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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Budget Committee
This meeting was conducted via Zoom
Monday, November 7, 2022 - 6:30pm

Resolutions for Approval:
1B: Allocation of Funding for Arts Committee

MINUTES:

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Michelle Birnbaum, Gayle Barron, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Rebecca Dangoor, Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Craig Lader, John McClement, Marco Tamayo, Judy Schneider, Russell Squire, Shari Weiner.

Item 1A: Continued discussion of allocating CB8 Budget for Use by the Zoning and Development Committee

The committee continued its discussion from last month at the Budget Committee meeting and at the Full Board meeting about budgeting for Edelstein Architecture ("Edelstein") to continue to advance the Community Board's application for two special use districts with a 210' height limit. Billy Freeland provided the committee with a summary of the status of the request to enter into a new micro purchase contract with Edelstein to advance the Community Board's land use application. He recapped the resolution passed at the October 18th Budget Committee meeting as well as the replacement resolution passed by the Full Board at the October 19th Board meeting. He noted that the requested documentation on the work completed to date was received and the committee was waiting for an updated work plan moving forward in order to comply with the resolution passed by the Full Board on October 19th.

A robust discussion ensued about the importance of continuing to advance the land use application while also ensuring improved transparency and processes in budgeting city dollars.

A resolution was made to allocate funds to Edelstein pending determination of a work plan. It was pointed out that the issue had been discussed and approved at the full board meeting in October. A motion was made to table the resolution and the motion was approved by vote of 8-6-0.

No: Elizabeth Ashby, Shari Weiner, Marco Tamayo, Alida Camp, Gayle Barron, Antony Cohn
Yes: Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Craig Lader, Russell Squire, John McClement, Rebecca Dangoor, Judy Schneider, Michelle Birnbaum

The Committee committed to working in partnership with the Zoning and Development Committee and Edelstein to develop an 8-12 month workplan, including an estimate of hours to complete, to advance the Community Board's land use application.

Item 1B: Continued discussion of allocating CB8 Budget for use by the Arts Committee

The Arts Committee presented their request for funding to support Arts events in Community District 8. A recap of the successful September Arts show was provided, including a rundown of the incredible support received from state and local elected officials. A discussion was had about funding dance lessons and music performances at future Arts Committee events. As a result of constrained resources and the commitment to advance the Community Board's Land Use Application to create two special purpose districts, the Arts Committee amended their budget request to $900.

Resolution 1B:

WHEREAS, the Arts Committee works to bring publicly accessible art to the district through Art Shows, dance performances and music performances;

WHEREAS, the CB8 supports musicians and dancers and believes that performers should receive some compensation for their participation in Community events;

WHEREAS, the Arts Committee has requested an allocation of $900 to support salsa lessons and other expenses at an Arts Committee sponsored event;

WHEREAS, the Arts Committee requested that if necessary, funding be prioritized for Edelstein Architecture in support of the Community Board's Land Use Application, over the Arts Committee request;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 8 will allocate $900 for the Arts Committee, while ensuring maximum flexibility to continue to fund a planner as needed.
Approved 9-2

No: *Michelle Birnbaum, Marco Tamayo*
Yes: *Felice Farber, Judy Schneider, Alida Camp, Russell Squire, Anthony Cohn, Elizabeth Ashby, Rebecca Dangoor, Gayle Barron, Share Weiner*

Felice Farber and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs