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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board and Land Use Committee
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, September 16, 2026 – 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom
The Mezzanine, Northeastern University
221 East 71st Street, New York, NY

MEETING MINUTES

Community Board Members Present: Michael Anderson, Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Danielle Avissar, Michele Jane Birnbaum, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Anthony Cohn, Miles Fink, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Edward Hartzog, David Paul Helpern, Bradley Hershenson, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Craig Lader, Addeson Lehv, Gopi Malathi, Lavinia Mancuso, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Evan Meyerson, Jennifer Michaels, Jane Parshall, John G. Philips, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson, Sacha Sellam, Dayne Slay, Marco Antonio Tamayo, Charles S. Warren, and Sam Weinberger.

Community Board Members Attending Virtually: P. Gayle Baron (health), Taína Borrero (health), Saundrea I. Coleman (health), Lindsey Cormack (travel), Felice Farber (health), Kimberly Selway (health).

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Lori Ann Bores, DJ Falkson, Will Sanchez, Russell Squire, Todd Stein, and Adam Wald.

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Paul Krikler, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Barbara Rudder, Abraham Salcedo.

Total Board Member Attendance: 39 (of which 6 virtual).

Chair Valerie S. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. [YouTube Timestamp 0:46]

1. **Public Session** [YouTube Timestamp 0:58]

    - Alex Malescio spoke about a rat infestation on East 83rd Street between Second and Third Avenues.
    - Ben Raab spoke about how all the Citi Bike docks are at capacity at 8–9 p.m. every day near 82nd and York Avenue/East End.
    - Marin Bentley, representing the government affairs team at the Frick Collection on 70th and Fifth Avenue, spoke to introduce herself and be at service for the Community Board.
    - Greg Huchko, representing the Yorkville branch library, spoke about the New York Public Library budget request for fiscal year 2028. He requested ADA compliance in the form of a ramp and elevator at the Yorkville Branch.
    - Ben Savitsky, representing 1291 Pub Inc, operating as J.G. Melon, spoke in favor of their Street Life application for an expansion of the liquor license on the sidewalk café and the roadway café.
    - Judy Schneider, on behalf of East Sixties Neighborhood Association, spoke about the Association's upcoming meeting, to which the community is invited.
    - Pat Nicholson, representing the Free Admission Campaign, spoke in favor of free admission to cultural institutions for NYC residents.

- Jonathan Shabshaikhes, representing the Free Admission Campaign, spoke in favor of building a coalition around free access to institutions and requested CB8M's participation.
- Stephen Martin, representing Friend of the Ruin, spoke about repurposing the Smallpox Hospital on Roosevelt Island.
- Andrew Fine, representing the E-Vehicle Safety Alliance, shared concerns about e-vehicle safety.
- Sean Groszkowski asked for CB8M to produce online resources with more information on constituent service operations.
- Jessica Dorsky spoke against the rat infestation on 83rd Street between Second and Third Avenues.
- Matt Bauer, representing Madison Avenue BID, gave an update on three businesses that have opened in light of NYC fashion week.
- Alida Camp requested volunteers for the CB8M Art Show.

2. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The agenda was adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 32:05]
3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – The minutes from the June meeting were adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 32:12]
4. **Elected Officials' Reports** [YouTube Timestamp 32:33]
    - State Senator Liz Krueger
    - Assemblymember Alex Bores
    - Councilmember Virginia Maloney
    - Councilmember Julie Menin
    - Congressman Jerry Nadler
    - Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright
    - State Senator José Serrano
5. **Manhattan Borough President's Report** – The Manhattan Borough President, Brad Hoylman-Sigal, reported on the office's latest initiatives and updates. [YouTube Timestamp 49:10]
6. **Chair's Report – Valerie S. Mason** [YouTube Timestamp 58:28]
    Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.
7. **District Manager's Report – Ian McKnight** [YouTube Timestamp 1:10:53]
    District Manager Ian McKnight gave his report.
8. **Selection of Elections Committee** [YouTube Timestamp 1:18:51]
9. **Committee Reports and Action Items** [YouTube Timestamp 1:21:45]

    A. Street Life Committee – Lindsey Cormack, Miles Fink, and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:22:00]

    Motion M353: The Board considered the following new applications to the State Liquor Authority, which were unanimously approved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

    T146/Resolution R147: Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, dba Chipotle Mexican Grill #5996, 1492 Third Avenue (Between East 84th Street and East 85th Street) *New Application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
    T256/Resolution R148: Gambetta 31-Akbou 06 Inc., dba Jean Claude, 1481 York Avenue (Between East 78th Street and East 79th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License*
    T263/Resolution R149: 1644 3rd Ave Corp, dba TBD, 175 East 92nd Street aka 1644 Third Avenue (Between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License*

T268/Resolution R150: Il Moro NYC LLC, dba TBD, 401 East 62nd Street (Between First Avenue and York Avenue) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License*
T274/Resolution R151: RUMSUM Inc., dba Ob Uan, 1479 First Avenue (Between East 77th Street and East 78th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License*
T278/Resolution R152: Counter Craft, LLC, dba N/A, 1491 Second Avenue (Between East 77th Street and East 78th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Wine, Beer, & Cider License*
T265/Resolution R153: Birley Pastry Madison Avenue LLC, dba Birley Bakery, 824 Madison Avenue (Between East 68th Street and East 69th Street) *Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property*
T280/Resolution R146: 1568 Gyro LLC, dba Yasouvlaki, 171 East 88th Street (Between Lexington Avenue and Third Avenue) *30-Day Waiver for a Renewal Application for a Wine, Beer, & Cider License*
T296/Resolution R133: Bon Ga Inc., dba TBD, 408 East 64th Street (Between First Avenue and York Avenue) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T306/Resolution R134: Taco 201 E 81 LLC, dba Santo Taco, 1435 Third Avenue (aka 201 East 81st Street) (Between East 81st Street and East 82nd Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T288/Resolution R137: 1379 Water and Wheat LLC, dba N/A, 1379 Third Avenue (Between East 78th Street and East 79th Street) *Class Change and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*

M353: Approve State Liquor Authority Applications
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

Motion M354: The Board considered the following new applications to the Department of Transportation for Roadway and Sidewalk Cafés, which were approved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T261/Resolution R155: Shoo Shoo East LLC, dba Shoo Shoo, 1477 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) *New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 7 Tables and 14 Chairs*
T290/Resolution R138: V LLC, dba Soledad, 1825 Second Avenue (Between East 94th Street and East 95th Street) *New Dining Out Application for a Sidewalk Café – 2 Tables and 8 Chairs*

M354: Approve Department of Transportation Roadway and Sidewalk Café Applications
Motion Passed (38-1-0-0)
Yes (38): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger
No (1): Birnbaum

Motion M356: The Board considered the following application to the Office of Cannabis Management, which was approved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

> **T217/Resolution R157:** Nucleus Dispensary, dba Nucleus Dispensary, 1819 Second Avenue (Between East 94th Street and East 95th Street) *Renewal Application for an Adult Retail Dispensary License*
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> **M356: Approve Office of Cannabis Management Application**
> **Motion Passed** (24-15-0-0)
> **Yes (24):** Angelos, Borrero, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Meyerson, Philips, Rose, Schneider, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Warren, Weinberger
> **No (15):** Anderson, Avissar, Ashby, Baron, Birnbaum, Camp, Helpern, Hershenson, Mason, McClement, Michaels, Parshall, Price, Seligson, Tamayo

Motion M357: The Board considered the following new application to the State Liquor Authority, which was approved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

> **T294/Resolution R135:** 1291 Pub Inc., dba JG Melon, 1291 Third Avenue (Between East 74th Street and East 75th Street) *Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property*
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> **M357: Approve State Liquor Authority Application**
> **Motion Passed** (38-1-0-0)
> **Yes (38):** Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger
> **No (1):** Seligson

Motion M358: The Board considered the following new application to the State Liquor Authority, which was approved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

> **T311/Resolution R136:** 1291 Pub Inc., dba JG Melon, 1291 Third Avenue (Between East 74th Street and East 75th Street) *Method of Operation Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
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> **M358: Approve State Liquor Authority Application**
> **Motion Passed** (25-14-0-0)
> **Yes (25):** Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Borrero, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, Meyerson, Michaels, Philips, Schneider, Sellam, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger
> **No (14):** Anderson, Baron, Birnbaum, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Helpern, McClement, Parshall, Price, Rose, Seligson, Selway

Motion M359: The Board considered the following new applications to the Department of Transportation for sidewalk cafés, which were unanimously disapproved at the September 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

> **T232/Resolution R154:** Calexico 122 LLC, dba Calexico, 1491 Second Avenue (Between East 77th Street and East 78th Street) *New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 5 Tables and 10 Chairs*

T262/Resolution R156: A5A Restaurant Inc., dba Armani Ristorante, 70 Madison Avenue (Between East 65th Street and East 66th Street) *New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – Unenclosed – 2 Tables and 4 Chairs*

M359: Disapprove Applications to the Department of Transportation Sidewalk Cafés
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

B. Parks and Waterfront Committee – Felice Farber, Bradley Hershenson, and Judy Schneider, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:31:49]

Motion M346: The Board considered a motion to approve the following item:

T330/Resolution R141: Central Park Conservancy's Renovation on the Pine Bank Arch Landscaping

M346: Approve Central Park Conservancy's Renovation on the Pine Bank Arch Landscaping
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

Motion M347: The Board considered a motion to approve the following item:

T331/Resolution R142: Request naming a part of Ruppert Park in honor of Rita Popper

M347: Approve Request to Name Part of Ruppert Park in Honor of Rita Popper
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

C. Landmarks Committee – Anthony Cohn, David Helpern, and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:39:28]

Motion M348: The Board considered a Landmarks Committee application at 6 East 67th Street:

T279/Resolution R143: 6 East 67th Street (Between Fifth Avenue and Madison Avenue) (Upper East Side Historic District)

M348: Approve 6 East 67th Street Landmarks Application
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

Motion M349: The Board considered a Landmarks Committee application at 939-941 Madison Avenue:

T307/Resolution R144: 939-941 Madison Avenue (Between East 74th Street and East 75th Street) (Upper East Side Historic District)

M349: Approve 939-941 Madison Avenue Landmarks Application
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

Motion M350: The Board considered a Landmarks Committee application at 210 East 62nd Street:

T334/Resolution R145: 210 East 62nd Street (Treadwell Farm Historic District)

M350: Approve 210 East 62nd Street Landmarks Application
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

D. Transportation Committee – Craig M. Lader and Charles S. Warren, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:47:05]

Motion M351: The Board considered the following Revocable Consent application from the September 2026 Transportation Committee meeting:

T301/Resolution R139: A New DOT Revocable Consent Application to install a stoop at 51 East 73rd Street (Between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue)

M351: Approve the Revocable Consent application to install a stoop at 51 East 73rd Street
Motion Passed (36-2-1-0)
Yes (36): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain,

Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger
No (2): Camp, Cohn
Abstained (1): Mason

Motion M352: The Board considered the following School Zone Speed Restrictions proposal from the September 2026 Transportation Committee meeting:

T320/Resolution R140: NYCDOT Proposed School Zone Speed Restrictions at East 76th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive (Lycée Français de New York and The Town School)

M352: **Unanimously Approve the NYCDOT Proposed School Zone Speed Restrictions at East 76th Street between York Avenue and the FDR Drive**
Motion Passed Unanimously (39-0-0-0)
Yes (39): Anderson, Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Cohn, Coleman, Cormack, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Meyerson, Michaels, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Selway, Slay, Tamayo, Warren, Weinberger

10. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 1:58:14]
11. **New Business** – No items of New Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 1:58:14]

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

Valerie S. Mason, Chair