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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Environment Committee**
*Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – 6:30PM
Conducted Remotely on Zoom*

Minutes

Board Members Present: Barbara Rudder, Barry Schneider, and Lynne Strong-Shinozaki

Item 1: Public Presentation: Hunter College Professor Bill Solecki will present the Post Extreme event Learning Toolkit (PELT) findings regarding Hurricane Ida flooding

Community Board 8 Manhattan's Environment Committee is charged with exploring and addressing the issues and solutions that can mitigate the effects of climate change.

Hunter College Professor William Solecki and his team presented a beta version of a tool they developed for us to evaluate. This tool, the Post Extreme Event Learning Toolkit (PELT), focuses on how society can better respond to climate change, especially the face of extreme climate events such as Hurricane Ida.

Using Hurricane Ida, which was a striking event due to the amount of water that fell in such a short period of time, as a springboard, Professor Solecki and his team went through a series of web-based questions to determine the effects of this event on us individually and as a community. The PELT tool will help us understand, after such an event, why the community understands what happened with the hope of finding solutions. The questions brought to light the impacts and causes of such events.

As an example, a question was asked to the committee:

What were the losses and damages we experienced economically, socially, emotionally, and environmentally?

Other questions asked:

What we thought were the causes?

What are the risks that the event will happen again?

And what are the hazards?

PELT will analyze the responses and integrate the results to a broader approach to produce solutions.

Item 2: Old Business

No old business was raised

Item 3: New Business

No new business was raised

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Rudder and Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Co-Chair