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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board Committee
Wednesday, December 18, 2019 – 6:30PM
New York Blood Center, Auditorium
310 East 67th Street**

Community Board Members Present: Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Anthony Cohn, Rebecca Dangoor, Billy Freeland, David Helpern, Paul Higgins, Greg Kirschenbaum, Craig Lader, Rebecca Lamorte, Valerie Mason, Dorothea Newman, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Sharon Weiner, and Jack Zimmerman.

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Alexandria Abenson, P. Gayle Baron, Loraine Brown, Sarah Chu, Sophia James, Wilma Johnson, Michael Mellamphy, Gregory Morris, Sharon Pope-Marshall, David Rosenstein, Debra Teitelbaum, Meena Thever, and Charles Warren.

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Edward Hartzog, Abraham Salcedo, and Carolina Tejo

Total Attendance: 33

Chairwoman Alida Camp called the meeting to order at 6:33PM.

1. Public Presentation: Detective Michael Lombardi of the 19th Precinct discusses safety in the Upper East Side

2. Public Session – Those who wish to speak during the Public Session must register to do so by 6:45 pm

- Christiana Pena spoke on behalf of 3 East 89th Street to inform the board that their client would be withdrawing their application and would be coming to a future CB8 Landmarks Committee Meeting
- Lo van der Valk spoke on behalf of Carnegie Hill Neighbors about 3 East 89th Street
- Claire Marx spoke against 3 East 89th Street
- Matt Bauer from the Madison Avenue BID gave updates on changes on Madison Avenue
- Meredith Ballen from Friends of the East River Esplanade introduced herself and gave updates from their organization
- Melanie Wesslock from NYers for Safer Streets spoke about crime in the neighborhood

- Nicole Palamay from NYers for Safer Streets spoke about crime in the neighborhood
- Faith Fraser spoke about concerns with the Pink Tax flyer advocating for buying generic brands

3. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda adopted

4. Adoption of the Minutes – Minutes adopted

5. Manhattan Borough President’s Report

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer’s office reported on her latest initiatives.

6. Elected Officials’ Reports

Elected officials or their representatives reported on their latest initiatives.

1. Council Member Keith Powers
2. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
3. Council Member Ben Kallos
4. Assembly Member Dan Quart
5. State Senator Liz Krueger

7. Chair’s Report – Alida Camp

Chair Alida Camp gave her report.

8. District Manager’s Report -- Will Brightbill

District Manager Will Brightbill gave his report.

9. Committee Reports and Action Items:

A. Landmarks Committee – David Helpern and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

LM-1 - Item 1

Item 1: Lighthouse at Lighthouse Park (located at the Northern end of Roosevelt Island)-Thomas A. Fenniman of Thomas A. Fenniman, Architect - Rustic Gothic style lighthouse originally designed by James Renwick and constructed in 1872. Application for extensive restoration of the stone tower facade, two windows, removal and replacement of stairs, observation platform, lantern house, and non-original lighting.

WHEREAS the Lighthouse was designed in the rustic Gothic style by James Renwick and constructed in 1872.

WHEREAS the cast-iron lantern at the top of the lighthouse is splitting apart and needs to be disassembled to be restored.

WHEREAS the existing lantern is 10-sided on an 8-sided base and is not original to the historic lighthouse.

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replicate the geometry of the original lantern, but not in cast-iron.

WHEREAS glass with a steel frame would be used to recreate the original lantern.
WHEREAS the applicant is restoring the geometry of the original lantern, not the historic materials.
WHEREAS glass is a fine substitute for the original cast-iron.

THEREFORE this application is **approved** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 1 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

B. Transportation Committee – Charles Warren and Craig Lader, Co-Chairs

TR-1: Item 1 Substitute Resolution to approve the original request

TR-2: Item 2

TR-3: Item 5

Item 1: A request for a change of weekday parking regulations on East 63rd Street between Lexington Ave. and Park Ave. from metered commercial vehicle parking to alternate side parking

WHEREAS, there is an existing Commercial Metered Parking from 7AM to 7PM Except Sundays regulation on the north side of East 63th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues, and

WHEREAS, the East 63rd Park-Lex Neighborhood Association is requesting changes to allow street cleaning on the block to mitigate food and beverage debris that regularly accumulates on this block; and

WHEREAS, illegally parked taxis and lack of traffic enforcement exacerbate the issue of garbage accumulating on the block, along with heavy pedestrian activity associated with Lexington Avenue and subway entrances; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation has indicated that providing alternate side parking on this block can be done without the need for additional study or consideration of parking needs on neighboring streets; and

WHEREAS, metered parking supports commerce for retail businesses located on neighboring Lexington Avenue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that the New York City Department of Transportation change the weekday parking regulations on East 63rd Street between Lexington Ave. and Park Avenue from Commercial Metered Parking to alternate side parking, with the first 2 spaces adjacent to Lexington Avenue becoming metered parking

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 22 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: A request for a no parking zone in front of 130 East 82nd Street (Moise Safra Center)

WHEREAS, the Moise Safra Center located at 130 East 82nd Street is requesting a change of parking regulations in front of their building to No Parking Anytime; and

WHEREAS, the Ohel Moshe Synagogue is located within the Moise Safra Center; and

WHEREAS, no parking regulations are typically posted in front of religious institutions; and **WHEREAS**, neighbors of the Moise Safra Center have expressed support for the requested No Parking regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that New York City Department of Transportation change parking regulations along the frontage of Moise Safra Center at 130 East 82nd Street to No Parking Anytime, resulting in the elimination of 3 parking spaces.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 5: \$2.50 congestion fee assessed on yellow taxis in Manhattan south of 96th Street

WHEREAS, the 2018-19 New York State Budget law included congestion fees assessed on for-hire vehicles in Manhattan south of 96th Street amounting to \$2.50 for Yellow Taxis, \$2.75 for non-shared rides provided by Transportation Network Companies (TNCs) and \$0.75 for shared rides provided by TNCs; and

WHEREAS, congestion fees assessed on rides in for-hire vehicles in Manhattan South of 96th Street went into effect in February 2019;

WHEREAS, Yellow Taxis are a critical component of New York City's transportation network, and serve as a lifeline for residents with mobility challenges that are unable to easily use subways and buses due to lack of ADA access, unreliable service and limited service hours; and

WHEREAS, there are no elevators at Lexington Ave. Subway Stations at 68th, 77, and 96th Streets, and only 1 elevator serving the uptown local platform at 86th Street;

WHEREAS, large numbers of seniors reside and utilize services in Community District 8 Manhattan, many of whom may not own smart phones or may not be technology savvy and thus are unable to use TNC services; Yellow Taxis can be hailed on-street and do not require access to or the ability to use smart phones to request rides;

WHEREAS, Community District Eight's hospitals and medical offices are a major trip generator for taxis, serving population groups that are particularly sensitive to the \$2.50 congestion fee;

WHEREAS, the Congestion Fee on Yellow Taxis South of 96th Street is not congruent with the congestion zone that will go into effect in 2021 south of 60th Street, and therefore appears to target certain neighborhoods such as those in Community District 8, including for trips to and from New York City's airports; and

WHEREAS, the Congestion Fee on Yellow Taxis south of 96th Street is only marginally lower than fees assessed on rides provided by TNC operators, creating a disincentive to use a city-regulated transportation service; and

WHEREAS, TNC vehicles have inundated Manhattan with 80,000 vehicles compared to only 13,587 yellow taxis, and have been found to be a major contributor to congestion and reduced vehicular speeds; and

WHEREAS, cruising of for-hire vehicles has more than doubled since 2018, and has been significantly impacted by TNC vehicles that cruise without passengers 41% of the time, impacting congestion and air quality; and

WHEREAS, yellow taxi drivers have struggled with stress and mental health challenges as they have struggled to compete with TNC services and medallion values have rapidly declined; and **WHEREAS**, the \$2.50 is a burdensome fee for persons living on limited incomes that have no other viable transportation options for certain trips, and can be viewed by certain groups as a pink tax that most severely affects caretakers and women who choose to use taxis at night for safety reasons;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls for the New York State Assembly, Senate and Governor to implement laws that eliminate the \$2.50 fee assessed on Yellow Taxis in Manhattan South of 96th Street.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.

C. Street Life Committee – Abraham Salcedo, Chair

SL-1: Unanimous DCA & SLA Approvals

1) Renewal Applications to the Department of Consumer Affairs and/or Department of City Planning for a Sidewalk Cafe:

a) Old Heidelberg Corp., dba Heidelberg, 1648 Second Avenue (Between 86th and 85th Street) – Renewal Application for a Sidewalk Café – unenclosed – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a renewal WITH NO CHANGES; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

b) PQ First Inc, dba Le Pain Quotidien, 1270 First Avenue (Between 68th and 69th Street) – Renewal Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a renewal WITH NO CHANGES; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

c) Harishivji Inc, dba Ashoka, 1718 Second Avenue (Between 89th and 90th Street) - Renewal Application for a Sidewalk Cafe – small unenclosed – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a renewal WITH NO CHANGES; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

2) New Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority for Liquor Licenses:

a) 1367 First Inc, dba TBD, 1367 First Avenue (Between 73rd and 74th Street) – New Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a new application for liquor, wine beer, and cider; and
WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and
WHEREAS this is a Corporate Change WITH NO OTHER CHANGES; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

b) Daikanyama NYC LLC, dba Daikanyama, 1000 Third Avenue (Between 59th and 60th Street) – New Application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a new application for wine, beer, and cider; and
WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and
WHEREAS this is to separate the 2 areas with a common public space; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

c) T&J Hospitality Inc, 1589 First Avenue (Between 82nd and 83rd Street) – New Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a new application for liquor, wine, beer, and cider; and
WHEREAS no one from the public objected; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

3) 30 Day Waiver Requests:

a) Bloomingdales Inc, dba Bloomingdales, 1000 Third Avenue (Between 59th and 60th Street) – Renewal Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a renewal WITH NO CHANGES; and
WHEREAS the applicant failed to notify CB8 in a timely manner; and
WHEREAS no one from the public objected; therefore
BE IT RESOLVED that the application is APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

D. Street Fairs Committee – Barbara Chocky and Wilma Johnson, Co-Chairs

SF-1: All items except 6

SF-2: Item 6

Items 1a-1f, 2, 3, 4, and 5

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Item 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.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 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.

Item 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.

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

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 2 not voting for cause.

SF-2

Item 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.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

10. Old Business – No old business was discussed.

11. New Business – One item of new business was discussed. Peggy Price asked for support for a letter calling on Governor Cuomo to sign A6330 and S4278 to study the representation of women on corporate boards in New York.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this by a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 PM.

WEINER, SHARON	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
ZIMMERMAN, JACK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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