



**The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8
Street Fair Committee
Brick Presbyterian Church
62 East 92nd Street (Fifth-Madison)
Living Room
May 9, 2017**

Meeting called to order by Committee Chairs Lorraine Johnson and Barbara Chocky.

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

All Souls Church to close East 80th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues on June 1, 2017 from 12Noon to 7PM for a Block Party.

Applicant was not present at meeting.

Motion to deny application since applicant did not attend meeting.

Passed: 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Birnbaum, Chocky

A. Local 46 Metallic Lathers Union to close East 76th Street between Lexington and Second Avenues on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 9:00AM to 6PM for a Block Party.

This event is held as part of the Labor Day Parade. It has been held for 20 years. People march in the parade and then attend the event which is open to the public. There will be speeches, entertainment and food served. The member will be barbecuing on the street. There will also be some games for the children.

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

B. Birch Wathen Lenox School to close East 77th Street between Second and Third Avenues on Friday September 15, 2017 from 9AM to 4:30PM for a Block Party.

This event has been held for 30 years and is for the lower school. There will be inflatable rides and games. Food will be cooked inside and served. The Public is invited.

Motion to approve passed 3-1-0 Yes: Rosenstein, Birnbaum, Chocky. No: Johnson.

C. Brearley School to close East 83rd Street between East End Avenue and FDR Drive, on Saturday, September 16, 2017, from 9AM to 4PM for a Block Party.

This is a fundraiser for the school. Parents, students, faculty, staff and alumnae will participate. The public is invited. Food will be provided by local restaurants. There will be games and entertainment.

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

E Application Withdrawn.

- D.** Birch Wathen Lenox School to close East 77th Street between Second and Third Avenues on Friday October 13 2017 from 9AM to 4:30PM for a Block Party.

This is a fair for the Upper school. There will be games and rides. The Public is invited. Food will be cooked inside and served. It has been held for 30 years.

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

- 2. A discussion on allowing the District Manager to approve religious ceremony applications without Board approval.**

For many years the District Manager has approved applications for Street Closings for religious ceremonies. A member of the committee objected to this and asked that the item be placed on the agenda.

During the discussion one committee member stated that closings for religious ceremonies should be treated like any other application and there was no down side in doing this. Other members stated that these are usually only one lane closings and are always for a short time. Some Community Boards allow DM to approve all single block events. The Board has not received complaints relating to these events.

Resolved: Community Board 8 allows the District Manager to approve street closings for religious ceremonies that have previously been held, without any complaints.

Passed: 3-1-0 Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky. No: Birnbaum

No Old or New Business

Meeting adjourned 7:20