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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board and Land Use Committee Meeting
PUBLIC HEARING**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025 - 6:30 PM

**This meeting was conducted hybrid in person and via Zoom
Marymount Manhattan College, Regina Peruggi Room
221 East 71st Street (Between Third and Second Avenues)**

MINUTES:

Community Board Members Present: Michael Anderson, Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Danielle Avissar, P. Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Taína Borrero, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, Saundra Coleman, Lindsey Cormack, Felice Farber, Miles Fink, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Edward Hartzog, David Helpert, Bradley Hershenson, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Paul Krikler, Craig Lader, Addeson Lehv, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Evan Meyerson, Jane Parshall, John Philips, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, Judy Schneider, Kimberly Selway, Todd Stein, Marco Tamayo and Sam Weinberger.

Community Board Members Virtual: Lori Ann Bores (Illness), Sarah Chu (Work Travel), and Robin Seligson (Illness).

Community Board Members Excused: DJ Falkson, Abraham Salcedo, Sacha Sellam, Russell Squire, Adam Wald, Charles Warren, and Sharon Weiner.

Community Board Members Absent: Jennifer Michaels, Dayne Slay.

Total Attendance: 40

Chair Valerie S. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1. **Public Hearing - 109 East 73rd Street (The Buckley School) (Between Park and Lexington Avenues)**. The application is to amend a variance issued on September 8, 1987 under BSA Cal. No. 907-86-BZ (the "Variance") to reflect the expansion of its primary academic building (the "Walsh Building") to include the building known as and located at 109 East 73rd Street (the "109 Building"), as well as to facilitate the conversion of the 109 Building to meet the School's programmatic needs.

A motion to approve this application was introduced, and the resolution originally passed with a vote of 26 in favor, 13 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause. After members of the public shared additional concerns following the public hearing, a second motion to approve was introduced and failed to pass by a vote of 13 in favor, 25 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause. A substitute motion to disapprove the application was introduced.

WHEREAS this application seeks to amend a variance issued on September 8, 1987 under BSA Cal. No. 907-86-BZ to reflect the expansion of The Buckley School's primary academic building known as and located at 109 East 73rd Street, as well as to facilitate the conversion of 109 East 73rd Street to meet the School's programmatic needs; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 8 **DISAPPROVES** this application as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 25 in favor, 13 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

2. **Public Hearing - 108-114 East 89th Street (The Dalton School) (Between Park and Lexington Avenues)**. This application seeks an amendment to the variance and special permit previously granted to Dalton, in order to horizontally enlarge a portion of the building's first and second stories to the street line by 359 SF each (718 SF total), to construct an access-control entryway for improved school security and a "Math Resource Area" for its 4th grade, contrary to the minimum base height requirements (ZR 24-50, 23-432) and increasing the building's non-compliance with FAR (ZR 24-112(a)) and lot coverage and regulations (ZR 24-11).

WHEREAS this application seeks an amendment to the variance and special permit previously granted to Dalton, in order to horizontally enlarge a portion of the building's first and second stories to the street line by 359 SF each (718 SF total), to construct an access-control entryway for improved school security and a "Math Resource Area" for its 4th grade, contrary to the minimum base height requirements (ZR 24-50, 23-432) and increasing the building's non-compliance with FAR (ZR 24-112(a)) and lot coverage regulations (ZR 24-11); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 **APPROVES** this application as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

3. **Public Session**

- Johan Botma spoke on behalf of Sfoglia Restaurant in favor of their Sidewalk Café Application
- Sierra Reed spoke in favor of affordability prioritization in the budget
- Autumn Bosco spoke in opposition to the proposed F/M train swap

4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Agenda was adopted

5. **Adoption of the Minutes** – Minutes were adopted

6. **Manhattan Borough President's Report**

Manhattan Borough President's Office Community Affairs Liaison Sowaibah Shahbaz reported on their latest initiatives and updates.

7. **Elected Officials' Reports**

- Council Member Keith Powers
- Representative Jerry Nadler
- Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
- Council Member Julie Menin
- Representative Alex Bores
- State Senator Jose Serrano

8. **Chair's Report – Valerie S. Mason**

Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.

9. **District Manager's Report – Ian McKnight**

District Manager Ian McKnight gave his first report.

10. **Elections Committee Report – John Philips**

John Philips gave his report.

11. **Committee Reports and Action Items**

A. Street Life Committee – Lindsey Cormack and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs

SL-1: Items 1A, 1C, 1E, 1G, 1H, 1I, 1J, 1K, 1L, 1N, 1O, 1P – Unanimous Approvals to the SLA

SL-2: Items 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, 2H, 2J, 2K – Unanimous Approvals to the DOT

SL-3: Item 2B – Substitute Approval
SL-4: Items 2G, 2I – Unanimous Disapprovals to the DOT
SL-5: Item 1B
SL-6: Item 1D
SL-7: Item 2E – Substitute Disapproval

Item 1A: L'Chaim Hospitality LLC, dba Casa Tevere, 1207 Lexington Avenue, (Between East 81st Street and East 82nd Street) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1C: New RJ O'Brien LLC, dba Lucille's Bar, 1415 Second Avenue (Between East 73rd Street and East 74th Street) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant noted that the opening hours will be 11 am instead of 2 pm as was listed on the application; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1E: Rathbones ARD LLC, dba N/A, 1702 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1G: 82nd Street Cafe, dba N/A, 1453 Third Avenue (Between East 82nd Street and East 83rd Street) Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1H: 1326 Restaurant LLC, dba N/A, 1326 Second Avenue (Between East 69th Street and East 70th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1I: Macc Hospitality LLC, dba N/A, 338 East 92nd Street (Between Second Avenue and First Avenue) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1J: Eat Third 79 LLC, dba Eli's Night Shift, 1390 Third Avenue (Between East 79th Street and East 80th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1K: Flex and the City LLC, dba N/A, 1431 Third Avenue (Between East 80th Street and East 81st Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1L: GNOCCHI House New York INC., dba N/A, 1431 First Avenue (Between East 74th Street and East 75th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1N: DillyT LLC, dba Ella's Espresso & Wine Bar, 1465 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1O: Pil Pil Spanish Tapas Inc, dba Pil Pil, 265 East 78th Street (Between Third Avenue and Second Avenue) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1P: Silverstone 88 LLC, dba Sojourn Social, 1708 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2A: Eat Madison 91 LLC, dba Eli's Essentials, 26 East 91st Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2C: 1481 3rd Ave IOU LLC, dba Isle of Us, 1481 Third Avenue (Between East 84th Street and East 85th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed– 5 Tables and 10 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 5 Tables and 10 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2D: MLE NYC LLC, dba Adria, 1556 Second Avenue (Between East 80th Street and East 81st Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2F: **Birley Pastry Madison Avenue LLC, dba Birley Bakery, 20 East 69th Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2H: **Silverstone 88 LLC, dba Sojourn Social, 1708 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2J: **Boqueria UES LLC, dba Boqueria, 1460 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2K: **MPQ 1535 Third Avenue LLC, dba Le Pain Quotidien, 1535 Third Avenue (Between East 86th Street and East 87th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 1 Table and 2 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 1 Table and 2 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2B: Silverware LLC, dba Sfoglia Restaurant, 1402 Lexington Avenue (Between East 92nd Street and East 93rd Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 3 Tables and 6 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 3 Tables and 6 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant attended the October 2025 Full Board meeting to present their application; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2G: Enterprise Restaurant LLC, dba Amaranth, 21 East 62nd Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 8 Tables and 16 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 8 Tables and 16 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant did not show up

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2I: Starbucks Corporation, dba Starbucks Coffee, 1328 York Avenue (Between East 70th Street and East 71st Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant did not show up

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved these resolutions by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 1B: BB Madison Food Inc, dba Bread & Butter, 55 East 59th Street (Between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 1D: **American Multi-Cinema Inc, dba AMC Orpheum 7, 1538 Third Avenue (Between East 86th Street and East 87th Street) Class Change Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a Class Change Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License; and

WHEREAS someone from the public objected due to rat infestations; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to a stipulation to continue to and enhance rat mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 25 in favor, 15 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2E: **DCK Trading Corp, dba Eat Here Now, 839 Lexington Avenue (Between East 63rd Street and East 64th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 5 Tables and 10 Chairs**

This application was approved at the Street Life Committee meeting of CB8M held on October 7th. A substitute motion to disapprove this application was introduced.

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 5 Table and 10 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the board raised concerns that there was insufficient sidewalk area in this location to provide for a clear pedestrian walkway; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

B. Landmarks Committee – Anthony Cohn, David Helpern and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

LM-1: Item 1

LM-2: Item 2

LM-3: Item 3

LM-4: Item 4

LM-5: Item 5

Item 1: **109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 East 73rd Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – The Buckley School – A neo-Italian Renaissance building designed by George B. Post & Sons in 1906-09 and constructed 1911-12 with significant alterations by Brown, Lawford & Forbes, Modern in 1962. Application is for 109 East 73rd is being combined with the existing school building at 111-113 East 73rd Street. The scope of work at No. 109 includes new entry infill, a rear yard extension, increasing the roof level at the rear of the building, constructing a new stair bulkhead and mechanical equipment at the roof, creating interior connections to No. 111 and relocating interior floor levels to align with the existing building. The existing elevator at No. 113 will be extended to provide accessible service to the roof level and rooftop fence will be replaced.**

WHEREAS The Buckley School seeks to convert 109 East 73rd Street into a building for the kindergarten; and

WHEREAS this project is to improve the facilities for the existing students as there will be no increase in the number of students; and

WHEREAS the kindergarten will be relocated from the school's Hubbell building, which is two blocks to the east; and

WHEREAS The Buckley School will align the floors of 109 East 73rd Street with existing school buildings at 111 and 113 East 73rd Street; and

WHEREAS the edge of the new 3rd floor at 109 will align with the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS there will be an inner window that will align with the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS the horizontal stone transom bar will be extended to the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS the inner window will be laminated textured glass to conceal the end of the new third floor which is set above the top of the Juliette balcony in front of the former windows; and

WHEREAS the historic window will be replaced with a fixed window with the historic profile below the transom bar; and

WHEREAS there will be an operable window with the historic profile above the bar; and

WHEREAS the existing pair of entrance doors will be replaced with a single door to meet ADA requirements; and

WHEREAS the new door will be oak with multi-pane glazing to match the glazing of the window and doors at the ground floor of 111; and

WHEREAS the opaque transom will be retained; and

WHEREAS wood windows will be replaced with wood windows; and

WHEREAS 109 is 22'-6 7/8" wide; and

WHEREAS about half the width of 109 extends to the rear property line; and

WHEREAS the open corner is 10'-5 3/8" wide by 14'-3 7/8" long; and

WHEREAS the open corner of 109 will be infilled to enable classrooms at both ends of the building; and

WHEREAS the rear of the 109 building is currently painted white; and

WHEREAS the rear of the 109 building will be red brick as it was prior to being painted; and

WHEREAS the windows on the east face of 109 will be replaced with windows that are similar to and aligned with the windows in the rear of 111 and 113; and

WHEREAS the windows in the rear will be aluminum; and

WHEREAS the roof of 109 will be raised in the rear and a bulkhead added over the stair on the westerly side of the building; and

WHEREAS the neighbor's metal chimneys will be adjusted upwards but will not be visible from street level; and

WHEREAS the solid brick parapet at 109 conceals the mechanical equipment from surrounding buildings; and

WHEREAS a new metal fence will be installed at 111-113; and

WHEREAS roof heights vary from 59' – 10 7/8" at 111-113 to 75'-7 1/2" at 109; and

WHEREAS the elevator, located in 113, will be extended; and

WHEREAS the top of the elevator bulkhead will be 84'-10 7/8" in height; and

WHEREAS the elevator bulkhead will not be visible from the east but will be visible from the west; and

WHEREAS the tying together of the three buildings will improve the operations of the school; and

WHEREAS the changes to 109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 are substantive; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes to 109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 are not appropriate and contextual within the historic district; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **DISAPPROVED**.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 26 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: Metropolitan Museum of Art (Individual Landmark) – Metropolitan Museum of Art – A Beaux-Arts style building designed by numerous architects, chiefly, Calvert Vaux and Jacob Wrey Mould who designed the initial Ruskinian Gothic structure of the MET, and constructed in the 1880s, with additions throughout the 2000s. Application is to replace public arrival wayfinding signage in the Fifth Avenue Plaza and the Great Hall.

WHEREAS 1000 Fifth Avenue is a museum complex (The Metropolitan Museum of Art) on the west side of Fifth Avenue between 80th and 84th Streets; and

WHEREAS the Museum is an Individual Landmark, and Interior Landmark and sits within the Central Park Scenic Landmark District; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace existing signage at the entrances to the museum and within the Great Hall with a new “family” of signage types; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed new signage is to facilitate movement into and through the museum, reduce visual “clutter” through standardization and consistent color for each sign type and to provide vital information about exhibitions; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes for the Great Hall an interactive screen display at the information desk, large District Identification banners at the three entrance porticos, directional pylons at the porticos, amenity ID banners (Tickets, Gift Shop, etc), and smaller direction ID signs mounted to the walls; and

WHEREAS the attachments for the signs will minimally interfere with the stone and the banners will be narrower so as not to detract from the columns at each of the porticos; and

WHEREAS the exterior signage will include a large banner at the “main” entrance, two smaller banners at the 81st and 83rd street entrances, and a number of directional pylons at the entrances; and

WHEREAS new signage will, by its hierarchical nature and its consistent color scheme, aid the visitor; and

WHEREAS the Committee generally approved of the scheme with some reservations as to the number of signs and some concern over the quantity of exterior signage; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, this application is APPROVED as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 3: 710-712 Madison Avenue (Upper East Side Historic District) – Michel Franck, Spacesmith – An Italianate/Neo-Grec style building designed by Gage Inslee and constructed in 1871. Application is for storefront replacement and infill of non-historic window openings.

WHEREAS Graff, the owner of the building and also the retailer using the first and second floors, seeks to redesign the two-story base; and

WHEREAS the base of the building has non-historic windows; and

WHEREAS the changes to the storefront will have no impact on the historic fabric; and

WHEREAS the two buildings are painted a light color; and

WHEREAS the existing infill between the piers is dark; and

WHEREAS the proposed redesign widens the piers within the storefronts; and

WHEREAS the new piers will be travertine and new metal window frames will be light in color, close in color to the travertine; and

WHEREAS the new stair at the western end of the store will be set behind the solid wall at the western end of the storefront; and

WHEREAS the window at the stair will be obscured with a film on the back of the glass; and

WHEREAS the new metal and glass door at the western end of the store on East 63rd Street will be recessed; and

WHEREAS the stone-balanced door at the northern end of the 712 building will enable egress from the exit stair for the residential floors; and

WHEREAS the main entrance will be on Madison Avenue in the center of the 710 building; and

WHEREAS the main entrance will have a pair of metal and glass doors; and

WHEREAS the spandrel panels are at the height of the second floor; and

WHEREAS the spandrel panels allow for single and double-height spaces; and

WHEREAS showcases with internal lighting are built into the two faces of the corner pier and the pier on the northern side of the entrance doors; and

WHEREAS vitrines with internal lighting are set behind all windows; and

WHEREAS signs on spandrel panels are nine inches high; and

WHEREAS each of the two signs on the upper bands on Madison Avenue and East 63rd Street are 11" high; and

WHEREAS new metal windows on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors replicate wood windows including brick moldings; and

WHEREAS the upper three floors will be painted a buff color to closely match the color of the travertine; and

WHEREAS there will be awnings on the upper three floors and over the window on the second floor above the single door; and

WHEREAS the awnings will be similar in color to the buff-colored masonry; and

WHEREAS awnings will not have signs; and

WHEREAS the exterior of the building will not be lit; and

WHEREAS the storefronts at the base of the building are separated by a reveal; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the dark glass infill, the use of clear glass, the use of travertine for the wider piers, and the lighter overall palette for the building, will create a more inviting storefront; and

WHEREAS the proposed design is appropriate and contextual within the historic district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 4: **985 Fifth Avenue (Metropolitan Museum Historic District) – Metropolitan Museum Historic District – A No-Style building designed by Wechsler & Schimenti and constructed in 1970. Application is for a demolition of existing building and construction of a new building.**

WHEREAS 985 Fifth Avenue is a no-style apartment building designed by Wechsler & Schimenti and constructed in 1970; and

WHEREAS 985 5th Avenue is now a balconied 25-story apartment building of glass and glazed brick; 985 Fifth Avenue replaced three town houses which had stood on the site; #985, known as one of the Brokaw mansions, #986 and #987; and

WHEREAS the applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new design for 985 Fifth Avenue so that the applicant may take advantage of City of Yes impact on the New York City Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS the City of Yes as-of-right changes to the previously Landmarks Preservation Commission approved application include (1) better alignment of the street wall with the building's neighbor to the north, (2) ability to add a new floor so that the number of floors increases from 19 to 20 floors, (3) making the crown much more symmetrical, and (4) paying \$7M into an affordable housing fund; and

WHEREAS since 985 Fifth Avenue is within a "Park Improvement District", FAR has been increased from 10 FAR to 12 FAR allowing the applicant to increase the height of the new building from 210' to 235' not including the bulkhead; the new bulkhead increases the height to 264'; and

WHEREAS there is also a reduction in the rear yard requirement; now only a 20' rear yard is required; the reduced requirement for the rear yard also allows for more floor area; and

WHEREAS the previous asymmetrical crown of 985 Fifth Avenue is now changed into a more symmetrical crown with the mechanical equipment more elegantly concealed; at the crown at the north facade the flues are now encased in limestone and there is Renaissance revival detailing in the new elegant grillwork for both the west facing, east facing and north facing sides of the crown which allow for more light and shadow; and

WHEREAS the applicant, with the redesign, can carry/ align the cornice line to the Emery Roth designed 993 Fifth Avenue, the adjacent building at the north; this becomes possible as floor height dimensions are teased from floor to floor; (Note that most floors have been increased in height in the new design and the depth of the building has been extended because of the increase in FAR plus the reduction in the rear yard requirement.); and

WHEREAS 985 Fifth Avenue at the north corner of the building is held back so that the Emery Roth rope detailing at the south corner of 993 Fifth Avenue remains visible and also allows for the alignment of the cornice and parapet;

WHEREAS with an intermediate shading of the limestone, a silhouette of the Brokaw mansion will now be visible at the south elevation; and

WHEREAS the new as-of-right improvements to 985 Fifth Avenue are to be applauded over the July 2023 application especially the not-perfectly symmetrical symmetry at the crown and the alignment of the cornice with 993 Fifth Avenue; stretching the building up has helped it since it extends the building skyward; and

WHEREAS PLEASE REFER TO THE JULY 2023 ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR A FULLER DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING DESIGN, INCLUDING THE SIGNATURE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND WHIMSEY THAT ARE HALLMARKS OF STUDIO SOFIELD; and

WHEREAS this resolution only addresses design changes now allowed through the City of Yes in addition to the centering of the elegantly designed new crown;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 5: **75 East 77th Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – A.O.R. HS2 Architecture – A Renaissance revival/Neo-Renaissance style building designed by Alexander M. Welch and constructed in 1898. Application is for enlarging exiting windows in non-historic third floor front facade on 77th Street.**

WHEREAS 75 East 77th Street is a former carriage house converted to a residence on the north side of 77th Street between Madison and Park Avenues; and

WHEREAS the original structure is largely intact with the exception of a one-story rooftop addition built in 1971 and consisting of a stucco surface with two pairs of aluminum windows directly above the windows below; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to enlarge the existing openings at this 1971 rooftop addition by raising the head of the windows by 16 inches and to replace the existing windows with a continuous band of new aluminum casement and fixed windows painted to match the existing stucco wall; and

WHEREAS two of the fixed windows will be shadowboxed so as to mask the wall behind them enhancing the impression of continuous studio windows; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes no changes to the existing historic structure; and

WHEREAS the alteration will be somewhat masked by the original deeply projecting cornice and not completely visible from the street; and

WHEREAS the Committee noted that the addition from 1971 was particularly unsympathetic to the historic fabric in both material and form; and

WHEREAS the Committee noted that the alterations proposed improve somewhat the current “penthouse”; and

WHEREAS some Committee members expressed the wish that the applicant had made a more significant change to the 1971 addition to enhance rather than contrast with the historic fabric;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this application is **APPROVED as presented.**

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

C. Transportation Committee – Craig Lader and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs

TR-1: Item 1

TR-2: Item 2

Item 1: Lexington Avenue Bus Lane modifications between East 60th and East 52nd Streets

WHEREAS; New York City Department of Transportation is proposing the creation of an offset bus lane between East 60th Street and East 52nd Street; and

WHEREAS; the proposed offset bus lane would continue the lane configuration on Lexington Avenue that NYCDOT installed between East 96th Street and East 60th Street in 2019; and

WHEREAS; the offset bus lane will replace an existing curbside bus lane that is often blocked by vehicles conducting loading and unloading activity, and will free up the curbside for other essential uses; and

WHEREAS, the segment of Lexington Avenue between East 60th and East 52nd Streets has high rates of vehicular crashes and resulting injuries; and

WHEREAS; although there will be one less general traffic lane between 60th and 52nd Streets, the offsetting reduction in traffic that has resulted from Congestion Pricing implementation allows for sufficient lane capacity to allow the bus lane to be installed; and

WHEREAS; the proposed offset bus lane is expected to provide faster and more reliable bus service benefits for the 71,000 passengers that use the eight routes that operate along Lexington Avenue and the 6,000 passengers that ride through this segment; and

WHEREAS; buses operating along the Lexington Avenue Corridor are part of the MTA’s Automated Camera Enforcement that will ticket vehicles blocking the bus lane; and

WHEREAS; NYCDOT will analyze the impacts of the changes to develop future potential changes to curbside parking regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **APPROVES**, as presented, the NYCDOT proposal to install an offset bus lane on Lexington Avenue between East 60th Street and East 52nd Street.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: Revocable Consent Request – 132 East 70th Street

WHEREAS; the property owner of 132 East 70th Street is seeking a revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a fenced-in area; and

WHEREAS; the proposed fenced-in area would extend 4'4" from the building; and

WHEREAS; due to the presence of tree pits, the resulting sidewalk clearance for pedestrians would be as little as 5'3"; and

WHEREAS; the proposed walled-in area was perceived as providing minimal public benefit and as a giveaway of public space to private interests;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **DISAPPROVES** a Revocable Consent Application to construct, maintain, and use a fenced-in area at 132 East 70th Street.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

D. Sanitation and Environment Committee – Sahar Husain and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs

SE-1: Item 1

Item 1: Resolution in Support of Increased Efforts to Remedy Dog Waste on the Street

WHEREAS New York City Council Member Julie Menin has supported dog waste disposal bags availability around garbage cans (Int 0281-2024); and

WHEREAS dog waste on streets and tree beds pose health risks, including infections, parasites, allergies, and skin rashes, and can help spread harmful bacteria Giardia, E. coli, Staph, Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter, Helicobacter; and

WHEREAS these health concerns are exacerbated for high-risk groups like children, those who are frequently outdoors, and immunocompromised individuals; and

WHEREAS improperly disposed dog waste may aggravate the rodent issue in the district because there are nutrients in dog waste that may attract rats and other pests; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to pass legislation to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to provide resources in the budget to the New York City Department of Transportation and New York City Sanitation Department to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city neighborhoods. We also call on increased creative educational campaigns and enforcement of inflation-adjusted fines surrounding dog waste. We urge a cultural mindset that recognizes our shared responsibility to keep our neighborhood and city clean.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 8 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

E. Roosevelt Island Committee – Paul Krikler, Chair

RI-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Calling on the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal for the F to the M train service changes**

A substitute motion to disapprove this resolution failed to pass by a vote of 10 in favor, 29 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Roosevelt Island residents have voiced long-standing complaints about significant overcrowding on the F train, especially during peak hours; and

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced a plan to swap the routes of the F and M subway lines on weekdays, with the M train serving Roosevelt Island during peak hours only; and

WHEREAS the M train, which is proposed to replace the F train on weekdays, generally operates on a less frequent schedule than the F train, raising concerns about potential longer wait times and reduced service frequency for Roosevelt Island commuters; and

WHEREAS the new service pattern would significantly worsen airport access for Roosevelt Island residents by eliminating express F train connection to the Q70 bus for LaGuardia Airport; and

WHEREAS the MTA's proposal introduces a complex and confusing service pattern where the F train serves Roosevelt Island on nights and weekends, while the M train serves the island during weekdays, which will likely cause rider confusion and inconvenience; and

WHEREAS the MTA's stated rationale for the swap—improving system-wide reliability by eliminating a track merge—prioritizes the convenience of a wider system at the expense of a localized and significant detriment to Roosevelt Island's transportation access and quality of life;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Manhattan Community Board 8 formally opposes the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) proposed weekday F and M subway line swap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal that equitably addresses the subway needs of Roosevelt Island residents.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

F. Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee – Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

HSSS-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the NYS Committee on Aging will discuss the NYS Master Plan on Aging**

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan district has the fastest growing senior population; and

WHEREAS The New York State Master Plan for Aging will address the needs of older adults's quality of life; and

WHEREAS New York State needs funding for this proposal to be implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the NYS Legislature to fund the Master Plan for Aging proposals.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 4 opposed, 7 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

G. Parks and Waterfront Committee – Felice Farber and Judy Schneider, Co-Chairs

PW-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Presentation of a revised plan for the reconstruction of 24 Sycamores Park by the Parks Department.**

WHEREAS the Parks Department presented a revised plan for the restoration of 24 Sycamores Park based on feedback from the community and Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS the presentation covered many areas for all ages: new climbing equipment, all types of swings, basketball, handball, pickleball, fitness equipment, seating areas, game tables, better access for people with disabilities to the park, and restoration of trees and added greenery; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the proposed restoration of the missing trees from 24 Sycamores Park, as well as the use of rat deterrent plants; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the ramp accessing the upper and lower level, as well as changing the stairs for walking and sitting in keeping with the design in Andrew Haswell Green Park; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the changes in the handball courts, the addition of a climbing wall and fitness equipment on the south side, and the painted games for children on the pavement on the north side of the wall, when handball or tennis is not being played; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the plan presented by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for the reconstruction of 24 Sycamores Park with the following recommended changes:

- We strongly support the shared space with the basketball and pickleball superimposed on one another, given the existing positive interactions and cooperation between these user groups at the park. However, we recommend that the pickleball courts be turned in the north/south direction so that one basketball court and one pickleball court can be used at the same time. Parks agreed to look into the feasibility of this suggestion and to paint the lines on the courts with contrasting colors so that each sport will be clearly delineated. They also agreed to show us the changes. (If the drawing is ready by the full board meeting on October 22nd, they will forward it to Community Associate Jon Kraus at the board office for the meeting.)
- Parks should work with the pickleball group to provide a storage container and location for pickleball nets and equipment.
- We would like the Parks Department to install wire hooks on the 16-foot fence with baskets for pickleball paddles.
- We request Parks review the upper-level arrangement of the tables and chairs and, if possible, add an additional swing.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan is very concerned about the repair of the plumbing lines for the park house, which have been out of use for over a year. The Parks Department should make this a priority and report back to Community Board 8 Manhattan on the status of this issue now that we have the estimated cost.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

H. Budget Committee – Gayle Baron and Felice Farber, Co-Chairs

Budget-1: Item 1

Item 1: **The District Needs Statement priorities**

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved the FY26 District Need Statement and Budget Priorities by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

12. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed.

13. **New Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Valerie S. Mason, Chair

2. **Public Hearing - 108-114 East 89th Street (The Dalton School) (Between Park and Lexington Avenues)**. This application seeks an amendment to the variance and special permit previously granted to Dalton, in order to horizontally enlarge a portion of the building's first and second stories to the street line by 359 SF each (718 SF total), to construct an access-control entryway for improved school security and a "Math Resource Area" for its 4th grade, contrary to the minimum base height requirements (ZR 24-50, 23-432) and increasing the building's non-compliance with FAR (ZR 24-112(a)) and lot coverage and regulations (ZR 24-11).

WHEREAS this application seeks an amendment to the variance and special permit previously granted to Dalton, in order to horizontally enlarge a portion of the building's first and second stories to the street line by 359 SF each (718 SF total), to construct an access-control entryway for improved school security and a "Math Resource Area" for its 4th grade, contrary to the minimum base height requirements (ZR 24-50, 23-432) and increasing the building's non-compliance with FAR (ZR 24-112(a)) and lot coverage regulations (ZR 24-11); therefore

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 **APPROVES** this application as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

3. **Public Session**

- Johan Botma spoke on behalf of Sfoglia Restaurant in favor of their Sidewalk Café Application
- Sierra Reed spoke in favor of affordability prioritization in the budget
- Autumn Bosco spoke in opposition to the proposed F/M train swap

4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – Agenda was adopted

5. **Adoption of the Minutes** – Minutes were adopted

6. **Manhattan Borough President's Report**

Manhattan Borough President's Office Community Affairs Liaison Sowaibah Shahbaz reported on their latest initiatives and updates.

7. **Elected Officials' Reports**

- Council Member Keith Powers
- Representative Jerry Nadler
- Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright
- Council Member Julie Menin
- Representative Alex Bores
- State Senator Jose Serrano

8. **Chair's Report – Valerie S. Mason**

Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.

9. **District Manager's Report – Ian McKnight**

District Manager Ian McKnight gave his first report.

10. **Elections Committee Report – John Philips**

John Philips gave his report.

11. **Committee Reports and Action Items**

A. Street Life Committee – Lindsey Cormack and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs

SL-1: Items 1A, 1C, 1E, 1G, 1H, 1I, 1J, 1K, 1L, 1N, 1O, 1P – Unanimous Approvals to the SLA

SL-2: Items 2A, 2C, 2D, 2F, 2H, 2J, 2K – Unanimous Approvals to the DOT

SL-3: Item 2B – Substitute Approval
SL-4: Items 2G, 2I – Unanimous Disapprovals to the DOT
SL-5: Item 1B
SL-6: Item 1D
SL-7: Item 2E – Substitute Disapproval

Item 1A: L'Chaim Hospitality LLC, dba Casa Tevere, 1207 Lexington Avenue, (Between East 81st Street and East 82nd Street) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1C: New RJ O'Brien LLC, dba Lucille's Bar, 1415 Second Avenue (Between East 73rd Street and East 74th Street) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant noted that the opening hours will be 11 am instead of 2 pm as was listed on the application; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1E: Rathbones ARD LLC, dba N/A, 1702 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1G: 82nd Street Cafe, dba N/A, 1453 Third Avenue (Between East 82nd Street and East 83rd Street) Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion into Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1H: 1326 Restaurant LLC, dba N/A, 1326 Second Avenue (Between East 69th Street and East 70th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1I: Macc Hospitality LLC, dba N/A, 338 East 92nd Street (Between Second Avenue and First Avenue) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1J: Eat Third 79 LLC, dba Eli's Night Shift, 1390 Third Avenue (Between East 79th Street and East 80th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1K: Flex and the City LLC, dba N/A, 1431 Third Avenue (Between East 80th Street and East 81st Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1L: GNOCCHI House New York INC., dba N/A, 1431 First Avenue (Between East 74th Street and East 75th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1N: DillyT LLC, dba Ella's Espresso & Wine Bar, 1465 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED, subject to the stipulations above.**

Item 1O: Pil Pil Spanish Tapas Inc, dba Pil Pil, 265 East 78th Street (Between Third Avenue and Second Avenue) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 1P: Silverstone 88 LLC, dba Sojourn Social, 1708 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property

WHEREAS this is an Alteration Application for Expansion onto Municipal Property; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2A: Eat Madison 91 LLC, dba Eli's Essentials, 26 East 91st Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2C: 1481 3rd Ave IOU LLC, dba Isle of Us, 1481 Third Avenue (Between East 84th Street and East 85th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed– 5 Tables and 10 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 5 Tables and 10 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2D: MLE NYC LLC, dba Adria, 1556 Second Avenue (Between East 80th Street and East 81st Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2F: **Birley Pastry Madison Avenue LLC, dba Birley Bakery, 20 East 69th Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2H: **Silverstone 88 LLC, dba Sojourn Social, 1708 Second Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2J: **Boqueria UES LLC, dba Boqueria, 1460 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2K: **MPQ 1535 Third Avenue LLC, dba Le Pain Quotidien, 1535 Third Avenue (Between East 86th Street and East 87th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 1 Table and 2 Chairs**

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 1 Table and 2 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved these resolutions by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2B: Silverware LLC, dba Sfoglia Restaurant, 1402 Lexington Avenue (Between East 92nd Street and East 93rd Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 3 Tables and 6 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 3 Tables and 6 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant attended the October 2025 Full Board meeting to present their application; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to a stipulation that they will not obstruct access to any fire safety regulation necessities; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2G: Enterprise Restaurant LLC, dba Amaranth, 21 East 62nd Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 8 Tables and 16 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 8 Tables and 16 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant did not show up

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Item 2I: Starbucks Corporation, dba Starbucks Coffee, 1328 York Avenue (Between East 70th Street and East 71st Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 6 Tables and 12 Chairs; and

WHEREAS the applicant did not show up

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved these resolutions by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 1B: BB Madison Food Inc, dba Bread & Butter, 55 East 59th Street (Between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 1D: **American Multi-Cinema Inc, dba AMC Orpheum 7, 1538 Third Avenue (Between East 86th Street and East 87th Street) Class Change Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a Class Change Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License; and

WHEREAS someone from the public objected due to rat infestations; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed to a stipulation to continue to and enhance rat mitigation efforts; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **APPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 25 in favor, 15 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2E: **DCK Trading Corp, dba Eat Here Now, 839 Lexington Avenue (Between East 63rd Street and East 64th Street) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 5 Tables and 10 Chairs**

This application was approved at the Street Life Committee meeting of CB8M held on October 7th. A substitute motion to disapprove this application was introduced.

WHEREAS this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for a Sidewalk Café – 5 Table and 10 Chairs; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the board raised concerns that there was insufficient sidewalk area in this location to provide for a clear pedestrian walkway; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations above; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the application is **DISAPPROVED**, subject to the stipulations above.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

B. Landmarks Committee – Anthony Cohn, David Helpert and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs

LM-1: Item 1

LM-2: Item 2

LM-3: Item 3

LM-4: Item 4

LM-5: Item 5

Item 1: **109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 East 73rd Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – The Buckley School – A neo-Italian Renaissance building designed by George B. Post & Sons in 1906-09 and constructed 1911-12 with significant alterations by Brown, Lawford & Forbes, Modern in 1962. Application is for 109 East 73rd is being combined with the existing school building at 111-113 East 73rd Street. The scope of work at No. 109 includes new entry infill, a rear yard extension, increasing the roof level at the rear of the building, constructing a new stair bulkhead and mechanical equipment at the roof, creating interior connections to No. 111 and relocating interior floor levels to align with the existing building. The existing elevator at No. 113 will be extended to provide accessible service to the roof level and rooftop fence will be replaced.**

WHEREAS The Buckley School seeks to convert 109 East 73rd Street into a building for the kindergarten; and

WHEREAS this project is to improve the facilities for the existing students as there will be no increase in the number of students; and

WHEREAS the kindergarten will be relocated from the school's Hubbell building, which is two blocks to the east; and

WHEREAS The Buckley School will align the floors of 109 East 73rd Street with existing school buildings at 111 and 113 East 73rd Street; and

WHEREAS the edge of the new 3rd floor at 109 will align with the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS there will be an inner window that will align with the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS the horizontal stone transom bar will be extended to the inside face of the front wall; and

WHEREAS the inner window will be laminated textured glass to conceal the end of the new third floor which is set above the top of the Juliette balcony in front of the former windows; and

WHEREAS the historic window will be replaced with a fixed window with the historic profile below the transom bar; and

WHEREAS there will be an operable window with the historic profile above the bar; and

WHEREAS the existing pair of entrance doors will be replaced with a single door to meet ADA requirements; and

WHEREAS the new door will be oak with multi-pane glazing to match the glazing of the window and doors at the ground floor of 111; and

WHEREAS the opaque transom will be retained; and

WHEREAS wood windows will be replaced with wood windows; and

WHEREAS 109 is 22'-6 7/8" wide; and

WHEREAS about half the width of 109 extends to the rear property line; and

WHEREAS the open corner is 10'-5 3/8" wide by 14'-3 7/8" long; and

WHEREAS the open corner of 109 will be infilled to enable classrooms at both ends of the building; and

WHEREAS the rear of the 109 building is currently painted white; and

WHEREAS the rear of the 109 building will be red brick as it was prior to being painted; and

WHEREAS the windows on the east face of 109 will be replaced with windows that are similar to and aligned with the windows in the rear of 111 and 113; and

WHEREAS the windows in the rear will be aluminum; and

WHEREAS the roof of 109 will be raised in the rear and a bulkhead added over the stair on the westerly side of the building; and

WHEREAS the neighbor's metal chimneys will be adjusted upwards but will not be visible from street level; and

WHEREAS the solid brick parapet at 109 conceals the mechanical equipment from surrounding buildings; and

WHEREAS a new metal fence will be installed at 111-113; and

WHEREAS roof heights vary from 59' – 10 7/8" at 111-113 to 75'-7 1/2" at 109; and

WHEREAS the elevator, located in 113, will be extended; and

WHEREAS the top of the elevator bulkhead will be 84'-10 7/8" in height; and

WHEREAS the elevator bulkhead will not be visible from the east but will be visible from the west; and

WHEREAS the tying together of the three buildings will improve the operations of the school; and

WHEREAS the changes to 109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 are substantive; and

WHEREAS the proposed changes to 109 East 73rd Street and 111-113 are not appropriate and contextual within the historic district; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **DISAPPROVED**.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 26 in favor, 10 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: Metropolitan Museum of Art (Individual Landmark) – Metropolitan Museum of Art – A Beaux-Arts style building designed by numerous architects, chiefly, Calvert Vaux and Jacob Wrey Mould who designed the initial Ruskinian Gothic structure of the MET, and constructed in the 1880s, with additions throughout the 2000s. Application is to replace public arrival wayfinding signage in the Fifth Avenue Plaza and the Great Hall.

WHEREAS 1000 Fifth Avenue is a museum complex (The Metropolitan Museum of Art) on the west side of Fifth Avenue between 80th and 84th Streets; and

WHEREAS the Museum is an Individual Landmark, and Interior Landmark and sits within the Central Park Scenic Landmark District; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to replace existing signage at the entrances to the museum and within the Great Hall with a new “family” of signage types; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the proposed new signage is to facilitate movement into and through the museum, reduce visual “clutter” through standardization and consistent color for each sign type and to provide vital information about exhibitions; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes for the Great Hall an interactive screen display at the information desk, large District Identification banners at the three entrance porticos, directional pylons at the porticos, amenity ID banners (Tickets, Gift Shop, etc), and smaller direction ID signs mounted to the walls; and

WHEREAS the attachments for the signs will minimally interfere with the stone and the banners will be narrower so as not to detract from the columns at each of the porticos; and

WHEREAS the exterior signage will include a large banner at the “main” entrance, two smaller banners at the 81st and 83rd street entrances, and a number of directional pylons at the entrances; and

WHEREAS new signage will, by its hierarchical nature and its consistent color scheme, aid the visitor; and

WHEREAS the Committee generally approved of the scheme with some reservations as to the number of signs and some concern over the quantity of exterior signage; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, this application is APPROVED as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 3: 710-712 Madison Avenue (Upper East Side Historic District) – Michel Franck, Spacesmith – An Italianate/Neo-Grec style building designed by Gage Inslee and constructed in 1871. Application is for storefront replacement and infill of non-historic window openings.

WHEREAS Graff, the owner of the building and also the retailer using the first and second floors, seeks to redesign the two-story base; and

WHEREAS the base of the building has non-historic windows; and

WHEREAS the changes to the storefront will have no impact on the historic fabric; and

WHEREAS the two buildings are painted a light color; and

WHEREAS the existing infill between the piers is dark; and

WHEREAS the proposed redesign widens the piers within the storefronts; and

WHEREAS the new piers will be travertine and new metal window frames will be light in color, close in color to the travertine; and

WHEREAS the new stair at the western end of the store will be set behind the solid wall at the western end of the storefront; and

WHEREAS the window at the stair will be obscured with a film on the back of the glass; and

WHEREAS the new metal and glass door at the western end of the store on East 63rd Street will be recessed; and

WHEREAS the stone-balanced door at the northern end of the 712 building will enable egress from the exit stair for the residential floors; and

WHEREAS the main entrance will be on Madison Avenue in the center of the 710 building; and

WHEREAS the main entrance will have a pair of metal and glass doors; and

WHEREAS the spandrel panels are at the height of the second floor; and

WHEREAS the spandrel panels allow for single and double-height spaces; and

WHEREAS showcases with internal lighting are built into the two faces of the corner pier and the pier on the northern side of the entrance doors; and

WHEREAS vitrines with internal lighting are set behind all windows; and

WHEREAS signs on spandrel panels are nine inches high; and

WHEREAS each of the two signs on the upper bands on Madison Avenue and East 63rd Street are 11" high; and

WHEREAS new metal windows on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors replicate wood windows including brick moldings; and

WHEREAS the upper three floors will be painted a buff color to closely match the color of the travertine; and

WHEREAS there will be awnings on the upper three floors and over the window on the second floor above the single door; and

WHEREAS the awnings will be similar in color to the buff-colored masonry; and

WHEREAS awnings will not have signs; and

WHEREAS the exterior of the building will not be lit; and

WHEREAS the storefronts at the base of the building are separated by a reveal; and

WHEREAS the elimination of the dark glass infill, the use of clear glass, the use of travertine for the wider piers, and the lighter overall palette for the building, will create a more inviting storefront; and

WHEREAS the proposed design is appropriate and contextual within the historic district;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 4: **985 Fifth Avenue (Metropolitan Museum Historic District) – Metropolitan Museum Historic District – A No-Style building designed by Wechsler & Schimenti and constructed in 1970. Application is for a demolition of existing building and construction of a new building.**

WHEREAS 985 Fifth Avenue is a no-style apartment building designed by Wechsler & Schimenti and constructed in 1970; and

WHEREAS 985 5th Avenue is now a balconied 25-story apartment building of glass and glazed brick; 985 Fifth Avenue replaced three town houses which had stood on the site; #985, known as one of the Brokaw mansions, #986 and #987; and

WHEREAS the applicant is requesting a Certificate of Appropriateness for a new design for 985 Fifth Avenue so that the applicant may take advantage of City of Yes impact on the New York City Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS the City of Yes as-of-right changes to the previously Landmarks Preservation Commission approved application include (1) better alignment of the street wall with the building's neighbor to the north, (2) ability to add a new floor so that the number of floors increases from 19 to 20 floors, (3) making the crown much more symmetrical, and (4) paying \$7M into an affordable housing fund; and

WHEREAS since 985 Fifth Avenue is within a "Park Improvement District", FAR has been increased from 10 FAR to 12 FAR allowing the applicant to increase the height of the new building from 210' to 235' not including the bulkhead; the new bulkhead increases the height to 264'; and

WHEREAS there is also a reduction in the rear yard requirement; now only a 20' rear yard is required; the reduced requirement for the rear yard also allows for more floor area; and

WHEREAS the previous asymmetrical crown of 985 Fifth Avenue is now changed into a more symmetrical crown with the mechanical equipment more elegantly concealed; at the crown at the north facade the flues are now encased in limestone and there is Renaissance revival detailing in the new elegant grillwork for both the west facing, east facing and north facing sides of the crown which allow for more light and shadow; and

WHEREAS the applicant, with the redesign, can carry/ align the cornice line to the Emery Roth designed 993 Fifth Avenue, the adjacent building at the north; this becomes possible as floor height dimensions are teased from floor to floor; (Note that most floors have been increased in height in the new design and the depth of the building has been extended because of the increase in FAR plus the reduction in the rear yard requirement.); and

WHEREAS 985 Fifth Avenue at the north corner of the building is held back so that the Emery Roth rope detailing at the south corner of 993 Fifth Avenue remains visible and also allows for the alignment of the cornice and parapet;

WHEREAS with an intermediate shading of the limestone, a silhouette of the Brokaw mansion will now be visible at the south elevation; and

WHEREAS the new as-of-right improvements to 985 Fifth Avenue are to be applauded over the July 2023 application especially the not-perfectly symmetrical symmetry at the crown and the alignment of the cornice with 993 Fifth Avenue; stretching the building up has helped it since it extends the building skyward; and

WHEREAS PLEASE REFER TO THE JULY 2023 ATTACHED RESOLUTION FOR A FULLER DESCRIPTION OF THE BUILDING DESIGN, INCLUDING THE SIGNATURE ATTENTION TO DETAIL AND WHIMSEY THAT ARE HALLMARKS OF STUDIO SOFIELD; and

WHEREAS this resolution only addresses design changes now allowed through the City of Yes in addition to the centering of the elegantly designed new crown;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this application is **APPROVED** as presented.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 33 in favor, 7 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 5: **75 East 77th Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – A.O.R. HS2 Architecture – A Renaissance revival/Neo-Renaissance style building designed by Alexander M. Welch and constructed in 1898. Application is for enlarging exiting windows in non-historic third floor front facade on 77th Street.**

WHEREAS 75 East 77th Street is a former carriage house converted to a residence on the north side of 77th Street between Madison and Park Avenues; and

WHEREAS the original structure is largely intact with the exception of a one-story rooftop addition built in 1971 and consisting of a stucco surface with two pairs of aluminum windows directly above the windows below; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes to enlarge the existing openings at this 1971 rooftop addition by raising the head of the windows by 16 inches and to replace the existing windows with a continuous band of new aluminum casement and fixed windows painted to match the existing stucco wall; and

WHEREAS two of the fixed windows will be shadowboxed so as to mask the wall behind them enhancing the impression of continuous studio windows; and

WHEREAS the applicant proposes no changes to the existing historic structure; and

WHEREAS the alteration will be somewhat masked by the original deeply projecting cornice and not completely visible from the street; and

WHEREAS the Committee noted that the addition from 1971 was particularly unsympathetic to the historic fabric in both material and form; and

WHEREAS the Committee noted that the alterations proposed improve somewhat the current “penthouse”; and

WHEREAS some Committee members expressed the wish that the applicant had made a more significant change to the 1971 addition to enhance rather than contrast with the historic fabric;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT this application is **APPROVED as presented.**

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

C. Transportation Committee – Craig Lader and Charles Warren, Co-Chairs

TR-1: Item 1

TR-2: Item 2

Item 1: Lexington Avenue Bus Lane modifications between East 60th and East 52nd Streets

WHEREAS; New York City Department of Transportation is proposing the creation of an offset bus lane between East 60th Street and East 52nd Street; and

WHEREAS; the proposed offset bus lane would continue the lane configuration on Lexington Avenue that NYCDOT installed between East 96th Street and East 60th Street in 2019; and

WHEREAS; the offset bus lane will replace an existing curbside bus lane that is often blocked by vehicles conducting loading and unloading activity, and will free up the curbside for other essential uses; and

WHEREAS, the segment of Lexington Avenue between East 60th and East 52nd Streets has high rates of vehicular crashes and resulting injuries; and

WHEREAS; although there will be one less general traffic lane between 60th and 52nd Streets, the offsetting reduction in traffic that has resulted from Congestion Pricing implementation allows for sufficient lane capacity to allow the bus lane to be installed; and

WHEREAS; the proposed offset bus lane is expected to provide faster and more reliable bus service benefits for the 71,000 passengers that use the eight routes that operate along Lexington Avenue and the 6,000 passengers that ride through this segment; and

WHEREAS; buses operating along the Lexington Avenue Corridor are part of the MTA’s Automated Camera Enforcement that will ticket vehicles blocking the bus lane; and

WHEREAS; NYCDOT will analyze the impacts of the changes to develop future potential changes to curbside parking regulations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **APPROVES**, as presented, the NYCDOT proposal to install an offset bus lane on Lexington Avenue between East 60th Street and East 52nd Street.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

Item 2: Revocable Consent Request – 132 East 70th Street

WHEREAS; the property owner of 132 East 70th Street is seeking a revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a fenced-in area; and

WHEREAS; the proposed fenced-in area would extend 4'4" from the building; and

WHEREAS; due to the presence of tree pits, the resulting sidewalk clearance for pedestrians would be as little as 5'3"; and

WHEREAS; the proposed walled-in area was perceived as providing minimal public benefit and as a giveaway of public space to private interests;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8 Manhattan **DISAPPROVES** a Revocable Consent Application to construct, maintain, and use a fenced-in area at 132 East 70th Street.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

D. Sanitation and Environment Committee – Sahar Husain and Addeson Lehv, Co-Chairs

SE-1: Item 1

Item 1: Resolution in Support of Increased Efforts to Remedy Dog Waste on the Street

WHEREAS New York City Council Member Julie Menin has supported dog waste disposal bags availability around garbage cans (Int 0281-2024); and

WHEREAS dog waste on streets and tree beds pose health risks, including infections, parasites, allergies, and skin rashes, and can help spread harmful bacteria Giardia, E. coli, Staph, Cryptosporidium, Campylobacter, Helicobacter; and

WHEREAS these health concerns are exacerbated for high-risk groups like children, those who are frequently outdoors, and immunocompromised individuals; and

WHEREAS improperly disposed dog waste may aggravate the rodent issue in the district because there are nutrients in dog waste that may attract rats and other pests; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to pass legislation to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city districts;

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges city and state representatives to provide resources in the budget to the New York City Department of Transportation and New York City Sanitation Department to install and refill dispensers on public litter baskets in city neighborhoods. We also call on increased creative educational campaigns and enforcement of inflation-adjusted fines surrounding dog waste. We urge a cultural mindset that recognizes our shared responsibility to keep our neighborhood and city clean.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 8 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

E. Roosevelt Island Committee – Paul Krikler, Chair

RI-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Calling on the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal for the F to the M train service changes**

A substitute motion to disapprove this resolution failed to pass by a vote of 10 in favor, 29 opposed, 0 abstentions and 0 not voting for cause.

WHEREAS Roosevelt Island residents have voiced long-standing complaints about significant overcrowding on the F train, especially during peak hours; and

WHEREAS the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has announced a plan to swap the routes of the F and M subway lines on weekdays, with the M train serving Roosevelt Island during peak hours only; and

WHEREAS the M train, which is proposed to replace the F train on weekdays, generally operates on a less frequent schedule than the F train, raising concerns about potential longer wait times and reduced service frequency for Roosevelt Island commuters; and

WHEREAS the new service pattern would significantly worsen airport access for Roosevelt Island residents by eliminating express F train connection to the Q70 bus for LaGuardia Airport; and

WHEREAS the MTA's proposal introduces a complex and confusing service pattern where the F train serves Roosevelt Island on nights and weekends, while the M train serves the island during weekdays, which will likely cause rider confusion and inconvenience; and

WHEREAS the MTA's stated rationale for the swap—improving system-wide reliability by eliminating a track merge—prioritizes the convenience of a wider system at the expense of a localized and significant detriment to Roosevelt Island's transportation access and quality of life;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Manhattan Community Board 8 formally opposes the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) proposed weekday F and M subway line swap; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we call upon the MTA to rescind its current plan and develop a revised proposal that equitably addresses the subway needs of Roosevelt Island residents.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 35 in favor, 3 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.

F. Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee – Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs

HSSS-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright, Chair of the NYS Committee on Aging will discuss the NYS Master Plan on Aging**

WHEREAS Community Board 8 Manhattan district has the fastest growing senior population; and

WHEREAS The New York State Master Plan for Aging will address the needs of older adults's quality of life; and

WHEREAS New York State needs funding for this proposal to be implemented;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan urges the NYS Legislature to fund the Master Plan for Aging proposals.

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 4 opposed, 7 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

G. Parks and Waterfront Committee – Felice Farber and Judy Schneider, Co-Chairs

PW-1: Item 1

Item 1: **Presentation of a revised plan for the reconstruction of 24 Sycamores Park by the Parks Department.**

WHEREAS the Parks Department presented a revised plan for the restoration of 24 Sycamores Park based on feedback from the community and Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS the presentation covered many areas for all ages: new climbing equipment, all types of swings, basketball, handball, pickleball, fitness equipment, seating areas, game tables, better access for people with disabilities to the park, and restoration of trees and added greenery; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the proposed restoration of the missing trees from 24 Sycamores Park, as well as the use of rat deterrent plants; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the ramp accessing the upper and lower level, as well as changing the stairs for walking and sitting in keeping with the design in Andrew Haswell Green Park; and

WHEREAS the Parks & Waterfront Committee supports the changes in the handball courts, the addition of a climbing wall and fitness equipment on the south side, and the painted games for children on the pavement on the north side of the wall, when handball or tennis is not being played; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the plan presented by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for the reconstruction of 24 Sycamores Park with the following recommended changes:

- We strongly support the shared space with the basketball and pickleball superimposed on one another, given the existing positive interactions and cooperation between these user groups at the park. However, we recommend that the pickleball courts be turned in the north/south direction so that one basketball court and one pickleball court can be used at the same time. Parks agreed to look into the feasibility of this suggestion and to paint the lines on the courts with contrasting colors so that each sport will be clearly delineated. They also agreed to show us the changes. (If the drawing is ready by the full board meeting on October 22nd, they will forward it to Community Associate Jon Kraus at the board office for the meeting.)
- Parks should work with the pickleball group to provide a storage container and location for pickleball nets and equipment.
- We would like the Parks Department to install wire hooks on the 16-foot fence with baskets for pickleball paddles.
- We request Parks review the upper-level arrangement of the tables and chairs and, if possible, add an additional swing.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Community Board 8 Manhattan is very concerned about the repair of the plumbing lines for the park house, which have been out of use for over a year. The Parks Department should make this a priority and report back to Community Board 8 Manhattan on the status of this issue now that we have the estimated cost.

Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

H. Budget Committee – Gayle Baron and Felice Farber, Co-Chairs

Budget-1: Item 1

Item 1: **The District Needs Statement priorities**

Community Board 8 Manhattan approved the FY26 District Need Statement and Budget Priorities by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.

12. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed.

13. **New Business**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:27 PM.

Valerie S. Mason, Chair

Name	Attendance	LU-1 (Org)	LU-1 (Revote)	LU-1 (Sub)	LU-2	SL-1	SL-2	SL-3	SL-4	SL-5	SL-6	SL-7	LM-1	LM-2	LM-3	LM-4	LM-5	TR-1	TR-2	SE-1	RI-1 (Sub)	RI-1 (Org)	HSSS-1	PW-1	Budget-1
ANDERSON, MICHAEL	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ANGELOS, BILL	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
ASHBY, ELIZABETH	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AVISSAR, DANIELLE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BARON, P. GAYLE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
BIRNBAUM, MICHELE	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
BORES, LORI ANN	Virtual	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
BORRERO, TAINA	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CAMP, ALIDA	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
CHU, SARAH	Virtual	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
COHN, ANTHONY	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
COLEMAN, SAUNDREA	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
CORMACK, LINDSEY	Present	Yes	Abst	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes					
FALKSON, DJ	Excused																								
FARBER, FELICE	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
FINK, MILES	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HALLUM CLARKE, SEBASTIAN	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes
HARTZOG, EDWARD	Present		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HELPERN, DAVID P.	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HERSHENSON, BRADLEY	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HUSAIN, SAHAR	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
JOHNSON, WILMA	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abst	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
KRIKLER, PAUL	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
LADER, CRAIG	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
LEHV, ADDESON	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MASON, VALERIE	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Abst	Yes
MC CLEMENT, JOHN	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MEYERSON, EVAN	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
MICHAELS, JENNIFER	Absent																								
PARSHALL, JANE	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
PHILIPS, JOHN	Present	Yes	Abst	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
POPE-MARSHALL, SHARON	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
PRICE, MARGARET	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
ROSE, ELIZABETH	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abst	No	No	Abst	Yes	Yes
RUDDER, BARBARA	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SALCEDO, ABRAHAM	Excused																								
SANCHEZ, WILLIAM	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SCHNEIDER, JUDY	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SELIGSON, ROBIN	Virtual	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SELLAM, SACHA	Excused																								
SELWAY, KIMBERLY	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SEAY, DAYNE	Absent																								
SQUIRE, RUSSELL	Excused																								
STEIN, TODD	Present	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
TAMAYO, MARCO	Present	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Abst	Yes	Yes
WALD, ADAM	Excused																								
WARREN, CHARLES	Excused																								
WEINBERGER, SAM	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
WEINER, SHARON	Excused																								
Total Yes		26	13	25	40	39	39	39	40	39	25	39	26	37	40	33	35	39	40	29	10	35	28	39	39
Total No		13	25	13	0	1	1	1	0	1	15	1	10	3	0	7	5	1	0	8	29	3	4	0	0
Total Abstain		0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	7	0	0
Total Not Vote For Cause		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Votes	37 -- Quorum	39	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	39	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	39	39	39	39	39