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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Land Use Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 - 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

MINUTES

Community Board Members Present: Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, P. Gayle Baron, Lowell Barton, Michele Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taina Borrero, Lorraine Brown, Alida Camp, Barbara Chocky, **S**arah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Brian Correia, Rebecca Dangoor, Felice Farber, Billy Freeland, Edward Hartzog, Wilma Johnson, Takako Kono, Craig Lader, Rebecca Lamorte, May Malik, Valerie Mason, Gregory Morris, Jane Parshall, Peter Patch, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Rita Popper, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo, William Sanchez, M. Barry Schneider, Tricia Shimamura, Cos Spagnoletti, Russell Squire, Marco Tamayo, Adam Wald, Elaine Walsh, Charles Warren, Sharon Weiner

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Saundrea Coleman, David Helpern

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Dorothea Newman, Harrison Pierson-Panes, Lynne Strong-Shinozaki, Carolina Tejo, Jack Zimmerman

Total Attendance: 42

Chairman Russell Squire called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

1. Public Hearing: New York Blood Center and Longfellow Partners: Private application by the New York Blood Center to create a Life Sciences Hub on their existing site in Community District 8. Actions consist of (1) map amendment to rezone midblock from R8B to C2-7 ULURP Number: C210351ZMM (2) text amendment to Section 74-48 to allow an increase in commercial FAR and mods to use, bulk, signage ULURP Number: N210352ZRM (3) special permit pursuant to Section 74-48 ULURP Number: C210353ZSM (4) map MIH.

Representatives from the New York Blood Center and Longfellow Partners presented the project. The Land Use Committee heard from members of the public regarding the application. The Committee also received a presentation by Urban Planner George Janes. This item will be discussed again at a Special Meeting of the Board on Tuesday, May 25th, where the New York Blood Center will be expected to respond to questions raised during this meeting.

2. Old Business – No items old business

3. New Business – No items of new business

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00pm

Russell Squire, Chair

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