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

This meeting was conducted via Zoom  
Thursday September 7, 2023 - 6:30pm

**MINUTES:**

**Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Barron, Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Ed Hartzog, Sahar Husain, Judy Schneider

**Community Board Public Members Present:** Barry Schneider

**Item 1: Discussion of District Needs Statement**

The meeting started with a review of the district needs process. Felice Farber presented the results of the community survey of district priorities.

Community Survey of District Needs: Total Responses 277

	Rank 1		Rank 2		Rank 3
Crime and Public Safety	78	Quality of Life Issues	37	Quality of Life Issues	35
Affordable Housing	36	Homelessness	35	Homelessness	32
Quality of Life Issues	34	Crime and Public Safety	31	Crime and Public Safety	22
Homelessness	30	Land Use Trends	22	Street Conditions	22
Parks & Open Space	18	Affordable Housing	19	Land Use Trends	19
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Street Conditions	10	Street Conditions	18	Affordable Housing	11
Schools	3	Economic Recovery & Devel.	9	Senior Services	11
Social Services	3	Schools	7	Schools	9
Cultural Facilities & Programs	2	Health Care Services	6	Infrastructure Resiliency	8
Health Care Services	2	Infrastructure Resiliency	4	Police-Community Relations	4
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Civic Engagement	1	Senior Services	4	Emergency & Disaster Response	3

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Infrastructure Resiliency	1	Social Services	3	Social Services	3
Senior Services	1	Youth & Children's Services	3	Youth & Children's Services	3
Economic Recovery & Devel.	0	Cultural Facilities & Programs	2	Civic Engagement	2
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## Capital Needs

Each section of the district needs statement was reviewed.

Schools: The committee discussed whether additional school seats were needed in the district and at what level. It was noted that over 100 migrant families are being housed at the Bentley Hotel and this will have an impact on the need for school seats in the district.

Parks: Funding for improvements at Stanley Isaacs Playground is needed on more than just the Hockey Rink. Funding is also needed for Phase 3 of Andrew Haswell Green Park.

19<sup>th</sup> Precinct: Air Conditioning at the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct continues to be a dire need. There are 240 people who work in the building. There is a temporary AC system outside of the precinct. With record high temperatures this year there is a critical need for a new AC system for building.

Libraries – The elevator at the 67<sup>th</sup> Street library needs to be replaced. It is broken more than it works making the library inaccessible for residents with mobility issues.

Affordable Housing continues to be a critical need for the district. There is a need to protect existing affordable units in the district.

John Jay Park: The parks dept is about to begin capital repair work in John Jay Park but a more complete renovation is needed.

## Expense Needs

Additional funding is needed for the Parks Dept to support repair and maintenance in the district courts, and support the planting of more trees.

Additional funding is needed for all Community Boards to support the hiring of additional staff.

Additional financial support is needed to support food insecure individuals in our community.

## Item #2. Old Business/New Business.

There being no old business or new business the meeting was adjourned.

*By Felice Farber and Billy Freeland, Co-Chairs*