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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

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Street Fair Committee
Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center
415 East 93rd Street
Multi-purpose Room
January 12, 2017

Meeting called to order 6:30 by Lorraine Johnson and Barbara Chocky. See attendance sheets.

Public Hearing re: Applications for Multi-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2017

A. Museum Mile Festival-Fifth Avenue between 82nd -105th Streets on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for a Street Festival.

This is the 39th year of the festival. The Avenue is closed to traffic and the public walk up and down Fifth Avenue, visiting the seven museums participating. Admission to the museums is free and some of the museums have activities outside for children. The Community Board has not received any complaints relating to this event. However, we did receive phone calls and emails from the Director of the Mayor's Office of Citywide Events stating they got complaints relating to: chalking on the streets, illegal vendors and excessive garbage and no clean up. The Festival does not utilize vendors and sells no food to produce garbage. No one was present to object to this event.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

B. Gracie Square Art Show to close East End Avenue from 84th to 88th Streets on Saturday September 9, 2017 to Sunday September 10, 2017 from 8AM to 7PM for the annual Art Show.

This is the 45th year for the Art Show. Artists compete to participate in the show. All money raised goes to the Carl Schurz Conservancy. Volunteers manage the show

Motion to approve passed: 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

C. Brick Presbyterian Church to close Park Avenue between 90th and 93rd Streets on Sunday December 3, 2017 from 5PM to 8:30PM for the annual Tree Lighting.

This is an annual community event that has been held since 1945 to honor veterans and celebrate the holidays.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0 Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

D. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to close Second Avenue between 66th and 86th Streets on Sunday May 7, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Street Festival.

For the last few years this event had to be held to Third Avenue due to the construction of the Second Avenue Subway. This year it will move back to Second Avenue. There will be vendors, including food vendors, inflatable rides and games at this event. A member of the Committee requested that the sponsor make every effort to eliminate food trucks and invite local restaurants to participate at the event. The sponsor and the Operator agreed to this.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

E. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to close Third Avenue between 66th and 86th Streets on Sunday, September 10, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Street Festival.

There will be vendors, including food vendor, live entertainment, games and rides at the festival. The sponsor and operator agreed to make every effort to eliminate food trucks and invite local restaurants to participate.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

F. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House to close First Avenue between 68th and 79th Streets on Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Festival.

There will be booths relating to their programs, vendors including food vendors, rides and games.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

G. French Institute Alliance Francaise to close East 60th Street Lexington and Fifth Avenues on Sunday July 9, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Street Festival.

This is held annually to celebrate Bastille Day. There will be entertainment, and food.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

H. 19th Precinct Community Council to close Lexington Avenue between 60th and 66th Streets on Saturday April 29, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a street Festival.

There will be food, entertainment games, food and other vendors at the event. Profits from the event go to the 19th precinct to purchase supplies and equipment not supplied by the City. It is also used to assist families of wounded officers.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0 Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

I. 92nd Street Y to close Lexington Avenue between 79th and 96th Streets on Sunday 17, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Street Festival.

This is an annual event which highlights the Y's programs and raises money. There will be entertainment, rides and vendors, including food vendors. Blocks are set aside to highlight various **food trucks and utilize Countries. The sponsor agreed to make an effort to eliminate local Food Trucks..**

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0 Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

Public Hearings re: Applications for Single-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2017

- A. East Sixties Neighborhood Association to close East 60th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Saturday, July 22, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Street Festival.**

There will be vendors, including food vendors at this event, and games.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky

- B. Ronald McDonald House to close East 73rd Street between First and York Avenues on Saturday September 23, 2017 from 10AM to 4PM for a Block Party.**

This is a Community event to bring awareness of their programs. There will be food distributed or sold, inflatable rides and live entertainment. Information about their program will be distributed.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

- C. Ramaz School to close East 78th Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Tuesday May 2, 2017 from 9AM to 3PM for a Block Party.**

This event is for the students to celebrate Israel's Independence Day. The public is invited. There will be food trucks, games and carnival rides. The sponsor agreed to make every effort to replace the food trucks with local restaurants. They have to find local restaurants that are kosher.

Motion to approve passed. 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

- D. German American Committee of Greater New York to close East 60th Street between Madison**

This event is to celebrate the history of German Americans in Yorkville. There will be food vendors, and general vendors. There was a discussion relating to the East 60th location. There are numerous events on 60th Street and "German Town" was in Yorkville, not in the 60's. The sponsor will try to find a new location for this year and definitely to apply for a new location in the future.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Johnson, Chocky.

- E. Episcopal School to close East 69th Street between Madison and Park Avenues on May 18, 2017 from 9AM to 6:30PM for a Block Party.**

This is an event to celebrate Family Day at the Nursery School. The public is invited. There will be Bouncy and other rides. Food will be distributed.

Motion to approve passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

- F. Central Park Community Council to close East 60th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Saturday, April 29, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Block Party.**

AND

- G. Central Park Community Council to close East 60th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on August 20, 2017 from 8AM to 8PM for a Block Party.**

There will be vendors, including food vendors at the events. Money raised is used to purchase supplies and equipment for the precinct. There was a discussion of the large number of festivals on 60th street. There was also concern that two events are held in Community Board 8 and none in Board 7. The Park includes both boards. The sponsor was also informed that the 19th precinct is

holding their Festival on April 29th from 60th to 66th Streets and Lexington Avenue. The sponsor agreed to try to work with Board 7 to hold the April 29th event or find a new date.

Motion to Table the April 29th event and to approve the August 29th event passed 4-0-0. Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky.

No Old or New Business.

Meeting adjourned 8:30PM