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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Zoning and Development Committee
Tuesday, November 28, 2023 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom

Minutes

Board Members Present: Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Sahar Husain, Craig Lader, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Rita Popper, Elizabeth Rose, Abraham Salcedo, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald.

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 PM.

1. **City of Yes** - The zoning aspects and Implications of the *City of Yes* was discussed. This included changes to building envelopes, height limits, FAR, and similar provisions.

Virtually all speakers supported the creation of affordable housing. However, most had serious concerns about the damaging consequences of many provisions. These concerns included:

- The increased height and density of buildings.
- The increased distance that development rights (air rights) could be transferred.
- The elimination of the “Sliver” Law.
- The inclusion of commercial uses on residential floors of buildings

2. **Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

3. **New Business:** It was announced that there is a proposal regarding the location of casinos in New York City; and that, should any sites in Community District 8M be eligible for a casino under the new regulations, the committee would discuss the issue at its next meeting.

There was no further New Business.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 PM.

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