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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Tuesday, May 24, 2022 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom

Minutes

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Anthony Cohn, Sharon Pope-Marshall, John McClement, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Judy Schneider, Marco Tamayo, and Adam Wald

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Item 1: Comments on Zoning and Affordability

The Committee discussed the effects of zoning on housing affordability and subsequently neighborhood character. “What is lost when we permit overdevelopment? How do we make housing more inclusive and fairer while at the same time preserving the qualities that make living closely packed in a city desirable or even possible?”, posed Anthony Cohn, a Committee Co-Chair.

Item 2: Update on Community Board 8’s Application for Yorkville and Lenox Hill Special Zoning Districts

Later the committee provided an update on their proposal for two special zoning districts in Yorkville and Lenox Hill, which includes three main components: a 210’ height cap, saving tenements, and supporting local retail. It was reported that the funds for the planner have been spent. It is hoped that the Community Board will repeat its funding, starting in July 2022, and our elected officials will be asked to contribute.

Item 3: Request for updates on projects for Northwell/Lenox Hill

It was reported that Northwell/Lenox Hill Hospital had been asked to have a representative attend the July meeting to bring the committee up to date regarding their expansion plans. The committee has had no news regarding their projects for several years.

Item 4: East 94th Street Rezoning

The committee was informed that Friedland Properties formally filed their application to rezone East 94th Street from M1-4 to C4-6 and C2-8. A representative of Friedland Properties will be invited to present their plans at the July meeting.

Item 5: 3 East 89th Street 74-711 Application

Regarding 3 East 89th Street, Carnegie Hill Neighbors informed the committee that they believed that an additional waiver should have been required for the City Planning Commission to approve the 74-711 Application. The committee will send a letter to the Commission, requesting a review of that issue.

The meeting was then adjourned.

Elizabeth Ashby, Anthony Cohn and Sharon Pope-Marshall, Co-Chairs