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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING Wednesday, September 18, 2013 New York Blood Center 310 East 67th Street Auditorium 6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Albert Barrueco, John Bartos, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Molly Blayney, Lori Ann Bores, Roy Carlin, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Christina Davis, Jeffrey Escobar, Cory Evans, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, David Helpern, Lorance Hockert, Lorraine Johnson, Dave Kleckner, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Ellen Polivy, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, 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): Matthew Bondy, Edward Hartzog, Jonathan Horn, Sophia James, Helene Simon

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Abraham Salcedo

Total Attendance: 44

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

1. Public Session:

- Member of the public, Eileen Racanelli, spoke in favor of the preservation of Park Avenue Christian Church and Parish House.
- Member of the public, Esra Munnell, representing Park Avenue Christian Church Parish House Rectory, spoke in favor of landmark.
- Member of the public, Donna Hardiman, spoke in favor of preservation of Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Shawn Ottenstein, spoke in favor of landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church & Parish House & Rectory.
- Member of the public, James Rorimer, spoke in favor of landmarking Park Avenue Christian Parish House, Rectory, and Church.
- Member of the public, Drake Tempest, spoke in favor of landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church, 101 Park Avenue.
- Member of the public, Pastor Alvin O. Jackson, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Robert Ottenstein, spoke in favor of landmarking 1010 Park Avenue.
- Member of the public, Carol Griffiths, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke on PACC development.
- Member of the public, Allegra Le Grande, spoke on PACC development of Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Rev. Mary Anne Glover, representing Christian Church (DOC) Northeast Region, spoke in favor of Park Avenue Christian Church Landmark Committee.
- Member of the public, Merades Levin, spoke in favor of landmarking church complex.

- Member of the public, Luis Alfredo Cartagena, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke on development.
- Member of the public, Patrick Camilli, spoke on PAC Church landmark issue.
- Member of the public, Tara Kelly, representing Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts, spoke in favor of landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Richard Sturm, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmarking PACC.
- Member of the public, Shana Buckley, representing 1000 Park Avenue, spoke in favor of landmarking PACC site.
- Member of the public, Sarah Rorimer, representing the church site/complex, spoke on the church, rectory and parish house.
- Member of the public, Olivia Kraus, spoke in favor of landmarking PACC site.
- Member of the public, Raymond Verrey, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition of landmarking.
- Member of the public, Clark Munnell, spoke in favor of Park Avenue Church Parish House Rectory landmarking.
- Member of the public, Kate Lockwood, representing parents of closed nursery school at 1010 Park Avenue, spoke on landmarks committee business.
- Member of the public, Esther Jusino, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmarking.
- Member of the public, Vahe Balouzian, spoke in opposition to the Christian Church site development.
- Member of the public, W.L. Landau, spoke in favor of the Park Avenue Christian Church preservation.
- Member of the public, Sam Silver, spoke on 1010 Park.
- Member of the public, Barbara Landau, spoke in favor of Park Avenue Christian Church preservation.
- Member of the public, Dominique Camilli, spoke in favor of 1010 Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Howard Adler, representing 1020 Park Avenue, spoke in favor of landmarking church.
- Member of the public, Paul Selver, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition.
- Member of the public, Heather Bickham, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition.
- Member of the public, Jane Cranston, spoke in favor of 1010 Park Avenue Christian Church preservation.
- Member of the public, Constance Packard, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmarking of Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Melissa Little, representing Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, George Arzt, spoke in opposition to Park Avenue Christian Church.
- Member of the public, Lo van der Valk, representing Carnegie Hill Neighbors, spoke in favor of Park Avenue Christian Church landmarking.
- Member of the public, Mary Diericky, representing Historic Park Avenue, spoke in favor of 1010 Park Avenue landmark.
- Member of the public, Karen Meara, representing 1000 Park Owner's Corp., spoke in favor of landmarking 1010 Park Avenue.
- Member of the public, Eron Roland, spoke in favor of landmarking Park Avenue Christian Church and Parish House.
- Member of the public, Joseph Sherman, spoke in favor of preserving church.
- Member of the public, Aaron Levitt, representing congregation of Park Avenue Christian Church, spoke in opposition to landmark Park Avenue Christian Church annex.
- Member of the public, Walter Zhang, spoke on Sheng Yun symphony orchestra concert event.
- Member of the public, Jean Pamphile, representing Webster Library, made announcements.
- Member of the public, Joan Lonergan, representing The Hewitt School, spoke on restoration and renovation of 42 East 76th Street.
- Member of the public, Marjorie Goldsmith, representing All Souls School, spoke in favor of the play street on 80th Street.
- Member of the public, Karen Faust, spoke in opposition to garbage.
- Member of the public, Rico Oyola, representing Next Door, spoke on neighborhood social network.
- Member of the public, Joanna Fantori, representing Our Town newspaper, introduced herself to the community.
- Member of the public, Graham S. Wyatt, representing R.A.M. Stern Architects, spoke in favor of The Hewitt School.

- Member of the public, Ben Jacobs, representing Ben Kallos for City Council, spoke.
- Member of the public, Jordon Wouk, spoke in opposition to snow melt at 4 East 75th Street.
- Member of the public, Joan Lonergan, representing Hewitt School, spoke on the restoration and renovation of 42 East 76th Street.
- Member of the public, Michael Halpern, spoke in favor of landmarking to 96th Street along Park Avenue.
- Member of the public, Brett Masarky, spoke.

2. Public Hearing: Special Order Application BSA Calendar No. 190-92-BZ, 180 East End Avenue-

Application to extend the term of variance for transient parking spaces.

Whereas, this application is to extend the term of variance for transient parking spaces

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

Be It Resolved that Community Board 8 approves the term of variance for transient parking spaces at 180 East End Avenue.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

- **3.** Adoption of the Agenda Agenda adopted.
- **4.** Adoption of the Minutes May 22, 2013 Full Board and July 10, 2013 Land Use meeting minutes adopted.

5. Manhattan Borough President's Report:

Kristen Ellis, a representative from the Manhattan Borough President's Office (MBPO) Scott Stringer, reported on his latest initiatives. In late August the MBPO issued a report called "Digital Deficit" on internet broadband speeds which were surveyed in NYC public schools and libraries. Based on the Department of Education surveys it found that 75% of public schools across the city have internet speeds that are 100% slower than the national goal that has been set by President Obama. This report is available online on the MBPO's website. The NYS Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Borough President Stringer present "Shine the Light on Domestic Violence" and invites everyone to take a stand against domestic violence by joining them for a special lighting ceremony on Monday, October 7th, 6:30PM, at Duffy Square at southwest corner of Broadway and 47th street. If you have any questions contact Hilary Nemchik at 212-669-8141 or hnemchik@manhattanbp.org She also noted that the NYC City Planning Commission will hold a public scoping hearing on the Rockefeller University ULURP proposal to deck over the FDR Drive on Thursday, September 26th, 10AM, at City Planning, 22 Reade Street. The draft for this project is on the City Planning website at http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/

6. Elected Official's Reports:

- Patrick Madigan, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on her latest initiatives. Senator Krueger is moderating a community forum on the New York State of Health: What You Need to Know about Health Care Reform. Beginning in January 2014 New York will run a healthcare marketplace called the New York State of Health. Individuals, families, and small business owners will be able to enroll in new, affordable health insurance plans through the marketplace. Counselors will be on site to make an appointment to assist with enrollment on Tuesday, October 8th, 6PM-8PM at Lighthouse International, 111 East 59th Street, between Park & Lex. RSVP to Susannah: spasquan@nysenate.gov or 212-490-9535. The Senator is also sponsoring the Seventh Annual Senior Resource Fair, on Thursday, October 17th, 2PM-5PM, at Temple Emanu-El, One East 65th Street @ Fifth Ave. There will be over 50 exhibitors providing information for older adults. No RSVP necessary. For more information contact alicefisher.nyc@gmail.com or call 212-490-9535.
- Matthew Walsh, a representative for Assembly Member Dan Quart's office, reported on his latest initiatives. He announced that Assembly Member Quart is hosting an Open Space Forum, a panel discussion which will include representatives from CIVITAS and New Yorkers for Parks on Thursday, September 26th, 6:30PM at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, 331 East 70th Street, between 1st and 2nd Avenues. Please call 212-605-0937 for more information.
- Maya Kurien, a representative from Council Member Jessica Lappin's office, reported on her latest initiatives. Council Member Lappin is working hard to protect low-income senior tenants in light of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)'s new policy announcement that will force Enhanced Section 8 recipients to move to smaller apartments while paying the same amount of rent. She is demanding answers from both the HPD and the City as to who will be responsible for helping these frail and elderly tenants move and wants details on critical information that has <u>not</u> been provided by the

HPD during this downsizing process. If you are an enhanced Section 8 recipient who received a downsizing notice please don't hesitate to contact her office at 212-980-1808.

The Council Member along with Congress Member Carolyn Maloney and Senator Liz Krueger held a conference calling on the Army Corps. of Engineers to revoke the permit for the East 91st Street Marine Transfer Station since this proposed site is now in hurricane flood zone 1. The lawsuit against this proposed project is still alive and she vows to never give up the fight. She is also helping to launch the New York City's Middle Class Child Care Loan Initiative. This is a first program of its kind in the nation designed to specifically help middle class families pay for high quality child care.

- Christina Parisi, a representative from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives. Representative Maloney released her report card grading MTA's progress on the 2nd Avenue Subway project. In recognition of the significant progress to date, the MTA earns an overall B+, up from the last report card released in 2011. In regards to the proposed MTS project, asides from attending the conference along with other elected officials to call on the Army Corps. of Engineers to revoke the MTS permit, she has asked her staff to start researching the MTS real costs. On August 26th the Congresswoman was joined along with many women leaders to announce and celebrate the new and improved Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) which for the first time would include women in the U.S. Constitution. "Today's ERA would prohibit gender discrimination, and, for the first time, would explicitly mandate equal rights for women." stated Congresswoman Maloney.
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- Emma Lowe, a representative for Council Member Daniel Garodnick's office, reported on his latest initiatives. On August 7, 2013, Council Member Garodnick testified on Mayor Bloomberg's proposal to rezone East Midtown at the City Planning Commission. He expressed his concerns for the dire need of infrastructure improvements to the Grand Central area and an investment in the transit system in the broader context of the rezoning. The Council Member also chaired a hearing on the disputes between Time Warner and CBS which left many New Yorkers blacked out of their favorite channels. He feels that these types of negotiations need to take place without holding consumers hostage and violated the principles of net neutrality that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has said it has a duty to protect. Additionally, the Council Member wrote a letter to the FCC calling on them to stop CBS from blacking out CBS.com from Time Warner customers.

7. Chair's Report – Nick Viest:

Chair Nick Viest gave his report. Nick addressed the new Community Board 8 members and asked them to start thinking about the major committees that they me be interested in joining and recommended that they speak to the committee co-chairs before making a selection. Under new business he asked them to please review the Borough Board resolution as this resolution must be voted on next week. He reminded all board members about Robert's Rules of parliamentary procedure as it relates to "calling to question" and letting everyone weigh-in with their ideas at our Community Board meetings. He then moved the meeting to the selection of the Nominating Committee.

8. Selection of Nominating Committee:

The Manhattan Community Board 8 members selected their Nominating Committee Members. The selected Nominating Committee members are Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, David Rosenstein, William Sanchez, Judy Schneider, and Timothy Yeo.

9. Committee Reports and Action Items:

• Landmarks Committee - David Helpern and David Liston, Co-Chairs

Re: 785 Fifth Avenue (at 60th Street) – Upper East Side Historic District – Diller Scofidio+Renfro, Architects – An apartment building designed by Richard Roth of Emery Roth & Sons in 1962-63. Application is to renovate the penthouse.

WHEREAS, 785 Fifth Avenue is an apartment building designed by Richard Roth of Emery Roth & Sons in 1962-63.

WHEREAS, 785 Fifth Avenue is a non-contributing building within the historic district, it presents some "modernist" architectural elements.

WHEREAS, the applicant is proposing (1) a rooftop addition (2) new glass guardrails (3) changes to the glazing at the 19th floor

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to change the guardrails at the 9th, 16th, 18th and 19th floors and adding a glass balustrade at the roof. [Although the application is for changes to the penthouse at the 18th and 19th floors, the applicant, to retain unity for the terrace guardrails, is changing all the existing guardrails, not just the guardrails for the penthouse terraces.]

WHEREAS, the guardrails were originally framed glass guard rails; the applicant proposes to replace them with cantilevered structural glass guardrails.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to replace the 19th floor glazing from punched to stripped (glass curtain wall) windows.

WHEREAS, also at the 19th floor, on the south elevation, the applicant proposes to replace three existing windows with two windows, the larger of which will present as a bay window.

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes an addition at the roof – a bulkhead made of a light teak wood that will weather to gray. The new bulkhead will present as a modernist asymmetrical canopy 44' wide x 23' deep, with a height off the parapet of 10'. The enclosed portion of the bulkhead measures 32' x 9'3".

WHEREAS, the applicant suggests that this "modernist asymmetrical canopy" will add an assertiveness and a little bit of detail to the top of the building.

WHEREAS, the rooftop addition will change the overall height of the building from 192'9" to 202'3"; however, the addition will sit underneath the existing bulkhead for the building mechanicals.

WHEREAS, the applicant suggests that the existing setbacks at the penthouse level "dematerialize" the building; the 19th floor and rooftop addition fade away into the sky. Thus, the proposed changes to the windows and especially at the rooftop are minimally visible from the public way.

WHEREAS, the application is sympathetic to the architecture of the building and not out-of-context within the historic district, given that the 785 Fifth Avenue is a non-contributing building within the district.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions.

Re: 125 East 73rd Street (between Park and Lexington Avenues) - Upper East Side Historic District - *Janko Rasic Architect* - A neo-Federal style dwelling designed by Charles Brendon and constructed in 1909-1910. Application is to replace windows.

WHEREAS, this application is to replace the front windows located on the second, third, and fourth floors.

WHEREAS, photographs taken in or around 1910 indicate that the original windows on the second floor were casement windows which were later replaced with double hung windows, matching those on the third and fourth floors.

WHEREAS, the applicant has considered restoring the windows to their original casement windows but, as this is this is a diplomatic residence, bullet resistant glass is required and, according to the applicant, such glass would not work well with the original casement configuration due the thickness of the glass and the manner in which light interacts with such glass, resulting in the windows on the second floor appearing dissimilar in appearance from those on the third and fourth floors.

WHEREAS, the proposed double hung windows are consistent with what is currently at the location and not inconsistent with the design and character of the building.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 2 East 91st Street (between Fifth and Madison Avenues) [Cooper Hewitt Museum] – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District – Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District – Sharon C. Park, Architect – A Neo-Georgian with Beaux-Arts elements style mansion designed by Babb, Cook & Willard and built in 1899-1903. Application is to alter the 90th street garden entrance, awning and corner piers lighting.

WHEREAS, 2 East 91st Street is a Neo-Georgian with Beaux-Arts elements style mansion designed by Babb, Cook & Willard and built in 1899-1903.

WHEREAS, the applicant wishes to alter the 90th Street garden entrance awning and corner piers lighting. WHEREAS, with regard to the 90th Street garden entrance, the applicant proposes to refurbish the fence and gate and install a new, painted steel awning which would extend, at its longest point, 5' out over the sidewalk and at its shortest point, 4' feet over the sidewalk, and would be 8' above the sidewalk.

WHEREAS, with regard to the existing Fifth Avenue granite piers, the applicant proposes to insert LED dimmable white low-glow lighting strips within the stone reveals, with said insertion to be flush with the exterior face of the piers, and reversible with no mechanical fastening into the existing structure.

WHEREAS, numerous members of the community present at the meeting voiced concerns about a lack of sufficient time to study the proposed changes to so significant a landmark and concerns regarding the impact of the proposed changes to the property at issue.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee felt that the presentation did not provide sufficient details, for example the applicant did not provide a panoramic picture of the streetscape as it would appear with the proposed changes, and the applicant did not provide firm or specific details as to the size or color of the lettering that the applicant proposes to include at the front of the proposed awning.

WHEREAS, the proposed changes as presented would be inconsistent with the historic character and design of this unique architectural gem of the Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this application is disapproved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 6 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

Re: 42 East 76th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District – Robert A.M. Stern Architects & Bill Higgins, Preservation Consultant – A Queen Anne style residence designed by John G. Prague and built in 1881-82. Application is to alter the front areaway, reconfigure the rear elevation, and add a rear-yard extension and rooftop addition.

This Resolution has two parts. Part A includes the front façade and the roof top addition. Part B includes the rear façade and rear yard extensions

Part A – Front Façade and the Rooftop Addition

WHEREAS, the original facade design remains from the second floor up:

WHEREAS, first floor façade will be restored to be similar to the original façade except for the stoop;

WHEREAS, the existing areaway planter will be restored;

WHEREAS, a new railing similar in design to the railing at the second floor will be added to the wall of the planter abutting the sidewalk;

WHEREAS, the rooftop addition which is partly classroom and partly mechanical bulkhead, will be set back 19'-10" and will rise about 17' above the top of the parapet; and

WHEREAS, the rooftop addition is not visible from the street except very minimally at three locations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Part A is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Part B - Rear façade and rear yard extensions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Part B is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 48 East 64th Street (between Madison and Park Avenues) – Upper East Side Historic District - *Peter Pelsinski*, *Partner* – A neo-Grec style residence designed by John G. Prague and built in 1883-84. Application is to alter the front and rear façades, replace windows, and extend the rooftop and second floor.

WHEREAS, the original façade design remains from the second floor up;

WHEREAS, the existing metal stoop will be removed and replaced with a new stone stoop replicating the stoop next door;

WHEREAS, the existing entrance door on the first floor will be replaced with a new entrance door and door surround replicating the door and surround next door;

WHEREAS, the basement window facing the areaway will be replaced with a new wood window;

WHEREAS, the non-original skylight on the first floor roof of the rear extension will be removed and the roof converted into a deck;

WHEREAS, the wood windows on the upper floors of the rear facade will remain or be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the windows on the basement, first, and second floors will be replaced with new steel and glass fenestration:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, this application is approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Re: 1010 Park Avenue (between 84th and 85th Streets) [Park Avenue Christian Church] - Discussion regarding proposal to designate the church a landmarked building.

WHEREAS, the Park Avenue Christian Church began as a group of nine members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church which branched off to form the Disciples of Christ in 1810 making it the oldest of Disciples of Christ Churches in America,

WHEREAS, the congregation established itself as a permanent fixture on the Upper East

Side of Manhattan in a building designed by Ralph Adams Cram, Bertram Goodhue and Frank Ferguson, which created a Church in the gothic revival style, and

WHEREAS, the Church, inspired by Sainte Chapel in Paris, laid its cornerstone in 1909, and

WHEREAS, the Church and Rectory are built of stone salvaged from the construction of Central Park, and

WHEREAS, the church houses beautiful stained glass windows, including one designed by Tiffany, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to preserve the Church and Rectory light and air so as to permit the southern light to enliven the Tiffany glass window and others which bathe the Church in light, and

WHEREAS, the sunlight currently bounces off the roof in a playful and beautiful way, and

WHEREAS, viewing the Church complex in the context of the current space, light and sky, are important backdrops for the complete preservation and enjoyment of the Church, Rectory and Parish House, and

WHEREAS, the materials and style unite these components, and

WHEREAS, the Church contains classic components, the nave with its peaked roof, 4 tall arched windows, a second lower peaked roof, a total of 17 tall windows and a tall window above the entrance, two massive front columns with distinct detail, gargoyles and figurines, and

WHEREAS, the Rectory, built at the same time and compatible with the Church in materials, style and trim having a peaked roof and projecting bay windows, complements the Church building, and

WHEREAS, the Parish House, built behind the Rectory in the 1960's is an integral, historic part of the complex allowing a diverse community access for important cultural educational and spiritual programs, and

WHEREAS, the facade of 1000 Park Avenue shares design elements with the Church and Rectory, making the entire block visually compatible,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that Community Board 8 strongly supports granting landmark status to the Park Avenue Christian site complex which includes the Church, the Rectory and the Parish House, and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, that Community Board 8 urges the Landmarks Commission to hear this application, grant landmark status to this unique building complex, at the earliest possible time.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 37 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting for cause.

• Street Life Committee – Jonathan Horn and Domenico Minerva, Co-Chairs

1a. <u>C&C First Avenue Corp. d/b/a Bar Coastal, 1495 First Avenue (78th/79th Streets) – Renewal application</u> for an enclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 24 seats, ULURP #: N 120343, DCA #: 1110042

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1b. New Ko-Sushi Japanese Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Ko Sushi Japanese Restaurant, 1329 Second Avenue (@ 70th Street) – Renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 44 seats, ULURP # 120319, DCA #1285670

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1c. <u>75th & 3rd Corp. d/b/a Bistro Le Steak, 1309 Third Avenue (74th/75th Streets)</u> – Renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 41 seats, ULURP # 120324, DCA #1167600

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1d. <u>Lenny's 77th, LLC d/b/a Lenny's, 1481 Second Avenue (@ 77th Street)</u> – Renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 24 seats, ULURP #120356, DCA #1239318

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1e. <u>1475 Second Avenue Bagel, LLC d/b/a Pick A Bagel, 1475 Second Avenue (76th/77th Streets)</u> – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 36 seats, DCA #1381059

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1f. <u>Ala Turk, Inc. d/b/a Ala Turk, 1417 Second Avenue (73rd/74th Streets) – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 22 seats, DCA #1315623</u>

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1g. <u>Mezzaluna Associates d/b/a Mezzaluna, 1295 Third Avenue (74th/75th Streets)</u> – Renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 2 tables and 4 seats, DCA #08111193

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

2a. <u>Tripti, Inc. d/b/a Moti Mahal Delux, 1149 First Avenue (@ 6rd Street)</u> – New (existing) application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats, ULURP #130029, DCA #1438010

WHEREAS there are no changes to the café and no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is Approved.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3a. Elicosmor, LLC d/b/a Bonjour Crepes & Wine 94th, 1442 Lexington Avenue (@ 94th Street) – New application for a wine and beer only license. Food/Drink 80/20

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: 8am to 12am, 7 days a week

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3b. <u>Aoyama Sushi, Inc. 1164 First Avenue (63rd/64th Streets)</u> – New application for a wine and beer only license. Food/Drink: 95/5.

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 11:00am to 11:30pm, Fri-Sat. 12noon to 12midnight, Sun. 12noon to 11:30pm

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3c. <u>GJD Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Spigolo, 1471 Second Avenue (76th/77th Streets)</u> – New application for a liquor, wine and beer (on-premises) license. Food/Drink: 70/30

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 5pm to 11pm, Fri-Sat. 5pm to 12midnight, Sun. 5pm to 10pm

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

3d. <u>Tatany Miracle, LLC d/b/a Tatany, 1400 Second Avenue (72nd/73rd Streets)</u> – New application for a wine and beer only license. Food/Drink 60/40

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 12noon to 11pm, Fri-Sat. 12noon to 11pm, Sun. 12noon to 11pm,

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3e. <u>Taijiyama, Inc., 1718 Second Avenue (89th/90th Streets)</u> – New application for a liquor, wine and beer (on-premises) license. Food/Drink 95/5

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 11am to 11pm, Fri-Sat. 11am to 12midnight, Sun. 11am to 11pm,

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3f. <u>Abasushi Fusion Cuisine, Inc., 1588 York Avenue (83rd/84th Streets)</u> – New application for a wine and beer only license. Food/Drink 90/10

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 11am to 11pm, Sat. 12noon to 11pm, Sun. 12noon to 11pm WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

3g. N & P Corp. d/b/a Thai Peppercorn, 1750 First Avenue (90th/91st Streets) – New application for a liquor, wine and beer (on-premises) license. Food/Drink 80/20

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are: Mon-Thurs. 11:30am to 11pm, Fri-Sat. 11:30am to 11:30pm, Sun. 11:30am to 11:00pm

WHEREAS no one from the public objected,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the application is **Approved**.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

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

Re: All Souls School would like to close East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenue on Wednesday, May 28, 2014 from 4PM to 7PM for a Play street

WHEREAS All Souls School is located at 1157 Lexington Avenue, and

WHEREAS construction of a new building adjacent to the school will make it unsafe for the students to use their rooftop playground, and

WHEREAS outdoor physical activity is an important component of a complete educational experience, providing essential healthful benefits to the students,

WHEREAS All Souls School has requested a play street on East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues, from 9 AM to 11 AM and 1 PM to 2 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January 2014 and continuing for the duration of construction, and

WHEREAS three teachers per class will supervise the students, and security guards from an outside company will be posted at each end of the block,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves All Souls School's request for a play street on East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues, from 9 AM to 11 AM and 1 PM to 2 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning in January 2014 and continuing for the duration of construction.

Manhattan Community Board 8 <u>APPROVED</u> the resolution by a vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: Pedestrian Safety Improvement Project-3rd Avenue Turnbays at East 79th and East 86th Streets WHEREAS in the most recent five-year period there have been 78 injuries, including 18 pedestrian injuries, resulting from crashes at the intersections of East 79th Street & Third Avenue and East 86th Street & Third Avenue; and

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation is proposing to designate the left lane of Third Avenue as a left-turn only lane approaching East 79th Street and East 86th Street, with the adjacent lane designated for through traffic only; and

WHEREAS the Department of Transportation proposes to install painted neckdowns at the north-west corner of East 79th Street & Third Avenue, and at the north-west corner of East 86th Street & Third Avenue; and WHEREAS neckdowns reduce crossing distances, increase pedestrian visibility, and decrease sidewalk overcrowding;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan approves the proposal to install turnbays on Third Avenue approaching East 79th and East 86th Streets, and to add painted pedestrian neckdowns at the northwest corner of each of these intersections; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8M requests dedicated traffic enforcement for these two intersections for the first six weeks after installation.

Manhattan Community Board 8 $\underline{APPROVED}$ the resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: A request for a new Revocable Consent to install a snowmelt system at 4 East 75th Street WHEREAS the Applicant has proposed installing a snowmelt system beneath the sidewalk at 4 East 75th Street, and

WHEREAS these systems reduce the use of salt and chemicals necessary to deal with snow in front of buildings; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8 has approved a number of similar systems in the recent past;

THEREFORE Community Board 8 approves a Revocable Consent for the installation of a snowmelt system at 4 East 75th Street.

Manhattan Community Board 8 <u>APPROVED</u> the resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 2 opposed, 4 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

• Street Fairs Committee – Barbara Chocky and Hedi White, Co-Chairs

1b. **PS 158 Parents Association** to close East 77th Street Between York Avenue and Cherokee Place on Saturday October 26, 2013 from 11AM to 5PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted motion to approve by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1c. **Carnegie Hill Neighbors** to close East 92nd Street between Madison and Park Avenues on Thursday October 31, 2013 from 4PM to 8PM for a block party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted motion to approve by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1d. **Residents of East 91st Street** to close East 91st Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Thursday October 31,2013 from 4PM to 8PM for a block party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted motion to approve by a vote of 39 in favor, 2 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1e. **Nightingale-Bamford School** to close East 92nd Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday November 2, 2013 from 10AM to 4:PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted motion to approve by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

1f. **All Souls School** to close East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues on Wednesday May 28, 2014 from 4PM to 7PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted motion to approve by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

10. Old Business

No old business.

11. New Business – Manhattan Borough Board resolution in support of the Polystyrene Ban

Whereas, "Styrofoam" (polystyrene) is not biodegradable and takes an estimated 500 years to break down when discarded in landfills; and

Whereas, New York City discards approximately 20,000 tons of Styrofoam annually, including an estimated 150 million styrofoam meal trays in the NYC school system alone; and

Whereas, phasing out 20,000 tons of styrofoam from the municipal waste stream would save taxpayers an estimated \$1.9 million each year based on current rates; and

Whereas, the State of California has identified the production of polystyrene (styrofoam) as creating more energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and total environmental impact than all other products except for aluminum; and

Whereas, the Environmental Protection Agency has identified styrofoam production as the 5th largest creator of toxic waste in the United States; and

Whereas, styrene is a component of styrofoam and is largely believed to be a carcinogen and neurotoxin; and **Whereas**, the Environmental Protection Agency has never tested a human fat tissue without finding styrene in that fat tissue since 1986;

BE IT RESOLVED the Manhattan Borough Board supports legislation that would prohibit the use and sale of polystyrene products as food packing in New York City.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this resolution by a vote of 23 in favor, 10 opposed, and 7 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50PM.

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair