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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Street Fairs Committee
November 26, 2019 – 6:30 PM
Asphalt Green, Mazur Hall
555 East 90th Street**

Minutes

Board Members Present: Barbara Chocky, Rebecca Dangoor, M. Barry Schneider

Board Members Absent (Excused): Michele Birnbaum, Wilma Johnson

Items 1a-1f, 2, 4-6: Unanimous Approval

Item 3: Approval

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Barbara Chocky, Committee Co-Chair.

1. 2020 Multiblock Street Festivals:

- A. Lenox Hill Neighborhood House** – Multiblock Street Closure at First Avenue between East 68th and 79th Streets. Saturday, June 6th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held previously for over 15 years. There will be no outside food vendors, but will have a bouncy house. The official time of the festival is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor

- B. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce** – Multiblock Street Closure at Third Avenue between East 66th and East 86th Streets. Saturday, September 12th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held since 1993. There will be amplified sound, live entertainment, inflatable rides, and alcoholic beverages. There will be no commercial food trucks, but the event will have both food and general vendors. Proceeds will go to local non-profits. The official time of the community benefit is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor

C. Manhattan Chamber of Commerce – Multiblock Street Closure at Second Avenue between East 66th and East 86th Streets. Saturday, May 9th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held since 1993. There will be amplified sound, live entertainment, inflatable rides, and alcoholic beverages. There will be no commercial food trucks, but the event will have both food and general vendors. Proceeds will go to local non-profits. The official time of the community benefit is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor

D. 92nd Street Y – Multiblock Street Closure at Lexington Avenue between East 79th and East 96th Streets. Sunday, September 13th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held previously. They have not received any complaints in years past. There will be amplified sound and inflatable rides. There will be no commercial food trucks, but will have food vendors. The official time of the festival is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

E. 19th Precinct – Multiblock Street Closure at Lexington Avenue between 60th and 66th Streets. Saturday, June 13th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held since 1973. The event will have neither inflatable rides nor commercial food trucks. Proceeds go to the supply needs of the precinct including but not limited to supporting the families of fallen officers and kids' programs. The official time of the fair is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

F. French Institute Alliance Francaise – Multiblock Street Closure at 60th Street between Fifth Avenue and Lexington Avenue. Sunday, July 12th, 2020 from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

This event has been held previously for many years in celebration of Bastille Day. There will be neither food trucks nor inflatable rides. The fair will have amplified sound, live music as well as cultural performances, food, and goods. The official time of the festival is from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

- 2. 50th Annual Strawberry Festival** – Full Street Closure at East 71st Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue. Thursday, May 7th, 2020 from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

This event has been held previously and is open to the public. There will be neither food vendors nor bouncy castles. The fair will have other inflatables. Marymount Manhattan College has its own personal caterer who will prepare the event's food inside. The official time of the festival is from 12:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

- 3. East Sixties Neighborhood Association** – Full Street Closure at East 60th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue. Sunday, July 26th, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

This event has been held previously for approximately 25 years. There will be no commercial food trucks, inflatables, or amplified sound. The official time of the fair is from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-0-0-1

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor

Not Voting For Cause: Schneider

- 4. German American Community Club of New York** – Full Street Closure at 60th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue. Saturday, June 20th, 2020 from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

This event has been held previously. The fair will not have commercial food trucks, inflatables, or amplified sound. Proceeds go to college scholarships for high school students and to help pay for the German Day parade. The official time of the festival is from 10 AM to 6 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

5. Episcopal School Family Day – Full Street Closure at 69th Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue. Thursday, May 14th, 2020 from 9:30 AM to 6:30 PM.

This event has been held previously. The event will not have amplified sound but will have inflatable rides and a hotdog truck. Episcopal will have four private security guards. The fair is free and open to the public. The official time of the festival is from 3:30 PM to 5:30 PM.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

6. Discussion of the Proposed Extension for the Street Fair Moratorium

WHEREAS, the current moratorium on Multi-block Street Fairs restricts each and every district within New York City from having any new street fairs;

WHEREAS, the majority of street fairs take place in Manhattan, specifically within Districts 2, 5, and 7;

WHEREAS, the moratorium does not improve the quality of life or traffic congestion in overly concentrated districts caused by street fairs that have been grandfathered in;

WHEREAS, street fairs enable residents to support local non-profits and engage in diverse cultures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports an end to the moratorium on multi-block street fairs provided that each new fair must have Community Board approval.

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

In Favor: Chocky, Dangoor, Schneider

The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Barbara Chocky and Wilma Johnson, Co-Chairs