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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

#### LAND USE-FULL BOARD MEETING

Memorial Sloan Kettering 430 East 67<sup>th</sup> Street (First-York) RRL Auditorium Wednesday, April 19, 2017 6:30PM

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

**Community Board Members (Unexcused):** Jeffrey Escobar, Zoe Markowitz, Glen Pandolfino, Ellen Polivy, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa

**Total Attendance: 37** 

#### 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

• Public Hearing: N 170287 ZCM, 1802-1810 Second Avenue, Block 1556, Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 51 & 52 C2-8 and R8B Districts, Special Transit Land Use District-Application by Maplewood Senior Living LLC requesting a joint certification by the MTA New York City Transit and the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 95-041 of the Zoning Resolution as to whether a transit easement volume is required on the zoning lots in connection with a development of a proprietary assisted living facility on Lots 2, 3, 51 and 52. The new building would be a 21-story, Use Group 3 community facility building containing up to approximately 167, 632 square feet of floor area. The Zoning Lot is located on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and is partially mapped within a C2-8 zoning district and partially mapped within a R8B district and located entirely within the Special Transit Land Use District.

Manhattan Community Board 8 did <u>not</u> take a vote on this application as it was <u>not</u> required.

• Public Hearing: BSA Calendar No. 2017-100-BZ, CEQR# 17-BSA-111M, 412 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street, Block 1569, Lot 35-Application requesting a ZR Sec. 73-19 Special Permit to allow a school use in a C8-4 zoning district and a ZR Sec. 72-21 variance for rear yard waivers to construct a 6-story education and athletic facility on the site of a former garage in a C8-4 district. The application will allow the construction on the site of a new educational and athletic facility for the Spence School. Whereas, the application requesting a ZR Sec. 73-19 Special Permit to allow a school use in a C8-4 zoning district and a ZR Sec. 72-21 variance for rear vard waivers to construct a 6-story education and athletic facility on the site of a former garage in a C8-4 district. The application will allow the construction on the site of a new educational and athletic facility for the Spence School.

Be It Resolved that Community Board 8 approves the application for a Special Permit and variance for 412 East 90<sup>th</sup> Street.

Community Board 8 adopted the resolution (to approve the application) by a vote of 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions.

Public Hearing: ULURP Application N170187 (A) ZRM and C170187 ZSM, Greater East Midtown **Proposal Amended-**Application includes proposed modifications to the zoning text certified into public review on January 3, 2017 (N170186ZRM). No modifications are proposed for the map amendment portion of the application (C170187ZSM). The application (N170186 (A) ZRM) addresses issued raised after certification of the original zoning text application (N170186ZRM), consisting of two modifications to the zoning text that requires additional environmental analysis, the focus of Technical Memorandum 001. These modifications address conditions in which landmarked buildings may prevent development on adjacent sites and circumstances whereby transit easement volumes are deemed necessary on a development site. The application also includes clarifications and modifications to the proposal that do not require additional environmental analysis including minor edits to the proposed text governing height and setback regulations, clarifications regarding the minimum contribution amount associated with the enlargement authorization, and an in-kind above grade improvement provision.

## Manhattan Community Board 8 did not take a vote on this application as it was not required.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – January 11, 2017 Land Use and January 18, 2017 Full Board meeting 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

Assembly Member Dan Quart reported on his latest initiatives and the budget issues.

Council Member Dan Garodnick reported on his latest initiatives, sanitation issues, negative economic impact of the new travel ban and uncertainty of the city budget.

Council Member Ben Kallos reported on his latest initiatives.

Shelby Garner, a representative from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives. Mike Van Itallie, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on her latest initiatives.

#### 6. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes

Jim Clynes did not give his report due to lack of time.

#### 7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

#### Street Life Committee – Abraham Salcedo, Chair

#### a. 1a. Stratos Bakery Corp, dba Bocado Bakery Café, 1297 Lexington Avenue (87th/88th) - Renewal Application for an enclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 30 chairs. DCA #1433213-DCA. Due Date April 21st.

**WHEREAS** this is a renewal application for a sidewalk cafe; and WHEREAS there are no changes to the application; 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 stipulations above**. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 1b. <u>T&S Restaurant LLC, Gracie's On 2nd Diner, 300 East 86th Street (85th/86th) – Renewal Application</u> for an enclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 chairs. DCA #2006528-DCA. Due Date April 26th.

WHEREAS this is a renewal application for a sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS there are no changes to the application; 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 stipulations above.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

## 1c. <u>Samson Grey LLC, dba The Writing Room, 1703 2nd Avenue (88th/89th) – Modification Application</u> for an unenclosed sidewalk café. DCA # 2020263-DCA. Due Date May 4th.

WHEREAS this is a renewal application for a sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS there are no changes to the application; 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 stipulations above.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

2b. <u>Herm LLC, Eastfield's (Kitchen & Bar), 1479 York Avenue (78th/79th) – New Application for enclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 20 chairs. DCA #9959-2016-ASWC. Due Date April 28th.</u>

WHEREAS this is a new application for a sidewalk cafe; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

2d. <u>81 Street Chicken Corp, dba Chirping Chicken, 1560 2nd Avenue (80th/81st) – New application for unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 30 chairs. DCA #3379-2017-ASWC. Due Date May 4th.</u>

WHEREAS this is a new application for a sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant agreed to fill in the tree pit closest to its sidewalk café to allow for an easier means of access for pedestrians; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

# 2e. Esquina NYC 1402 Second LLC, dba La Esquina, 1402 2nd Avenue (72nd/73rd) – New Application for unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 22 chairs. DCA # 3614-2017-ASWC. Due Date May 7th.

WHEREAS this is a new application for a sidewalk cafe; and

**WHEREAS** some members of the public had questions and concerns regarding the application; and **WHEREAS** the applicant agreed not to park any delivery bicycles on 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave and agreed to ensure that nothing from the establishment, including delivery bicycles, would obstruct the sidewalk on the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street side; and **WHEREAS** the applicant agreed to provide updated café plans which included the clearance from a tree in front of the establishment directly to its south; 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 stipulations above**. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 3a. <u>Papyon Group Inc, dba Peri Ela, 1361 Lexington Avenue (90th/91st) – Renewal Application for Liquor,</u> <u>Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

**WHEREAS** this is a renewal application; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

# 3b. <u>GJ + S Restaurant Inc, dba Anna Maria Decanted, 1561 2nd Ave (81st/82nd) – Renewal Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

WHEREAS this is a renewal application; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant failed to appear, which was a condition of Community Board 8 granting them a 30 day waiver; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is DISAPPROVED.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 3c. <u>Lizard O's Inc, dba Two Lizards, 1365 1st Avenue (73rd/74th) – Renewal Application for Liquor, Wine,</u> <u>Beer & Cider.</u>

WHEREAS this is a renewal application; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 4a. <u>Govan Rd Inc, dba Honky Tonk Tavern, 1154 1st Avenue (63rd/64th) – Corporate Change Application</u> <u>for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

WHEREAS this is an application for a corporate change; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

4c. <u>Ola'NY Inc., dba Ola Vivabar, 453 East 78th Street (York Ave/ 1st Ave) – Alteration Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

**WHEREAS** this is an alteration application to include the square footage of the establishment's sidewalk café as part of its liquor license; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above**. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 4d. <u>Rossini LLC, dba 5 Napkin Burger, 1325 2nd Avenue (69th/70th) – Alteration Application for Liquor,</u> <u>Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

**WHEREAS** this is an alteration application; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

# 5a. <u>Tumma Khakuen Inc., dba Thep Thai Restaurant, 1439 2nd Avenue (74th/75th) – New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

**WHEREAS** this is an new application for liquor, wine, beer and cider; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

# 5b. <u>Entity to be formed by Niall Costello, dba TBD, 1113 1st Avenue (61st/62nd) – New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.</u>

**WHEREAS** this is an new application for liquor, wine, beer and cider; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above**. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

# 5c. JRG New York LLC, dba Assunta Madre, 106 East 60th Street (Lexington/Park) – New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS this is an new application for liquor, wine, beer and cider; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above**. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 5d. 2nd City 2nd Avenue LLC, dba 2nd City, 1752 2nd Avenue (91st/92nd) – New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider.

WHEREAS this is an new application for liquor, wine, beer and cider; and

WHEREAS there are no other changes to the application; 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 stipulations above. Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

#### 7a. <u>NEC 2nd Avenue & East 94th Street (301 E 94th Street) – Application for a newsstand. Application</u> <u>#3443-2017-ANWS.</u>

WHEREAS this is a new application for a newsstand; and

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted the recommendation by a vote of 14 in favor, 21 opposed, 1 abstention and 0 not voting for cause.

## b. Landmarks Committee – David Helpern and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

**Re: 895 Madison Avenue**  $(72^{nd} / 73^{rd})$ , Upper East Side Historic District - n/a, architect, Application is for replacement of awnings and installation of planters.

This application has been divided into two parts: Part A: The replacement of awnings; Part B: The installation of planters.

## PART A: THE REPLACEMENT OF AWNINGS

**WHEREAS** the three awnings over the three show windows of the Paul Morelli jewelry store replace the prior awnings for Gallo Shoes;

WHEREAS the prior awnings were red and the current awnings are gray in color;

WHEREAS the current awnings are exactly the same size as the prior awnings;

WHEREAS the current awnings are made of canvas;

WHEREAS the current awnings are not retractable;

**WHEREAS** neither the prior awnings nor the current awnings were approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission;

WHEREAS the current awnings must receive a Certificate or Appropriateness to remain in place;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that PART A of this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

#### PART B: THE INSTALLATION OF PLANTERS

WHEREAS two planters with boxwood project 10 inches onto the sidewalk;

WHEREAS the two planters are located against the masonry piers between the three windows;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that PART B of this application is APPROVED as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 20 in favor, 16 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

**Re: 10 E 63<sup>rd</sup> Street (Madison / 5<sup>th</sup> Ave), Upper East Side Historic District -** *Sam Trimble, architect* [Trimble Architecture], Application is for excavation below grade at the rear yard..

**WHEREAS** 10 East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street is a 5-story, 25' wide townhouse designed by James Ware and constructed in 1879. Remodeled by A. Wallace McCrea in 1922 in the neo-classical style;

**WHEREAS** there is an existing rear yard, 25' wide by 26' deep with a notch taken out for an existing extension/projection into the rear yard; the notch measures 10' wide x 10' deep;

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes an excavation under the entire rear yard to a depth of 17' to extend the cellar so that the applicant may create a below-grade gym;

**WHEREAS** as part of the excavation project, the applicant proposes to raise the surface of the rear yard by 2'; the existing terra cotta red tile surface of the rear yard will be changed to limestone pavers;

**WHEREAS** access to the rear yard is now provided by an existing door in the extension; the door will be raised up to accommodate the 2' that is being added to the height of the rear yard as part of the excavation project. [On the interior, there will now be two steps up to the door that has been raised.];

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to add mechanical equipment -3 compressor-condensing units -- enclosed in a teak trellis 14' long x 2'8" deep along the left wall of the rear yard;

**WHEREAS** as required by the building code, all buildings within 90' of 10 East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street will be monitored during the excavation; none of the proposed work is visible from the public way;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 21 in favor, 15 opposed, 0 abstained, and 0 not voting for cause.

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

# **Re:** Continued discussion of a request to add a "No Standing" sign at the intersection of East End Avenue & 82<sup>nd</sup> Street

**WHEREAS** illegally and improperly parked cars often block the exit driveway in front of 60 East End Avenue, or extend into the crosswalk at the southwest corner of East 82nd Street & East End Avenue; and

**WHEREAS** establishing a No Standing zone in front of the building's exit driveway and continuing south to the corner of East 82nd Street should help alleviate this problem;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M asks NYC Dept. of Transportation to change the parking regulations to "No Standing Any Time" along the western curb of East End Avenue between 82nd & 83rd Street, extending from the northern edge of the southern driveway in front of 60 East End Avenue to the southwest corner of East 82nd Street & East End Avenue.

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

# **Re:** Continued discussion of a request to install a temporary bus stop on the SE corner of 83<sup>rd</sup> Street and East End Avenue.

# PART 2-A, No Standing Zone for Buses:

**WHEREAS** the Brearley School requests to change the parking regulations to "No Standing – Buses Only" along the eastern curb of East End Avenue between 82nd & 83rd Street, extending from 75 East End Avenue to the southeast corner of East 83nd Street & East End Avenue, from 7-9 AM & 2-4 PM on school days only, from August 2017 until September 2019, when construction of the new school is completed; and

**WHEREAS** the traffic situation in the area is very difficult because of buses and construction; and **WHEREAS** there is a concern for the safety of the children loading and unloading from the buses;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M approves the Brearley School's request to change the parking regulations to "No Standing – Buses Only" along the eastern curb of East End Avenue between 82nd & 83rd Street, extending from 75 East End Avenue to the southeast corner of East 83nd Street & East End Avenue, from 7-9 AM & 2-4 PM on school days only, from August 2017 until September 2019, when construction of the new Brearley School building is completed.

# PART 2-B, Temporary Curb Extensions:

WHEREAS the Brearley School requests to install temporary painted pedestrian neckdown curb extensions at the northeast and southeast corners of East 83rd Street & East End Avenue; and

WHEREAS there is a concern for the safety of the students and others who cross the street at the northeast and southeast corners of East 83rd Street & East End Avenue; and

**WHEREAS** Brearley School hired Sam Schwartz Engineering to make recommendations to improve pedestrian safety at those corners; and

**WHEREAS** a major recommendation was to install temporary curb extensions to help students and others cross the street in a safe manner;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M approves the Brearley School's request to install temporary painted pedestrian neckdown curb extensions at the northeast and southeast corners of East 83rd Street & East End Avenue until September 2019, when construction of their new school building is completed.

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

## d. Parks and Recreation Committee – Susan Evans and Margaret Price, Co-Chairs <u>RE: Central Park Conservancy: Reconstruction of the East 67<sup>th</sup> Street/Billy Johnson Playground</u>

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is proposing a \$2.5 million program to reconstruct the East 67 Street/Billy Johnson Playground in Central Park; and

**WHEREAS** proposed improvements would upgrade and expand the playground's existing play features, while also making site fully compliant with current safety standards; and

**WHEREAS** specific changes would include: establishing a water feature at the amphitheater; replacing the existing spray bollard with a user-active spray feature; introducing a net-climbing experience in the sand area; creating a second granite embankment slide that is ADA accessible and accommodates younger children; replacing current bucket swings to comply with current safety standards; replacing deteriorated timber-lined edges of paths; and repaying the playground for ADA-accessibility; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's proposed plans for the renovation of the East 67 Street/Billy Johnson Playground in Central Park.

CB8M board voted to adopt the resolution by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

## **RE:** Central Park Conservancy: Reconstruction of the East 108<sup>th</sup> Street/Bernard Playground

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is proposing a \$650,000 program to renovate the East 108<sup>th</sup> St./Bernard Playground in Central Park; and

**WHEREAS** proposed improvements would upgrade and expand the playground's existing play features, while also making site fully compliant with current safety standards; and

**WHEREAS** specific changes would include: Reconfiguring the swings area and replacing existing swings to comply with current safety standards; replacing the existing post-and-platform climber / composite play equipment with one that meets current safety standards; replacing the current sandbox, incorporating an accessible sand table and adding a water source for additional play value; replacing the spray bollard with a spray feature that is user-activated and saves water; and repaving the playground for ADA accessibility; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's proposals for the renovation of the East 108<sup>th</sup> St./Bernard Playground in Central Park.

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

#### **RE: Central Park Conservancy: Renovation of the Belvedere Castle**

**WHEREAS** the Central Park Conservancy is proposing an approximately \$10 million restoration of Belvedere Castle, which is one of Central Park's most visited sites; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed project involves comprehensively restoring the core and shell of the castle as well as creating an ADA-accessible route to the site; and

**WHEREAS** the extensive work on the castle would include: restoring the castle's parapet walls and terraces with effective drainage and waterproofing systems; cleaning and repointing the water damaged exterior masonry; restoring the wood pavilions, and recreating the decorative wood tower at the northwest corner; replacing windows, main entrance door, and upper terrace doors with clear glass; and refinishing the interior, modernizing mechanical systems, and upgrading utility services; and

**WHEREAS** the CPC is proposing to create an ADA-accessible route from the park's East Drive to the castle that involves regrading and realigning existing paths over an elevation change of 25 feet; and

**WHEREAS** the CPC proposes requiring the path south of Turtle Pond to have a retaining wall and parapet to accomplish the grade change, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Central Park Conservancy's extensive \$10 million plans for the restoration of Central Park's Belvedere Castle, including plans for an ADA-accessible path to this site.

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

#### RE: Proposal for a Public Art Installation by Artist William Logan

**WHEREAS** the Parks Dept. is proposing to display a sculpture by artist William Logan at Tramway Plaza Park for a six-month period, beginning in May or June 2017; and

WHEREAS this art work entitled, "The Flame" is a tall open-lattice sculpture that captures light in a variety of ways; and

**WHEREAS** the Parks Department will ensure that the sculpture will be safely installed and maintained during its display at Tramway Plaza; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves of the Parks Dept.'s plan to install a work of art by William Logan in Tramway Plaza Park this year from late May to early November

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

#### **<u>RE:</u>** The Rising Costs of Repairing and Upgrading the East River Esplanade on the Upper East Side

**WHEREAS** The East River Esplanade continues to deteriorate, creating a dangerous, unsightly and disruptive situation for its many users; and

**WHEREAS** recent Parks Dept. information shows a jump in expected Esplanade repair costs, now cited as \$210 million for engineering and design work, and projected to rise further; and

**WHEREAS** Community Board 8-Manhattan recently passed a resolution asking for a \$169 million of public funding to add to the existing \$41 million already allocated for the Esplanade to cover known repair expenses; and

**WHEREAS** CB8-M and other groups concerned about the Esplanade's rising costs wish to obtain more frequent City reports on Esplanade work and repair costs; and

WHEREAS CB8-M hopes that at least quarterly meetings can be re-established between the Parks Dept. and the East River Esplanade Task force, or at least the Parks Dept. and CB8-M, on the status of Esplanade repairs; therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8-Manhattan asks the Parks Dept. to re-establish at least quarterly meetings with the East River Esplanade Task Force about the status of East River Esplanade repairs. The Community Board also asks the Parks Dept. to provide CB8-M with at least quarterly reports on current repairs to the East River Esplanade and projections for future Esplanade work and its expected cost.

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

#### e. Health, Seniors & Social Services Committee – David Liston, Jackie Ludorf and Barbara Rudder Co-Chairs

## Re: Women In Need Supportive Housing at 316 East 91<sup>st</sup> Street

WHEREAS WIN is a non-profit that has successfully supported homeless women and their children; and WHEREAS WIN has a long history of housing these families in shelters and scatter-site housing; and WHEREAS is planning to lease a 7-story building to house 17 families at - 316 East 91st Street; and WHEREAS this temporary congregate housing project will include on-site supportive services; and WHEREAS Community Board 8M strongly urges WIN to provide 24/7 security at the site for the safety of the women and children who will reside there;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8, Manhattan approves of the WIN's 17-apartment congregate supportive housing program for women and children at 316 East 91st Street.

Manhattan Community Board 8 voted to adopt the resolution by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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

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

A. Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign to close East 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Saturday April 15, 2017 from 10AM to 2AM for a religious Ceremony.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

B. Central Park Community Council to close East 60<sup>th</sup> Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am to 8:00pml for a Block Festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

C. Temple Israel of the City of New York to close East 75<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Sunday April 30, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a single block festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

D. Marymount Manhattan College to close East 71<sup>st</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenues on Thursday May 4, 2017 from 9AM to 5PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

E. Church of the Holy Trinity to close East 88<sup>th</sup> Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00am to 6:30pm for a Block Festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

F. PS 267 PTA to close East 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenues on Sunday May 7, 2017 from 8:00am to 6:00pm for a Street Event.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

G. The Brearley School to close East 83<sup>rd</sup> Street between East End Avenue and FDR Drive on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 1PM to 6PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

H. Manhattan New School PS 290 to close East 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

I. St. Joseph School-Yorkville to close East 87<sup>th</sup> Street between First and York Avenues on Saturday, May 21 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Block Festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

J. The Brick Presbyterian Church to close East 92<sup>nd</sup> Street from Park to Madison Avenues on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

K. Friendship Circle Upper East Side to close East 77<sup>th</sup> street between First and York Avenues on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:00Pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

L. Saint Ignatius Loyola School to close East 84<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

M. Church of the Heavenly Rest to close East 90<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

N. Goat Hill Block Association to close East 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 36 in favor, 1 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

O. Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

P. PS 198M PTA to close East 95<sup>th</sup> between Third and Lexington Avenues on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Q. Sephardic Academy of Manhattan to close East 66<sup>th</sup> Street between Second and Third Avenues on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 10:00am to 7:00PM for a Block Party.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

**R.** Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91<sup>st</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Single Block Festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to <u>disapprove</u> the application by a unanimous of vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

S. Nusantara Foundation to close East 68<sup>th</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Single Block Festival

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve the application by a unanimous vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35PM.

James G. Clynes, Chairman