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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021 - 6:30 PM
*This meeting was conducted via Zoom***

MINUTES

Community Board Members Present: Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, P. Gayle Baron, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taina Borrero, Loraine Brown, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Saundra Coleman, Brian Correia, Rebecca Dangoor, Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Edward Hartzog, David Helpert, Wilma Johnson, Takako Kono, Craig Lader, Rebecca Lamorte, May Malik, Valerie Mason, Gregory Morris, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Harrison Pierson-Panes, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Marco Tamayo, Carolina Tejo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Sharon Weiner, and Jack Zimmerman.

Community Board Members Absent (Excused):

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Dorothea Newman

Total Attendance: 48

Chairman Russell Squire called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1. Swearing in of 2021 Community Board 8 Manhattan Officers
2. **Public Session** - Those who wish to speak during the Public Session must register to do so by 6:45 pm.
 - Rod Jones spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Roberta Solomon spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Keri Goldwyn spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Tina Ferriola spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Beverly Dempsey spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Sheelin Wilson spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Dale Heller spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Tom Haynie spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Faith Fraser spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Manish Madhwal spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Nams W. spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Cindy Meng spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - John Sheehan spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Robert Shaloff spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
 - Bette Cordova spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.

- Claire Bienen spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Michael Rawlings spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Chris Mann spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- George Collins spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Howard Spialter spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Anne Kemper spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- La Keesha Taylor spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- John Jacobs spoke in opposition of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Jordan Stein spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Shaun Kennedy spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Patrick Bobilin spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Cesar Perez spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Gina Reitmeier spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Benjamin Wetzler spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Max Torgovnick spoke in favor of increasing follow-up by officials after public safety incidents.
- Larry Wood spoke in favor of the proposed Goddard Riverside Safe Haven.
- Susan Peters spoke in opposition of telecom antennas.
- Arthur Gwynne spoke in favor of removing “Trump” signage from properties in the district.
- Andrew Ravaschiere spoke in opposition of overdevelopment.

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 reported on her latest initiatives.

6. Elected Officials’ Reports

Elected officials or their representatives reported on their latest initiatives.

1. State Senator Liz Krueger
2. Council Member Ben Kallos
3. Council Member Keith Powers
4. Assembly Member Dan Quart
5. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
6. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney
7. Council Member Keith Powers
8. Comptroller Scott Stringer

7. Chair’s Report – Russell Squire

Chair Russell Squire gave his report.

8. District Manager's Report – Will Brightbill

District Manager Will Brightbill gave his report.

9. Committee Reports and Action Items

A. Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee – Rebecca Dangoor, Wilma Johnson, and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

HSS-1: Item 1 – Approval

Item 1: Goddard Riverside Safe Haven Proposal at 419 E. 91st Street

WHEREAS, Goddard Riverside has been a pioneer of homeless services since 1934, and has performed homeless outreach throughout NYC, including the Upper East Side, and;

WHEREAS, Goddard Riverside has earned a reputation both as an excellent social service provider and a trusted and responsive neighbor throughout the areas of New York City where it operates;

WHEREAS, Goddard Riverside proposed a plan to build an as-of-right 7-story, Safe Haven at 419 East 91st Street which that would open in January of 2022;

WHEREAS, there are currently homeless New Yorkers living on the streets in Manhattan Community District 8;

WHEREAS, homeless people often prefer to remain on the street rather than going to a shelter or other facility in another part of New York City;

WHEREAS, The Safe Haven will house 88 of the most vulnerable men and women experiencing homelessness, primarily from the Upper East Side and from other areas of New York City as well; and

WHEREAS, The Safe Haven will provide on-site social, health and recreational support services, which Goddard Riverside has extensive experience providing, to pave a path to permanent housing; and

WHEREAS, the Safe Haven will have a roof-deck for recreational activities and will be pet-friendly;

WHEREAS, Goddard will provide 24/7 indoor security, as well as 12-hour outdoor security, and;

WHEREAS, Goddard promises to work with Community Board 8 Manhattan, Asphalt Green, the neighboring schools, and neighbors to ensure security during key hours, and;

WHEREAS, Goddard will form a “Community Advisory Board” with Community Board representatives and other stakeholders to ensure open and ongoing communication;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 Manhattan approves Goddard Riverside’s plan to open a Safe Haven at 419 East 91 Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that Goddard Riverside’s Safe Haven will accept appropriate homeless men and women living on Roosevelt Island into their Safe Haven.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 46 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

B. Women and Families Committee – P. Gayle Baron and Peggy Price, Co-Chairs

WFC-1: Item 1 – Approval

Item 1: The Need for Care Facilities for Young Children: NYC Under 3 Act

WHEREAS the already high cost of child care, especially for the youngest children, surged during the coronavirus pandemic, even as the number of child care facilities declined; and,

WHEREAS the Upper East Side of Manhattan has only 31 home-based or day care center-based facilities focused on the care of infants and toddlers; and,

WHEREAS shortage and high cost of quality child care have created a crisis for parents, which only worsened during the pandemic, as schools and day care centers closed, and costs rose for centers that subsequently reopened; and,

WHEREAS there is an urgent need for the City to create additional affordable, quality child care facilities to enable parents to go to work; and,

WHEREAS bills about to be reintroduced in the New York State Assembly and Senate, entitled the NYC Under 3 Act, amending the NYS Tax Law, would address the need for child care for very young children in three critical ways: it would create more affordable child care for low and moderate income families, create much needed additional care facilities and increase reimbursements and enhance professional development of child care workers; and,

WHEREAS if passed, the legislation would significantly benefit New York City. It would triple the number of infants and toddlers in publicly funded care to 84,000, provide free care to the lowest income families, and create a sliding scale of fees for low and moderate income families, up to an income of \$100,000 for a family of four; and,

WHEREAS NYC Under 3 is targeted mainly to the needs of parents in New York City; and,

WHEREAS this approximately \$660 million, six-year, proposal would be funded by a graduated payroll tax on the top 5% of NYC employers, based on their payroll size. Rates would start at 0.15% on payrolls equal to or greater than \$2.5 million annually, and rise to 0.22% on payrolls equal to \$10 million or more annually; therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8-Manhattan urges New York State legislators to pass the NYC Under 3 Act, a six-year, \$660 million plan, which would help address New York City's urgent need for affordable child care for infants and toddlers. It would create additional child care facilities, lower the contributions low and moderate income families would make to the cost of child care, and enhance the quality of child care through increased reimbursements and professional training and development to care providers serving infants and toddlers in subsidized care.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 44 in favor, 1 opposed, 2 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

C. Street Life Committee – Abraham Salcedo, Chair

SL-1: Items 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, 2b

1. New Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority for Liquor Licenses:

- a. **VI. GI Gourmet 96, Corp., dba Enzo Bruni La Pizza Gourmet, 1827 Second Avenue (Between 94th and 95th Streets)** - New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- b. **CQHG LLC (by Rory Quinn), 1678 First Avenue (Between 87th and 88th Streets)** - New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS members from the public supported the application; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- c. **Lenox Hill Management NYC Inc, dba Mexiterranean Grill, 1365 First Avenue (Between 73rd and 74th Streets)** - New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- d. **Kobe Sushi Japanese Cuisine 88 Inc., 1472 York Avenue (Between 78th and 79th Streets)** - New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- e. **New Farinella LLC, dba Farinella, 1132 Lexington Avenue (Between 78th and 79th Streets)**
- New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- f. **An entity to be created by Ruperto Ramirez, 1446 First Avenue (Between 75th and 76th Streets)** - New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

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

- a. **88 Fusion Link Inc., dba Shoga Sushi & Oyster Bar, 1698 Second Avenue (Between 87th and 88th Streets)** - Renewal & Corporate Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a Renewal & Corporate Change Application

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

- b. **New York Sushi Inc., dba Amber, 1406 Third Avenue (Between 79th and 80th Streets)** - Corporate Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a Corporate Change Application

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations concerning delivery bikes and bar crawls; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above and applicable Covid-19 rules.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

10. **Old Business** – No items of old business were discussed.

11. **New Business** – No items of new business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Russell Squire, Chair

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Name	Attendance	HSSS 1	Women and Families 1	Street Life 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 2a, 2b
ARONSON, VANESSA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
ASHBY, ELIZABETH	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
BARON, P. GAYLE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
BARTON, LOWELL	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
BIRNBAUM, MICHELLE	Present	Yes	Abst	Yes
BONES, LORI ANN	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
BOHRERO, TAINA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
BROWN, LORRAINE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
CAMP, ALIDA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
CHOCKY, BARBARA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
CIHU, SARAH	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
COHEN, ANTHONY	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
COLEMAN, SAUNDREA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
CORREIA, BRIAN	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
DANGOOR, REBECCA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
FARHER, FELICE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
FREELAND, HILL	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
HARTZOG, EDWARD	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
HELPERN, DAVID P.	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
JOHNSON, WILMA	Present	Yes		
KONO, TAKAKO	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
LADER, CRAIG	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAMORTE, REBECCA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
MALIK, MAY	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
MASON, VALERIE	Present	Yes	Abst	Yes
MORRIS, GREGORY	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
MURPHY, DOMESTICA	Abstain			
PARSHALL, JANE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
PATCH, PETER	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
PERSON-PANES, HARRISON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
POPE-MARSHALL, SHARON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
POPPER, RITA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
PRICE, MARGARET	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
ROSE, ELIZABETH	Present	Yes	No	Yes
RUIDER, BARBARA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SALCIDO, ABRAHAM	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SANCHEZ, WILLIAM	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SCHEIDER, M. BARRY	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SHIMAMURA, TRICIA	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SPAGNOLETTI, COS	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
SQUIRE, RUSSELL	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
STRONG-SHINGIZAKI, LYDNE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAMAYO, MARCO	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
TEJO, CAROLINA	Present	No	Yes	Yes
WALD, ADAM	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
WALSH, ELAINE	Present	Abst	Yes	Yes
WARREN, CHARLES	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
WIENER, SHARON	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
ZIMMERMAN, JACK	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Yes	48	48	44	47
Total No		1	1	0
Total Abstain		1	2	0
Total Not Vote For Cause		0	0	0
Total Votes		48	47	47