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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

LAND USE MEETING WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012 Nightingale-Bamford 20 East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Auditorium 6:30PM

**Community Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Jeffrey Escobar, A. Scott Falk, George Fuchs, Ruth Halberg, Edward Hartzog, Lorance Hockert, Jonathan Horn, Lorraine Johnson, Dave Kleckner, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, Laurence Parnes, Jane Parshall, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom, David Rosenstein, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Nicholas Viest, Charles Warren

**Community Board Members (Excused):** Molly Blayney, Deirdre Breslin, Roy Carlin, Christina Davis, Susan Evans, David Helpern, David Liston, Mary Boresz Pike, Ellen Polivy, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, Helene Simon, Cos Spagnoletti, Elaine Walsh, Hedi White **Community Board Members (Unexcused):** Kenneth Austin, Teri Slater, H. Patrick Stewart

Total Attendance: 31

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

**1. Public Hearing: BSA Calendar No. 183-11-BZ; CEQR No. 12-BSA-045M, Memorial Hospital for Cancer and Allied Diseases-1133 York Avenue, Block 1456, Lot 21**-Application for bulk variances pursuant to NYC Zoning Resolution Sec.72-21 with respect to the proposed construction on the site of a new Memorial Sloan Kettering Outpatient Surgical Center. The proposed 261 ft tall new building will exceed the maximum floor area permitted for community facility building in a c1-9 district by FAR 1.97; does not provide a rear yard in the interior portion of the zoning lot; does not comply with the maximum height of a front wall and the required front setback regulation applicable in a C1-9 district on both York Avenue and East 61<sup>st</sup> Street; and does not comply with curb cut and signage regulations.

Manhattan Community Board 8 made a substitute motion to postpone this application until the March Land Use Meeting. The motion was adopted by a vote of 20 in favor, 5 opposed and 4 abstentions.

## 2. Environment and Sanitation Committee

## **Topic: Repair of the Delaware Aqueduct – Draft Environmental Impact Statement**

This resolution is submitted as CB8M's comments to the NYC Department of Environmental Protection Draft Environmental Impact Statement issued pursuant to the proposed project to repair the Delaware Aqueduct.

Whereas, the Delaware Aqueduct supplies approximately half of New York City's daily drinking water needs, and

**Whereas**, the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) seeks to undertake a \$2.1 billion *Water for the Future* program that includes repairing leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct, and

supplementing the city's water supply during construction work on the Delaware Aqueduct tunnel, and **Whereas**, DEP plans to address leaks in the Delaware Aqueduct by building a 2 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> mile bypass tunnel around a portion of the aqueduct that is leaking in the town of Newburgh, NY and repairing leaks from inside the existing tunnel, and

**Whereas**, DEP seeks to break ground on the bypass tunnel in 2013 and complete the connection to the Delaware Aqueduct in 2021, and

**Whereas**, DEP has issued a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) in connection with the *Water for the Future* program,

**Therefore, be it resolved** that Manhattan Community Board 8 (CB8) is in favor of DEP proceeding to build the proposed bypass tunnel to facilitate repair of the Delaware Aqueduct in order to ensure that DEP can continue to deliver high quality drinking water every day to NYC,

**Be it further resolved** that CB8 supports this project contingent upon DEP minimizing and mitigating potential environmental impacts in the areas where the work is to be performed, and upon DEP having an adequate plan in place to supplement the water supply with high-quality drinking water during the shut-down phase of up to 6 to 15 months of the Delaware Aqueduct.

Community Board 8M adopted the resolution by a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

## 2. Old Business

No old business.

## 3. New Business

No new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Nicholas D. Viest, Chair