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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, June 18, 2026 – 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom
Regina Peruggi Room, Marymount Manhattan College
221 East 71st Street, New York, NY

MEETING MINUTES

Community Board Members Present: Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Danielle Avissar, Michele Jane Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taína Borrero, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Lindsey Cormack, DJ Falkson, Felice Farber, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Miles Fink, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Craig Lader, Addeson Lehv, Gopi Malathi, Lavinia Mancuso, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Jane Parshall, John G. Philips, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Will Sanchez, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson, Kimberly Selway, Russell Squire, Todd Stein, Marco Antonio Tamayo, Adam Wald, and Charles S. Warren.

Community Board Members Attending Virtually: Michael Anderson (Family Obligation), P. Gayle Baron (Health), Bradley Hershenson (Travel), and Sacha Sellam (Work).

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Saundrea I. Coleman, David Paul Helpern, Evan Meyerson, Barbara Rudder, and Dayne Slay.

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Abraham Salcedo, Edward Hartzog, Paul Krikler, Jennifer Michaels, and Sam Weinberger.

Total Board Member Attendance: 36 (of which 4 virtual)

Chair Valerie S. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. [YouTube Timestamp 0:44]

1. **Public Session** [YouTube Timestamp 1:25]
    - John Hocknell spoke in favor of the Hunter College East 69th Street Public Realm Improvements project.
    - Lisa Levine spoke about creating public space on empty lots on 1st Avenue & 59th Street.
    - Mitchell Gordon spoke in favor of the Hunter College East 69th Street Public Realm Improvements project.
    - Daniel Crippen spoke in favor of the Hunter College East 69th Street Public Realm Improvements project.
    - Dylan Brown spoke in favor of the Hunter College East 69th Street Public Realm Improvements project.
    - Jackson Espel spoke about creating public space on empty lots on First Avenue & 59th Street.
    - Pamela Conrad spoke in opposition to the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) New Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Licenses Fabers Arcade Inc., dba Bad Mary Jane, 799 Lexington Avenue.

- Rachel Skinner-O'Neill shared an update on the New York Public Library's Summer reading challenge and Independence Day celebration at the New York Public Library.
- Sean Basinski spoke about creating public space on empty lots on First Avenue & 59th Street.
- Jonathan Dix introduced himself as the new representative for the Frick Collection and talked about free events they'll be doing monthly at the museum.
- Greg Patric Martello spoke about creating public space on empty lots on First Avenue & 59th Street.
- Bart Brassil spoke to share concerns about homeless shelter siting.
- Dylan Kennedy spoke about creating public space on empty lots on First Avenue & 59th Street.
- Caroline King, representative from Carnegie Hill Neighbors, spoke about Yorkville Alliance BID formation efforts.
- Emanuella Grinberg shared concerns and provided updates related to the RI steam plant.
- Kalin Kresnitchki shared concerns about the demolition of the Roosevelt Island steam plant.
- Evelyn David expressed concerns about Summer Streets program.
- Susan Blackwell spoke about creating public space on empty lots on First Avenue & 59th Street.
- Sandra Davies shared ideas about homeless shelter siting and suggested including green spaces in shelters.
- Zora Boyadzhieva shared concerns about the demolition of the Roosevelt Island steam plant.
- Aneta Hawrylewicz spoke to share concerns about homeless shelter siting.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The agenda was adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 1:18:55]
3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – The minutes from the May meeting were adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 1:19:02]
4. **Manhattan Borough President's Report** – Manhattan Borough President's Office representative Sowaibah Shahbaz reported on the office's latest initiatives and updates. [YouTube Timestamp 1:06:53]
5. **Elected Officials' Reports** [YouTube Timestamp 51:40]
    - Councilmember Julie Menin
    - Assemblymember Alex Bores
    - District Attorney Alvin Bragg
    - Councilmember Virginia Maloney
    - Congressman Jerry Nadler
    - State Senator Liz Krueger
    - Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright
6. **Chair's Report – Valerie S. Mason** [YouTube Timestamp 1:19:09]
    Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.
7. **District Manager's Report – Ian McKnight** [YouTube Timestamp 1:29:55]
    District Manager Ian McKnight gave his report.
8. **Committee Reports and Action Items**
    A. **Transportation Committee** – Craig M. Lader and Charles S. Warren, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:33:45]

Motion M219: The Board considered the following East 69th Street Seating proposal from the June 2026 Transportation Committee meeting:

T179/ Resolution R86: East 69th Street Public Realm Improvements project

Motion Passed (31-9-0-0)
Yes (31): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Chu, Cohn, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Lehv, Malathi, Mancuso, McClement, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Sanchez, Schneider, Sellam, Selway, Warren
No (9): Birnbaum, Camp, Mason, Parshall, Seligson, Squire, Stein, Tamayo, Wald

B. Street Life Committee - Lindsey Cormack, Miles Fink, and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs
[YouTube Timestamp 2:11:38]

Motion M216: The Board considered the following unanimously approved applications to the State Liquor Authority from the June 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T159/Resolution R80: Sequoia Tree LLC, dba Le Moulin A Café, 1439 York Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) – *30-Day Waiver for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License Renewal*

M216: Approve Unanimous SLA Applications
Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)
Yes (41): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Lehv, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Sanchez, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Squire, Stein, Tamayo, Wald, Warren

Motion M217: The Board considered the following non-unanimous applications to the Department of Transportation:

T160/Resolution R81: Danish Bake NYC LLC, dba Ole & Steen, 1280 Lexington Avenue (Between East 86th Street and East 87th Street)– New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 4 Tables and 8 Chairs
T162/Resolution R82: Upper East Hospitality LLC, dba Crave Fish Bar, 1462 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) – New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 10 Tables and 20 Chairs

M217: Approve Non-Unanimous Outdoor Dining Applications
Motion Passed (39-1-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Lehv, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Sanchez, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Squire, Stein, Tamayo, Wald, Warren
No (1): Birnbaum

Motion M218: The Board considered the following applications to the Office of Cannabis Management:

T152/Resolution R83: Fabers Arcade Inc., dba Bad Mary Jane, 799 Lexington Avenue (Between East 61st Street and East 62nd Street) *Renewal of an Adult-use Retail Dispensary License*

M218: Approval of adult-use retail dispensary license renewal
Motion Passed (25-12-2-0)
Yes (25): Angelos, Ashby, Bores, Borrero, Cohn, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Johnson, Lader, Lehv, Malathi, McClement, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Rose, Sanchez, Schneider, Sellam, Selway, Squire, Wald, Warren
No (12): Anderson, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Camp, Hershenson, Husain, Mason, Parshall, Price, Seligson, Tamayo
Abstentions (2): Chu, Mancuso

C. **Landmarks Committee – Anthony Cohn, David Helpern, and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs** [YouTube Timestamp 2:18:13]

Motion M220: The Board considered a motion to approve the following application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness from the June 2026 Landmarks Committee Meeting:

T150/Resolution R85: 169 East 71st Street (Upper East Side Historic District) – Nasir Khanzada – An Italiante style building designed by John Sexton and constructed in 1866. Application is to legalize non-conforming as built condition at rear 3rd floor facade (extend 21" beyond original approval).

M220: Approve certificate of appropriateness at 169 East 71st Street
Motion Passed Unanimously (40-0-0-0)
Yes (40): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Lehv, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Sanchez, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Squire, Stein, Tamayo, Wald, Warren

9. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 2:20:47]
10. **New Business** – No items of New Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 2:21:03]

The meeting was adjourned at 8:51 PM.

Valerie S. Mason, Chair