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The City of New York Community Board 8 Manhattan Arts Committee July 19, 2022 – 6:30PM This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, and Peggy Price

Public Member: Marissa Mattiasen

The meeting began with a review of the Tango lesson and practice which took place in the Wagner Middle School yard. Comments were that it was not sufficiently visible from the street. A large sign would better attract the public.

We went on to evaluate the June Art Show, which was considered successful. However, the Committee and Board Office need to coordinate more effectively. The JREC music theatre students were much enjoyed. One of the Committee members had received positive feedback from most artists who exhibited at the show and had expressed interest in returning. We discussed having the show on the same weekend every year to brand the show. We agreed that more publicity with media outlets would contribute to the show's success and asked whether any firms would work pro bono. We were very pleased that Borough President Mark Levine and State Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright came to the show. BP Levine spoke enthusiastically about bringing art to the public and supporting artists.

For future programming, we discussed Salsa lessons and dancing, a musical theatre performance by JREC students, and a Halloween costume contest. An art show was set for October 15. We further discussed that in conjunction with the holidays, we would present a crafts show or an opportunity to create crafts as donations to a children's hospital, such as Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital.

We discussed discretionary funding from our elected officials and inquiring into a grant from the Borough President's office if they are provided to Community Boards.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35.

Alida Camp, Chair