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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Land Use Committee Meeting  
Wednesday, April 14, 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, Lorraine, Brown Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Saundrea Coleman, Rebecca Dangoor, Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Edward Hartzog, Takako Kono, Craig Lader, Rebecca Lamorte, May Malik, Valerie Mason, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Carolina Tejo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Sharon Weiner, and Jack Zimmerman.

**Community Board Members Absent (Excused):** Wilma Johnson,

**Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused):** Brian Correia, David Helpern, Gregory Morris, Dorothea Newman, Harrison Pierson-Panes, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki

**Total Attendance: 42**

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

1. **Public Presentation:** George M. Janes presented on “Planning Together: A New Comprehensive Planning Framework for New York City” (Intro. 2186)
  - a. View presentation [here](#)
2. **Committee Reports and Action Items**

**A. Joint Parks & Waterfront Committee and 197-a Committee – Barry Schneider and Tricia Shimamura, Co-Chairs and Barry Schneider, Chair**

**P&W-1: Approval**

**Item 1: Andrew Haswell Green Phase 2B work by EDC/Parks**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 recommends that Phase 2B work by EDC/Parks provide Alice Aycock Pavilion with water needed to keep it green and to be able to use the drinking fountain.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**B. Social Justice Committee – Sarah Chu and Saundrea I. Coleman, Co-Chairs**

**SJ-1: Approval**

**Item 1: Police Reform Proposal from the Community**

**WHEREAS**, there is a crisis of confidence in policing in NYC and we wish to support officers doing good work and hold those officers committing misconduct or harming the community accountable; and

**WHEREAS**, public safety is a coproduction between law enforcement and the public and the current framework is not working for all New Yorkers, especially communities of color and people living in poverty;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, CB8 believes that reforming the NYPD would require structural changes that will necessitate rebuilding policing from the ground up; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, we need to reimagine what public safety means, how city resources are activated to protect all New Yorkers, and how to ensure democratic oversight of our police force; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, CB8 urges the incoming mayor will appoint a new police commissioner that will commit to reimagining policing in NYC from the ground up; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, CB8 calls on the City to prioritize the following suggested reforms:

- I. Poverty Should Not Be Criminalized**
  - A. End criminalization of mental health and poverty by transitioning appropriate interventions to public health and social service providers. Police should not have a role in all interventions as a matter of routine.
  - B. Increase focus on white collar crime.
- II. Recognition and Continual Examination of Historical and Current Racialized Policing in New York City**
  - A. New approach to sex work and who gets prosecuted.
  - B. School safety needs to be transformed and there should not be simply an administrative transfer of police to DOE.
- III. Transparency and Accountability to the People of New York City**
  - A. CCRB decisions need to be binding, not simply recommendations. The Police Commissioner should not have authority over final CCRB decisions.
  - B. The CCRB's powers must be strengthened. The NYPD must be directed to fully cooperate with investigations conducted by the CCRB.
  - C. CCRB members should attend the Citizen's Police Academy.
  - D. Add community representatives to NYPD Charges and Specifications reviews for violations against the public.
  - E. End qualified immunity and make unions pay half of police misconduct settlements.
  - F. Ensure transparency of disciplinary records.
  - G. Hold overtime abuse accountable.
  - H. Establish a public reporting mechanism for New Yorkers to track progress of police reforms.
  - I. Monitoring and enforcement of each reform recommendation/plan, including the following:
    - i. Establish a commission to oversee plan implementation and populated by members of the public and individuals with expertise in working with police unions.

- ii. Create metrics and time frames for measuring progress and milestones, and regular reporting to the public, including a publicly accessible dashboard.
    - iii. Ensure that monitors that are established have sufficient power and authority to ensure compliance with reforms.
  - J. Focus resources on stronger discipline and enforcement for violations that affect the criminal judicial process (e.g., lying on a warrant or in court).
  - K. Prevent police personnel from misrepresenting discovery and bail reform laws.
  - L. End police deception.
  - M. Reconceptualize police union contracts from the ground up rather than renewing previously existing contracts with modifications.
  - N. Subject the Mayor's appointment of the Police Commissioner to confirmation/approval by the City Council, with reconfirmation/approval for successive terms.
  - O. Remove traffic enforcement duties from the NYPD.
- IV. Community Representation and Partnership**
  - A. Expand Community Affairs units by providing them with advanced de-escalation training and prioritize these familiar faces in responding to local crises.
  - B. Focus on community policing.
  - C. Require that NYPD personnel live in one of the five boroughs of New York City.
- V. A Diverse, Resilient, and Supported NYPD**
  - A. Recommit the NYPD's culture to "CPR" (courtesy, professionalism, respect).
  - B. Break the cycle of trauma and make officer wellness a priority (in recognition of the fact that "hurt people hurt people").
  - C. Provide psychological and anti-bias education/continuing education and training for police officers at all levels, which should include role playing and interactive public engagement (such as the All Stars Project's Cops and Kids program).
    - i. Incorporate best practices and effective models for such training from other states and localities.
    - ii. Incorporate education as a way to create/encourage buy-in for change.
    - iii. Ensure familiarity with and understanding of stigma, intersectionality, and structural racism.
  - D. Develop an NYPD culture that characterizes the role of police as "guardians" rather than "warriors."
- VI. Technology and Policy**
  - A. End the use of weapons and strategies of war (kettling, tear gas, pepper spray, rubber bullet) against peaceful protesters.
  - B. Establish a citywide surveillance technology policy that includes meaningful community representation in decisions regarding surveillance technology and the creation of a community technology oversight board.
  - C. Reevaluate the use of Compstat and decisions it drives.
  - D. Require that body cameras be on, enforce discipline measures for noncompliance, and provide access to body camera footage upon request.
  - E. Require that dash cams be on when responding to a call and that they not be shut off on arrival.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 2 opposed, 5 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**3. Old Business**

There were no items of old business discussed

**4. New Business**

There were no items of new business discussed

*Russell Squire, Chair*

| Name                               | Attendance         | P&W Item 1 | Social Justice Item 1 |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------------|
| ARONSON, VANESSA                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| ASHBY, ELIZABETH                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| BARON, P. GAYLE                    | Present            | Yes        | Abst                  |
| BARTON, LOWELL                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| BIRNBAUM, MICHELE                  | Present            | Yes        | No                    |
| BORES, LORIANN                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| BORRERO, TAINA                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| BROWN, LORAINÉ                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| CAMP, ALIDA                        | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| CHOCKY, BARBARA                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| CHU, SARAH                         | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| COHN, ANTHONY                      | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| COLEMAN, SAUNDREA                  | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| <del>CORREIA, BRIAN</del>          | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| DANGOOR, REBECCA                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| FARBER, FELICE                     | Present            | Yes        | Abst                  |
| FREELAND, BILL                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| HARTZOG, EDWARD                    | Present            | Yes        | Abst                  |
| <del>HELPERN, DAVID P.</del>       | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| <del>JOHNSON, WILMA</del>          | <del>Excused</del> |            |                       |
| KONO, TAKAKO                       | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| LADER, CRAIG                       | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| LAMORTE, REBECCA                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| MALIK, MAY                         | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| MASON, VALERIE                     | Present            |            |                       |
| <del>MORRIS, GREGORY</del>         | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| <del>NEWMAN, DOROTHEA</del>        | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| PARSHALL, JANE                     | Present            | Yes        | No                    |
| PATCH, PETER                       | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| <del>PIERSON PANES, HARRISON</del> | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| POPE-MARSHALL, SHARON              | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| POPPER, RITA                       | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| PRICE, MARGARET                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| ROSE, ELIZABETH                    | Present            | Abst       | Yes                   |
| RUDDER, BARBARA                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| SALCEDO, ABRAHAM                   | Present            |            |                       |
| SANCHEZ, WILLIAM                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| SCHNEIDER, M. BARRY                | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| SHIMAMURA, TRICIA                  | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| SPAGNOLETTI, COS                   | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| SQUIRE, RUSSELL                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| <del>STRONG-SHINOZAKI, LYNNE</del> | <del>Absent</del>  |            |                       |
| TAMAYO, MARCO                      | Present            | Yes        | Abst                  |
| TEJO, CAROLINA                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| WALD, ADAM                         | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| WALSH, ELAINE                      | Present            | Yes        | Abst                  |
| WARREN, CHARLES                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| WEINER, SHARON                     | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| ZIMMERMAN, JACK                    | Present            | Yes        | Yes                   |
| <b>Total Yes</b>                   | 42                 | 39         | 33                    |
| <b>Total No</b>                    | 7                  | 0          | 2                     |
| <b>Total Abstain</b>               |                    | 1          | 5                     |
| <b>Total Not Vote For Cause</b>    |                    | 0          | 0                     |
| <b>Total Votes</b>                 |                    | 40         | 40                    |