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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Full Board and Land Use Committee
PUBLIC HEARING
Wednesday, October 21, 2026 – 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted both in person and via Zoom
Courtyard by Marriott - Upper East Side
410 East 92nd Street, New York, NY

MEETING MINUTES

Community Board Members Present: Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Danielle Avissar, P. Gayle Baron, Michele Jane Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taína Borrero, Alida Camp, Saundrea I. Coleman, DJ Falkson, Felice Farber, Miles Fink, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, David Paul Helpern, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Paul Krikler, Craig Lader, Gopi Malathi, Lavinia Mancuso, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Valerie Mason, John McClement, Jane Parshall, John G. Philips, Margaret Price, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Robin Seligson, Sacha Sellam, Dayne Slay, Russell Squire, Marco Antonio Tamayo, Charles S. Warren, and Sam Weinberger.

Community Board Members Attending Virtually: Sarah Chu (travel), Lindsey Cormack (work), Edward Hartzog (no reason given), Bradley Hershenson (work), Judy Schneider (caretaking), Adam Wald (travel).

Community Board Members Absent (Excused): Anthony Cohn, Kimberly Selway, Todd Stein.

Community Board Members Absent (Unexcused): Michael Anderson, Addeson Lehv, Evan Meyerson, Jennifer Michaels, Abraham Salcedo, Will Sanchez.

Total Board Member Attendance: 41 (of which 6 virtual).

Chair Valerie S. Mason called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. [YouTube Timestamp 0:03]

1. **Land Use Committee (Public Hearing) – Valerie Mason, Chair** [YouTube Timestamp 0:03]

Motion M382: The Board considered a renewal under ZR 11-43 of the previously granted ZR 74-711 special permit for 3 East 89th Street (Block 1501, Lot 5):

T393/Resolution R178: 3 East 89th Street: special permit renewal - This is an application by 3 East 89 Holding LLC to renew, pursuant to Section 11-43 of the Zoning Resolution, a previously granted special permit pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution, for 3 East 89th Street (Block 1501, Lot 5), a site within the Expanded Carnegie Hill Historic District. Per the ZR 74-711 special permit, the applicant has committed to historic restoration of the landmarked building and an ongoing cyclical maintenance plan memorialized in a Restrictive Declaration. The applicant has already performed the majority of the required historic restoration. The special permit allows zoning waivers facilitating the conversion of floors to a Use Group VI commercial art gallery for Salon 94 and the enlargement of the building with a new 6th story penthouse as well as enlargement to the rear and side of the building, which construction has not yet been undertaken.

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M382: Approve 3 East 89th Street Special Permit Renewal
Motion Passed (34-2-1-1)
Yes (34): Bill Angelos, Elizabeth Ashby, Danielle Avissar, P. Gayle Baron, Michele Jane Birnbaum, Lori Ann Bores, Taína Borrero, Alida Camp, Sarah Chu, Saundrea I. Coleman, Lindsey Cormack, DJ Falkson, Felice Farber, Miles Fink, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, Edward Hartzog, David Paul Helpern, Bradley Hershenson, Sahar Husain, Wilma Johnson, Paul Krikler, Craig Lader, Gopi Malathi, Lavinia Mancuso, Sharon Pope-Marshall, Valerie Mason, John McClement, John G. Philips, Margaret Price, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, Robin Seligson, Sacha Sellam, Dayne Slay, Russell Squire, Adam Wald, and Charles S. Warren.
No (2): Tamayo, Parshall
Abstained (1): Rose
Not Voting for Cause (1): Weinberger

2. **Public Session** [YouTube Timestamp 20:37]

- Susan Blackwell spoke in support of a park being put in near the DSNY East 59th Street facility.
- Marcus Gauthier spoke against a project to build a luxury tower development on East 77th Street.
- Sean Basinski spoke in favor of re-opening two vacant lots on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge for the public.
- Jackie Ruggiero spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Jared Kirschner spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Marin Bentley, representing the Frick Collection, spoke about the ADA accessibility added to the building and a new ASL program.
- Luke Markuson spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Kaitlin Schwartz spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Douglas Pettay spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Kathleen Carrasco, representing the 67th Street Library, and gave updates on programming from the New York Public Library.
- La Keesha Taylor spoke in support of helping people in public housing being a resident of the NYCHA development at Holmes Towers.
- Stephanie Reckler thanked two board members (Birnbaum and Selway) for their help with an article 78 filed against Northwell.
- Carin Trundle spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Gregg Templeton spoke in favor of building a park on 59th street near the Queensboro Bridge.
- Saundrea I. Coleman, shared concerns about sanitation-related conditions at Isaacs Houses.
- Mubeen Siddiqui, representing Muslim Volunteers for New York, spoke about a volunteer event for cleanup at John Jay Park.
- Christina Morales spoke about loud construction at 1484 1st avenue that hasn't been addressed.
- Elizabeth Chow spoke in favor of banning all electric vehicles at all New York City parks.
- Office Brian Larkin, representing the 19th Precinct, answered questions and provided updates about enforcement and regulations in the Upper East Side.
- Simmone Careaga representing Boqueria restaurant, requested support for the liquor license amendment for the New York City dining outside café license.
- Hazel Manheimer spoke again street fairs closing off the streets.
- Andrew Fine spoke against the five ballot initiatives that limits public input.

3. **Remarks from Lily Fan** – State Liquor Authority Chair Lily Fan shared updates from the State Liquor Authority. [YouTube Timestamp 1:07:40]

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4. **Adoption of the Agenda** – The agenda was adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 1:20:38]
5. **Adoption of the Minutes** – The minutes from the September meeting were adopted. [YouTube Timestamp 1:20:46]
6. **Manhattan Borough President's Report** – Manhattan Borough President's Office representative Sowaibah Shahbaz reported on the office's latest initiatives and updates. [YouTube Timestamp 1:21:08]
7. **Elected Officials' Reports** [YouTube Timestamp 1:24:02]
    - Councilmember Virginia Maloney
    - State Senator José Serrano
    - Councilmember Julie Menin
    - State Senator Liz Krueger
    - Assemblymember Rebecca Seawright
    - Assemblymember Alex Bores
    - Congressman Jerry Nadler
8. **Manhattan District Attorney Report [**YouTube Timestamp 1:38:45]
9. **New York State Board of Regents Report [**YouTube Timestamp 1:39:23]
10. **Chair's Report – Valerie S. Mason** [YouTube Timestamp 1:40:09]
    Chair Valerie S. Mason gave her report.
11. **District Manager's Report – Ian McKnight** [YouTube Timestamp 1:46:11]
    District Manager Ian McKnight gave his report.
12. **Committee Reports and Action Items [**YouTube Timestamp 1:21:45]

    A. Street Fairs Committee – Barbara Rudder and Wilma Johnson, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:46:51]

    Motion M379: The Board considered the following application to the Street Fairs Committee, which were unanimously approved at the October 2026 Street Fairs Committee meeting:

    T367/Resolution R176: Approval of PS 183 Fall Block Party

    M379: Approve Unanimously Approved Street Fair Application from the October 2026 Street Fair Committee Meeting
    Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)
    Yes (41): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.

    B. Street Life Committee – Lindsey Cormack, Miles Fink, and Abraham Salcedo, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:47:21]

    Motion M384: The Board considered the following applications to the State Liquor Authority, which were unanimously approved at the October 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

    T328/Resolution R161: Bondi - 1445 Third Avenue LLC, dba Bondi Sushi, 1445 Third Avenue (Between East 81st Street and East 82nd Street) *New Application for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
    T316/Resolution R163: Pepe & Vera LLC, dba N/A, 1712 First Avenue (Between East 88th Street and East 89th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License*

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T304/Resolution R164: Reka Darida Foundation, dba N/A, 1065 Madison Avenue (Between East 80th Street and East 81st Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T308/Resolution R162: 26 Fools LLC, dba Ship of Fools NYC, 1152 First Avenue (Between East 63rd Street and East 64th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T322/Resolution R165: Spaghettone LLC, dba Bottega Del Gusto, 355 East 78th Street (Between Second Avenue and First Avenue) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T346/Resolution R166: BRS 61st Street LLC, dba Blue Ribbon Sushi, 132 East 61st Street (Between Park Avenue and Lexington Avenue) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T349/Resolution R167: RMB Maxime's Inc., dba Maxime's; Hiromi; Zodiac; El Puma, 840 Madison Avenue (Between East 69th Street and East 70th Street) *New Application and Temporary Retail Permit for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T350/Resolution R168: The Metropolitan Museum of Art & Restaurant Associates LLC, dba The Metropolitan Museum of Art, 1000 Fifth Avenue (Between East 81st Street and East 82nd Street) *Alteration for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*
T351/Resolution R171: Coliemore Inc., dba Cafe Maud, 1640 Second Avenue (Between East 85th Street and East 86th Street) *Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property*

M384: Approve Unanimously Approved State Liquor Authority Applications from the October 2026 Street Life Committee Meeting
Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)
Yes (41): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.

Motion M385: The Board considered the following application to the State Liquor Authority, which was approved at the October 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T327/Resolution R169: Boqueria UES LLC, dba Boqueria, 1460 Second Avenue (Between East 76th Street and East 77th Street) *Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property*

M385: Approve State Liquor Authority Application
Motion Passed (40-1-0-0)
Yes (40): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.
No (1): Birnbaum

Motion M386: The Board considered the following application to the State Liquor Authority, which was approved at the October 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T348/Resolution R170: Bear Noah Corp, dba Jacques Brasserie, 204-206 East 85th Street (Between Third Avenue and Second Avenue) *Corporate Change for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License*

M386: Approve State Liquor Authority Application

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Motion Passed (36-5-0-0)
Yes (36): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.
No (5): Birnbaum, Camp, Cormack, Parshall, Rose

Motion M387: The Board considered the following application to the State Liquor Authority, which was approved at the October 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T359/Resolution R172: A5A Restaurant Inc., dba Armani Ristorante, 762 Madison Avenue (Between East 65th Street and East 66th Street) *Alteration for Expansion onto Municipal Property*

M387 Approve State Liquor Authority Application
Motion Passed (40-1-0-0)
Yes (40): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.
No (1): Birnbaum

Motion M388: The Board considered the following new application to the Department of Transportation for Roadway and Sidewalk Cafés, which was disapproved at the October 2026 Street Life Committee meeting:

T261/Resolution R173: Linda's At Madison Inc, dba Linda's At Madison, 44 East 92nd Street (Between Madison Avenue and Park Avenue) *New Outdoor Dining Application for a Sidewalk Café – 4 Tables and 10 Chairs*

M388: Disapprove Department of Transportation Roadway and Sidewalk Café Applications
Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)
Yes (41): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.

C. Transportation Committee – Craig M. Lader and Charles S. Warren, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 1:53:32]

Motion M389: The Board considered the following proposal to adopt Central Park traffic calming, pedestrian signal restoration, and 15 mph bicycle speed limit resolution from the October 2026 Transportation Committee meeting:

T6/Resolution R174: Recommendation for traffic calming measures, 15 MPH limit, and uncovered traffic signals on Central Park Drives

M389: **Approve recommendation for traffic calming measures, 15 MPH limit, and uncovered traffic signals on Central Park Drives**
Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)

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Yes (41): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.

Motion M394: The Board considered the following proposal to ban Class 2 E-bikes, Class 3 E-bikes, mopeds and E-bikes from Central Park at the October 2026 Transportation Committee meeting:

T6/Resolution R180: Recommendation for banning Class 2 E-bikes, Class 3 E-bikes, mopeds and E-bikes from Central Park

Motion M394: Approve proposal to ban Class 2 E-bikes, Class 3 E-bikes, mopeds and E-bikes from Central Park
Motion Passed (24-17-0-0)
Yes (24): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Bores, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Hershenson, Husain, Krikler, Lader, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Rose, Schneider, Sellam, Slay, Wald, Weinberger
No (17): Baron, Birnbaum, Borrero, Camp, Helpern, Johnson, Malathi, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rudder, Seligson, Squire, Tamayo, Warren

D. Landmarks Committee – Anthony Cohn, David Helpern, and Jane Parshall, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 2:21:41]

Motion M390: The Board considered a Landmarks Committee application at 797 Madison Avenue:

T372/Resolution R175: 797 Madison Avenue (Between East 67th Street and East 68th Street) (Upper East Side Historic District)

M390: Unanimous Approval of the 797 Madison Avenue Landmarks Application
Motion Passed Unanimously (41-0-0-0)
Yes (41): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Birnbaum, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Chu, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Farber, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Pope-Marshall, Mason, McClement, Parshall, Philips, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Tamayo, Wald, Warren, and Weinberger.

E. Parks and Waterfront Committee – Felice Farber, Bradley Hershenson, and Judy Schneider, Co-Chairs [YouTube Timestamp 2:24:34]

Motion M395: The Board considered a motion to table the following item:

T386: Request Park Sites on East 59th Street between First and Second Avenues

Motion M395: Motion to table 59th Street Park
Motion Failed (7-32-0-0)
Yes (7): Angelos, Ashby, Baron, Birnbaum, Farber, Sellam, Tamayo
No (32): Avissar, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi,

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Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Rudder, Schneider, Seligson, Slay, Squire, Wald, Warren, Weinberger

Motion M391: The Board then considered a motion to approve the following item:

T386/Resolution R177: Request Park Sites on East 59th Street between First and Second Avenues

M391: Approve Request for Park Sites on East 59th Street between First and Second Avenues
Motion Passed (35-1-3-0)
Yes (35): Angelos, Ashby, Avissar, Baron, Bores, Borrero, Camp, Coleman, Cormack, Falkson, Fink, Hallum Clarke, Hartzog, Helpern, Hershenson, Husain, Johnson, Krikler, Lader, Malathi, Mancuso, Mason, McClement, Philips, Pope-Marshall, Price, Rose, Rudder, Seligson, Sellam, Slay, Squire, Wald, Warren, Weinberger
No (1): Schneider
Abstained (3): Birnbaum, Farber, Tamayo

13. **Elections Committee Report**

Michele Birnbaum, Chair of Elections Committee, took nominations for open seats.

Chair Candidates: Elizabeth Rose and Lindsey Cormack
First Vice Chair Candidate: Craig Lader and Valerie Mason (withdrawn)
Second Vice Chair Candidate: Sacha Sellam
Secretary Candidates: Sebastian Hallum Clarke and Kimberly Selway

14. **Old Business** – No items of Old Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 2:43:42]
15. **New Business** – No items of New Business were discussed. [YouTube Timestamp 2:44:32]

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:24 PM.

Valerie S. Mason, Chair

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