

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 8, 2006
NYU MEDICAL CENTER
FIRST AVENUE

Hon. Carol A Schachter, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members answering first roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Buchwald, Cohen, Collins, Curtis, Disman, Fieber, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Haile, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Knowles, McIntosh, Monterossa, Montoute, Moses, Papush, Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Talbot, Thompson, Tu, Ursillo, West, Winfield

Members answering second roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Buchwald, Cohen, Collins, Curtis, Disman, Fieber, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Haile, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Knowles, McIntosh, Monterossa, Montoute, Moses, Papush, Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Talbot, Thompson, Tu, Ursillo, West, Winfield

Excused

Confessore, Lynn, Peveri, Reiss, Russo, Williams

Absent (Members not present or not answering one or both roll calls):

Gruber, Oddo, Schoor

Member attendance Present: **35** Absent: **3** Excused: **6**

Guests signed in: Amy Martinez-Miller representing BP Scott Stringer; Leena Krishnaswamy representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney; Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Tom Duane; Brad Usher representing Sen. Liz Krueger; Barry Klein representing A/M Jonathan Bing; Ben Goodman representing A/M Richard Gottfried; C/M Dan Garodnick; C/M Jessica Lappin; Greg Geller representing C/M Rosie Mendez; Eudell Abernathy, Cassandra Atlas, Sidney Blank, Ronnit Bendavid-Val, DPR; Diana Byer, Jay & Minna Charles, Sandy Leiva-Davila, Ma Dubno, Mathew Grace, NY Observer; Sandy Hecker, Bobby Lee, Jon Moody, Joshua Olesker, Jon Schachter, Sandra Sherrod, Monika Zuckerman

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Meeting Called to Order

Carol A. Schachter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Changes

Business & Governmental Affairs

Added Resolutions

6dd. - New on-premises Liquor License for Food for the Soul, Inc.d/b/a Shalom, 151 E. 33rd St., b/w 3rd & Lex. Ave.

6o. – April 29th (Sat)-10 am to 4 pm - High School for Health Professions on E. 15th St., b/w 1st & 2nd Aves.

6p. – May 7th (Sun)-11 am to 4 pm – Epiphany School for E. 22nd St., b/w 2nd & 3rd Aves.

Withdrawn Resolution

6l. – June 3rd (Sat)-11 am to 6 pm – Murray Hill Neighborhood Assoc., on E. 35th St., b/w Lex. & Madison Aves. and Park Ave., b/w 41st and 43rd Sts.

Transportation Committee

Added Resolution

8b. – “Don’t Block the Box” signage and street markings @ E. 23rd St. & FDR Service Road.

The Transportation committee will caucus on this resolution.

The Land Use committee will caucus with all committee chairs regarding testimony for the March 28th scoping meeting on the development of the former Con Ed Waterside properties.

Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC SESSION

C/M Dan Garodnick thanked CB6 members for all of their input for the Con-Ed Waterside Forum held on February 22nd. Over 400 people attended to discuss the development many issues; such as the potential effects on traffic, public safety, environment, park space, education and affordable housing; an array of other community concerns were also addressed. C/M Garodnick stated that he would continue to be an advocate for reasonable development.

On March 28th, the DCP will hold a scoping meeting on the Waterside development at the Schottenstein Cultural Center, 239 East 34th Street, at 4:00 p.m and again at 7:00 p.m. Members of the public can testify and ask that alternative proposals be considered during

the environmental review. This will be the chance for Community Board Six members to ask that the CB6 197c Plan be considered as an alternative in the EIS, he urges all Board Members to attend.

C/M Garodnick had the opportunity to escort Council Speaker Quinn through the Community Board Six district. The Speaker wanted to see some of the issues the C/M and the Board are dealing with.

He summarized many issues from his March Community Bulletin such as, promoting public safety in ST/PCV, fighting for rent stabilization, and the city's education budget.

For complete reports, see the Council Members Community Bulletin or call 212-818-0580 to obtain a copy.

C/M Jessica Lappin commended the Board for all of their hard work in producing the 197-a, and 197-c plans.

She then reported that at the February 21st oversight hearing of the City Council's General Welfare Committee of which she is a member, the Administration for Children Services (ACS) announced that it had made arrangements to purchase 2000 cell phones. These phones will be given to the social workers for use in the field and when conducting potentially dangerous investigative home visits. C/M Lappin stated that we give meter maids hand held computers, but don't give anything other than a pad and a pencil to city workers charged with protecting our most vulnerable citizens. Now in case of an emergency, these workers will be able to call 911 or contact other officials immediately for assistance.

She additionally reported that it was time to renew the rent laws again and she is proud to co-sponsor Intro 118 and Resolution 79, legislation required for renewing the City's rent stabilization and rent control laws. The City Council is expected to vote on these measures on March 22nd. By renewing these laws we can help keep tenants in their homes.

She then announced that on Friday, March 3rd former C/M Bob Dryfoos had passed away. Mr. Dryfoos was the Council Member for District 5 before Gifford Miller and would be missed.

For complete reports, see the Council Members Community Bulletin or call 212-535-5554 to obtain a copy.

Leena Krishnaswamy representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney reported that today the Representatives Vito Fossella and Carolyn Maloney announced the appointment of Dr. John Howard, Director of the federal National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a section of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to serve as the coordinator to oversee the response to Ground Zero impacts. He will ensure that an exhaustive medical screening and monitoring program encompassing a large pool of responders and residents is operational.

He will also oversee the distribution of federal funding for programs administered through NIOSH to enhance the programs as well as ensure that appropriated federal dollars are dedicated to treatment.

Cg/Mbrs. Maloney and Fossella called for the appointment of a Health Coordinator following the recent deaths of three 9/11 responders.

Cg/M Maloney has hailed the release of the FY 2007 New Starts Report, which will send millions in Federal funding to two major transportation projects in her district. The report recommends that \$300 million be used for East Side Access and \$102 million should be split among the Second Avenue Subway project and four other projects elsewhere in the country. The FTA expects to execute a full funding grant agreement for East Side Access this year, bringing a projected \$2.6 billion more to the project and to approve the final design request for the Second Avenue Subway in the next few months.

For complete reports, see the Congress Members Report or call 212-860-0606 to obtain a copy.

Brad Usher representing Sen. Liz Krueger announced the Senator would hold a Transportation Town Hall, Tuesday, April 18th at Marymount Manhattan College, 221 E. 71st St. in the 8th Floor meeting room, to discuss Bus Rapid Transit Issues and Bus Service Issues.

He then reported that it is again time for the State Budget and Sen. Krueger is very optimistic that this year they may once again reach an agreement for an on-time budget. Last week the Legislature and Governor came to an agreement on revenue projections.

For complete reports, see the Senators Community Bulletin or call 212-490-2151 to obtain a copy.

Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Tom Duane reported that in honor of Women's History Month the Senator is holding a hearing on March 22nd, in Albany on the need for a New York State Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). Sen. Duane and A/M Bing introduced legislation that would ensure that no person, because of sex, be subjected to discrimination in his or her civil rights.

She then stated that the Senator wanted to thank all of those who attended the February 23rd, Safety Awareness meeting called by C/M Garodnick for the residents of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village. Residents learned how to prepare for potential threats and natural disasters, tips on handling pick pockets and other types of crime. The Senator looks forward to continue working with all members of the community to make sure that our neighborhood remains one of the safest in NYC.

For complete reports, see the Senators Community Bulletin or call 212-633-8052 to obtain a copy.

Ben Goodman representing A/M Dick Gottfried announced that this would be his last meeting as A/M Gottfried's liaison for; he instead will be working as an analyst for the City Council committee on environmental protection

For the reports, see the Assembly Member's Community Bulletin or call 212-807-7900 to obtain a copy.

Barry Klein representing A/M Jonathan Bing reported that an important piece of legislation (A.3374-B), was passed recently that would allow New Yorkers to make a gift to the New York State Cultural Arts (NYSCA) through a check-off on their personal income tax. A/M Bing authored the bill and as a result, funding for NYSCA can increase without putting any additional demands on state funds. The Assembly member believes that the arts are not only part of what makes New York great, but also represents an investment that helps our economy.

For the reports, see the Assembly Member's Community Bulletin or call 212-605-0937 to obtain a copy.

Greg Geller representing C/M Rosie Mendez reported that the C/M is very pleased to announce that she would be introducing a bill to extend the City Rent Stabilization Codes until April 2009.

C/M Mendez and C/M Garodnick have written a letter of opposition to Manhattan Borough Commissioner Bill Castro urging him to reconsider the DPR plan for a private concession in Stuyvesant Square Park. C/M Mendez states with so many restaurants and coffee houses within walking distance, it is difficult to justify relinquishing much-needed public space for a private café.

Greg announced that there would be a Parent Lobby Day in Albany on March 14th in support of our New York City children's education. We need to know what can be done to make sure our children receive the education they deserve.

For complete reports, see the Councilmember's Community Board report or call 212-677-1077 to obtain a copy.

Ronit Ben Davidal representing the Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR) announced that applications are available for positions as NYC lifeguards. The person applying must be at least 16 yrs of age, have at least 20/30 eyesight in one eye and 20/40 in the other without corrective lenses, and be able to swim 50 yards in 35 seconds. Testing takes place Monday – Friday at the DPR Lifeguard School, located at 533 West 59th Street b/n 10th & 11th Aves. Testing times are 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. All who are interested please go on line to the Dept. of Parks & Recreation at www.nycparks.gov or call 311 for further information.

Raymond Vinciguerra member of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is concerned about the demolition work going on at the former Sheraton Russell Hotel, 45 Park Ave. He is unhappy that work is conducted during the weekend and stated that the building he resides in has shook. Additionally he would like to know if there are any dangerous contaminants in the dust that is being released into the air.

Carol Schachter has recommended that Mr. Vinciguerra speak to Fred Arcaro, Chair of the Public Safety committee.

Fred Arcaro invited Mr. Vinciguerra to attend the April committee meeting and stated that he would add this item to his agenda.

Toni Carlina informed Mr. Vinciguerra that the district office has been working on these same concerns; many of the questions were asbestos related. She informed him that a thorough DEP inspection was done, and that the dust and debris is asbestos free and that all the certificates of proof are on file in the office. The contractor working at the site is a reliable company that has been very cooperative. Most weekend work has been done by the utility companies, this weekend Con Edison will be working and the following weekend Verizon; they have all their proper permits.

Jon Schachter a CB6 Public Member wanted people to be more concerned for the Senior and disabled citizens living in their buildings. He stated that each building should have a list of the Seniors and/or disabled tenants living in their building along with the apartment number, this list is then given to the local Fire Department, this way in case of a fire the firefighters know who to look for and if said person is not yet out of the building.

Roll Call – Harry Edward Ursillo

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of the Feb. 8th Full Board Minutes.

Minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Chair's Report – Carol A. Schachter

Carol reported that Chad Boettcher has resigned from the Board; and stated that he will be missed.

Carol announced that Tim McGinn's memorial dinner would take place sometime after May 15th and approaching the end of June. This leaves a narrow window of time, we are presently approaching our elected officials to request proclamations. We are looking for a restaurant and we need to get a program together. She has asked Frank Scala to get the committee together to begin the process.

Carol would like to form a committee that would work with Toni and the office staff to work on updating the website; anyone interested in signing up for website duty, please contact the Board office or speak to her.

The morning of March 7th, Carol went to the Borough President's office and spoke with Scott Stringer one on one to discuss Board appointments and reappointments. It was enjoyable to sit and talk with the Borough President and his staff. In addition, that afternoon Toni Carlina went before the City Council and gave testimony on the need to increase the budgets allocated to community boards. We should applaud Ms. Carlina for her efforts to help maintain and support the Board Office. Carol announced that due to the religious holidays the week of the Full Board meeting in April the date has been changed to the 3rd Wednesday also on that night the Executive Board meeting will be held also.

District Manager's Report

Toni announced that the Board's 197-c Plan is posted on the web site.

In your packets, you will find the testimony given to the City Council at their March 7th Budget Hearing for Community Boards.

At the Board's request, Traffic Control replaced the rusted falling apart fence at E. 36th St & the FDR Service Rd.

Toni reported that, Parks Dept. Borough Commissioner Bill Castro has committed to doing the Community Board sponsored Children shows again this year at Stuyvesant Square Park and Tudor City Toddlers Park. He is also putting in place a trust in the agencies account for funds received in support of these shows. A few community organizations as well as local businesses have shown an interest to support our efforts.

Toni additionally reported that the Board Office would purchase a program called Contribute 3; this program will enable us to access our web site as a word document, allowing us to place much more and up to the minute information on our web site.

Treasurer's Report – Bea Disman

Bea reported that the Board Office had not received the overall budget report from the city, so she was without the budget breakdown.

Bea then gave a follow-up on both Carol Schachter and Toni Carlina's report of the March 7th Budget Hearings. She gave a little history on the Board Office overall budget stating that it's been approximately a decade since the OTPS budget for community boards have been increased, making it difficult to keep up with the increases for supplies. When she reports on the monthly amount left for the staff to use, the discretionary money the boards have to use are very small. She requests that the Board Members read the testimony that Carol & Toni signed and read at the City Council Hearing to understand that we as a Board are asking for a \$23,000 restoration to all community board budgets. She would like to come back to the Board Members to discuss how they could do a collective to have the budgets of community boards increased.

Borough President's Report – Amy Martinez-Miller

Amy announced that the Borough President's Office was in the process of scheduling reappointment interviews this week; interviews for new appointments will take place next week.

She reported that on March 6th, Dept of Education and the United Federation of Teachers joined B. P. Stringer for an Education Town Hall Meeting regarding the new 37 ½-minutes of additional instruction required for underperforming public school students. Feedback from the event will help him work with the DOE to make this program more acceptable for all.

Amy also reported that the Borough President has urged the Mayor to create a trained specialized 311 Emergency Response Team to help senior and pharmacists deal with the Medicare Part D crisis affecting numerous New Yorkers. Under his proposal, the 311 response team would provide the following:

Medicare beneficiaries dialing would get:

Immediate information about how to appeal a prescription drug plan decision if they have been denied a drug, or request wrap-around coverage for the medication if applicable.

Learn about the different low-income subsidies available that will help them pay for their Part D out-of-pocket costs.

Find out about the City's Dept. of Aging (DFTA) enrolment sites for Part D.

Log a complaint about how the benefit is working for them, which should then be relayed to centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and the State Dept. of Health.

Pharmacists dialing would get:

information about how to process billing under Part D
information about how to help a consumer appeal a plan decision
information on other sources of coverage that can be billed if Part D is not willing to cover a drug.

The Medicare drug benefit has been a great challenge to understand and navigate and 311 is a wonderful resource to meet the overwhelming need to provide information about a uniquely difficult policy change.

For complete reports, see the Borough President's Community Board report, go to www.mbpo.org or call 212-677-1077 to obtain a copy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **Land Use** – Edward Rubin, Chair

a. **Report**

At the land Use committee, meeting the Economic Development Corp. (EDC) gave a Power Point presentation on the traffic study they conducted. EDC says they will send the Board a copy of the presentation.

Ed gave an update on the progress of 197-c plan. He hopes by the end of the week or next week we will have an application submitted to the Dept. of City Planning with our 197-c and an EAS as well. Ms. Rosenthal is sending a letter requesting that the CB6 197-c plan be included in the scoping plans.

He also acknowledged the East Side Rezoning Alliance (ESRA) and thanked them for their support with the funding of the 197-a & 197-c plans.

See the March committee minutes for the full report.

2. **Youth & Education** – Maxine McIntosh, Chair

a. **Report**

At the April committee meeting, the topic of discussion was After School Programs and the manner in which funding is allocated, and the way the programs should be funded.

3. **Human Services** – Lyle Frank, Chair

a. **Report**

At the February committee meeting, it was discussed adding the TEMIS program to the Budget Priorities list as it pertained to Bellevue and other hospitals. This project was previously presented to CB6 and provides translation services for Non-English speaking patients

At the March committee meeting, speakers will discuss the Access-a Ride program, and the Psychiatric programs at the 30th Street Men's Shelter.

See the Committee minutes for the full report.

4. Public Safety – Fred Arcaro, Chair

a. Report

The Board Office received a notice from Con Ed that from March 13th thru April 19th they would do some test borings at Robert Moses Park for contaminants.

Con Ed has increased inspections around the city searching for stray voltage locations. Since the inspections have increased there has been a 50% reduction of shocks since last year.

See the Committee minutes for the full report.

5. Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Gary Papush, Chair

a. Report

The Dept. of Parks & Recreation (DPR) completed their schematics for 1 Sutton Place So. and will forward copies of their plans to the board. Gary received a letter from the building management of 1 Sutton Place So. and they would like to make a presentation of their plans at the April committee meeting when DPR presents their plans.

The schematics for Solar 2, the proposed permanent environmental center are completed and will be presented at the April committee meeting.

The committee will also discuss items for the Budget Priorities.

See the Committee minutes for the full report.

6. Business & Governmental Affairs – Harry E. Ursillo, Chair

a. Transfer, On-premises liquor license for 57 Street Restaurant Corp. (formerly Jimmy’s Downtown), d/b/a Receta (“Recipe”), 400 E 57th St, b/w 1st Ave & Sutton Place.

WHEREAS, Benjamin Olan and Jimmy Rodrigez, Owners, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan on 3/2/06; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is under new ownership with a new corporation, though Jimmy Rodrigez is still involved in the operation; and

WHEREAS, this will be a family-casual restaurant serving Spanish/Asian cuisine and providing takeout; and

WHEREAS, the establishment will only serve dinner, operating 4 PM – 1 AM, 7 days a week, with a capacity of 125 in the dining room and 75 at the bar; and

WHEREAS, there will be recorded “bar music” and no French doors to be opened; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection at this time to the Transfer, On-premises liquor license for 57 Street Restaurant Corp (formerly Jimmy’s Downtown), d/b/a Receta (“Recipe”), 400 E 57th St, b/w 1st Ave & Sutton Place.

VOTE: 31 in Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. New On-premises liquor license for Swan's, 322 2nd Avenue, between E. 18th and E. 19th Streets

WHEREAS, the owner of this establishment came to the March, 2006 Business and Governmental Affairs Committee to answer all questions, and

WHEREAS, this establishment is to have a capacity of 32, with hours of operation 5 p.m. to 3 a.m., and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to install all necessary soundproofing, and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed CB6 that he has signed a lease which will terminate upon 2 noise violations, and that after his five year lease expires, a 5 year option will not be exercised by the landlord if a majority of the residents of the building vote to not renew, and

WHEREAS, the application is subject to the 500 foot rule, and

WHEREAS, the location is not wheelchair accessible, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that CB6 has no objection at this time to the application so long as the lack of handicapped accessibility is in conformity with all applicable federal, state and local laws.

VOTE: 29 in Favor 6 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. New beer & wine license for Excelsior Athletic Club sundeck (primary use), 301 E 57th St @ 2nd Ave.

WHEREAS, David Scott Cohen, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan on 3/2/06; and

WHEREAS, the club has been in business for over 20 years with no complaints from the surrounding community and is located in a commercial building; and

WHEREAS, the club will only serve beer and wine to club members on the rooftop sundeck from 1 PM – dusk, when beverage service will end since there is no artificial lighting on the sundeck; and

WHEREAS, all beverages will be consumed on the sundeck and not carried out (no “road tins”); now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection at this time to the New beer & wine license for Excelsior Athletic Club sundeck (primary use), 301 E 57th St @ 2nd Ave.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. New On-Premises Liquor License for MAS 53, LLC d/b/a Mistral, 1016 2nd Avenue between 53rd and 54th Streets

WHEREAS, the owners of this establishment came to the March, 2006 CB6 Business and Governmental Affairs Committee to answer all questions, and

WHEREAS, this establishment will have hours of operation from 12 Noon to 1 A.M. 7 days per week, and

WHEREAS, the establishment will have a seating capacity of 102, with a raw bar and will have recorded music, and

WHEREAS, the owners have agreed to install all necessary soundproofing, and

WHEREAS, the surrounding area has a large amount of bars, and the applicant's establishment, as opposed to problem bars, should be a good neighbor to the surrounding community, and

WHEREAS, the establishment is not handicapped accessible, with the applicant claiming that such accessibility would be impossible, now

Therefore be it

RESOLVED, that CB6 has no objections at this time to the application so long as the lack of handicapped accessibility is in conformity to all federal, state and local laws.

VOTE: 32 in Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

dd. **New, On-premises liquor license for Food for the Soul, Inc, d/b/a Shalom, 151 E 33rd St, b/w 3rd & Lex Aves.**

WHEREAS, Neil Bhasin, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan on 3/2/06; and

WHEREAS, the establishment will be the first tenant in this space; and

WHEREAS, the capacity is 75 and will have hours of operation of 3 PM – 12 AM, Monday – Friday, and 3 PM – 2 AM, Saturday & Sunday; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is handicapped accessible, playing recorded music 90% of the time, with a DJ playing American rock on occasion; and

WHEREAS, the menu will be snacks (no curries) and kebabs; and

WHEREAS, there are no French doors to be opened; and

WHEREAS, the owner checked “Yes” to dancing on his CB6 questionnaire and was advised by the Committee he’d need a cabaret license for that and he said he’d apply for one, if needed, and

WHEREAS, the application is subject to a 500’ hearing; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection at this time to the New, On-premises liquor license for Food for the Soul, Inc, d/b/a Shalom, 151 E 33rd St, b/w 3rd & Lex Aves.

VOTE: 33 in Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Street Fair Applications

e. **Jack & Jill School –Street Activity Permit application for an Annual Street Fair, Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm on E. 16th St. b/w Third Ave. and Rutherford Place.**

WHEREAS, the Jack & Jill School holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has represented that proceeds from this event will be used to fund a scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, in the past, has provided services to the community; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily on a side street and is sponsored by an organization that is indigenous to the community; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by the Jack & Jill School for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 32 in Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. **Church of Our Savior - Street Activity Permit application for a sidewalk Art Show from May 1st to May 5th 2006, from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm at 59 Park Ave., b/w E. 37th & E. 38th Sts.**

WHEREAS, the Church of Our Savior holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has represented that proceeds from this event will be used to fund a scholarship; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, in the past, has provided services to the community; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily on the sidewalk in front of the Church and is sponsored by an organization that is indigenous to the community; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by the Church of Our Savior for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- g. **Baruch College - Street Activity Permit application for a Street Festival, Thursday, May 4, 2006, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on E. 25th St. b/w Lexington and Third Aves.**

WHEREAS, Baruch College holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, this is Students Day which is the last event before graduation; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily on a side street and is sponsored by an organization that is indigenous to the community; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 does not object to the application by Baruch College for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- h. **Friends Seminary –Street Activity Permit application for a Spring Fair, Saturday, May 6, 2006, from 1:00 am to 4:00 pm on Rutherford Place b/w 15th and 16th Sts. and on 16th St. b/w Third Ave. and Rutherford Place.**

WHEREAS, Friends Seminary holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, The Friends Seminary School holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, in the past, has provided services to the community; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily on a side street and is sponsored by an organization that is indigenous to the community; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 does not object to the application by Friends Seminary for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- i. **P.S. 116--Street Activity Permit application for a Block Party, Saturday, May 6, 2006, from 9:00 pm to 5:00 pm on East 32nd St. b/w Second and Third Aves.**

WHEREAS, the PTA of P.S. 116 holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the proposed street festival will not be held on a major traffic thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the P.S. 116 application is for a street festival staffed by the Parent's Association and staffed by parent and student volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has held this event in the past without incident; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by the PTA of P.S. 116 for the date and location above.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- j. **Federation of Turkish American Assoc. - Street Activity Permit application for a Parade that begins at E. 56th St. and Madison Ave. and culminates at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on E. 47th St. b/w First and Second Aves. for Saturday, May 20, 2006, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm.**

WHEREAS, the Federation of Turkish American Assoc. holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, in the past, has provided services to the community; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily held in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by the Federation of Turkish American Assoc. for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- k. **The Churchill School—Street Activity Permit application for a Carnival, Saturday, May 20, 2006, from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm on E. 30th St. b/w First and Second Aves.**

WHEREAS, The Churchill School holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the proposed carnival will not be held on a major traffic thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the Churchill School application is for a street festival staffed by the Parent's Association and staffed by parent and student volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has proven to be a good neighbor over the years; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by the Churchill School for a street activity permit for the dates and location shown above.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- m. **Art Exhibit for Tudor City Greens at Tudor City Place b/w E. 41st & E. 43rd Sts., from Thurs. to Sat., June 22nd to June 24th, 2006, 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.**

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will stage an art exhibit with works to be displayed along the park fence; and

WHEREAS, there will be no interference with pedestrian traffic; and

WHEREAS, the exhibit will add to the quality of life of the community; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application to hold an art exhibit on Tudor City Place bet. E. 41st and E. 43rd Streets.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- n. **Organization for Advancement of Nigerians - Street Activity Permit application for a Nigerian Independence Day Celebration, September 30, 2006, from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm on E. 44th St. b/w First and Second Aves.**

WHEREAS, Organization for Advancement of Nigerians holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the applicant, in the past, has provided services to the community; and

WHEREAS, this street activity is volunteer produced, is primarily held in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by Organization for Advancement of Nigerians for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Enti

- o. **High School for Health Professions - Street Activity Permit application for a Street Festival on Saturday, April 29, 2006, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on E. 15th St., b/w First and Second Aves.**

WHEREAS, the High School for Health Professions holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the proposed street festival will not be held on a major traffic thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the High School for Health Professions application is for a street festival staffed by the Parent's Association and staffed by parent and student volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has proven to be a good neighbor over the years; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 does not object to the application by the High School for Health Professions for a Street Activity Permit.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- p. **Epiphany School--Street Activity Permit application for a Carnival, Sunday, May 7, 2006, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm on E. 22nd St. b/w Second and Third Aves.**

WHEREAS, the Epiphany School holds this event annually without incident; and

WHEREAS, the Epiphany School application is for a street festival staffed by the Parent's Association and staffed by parent and student volunteers; and

WHEREAS, the proposed street festival will not be held on a major traffic thoroughfare; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has proven to be a good neighbor over the years; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six does not object to the application by Epiphany School for a street activity permit for the dates and location shown above.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- q. **Report**
Harry waived the report.

7. **Housing & Homeless** – Claude Winfield, Chair

a. **Amendment to J-51 Tax Benefit Law**

Whereas, the J-51 program provides tax exemptions and abatements to encourage owners of eligible multiple dwellings to upgrade and renovate their property, and

Whereas, J-51 was initially a City program and is now authorized pursuant to State Law (Real Property Tax Law, RPTL §489), and

Whereas, in 2002, (Law of 2002, Chapter 418), the state extended the authority of localities to amend or adopt laws to extend the J-51 program until June 2007 and provides that all conversions, alterations and improvements must be completed prior to December 31, 2007 to qualify for benefits, and

Whereas, recently, the state legislature enacted Chapter 279 of the Law of 2005 which amended section 489 of the RPTL, and

Whereas, Chapter 279 *authorizes localities* to allow Mitchell-Lama developments to obtain local tax benefits even if the alteration or improvement is financed with a grant, loan or subsidy from any federal, state or local agency, *as long as the development enters into a binding and irrevocable agreement which prohibits it from dissolving or reconstituting for not less than 15 years from the commencement of the J-51 benefits*, and

Whereas, Intro 00756 would permit Mitchell-Lama cooperatives and condominiums to obtain J-51 tax benefits provided that the Mitchell-Lama contracts to remain in Mitchell-Lama program for 15 years, and

Whereas, Intro 00757 would permit Mitchell-Lamas to obtain J-51 tax benefits even if an improvement or alteration is financed by a grant, loan or subsidy from federal, state or local agency, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass Intro 00756 and 00757 amendments to the code of the City of New York, in relation to tax exemptions and abatements for alterations and improvements to Mitchell-Lama dwellings.

VOTE: 31 in Favor 0 Opposed 4 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. **Report**

Claude reported that the committee reviewed a 421-a application for 400 Third Ave. The applicants were very cooperative and provided all the needed information.

See the Committee minutes for the full report.

8. Transportation – Lou Sepersky, Chair

a. Request for the permanent street co-naming of Asser Levy Place as Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A. Place.

Whereas the New York County Council of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV) has requested the co-naming of Asser Levy Place, East 23rd to East 25th Street, Community Board 6 (CB6), Manhattan, as Jewish War Veterans of the U.S.A Place, and

Whereas the JWV is the oldest active veterans service organization in the United States (founded in 1896) by Jewish veterans of the Civil War, and

Whereas CB6 established street co-naming guidelines by resolution (January, 1998), and

Whereas the Committee has judged that the JWV request meets the standards of the guidelines in that the organization has "a significant affiliation with the location proposed" and "shall have made significant contribution to the greater good of the community," in its continuing involvement with the Veterans Administration Hospital (bounded by First Avenue, Asser Levy Place, East 23rd and East 25th Streets), and

Whereas the involvement of the JWV has been supportive of veterans of various United States military conflicts who receive medical treatment at this V. A. hospital through visitation and support programs, providing religious and psychological support to veterans being treated there, and

Whereas the JWV sustains a Voluntary Service Office at the VA hospital, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that Community Board 6 (CB6) supports the request for the permanent street co-naming of Asses: Levy Place as Jewish War Veterans of the U. S. A. Place, as that organization has requested, and

be it further

Resolved that such co-naming by the New York City Department of Transportation (DoT) be, in accord with the CB6 resolution of January, 1998, be "in accordance with the existing physical and design standards" of DoT and "at the expense of those making the request for the co-naming.

Vote: 33 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Not entitled

- b. **“Don’t Block the Box” signage and street markings @ E. 23rd Street and the FDR service road.**

Whereas, the intersection of the FDR Service Road and East 23rd Street, in Community Board 6, has raised concerns about traffic safety, and

Whereas, marking this location with pavement markings and signage to prevent obstruction of the intersection ("Don't Block the Box"), is considered to be a way to address this issue; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved that Community Board 6 urges the Manhattan Borough Commissioner of the New York City Department of Transportation to investigate the installation at the intersection of the FDR Service Road and East 23rd Street, in Community Board 6, pavement markings and appropriate signage to prevent obstruction of the intersection ("Don't Block the Box").

VOTE: 33 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- c. **Report**

At the April committee meeting C/M Gerson will attend to discuss LL84.

We will also revisit the issue of the honor boxes and the enforcement of them, as well as deteriorated sidewalks and why 311 will not take the complaints for this problem.

See committee minutes for the full report.

Old/new business

Second Roll Call

Adjournment – 10:30