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

**CB8 Charter Revision Task Force Meeting**  
Friday September 7, 2018, 6:30 PM  
*Community Board 8 Office*

### **Minutes**

*Present:* Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, Barbara Rudder, Shari Weiner, Sophia James, Alida Camp

The Task Force met for the first time since the Mayor's Charter Revision Commission released its Final Report and ballot proposals. The key development on the Task Force's end was Alida's conversation with the Manhattan Borough President's office, from which Alida learned that the BP's office is still ascertaining to what degree a Community Board can express support or opposition to the ballot proposals. Given the uncertainty, the Task Force determined that it would be better to serve in an educational role, rather than an advocacy role, until the limits on the Community Board's advocacy are determined.

Therefore, the Task Force decided to create an educational handout that could be used at street fairs to describe what Community Board 8 does. The Task Force also plans to reach to the appropriate people to find out whether some version of this one-page educational handout can be put on the Link NYC kiosks in the district.

The Task Force also discussed the 2019 City Council Charter Revision Commission, and the role we can play in it. The Task Force agreed that we should be more active earlier on with the Council's Commission, including by playing an active role in highlighting areas of the Charter for improvement, as well as areas where the Charter is silent but should not be. Therefore, the Task Force will ask the chairs of all CB8 committees to review the Charter to identify sections that area applicable to their committees, and then submitting suggested reforms for the Task Force to consider.

**Alida Camp and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs**