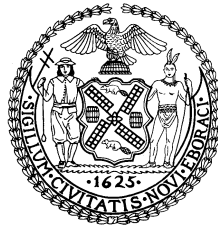


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FULL BOARD MEETING

New York Blood Center
310 East 67th Street (First-Second)
Auditorium
Wednesday, October 19, 2016
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Loraine Brown, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Daniel Dornbaum, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Sophia James, Andrew Kalloch, Katherine LaGuardia, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Michael Mellamphy, David Menegon, Glen Pandolfino, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Ellen Polivy, Sharon Pope, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Sara Solomon, Cos Spagnoletti, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Carolina Tejo, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren

Community Board Members (Excused): Lorraine Johnson, Craig Lader, Zoe Markowitz

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Jeffrey Escobar

Total Attendance: 45

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, Valerie Mason, President of the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the Transportation Committee's Select Bus Service resolution.
- Member of the public, Liz Patrick, representing the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the M15 Select Bus Service stop.
- Member of the public, Ken Jones, representing Ocean Recovery East, spoke on opening a new business.
- Member of the public, Warren Kidman, representing 308 East 72nd Street, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service.
- Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke on the East 72nd Street bus stop.
- Member of the public, Jane Rosenbaum, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service M15 stop at East 72nd Street and First Avenue.
- Member of the public, Kate Shehan, representing the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service M15 at 72nd Street.
- Member of the public, Bruce Kinlin, representing Kinlin Rutherford Architects, spoke in favor of 110 East 78th Street.
- Member of the public, John Simmons, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service bus at 72nd Street.
- Member of the public, Becky Cewand, spoke in favor of the 72nd street Select Bus Service.
- Member of the public, Jennifer Greenblatt, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service bus stop at 72nd Street.

- Member of the public, Sandy Rosen, representing the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service M15 bus uptown and downtown at 72nd Street First and Second Avenue.
- Member of the public, Gail Benjamin, representing the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the petition for M15 Select Bus Service.
- Member of the public, John Davis, spoke in opposition to the Select Bus Service.
- Member of the public, Alvin Chisik, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service stops at East 72nd Street.
- Member of the public, representing Advantage Testing, Inc., spoke in favor of 332 East 88th Street.
- Member of the public, Elinor Buckley, spoke on sanitation and curb and sidewalk cleaning.
- Member of the public, John Beddingfield, representing the Church of the Holy Trinity, spoke in favor of the Rhinelander building 74-711.
- Member of the public, Tucker Mitchell, spoke in objection to neighbor's excavation.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – June 15, 2016 Full Board minutes adopted.

4. Manhattan Borough President's Report

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

5. Elected Officials' Reports

NYS Liz Krueger spoke on her latest initiatives and community events. She let the community know that she along with other elected officials have been having a good dialogue with Parks Commissioner Silver regarding the Queensboro Oval to be open to the public.

Assembly Member Dan Quart spoke on his latest initiatives, community events and also reiterated what Senator Liz Krueger stated in regards to the Queensboro Oval Park.

Shelby Garner, a representative from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office spoke on her latest initiatives.

Katarina Matic, a representative from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright's office, spoke on her latest initiatives.

Isabel Smith, a representative from Council Member Ben Kallos' office spoke on his latest initiatives.

Ten Alexandria, a representative from Senator Jose Serrano's office spoke on his latest initiatives.

Will Brightbill, a representative from Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office spoke on his latest initiatives.

6. District Manager's Report – Latha Thompson

District Manager Latha Thompson did not give her report.

7. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes

Chairman Jim Clynes did not give his report.

8. Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee Chair Michele Birnbaum reported that the members, who include Elizabeth Ashby, Jackie Ludorf, Tricia Shimamura, Carolina Tejo, Nick Viest, and Elaine Walsh voted on a slate of nominated candidates:

Secretary – Gayle Baron, Daniel Dornbaum

2nd Vice Chair – Debra Teitelbaum

1st Vice Chair – Scott Falk

1st Vice Chair - Cos Spagnoletti

Chair – James Clynes

9. Committee Reports and Action Items:

a. Street Fair Committee – Barbara Chocky and Lorraine Johnson, Co-Chairs

1. Public Hearing re: Applications for Single-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Years 2016 and 2017

- a. PS 151 to close East 88th Street between First and York Avenues on Saturday October 29, 2016 from 9:00am to 6:00 PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- b. The Dalton School to close East 91st Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Friday, May 26, 2017 from 9:00Am to 4:30Pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously motioned to approve the application by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

b. Street Life Committee – Abraham Salcedo, Chair

1a. **Laduree Madison LLC., 864 Madison Avenue (70th/71st)-New application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 chairs. DCA # 13578-2016-ASWC. Due Date November 12, 2016**

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

2a. **Schaller Manufacturing Corp., dba Schaller & Weber, 1654 Second Avenue (85th/86th)-Alteration and Corporation change for Wine, Beer and Cider**

WHEREAS this is an application to add additional seating in the lower level of the establishment and to add seats in a rear outdoor yard area; and

WHEREAS there was a question as to whether the use of the rear outdoor space was allowed under the Certificate of Occupancy ("CofO"); and

WHEREAS there was concern about any noise that might emanate from the use of the rear yard; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed not to use the rear outdoor space until it has provided Community Board 8 and SLA with a CofO which clearly indicates that use of the rear outdoor space is legal or a letter of no objection from the Department of Buildings clearly stating they do not object to the use of the rear outdoor space by the establishment; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed, subject to the condition above, to cease operation of the rear outdoor space by 10pm seven days a week; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED** subject to the stipulation that the hours of operation for the SLA license for the rear outdoor space shall be until 10pm seven days a week and subject to the stipulation that the applicant shall not use the outdoor rear space until it has provided a valid C of O or Letter of No Object from the Department of Building which clearly indicate the legality of the use of the rear outdoor space.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

2b. **61st & Park Ave. Corp. and SA 61st Management LLC dba Regency Hotel, 540 Park Avenue (@61st)-Alteration for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider**

WHEREAS this is an application to remove an existing café from the SLA license; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

2c. Misohoppy, Inc., dba Cityhops, 1145 Second Avenue (60th/61st)-Alteration for Wine and Beer

WHEREAS this is an application to expand the existing space to add additional seating; and
WHEREAS there was concern by a committee member about the general appropriateness of Wine and Beer licenses as a matter of principle; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 34 in favor, 5 opposed, 2 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

2e. Noche De Margaritas Restaurant Inc., dba Noche De Margaritas Restaurant, 1726 Second Avenue (89th/90th)-Corporation change for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS this is an application for a corporate change by removing a previous owner; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

2f. Noche De Margaritas Restaurant Inc., dba Noche De Margaritas Restaurant, 1726 Second Avenue (89th/90th)-Alteration for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS this is an application for an alteration; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

3a. SA Third Avenue Café LLC., 1136 Third Avenue (66th/67th)-New application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

3b. 1485 2nd Ave, LLC, 1485 2nd Avenue (77th/78th)-New application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

3c. 503 Main St. Café Inc., 503 Main Street, Roosevelt Island-New application for Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

3d. Dyliam Corp., 1580 Third Avenue (88th/89th)-New application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

3e. Ding Feng Enterprise LLC., Tri Dim Shanghai, 1378 Third Avenue (78th/79th)-New application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation unanimously by a vote 43 in favor 0 opposed 0 abstentions.

c. Landmarks Committee – David Helpert and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

Re: 332 East 88th Street-Individual Landmark - Li Saltzman Architects-French Renaissance style rectory building associated with The Church of the Holy Trinity, designed by Barney & Chapman and constructed in 1897. Application for the restoration of the exterior façades and roof, and application for a report pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution for a change of use and modification of bulk to permit increase in degree of non-compliance of rear yard obstruction for 350 East 88th Street.

WHEREAS 350 East 88th Street is in an R8B zone;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing, a for-profit tutoring and counseling company, has purchased 350 East 88th Street, most recently the home of the Children's Aid Society;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing will continue the legacy of the educational entities that preceded it in the building by providing tutoring and counseling for students of high school and college age;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing has a 501C3 Foundation that provides scholarships and/or pro bono tutoring and counseling for students whose families cannot afford the tuition;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing requires a Special Permit to provide tutoring and counseling services in the R8B district because of its for-profit status;

WHEREAS there is an application for the restoration of the exterior facades and roof of the Rectory of the Church of the Holy Trinity;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing will fund the restoration of the exterior facades of the Rectory and partially fund the continuing maintenance program;

WHEREAS there are two components to the application for a report pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution: a change of use to enable a for-profit tutoring and counseling service and a modification of bulk to permit an increase in the degree of non-compliance in the rear yard by replacing an outdoor space enclosed with a metal mesh to an indoor space enclosed with glass;

WHEREAS Advantage Testing and the Church of the Holy Trinity see this as a partnership from which both parties will benefit;

WHEREAS 51 percent of the work of Advantage Testing is with students from Community Board 8;

WHEREAS the Rectory provides space for a variety of meetings and community events;

WHEREAS The Rectory, which was built in 1897, has had ad hoc repairs to stop the leakage and the deterioration of the façade;

WHEREAS these repairs have only provided temporary relief;

WHEREAS the Rectory is an individual landmark separate and apart from the remainder of the Church;

WHEREAS the four facades of the Rectory have similar problems;

WHEREAS the materials of the facades are terra cotta, iron spot Roman brick, copper cornices; and red slate roofs;

WHEREAS the most serious water penetration is at the eaves where the terra cotta and copper have failed;

WHEREAS the original terra cotta gutters with copper linings now have tar covering membranes that have failed;

WHEREAS other problems include a loss of detail at the dormers; cracking in terra cotta sills; cracked terracotta units, and cracked brick masonry units;

WHEREAS leakage through the façade has caused unsightly conditions on the interior;

WHEREAS the condition of the façades has reached a critical juncture in that water that is penetrating the façades is causing the corrosion of the steel framing which, in turn, is causing portions of the façade to move outwards from the building;

WHEREAS the repairs to the façade and roof will be in kind in that the original materials will be replicated: for example, terracotta will be replaced with terracotta.

WHEREAS terracotta and brick will be removed to reveal steel that is corroding; whereas the steel will be cleaned and coated; whereas the terracotta and brick will be replaced; whereas those areas that enabled leakage will be rebuilt so that water can no longer penetrate the facades and attack the steel;

WHEREAS the agreement between the parties will include restrictive declarations against both properties to include the Special Permit allowing the educational use and the establishment of the continuing maintenance program;

WHEREAS if Advantage sells the building and the educational use continues, the terms of the agreement remain in force;

WHEREAS if Advantage or a subsequent owner sells the 350 East 88th Street building to an owner who will not continue the educational use, the Special Permit and the new non-compliance are revoked and the then current zoning will govern the use and bulk of the building.

WHEREAS the benefits of the 74-711 are balanced in that Advantage obtains a Special Permit for educational use and a non-compliance in the rear yard – and the Church of the Holy Trinity has the exterior of the Rectory restored and a maintenance program in place;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the application for the restoration of the exterior facades and roof of the Rectory of the Church of the Holy Trinity, and the application for a report pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution for a change of use and modification of bulk to permit an increase in the non-compliance in the rear yard of the 350 East 88th Street Building are approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation unanimously by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Re: 110 East 78th Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District – Kinlin Rutherford Architects. Application for work at the front elevation.

WHEREAS 110 East 78th Street is a neo-Grec style residence designed by R. W. Buckley and constructed in 1879-80.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to put a new front elevation on the house so that the front elevation, in general, is restored to its historic condition

WHEREAS the applicant will replicate exactly the front elevation from the roof to the banding at the top of the ground level or first floor

WHEREAS at the ground level, the changes proposed by the applicant include changing the front door from 3' wide to 3' 6" wide to distinguish the main entry to the house from the secondary entry.

WHEREAS at the main entry door (to be widened) the applicant proposes to bring out the crown banding above the door by approximately 2 ¾ "so that more definition is given to the main entry door.

WHEREAS on either side of the entry door the applicant proposes to add side casements; the detailing for the side casements/lights will match exactly the detailing around the windows at the upper floors.

WHEREAS at the areaway, the applicant proposes to create one larger areaway from the two existing areaways; the areaway will extend beyond the property line since its width will change from 6' 1 ¼" to 7'9". [requiring a "Revocable Consent" from the Department of Transportation] {This has already been approved by the Transportation Committee of Community Board #8}

WHEREAS the hand rail/fencing for the new modified areaway will match the railing there now; the new black painted metal railing will have the same detailing as shown in historic photos.

WHEREAS above the banding at the top of the ground/first floor, the applicant proposes to change color of all the window from beige to black

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove the existing black metal safety bars at the ground level. [The bars are at one window and two doors.]

WHEREAS the applicant is not introducing any new vocabulary to the front elevation; the proposed changes at the ground level are sensitive to the rest of the front elevation.

WHEREAS the proposed changes at the ground level and the change in paint color for the windows on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors are contextual and appropriate within the historic district.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation unanimously by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

d. Parks & Recreation Committee – Susan Evans and Margaret Price, Co-Chairs

RE: Reconstruction of the Landscape and Perimeter in Central Park, from W 86th Street to W 90th Street

WHEREAS the Central Park Conservancy has created plans to reconstruct the landscape and perimeter in Central Park, from West 86th St. to West 90th St.—a project that aims to address the area’s erosion and compaction from intense use and inadequate irrigation and drainage; and

WHEREAS the scope of work will include such work as constructing new subsurface drainage and irrigation systems, restoring the meadow, improving edge plantings, installing new more appropriate benches, regrading sloped paths and installing handrails, and making various improvements to the park’s perimeter in the work area; and

WHEREAS the proposal also includes creating an ADA- accessible route along the path from Central Park West to the West Drive; and

WHEREAS improvements to the perimeter of the park, between West 86 St. and West 90th St., coincide with the CPC’s on-going park-wide effort to restore deteriorated stretches of the park’s perimeter; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan (CB8M) approves of the Central Park Conservancy’s plans to reconstruct the landscape and perimeter in Central Park, from West 86th St. to West 90th St.

These plans include such features as: creating new subsurface drainage and irrigate systems; restoring the meadow, re-grading sloped paths; installing improved furnishings and plantings; creating an ADA-accessible path from Central Park West to West Drive in the park; and undertaking various improvements to the park’s perimeter in the West 86 St. to West 90th St. area.

CB8M board voted to unanimously adopt the resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

RE: Update on the Status of the Queensboro Oval Project

WHEREAS Community Board 8-Manhattan, local elected officials and the Upper East Side community at large have strongly urged the Parks Dept. to convert the now-privatized Queensboro Oval Park to a year-round public park, starting in mid-2017; and

WHEREAS the community applauds the Parks Dept. for holding a recent meeting with local elected officials and some CB8M members to discuss the community’s desires, as well as the Parks Dept.’s plans, for the future of the Queensboro Oval Park; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept.’s current plans for the Queensboro Oval call for issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for an operator of the Oval after the current license expires; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8-Manhattan and many local elected officials have strongly objected to plans for an RFP for the future operation of the Oval, since that move would lead to the continued privatization of the Queensboro Oval Park; and

WHEREAS the Parks Dept. has raised the possibility of re-licensing the Oval on a temporary, year-by-year basis, which conflicts with the desires of the community; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan applauds the Parks Dept. for holding a recent meeting with local elected officials and some CB8M members on the future of the Queensboro Oval Park. The Board also thanks elected officials who support the community’s desire to return the Oval to the public year-round, starting next year.

But the Board urges the Parks Dept. to abandon plans to issue an RFP for the operation of this space and opposes any plan to re-license the park on a year-by-year basis. The Board remains adamant that the Queensboro Oval Park should be de-privatized and made open to the public full-time, and year-round, immediately after the City’s current license with the occupant of this space--Sutton East Tennis—expires in August 2017.

CB8M board voted to adopt the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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

Re: Discussion of a request to add a 72nd Street stop for the M15-SBS route.

Resolution 2-A (M15-SBS Stop at 72nd Street)

WHEREAS Select Bus Service replaced Limited Service on the M15 corridor in October 2010, but no SBS station replaced the M15 Limited stop at 72nd Street, eliminating a connection between the M72 and M15-SBS routes; and

WHEREAS since October 2010, the majority of the corridor’s buses bypass 72nd Street, although no buses did so prior to October 2010; and

WHEREAS more than 2,400 people have signed a petition to request the addition of 72nd Street M15-SBS stations in both directions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M urges New York City Transit and the NYC Department of Transportation to add 72nd St. M15-SBS stations on both First and Second Avenues; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8M reiterates its request that NYCT and DOT install SBS fare-collection machines facing away from the curb at any new SBS stations within our district.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 37 in favor 2 opposed 2 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: Discussion of a request to add a 72nd Street stop for the M15-SBS route.

Resolution 2-B (M15 Local Service)

WHEREAS current M15 local bus service is inadequate, unreliable, and vastly inferior to local service prior to the 2010 launch of the M15-SBS; and

WHEREAS the unreliability of M15 local service may discourage riders from use of this bus route, leading to a self-perpetuating ridership decline; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M asks New York City Transit to increase local M15 bus service for a period of at least six months, and measure the resulting change in ridership levels on the M15 local.

Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously approved the resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: Continued discussion of a request for low-floor buses on the M66 & M72

Resolution 3 (M66 & M72 Equipment)

WHEREAS the M66, M72, and M31 bus routes serve the Upper East Side, which has an aging population, and in particular serves the hospital corridor known as “Bed Pan Alley,” with such institutions as NY-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and Hospital for Special Surgery; and

WHEREAS the M66 and M72 also serve the Upper West Side and such institutions as Lincoln Center; and

WHEREAS the newer low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair access allow for much quicker loading of passengers in wheelchairs, and are also easier to board for children, the elderly, and riders with impaired mobility; and

WHEREAS reduced boarding time improves service reliability and decreases headways between buses; and

WHEREAS New York City Transit in 2014 responded quickly and positively to meet CB8M’s request for low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair ramps on the M31 route; and

WHEREAS similar changes are needed on the M66 and M72 routes, which currently lack low-floor buses with front-door wheelchair ramps; and

WHEREAS NYCT plans to introduce new low-floor bus equipment on these routes in 2018, approximately two years away; and

WHEREAS the 2011 NOVA and 2011 New Flyer 40’ low-floor clean diesel models are able to operate across the 65th Street Transverse, but are currently assigned to other routes throughout the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan asks New York City Transit to replace as many of the older buses on the M66 & M72 routes as possible with the 2011 NOVA and 2011 New Flyer 40’ low-floor clean diesel models that are able to operate across the 65th Street Transverse.

Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously approved the resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Re: Request for a new crosswalk and stop sign at the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place
Resolution 5-A (Crosswalk & Stop Sign)**

WHEREAS East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive is a densely populated residential block with a busy park, a school, and a heavily trafficked bridge providing pedestrian and bicycle access to the East River Esplanade; and

WHEREAS cars coming from the FDR Drive service road speed west on 78th Street, toward the traffic light at York Avenue; and

WHEREAS there is no way to safely and legally cross 78th Street at Cherokee Place, although many people cross there anyway instead of walking a block west to the intersection of York Avenue; and

WHEREAS the intersection of East 78th Street & York Avenue is unusual and dangerous, with two sets of one-way traffic flowing toward each other in opposite directions as they approach York Avenue (a two-way street), where all vehicles are required to turn either north or south, and where a pedestrian was killed in a motor-vehicle collision in January 2016; and

WHEREAS adding an east-facing stop sign and north-south crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection of East 78th Street & Cherokee Place will improve pedestrian safety and introduce a legal north-south crossing at this intersection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M strongly requests that the NYC Department of Transportation install an east-facing stop sign and a north-south crosswalk on the eastern side of the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place.

Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously approved the resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**Re: Request for a new crosswalk and stop sign at the intersection of East 78th Street and Cherokee Place
Resolution 5-B (Speed bumps, school zone signage, and school zone pavement markings)**

WHEREAS East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive is a densely populated residential block with a busy park, a school, and a heavily trafficked bridge providing pedestrian and bicycle access to the East River Esplanade; and

WHEREAS cars coming from the FDR Drive service road speed west on 78th Street, toward the traffic light at York Avenue; and

WHEREAS there is no way to safely and legally cross 78th Street at Cherokee Place, although many people cross there anyway instead of walking a block west to the intersection of York Avenue; and

WHEREAS the intersection of East 78th Street & York Avenue is unusual and dangerous, with two sets of one-way traffic flowing toward each other in opposite directions as they approach York Avenue (a two-way street), where all vehicles are required to turn either north or south, and where a pedestrian was killed in a motor-vehicle collision in January 2016; and

WHEREAS speed bumps, school zone signage, and school zone pavement markings should calm traffic and increase safety for all road users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M strongly requests that the NYC Department of Transportation install one or more speed bumps on East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8M strongly requests that the NYC DOT add school zone signage and school zone pavement markings on East 78th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive.

Manhattan Community Board 8 approved the resolution by a vote of 40 in favor 1 opposed 1 abstention.

f. Technology Committee – Daniel Dornbaum and Sophia James

Since the Technology Committee did not have any resolution they did not present.

10. Executive Session – Personnel (This portion of the meeting is closed to the public)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

James G. Clynes, Chairman