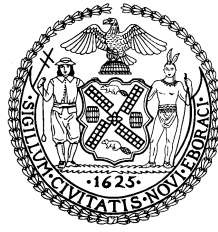


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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
New York Blood Center
310 East 67th Street
Auditorium
Wednesday, July 16, 2014
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Jeffrey Escobar, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, David Helpern, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson, Allison Kopf, Craig Lader, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, Sharon Pope, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, Judith Schneider, Rebecca Seawright, Teri Slater, Cos Spagnoletti, Jared Stone, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Nicholas Viest, Charles Warren, Hedi White, Timothy Yeo, Gregory Zaffiro

Community Board Members (Excused): Albert Barrueco, Lorance Hockert, Dave Kleckner, David Liston, Rita Lee Popper, David Rosenstein, M. Barry Schneider,

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Lori Ann Bores, Christina Davis, Edward Hartzog, Elaine Walsh

Total Attendance: 38

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

1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, David Casavis, spoke in favor of trees and our community values.
- Member of the public, Timothy Allanbrook, representing Third Church of Christ, Scientist, spoke in favor of the restoration plans.
- Member of the public, Nick Diorio, spoke in opposition of the Marine Transfer Station.
- Member of the public, Rebecca Donsky, representing the New York Public Library, spoke on the latest library branches' programs.
- Member of the public, John Skinner, President of Local 46, representing the Metallic Lathers Local 46, spoke in favor of the Labor Day Block Party and Parade on September 6th.
- Member of the public, Stephen Johnson, representing City Planning, introduced himself to the Community Board 8 community.

- **Presentation by Erick Bergquist on the Mayor's Universal Pre-Kindergarten Initiative**

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – April 16, 2014 Land Use-Full Board meeting minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President's Report:

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

5. Elected Official's Reports:

- Council Member Ben Kallos, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Patrick Madigan, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative for Senator Jose Serrano's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Matt Walsh, a representative for Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Will Brightbill, a representative from Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Adam Chen, a representative from Public Advocate Letitia James' office, reported on her latest initiatives.

6. Chair's Report – Nick Viest:

Chair Nick Viest gave his report. Nick announced that board member Hattie Quarnstrom was getting married in August and wished board member Peggy Price a happy birthday. He announced that the Environment & Sanitation Committee was holding a very important meeting on the Marine Transfer Station with a focus on the environmental impact such as truck traffic in the community. He also brought up the incident regarding a construction accident at the Asphalt Green facility where a 10 pound projectile went through a window. Nick is going to write a strong letter to both the NYC Department of Sanitation and the NYC Department of Design and Construction who is heading this construction project. He will express the deep concerns of the community about this construction project and is requesting that no construction be done while the kids are still in summer camp.

7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

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

1. Public Hearing re: Applications for Multi-block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2014

A. Metal Lathers Local 46 to close East 76th Street between Second and Lexington Avenues on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 12Noon to 5PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2. Public Hearing re: Applications for Single-block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2014

A. St. James Church to close East 71st Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Sunday, September 7, 2014 from 11AM to 2PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

C. Hunter College Office of Student Activities to close East 69th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Wednesday, September 10, 2014 from 12Noon to 4PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

D. Marymount Manhattan College to close East 71st Street between Second and Third Avenues on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 from 12Noon to 4PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

F. East 84th Street Block Association to close East 84th Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, September 27, 2014 from 10AM to 6PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

G. The Town School to close East 76th Street between York Avenue and Dead End on Sunday, September 28, 2014 from 12Noon to 4PM for a Block Party

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve this application by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

RE: 976 Madison Avenue (building is most often listed as 980 Madison Ave) (between 76th & 77th Streets) Upper East Side Historic District - Galia Solomonoff, Architect. A modern style building designed by Walker and Poor built in 1948-1950. Application for sign to place in lieu of the existing depository box on Madison Avenue.

WHEREAS 980 Madison Avenue is a modern style building designed by Walker & Poor and constructed in 1948-50.

WHEREAS 980 Madison is a 6-story commercial building that extends along the entire block front and is faced in limestone; there is a distinctive sculpture over the main entrance executed by Wheeler Williams.

WHEREAS 976 Madison, formerly occupied by a Citibank branch, is part of the retail space at the ground level and is to the left of the main entrance (980 Madison); there will now be an entrance to a restaurant at 976 Madison. [976 Madison also houses a portion of the Larry Gagosian Gallery]

WHEREAS the applicant, to bring attention to the restaurant, wishes to install a sign advertising the restaurant into the existing frame of the external stainless steel depository box; the door of the depository box will be removed to accommodate the sign. [The depository box is set into the limestone façade to the right of the entry door.]

WHEREAS the new sign will be set behind safety glass and will be back lit and will contain the name of the restaurant in script – the name of the restaurant and the name of the chef are the same – the chef’s handwriting will be used to create the script signage with lettering in two lines. The script signage will be approx. 7” tall; the circular depository box is approx. 18 “ in diameter, the glass with signage underneath is 14 ½” in diameter, the existing depository box frame and hinge will remain.

WHEREAS on the curved marble door surround to the left of the depository box is an existing recessed stainless steel panel with a stainless steel frame approximately 10” high x 8” wide.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to superimpose a new stainless steel panel on top of the existing recessed stainless steel panel that would contain a facsimile of the chef’s signature and the hours of operation for the restaurant.

WHEREAS the proposed changes at the front elevation at 976 Madison Avenue are sensitive to the “Modern” style architecture of the building and retain the distinctive stainless steel surrounds of both the deposit box and the adjacent panel on the door surround.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 14 East 75th Street (SW corner of Madison Avenue and 75th Street) – Upper East Side Historic District – Valerie Campbell, Kramer Levin & Eric Sheffield, Architect. Application is for an enlargement of an existing penthouse and for new windows and doors.

WHEREAS 14 East 75th Street is an 11 story apartment building with 3 rooftop penthouses designed in the neo-Medieval style by Schwartz & Gross and constructed in 1929.

WHEREAS the penthouses at the top are setback approximately 10’ from the front elevation; the penthouses, hidden behind the parapet with a metal fence on top of it, are invisible from the public way.

WHEREAS the application is for the center penthouse of the three rooftop penthouses; the owner of the middle penthouse also owns the apartment below creating a duplex.

WHEREAS the applicant is also changing windows on the 11th floor apartment, including returning the center distinctive window at the 11th floor to its original casement design as well as another window to its original wooden 6 over 6 design; these windows to be replaced are not part of this application and fall under the building’s LPC approved “Window Master Plan”.

WHEREAS at the Penthouse, the applicant is proposing 1) to remove a north facing curved greenhouse structure framed in aluminum and replace with a squared off elevation, adding approximately 26 sq. ft. to the penthouse 2) to remove a chimney for a fireplace that is to be removed on the floor below and 3) to remove windows and install in their place a series of steel framed French doors, 3’6” wide, each with 3 glass panel. There will now be 7 new French doors along the front elevation of the penthouse, partially hidden behind the existing parapet topped by the existing metal fence.

WHEREAS the construction of the new French doors will result in the removal of original bricks, quoins (masonry blocks at the corner of a wall), and terra cotta capstones; these materials will be saved and reinstalled at the exterior of new addition so that the addition to the building [to replace the greenhouse] will appear seamless at the front elevation.

WHEREAS the new addition will add approximately 4'7" to the front elevation, will be minimally visible from the public way and simply squares off the space formerly occupied by the curved greenhouse.

WHEREAS the stair hall at the penthouse level will be enlarged. This will result in the squaring off of a small corner of the north rear elevation that is completely invisible from the public way.

WHEREAS all of window and French door frames at both the 10th and 11th floor will be painted black to match the windows on the rest of the building.

WHEREAS the removal of the greenhouse and the reinstallation of the original materials [removed to make room for the new French windows] at the addition add to the elegance of the main penthouse elevation.

WHEREAS the application is contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

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

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Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.

- **Parks Committee – Margaret Price and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs**

Proposal to Create a Position within the Parks Dept. to Oversee the Reconstruction of the East River

Esplanade

WHEREAS structural conditions are continuing to deteriorate along East River Esplanade, creating urgent public safety problems; and

WHEREAS the City's budget has allocated an initial \$35 million out of a needed \$115 million (in 2012 dollars) to begin needed repairs of the Esplanade between East 59th and East 125 streets and between East 36 and East 38th streets; and

WHEREAS the urgency of renovating and maintaining the East River Esplanade requires a point-person within the Parks Dept. who would focus on obtaining necessary funding for renovations and ensuring that funded work be completed expeditiously; and

WHEREAS Parks Dept. officials have expressed an intent to hire an East River Esplanade project manager to oversee the renovation and preservation of the East River Esplanade; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan urges the Parks Dept. to proceed with its expressed intent to hire an East River Esplanade project manager. This person should oversee all aspects of the reconstruction of the East River Esplanade, a substantial portion of which will take place in the Community Board 8, Manhattan district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, once hired, this project manager should regularly provide CB8M's Parks Committee with reports on the status of renovation and preservation work along the East River Esplanade, from East 59th to East 125th streets, and from East 36 to East 38th streets.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Review of Finished and Unfinished Work on the Con Edison portion of the East River Esplanade.

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS a section of the East River Esplanade from East 72nd to East 76th streets, previously leased by Consolidated Edison, has been returned to public use; and

WHEREAS Con Ed's required work to restore and improve this portion of the Esplanade is still unfinished, with planting beds in the middle of the walkway remaining empty and fenced-off; and

WHEREAS these sizable but inaccessible areas limit public usage and enjoyment of the Esplanade; and

WHEREAS CB8M remains committed to having plantings and seating along this portion of the Esplanade; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M urges the Parks Dept. to review the design of the East River Esplanade from East 72nd to East 76th streets and to narrow the width of this area's two planting areas to allow more space for walking and cycling; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan requests that the Parks Dept. include plantings and seating in this area.

RESOLUTION 2:

WHEREAS CB8M remains committed to its desire for plantings as well as benches along the East River Esplanade in the Con Ed area from East 72nd to East 76th streets; and

WHEREAS these plantings will require an irrigation source for survival; and

WHEREAS Con Ed, which has long intruded on the Esplanade--a public park--has so far refused to provide the irrigation needed for the desired plantings; therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan strongly requests Con Ed either to provide an irrigation source between E. 72 and E. 76 streets, or funding for a water truck in this area for three consecutive years after plantings have been installed.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

• **Second Avenue Subway Task Force – Jim Clynes and Barry Schneider, Co-Chairs**

BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 8 urges the MTA and the NYC Transit Authority to open the 3rd Avenue and East 63rd Street entrances for access to the F-line prior to the beginning of revenue service on the 2nd Avenue Subway Line.

Community Board 8M APPROVED the resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

8. Old Business

No old business.

9. New Business

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair