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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Zoning, Development, and Housing Committee**
*Tuesday, June 24, 2025 - 6:30 PM
Conducted remotely on Zoom*

Minutes

Board Members Present: Michael Anderson, Elizabeth Ashby, Gayle Baron, Anthony Cohn, Miles Fink, Edward Harzog, Dylan Kennedy*, Craig Lader, John McClement, Margaret Price, Sacha Sellam, Kimberly Selway, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald, and Sharon Weiner.

**Public Member*

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 8

1. Presentation by George Janes on creating and preserving affordable housing – especially in view of the Charter Revision Commission and the Manhattan Plan.

The first item for discussion was creating and preserving housing – particularly affordable housing – especially in view of the Charter Revision Plan and the Manhattan Plan. Planner George Janes presented a detailed report on the affordable housing aspects of the subject. A link to his report is found [here](#).

Discussion of the issues followed, including the damaging flaws in the current proposals and current regulation failures, such as the large loss of rent-stabilized housing and the nearly 200,000 apartments currently held vacant throughout the City. Of particular note is the fact that Community District 7 (Upper West Side) and Community District 8 had the largest losses of rent-regulated units.

The discussion moved to the rezoning plan for the Blood Center, which CB8 strongly opposed. Recent events have discredited the institution's rationale for a 300+ foot commercial tower in this location. The fact that it has leased and will renovate 187,00 square feet of property in Westchester County contradicts the position that the Blood Center cannot be rebuilt without the financial contribution from the tower, and no action has been taken on this proposal during the five years since its inception.

The Committee moved on to old business at this point.

2. Old Business

No items of Old Business were discussed.

3. New Business

No items of New Business were discussed.

There being no Old or New Business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Elizabeth Ashby, Anthony Cohn, and Ed Hartzog, Co-Chairs