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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Women & Families Committee
Thursday, October 10, 2019—6:30 PM
CB8M Board office, 505 Park Ave. 6th Floor

Please note: The resolutions contained in the committee minutes are recommendations submitted by the committee chair to the Community Board. At the monthly full board meeting, the resolutions are discussed and voted upon by all members of Community Board 8 Manhattan.

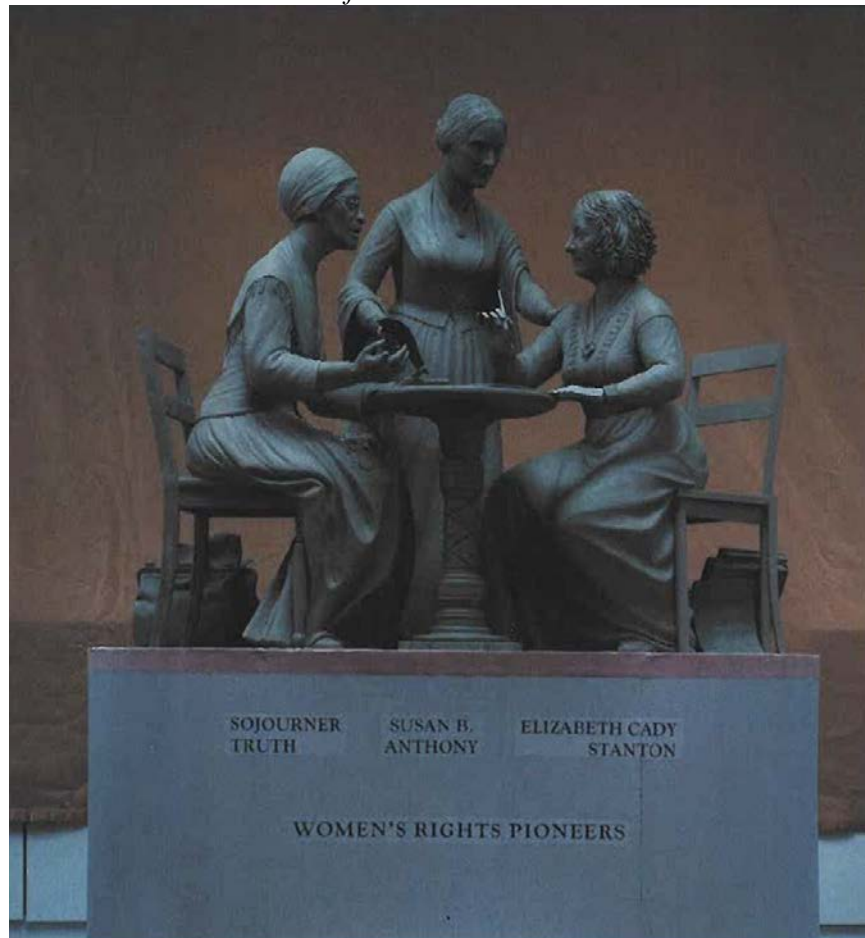
CB8 Members in attendance: Vanessa Aronson, Gayle Baron, Rebecca Dangoor, Peggy Price, Barbara Rudder, Tricia Shimamura, Barry Schneider.

Parks Committee Public Member in attendance: Judy Schneider

Resolutions for Approval:

Item 1 - Unanimous

1. Proposal to Create a Statue in Central Park Honoring Three Women's Rights Pioneers
— a joint issue with the Parks and Waterfront Committee.



Pam Elam, president of the non-profit group, Monumental Women, presented a proposal for a statue in Central Park depicting three women's suffrage pioneers, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Sojourner Truth.

The bronze statute would be placed along the park's Literary Walk. Created by sculptor Meredith Bergmann, it would be Central Park's first monument honoring historical figures who are women. This \$1.5 million project is largely funded by private donations, with public support coming from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and City Council Member Helen Rosenthal.

As re-designed, (an earlier version of the statue depicted just two women – Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony) the 14-foot monument depicts Anthony, Truth and Stanton in a discussion around a table. The three figures stand on a granite pedestal, which includes the women's names and the description, Women's Rights Pioneers.

The statue's planned unveiling on August 26, 2020 will coincide with the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the Constitutional right to vote.

The project has been approved by the NYC Parks Dept. and the Central Park Conservancy. However, proponents are awaiting a decision by the NYC Public Design Commission. At its September meeting, the PDC tabled action on this latest design of the monument.

Speaking at the Women & Families Committee meeting, Ms. Elam said she hopes the PDC will approve the project at its October 21 meeting.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the group, Monumental Women, is seeking to create a statute that would honor three pioneers in the struggle for women's rights; and

WHEREAS this statue would become the first in Central Park to depict historical figures who are women; and

WHEREAS the proposed statue, to be unveiled August 26, 2020, would commemorate the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote; and

WHEREAS the \$1.5 million, 14-foot statue has been approved by the NYC Parks Dept. and Central Park Conservancy; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan approves the proposal by Monumental Women to create a statue in Central Park depicting three women's rights pioneers, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Sojourner Truth. The board further urges the City's public Design Commission to approve the project at the earliest possible date.

VOTE: 8-0-0

In favor: Vanessa Aronson, Gayle Baron, Rebecca Dangoor, Peggy Price, Barbara Rudder, Tricia Shimamura, Barry Schneider.

Public Member of the Parks Committee in favor: Judy Schneider.

2. Discussion of Possible Ways to Fund Long Term Care — a joint issue with the Health, Seniors and Social Services Committee

At the Woman and Families Committee's August meeting, financing long-term care was identified as an important issue. The co-chairs agreed to explore ways to contain this cost and report back their findings.

Medicaid provides coverage for those who are impoverished, and NYS provides limited assistance programs for lower income residents that do not qualify for Medicaid. However, Medicare covers few long-term care costs. Long term Care insurance is costly even when purchased at a younger age, and premiums escalate when purchased in one's middle years to the point of making it unaffordable for most middle income families. Assisted living facilities in NYC average charges ranging from \$7,000 to more than \$10,000 a month. The minimum cost of home care is \$24 per hour and adult day care is no less than \$100 per day. States are now acknowledging the problem. In April 2019, Washington State passed the first Universal Long Term Care insurance benefit, which takes effect in 2025 and is financed through a monthly payroll tax. The benefit is \$36,500 and can be used only for home care. California, Michigan and Minnesota are considering public plans for the aging. Hawaii in 2017 passed a bill providing a cash benefit for long term care paying home care givers \$70 per day for one year. NYS is considering a long-term care component in its draft single payer bill.

During the committee's discussion, attendees raised concerns that, even if funds were put aside in a tax deferred plan, not all people will be able to take advantage of it. Those with assets can self-insure and those who are underserved can qualify for Medicaid. It is those in the middle who face the greatest challenge. Although attendees recognized the need to begin to save at an early age, they cited the difficulty in doing so, given the costs of daily living, raising children and caring for elderly family members.

As yet, the committee has not settled on a solution but will be further exploring the issue with steps including: Creation of an educational flyer outlining costs of long-term care; research into any other creative solutions; and, discussions with elected officials on whether long-term care costs can be addressed as legislation separate from the single payer proposal.

3. Creation of an Educational Flyer on the Effects of the 'Pink Tax' on Women

The committee discussed the content of a flyer describing the 'Pink Tax'-- the extra cost of goods and services targeted to women—and ways to avoid this discriminatory pricing.

Creation of this flyer is the committee's first step in a campaign to educate women about the Pink Tax.

The flyer will be completed this fall. Then, it will then be distributed widely, through CB8 channels, on social media, and at public events, such as CB8 full board meetings, street fairs and other community events and gatherings places.

Anyone seeking more information about the Pink Tax can review the report, *From Cradle to Cane: The Cost of Being a Female Consumer*, by the NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/dca/downloads/pdf/partners/Study-of-Gender-Pricing-in-NYC.pdf>

With business concluded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Gayle Baron and Peggy Price, Co-Chairs