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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Arts Committee**

*Wednesday, March 29, 2023 – 6:30PM
This meeting was conducted via Zoom*

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Lori Bores, Alida Camp, Sahar Husain, Rita Popper, Peggy Price.

Minutes:

1. Debriefing for Winter 2023 Crafts Show

There was a brief debriefing of the February Crafts show. One of the Committee members commented on the success of the show, but noted that the Committee members should have more help in the “heavy lifting” necessary to prepare for and break down the show. It was noted that it took a lot of time to fit in as many crafters as possible in the space. A member of the public commented on the variety of vendors. Another Committee member also noted that the show was successful, noting that the crafters were nice to each other and helpful, but asked that Community Board literature and table be placed at the doorway to make it easier for the public to sign up. She further suggested that Committee members have name tags to make it easier for the public to identify us if they need help or have questions. Even the dogs had fun at the show! We recognized that we would need a larger space for another indoor show to be able to have more crafters and more space for shoppers. We requested any information of places with sufficiently larger spaces.

2. Planning for the next Art Show

We moved on to discussing the Art Show planned for June 17 (rain date June 18), noting that UES ice cream will be selling at the show, and that we are looking for musicians to play at the show that we would pay out of our budget. We discussed a submission deadline, fixing the date as May 5, to be extended to May 26, being clear that artists need to comply with the deadlines set. Having enough time and a firm adherence to deadlines will eliminate part of the stress of preparation. We clarified the focus of the show on the visual arts, but stated that crafts are welcome as well, including the type of crafts that a member of the public asked about selling.

A member of the public requested tables for artists. However, we explained that as a small government agency, we don't have the resources to provide tables. We noted that there is no charge to exhibit. We confirmed the information about submissions and that the show will be posted and e-blasted to the public. The flyer will first go to artists and those who expressed interest in submitting. A Committee member reinforced the better practice of submitting early. Another Committee member recognized the value of an article in Patch. There was a discussion of the timing to reach out to Patch. A member of the public mentioned the value of getting

information in the West Side Rag, an online publication. The Committee member further noted the need for a sound permit if we have musicians to enable amplified sound. She also called for any recommendations of musicians who may be interested in playing at the Art Show.

A Board member suggested reaching out to the art teachers at the school in CD8 for submissions and for help publicizing the show. A member of the public, active in the UFT, also volunteered to help contact the teachers.

3. Discussion of other potential events

The Chair noted a future joint meeting with the Youth, Education, and Libraries Committee to discuss arts funding for public schools.

For future events, the Chair noted that we are working on a play reading with local theatre companies and dance lessons. The Chair and Council Member Julie Menin spoke about working together on transforming green construction fences with children's art. A Committee member suggested wine and cheese to precede a play reading. The Chair asked for ideas for future programming, getting murals on local walls, and other art on the streets suggestions. A Board member suggested trying to get artists to offer art classes for children for small blocks of time during the Art Show, asking artists who submit art for the show if they would be interested in offering art classes during the show.

A Committee member asked about getting more visibility for the museums located in CB8. She emphasized that we have been fortunate to work with the Frick.

4. Old Business

No Old Business was discussed

5. New Business

No New Business was discussed

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 PM.

Alida Camp, Chair