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The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Arts Committee
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 – 6:30 PM
This meeting was conducted via Zoom

Minutes:

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, Addeson Lehv, Rita Popper*, Robin Seligson, and Chelsey Webber-Brandis*.

*Public Member

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 10

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

Item 1: Preparation for June 2026 Arts Show

We reviewed the set-up for the Arts Show, including the music schedule and the process to review submissions. Currently, 94 artists have submitted for the show at the time of the meeting, 20 of which were new artists, while 74 of the artists were returning to the show. The committee then discussed the need for more volunteers to help set up, check in artists, get artists to their designated spaces, post flyers on the light posts, and hand out flyers at stores, particularly in the area of the show. It was noted that the show may not have sufficient room for all applying artists. Volunteers for the day of the show will be needed at 9:30 AM in advance of artists checking in. One member of the public at the meeting has volunteered, while two members of an elected official's staff have also volunteered. The show will most likely need more publicity beyond CB8, and communications with local organizations and with our elected official offices could help assist in this outreach. In addition to this, the committee discussed different ways of publicizing before the show and different methods to help identify CB8 members and volunteers during the show through the use of sashes. Finally, it was announced by the committee that a full list of music performances has been established for the upcoming show.

Item 2: Update on the legislation presented in the last session on artist priority for some housing

State Assembly Member Keith Powers introduced legislation providing that affordable housing for artists is not discrimination. The legislation is currently in committee, but the CB8 Arts committee has plans to take this matter up if the bill moves to the floor. One of the Committee members reminded us of Manhattan Plaza, a Mitchell Lama development at West 43rd Street, primarily for those who work in theater.

Item 3: Old Business

No items of old business were discussed.

Item 4: New Business

No items of new business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Alida Camp, Chair