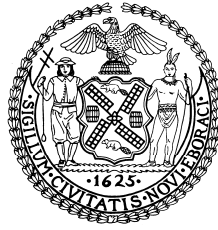


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Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, May 22, 2013
Hunter College
Lang Recital Hall (E. 69th Lex-Park)
Room 424 Hunter North
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Molly Blayney, Lori Ann Bores, Roy Carlin, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Jeffrey Escobar, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Lorraine Hockert, Dave Kleckner, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Rebecca Seawright, Teri Slater, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White, Timothy Yeo

Community Board Members (Excused): Albert Barrueco, John Bartos, Matthew Bondy, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, Cory Evans, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, Ellen Polivy, Hattie Quarnstrom, William Sanchez, Helene Simon

Community Board Members (Unexcused):

Total Attendance: 34

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

1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, Steve Vaccaro, spoke in favor of the DOT 59th Street Bridge Plaza improvements.
- Member of the public, Jed Garfield, representing Pledge 2 Protect, spoke.
- Member of the public, Andy Lachman, representing Pledge 2 Protect, spoke.
- Member of the public, Kelly Nimmo-Guenther, representing Pledge 2 Protect, spoke.
- Member of the public, Mina Greenstein, spoke in opposition to the MSK/CUNY building.
- Member of the public, Samuel G. White, representing Saint David's School, spoke in favor to the additions to existing building.
- Member of the public, Joel Archer, spoke in opposition to the housing at East 92nd Street.
- Member of the public, Barbara Walder, spoke in opposition to the playground behind her buildings.
- Member of the public, Sarah Ann Arthur King, spoke in opposition to noise pollution.
- Member of the public, Len Weisenthal, representing St. Jean Baptiste H.S., spoke in regards to the awning.
- Member of the public, Nancy Silverman, spoke in favor of bike lanes around the bridge.
- Member of the public, Beatrice Bardin, spoke in opposition to St. David's School.
- Member of the public, P. David O'Halloran, representing Saint David's School, spoke in favor of the adaptive reuse planning.
- Member of the public, Jed Garfield, representing Sane Trash Solutions, spoke on the MTS.
- Member of the public, Michael Zampardi, spoke in favor of St. David's School.
- Member of the public, Michael Levantin, representing 15 East 91st Street, spoke in opposition to Nightingale-Bamford.

- Member of the public, Stefan Murat, representing 15 East 91st Street, spoke in opposition to Nightingale-Bamford.
- Member of the public, Steven Shapiro, spoke in opposition to the change to the 69th Street subway entrance.
- Member of the public, Jacalyn F. Barnett, representing 15 East 91st Street, spoke in opposition to Nightingale-Bamford.
- Member of the public, Marc Robert, representing St. David's School, spoke in favor of the planned St. David's expansion.
- Member of the public, John Menz, representing Saint David's School, spoke in favor of the application for adaptive reuse.
- Member of the public, Direxa Dearie, representing Saint David's School, spoke in favor of St. David's expansion into 22 East 89th Street.
- Member of the public, Alex Carey, representing Saint David's School, spoke in favor of the project.
- Member of the public, Sara Kubek, spoke in opposition to the expansion of the liquor license to outdoor patio of Dopo Teatro, unless it is limited.
- Member of the public, Judith Clements, spoke.
- Member of the public, Yoram Ginach, representing 19 East 88th Street, spoke in opposition to St. David's School.
- Member of the public, Elaine Cella, representing 19 East 88th Street, spoke in opposition to St. David's expansion.
- Member of the public, Ezra Moser, representing Goldman Harris LLC, spoke in favor of 945 Second Avenue.
- Member of the public, Pat Mulcahy, representing Residents for Reasonable Development, spoke in opposition to the MSK/CUNY application.
- Member of the public, Kevin Hackett, spoke in favor of the St. David's School expansion.
- Member of the public, Helen Marino, spoke in opposition to 18-22 East 89th Street St. David's.
- Member of the public, Charles Marino, spoke in opposition to St. David's 18-22 East 89th Street.
- Member of the public, Lester Marks, representing Lighthouse International, spoke in favor of the xport – 59th Street Bridge bike.
- Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke in favor of the xport 59th Street Bridge bike.
- Member of the public, Emily Rothman, spoke in favor of the 59th Street Bridge project.
- Member of the public, Devin Gould, spoke in favor of the Queensboro Bridge bike lanes.
- Member of the public, Lo van der Valk, representing Carnegie Hill Neighbors, spoke regarding St. David's.
- Member of the public, Lo van der Valk, representing Carnegie Hill Neighbors, spoke in opposition to Nightingale-Bamford.
- Member of the public, Craig Wood, a trustee representing St. David's School, spoke in favor of St. David's School expansion.
- Member of the public, Steven Barshou, representing 19 East 88th Street, spoke in opposition to St. David's School.
- Member of the public, Bob Moriarty, spoke on MSK/CUNY.
- Member of the public, Terry Grace, spoke in opposition to MSK/CUNY.
- Member of the public, Liz Patek, spoke in favor of Queensboro Bridge bike/ped safety.
- Member of the public, Caire Mark, spoke in opposition to St. David's.
- Member of the public, Doug Hassebreek, representing Nightingale-Bamford School, spoke in favor of the zoning lot consolidation.

- **Public Hearing: N 130232ZRM, 945 Second Avenue text amendment**-The proposed text amendment would allow non-residential use on the second story of a building in the affected districts constructed after September 17, 1970, if the second story on the date of referral was not occupied by a community facility use, dwelling unit or rooming unit. The application for the zoning text amendment (N 130232ZRM) is not subject to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) and does not require a public hearing by the community board. However, if you have any comments or recommendations, please submit them by July 1, 2013.

Whereas, The proposed text amendment would allow non-residential use on the second story of a building in the affected districts constructed after September 17, 1970, if the second story on the date of referral was not occupied by a community facility use, dwelling unit or rooming unit. The application for the zoning text amendment (N 130232ZRM) is not subject to the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure

(ULURP) and does not require a public hearing by the community board. However, if you have any comments or recommendations, please submit them by July 1, 2013.

Whereas, Community Board 8M held a public hearing regarding this matter; therefore

Be It Resolved that Community Board 8 **disapproves** the proposed text amendment that would allow non-residential use on the second story of a building in the affected districts constructed after September 17, 1970.

Community Board 8M disapproved the zoning text amendment by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

- **Public Hearing: BSA Calendar No. 207-86-BZ, SOC Application, The Nightingale-Bamford School, 20 East 92nd Street, Block 1503, Lot 59**-Application to reopen and amend the variance and special permit granted under BSA Calendar No. 207-86-BZ to enlarge the zoning lot that comprises the subject property to include Lots 57, 58 and 59 and to alter the buildings located on the enlarged zoning lot to create a single combined school building.

Whereas, Application to reopen and amend the variance and special permit granted under BSA Calendar No. 207-86-BZ to enlarge the zoning lot that comprises the subject property to include Lots 57, 58 and 59 and to alter the buildings located on the enlarged zoning lot to create a single combined school building.

Whereas, Community Board 8M held a public hearing regarding this matter; therefore

Be It Resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application to reopen and amend the variance and special permit granted by the BSA to enlarge the zoning lot and alter the building to create a single combined school building at 20 East 92nd Street.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 1 not voting for cause.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – March Full Board meeting minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President’s Report:

Kristen Ellis, a representative from the Manhattan Borough President’s Office (MBPO) Scott Stringer, reported on his latest initiatives. She announced that the MBPO will be hosting a series of workshops to provide information and training to new and old community board members. The workshops include *Conflicts of Interest & Equal Employment Opportunity, Land Use, Planning, Development & ULURP, and The NYC Budget Cycle*. All workshops are held from 6:00pm-8:00pm, June 3rd, June 11th, June 12th, June 17th, June 20th, and June 25th. For more information or to register please call 212-669-4385 or email cbinfo@manhattanbp.org

5. Elected Official’s Reports:

- Council Member Daniel Garodnick reported on his latest initiatives. The Council Member thanked Chair Nick Viest and Parks Committee co-chairs Peggy Price and Barbara Rudder for coordinating a really interesting Open Space Forum. He is looking forward to the formal report being put out by New Yorkers for Parks highlighting any areas or new park land and ways to enhance existing park land. Council Member Garodnick announced a big issue coming up which is the East Midtown Rezoning. It is a proposal from the Bloomberg administration which allows the community district around the Grand Central Station area to grow and allows developers to purchase air rights, infrastructure and the public realm. This is a large scale project comprising 70 blocks of the midtown area. Since this is such a large and significant rezoning he would like infrastructure and public realm investments issues to be first in consideration along with the pedestrian flow through Grand Central Station. As Chair of the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs, he held a hearing regarding sidewalk cafes dealing with community and community board complaints and enforcement. The issues of bureaucratic rules and the compliance process that restaurants must adhere to were also discussed. As a result of this hearing he authored 2 bills. One bill that would allow side walk cafes to serve brunch before noon and one bill that addressed the renewal process. He also brought up a bill that was sponsored by his colleague that would limit community boards input on sidewalk café applications from 45 to 30 days. He noted that Chair Nick Viest had sent a letter out explaining the negative impact this would have on CB8M when considering sidewalk café applications and as a result the bill is being revisited. The Council Member announced that he has signed off on the Pledge 2 Protect in opposition of the Marine Transfer Station.

- Christina Parisi, a representative from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives. She announced that the Congresswoman is sending out a letter this week to the Army Corps of Engineers urging them to take another look at the permit that was issued for the Marine Transfer Station and the impact that another super storm such as Super Storm Sandy can have on this type of structure. She was very excited to attend the groundbreaking at the Queens Seawall and is looking forward to a meeting of the task force that will be discussing the engineering study for the water front esplanade.
- Patrick Madigan, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on her latest initiatives. He discussed the follow-up letter that Senator Krueger wrote regarding the Marine Transfer Station which specifically addresses the digital capabilities of this structure under storm behavior and rising sea levels. If anyone wishes to get a copy of this correspondence just contact him and he will make sure you receive a copy by calling 212-490-9535.
- Bryce Peyre, a representative for Assembly Member Micah Kellner's office, reported on his latest initiatives. Assembly Member Kellner is the lead plaintiff in a Marine Transfer Station lawsuit which is scheduled for its next court case on May 28th. The Assembly Member is also the very first elected official to sign the Pledge 2 Protect protecting the upper-east-side from the 9 story structure. He has introduced legislation in Albany regarding the Select Bus Service (SBS) flashing blue lights issue. Since it is illegal for flashing blue lights to be used on non-public safety vehicles, Assembly Member Kellner in consultation with law enforcement authorities and the MTA have agreed on a measure to substitute the flashing blue lights with flashing purple lights which would be readily identifiable for riders of the SBS.
- Matthew Walsh, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, spoke on his latest initiatives. The Assembly Member is inviting the public for a discussion with representatives of the NYC Department of Transportation, NY Police Department, Pedestrians for Accessible & Safe Streets, and Bike NY to a Pedestrian Safety Forum which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25th, 6:00pm, at Lenox Hill Hospital, Einhorn Auditorium, 131 East 76th Street.
- Maya Kurien, a representative from Council Member Jessica Lappin's office, reported on her latest initiatives. The Council Member is continuing her battle against the proposed 91st Street Marine Transfer Station (MTS). After Hurricane Sandy, the city's plan to build a garbage dump in a flood zone seems even more misguided. She is also happy to announce free adult and senior fitness classes, a project that she has secured funding for and which has the support of Community Board 8 and the East 79th Street Neighborhood Association. The NYC Parks & Recreation classes are scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:00am, May 29th-July 17th, at John Jay Park, East 77th Street and Cherokee Place. For more information please call 212-408-0243.

6. Chair's Report – Nick Viest:

Chair Nick Viest gave his report. As Council Member Daniel Garodnick had mentioned, the Parks Committee had a very interesting Public Space Forum which included great speakers and was very well done. The Parks Committee should be commended for the excellent job they did and is a good reflection on CB8M. The Small Business Committee also held a very successful forum. The Environment and Sanitation Committee ran a very good meeting regarding the Marine Transfer Station (MTS). Co-chairs Debbie Teitelbaum and Dave Kleckner put that meeting together involving the Pledge 2 Protect group and all the work that went into that is appreciated. Our Community Board is on record opposing the MTS and for any individuals who want to oppose the MTS you can sign-up to do so by completing the forms being provided outside of the meeting room.

7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

- **Landmarks Committee – David Helpern and David Liston, Co-Chairs**

Re: 173 East 75th Street (between Lexington and Third Avenues) - Upper East Side Historic District Extension – Len Weisenthal, Architect - A Renaissance Revival style school building designed by Robert J. Reiley and built in 1925-26. Application is install an awning.

WHEREAS 173 East 75th Street is a Renaissance Revival style school building designed by Robert J. Reiley and built in 1925-26 and presently occupied by the St. Jean Baptiste High School;

WHEREAS the application is to install an awning over one of two front doors, with the name of the school written on the front and sides of the awning;

WHEREAS the proposed color of the awning will be too stark in contrast against the limestone base of the building and the lettering on the awning is not appropriate to the architecture of the building or the character of the building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is disapproved.

This recommendation failed with a vote of 13 in favor, 18 opposed, and 0 abstentions. A substitute motion in support of the application was approved with a vote of 18 in favor, 14 opposed and 0 abstentions. Thus, Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the application as presented.

Re: 711 Madison Avenue (and 63rd Street) – Upper East Side Historic District - *Jacobson Shinoda Architects, PC* – A neo-Grec style residence designed by Charles Baxter and built in 1877. Application is to replace windows.

WHEREAS the existing corner storefront provides a major presence for a retail tenant;

WHEREAS the existing windows on the second floor on 63rd Street, which are mostly six over six, are residential in scale and appropriate to the building;

WHEREAS the change to single pane windows would be particularly detrimental to the appearance of the triple bay window;

WHEREAS the continuity of the six over six windows throughout the façade would be compromised; and

WHEREAS the proposed fenestration would be in conflict with the existing fenestration above;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **disapproved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 702-08 Madison Avenue (between 62nd and 63rd Streets) - Upper East Side Historic District – *Page Ayres Cowley Architects, LLC*. The properties which are the subject of this application are 1) a neo-Federal style building at 706-708 Madison Avenue, on the corner of Madison Avenue and 63rd Street, designed by Frank Easton Newman and built in 1921, previously occupied by the Bank of New York (the “bank building”); 2) a 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue; and 3) a vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street. The application is to restore the bank building; alter the existing façade of the bank building; build a new contextual infill building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street; and alter the existing façade, and add 2 stories to, the 2 story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue.

WHEREAS with regard to the bank building, the applicant proposes to restore the existing facade through pointing, brick restoration, cleaning and polishing marble, and repairing the cornice, with the existing flagpole to remain; to replace the existing windows made of aluminum with windows made of wood, while keeping the original 6 over 6 configuration and painting the wood black to match the color of the aluminum on the existing windows; to install a skylight that will not be visible from the street; and to replace a ground floor window on the 63rd Street side with a door and lowering an existing door by 7” so that it will be flush with the sidewalk (collectively, the “proposed restoration and alterations to the bank building”);

WHEREAS with regard to the properties adjacent to the bank, which consist of a 2-story building at 702-704 Madison and a vacant lot on 63rd Street, the applicant proposes to add 2 stories to the building on Madison Avenue and to build a 5 story building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street;

WHEREAS with regard to the 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue, the applicant proposes to 1) replace the current configuration of doors and windows on the ground floor with a new stone clad or bronze storefront assembly, a pair of center storefront doors, and a door at the southern bay of the property with retail signage at the spandrel above the storefront windows; 2) above the first floor, the applicant proposes that there be three stories with each floor having three windows in a row with each window to be 10’ high and 8’ wide, with the fourth floor to have five smaller windows in a row, topped by a limestone or cast stone cornice;

WHEREAS with the regard to the 5-story building that the applicant proposes to build on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street, the applicant proposes that said building include a retail service entrance on the first floor, with the first and second floors to have large retail windows as they will be for retail space, and the third, fourth, and fifth floors to have smaller windows for office space;

WHEREAS with regard to the adjoining sides of the building at 702-704 Madison Avenue and the proposed building to be built on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street, facing each other over the bank building, the applicant proposes to use a uniform color red brick and to include windows overlooking the roof of the bank building;

WHEREAS the committee wishes to consider this application in two parts: A) the proposed restoration and alterations to the bank building and B) the proposed work related to the 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue and the proposed construction of a 5-story building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street.

A) Proposed restoration and alterations to the bank building

WHEREAS the proposed restoration and alterations to the bank building are consistent with the character and design of the building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed restoration and alterations to the bank building are approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B) The proposed work related to the 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue and the proposed construction of a 5-story building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street

WHEREAS the proposed work related to the 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue and the currently proposed construction of a 5-story building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street will result in an L-shaped uniform structure that, through its size and design and choice of materials, including too much glazing at 702-704 Madison Avenue, will visually overwhelm the bank building to the detriment of the character and design of the bank building and to the detriment of the character of the Historic District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed work related to the 2-story building at 702-704 Madison Avenue and the proposed construction of a 5-story building on the vacant lot at 22 East 63rd Street is disapproved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 823-25 Madison Avenue (between 68th and 69th Streets) – Upper East Side Historic District – Page Ayres Cowley Architects, LLC – A residence designed by Lamb & Wheeler in 1880 and altered, with a neo-Federal style, in 1926 by S. Edson Gage. Application is to alter the storefront to accommodate two separate retail units.

WHEREAS limestone is maintained for the retail base;

WHEREAS the limestone pier dividing the stores is centered between the windows above;

WHEREAS each of the new storefronts is proportioned into thirds so that each pair of entrance doors is centered in each of the storefronts;

WHEREAS the signs will be mounted on limestone spandrel panels; and

WHEREAS new limestone lintels will match the existing lintels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 33 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 737 Park Avenue (between 71st and 72nd Streets) - Upper East Side Historic District – Dan Shannon, Architect and Michael F. Doyle, Architect - A Classicizing Art-Deco style apartment building built in 1940 and designed by Sylvan Bien. Application is to install new doors, lamps and decorative window guards at ground floor.

WHEREAS the Greek key motif will be integrated into the new limestone surround at the main entrance; whereas the new main entrance doors will be similar to the original doors and will include the crossed arrows motif in a nickel silver finish;

WHEREAS all other new doors will be similar to the new main entrance doors;

WHEREAS window grilles and new lanterns will be in the nickel silver finish;

WHEREAS the crossed arrow motif will be incorporated in all doors and grilles;

WHEREAS flaps at the building end of the new canopy will be eliminated;

WHEREAS the support posts for the canopy will have a nickel silver finish;

WHEREAS the entire refurbishing of the base of the building is consistent with the intent of the original architect;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 1236 Madison Avenue aka 12-22 East 89th Street [Saint David's School] – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District – Platt Byard Dovell White Architects, LLP – 12-16 East 89th Street are Neo-Federal style townhouses designed by Delano & Aldrich and built in 1920-22. 18-22 East 89th Street aka 1239 Madison Avenue (Graham House) is a Romanesque Revival style apartment hotel building designed by Thomas Graham and built in 1891-93. Application of Saint David's School to restore and adaptively re-use Graham House by adding one floor along E. 89th Street, infilling an interior court and replacing the current rear portion of the building with a new rear portion that will increase its height and footprint in order to make room for various expanded school facilities.

WHEREAS 12-16 East 89th Street are adjacent Neo-Federal style townhouses designed by Delano & Aldrich, built in 1920-22, and presently occupied by the applicant, St. David's School;

WHEREAS 18-22 East 89th Street aka 1239 Madison Avenue (Graham House) is a Romanesque Revival style apartment hotel building designed by Thomas Graham, built in 1891-93, and adjacent to St. David's School;

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to restore the front of Graham House by rebuilding the existing chimneys as originally designed; patching a break in the cornice; removing existing fire escapes and patching the façade to the extent needed as a result of said removal; removing one of the front doors and patching as needed to match the existing façade; replacing three first floor front windows with three front doors; replacing the existing pair of main front doors with new wood doors to be painted black like the existing doors with "Saint David's School" to be carved in wood gold lettering above the doors; and replacing the concrete stairs leading to said doors with stone stairs, cheek walls, and posts, with the new set of stairs to be one step higher than the current set of stairs;

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to adaptively re-use Graham House by adding one floor along East 89th Street; extending an existing building by one story; infilling an interior rear court; and replacing the current rear portion of the building with a new 7 story rear portion which will end at the rear property line, 4' further than the current rear portion of the building.

WHEREAS the Committee now wishes to consider this application in two parts: A) the proposed restoration to the front of Graham House up to, but not including, the roof and B) the remainder of the application (adding one floor along East 89th Street to include a skylight made of translucent glass and translucent fencing material behind which will be rooftop equipment as well as an outdoor roof garden; extending an existing bulkhead by one story; the proposed infilling of the interior rear court; and replacing the current rear portion of the building with a new 7 story structure which will end at the rear property line, 4' further than the current rear portion of the building);

A) The proposed restoration to the front of Graham House up to, but not including, the roof:

WHEREAS the proposed restoration to the front of Graham House up to, but not including, the roof and rear extension, is in keeping with the original architecture of the building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the proposed restoration to the front of Graham House up to, but not including, the roof, is in keeping with the original architecture of the building is therefore approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B) The remainder of the application (the proposed infilling of the interior rear court; replacing the current rear portion of the building with a new 7 story structure that will end at the rear property line, 4' further than the current rear portion of the building; adding one floor along East 89th Street to include a skylight made of translucent glass and translucent fencing material behind which will be rooftop equipment as well as an outdoor roof garden; and extending an existing bulkhead by one story which will be visible from the street).

WHEREAS the proposed infilling of the interior court, the proposed replacement of the current rear portion of building, the proposed addition of one floor along East 89th Street, and the proposed extension of the existing bulkhead will result in a combined structure that will be too large, have too much glazing, and will employ materials that are incompatible with the original architecture of the buildings, and will therefore be contrary to the original design of the buildings and the character of the Historic District;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the remainder of the application as described above is **disapproved**.

This recommendation failed with a vote of 16 in favor, 14 opposed, and 3 abstentions. A substitute motion to approve this portion of the application also failed with a vote of 15 in favor, 14 opposed and 4 abstentions. Thus, Community Board 8 takes no position on the remainder of the application.

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

Re: Continuing discussion of the Queensboro Bridge Bike Connections

WHEREAS NYC DOT proposes to close the gap in the First Avenue bicycle lanes and to improve bike network connections between the Queensboro Bridge and the Second Avenue bike route, and

WHEREAS DOT proposes to extend the northbound protected First Avenue bicycle path one block south from its current start at 61st Street, adding two pedestrian refuge islands (at 60th & 61st), and

WHEREAS DOT proposes to install a protected two-way bicycle path for the single block of First Avenue between 59th & 60th, underneath the Ed Koch Queensboro Bridge, and

WHEREAS DOT proposes to add shared bicycle lanes in both directions along East 59th Street between First & Second Avenues, and

WHEREAS DOT proposes to extend the existing enhanced shared bicycle lanes within Community Board 6 on both First & Second Avenues up to 59th Street, and

WHEREAS the proposal will allow bicyclists to more safely travel from the Queensboro Bridge to the Second Avenue bicycle route, and

WHEREAS the proposal causes no reduction in through traffic lanes on First Avenue, and

WHEREAS the proposal for the intersection of East 59th Street & First Avenue has been revised following community board input to involve three signal phases as follows:

1. Green for cars traveling north on First Ave., but Red for cars waiting to turn left onto 59th St. Pedestrians will have the Walk signal to cross 59th Street (north/south), and cyclists traveling south on First Avenue will have a bicycle traffic signal allowing them to turn right onto 59th while yielding to pedestrians.
2. Green for cars turning left on 59th Street & cars going north up First Ave. Pedestrians at the NW & SW corners will have a Don't Walk signal, and south-bound cyclists will have a red light. Pedestrians on the NE & SE corners will still have the Walk signal to cross 59th Street.
3. Green for cars on 59th Street, and Red for cars and cyclists on First Ave. Pedestrians will be able to cross First Avenue (east/west).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M approves the proposed Queensboro Bridge Bicycle Connections project with the following additional recommendations:

1. Accessible Pedestrian Signals should be installed at the intersection of East 59th Street and First Avenue, for pedestrians crossing in all directions, prior to the implementation of other changes at this location.
2. Dedicated bicycle signal-heads should be used on the traffic signals for south-bound cyclists at the intersection of 59th & First, with a yellow and/or blinking green signal during Phase 1 to indicate that the cyclist is permitted to turn carefully onto 59th Street, and with a steady red signal during Phases 2 and 3, when the cyclist must stop and wait.
3. Signage should be placed at the NW and SW corners to alert pedestrians to WATCH FOR TURNING BIKES, and a YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS sign should be added on 59th Street just before turning cyclists reach the pedestrian crosswalk.
4. Dedicated traffic safety enforcement should be added for the first three months after the changes are implemented.
5. DOT should examine the feasibility of a delayed green light in Signal Phase 3 for cars traveling west on East 59th St., with a leading green light for eastbound traffic, which might allow bicyclists turning left from 59th St. onto First Avenue to clear the intersection before the westbound cars begin to move.
6. DOT should propose a contextually appropriate design to be painted on the barriers beneath the Queensboro Bridge, and present the design to a joint meeting of CB8M's Landmarks and Transportation Committees for approval.

Manhattan Community Board 8 APPROVED the following resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 6 opposed, 4 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

- **Street Life Committee – Domenico Minerva and Cos Spagnoletti, Co-Chairs**

RE: Victor NYC Rest, LLC d/b/a Dopo Teatro, 345 E. 62nd Street (First/Second Avenues) – Application to alter an existing liquor, wine and beer (on-premises) license by adding a rear yard addition. Food/Drink: 70/30. Hours: Sun. – Thurs. 11am to 12am, Fri & Sat. 11am to 2am.

WHEREAS the owner agreed to discontinue use of the rear yard at 10pm every day,

WHEREAS it was stipulated that the door exiting from the restaurant to the rear yard shall remain closed except for when passing through it,

WHEREAS the restaurant will never have music playing in the rear yard,

WHEREAS table umbrellas and shrubbery/greenery will be used to dampen noise pending DOB application for use of additional noise reduction apparatus,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is approved with the aforementioned stipulations.

This motion to approve this application FAILED with a vote of 10 in favor, 21 opposed, and 3 abstentions. No substitute motion was made. Community Board 8 TAKES NO POSITION.

- **Vendor Task Force Committee – Michele Birnbaum, Chair**

RE: Electronically generated tickets for vendor infractions

WHEREAS, tickets issued to vendors are often dismissed because they are incorrectly written,

WHEREAS, the Vendor Task Force Committee and others have received numerous complaints from the 19th Precinct expressing frustration that tickets are dismissed because they are incorrectly written,

WHEREAS, a ticket will now have a space for both the vendor license number and the cart permit number because of newly enacted legislation by the City Council, and

WHEREAS, these tickets will now have to be re-designed to accommodate this new requirement, and

WHEREAS, there is precedent for electronically generated tickets,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 strongly supports electronically generated tickets for vendor infractions.

This recommendation was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the resolution regarding electronically generated tickets for vendor infractions.

8. Old Business

No old business.

9. New Business

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55PM.

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair