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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, January 21, 2015 6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Albert Barrueco, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Jeffrey Escobar, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson, Allison Kopf, Craig Lader, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, 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, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White

Community Board Members (Excused): Lorance Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Sharon Pope, Timothy Yeo, Gregory Zaffiro

Community Board Members (Unexcused):

Total Attendance: 40

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 New York Public Library, spoke on the 67th Street Branch events.
 - Member of the public, Taylor Kiln, representing Commune, spoke on the Civic Engagement Program.
- **2. Adoption of the Agenda** Agenda adopted.
- **3. Adoption of the Minutes** November 12, 2014 Land Use meeting minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President's Report

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

5. Elected Officials' Reports

- Tricia Shimamura, a representative from Congress Member Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Dan Campanelli, a representative from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative from Senator Jose Serrano's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Cali Madia, a representative from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Rohan Narine, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Patrick Madigan, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Will Brightbill, a representative from Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

6. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes

Chairman Jim Clynes made his report. Jim reminded the board members to review the Board Member Attendance Sheet that was in their packets and let the board office know if there were any corrections that needed to be made to their attendance record. He deferred his Chair's Report and the District Manager's Report to board members Elizabeth Ashby and Elaine Walsh who spoke on board member Teri Slater's passing and her contributions to the community.

7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

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

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a fenced-in area at 117 East 83rd Street

WHEREAS David Edelstein has petitioned for a new revocable consent at 117 East 83rd Street to construct, maintain, and use a proposed fenced-in area; and

WHEREAS the proposed fence extends the entire 25-foot length of the property; and

WHEREAS this fenced-in area will negatively impact pedestrians passing in front of this property; and

WHEREAS the petitioner's architect has offered to submit a revised petition, without fencing along the length of the property and perhaps using scaled-back planters;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan disapproves the request for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use a proposed fenced-in area at 117 East 83rd Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan encourages the petitioner to submit a revised proposal.

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

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a fenced-in area and steps at 112 East 96th Street.

WHEREAS The New York Public Library (NYPL) has petitioned for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use two granite piers, a concrete fenced-in area, and steps to the basement at 112 East 96th Street; and

WHEREAS NYPL is currently restoring the façade of the 96th Street Branch Library; and

WHEREAS the 96th Street Branch Library is not a landmark building, but the proposed changes attempt to recreate elements of the historic façade that were previously altered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves The New York Public Library's petition for a revocable consent to construct, maintain, and use two granite piers, a concrete fenced-in area, and steps to the basement at 112 East 96th Street, as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 <u>passed</u> the following resolution to approve by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

b. Health, Seniors & Social Services Committee-David Liston and Jackie Ludorf, Co-Chairs

Re: Ocean Recovery East, East Foundation for Hope (Ocean) inpatient addiction recovery program which would be located at 30 East 60th Street, a building under construction

WHEREAS, the community was posted and yet no one from the community had any objections.

WHEREAS, this will be a small facility with no more than 24 patients at any given time and each of these patients will be at the facility for at least 4 days.

WHEREAS, this facility will have no impact on traffic as there will only be 10 staff members at any given time and all the patents will be brought to the premises by private car.

WHEREAS, there is no facility like this in the CB8 district.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB8M supports this application.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 5 opposed and 2 abstentions.

8. Old Business

No new business.

9. New Business:

- Borough Board resolution on Illegal Hotels
- Borough Board resolution in opposition to Intro. 585 to amend the City Charter to impose term limits on Community Board Members

Information on these two Borough Board resolutions was distributed to the Community Board 8 members for review. The resolutions will be voted on at a future meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

James G. Clynes, Chairman