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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Street Fairs Committee
January 28, 2020– 6:30PM
Lenox Hill Neighborhood House
331 East 70th Street – Auditorium (1st & 2nd)**

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.

Minutes

Board Members Present: Barbara Chocky, Wilma Johnson, Michelle Birnbaum. See sign-in sheet for public attendees.

Items 1-4: Unanimous Approval

Items 5-6: Approval

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by Barbara Chocky and Wilma Johnson, Committee Co-Chairs.

- 1. Hunter College Elementary School Spring Carnival** – Full Street Closure at East 95th Street between Madison and Park Avenues. Sunday, May 17, 2020 from 10am to 4pm.

Presentation by Jennifer Gill. This event is held by parents for the students and their families. The public is invited. Food and beverages will be available. No vendor trucks. There will be inflatables and other rides. There will be amplified sound. This event has been held in previous years and is a fund raiser for the schools. No comments from the public.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson and Chocky.

- 2. The Dalton School Spring Fair** – Full Street Closure at East 91st Street between Park and Madison Avenues. Friday, May 22, 2020 from 11:30am to 2:30pm.

This is a community building event sponsored by the parents. It is not fundraiser. The public is invited. Food is provided in the cafeteria. No cooking on the street and no food trucks.

Tickets will be sold for the rides. There will be amplified music. No comments from the public

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson and Chocky.

- 3. Museum Mile Festival** – Full Street Closure on Fifth Avenue between East 79th Street and East 109th Street. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 from 6pm to 9pm.

The presentation was done by the Metropolitan Museum. This is the 42nd year for this event. Pedestrians can walk closed 5th Ave. between 82nd and 110th Streets. Attendees can visit any of the 7 museums. The museums are free throughout the evening. There will be special events on 5th Ave. and in the museums. No comments from the public.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson and Chocky.

- 4. The Hewitt School Centennial Block Party** – Full Street Closure at East 75th Street between Park and Madison Avenues. Saturday, October 3, 2020 from 10am to 1pm.

Presentation by Lou Uliano. This is a one-time event to celebrate the school's 100th birthday. It is a school wide celebration. The public is invited. There will be amplified music, inflatables and other rides. There will be no food trucks. Food will be provided by the school.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 3-0-0

Yes: Birnbaum, Johnson and Chocky.

- 5. 82nd Street Saturday Greenmarket** – Sidewalk and Curb Lane Closure at East 82nd Street between First and York Avenues. On Saturdays throughout 2020 from 8am-5pm.

Presentation by Cathy Chambers. The event is from 8 AM to 5 PM with breakdown till 6 PM. This is a Green Market (Farmer's Market) outside of St. Stephen's Church of Hungary. The curb and 10 ft. of the sidewalk are utilized. We received letters of support from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Ben Kallos and Upper Greenseide.

We also received an email from a neighbor requesting that the parking only to be restricted until 3 PM. A member for the public from Dorian's food market expressed concern that the Farmer's Market sells some of the same produce as her store and other brick and mortar stores. She testified that brick and mortar stores have expenses to meet and do not receive assistance from city agencies. We suggested that she attend the CB8 Small Business Committee meeting. Cathy Chambers also said they need the parking until 6 PM, Parking is

never allowed in front of the church. 2 people in the audience spoke in favor of the Greenmarket.

Motion to Disapprove

FAILED with a vote of 1-2-0

Yes: Birnbaum.

No: Johnson and Chocky.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-1-0

Yes: Johnson and Chocky.

No: Birnbaum.

- 6. 92nd Street Sunday Greenmarket** – Sidewalk and Curb Lane Closure at East 92 Street between First and York Avenues. On Sundays June 21, 2020 to November 22, 2020. From 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Presentation by Cathy Chambers. The Green Market (Farmer's Market) uses the curb and 10 ft. of the sidewalk. We received letters of support from Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Council Member Ben Kallos and Upper Greenseide.

The owner form Dorian's food market again expressed her concern that the Farmer's Market sells some of the same produce that are sold in her store and other brick and mortar stores. She was not opposed to Farmer's Markets but believes the brick and mortar stores need assistance. A member of the committee asked if the tents can be moved closer to the curb to increase space for pedestrians. Cathy Chambers will meet with Ms. Johnson the first day the market opens in June.

Motion to Approve

PASSED by a vote of 2-1-0

Yes: Johnson and Chocky.

No: Birnbaum.

- 7. No old business**

- 8. No new business:**

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM