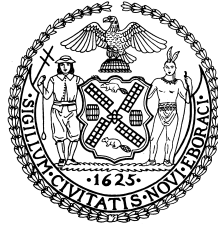


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**FULL BOARD MEETING**

**New York Blood Center**  
**310 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Auditorium**  
**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**  
**6:30PM**

**Community Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Allison Kopf, Craig Lader, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, 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):** Lorraine Johnson, Margaret Price

**Community Board Members (Unexcused):** Albert Barrueco, Jeffrey Escobar, Sharon Pope

**Total Attendance: 36**

**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, Leslie Carroll, representing the Goat Hill Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the block party application.
- Member of the public, Rebecca Donsky, representing the 67<sup>th</sup> Street Branch of the New York Public Library, spoke on the library's events.
- Member of the public, George Osborne, representing Saving the 74<sup>th</sup> Street Residential Neighborhood, spoke in opposition to a proposed Apple Retail Store at Madison Avenue and 74<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Member of the public, Alicia Dania, representing Weill Cornell Medical College, spoke on the upcoming Wellness Seminars.
- Member of the public, Madu Velez, representing the District Attorney's Office, spoke on various topics and education initiatives.
- Member of the public, Kanar Secola, representing PS 198, spoke in support of the Spring Carnival Block Party application.
- Member of the public, Jennifer Ratner, representing Friends of the East River Esplanade gave an update on events and their waterfront landscape projects.

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

**3. Adoption of the Minutes** – December 17, 2014 Land Use/Full Board and February 11, 2015 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. Jim Clynes announced the sad news that CB8M board member Lorraine Hockert had passed away. Lorraine Hockert was a lawyer's lawyer, from 1990 – 2003 he served as Chair of Bronx Community Board 8 and then as board member of Manhattan Community Board 8. He left a wife of 43 years and 2 sons. The memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11:00am, at the Yale Club, located at 50 Vanderbilt Avenue, Grand Central Station. There was a moment of silence observed in honor of Lorraine Hockert.

## **5. Elected Officials' Reports**

- Tricia Shimamura, a representative for 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.
- Council Member Daniel Garodnick spoke on his latest initiatives which included the status of St. Thomas More Church, improving service on M15 and M79 bus lines, the Health Care Trust Fund, his tenant protection bills, Road Runners kids program event, and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Bloody Sunday event in Selma which he attended.
- Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative from Senator Jose Serrano's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Rohan Narine, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives.
- Cali Madia, a representative from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Laura Atlas, a representative from Public Advocate Letitia James' office, reported on her latest initiatives.
- Council Member Ben Kallos spoke on his latest initiatives which included the policy night, mobile office hours, Ben in Your Building, Whole Foods Store opening, State of the District, upper-east-side ferry service, Vision Zero, DOT CitiBike Forum, among other issues.
- Dan Campanelli, a representative from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

## **6. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes**

Chairman Jim Clynes made his report. Jim announced that there is a new Small Business Committee which is being chaired by Sarah Chu. Their first meeting is being held on Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71<sup>st</sup> Street in the Regina Peruggi Room. Nancy Ploeger from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce will be presenting. The Health, Seniors & Social Services Committee will meet on Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at Lenox Hill Hospital, 130 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Michael Bruno Presentation Room. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm the Land Use meeting will be held at the Caedmon School, 416 East 80<sup>th</sup> Street and the Full Board meeting will be held at the New York Blood Center, 310 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Auditorium on April 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm. The Executive Committee meeting will be held on April 20<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at Lenox Hill Hospital, 130 East 77<sup>th</sup> Street, in the Robert Carmel Conference Room. All executive officers and co-chairs must attend. The Full Board meeting in July will be held at Roosevelt Island.

## **7. District Manager's Report – Latha Thompson**

District Manager Latha Thompson made her report. She asked that all co-chairs please send their agendas to the office as soon as possible. She asked the board members if anyone knows of meeting spaces in the community to please inform the office. During a recent District Service Cabinet meeting there was a discussion regarding Fresh Direct complaints and the Chapin School. Fresh Direct is working with the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct to resolve these issues. Any inquiries regarding Street Life, Housing and the Small Business Committees should be directed to Latha. George Oliver is on an indefinite medical sick leave. She reminded all co-chairs about the District Needs Statements and the June and July Budget Consultations. She asked if board members have any issues please e-mail them to her and they will be discussed during the next District Service Cabinet meeting.

## **8. Committee Reports and Action Items:**

### **a. Budget Committee-Barbara Chocky, Chair**

#### **1. CB8 Statement on the FY 16 Preliminary Capital and Expense Budget Requests.**

Those present reviewed the agency responses to CB8's FY2016 priorities.

#### **Capital Budget Priorities**

- 1) Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.
- 2) Provide funding for a ramp at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 3) Provide funding to repair, restore and design the entire Esplanade including the pilings on the lower level between 63<sup>rd</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- 4) Fund repair of roof at 67<sup>th</sup> Street Library to protect recently restored millions spent on this branch
- 5) Provide funding for an elevator at the Yorkville Branch Library.
- 6) Provide funding for a new HVAC system at the Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 7) Upgrade fire alarm system at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries

- 8) Fund exterior rehabilitation of windows and replace where needed at Webster and Yorkville Branch Libraries
- 9) Fund the installation of pedestrian countdown timers at remaining intersections in our district
- 10) Increase funding for audible accessible crossings signals for intersections in our district
- 11) Request for kitchen renovation including an industrial dishwasher for Stanley Isaacs
- 12) Request curb cut throughout the district
- 13) Fund the installation of Big Bellies in our district
- 14) Fund the installation of newsracks for East 86<sup>th</sup> Street that meet NYC regulations
- 15) Fund the installation of newsracks for Second Avenue that meet NYC regulations
- 16) Provide funding for a new boiler/HVAC for the 67<sup>th</sup> Street Library
- 17) Install tree guards where missing from or when new trees go in and where needed extend the tree pit where needed
- 18) Fund the NYC Department of Sanitation for the placement of “rat-proof” garbage containers with lids in Community Board 8 preferably solar powered compactor baskets.

**Continuing Support/Capital:**

- CS Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the New York City Public Library
- CS Provide funding for air conditioning in all homeless shelters
- CS Provide funding to construct additional public school seats to accommodate current and projected overcrowding
- CS Provide funding to repair or reconstruct the 81<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge over the FDR Drive
- CS Fund a Fully Built Park along the East River between 60<sup>th</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets on the Esplanade

**Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the Budget Committee’s recommendation by a vote of 35 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.**

**Expense Budget Priorities**

- 1) Fund Pre-K, Out of School Time and Daycare Programs for all children who go to school in Community District 8 or who have parents that work in Community Board 8.
- 2) Increase funding for youth programs in Community Board 8.
- 3) Increase funding for Rodent Extermination on city streets especially locations within the Second Avenue Subway construction area.
- 4) Preserve funding for year round workers at NYC Department of Parks and Recreation
- 5) Provide funding for exterminators of all parks within Community Board 8.
- 6) Increase funding for services to Older Adults, including Personal and Home Care; Transportation Services; Meals-On-Wheels; Senior Congregate Care Meal Programs and Case Managers.
- 7) Increase funding for additional Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) maintenance staff, tree pruners and tree climbers.
- 8) Increase funding for Homeless Services Outreach personnel, especially during the overnight hours and provide the Department of Homeless Services with updated Information Technology equipment.
- 9) Provide funding to the NYC Department of Transportation for the necessary materials and personnel to repair potholes and repave avenues and major cross-town streets more frequently than every 10 years within Community Board 8.
- 10) Increase the number of workers to inspect, repair and preserve the Department of Transportation’s infrastructure-(Bridges and Roads)
- 11) Provide additional Department of Buildings inspectors for signage compliance and code enforcement
- 12) Provide additional funding for Children’s Services, especially programs to prevent abuse and neglect.
- 13) Provide funding to maintain current numbers of Traffic Control Agents
- 14) Provide funding for enforcement personnel in agencies dealing with general vendors
- 15) Provide additional funding for Eviction Prevention Services for At-Risk Senior Citizens.
- 16) Increase funding for the Department of Health enforcement of all Food Vendor rules and regulations.
- 17) Restore Sunday Service to one library in CB8 without cutting a weekday hours
- 18) Restore funding for all staffing of FDNY Fire Marshalls.
- 19) Increase recycling program including solid waste.
- 20) Increase funding for all NYCHA community and senior centers
- 21) Fund additional DCA inspectors for sidewalk café and compliance permits regulation enforcement.
- 22) Fund additional NYPD Police Officers

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

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

**Re: A request to change the direction of the SBS off-boarding ticket dispensers from facing the street to facing the sidewalk**

**WHEREAS** Select Bus Service (SBS) stations have MetroCard Fare Collector and Coin Fare Collector machines on the sidewalk, for riders to pay before boarding; and

**WHEREAS** the majority of SBS Fare Collector machines have been installed with the machines facing the curb; and

**WHEREAS** this orientation requires riders to stand in a limited area between the Fare Collector machines and the curb when paying for their tickets; and

**WHEREAS** riders who have obtained their tickets often stand in the same limited area until boarding the bus, causing crowding in front of these machines; and

**WHEREAS** installing the Fare Collector machines with their backs to the curb would allow riders to move behind the machines after purchasing their tickets, which would help alleviate the crowding in front of the machines; and

**WHEREAS** NYC Transit is planning to launch Select Bus Service on the M86 crosstown line in 2015; and

**WHEREAS** certain M15-SBS stations and Fare Collector machines may be relocated after completion of the Second Avenue Subway project in the coming years;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks the NYC Department of Transportation and New York City Transit to install Select Bus Service fare-collection machines facing away from the curb at any new SBS stations within Community District 8 Manhattan; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks DOT and NYC Transit to consider whether those fare-collection machines that face the curb at existing SBS stations within Community District 8 Manhattan can be turned to face in the opposite direction (away from the curb).

**Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Re: Discussion of the possible elimination of the westbound M86 stop at 2<sup>nd</sup> & York, which is proposed for consolidation with a stop on York Avenue between 90<sup>th</sup> & 91<sup>st</sup> Streets**

**WHEREAS** NYC Transit is planning to launch Select Bus Service on the M86 crosstown line in 2015; and

**WHEREAS** NYC Transit proposes to move the first two westbound M86 stops, which are currently located on 92nd Street west of York Ave. and on York Ave. north of 90th Street, and combine them in a new stop on York Avenue between 91st & 92nd Street; and

**WHEREAS** this relocation would require some riders to unnecessarily cross 91st Street, across York Avenue from the future Marine Transfer Station (which is now under construction);

**WHEREAS** combining these two stops will create a quarter-mile gap between westbound M86 stations; and

**WHEREAS** combining these two stops will not result in an appreciable increase in travel speed for bus riders; and

**WHEREAS** the community wishes to retain the existing stop locations;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges New York City Transit to retain the two existing westbound M86 stops on East 92nd Street west of York Ave. and on York Ave. north of East 90th Street, instead of moving and combining these stops.

**Manhattan Community Board 8 passed the resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.**

**c. Landmarks Committee-David Liston and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs**

**Re: 36 East 68<sup>th</sup> Street (Madison/Park) - Upper East Side Historic District - *Juan Matiz, Architect*-Neo-Grec style townhouse designed by R.W. Buckley and completed in 1879. Application is for work at the front elevation, rear elevation, roof, and courtyard.**

**WHEREAS** the front façade of this brownstone building was modernized in 1932 by stripping the façade of its ornament and detail;

**WHEREAS** the front façade is currently finished with stucco;

**WHEREAS** the proposed front façade will be re-faced with limestone and the limestone on the first floor will be fluted;

**WHEREAS** the slate facing of the mansard roof at the façade, which is in poor condition, will be re-faced with copper;

**WHEREAS** the front entrance will be changed from a single door to a pair of doors and moved from the side to the center to create an overall symmetrical composition;

**WHEREAS** the front entrance doors and the fence at the front areaway are designed in an art deco style and the oval windows either side of the entrance doors are unresolved in their design;

**WHEREAS** the windows will have divided lites;

**WHEREAS** the decorative metal on the glass entrance doors, the metal of the fence, and the metal of the windows will be coated in a dark bronze color;

**WHEREAS** the angled roof will be lowered and made into a flat roof with a roof deck;

**WHEREAS** the new bulkhead stair and elevator bulkhead will be largely enclosed in glass and will be taller than the original bulkhead;

**WHEREAS** the new bulkhead will be invisible from the street because of the lower roof and the setback behind the parapet portion of the mansard roof;

**WHEREAS** the rooftop mechanical equipment will be located at the rear of the roof;

**WHEREAS** the brick façade of the rear of the house will be repaired;

**WHEREAS** the existing windows of varying sizes in the rear façade of the projected portion of the house will be replaced with windows of the same size centered in the facade on all habitable floors;

**WHEREAS** the curved metal and glass windows with metal fascias in the rear façade of the recessed portion of the house will be repaired;

**WHEREAS** the face of the angled slot opposite the curved windows will be faced with limestone;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that this application is approved as presented inclusive of the limestone detailing over the front doors but exclusive of the first floor front façade and decorative metal fence.

**Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 29 in favor, 3 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**d. Street Fairs Committee-Barbara Chocky and Hedi White, Co-Chairs**

**1. Public Hearings re: Applications for Single Block Street Fairs.**

**A. Friendship Circle Upper East Side to close East 77<sup>th</sup> Street between First and York Avenues on Sunday May 27, 2015 from 10:00am to 4:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**B. Brick Church to close East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Sunday May 17, 2015 from 12 Noon until 3:00pm for a Block Party**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**C. P.S. 6 to close East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Sunday October 17, 2015 from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a Street Festival.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**D. Ramaz High School to close East 78<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Thursday, April 23, 2015 from 10:00am to 12noon, for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**E. Marymount Manhattan College to close East 71<sup>st</sup> Street Between Second and Third Avenues on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 from 12 Noon to 3:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**F. Goat Hill Neighborhood Association to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Thursday June 4, 2015 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions.**

**H. Manhattan New School PTA to close East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Second and First Avenues on Saturday May 16, 2015 from 12noon to 5:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**J. St. Ignatius Loyola School to close East 84<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Friday June 4, 2015 from 5:00pm to 8:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**K. Hunter College Elementary School to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 10:00am to 4:00pm for a block party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.**

**L. PS 198M PTA to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Third and Lexington Avenues on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 11:00am to 4:00pm for a Block Party.**

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**New Business**

Gamelan Kusuma Laras and Make Music NY to close East 68<sup>th</sup> Street between 5<sup>th</sup> and Madison Avenues on June 21, 2015 from 1:00pm to 6:00pm for a music event.

**Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.**

**9. New Business**

No new business.

**10. Old Business**

No old business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM.

**James G. Clynes, Chairman**