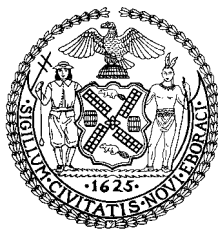


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Manhattan Community Board 8

FULL BOARD MEETING

Ramaz School
125 East 85th Street (Lexington-Park)
Heyman Auditorium
Wednesday, January 18, 2017
6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Michele Birnbaum, Matthew Bondy, Lori Ann Bores, Loraine Brown, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, James Clynes, Daniel Dornbaum, Susan Evans, A. Scott Falk, Edward Hartzog, Sophia James, Lorraine Johnson, Craig Lader, Katherine LaGuardia, David Liston, Jacqueline Ludorf, Zoe Markowitz, Michael Mellamphy, David Menegon, Glen Pandolfino, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Ellen Polivy, Sharon Pope, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Hattie Quarnstrom-Figueroa, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Sara Solomon, Cos Spagnoletti, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Carolina Tejo, Nicholas Viest, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren

Community Board Members (Excused): Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, David Helpern, Abraham Salcedo

Community Board Members (Unexcused): Jeffrey Escobar, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki

Total Attendance: 42

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

- Member of the public, Valerie Mason, representing the East 72nd Street Neighborhood Association, spoke in favor of the Select Bus Service at East 72nd Street.
- Member of the public, Matthew Duemesi, spoke on the persistent rat infestation.
- Member of the public, Marise Hansner, spoke in favor of the Queensboro Oval Park being returned to the community now.
- Member of the public, Jacquelyn A. Ottman, spoke on the New York City Zero Waste, Manhattan SWAB.
- Member of the public, Judy Schneider, spoke in favor of the landmark Bridgemarket.
- Member of the public, Meryl Brodsky, representing the Turtle Bay Association, spoke in favor of the Queensboro Oval.
- Member of the public, Frederick Bondy, spoke in favor of the Queensboro Oval.
- Member of the public, Jordan Wouk, spoke on the 6-month test of increased service for the M15 local.
- Member of the public, Kaitilin Griffin, spoke on the Queensboro Oval issue.
- Member of the public, Sutana Riley and Emily Valentine, representing the New York Public Library, spoke on the NYPL free programs.

Chair Jim Clynes called up Barry Schneider and Craig Lader along with the rest of the Second Avenue Subway Task Force members so they could be acknowledged for all their hard work and efforts over the past 10 years during the Second Avenue Subway construction and congratulated them on the subway's recent and grand opening to the public. Elected officials were also present and gave proclamations to Barry Schneider and the

Second Avenue Subway Task Force committee members amid photographs and many cheers from the audience of board members and community residents.

2. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted.

3. Adoption of the Minutes – October 19, 2016 Full Board and November 9, 2016 Land Use 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 Rebecca Seawright reported on her latest initiatives.

Council Member Ben Kallos reported on his latest initiatives.

Chris Consalvo, a representative from Senator Liz Krueger's office, reported on her latest initiatives.

Jose Ramon Perez-Lopez, a representative from Senator Jose Serrano's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

Shelby Garner, a representative from Congress Member Carolyn Maloney's office, reported on her latest initiatives.

Genevieve Marcy, a representative from Assembly Member Dan Quart's, office, reported on his latest initiatives.

Eric Holguin, a representative from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

Will Brightbill, a representative from Council Member Dan Garodnick's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

Paola Ruiz, a representative from Mayor Bill de Blasio's office, reported on his latest initiatives.

6. Chair's Report – Jim Clynes

Jim Clynes gave his report. Our Community Board is the only Community Board that does not have a Waterfront Committee. Effective tonight, we are establishing a Waterfront Committee that will be chaired by Tricia Shimamura. He continued that not a single Community Board has a Veteran's Committee. In addition to honoring our veterans we also need to be concerned about their housing, their health and employment. Community Board 8 will be the first Community Board to have a Veteran's Committee that will be chaired by David Menegon. Assisting as the third co-chair of the Health, Seniors & Social Services Committee is Barbara Rudder. Also, something new – as a result of the disenfranchisement of voters in our community based on the last couple of elections, we are establishing a non-political, bi-partisan Voting Reform Working Group chaired by Craig Lader. He welcomed Ed Hartzog's son Alex who is steady in his attendance. Happy New Year Alex! He announced that another member of the Community Board family, Latha Thompson, is engaged to be married. Good night everybody!

7. Committee Reports and Action Items:

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

Re: Discussion of restoration of bus stops on Second Avenue and crosstown streets following commencement of revenue service on the Q subway line. (*Joint with the 2nd Avenue Task Force committee*)

WHEREAS the M15 local and limited buses shared a downtown stop on Second Avenue between 85th & 86th Streets prior to Second Avenue Subway Construction; and

WHEREAS New York City Transit and NYC DOT ordinarily locate stops across the intersection, past the far corner, to avoid conflicts between turning vehicles and either buses or pedestrians; and

WHEREAS New York City Transit has informed Community Board 8M that the M15 & M15-SBS stops are to be relocated to the block between 86th & 87th Street; and

WHEREAS Community Board 8M is deeply concerned about the safety of riders and pedestrians if these bus stops are installed between 86th & 87th Street, particularly due to vehicles making right turns from Second Avenue onto 86th Street; and

WHEREAS locating the M15 & M15-SBS stops between 85th & 86th Street should minimize the conflicts with turning vehicles and reduce these safety concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8M asks New York City Transit to install both the M15 local and M15-SBS stops at 86th Street on the block **between 85th and 86th Streets**, where the former M15 local/limited stop was located prior to Second Avenue Subway construction.
Manhattan Community Board 8 unanimously approved the resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

b. Parks & Recreation Committee – Susan Evans and Margaret Price, Co-Chairs

WHEREAS the City's license with the Sutton East Tennis Club to occupy the Queensboro Oval Park for much of the year expires in August, 2017; and

WHEREAS CB8M has repeatedly asked the Parks Dept. to end the privatization of the Queensboro Oval Park and return it to the public permanently, year-round, starting in August 2017; and

WHEREAS the very heavily populated Upper East Side of Manhattan urgently needs additional parkland, which the Queensboro Oval would provide; and

WHEREAS the Upper East Side of Manhattan has among the least public open space of any district in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS the City's Parks Dept. has provided elected officials, CB8M and the community with three proposals for the future use of the Queensboro Oval, including: 1) a plan for a multi-sports turf field on the site; 2) a proposal that would provide for both tennis courts and a shortened multi-use field at the park; 3) a proposal for using a concessionaire to manage and maintain the space and provide fee-based programming in fall and winter; and

WHEREAS none of these proposals include provisions for returning the Oval to the public full-time, year round, starting in August 2017, when the license with the Oval's current concessionaire expires; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan reiterates its firm position that the Queensboro Oval Park must be returned to the public full-time, year-round, beginning with the August 2017 conclusion of the NYC Parks Department's contract with the Sutton East Tennis Club, which now occupies the Queensboro Oval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan recommends using the deprivatized Queensboro Oval as a multi-use recreational park that accommodates various sports. This would be as conceptualized--but not limited to--the Parks Dept.'s Option One for the future use of the Queensboro Oval.

CB8M board voted to adopt the resolution by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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

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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 45 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions and 1 not voting for cause.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- D. German American Committee of Greater New York to close East 60th Street between Madison between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday, May 13, 2017 from 8AM to 8:00PM for a Block Festival.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

- 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.

Manhattan Community Board 8 motioned to approve by a unanimous vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

d. Landmarks Committee – David Helpert and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

Re: 152 East 71st Street – Upper East Side Historic District – Christopher Fritz, Architect. Application is for a rear yard extension.

WHEREAS 152 East 71st Street is an Italianate style residence designed by W. O’Gorman and constructed in 1915.

WHEREAS 152 East 71st Street is 16.25 feet wide and sits on a 100 foot lot.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to create a greenhouse at the basement level of the house that would extend 11’5” into the rear yard; the existing 38’ rear yard would be reduced to approximately 27’.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to remove the existing badly deteriorated bay at the 1st floor and build out the 1st floor by an additional 6’.

WHEREAS at the basement level an additional 185 sq. ft. would be added; at the 1st floor level an additional 98 sq. ft. would be added.

WHEREAS the overall height of the of the basement level addition and the 1st floor addition would now be 21 ½’.

WHEREAS the applicant was not able to provide sufficient information about the materials to be used for the greenhouse; a materials board was not presented.

WHEREAS the projecting bay at the 1st floor is a significant feature and is part of the historic fabric of the house and should be retained.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 405-415 East 59th Street – Individual Landmark – Edward I. Koch Queensboro Bridge – Robert J. Warshefski, Jr., Architect. Application is for exterior and interior work to the Bridgemarket retail space underneath the bridge.

This application has been divided into two parts: Part A: The work at the interior space; Part B: The signage and design at the exterior both on 59th Street and 60th Street.

PART A: THE WORK AT THE INTERIOR RETAIL SPACE.

WHEREAS 405-415 East 59th Street is the street address for the Manhattan base of the landmarked Edward Koch Queensboro Bridge; the bridge was designed by Henry Hornbostel and opened in 1909.

WHEREAS the city-owned space, until recently, housed a Food Emporium grocery store.

WHEREAS the vaulted tile ceiling for the interior space was designed by Rafael Gaustavino whose work can be seen throughout New York City, from Grand Central Terminal to Ellis Island to the Bronx Zoo.

WHEREAS the applicant, a retail arts and crafts chain of stores, is the new lease-holder of the space, a city-owned property.

WHEREAS the applicant's extensive and detailed renovation of the interior space respects and enhances the historic and magnificent Gaustavino vaulted tile ceiling and is appropriate to a landmark of this scale and significance.

WHEREAS the proposed new lighting, the renovation of the mezzanine level, the minimal ductwork for the HVAC, the removal of the escalator, and the materials to be used for the floors and walls increases the experience of appreciating the grandeur of the space.

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 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

PART B: THE SIGNAGE AND DESIGN AT THE EXTERIOR ON BOTH 59TH STREET AND 60TH STREET.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to use red lettering for the signage at the entries for the store on both 59th and 60th Streets.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to use a red film extending across the entire elevation on both 59th and 60th Streets for the bottom two panes of glass that are part of the infill system of glass and steel that was used to fill in the arches prior to Landmarks designation. [The space under the bridge was originally an open air market.]

WHEREAS the glass panes extend from the ground to the top of the arches; approximately 13 panes are in each vertical strip -- the red film would cover the bottom two panes of each strip that now present as opaque -- the rest of the panes present as translucent.

WHEREAS the red color is part of the Michael's (the name of the lease-holder) branding image and will further identify the store to its customers.

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 27 in favor, 15 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Re: 17 East 71st Street - Upper East Side Historic District - Joseph S. Tarella., architect. Application is for work at the front elevation, including the addition of an exterior metal sign, awnings, and recessed lighting.

WHEREAS 17 East 71st Street is a neo-Federal style residence designed by Thom and Wilson and constructed in 1889.

WHEREAS 17 East 71st Street was altered by Harry Allen in 1918.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace the awning over the entry door and add awnings at the 2nd and 3rd floors. The color of the awnings would be beige.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes a very small sign plate to the left of the entry door identifying the tenant.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes subtle architectural lighting at the sills of the windows at the 2nd and 3rd floors; the lights will be turned off when the store closes.

WHEREAS the windows at the second floor are the most architectural significant detail of the property – there are three French windows with lunettes above that present as Palladian in style.

WHEREAS the proposed awnings for these three windows would be installed at the top of the French doors rather than arched above the lunettes.

WHEREAS the proposed awnings at the 2nd floor detract significantly from the architecture of the front elevation and are not appropriate within the historic district.

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

Manhattan Community Board 8 adopted this recommendation by a vote of 35 in favor, 8 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52PM.

James G. Clynes, Chairman