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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Full Board**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Wednesday, February 18, 2026 - 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, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taina Borrero, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Saundra Coleman, Lindsey Cormack, DJ Falkson, Felice Farber, Miles Fink, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Edward Hartzog, David Helpern, Bradley Hershenson, Wilma Johnson, Craig Lader, Addeson Lehv, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson, Sacha Sellam, Kimberly Selway, Dayne Slay, Russell Squire, Todd Stein, Marco Tamayo, Charles Warren, Sam Weinberger, and Sharon Weiner.

**Community Board Members Virtual:** Sahar Husain (Religious Observance).

**Community Board Members Absent (Excused):** P. Gayle Baron, Paul Krikler, Evan Meyerson, Jane Parshall, Sharon Pope-Marshall, and Barbara Rudder.

**Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused):** Jennifer Michaels, John Philips, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, and Adam Wald.

**Total Attendance: 38**

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

**1. Public Session**

- Andrew Rosenthal spoke on behalf of Stop the Chop NY/NJ in favor of the Transportation Committee resolution to limit helicopter noise.
- Jenette Von Wild Goldman spoke in favor of expanding Spanish language education in schools.
- Theresa Bernero spoke on behalf of St Joseph's School in favor of their Street Fair application.
- Zora Boyadzhieva spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Judith Berdy spoke on behalf of the Roosevelt Island Historical Society in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Kamen Kresnitchki spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Kalin Kresnitchki spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Nick Brenner spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Greg Huchko spoke on behalf of New York Public Library about upcoming programs.
- Dan Moran spoke to request more information about a potential shelter opening on Third Avenue.
- Evelyn David spoke in favor of more snow removal following the winter storms.
- Matthew Bauer spoke on behalf of the Madison Avenue BID to update on new businesses.
- Shelah Leader spoke behalf of Stop the Chop NY/NJ in favor of the Transportation Committee resolution to limit helicopter noise.
- Elizabeth Chow spoke in favor of the Transportation Committee resolution to limit helicopter noise.

- Tibor Krisko spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Emanuella Grinberg spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Francesco Maura spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Benedict Duffy spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Starlite Harris spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Ian Vera spoke in opposition to the lease terms of the proposed shelter at 1114 First Avenue.
- Lydia Tang spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Amy Namdar spoke in favor of the Roosevelt Island Committee resolution to call for a halt in demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Plant.
- Nancy Sepe spoke in opposition to the number of beds proposed at the shelter at 1114 First Avenue.
- Dylan Jeronimo Kennedy spoke in favor of the proposed shelter at 1114 First Avenue.
- Andrew Fine spoke in opposition to year-round Dining Out proposals, parking meters, universal daylighting, painted roadways as sidewalk designations, blocking street parking with trash, the green wave situation on Third Avenue, and e-bikes.
- Lo Van der Valk spoke on behalf of Carnegie Hill Neighbors in favor of revised plans for MSK construction.
- Stephanie Reckler spoke on behalf of the Committee to Protect our Lenox Hill Neighborhood in opposition to the proposed Lenox Hill Hospital construction.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The agenda was adopted.
3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – The minutes from the January meeting were adopted.
4. **Manhattan Borough President’s Report**

Manhattan Borough President’s Office Representative Yiyi Wang reported on the office’s latest initiatives and updates.

5. **Elected Officials’ Reports**

- Assembly Member Alex Bores
- State Senator José Serrano
- Congressman Jerry Nadler
- District Attorney Alvin Bragg
- City Council Speaker Julie Menin
- Council Member Virginia Maloney
- State Senator Liz Krueger
- Assembly Member Rebecca Seawright

6. **Chair’s Report – Valerie S. Mason**

Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.

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

District Manager Ian McKnight gave his report.

8. **Committee Reports and Action Items**

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

- SL-1: Items 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 1F – Unanimous Approvals to the SLA
- SL-2: Item 2A
- SL-3: Item 2A Revote
- SL-4: Item 2B

SL-5: Item 3A  
SL-6: Item 3B  
SL-7: Item 3C - Approval (Failed)  
SL-8: Item 3C Substitute Disapproval

**Item 1A: Treadwell Park LLC, dba Treadwell Park, 1125 First Avenue (Between East 61st and East 62nd Streets) 30-Day Waiver for the Renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a 30-Day Waiver for a Renewal 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 1B: Heidi's House LLC, dba Heidi's House by the Side of the Road, 308 East 78th Street (Between Second and First Avenues) 30- Day Waiver for an Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property for a Wine, Beer and Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a 30-Day Waiver for an Alteration for a 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: UES Tavern LLC, dba N/A, 181 East 73rd Street (Between Lexington and Third Avenues) 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 provide that Certificate of Occupancy authorizes an occupancy of up to 135 persons, the applicant shall be required to obtain and maintain a valid Public Assembly Permit in order to operate lawfully; 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 1D: Linda's at Madison Inc, dba N/A, 44 East 92nd Street (Between Madison and Park Avenues) New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License**

WHEREAS this is a New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a 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 1E: Caffetteria LLC, dba N/A, 1827 Second Avenue (Between East 94th and East 95th Streets) 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 1F: Ashhill Inc, dba The Raven Pub, 1471 First Avenue (Between East 76th and East 77th Streets) 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.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved these resolutions by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Item 2A: Nectar Restaurant Corp, dba Nectar, 1090 Madison Avenue (Between East 81st and East 82nd Streets) New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Enclosed – 12 Tables and 24 Chairs**

**Community Board 8 Manhattan initially approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause. Following a presentation, another motion to approve was introduced.**

**WHEREAS** this is a New Application to the Department of Transportation for an Enclosed Sidewalk Café – 12 Tables and 24 Chairs; 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 33 in favor, 5 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Item 2B: Sato Inc, dba Mole Cantina Mexicana, 1735 Second Avenue (Between East 89th and East 90th Streets) 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 a stipulation that fliers were posted before the meeting and pictures will be sent to the board office; 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 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Item 3A: Weedish LLC, dba Bliss + Lex, 128 East 86th Street (Between Park and Lexington Avenues) Renewal of an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License**

**WHEREAS** this is a renewal application for a retail dispensary; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant agreed a change to frosted windows in the front of the store; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations; 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 27 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Item 3B: Carnegie Hill Cannabis Co, dba N/A, 1720 Second Avenue (Between East 89th and East 90th Streets) Renewal of an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License**

WHEREAS this is a renewal application for a retail dispensary; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations; 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 27 in favor, 11 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**Item 3C: Bellerose Migrant Center LLC, dba N/A, 1625 Second Avenue (Between East 84th and East 85th Streets) Application to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License**

**A motion to approve this application was introduced but failed to pass by a vote of 11 in favor, 24 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**A substitute motion to disapprove was introduced.**

WHEREAS this is a new application for a retail dispensary; and

WHEREAS no one from the public objected; and

WHEREAS the concentration of cannabis retail establishments in this vicinity has raised concerns among community members regarding over-saturation of this commercial corridor; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to Community Board 8's stipulations; 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 24 in favor, 11 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

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

TR-1: Item 1 (York Avenue Traffic Study)

TR-2: Item 2 (MTA Open Stroller Program Expansion Request)

TR-3: Item 3 (Ban on Non-Essential Helicopter Flights)

**Item 1: York Avenue Traffic Study**

WHEREAS, in 2020, CB8M requested NYCDOT conduct a comprehensive study of York Avenue traffic operations, initially focused on the segment between 59th and 79th Streets, which was later expanded to cover the entire corridor from 59th to 96th Streets; and

WHEREAS, NYCDOT secured funding and initiated the project in early 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, in April 2025, CB8M requested postponement of data collection due to ongoing DDC water/sewer construction work in the lower 60s and concerns about inaccurate data resulting from changed travel behaviors; and

**WHEREAS**, NYCDOT accommodated the CB8M request to delay traffic data collection; and

**WHEREAS**, the DDC water/sewer project work remains incomplete but is expected to be completed by June 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Memorial Sloan Kettering construction affects one block of York Avenue between 66th and 67th Streets; and

**WHEREAS**, NYC DOT has advised that time is of the essence due to budget constraints and the risk that funding may need to be reallocated if the study is further delayed; and

**WHEREAS**, DOT has confirmed the study must be conducted across the entire corridor simultaneously to ensure accurate data collection, as traffic patterns vary daily and segmented data collection would not provide reliable results;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan requests that NYCDOT resume the York Avenue Traffic Study and related data collection from 59th Street to 96th Street as soon as feasible, weather permitting.

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

Item 2: **MTA Open Stroller Program Expansion Request**

**WHEREAS**, the MTA's Open Stroller Program was introduced in 2023 and currently allows open strollers on certain bus routes in Community District 8 (M15, M101, 102, 103, and Q32) with designated stroller areas on buses; and

**WHEREAS**, each bus in the program has one designated spot for a single stroller, with clear exterior signage, separate from wheelchair accessibility areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Open Stroller Pilot Program has shown over 90% satisfaction in surveys and the MTA plans to make it permanent; and

**WHEREAS**, many bus routes serving Community District 8 are not included in the program, including the M1, M2, M3, M4, M31, M66, M72, M79, M86, M98, and Q102, making it difficult for families with young children to access transportation, particularly on cross-town routes and avenues such as Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue, and the far East Side; and

**WHEREAS**, families depend on public transportation for medical appointments, childcare, and daily activities, and cannot always afford car services or walk extreme distances; and

**WHEREAS**, many subway stations lack elevator access, making buses the primary transportation mode for families with strollers; and

**WHEREAS**, clear signage and program rules will help ensure proper use and awareness among all passengers; and

**WHEREAS**, open stroller policies on buses help promote affordability and mobility for Community District 8 families, and contribute to the District's desirability as a place for families to reside;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan calls on the MTA to expand the bus Open Stroller Program Pilot to allow open strollers on all bus routes in Community District 8 and ensure there is clear signage about the rules of the program.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 28 in favor, 3 opposed, 7 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 3: **Ban on Non-Essential Helicopter Flights**

**WHEREAS**, Stop the Chop NY/NJ is advocating for a ban on non-essential helicopter flights over New York City; and

**WHEREAS**, helicopter noise increasingly impacts residents across New York City, including Community District 8; and

**WHEREAS**, three heliports in Manhattan are owned by taxpayers and generate significant helicopter traffic, including the Downtown Skyport with approximately 35,000 operations per year; and

**WHEREAS**, New York City Local Law 64 was passed into law in 2025 to regulate noisy helicopters, but does not take effect until December 2029; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor has authority to close the two East River city-owned heliports, which would eliminate approximately half of metropolitan area helicopter flights; and

**WHEREAS**, federal legislation has been introduced that would ban non-essential helicopter flights within 20 miles of the Statue of Liberty, with bipartisan support; and

**WHEREAS**, proposed bans would not affect news, police, medical, military, or government helicopters, only tourist and charter flights; and

**WHEREAS**, helicopter crashes pose safety risks to New York City residents;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the recommendations of Stop the Chop NY/NJ and calls on the mayor to take actions within his authority regarding city-owned heliports to reduce non-essential helicopter use; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports federal legislation to ban non-essential helicopter flights within 20 miles of the Statue of Liberty.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 29 in favor, 4 opposed, 2 abstentions, and 2 not voting for cause.**

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

LM-1: Item 1 (700 Park Avenue #20A)

LM-2: Item 2 (48 East 73rd Street)

LM-3: Item 3 (168 East 75th Street)

Item 1: **700 Park Avenue #20A**

**WHEREAS** 700 Park Avenue is a brick-clad building with masonry openings for windows; and

**WHEREAS** the typical arrangement of windows within a masonry opening is a picture window with a double hung window either side; and

**WHEREAS** there is a setback on the 19th floor that steps back on the 20th floor; and

**WHEREAS** each of the two window arrangements in the 19th floor setback is a picture window with a casement on one side; and

**WHEREAS** the existing window arrangement in the masonry opening in 20A is the typical arrangement with a picture window in the middle and a double hung window either side; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant seeks to replace the existing window arrangement in 20A with a large picture window and a casement on one side; and

**WHEREAS** the proportions for the proposed window arrangement are derived by combining the existing picture window with one side window to create the larger picture window; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed casement window matches the size of an existing double hung window; and

**WHEREAS** the proposed window arrangement in 20A will match the window arrangement below and will be the mirror image of the other window arrangement below; and

**WHEREAS** the texture of the building comes from the standard size masonry openings with the picture window and double hung windows either side; and

**WHEREAS** the two existing window arrangements in the setback do not detract from the texture of the façade; and

**WHEREAS** replacing the existing window in 20A with the proposed picture window and casement window combination will not detract from the texture of the façade;

**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, 2 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 2: **48 East 73rd Street**

**WHEREAS** 48 East 73rd Street sits midblock between Madison and Park Avenues on the south side of 73rd Street; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to restore the façade to as near to its 1911 condition as possible; and

**WHEREAS** to that end, the applicant proposes to replace the windows on the principal façade with new wood windows; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to restore the original metalwork on the facade; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to strip the painted finish at the entry floor, exposing and restoring the original limestone – if too badly damaged, coating with limestone stucco; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes remove the plaster arched transoms above the new French doors and replace them with radiating-mullioned windows, restoring those second-floor openings to what the applicant surmises was their original condition; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant further proposes to recreate the original cornice and balustrade in cast stone replacing a cornice modified over time; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to remove a greenhouse structure added some time after 1940, creating a balcony space at the balustrade level, and replacing the rough plaster wall with brick matching the color of the 1911 façade while introducing new wood windows to the existing rooftop space; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes removing a dilapidated rear yard addition; and

**WHEREAS** further proposes new wood windows in existing openings on the garden side, with the exception of a new double-height window at the rear of the narrow rear yard extension; and

**WHEREAS** Committee members recognized the sincere efforts of the applicant and their architect to restore the building to its 1911 condition; and

**WHEREAS** to that end, the Committee applauds the decision to replace the windows with new wood windows, despite possible issues related to maintenance; and

**WHEREAS** Committee members noted that in contrast to many projects that come before this Committee, applicant proposes to reduce the overall area of the building;

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

**Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 3: **168 East 75th Street**

**WHEREAS** 168 East 75th Street is the westernmost of a group of five residences built as speculative brownstones in 1880-81 and converted to “automobile stables” in 1902; the five houses were constructed in the “Arts & Crafts” style; and

**WHEREAS** this group formed the first group of private garages in New York City; and

**WHEREAS** sometime between the 1940 tax photos and the historic district designation in 1910 the street facades underwent a variety of alterations while maintaining the basic character of the group; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes that the precedent for the application is 170 East 75th Street where there is an addition completed in 2012 by the same architect; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to alter the street facade of 168 East 75th Street by removing the air conditioning sleeves, patching the brick with matching masonry units, replacing all existing windows with metal-clad wood matching the original muntin pattern, enlarging the garage from 8’ to 8’8”, and widening the entrance door from 28” to 32”; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant has now removed the two proposed windows (refer to attached December 2025 resolution) flanking the central arched opening at the second floor; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes to add two floors at the roof; the two additional floors will present as sloping back 5’ from the parapet so that the addition is not too far forward at 25’8” from the parapet; and

**WHEREAS** the two-story addition will add 1300 sq. ft. – 850 sq. ft. at the new 5th floor and 450 sq. ft. at the new 6th floor; and

**WHEREAS** the full 5th floor measures 17’ wide x 59’ long; the 6th floor will be smaller with two terraces at the front and rear; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant proposes a slate roof and slate cladding on the slope of the 2-story addition to match existing roof material; and

**WHEREAS** at the rear elevation at the ground floor and at the second floor, the existing configuration of stucco and windows will be replaced with a glass curtain wall; a previous addition at the ground floor that extends to the lot line will have an alcove subtracted into it to create a door to the outside leading to a small courtyard; and

**WHEREAS** 168 East 75th Street is now 46’1” high; the addition increases the height to 63’ at the top of the 6th floor; the height increases to 67’ with the bulkhead at 4’; and

**WHEREAS** the addition is minimally visible from the public way; and

**WHEREAS** at the rear elevation the window sizes and location for the two-story rooftop addition will be taken from the lower floors; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant is to be commended for returning to the Landmarks Committee with a revised application that takes into account comments made at the previous presentation; and

**WHEREAS** Committee members continue to state their preference for historical accuracy by replacing the windows with wood rather than aluminum; and

**WHEREAS** Committee members recognize the continued unity of the five-building ensemble and find that the new application continues to disturb that unity and would continue to erode the historical integrity of the streetscape; and

**WHEREAS** Committee members continue to object to the height and mass of the proposed rooftop addition; the height and massing disrupt the visual integrity of the street wall and presents as a vertical intrusion and appears to be almost 1/2 the building;

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

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 31 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

**D. Roosevelt Island Committee – Paul Krikler, Chair**

RI-1: Item 1 (Roosevelt Island Steam Power Plant)

**Item 1: Opposition to demolition of the Roosevelt Island Steam Power Plant at 5 East Main Street absent transparency, public process, and evaluation of reasonable alternatives**

**WHEREAS** the City is proceeding toward demolition of the former steam power plant located at 5 East Main Street, New York, NY 10044, a major industrial structure situated in immediate proximity to residences and key public infrastructure on Roosevelt Island; and

**WHEREAS** public statements indicate demolition will commence in the near term as part of a broader planning effort for the future of the site; and

**WHEREAS** public reporting indicates that an emergency order has been cited as a basis for demolition and that HPD is managing the work for this City-owned structure; and

**WHEREAS** Roosevelt Island’s geography and constrained access routes mean that demolition activity—especially trucking, staging, dust-generating work, vibration, and noise—can have outsized impacts on resident health, safety, daily mobility, and emergency access; and

**WHEREAS** residents and stakeholders have reported that key information has not been made readily available in a timely, centralized, and responsive manner, including (but not limited to): the demolition scope and sequencing, contractor selection and oversight approach, hazardous-material survey findings and abatement plans, air/noise/vibration monitoring plans, and transportation/logistics plans (including debris removal methods); and

**WHEREAS** residents are very concerned about exposure to noxious and toxic materials from the emergency demolition work already started; and

**WHEREAS** residents and stakeholders have also raised concerns that reasonable alternatives to full demolition may not have been transparently presented, evaluated, or compared through a public, evidencebased cost/benefit and risk/mitigation process (including stabilization, partial deconstruction, façade retention or other approaches that could reduce near-term harms while preserving optionality for future site planning);

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan opposes proceeding with demolition as currently structured and communicated, and calls upon HPD, in coordination with relevant City and State agencies, to pause any demolition work beyond immediate, narrowly tailored safety stabilization;

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Community Board 8 Manhattan urges that any final decision-making for the site—including whether components of the structure could be adaptively reused or preserved—occur only within a planning process that clearly centers the short- and long-term interests of Roosevelt Island residents and the broader community.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 1 not voting for cause.**

**E. Street Fairs Committee – Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs**

SF-1: Items 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 28, 29, 30, 31 – Unanimous Approvals

SF-2: Item 2

SF-3: Item 3

SF-4: Item 6

SF-5: Item 20

SF-6: Item 23

SF-7: Item 25

SF-8: Item 26

SF-8: Item 27 – Unanimous Approval

Item 1: **Central Park Precinct Community Block Party (Sponsored by Central Park Precinct Community Council)** — Full Street Closure at East 60th Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, Sunday 9/27/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Central Park Precinct Community Block Party application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 4: **The Dalton School Spring Fair (Sponsored by The Dalton School)** — Full Street Closure at East 91st Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue, Friday 5/22/2026, from 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Dalton School Spring Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 5: **2026 Spring Fling (Sponsored by PS 267/PTA)** — Full Street Closure at East 63rd Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue, Sunday 5/3/2026, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 2026 Spring Fling application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 7: **Hunter College Elementary School Spring Carnival (Sponsored by Hunter College Elementary School PTA)** — Full Street Closure at East 95th Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue, Saturday 5/16/2026, from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Hunter College Elementary School Spring Carnival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 8: **Lexington Avenue Fair (Sponsored by 19th Precinct Community Council)** — Full Street Closure at Lexington Avenue between East 79th Street and East 86th Street, Sunday 4/26/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lexington Avenue Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 9: **Manhattan Chamber of Commerce 2nd Ave Community Benefit Festival (Sponsored by Manhattan Chamber of Commerce)** — Full Street Closure at Second Avenue between East 66th Street and East 86th Street, Saturday 5/2/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce 2nd Ave Community Benefit application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 10: **Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 1st Avenue Festival (Sponsored by Lenox Hill Neighborhood House)** — Full Street Closure at First Avenue between East 68th Street and East 79th Street, Saturday 5/30/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House 1st Avenue Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 11: **Bastille Day Festival (Sponsored by French Institute Alliance Francaise)** — Full Street Closure at Madison Avenue between East 59th Street and East 63rd Street & East 60th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue, Sunday 7/12/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is awaiting approval by the Mayor's office;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Bastille Day Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 12: **3rd Avenue Community Benefit Festival (Sponsored by Manhattan Chamber of Commerce)** — Full Street Closure at Third Avenue between East 66th Street and East 86th Street, Saturday 9/19/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 3rd Avenue Community Benefit Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 13: **Lexington Avenue Festival (Sponsored by The Young Mens and Young Womens Hebrew Association)** — Full

Street Closure at Lexington Avenue between East 79th Street and East 96th Street, Sunday 9/27/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lexington Avenue Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 14: **60th Street Fair (Sponsored by German American Committee of Greater New York)** — Full Street Closure at East 60th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue, Saturday 7/25/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 60th Street Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 15: **60th Street Fair (Sponsored by East Sixties Neighborhood Association)** — Full Street Closure at East 60th Street between Madison Avenue and Fifth Avenue, Sunday 8/23/2026, from 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 60th Street Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 16: **Family Day (Sponsored by The Episcopal School)** — Full Street Closure at East 69th Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue, Thursday 5/14/2026, from 3:30 PM – 5:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Family Day application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 17: **YCS Fall Festival (Sponsored by Yorkville Community School PTA)** — Full Street Closure at East 88th Street between First Avenue and York Avenue, Sunday 10/25/2026, from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the YCS Fall Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 19: **Brick Church School Fair (Sponsored by The Brick Church School)** — Full Street Closure at East 92nd Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue, Friday 6/5/2026, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Brick Church School Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 21: **Annual Park Avenue Tree Lighting (Sponsored by The Brick Presbyterian Church)** — Full Street Closure at Park Avenue between East 91st Street and East 92nd Street, Sunday 12/6/2026, from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Annual Park Avenue Tree Lighting application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 22: **The Brick Church Strawberry Festival (Sponsored by The Brick Presbyterian Church)** — Full Street Closure at East 92nd Street between Park Avenue and Madison Avenue, Sunday 5/17/2026, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Brick Church Strawberry Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 24: **Spring Spectacular (Sponsored by iBRAiN- International Academy for the Brain)** — Full Street Closure at East 90th Street between York Avenue and East End Avenue, Thursday 6/18/2026, from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Spring Spectacular application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 28: **Final Fever (Sponsored by Hunter College)** — Full Street Closure at East 69th Street between Lexington Avenue and Park Avenue, Tuesday 5/5/2026, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Final Fever application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 29: **Museum Mile Festival (Sponsored by Museum Mile Festival/Museum of the City of New York)** — Full Street Closure at Fifth Avenue between East 79th Street and East 110th Street, Tuesday 6/9/2026, from 5:30 PM – 9:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Museum Mile Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 30: **Red White Blue Block Party (Sponsored by Saint Ignatius Loyola School)** — Full Street Closure at East 84th Street between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue, Friday 6/5/2026, from 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Red White Blue Block Party application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

Item 31: **MNS PS 290 - 2026 Rock The Block Spring Festival (Manhattan New School - PS 290 PTA)** — Full Street Closure at East 82nd Street between First Avenue and Second Avenue, Saturday 5/16/2026, from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the MNS PS 290 - 2026 Rock The Block Spring Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 2: **CSH street fair (Sponsored by Convent of the Sacred Heart)** — Full Street Closure at East 91st Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, Thursday 6/4/2026, from 12:00 PM – 4:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the CSH street fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 3: **Senior Class celebration (Sponsored by Convent of the Sacred Heart)** — Full Street Closure at East 91st Street between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue, Tuesday 6/9/2026, from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Senior Class celebration application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 6: **Marymount Manhattan Colleges Strawberry Fest (Sponsored by Marymount Manhattan College x Northeastern University)** — Full Street Closure at East 71st Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue, Thursday 5/7/2026, from 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Marymount Manhattan Colleges Strawberry Fest application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 20: **Asphalt Screams (Sponsored by Asphalt Green)** — Full Street Closure at East 90th Street between York Avenue and East End Avenue, Friday 10/30/2026, from 2:30 PM – 6:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Asphalt Screams application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 23: **The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Block Party (Sponsored by The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena)** — Full Street Closure at East 65th Street between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue, Saturday 9/19/2026, from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Parish of St. Vincent Ferrer and St. Catherine of Siena Block Party application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 25: **Greek Division Walk-a-thon and Spring Festival (Sponsored by Ronald McDonald House New York)** — Full Street Closure at East 73rd Street between First Avenue and York Avenue, Saturday 5/2/2026, from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greek Division Walk-a-thon and Spring Festival application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 26: **Trick or Streets Carnegie Hill Neighbors 15th Annual Spooktacular (Sponsored by Carnegie Hill Neighbors, Inc.)** — Full Street Closure at East 92nd Street between Park Avenue and Fifth Avenue, Saturday 10/31/2026, from 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Trick or Streets Carnegie Hill Neighbors 15th Annual Spooktacular application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

Item 27: **St. Josephs School - Yorkville Street Fair (Sponsored by St. Josephs School - Yorkville)** — Full Street Closure at East 87th Street between First Avenue and York Avenue, Saturday 5/16/2026, from 10:00 PM – 5:00 PM.

**This applicant failed to appear at the January Street Fairs Committee Meeting. The Committee agreed to consider the application on the condition that the applicant attend the February Full Board meeting.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the St. Josephs School - Yorkville Street Fair application is **APPROVED AS PRESENTED**.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan unanimously approved this resolution by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstentions, and 0 not voting for cause.**

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

HSS-1: Item 1 (Restore Hope Women’s Residence)

Item 1: **Support For the Restore Hope Women’s Residence on East 61st Street**

**WHEREAS**, the Department of Homeless Services, in partnership with provider Housing Solutions of New York, has presented to Community Board 8 a plan to open the Restore Hope Residence in the vicinity of the southeastern corner of Community District 8; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility will house a population of up to 200 single women, with the population gradually increasing to that number following a planned opening in March or April of 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Restore Hope Residence will be offered wrap-around services designed to move them “from crisis to stability,” provided by 46 on-site staff including social workers, case managers, housing specialists, and employment specialists, as well as 24/7/365 residential aides; and

**WHEREAS**, all residents will be offered three meals each day and additional snacks; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility operator will maintain a strict 11 p.m. curfew and will not permit loitering outside the facility, consistent with DHS rules for similar facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility will be drug- and alcohol-free; and

**WHEREAS**, the facility operator will provide a roof area for residents to congregate; and

**WHEREAS**, Elite Investigations will provide 24/7/365 security services for the facility with qualified, professional staffing by guards who have at least two years of experience in the shelter system and supervisors who have at least three years of experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing Solutions of New York will operate a 24-hour hotline for community concerns reachable at 646-776-5604; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing Solutions of New York will form a Community Advisory Board with representatives from Community Board 8, representatives of the NYPD, the councilmember for the local City Council district, and other stakeholders to ensure ongoing, open communication and collaboration; and

**WHEREAS**, Housing Solutions of New York currently operates a Welcome Center in Community District 8 with a capacity of over 80 beds and works collaboratively with the Board and other community partners with respect to that center; and

**WHEREAS**, for over the last 25 years, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House has successfully run an 80-bed Women’s Mental Health Shelter at the Park Avenue Armory; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board 8 recognizes the scale of New York City’s housing crisis and the responsibility that all of the city’s neighborhoods have in housing vulnerable New Yorkers; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has a long history of supporting similar facilities, dating at least as far back as 1989, when Community Board 8 voted to support a similar project on East 77th Street before it was ultimately approved by the Board of Estimate;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Community Board 8 Manhattan supports the plans of the NYC Department of Homeless Services to open the Restore Hope Residence as presented to this Board on February 9, 2026, subject to the terms and conditions set forth above and in the presentation attached hereto.

**Community Board 8 Manhattan approved this resolution by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, and 0 not voting for cause.**

9. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed.
10. **New Business** – No items of New Business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 PM.

*Valerie S. Mason, Chair*

