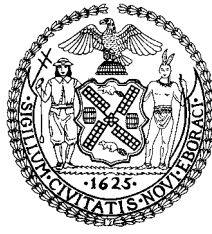


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**The City of New York  
Manhattan Community Board 8  
Transportation Committee**

Wednesday, April 4, 2018, 6:30 PM  
*New York Blood Center, 310 East 67th Street, Auditorium*

Minutes

*Present:* Michele Birnbaum, Lori Bores, A. Scott Falk, Craig Lader, Rebecca Lamorte, Valerie Mason, David Menegon, Rita Popper, Barry Schneider, Marco Tamayo, Charles Warren; Jordan Wouk (public member),

*Absent (Excused):* Peter Borock (public member)

*Absent (Unexcused):* Tricia Shimamura

**Resolutions for Approval:**

**Item 1: 1010 Park Ave.** (page 2)

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The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM.

**Item 1. 1010 Park Avenue: Continued discussing regarding a Revocable Consent for ADA ramp**  
(Requested by DOT, Franchises, Concessions and Consents).

At our March 14 meeting, the Committee had passed a resolution to approve the Revocable Consent as presented; however, this item was sent back to the Committee at the March 21 CB8M Full Board meeting.

Representatives of 1010 Park Avenue Condominium and Park Avenue Christian Church appeared before the Committee to present more details of the Church's petition for an ADA ramp on 85th Street to provide access to the church's northern entrance. According to the presenters, the addition of a ramp was requested by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and the ramp will be constructed of materials matching the church façade.

Some Board members had stated at both previous meetings, and at the April 4 meeting, that they had understood that accessible access to the church would be provided through the new residential building constructed next door to the church; the applicants explained that the new building does provide accessible access to the church's new community room and to the side of the sanctuary, but during only limited hours, not all hours that the sanctuary is open; that this access would require the use of a wheelchair lift; and that this entrance did not lead to the rear lobby where churchgoers congregate when entering the church.

There was extended discussion about the value of providing accessible access at the same entry point used by other churchgoers, and what negative impacts could result from segregating the accessible entrance

from the main lobby where others enter. Certain Board members were concerned about narrowing the sidewalk on 85th Street.

The Committee passed the following resolution by a vote of 8 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstentions, 1 Not Voting for Cause, plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.

WHEREAS Park Avenue Christian Church and 1010 Park Avenue Condominium are planning to install a new ADA entrance ramp on East 85th Street to provide access to the sanctuary of the Park Avenue Christian Church; and

WHEREAS the applicant reported that the ADA ramp was requested by the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission; and

WHEREAS this ramp provides access to the sanctuary via the same lobby as the other main entrances to the church, unlike an existing non-ADA compliant alternate entrance further west on 85th Street, which leads behind the altar (rather than to the rear of the sanctuary) and requires staff assistance for wheelchair entry; and

WHEREAS the applicant confirmed their willingness to investigate the feasibility of adding an automatic door opener to the accessible entrance;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 **APPROVES** the Park Avenue Christian Church's request for a revocable consent for an ADA ramp at 1010 Park Avenue as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 8 asks Park Avenue Christian Church to add an ADA-compliant automatic door opener to the accessible entrance.

*Approved, 8 Yes, 2 No, 0 Abstention, 1 Not Voting for Cause; plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.*

*Yes (8+1): Bores, Camp, Falk, Lader, Lamorte, Mason, Menegon, Popper, Schneider;  
Wouk (Public Member)*

*No (2): Birnbaum, Tamayo*

*Not Voting for Cause (1): Warren*

**Item 2. 46 East 81st Street: Revocable Consent for a fenced-in area** (*Requested by DOT, Franchises, Concessions and Consents*).

There were a number of questions that the representative for the applicant could not answer and there was an agreement to lay this item over to the next Committee meeting, on May 2.

**Item 3. 211 East 79th Street, Upper East Side Rehabilitation & Nursing Center: Discussion of a possible 21-foot-wide curb cut and driveway.**

Lenore Passavanti requested this item, and spoke on it. A number of other members of the community also spoke out against the idea of curb cuts on east 79<sup>th</sup> Street, which would lead to a driveway in front of the Nursing Home with negative consequences for the neighborhood. There is a now a car parked in front of nursing home and the neighbors are also concerned about that since it seems only to serve as a way to shuttle people to the Nursing Home. There is also an entrance on East 80<sup>th</sup> Street that can serve as the way to get patients into the facility and there is no need for another entrance on East 79<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Director of the Nursing Home, Scott Mair, did not appear at the meeting after he had indicated he would be present. There was discussion of the difficulty dealing with Center and it being a generally bad neighbor.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8M **DISAPPROVES** any applications for a 21-foot-wide curb cut and/or driveway at 211 East 79th Street.

*Approved, 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention; plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.*

*Yes (11+1): Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Lader, Lamorte, Mason, Menegon, Popper, Schneider, Tamayo, Warren; Wouk (Public Member)*

**Item 4. 201 East 93rd Street: Proposal for a "No Standing" sign.** *(Presented by the Endoscopy Center of New York.)*

Representatives from the Endoscopy Center made a presentation and indicated that a "No Standing" zone was necessary for patients who were coming a going to procedures at the Center and needed help in getting around. They also indicated that other such centers had these types of zones.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS The Endoscopy Center of New Work has requested a "No Standing" zone for the safety of patients who come for procedures at the Center; and

WHEREAS other such centers have these type of zones in front of their facilities; and

WHEREAS providing one car length for No Standing (7 AM to 6 PM) could provide "daylighting" pedestrian safety benefits by improving visibility near the intersection;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 **APPROVES** the Endoscopy Center of New York's request to designate one No Standing space from 7 AM to 6 PM in front of their facility at 201 East 93rd Street.

*Approved, 9 Yes, 0 No, 2 Abstentions; plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.*

*Yes (8+1): Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Lader, Menegon, Popper, Schneider, Tamayo, Warren; Wouk (Public Member)*

*Abstain (2): LaMorte, Mason*

**Item 5. Request for an uptown M15 local stop at First Avenue & East 60th Street.**

Kathy Jolowicz, an Upper East Side resident and president of the East 83rd/84th Street Block Association, requested that the uptown M15 local bus should stop near First Avenue at 61th Street. She provided letters of support from Bed Bath & Beyond's store manager and from other neighborhood residents, and noted that there's a very long gap between the 57th and 62nd/63rd Street M15 local stops. Two Committee members reported that this is both the longest distance between local stops on the M15 route, and the longest distance between local stops on any local bus route within the district.

Scott Falk suggested that the addition of a new M57 bus stop at the near corner of 60th & First would allow NYCT to add a local M15 stop without having to remove any parking spaces, and that this stop would be shielded from the elements by its location beneath the Queensboro Bridge.

Judy Schneider of the East Sixties Neighborhood Association (ESNA) said that ESNA had been trying for many years to request a local stop in this area, and that DOT would not place a bus stop directly in front of Bed Bath & Beyond; therefore, the southeast corner of 60th & First seemed like the best option given the recently added M57 stop.

The Committee passed the following resolution by a unanimous vote:

WHEREAS there is no uptown M15 local bus stop between 57th and 62nd Street, the longest gap between local stops on any bus route serving our district; and

WHEREAS a new M57 bus stop was recently added at the southeast corner of First Avenue & East 60th Street, beneath the Queensboro Bridge; and

WHEREAS no change in parking regulations will be necessary to permit this additional M15 stop;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 urges New York City Transit to add an uptown M15 local stop at the lollipop for the existing M57 stop at the southeast corner of First Avenue & East 60th Street.

*Approved, 11 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstention; plus 1 Public Member voting Yes.*

*Yes (11+1): Birnbaum, Bores, Falk, Lader, Lamorte, Mason, Menegon, Popper, Schneider, Tamayo, Warren; Wouk (Public Member)*

**Item 6. Discussion of replacing the parking meters on East 86<sup>th</sup> Street between Park and Madison Avenues with alternate side parking.**

This item was raised by Committee member Michele Birnbaum who made the point that this area was residential and did not need the parking meters. Co-Chair Chuck Warren indicated that Elaine Walsh of the East 86<sup>th</sup> Street Association sent a message expressing concern about this item and also about not getting any notice of it. There was agreement to put this off until the next meeting so we could get comments from the East 86<sup>th</sup> Street Association.

**Item 7. Old and New Business.**

Co-Chair Chuck Warren announced that Craig Lader would become the new Co-Chair, and thanked Scott Falk for his service as Co-Chair.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles Warren & A. Scott Falk, Co-Chairs