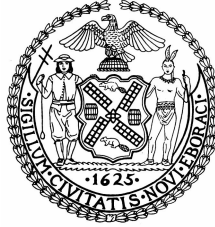


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The City of New York Manhattan Community Board 8

**FULL BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2009 – 6:30PM
RAMAZ SCHOOL
125 EAST 85TH STREET
AUDITORIUM**

Present: Joie Anderson, Michael Auerbach, Michele Birnbaum, Ann Lori Bores, Deirdre Breslin, Richard Burg, Roy H. Carlin, Barbara Chocky, James Clynes, George Fuchs, Ruth Halberg, David Paul Helpern, Jonathan Horn, Lorraine Johnson, Dave Kleckner, Edward Kramer, Laura Lijewski, Jacqueline Ludorf, Domenico Minerva, Jane Parshall, Mary Boresz Pike, Ellen Polivy, N. Sharon Pope, Rita Lee Popper, Margaret Price, Dan Quart, Barbara Rudder, William Sanchez, Judith Schneider, M. Barry Schneider, Helene Simon, Teri Slater, Marco Tamayo, Debra Teitelbaum, Alexander Tisch, Nicholas Viest, Betty Wallerstein, Elaine M. Walsh, Charles Warren, Hedi White.

Absent (Excused): Kenneth w. Austin, Sarah Chu, Christina R. Davis, David Liston, David L. Rosenstein, Cos Spagnoletti, H. Patrick Stewart, Matthew Bondy

Absent (Unexcused):

Left Prior to Adjournment:

1. Public Session:

- Mr. David Casavis, spoke about neighborhood development issues
- Ms. Stephen Vaccaro, spoke in favor for DOT recommendation on bike paths
- Ms. Rita Popper, spoke about the Halloween Festival
- Ms. Kathleen Flynn, spoke about LHH contract negotiation
- Ms. Maureen McCarithy, spoke about LHH contract negotiation
- Ms. Detta Ahl, spoke in favor abot protected bike lanes
- Mr. Anthony Romer, spoke in favor for bike lanes
- Ms. Caroline Samponaro, spoke in favor for bike lane resolution
- Ms. Lindsay Illion, spoke in favor for protected bike lane motion
- Mr. Benjamin Geffen, spoke in favor for the protected bike lane
- Mr. Clark Vacairo, spoke in favor for the bike paths
- Mr. Jack Russel, spoke in favor for protected bike lanes

2. Manhattan Borough President's Report:

Representing; Dan Benjoya reports that there will be a public rally at 5pm outside the school before the state DEC Public testimony on Nov 10 at 7pm concerning the drilling on the Marcellus Shale. There is also an update on the MTA and are having an internal review concerning the MTA delay. They've written also met w/ the inspector general and the lead counsel in the office concerning 2 billion dollars delay. They are keeping updated and reviewing the delay and are following it up with letters to be release, along with MTA be agreeable to meet and resolved the delay. Also Announcing the Urban Planning Fellowship program taken citywide 2 in Brooklyn community board 2 & 6 to receive fellowship. Along working with community board 8 being very successful.

3. Elected Official Reports:

a) Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney- Representing Bris Peirce that bill was pass in the house of representative for the creating a national women's museum. Also reporting that credit card bill passes by President Obama. Companies are rising up rates before January and Congresswoman Maloney is preventing from that happening. Another issues presenting is the 2nd Ave subway project Congresswoman Maloney feels that NYC's subway has no added capacity in over 60 yrs. And need to expand. Congresswomen Maloney is proud to have consistently been able to obtain funding for the Second Ave Subway fro the Federal Government.

b) NYS Assembly Member Micah Kellner- states that the governor has reported that the state is 3.1 billion dollars deficit, Assemblyman Kellner is referring the amount to be much higher, believes that we need 8.5% growth in 6 month to actually bring the deficit to 3.1 billion dollar which would be great for tax revenue. Assemblyman Kellner voted on the state budget and wants people to be prepared for budget cuts and schools cuts as well. Assembly Kellner disagrees with the state DEC that no danger is in the water where drilling is being done. Assemblyman Kellner also sponsors the bill to prohibit drilling at the Marcellus Shale region also drilling in a 5 mile radius. Assemblyman encourages the board to pass resolution on the Vudu lounge, believe that they are not bringing anything productive to the community and has caused continuances disturbance.

d) NYS Senator Liz Krueger- Representing Kyle S. reporting that Senator Krueger office's holding appointments for the flue shot at the senior resource fair. Also Senator Krueger has also called for Senator Monserrate to resign. Another concerning issue is that Senator Krueger is calling precinct 19th to get reports and further looking into getting further information on the disturbance complaint about the Vudu lounge.

c) NYS Assembly Member Jonathan Bing- Representing- Keith Powers; stating that Assemblyman Bing will host a ceremony honoring veterans from East Side and the nation on the flight deck of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum beginning at 11am. The ceremony will explore the Intrepid as well as meet leading advocates on veteran issues. Assemblyman Bing will host his annual Senior Health Fair on Oct 15 from 10am to 2pm; services offered at the fair will include screenings for blood pressure, bone density, and cholesterol. Due to extreme shortage of available flu shots this fall, all flu shot appointments have already been scheduled and confirmed. However a second round of flu shot will be given out on November 9th you can contact Assemblyman Bing office's to make an appointment.

e) Council Member Jessica S. Lappin- Representing Jane Swanson; reporting Council Member Lappin co-sponsor the ferry service town hall service. Stating that studies have been done by EDC and DOT where people think the ferry stop should be. Council Member Lappin has written a letter to EDC & DOT recommending 71st street to be recommended as an option for ferry stops. Council Member Lappin a Bio Tech tax credit for bio science firms to set up headquarters in New York City, making it so that it can expand the work force by 5% and it also benefit New Yorker to find a cure for cancer and a vaccine for aids.

4. Chair's Report Jacqueline Ludorf: Reporting Laura Mayer resigning from the board, moving to Arizona and doesn't know when she will return. Introducing Scott Grimlion the new planning associate that is working on businesses in the areas as well as 2nd Ave businesses. A reminder that for board member that is up for appointed that renewal application is due December 30 to be appointed.

5. District Manager Latha Thompson: reported that committee agenda are due Friday, October 23, 2009. Also that communication's clips for October can be picked up at the board office.

Transportation Committee: by Jonathon Horn and Charles S. Warren, (Co-Chairs)

a) Discussion of DOT request for input on City Racks installation along Madison Avenue from East 63rd to East 90th Streets.

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has requested input from the Community Board on possible locations for installation of bicycle racks on Madison Avenue from East 63rd to East 90th Street, and

WHEREAS, DOT has an opportunity to use the poles from removed parking meters as a base for easily installing bicycle racks, and

WHEREAS, the Madison Avenue BID has proposed that bicycle racks only be installed on side streets along Madison Avenue and has provided DOT and the CB with 71 proposed locations,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M recommends that DOT install two bicycle racks on the East side of each block and two bicycle racks on the West side of each block of Madison Avenue between East 63rd Street and East 90th Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M opposes the installation of any bicycle racks on the side streets along Madison Avenue in front of residential buildings.

Substitute motion

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 35 in favor, 4 opposed and 0 Abstain

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 7 in favor, 30 opposed and 2 Abstain

b) Discussion of the Taxi Stand located on the east side of York Avenue between 78th and 79th Streets.

WHEREAS, there have been continued reports of drivers refusing to take individuals to their desired location from the Taxi Stand located at York Avenue and 79th Street, and

WHEREAS, there have been continued reports of drivers falsely insisting that the Taxi Stand located at York Avenue and 79th Street is only for shared rides to the Wall Street area, and

WHEREAS, there continues to be a need for a Taxi Stand during morning hours at this location,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M recommends that the Taxi and Limousine Commission eliminate the special Wall Street Shared Ride Fare established for the Taxi Stand located at York Avenue and 79th Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M urges TLC to retain this stand during the hours of 7 to 10 am, Monday to Friday, as an available stand for passengers going to any legal destination.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 34 in favor, 1 opposed and 4 Abstain

c) Discussion of issues raised at September 30th Bicycle Safety Forum

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 8 is concerned about the safety of all people who use our streets and sidewalks, and

WHEREAS, protected bike lanes have brought measurable safety improvements for pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in other neighborhoods in Manhattan,

WHEREAS, many members of the Upper East Side public, business community, and elected officials have all expressed support for protected bike lanes in petitions, surveys, letters and public testimony, and

WHEREAS, Manhattan Community Board 8 wishes to encourage safe, responsible cycling in to, to, and from this district,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 8M supports the DOT's initiative to create protected bike lanes and requests that DOT prepare a study for a neighborhood bicycle network for Class 1 protected bike lanes (including information on projected impacts on pedestrian safety, bike safety, parking, truck traffic and neighborhood business) that would be subject to review and comment by Community Board 8M.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 38 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 Abstain

Landmarks Committee-by *David Liston and Jane Parshall (Co-Chair)*

a) 930 Fifth Avenue (East 74th Street) – Upper East Side Historic District

WHEREAS 930 Fifth Avenue is a Modern-style apartment building with classical elements designed by Emery Roth & Sons and constructed in 1940.

WHEREAS a Master Plan for window replacement was filed at the Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1985; the application is to amend this plan to give some integrity and uniformity to the fenestration.

WHEREAS the amended Master Plan would provide for thermally insulated tilt-and-turn windows with a heavier frame component as the dominant window style.

WHEREAS the original design for the building provided for casement windows.

WHEREAS casement windows are much more in keeping with the "Modern" style of the building.

WHEREAS Emery Roth was one of the giants among twentieth century luxury apartment house architects.

WHEREAS the proposed design for the windows is too simplistic for the elegance of the Roth design.

WHEREAS the original casement window design using today's technology should be replicated or approximated in any amendment to the 1985 Master Plan.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 34 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 Abstain

Budget Committee- *Roy Carlin and Barbara Chocky (Co-Chair)*

a) Discussion and Preparation of FY2011 Capital and Expense Budget Requests.

Provide funding for the renovation of the women's homeless shelter at the Seventh Regiment Armory.

Fund the expansion of the Roosevelt Island Branch of the New York City Public Library.
Increase funding for HPD's 8A Loan Program for the Rehabilitation of Multiple Dwelling Buildings.

Provide Air Conditioning for all Homeless Shelters.

Fund new trucks for the purpose of sign installation in Community Board 8.

Funding for the design and reconstruction of the NYC Department of Sanitation's M6/M8/M8A Garage on East 73rd Street.

Fund the installation of pedestrian countdown timers at dangerous intersections.

Provide funding to retain a intake site in Manhattan for the male homeless population.

Fund the design and reconstruction of the East Meadow in Central Park.

Fund a fully built Park along the East River between 60th and 63rd Streets.

Provide funding to repair and restore the Esplanade.

Provide funding to upgrade computer center at Hunter College Campus Schools

Substitute Motion

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 7 in favor, 29 opposed, 0 Abstain, and 2 NVFC

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 35 in favor, 3 opposed, and 0 Abstain,

Fund 'Repeater' for all FDNY stations.

Increase funding for permanent housing for homeless people.

Provide funding to construct additional public school seats to accommodate current levels or overcrowding and anticipated student growth.

Fund generators to power Fire Houses during emergencies.

Fund repair of Roosevelt Island Seawall.

Fund NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for the repair of all infrastructure bridges.

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Continuing Support

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b) A discussion of the Borough Boards resolution on Paid Sick Leave

WHEREAS, Council Member Gale Brewer has introduced, with the co-sponsorship of the Public Advocate (Ms. Gotbaum) and Council Members Avella, Lappin, Palma, Weprin, Mendez, Nelson, James, Gerson, Jackson, Mark-Viverito, Sears, Gioia, Gentile, Yassky, Liu, Vann, Ferreras, Gennaro, Katz, Mitchell, Seabrook, White Jr., Mealy, Barron, Garodnick, Gonzalez, Koppell, Reyna, Crowley, Eugene, Recchia Jr., de Blasio, Foster, Sanders Jr., Comrie, Rivera and Ulrich, City Council Intro 1059 to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of paid sick time earned by employees; and

WHEREAS, a sizeable number of workers in New York City are not entitled to any paid sick time to care for their own health (mental and physical) needs or the health needs of members of their families or the need for safety in domestic violence situations; and

WHEREAS, public health is an increasing concern for both the city and nation, in light of the outbreak of the H1N1 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health Association of New York, a growing list of leading physicians, President Obama, and Mayor Bloomberg have endorsed paid sick days, noting their scope for having a positive effect on public health; and

WHEREAS, paid sick leave would allow parents to keep sick children and themselves out of high traffic areas such as mass transportation systems and schools; and

WHEREAS, providing time for domestic violence victims to go to court or to relocate to safety has a positive effect on the ability of victims to protect themselves and is important for the public health and safety of the City; and

WHEREAS, paid sick leave reduces low productivity in the workforce; and

WHEREAS, paid sick leave is affordable and good for business; and

WHEREAS, Intro 1059 would positively affect close to 1 million employees, many of whom are low income workers, as estimated by the Community Service Society of New York and the Institute for Women's Policy Research; and

WHEREAS, Intro 1059 would guarantee that all private sector workers in New York City can earn some paid sick time, specifically one hour of sick time for every thirty hours worked; and

WHEREAS, Intro 1059 is part of a growing movement in American cities such as San Francisco, Washington DC, and Milwaukee, which have implemented mandatory paid sick leave in the private sector successfully and with no ill effects on the economy; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Manhattan Borough Board supports the passage of Intro 1059 and urges its City Council members to vote in favor of such bill should it come before them for a vote.

Community Board 8M passed this by vote of 23 in favor, 14 opposed, and 2 Abstain,

