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

Minutes:

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, Sahar Husain, Addeson Lehv, Rita Popper*, and Robin Seligson

*Public Member

Approximate Number of Public Attendees: 5

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

Item 1: CB8 logo redesign** (Joint item with the Communications Committee)

The Arts Committee, in collaboration with the Communications Committee broke out into a joint discussion on the new proposed CB8 logo. The discussions from board members focused on how the square and round logos work well together. With the round logo being excellent for Instagram, and social media, while the square logo will work well for letterhead. It also noted that the type format for the logo is available to the Board at no cost.

The Arts Committee and the Communications Committee together made a motion to unanimously approve the logo submitted by the graphic designer and to forward the item to Full Board for consideration.

Item 2: Future Art Show plans for the Arts Committee

It was decided by the Arts Committee that the Fall 2026 Art Show is going to be scheduled for October 3rd, rain date October 4th. The initial submission, deadline for responses, and confirmation from artists were selected. The Open Call for Submissions at the time was planned for July 13th, but this has been pushed back to a week after on July 20th. Artists who exhibited in the previous three shows will not need to resubmit their art for the upcoming Fall 2026 Art Show. The returning artist will only need to confirm attendance to the show, and they will need to comply with usual CB8 letter. Submissions for new artist will be due on September 14th, with a request by the Arts Committee to have the review of submissions be done on a rolling basis. We will make a special effort to reach arts teachers and schools for submissions. Committee responses and Board acceptances will be September 18th. Artists' acceptances of CB8's letter will be due September 23rd. Returning artists' interests in exhibiting will be due August 21st. Their responses confirming attendance and acceptance of the CB8 letter will be due in early September. The Arts Committee confirmed that very young children should have a different opportunity to exhibit their art or an opportunity to create.

Item 3: Future Art Show plans for the Arts Committee

For the structure of future Art Shows, as consistent with previous shows, we will continue to set up, check-in, and bring artists to their spaces, with more volunteer participation. At the start of the show, the check-in table will now be set up at East 91st Street and Second Avenue. After check-in's are completed, the check-in table will be given to the coffee vendor to use during the show. In addition to the usual letter received by the artist, a new point will be added to the letter, reminding artists that they are not allowed to nail that artwork to trees.

Item 4: Old Business

No items of old business were discussed.

Item 5: New Business

No items of new business were discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Alida Camp, Chair