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The City of New York
Manhattan Community Board 8

Street Fair Committee Meeting
Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center
415 East 93rd Street
March 22, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by Lorraine Johnson and Barbara Chocky

1. **Public Hearings re: Applications for Single-Block Street Fairs for Calendar Year 2017**

   A. **Cathedral of Our Lady of the Sign to close East 93rd Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Saturday April 15, 2017 from 10AM to 2AM for a religious Ceremony.**
   This is part of the Midnight Orthodox Easter Service. The event has been held previously. The applicant was not present. There is a procession from the main entrance of the church to the courtyard.

   Motion to approve, with the stipulation that next year the applicant would agree to attend the Committee Meeting. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

   B. **Central Park Community Council to close East 60th Street between Fifth and Madison Avenues on Saturday, April 29th from 8:00am to 8:00pml for a Block Festival.**
   Vendors will be at the event. This item was tabled at the last Committee Meeting and the applicant was asked to try to schedule it in Board 7. They sponsor two events a year and both are in Board 8. Applicant stated that he was unable to speak to the District Manager of Board 7, who approves single block events. He agreed to attempt to arrange the event in Board 7 next year.

   Motion to approve the application with the understanding that next year the applicant would apply to hold one of their two street events in board 7. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

   C. **Temple Israel of the City of New York to close East 75th Street between Park and Lexington Avenues on Sunday April 30, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a single block festival.**
   This is for their nursery and elementary school. The Public is invited. There will be no music and no inflatables. It is a Social Action Mitzvah Day to focus on World Hunger. There will be Arts and Crafts and snacks.

   Motion to approve the application: Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

D. Marymount Manhattan College to close East 71st Street between Second and Third Avenues on Thurs day May 4, 2017 from 9AM to 5PM for a Block Party.

This is their annual Strawberry Festival to celebrate the end of the school year. There will be no inflatables. Food would be cooked inside of the school. There will be amplified music.

Motion to approve the application: Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

E. Church of the Holy Trinity to close East 88th Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 8:00am to 6:30pm for a Block Festival.

This is their annual street event. There will be bouncy rides, two inflatable rides, vendors and food from local restaurants. They have been doing this for 20 years. There will be live entertainment and amplified music. The public is invited.

Motion to approved application: Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

F. PS 267 PTA to close East 63rd Street between Second and Third Avenues on Sunday May 7, 2017 from 8:00am to 6:00pm for a Street Event.

This is a fundraiser sponsored by the parents to raise money for the school. It is the fifth year they are holding the event. There will be three to four inflatables and other rides. The 59th street bridge is closed that day. There will not be any food trucks at the event. Parents will grill hamburgers and franks, which will be sold.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

G. The Brearley School to close East 83rd Street between East End Avenue and FDR Drive on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 1PM to 6PM for a Block Party.

The event takes place on the South Side of the block. There will be Arts and Crafts for the younger students, a cotton candy machine and cotton candy will be distributed. The event is open to the public.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

H. Manhattan New School PS 290 to close East 82nd Street between First and Second Avenues on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Party.

The event is sponsored and operated by the Parents of the school. There will be Arts and Crafts, four inflatables, games and amplified music. There will also be food sold from a food truck. Last year the parents brought food which led to some difficulties. One of the Committee members objected to the food trucks. She wanted them to use local restaurants.

Motion to approve application. Passed 3-1-0. Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky. No: Birnbaum.

I. St. Joseph School-Yorkville to close East 87th Street between First and York Avenues on Saturday, May 21 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Block Festival.

There will be general vendors at the event, inflatable rides and food will be sold. There will be no food trucks.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

J. **The Brick Presbyterian Church to close East 92nd Street from Park to Madison Avenues on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for a Block Party.**
Food will be sold or distributed. There will be amplified music. No food trucks will be used. The Public is invited.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Birnbaum, Chocky

K. **Friendship Circle Upper East Side to close East 77th street between First and York Avenues on Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 9:00am to 4:00Pm for a Block Party.**
This Walk-Carnival is to bring the community together to raise awareness of children with special needs .The Carnival is geared for children with disabilities. There will be a moon bounce, inflatable and other rides, games, music and food.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Birnbaum, Chocky

L. **Saint Ignatius Loyola School to close East 84th Street between Park and Madison Avenues on Friday, June 2, 2017 from 1:00pm to 9:00pm for a Block Party.**
There will be inflatable rides, events for children and food at the event.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum Rosenstein, Chocky

M. **Church of the Heavenly Rest to close East 90th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Sunday, June 4, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Block Party.**
This event is for children and families, Cooper Hewitt will participate. There will be two inflatable rides, arts and crafts, games, music and food. General Vendors will also participate.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0. Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

N. **Goat Hill Block Association to close East 95th Street between Lexington and Park Avenues on Tuesday, June 6, 2017 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for a Block Party.**
This is a community building event. Tables are put in front of the buildings and neighbors provide a "pot luck dinner". Cars do not have to be removed but they close the street for safety. It is like a suburban block party. It is open to the public.

Motion to approve application. Passed 3-1-0 Yes: Johnson, Rosenstein, Chocky. No: Birnbaum.

O. **Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91st Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Thursday, June 8, 2017 from 9:00am to 5:00pm for a Block Party.**
There will be games, Arts and Crafts, Clowns and face painting. The older students will entertain the younger students. Food will be cooked inside and then distributed to the participants. The public is invited.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky.

P. PS 198M PTA to close East 95th between Third and Lexington Avenues on Saturday, June 10, 2017 from 9:00am to 6:00pm for a Block Party.
This is an annual event for families. Families will participate in arts and crafts, games, inflatable rides. There will be music and amplified sound and general vendors will be present. There will also be a Dental van that will provide free exams.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

Q. Sephardic Academy of Manhattan to close East 66th Street between Second and Third Avenues on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 10:00am to 7:00PM for a Block Party.
This is an end of year block party for the children and families of the neighborhood. There will be inflatable rides, games and snacks will be sold.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

R. Convent of the Sacred Heart to close East 91st Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Single Block Festival.
The applicant did not attend the meeting.

Motion to deny the application since it appears to be a graduation which is not open to the public and the applicant was not present to answer questions. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

S. Nusantara Foundation to close East 68th Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues on Saturday, August 26, 2017 from 8:00am to 8:00pm for a Single Block Festival
This is a celebration sponsored by the Foundation and the Indonesian Consulate to celebrate Indonesian Independence Day. It will be held in front of the consulate. There will be music, amplified sound and general vendors at the event. Indonesian food will be sold.

Motion to approve application. Passed 4-0-0 Yes: Johnson, Birnbaum, Rosenstein, Chocky

2. No Old Business

3. **New Business**-Michele Birnbaum expressed concern that the District Manager approves streets closings for Religious Ceremonies. The streets are closed for a short time. This item will be put on the agenda for the next committee meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm

Barbara Chocky and Lorraine Johnson, Co-Chairs