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

CB8 Charter Revision Task Force Meeting
Thursday July 19, 2018, 6:30 PM
Community Board 8 Office

Minutes

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, Ed Hartzog, Sophia James, Alida Camp, Tricia Shimamura, Peter Patch

The CB8 Charter Revision Task Force held its inaugural meeting. The Task Force met to discuss the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission, which had held hearings in the spring and on July 17 had released its Preliminary Report, which outlined its preliminary analysis of proposed ways in which the New York City Charter should be revised.

The Task Force discussed the Preliminary Report, which focused on the issues of land use, Community Board reform, and campaign finance reform. The Task Force discussed what we might want to ask the Commission for reforms to the land use process that would empower the Community Board—in particular, to help make the Community Board more aware of major land use developments far in advance.

The Task Force agreed that, prior to the next meeting, one or two Task Force members would tackle a topic area from the Preliminary Report, conduct research in the area, and offer recommendations or ideas to be discussed among the group.

The Task Force decided that Alida would write a statement for Monday's public hearing of the Commission, and speak at the hearing, and during the meeting the Task Force helped draft the outlines of Alida's statement. Alida asked for any other members' availability to attend the hearing to testify also. Alida also recommended that the Task Force meet more frequently than normal due to the nature of the Commission's timeline. The Task Force scheduled meetings for July 30 and August 13.

The Task Force's next steps are to confirm the procedures for the Task Force, keep track and coordinate attendance of the hearing schedule, as well as the Commission's timeline, and collect and review, if possible, past resolutions from CB8's Land Use and Zoning Committees, within the last ten years.

Alida Camp and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs