'; the glass panel in the door measures 2' x 5' and is framed in wood.

WHEREAS a large retail window is adjacent to the door.

WHEREAS the new glass door is consistent with the status of the building today with its commercial use.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Part 2 of this application, the new wood-framed glass door, be approved as presented.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 28 in favor, 14 opposed, and 0 Abstentions

C) **Sign** (Substitute Motion to Approve)

WHEREAS the sign would be a small metal sign cantilevered off the building on a bracket.

WHEREAS the sign would measure 9" x 1'6" and be hung from a stainless steel frame painted black.

WHEREAS there are two existing art galleries on the upper floors that have signs set into the brick next to the entry door for the two galleries (separate from the door into the retail space).

WHEREAS a sign of the nature the applicant proposes is out of context with the residential character of the street.

WHEREAS a sign that is consistent with the signs for the two art galleries is more appropriate and would be preferable.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this Part 3 of this application, the sign, be approved as presented.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 25 in favor, 17 opposed, and 0 Abstentions

2) **565 Park Avenue -Upper East Side Historic District**

WHEREAS 565 Park Avenue is a neo-Renaissance style apartment building designed by Robert T. Lyons and built in 1912-1913.

WHEREAS the applicant is proposing to modify an existing penthouse.

WHEREAS the penthouse is located on the 13th floor and is the 2nd floor of a duplex apartment and is on the backside of the building (the rear top-floor apartment).

WHEREAS the applicant proposes extending both sides of the existing penthouse for a total of 440 sq. ft. so that the penthouse will now be 60' in length.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to lower the existing penthouse by 3' and set it back from the parapet by 3'.

WHEREAS the penthouse now reads as giant glass skylight; after remodeling the new elevation of the 13th floor will be glass, either fixed panes or sliding glass doors and will present as a glass wall.

WHEREAS the parapet is 4' high; the section of the penthouse visible above the parapet will range from 8' to 6'; the overall height of the penthouse will range from 12'8" to 10'3".

WHEREAS the applicant also proposes to replace the existing windows on the 12th floor (the first floor of the duplex) with new tilt-and-turn windows.

WHEREAS tilt-and-turn windows are inappropriate and out of context with both the architecture of the building and within the historic district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application be approved as presented provided that the proposed tilt-and-turn windows become double hung wooden or aluminum windows that replicate the profile of the typical wooden windows of the building.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 Abstentions

3) **44 East 71st Street -Upper East Side Historic District (Disapproval)**

WHEREAS 44 East 71st. is a neo-Georgian style residence designed by Aymar Embury, II, and built in 1928-29.

WHEREAS 44 East 71st Street, now owned by the So. Korean government is 34' wide with a 15' sidewalk.

WHEREAS 44 East 71st St. has never had a sidewalk canopy.

WHEREAS the entrance into the building is especially distinguished and would be obscured by a canopy.

WHEREAS 71st St. between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue is an unusually distinctive block containing many fine buildings.

WHEREAS canopies are inappropriate in the midblock within the historic district and especially for buildings of this type and size.

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

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 Abstentions