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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
LAND USE MEETING
New York Blood Center, Auditorium
310 East 67th Street
Wednesday, June 12, 2019 - 6:30PM

Community Board Members Present: Alexandria Abenshon, Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, P. Gayle Baron, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Loraine Brown, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Anthony Cohn, Rebecca Dangoor, Billy Freeland, Edward Hartzog, Paul Higgins, David Helpern, Wilma Johnson, Cecelia King, Greg Kirschenbaum, Craig Lader, Dorothea Newman, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, David Rosenstein, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren.

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Sarah Chu, Sophia James, Rebecca Lamorte, Valerie Mason, Michael Mellamphy, Gregory Morris, Tricia Shimamura, Debra Teitelbaum, Carolina Tejo, Meena Thever, Sharon Weiner, Jack Zimmerman.

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): None

Total Attendance: 35

Chairwoman Alida Camp called the meeting to order at 6:31PM.

1. Presentation by MAS: Understanding the Land Use Process.

2. Public Hearing: 175 and 177-179 East 73rd Street (between 3rd and Lexington Avenues), 2019-40-BZ. Application for a variance from rear yard and lot coverage regulations that would allow two individual landmarks, an 1860 Italianate-style rowhouse residence (175 E. 73rd St.), and a 1906 Beaux-Arts parking garage (177-179 E. 73rd St.) to be enlarged within their required rear yards, in connection with their proposed conversion to a synagogue (the Persian Jewish Center of New York City).

Public Comments:

- Neighbor representing the building to the north spoke in favor of the application
- Congregation member spoke in favor of the application and read a letter from Park East Synagogue in support
- David Einhorn spoke about the application
- James Pantaligus spoke against the application's expansion for the building 175 East 73rd St.
- Layla Carsden spoke in favor of the application

Rita Popper made a motion to approve the application, which was seconded.

LU-1: 175 and 177-179 East 73rd Street

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 Manhattan **approves** the application for a variance from rear yard and lot coverage regulations that would allow two individual landmarks to be enlarged within their required rear yards, in connection with their proposed conversion to a synagogue (the Persian Jewish Center of New York City).

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

3. New Board Member Orientation

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31PM.

Alida Camp, Chair