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The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan CB8 Charter Revision Task Force Meeting

Monday September 25, 2018, 6:30 PM Community Board 8 Office

Minutes

Present: Michele Birnbaum, Barbara Chocky, Billy Freeland, Alida Camp, Tricia Shimamura, Ed Hartzog, Peter Patch, Barbara Rudder

The Task Force met to discuss ways in which to educate the community about the ballot proposals advanced by the Mayor's charter revision commission. First, the Task Force discussed the idea of a flyer, and agreed to work on the flyer's language following the meeting. This language could potentially be added to the Link NYC kiosks. Second, the Task Force discussed the potential for an education town hall on the ballot proposals. It was determined that the Task Force would reach out to various potential venues and would work with other community boards to co-sponsor the town hall. It was also decided that the Task Force would reach out to potential speakers would could address both the arguments for and arguments against the three ballot proposals. Potential speakers include Scott Stringer, Gale Brewer, and Ben Kallos.

The Task Force also discussed the City Council Charter Review Commission, which would be holding a hearing on September 27. Some Task Force members said they intended to testify, and discussed the topics they were planning to testify about. Those topics included vendor law, land use, campaign finance, ethics, and affordable housing.

Finally, the Task Force reiterated the importance of receiving input from the various CB8 committee chairs to inform what issues the community board as a whole believes the City Council Charter Review Commission should consider.

Alida Camp and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs