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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 - 6:30 PM
Conducted Remotely via Zoom**

MINUTES:

Community Board Members Present: Rohit Aggarwala, Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, P. Gayle Baron, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taina Borrero, Lorraine Brown, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Saundrea Coleman, Rebecca Dangoor, Felice Farber, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Wilma Johnson, Craig Lader, May Malik, Valerie Mason, Evan Meyerson, Gregory Morris, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, John Philips, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Rita Popper, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Rami Sigal, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Carolina Tejo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, and Sharon Weiner.

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Barbara Chocky, Billy Freeland, Margaret Price

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Rebecca Lamorte, Harrison Pierson-Panes, Yma Rodriguez-Thoma.

Total Attendance: 44

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

1. **Informational Presentation** – Updates from Hospital for Special Surgery on plans for the construction of the Anna-Maria and Stephen Kellen Tower (formerly known as the River Building)
2. **Informational Presentation** – Updates from the New York State Independent Redistricting Commission on the timeline of the NYSIRC's preliminary maps and public hearing, ways members of the public can stay informed, and provide feedback.
3. **Public Session** - Those who wish to speak during the Public Session must register to do so by 6:45 pm.
 - Courtney Bond spoke about the assault incident at 'The UES' ice-cream parlor and bar.
 - Matthew Bauer spoke on behalf of the Madison Avenue BID regarding local updates
 - Marty Bell spoke on the community opposition to the Bloodcenter rezoning
 - Benjamin Wetzler spoke on his opposition to the development of the Avis storage facility
 - Faith Fraser spoke on her opposition to the Open Restaurants Zoning text amendment.
 - Andrew Ravaschiere advocated for a 210 height limit on all new development in the UES.
 - Wendy Machaver advocated for a height limit on all new development in the UES.
4. **PUBLIC HEARINGS** – Those who wish to speak on these applications must do so during the Public Session.
 - a. **BSA Cal. No. 584-82-BZ - 200 East 64th Street.** Application filed pursuant to Sections 72-01 and 72-22 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York to request an amendment of a previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No. 584-82-BZ to amend the layout of a Privately Owned Public Space ("POPS") located at the Premises. The applicant seeks

modifications to the plaza furniture and landscaping. No changes are proposed to the existing plaza physical layout, perimeter, levels or access points.

WHEREAS: this is an application filed pursuant to Sections 72-01 and 72-22 of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York to request an amendment of a previously granted variance under BSA Cal. No. 584-82-BZ to amend the layout of a Privately Owned Public Space (“POPS”) located at the Premises; and

WHEREAS: the applicant seeks modifications to the plaza furniture and landscaping; and

WHEREAS: no changes are proposed to the existing plaza physical layout, perimeter, levels or access points, therefore

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

- b. **BSA Cal. No 2017-100-BZ - 412 East 90th Street The Spence School.** Application requesting to reopen and amend the 2018 Variance granted by the Board to the School under BSA Cal. No. 2017-100-BZ that approved the construction on the School Site of the New School Facility. Approval of the SOC Application will permit the transfer of an approximately 13,700-sf portion of the unused development rights from the School Site to the adjacent parcel at 424-434 East 90th Street (a/k/a the “AVIS Site”) to be incorporated in an as-of-right commercial building proposed on the Adjacent Parcel.

A proposed resolution to approve the application as presented failed to pass with a vote of 21 in favor, 20 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

A second proposed resolution to disapprove the application as presented failed to pass with a vote of 18 in favor, 23 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Accordingly, Community Board 8 Manhattan takes no position on this application.

5. Adoption of the Agenda – Agenda Adopted

6. Adoption of the Minutes – Minutes Adopted

7. Manhattan Borough President’s Report

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer reported on her latest initiatives.

8. Elected Officials’ Reports

Elected officials or their representatives reported on their latest initiatives.

1. State Senator Jose Serrano
2. State Senator Liz Krueger
3. Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
4. Council Member Keith Powers

9. Chair’s Report – Russell Squire

Chair Russell Squire gave his report.

10. District Manager’s Report – Will Brightbill

District Manager Will Brightbill gave his report.

11. Committee Reports and Action Items

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

TR-1: Items 1 & 3 - Approval

Item 1: Discussion of NYS Senate Bill S7296 regarding the leaving of the scene of an accident involving an electric scooter or bicycle with an electric assist system without reporting.

WHEREAS; NYS Senate Bill S7296 was introduced by State Senator Liz Krueger in an effort to hold responsible operators of electric scooters and e-bikes that leave the scene of an accident; and

WHEREAS; New York State Law currently does not treat incidents caused by electric scooters and e-bikes in a manner to similar to those caused by other motor vehicles

WHEREAS; S7296 sets penalties for e-bike and electric scooter operators that leave the scene of an accident at levels comparable to those assessed on other motor vehicle operators and would be based on the seriousness of any injuries involved;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports New York State Senate Bill S7296 and other initiatives to crack down on operators of electric scooters and e-bikes that leave the scene of an accident which causes injury or death.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 3: Application from HJ Opco, LLC for drop-offs/pick-ups at three shared bus stops.

- 1. 1081 Lexington Avenue (at 76th St.) - 6 daily pick-ups, Mon-Sun 7:10AM - 8:10PM**
- 2. 954 Lexington Avenue – (at 70th St.) - 6 daily pick-ups, Mon-Sun 7:40AM - 9:10PM**
- 3. 1375 Third Avenue (at 64th St.) - 6 daily drop-offs, Mon-Sun 7:15AM - 8:15PM**

WHEREAS; HJ Opco LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Hampton Jitney, has purchased the assets of Hampton Luxury Liner; and

WHEREAS; HJ Opco LLC has applied to use bus stops at 1081 Lexington Ave., 954 Lexington Ave., and 1375 3rd Avenue; and

WHEREAS; the bus stops to be serviced already exist and are the same that were used by Hampton Luxury Liner; and

WHEREAS; Hampton Jitney has extensive experience operating within Community District 8 and has a history of being responsive to inquiries and concerns raised by Community Board 8;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports HJ Opco LLC's application to operate bus service utilizing existing shared bus stops at 1081 Lexington Ave., 954 Lexington Ave., and 1375 3rd Avenue.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

b. Housing Committee – Barbara Chocky, Ed Hartzog, Gregory Morris, Co-Chairs

H-1: Item 1 – Approval

Item 1: Releasing Federal Funds to Prevent Evictions Immediately

WHEREAS, the federal government directed funds to the state to prevent evictions,

WHEREAS, the Governor has the ability to release funds immediately,

WHEREAS, the funds should be used to prevent eviction immediately.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this resolution is **APPROVED** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

c. Street Life Committee – Abraham Salcedo, Chair

SL-1: Items 1a-e, 2a-b, 3a

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

- a. **1568 Gyro LLC, dba Yasouvlaki, 1568 Third Avenue (Between 88th and 89th Streets) -**
New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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.**

- b. **1688 York Ave Cafe Corp, dba Effy's Cafe, 1688-90 York Avenue (Between 88th and 89th Streets) -** New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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.**

- c. **By the Glass 2, LLC, dba Uva Next Door, 1484 Second Avenue, Ground Floor (Between 77th and 78th Streets) -** New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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.**

- d. **Noglu New York LLC, dba Noglu, 21 East 90th Street, (aka 1260 Madison Avenue) -**
New Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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.**

- e. **1270 3rd Ave LLC, dba Seamore's, 1270 Third Avenue (Between 73rd and 74th Streets) -**
New Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider

WHEREAS this is a New application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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

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

- a. **Harishivji Inc., dba Ashoka, 1718 Second Avenue (Between 89th and 90th Streets) -**
Method of Operation Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License

WHEREAS this is a change of method of operation application to change operating hours and to allow entertainment; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed: i) to only operate for extended hours on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and that those extended hours shall be no later than 2am, ii) to provide security on the days with extended hours and with entertainment, iii) all doors and windows (if any) will be

closed by 10pm daily and any outdoor seating will cease at 10pm, iv) to comply with all NYC regulations, v) to provide a direct contact number to the CB8 office where someone can be reached during operating hours to address any issues/complaints, vi) to add sound attenuation measures to the space in the event there is any issue with noise complaints, and vii) to ensure that any noise from the entertainment will be kept at a minimum and not disturb neighbors.

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.**

- b. Lexington Bar & Books LTD, dba Lexington Bar & Books, 1020 Lexington Avenue (Between 72nd and 73rd Streets) - Corporate Change Application for Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a corporate change application to remove an owner; and

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.**

3. 30-Day Waiver Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority for Liquor Licenses:

- a. Monopolio LLC, dba Tarallucci e Vino at the Cooper Hewitt Museum, 2 East 91st Street (Between Fifth and Madison Avenues) – 30-Day Waiver – Renewal Application for Wine, Beer, & Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a renewal application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

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.**

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 42 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: Item 1 – Approval

SF-2: Item 2-4 – Approval

SF-3: Item 5 – Approval

Item 1: Brick Church Pancake Breakfast – Full Street Closure at East 92nd Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue. Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 12pm to 2:30pm.

This is a new public event celebrating autumn and the support of the neighborhood. This event is an outdoor gathering with live unamplified music and several varieties of homemade pancakes and beverages. All food and drink will be freely available. The official time of the event including setup and breakdown is 9am to 4pm.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: Marymount Manhattan College Apple Festival – Full Street Closure at East 71st Street between 2nd Avenue and 3rd Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 12pm to 3pm.

This event is to serve as Marymount's Fall Involvement Block Party to showcase the school's registered student organizations and offices. There will be giveaways, free food, music, and several engagement stations for student and community engagement. The official time, including setup and breakdown, is 10:30am to 3:30pm.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 3: Steiner Fall Street Fair – Full Street Closure at East 78th Street between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue. Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 10am to 4pm.

This event is an annual fall fair. It will include games, activities, crafts, and different stations. The official time, including setup and breakdown, is 8am to 5pm.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 4: Guggenheim Block Party– Full Street Closure at East 88th between 5th Avenue and Madison Avenue. Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 12pm to 5pm.

This is a free afternoon event of performances, music, and art making activities hosted by the Guggenheim. The official time, including setup and breakdown, is 9am to 7pm.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 5: Carnegie Hill Neighbors Spooktacular – Full Street Closure at East 92nd Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue. October 31, 2021 from 4pm to 6pm.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

12. Old Business

13. New Business

Russell Squire, Chair

Name	Attendance	200 E 64th Street Disapproval	Spence School Approval	Spence School Disapproval	TR-1: Items 1 & 3	II-1: Item 1	SL-1: Items 1a-e, 2a-b, 3a	SF-1: Item 1	SF-2: Items 2-4	SF-3: Item 5
AGGARWALA, ROHIT	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ARONSON, VANESSA	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ASHBY, ELIZABETH	Present	Yes	Abst	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BARON, P. GAYLE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BARTON, LOWELL	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BIRNBAUM, MICHELE	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
BORES, LORI ANN	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BORRERO, TAINA	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BROWN, LORAIN	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CAMP, ALIDA	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CHOCKY, BARBARA	Invited									
CHU, SARAH	Present	Yes	No	Yes						
COHN, ANTHONY	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
COLEMAN, SAUNDREA	Present	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
DANGOOR, REBECCA	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FARBER, FELICE	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
FREELAND, BILL	Invited									
HARTZOG, EDWARD	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HELPERN, DAVID P.	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
JOHNSON, WILMA	Present	Yes								
LADER, CRAIG	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
LAMORTE, REBECCA	Absent									
MALIK, MAY	Present	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MASON, VALERIE	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MEYERSON, EVAN	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MORRIS, GREGORY	Present	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PARSHALL, JANE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PATCH, PETER	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PHILIPS, JOHN	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PIERSON-PANES, HARRISON	Absent									
POPE-MARSHALL, SHARON	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
POPPER, RITA	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PRICE, MARGARET	Invited									
RODRIGUEZ-THOMA, YMA	Absent									
ROSE, ELIZABETH	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RUDDER, BARBARA	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SALCEDO, ABRAHAM	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SANCHEZ, WILLIAM	Present	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SCHNEIDER, M. BARRY	Present	Abst	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SHIMAMURA, TRICIA	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SIGAL, RAMI	Present	Abst	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SPAGNOLETTI, COS	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SQUIRE, RUSSELL	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
STRONG-SHINOZAKI, LYNNE	Present	Yes	Abst	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAMAYO, MARCO	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TEJO, CAROLINA	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WALD, ADAM	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WALSH, ELAINE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WARREN, CHARLES	Present	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WEINER, SHARON	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Total Yes	44	39	21	18	42	40	42	41	42	41
Total No		3	20	23	0	2	0	1	0	1
Total Abstain		2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Not Vote For Cause		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Votes		44	43	43	42	42	42	42	42	42