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FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Thursday, May 21, 2020
TIME: 6:30 PM
PLACE: Via Video-Conference

I. ATTENDANCE

II. PUBLIC SESSION: Members of the community may speak for a time to be specified by the Board Chair on any issue of interest to the community. **Virtual Public Speaker's cards must have been submitted before 5:00 p.m. to info@cb2manhattan.org* Written correspondence received in lieu of spoken testimony will be summarized.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. REPORTS TO THE PUBLIC

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| 1. | Elected Officials' Reports | |
| 2. | Borough President's Report | Andrew Chang |
| 3. | Chair's Report | Carter Booth |
| 4. | District Manager's Report | Bob Gormley |

BUSINESS SESSION

V. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS AND OTHER BUSINESS

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| 1. | Quality of Life | Joseph Gallagher |
| 2. | Landmarks | Chenault Spence |
| 3. | SLA Licensing 1 & 2 | Robert Ely/Donna Raftery |
| 4. | Traffic & Transportation | Shirley Secunda |
| 5. | Schools & Education | Jeannine Kiely |

VII. NEW BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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June 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 WORKING GROUP	2 SLA LICENSING	3 PARKS/WATERFONT	4 TRAFFIC & TRANS.	5	6
7	8 EXECUTIVE QUALITY OF LIFE(tentative)	9 SCHOOLS & EDUCATION	10 SLA LICENSING (tentative)	11 LANDMARKS	12	13
14	15 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	16 EXECUTIVE	17	18 FULL BOARD	19	20
21 Father's Day	22 EXECUTIVE	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	NOT MEETING: ARTS & INSTITUTION SOCIAL SERVICES - ??			

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May 13, 2020

Hon. Andrew Cuomo
Governor, State of New York
State Capital Building
Albany NY, 12242

Marie Dominguez
Commissioner, State Department of Transportation
50 Wolf Road
Albany, NY 12232

Erik Kulleseid
Commissioner, State Department of Parks
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

RE: Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety in Hudson River Park

Dear Governor Cuomo and Commissioners Dominguez and Kulleseid:

Thank you for your leadership navigating New Yorkers through the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2), we are immensely appreciative of your herculean efforts.

CB2 borders Hudson River Park (HRP) from Canal Street to 14th Street. With only .58 acres of parkland per 1000 residents, our district has one of the lowest ratios of public open space in New York City. The city standard is 2.5 acres. Hudson River Park accounts for the largest portion of active and passive open space for CB2 residents. The Hudson River Park Greenway, under the jurisdiction of NYS DoT, is the busiest bicycle highway in North America.

Coronavirus restrictions have placed even more pressure than usual on Hudson River Park and the adjacent bikeway. More people are heading to the park to escape their apartments. The park is now filled with parents pushing baby strollers, dog walkers, leisure walkers, and slow moving cyclists mixed in with runners, racing cyclists, and electric bicycle messengers fulfilling orders. This sizable increase in users has created unsafe conditions. The barriers set in place at intersections in the Greenway to prevent terrorism do not allow for safe passage even in the best of times. Now that more people are using the park to exercise and get some fresh air, multiple use congestion adds not only to the potential for collisions but also to the potential spread of COVID-19, as these crowded conditions reduce the possibility for adequate and safe distancing space. What's more, social distancing may be effective at 6 feet when walking leisurely, but safe distance requirements expand many more feet when considering the spray of mask-less fast moving runners and cyclists. Some park goers, particularly the fast moving runners and cyclists, are blatantly disregarding orders of the Mayor, Governor, and CDC regarding wearing masks and practicing physical distancing while outside. VIDEO

Rather than deny residents access to the park (as maximum occupancy rules in NYC Parks which is currently under consideration) we believe that more stringent measures need to be undertaken to facilitate social distancing and enforce mask

wearing . Steps must be taken to accommodate this new reality that threatens people's health and even their survival by providing dedicated infrastructure so that it can happen safely.

Clearly, this situation calls for a reallocation of the limited space available in the Hudson River Park's current configuration. Therefore, Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) asks that the Hudson River Park Greenway be moved into the western most lane of Route 9A, protected by jersey barriers and cones to accommodate two way cycle traffic. This will free up space on the Greenway for runners and roller-bladers and provide more room for pedestrians to move within the Park.

CB2 understands that pavement restoration of Route 9A/West Street is currently underway. But we ask that areas not under construction are made available for the expansion of the bikeway on to West Street throughout not only CB2, but through the connecting catchments of Community Board 1, and Community Board 4, Manhattan, as well. We also recommend the added West Street (9A) lane be reserved exclusively for cyclists, and the Greenway be reserved exclusively for runners and roller-bladers.

As the weather continues to get warmer, greater pressure will be placed on HRP to provide respite for those wishing a reprieve from cramped city apartments. Manhattan may seem empty now because many are heeding orders to stay home, but as the weather warms and reopening phases are implemented, workers will begin to return to their offices and will need transport to get there. Studies have indicated workers will consider avoiding public transportation, opting instead for alternative methods of transportation like cycling and personal vehicle transport. Adding a dedicated bike lane on 9A/West Street for cyclists, with the greenway dedicated for runners and roller-bladers, and the interior park areas reserved for pedestrians and leisure activities, should contribute significantly to ensuring public health, safety and safe social distancing.

CB2 is thankful for Hudson River Park and the stewardship of the State and City providing measures that keep our residents safe. We look forward to designing solutions in partnership now and in the future. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carter Booth
Chair, CB2



Daniel Miller
1st Vice Chair, CB2



Cc
Hon. Bill De Blasio
Commissioner Polly Trottenberg
Ed Pincar, Manhattan Borough Commissioner
Hon. Jerold Nadler
Hon. Gale Brewer
Hon. Corey Johnson

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QUALITY OF LIFE COMMITTEE

May 2020

The Quality of Life Committee of Community Board #2, Manhattan held its monthly meeting on Monday, May 11, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

Board Members Present: Joe Gallagher (Chair), Michael Levine, Brian Pape, Susan Kent, Rocio Sanz

Board Members Absent with notification: Cathy Sullivan, Ritu Chattree, Ed Ma

Public Members Present: Linda Aizer

Public Members Absent with notification: Ann Arlen, Karen Eckhoff, Ellen Peterson-Lewis, Rhea Sohne

RESOLUTIONS:

New Application for Revocable Consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café for:

- 1. Blue Bottle Coffee Inc., 2 Astor Place between Broadway and Lafayette St. with 3 tables and 6 chairs (2152-2020-ASWC)**

Whereas, this establishment has been in operation for 1.5 years and serves hot and cold coffee beverages and light snacks; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that the café will be available for guests to bring their food and drink purchased at the counter and the café will be monitored and cleared by restaurant staff; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that the sidewalk café will close by 7:00 PM, seven days a week, and will open at 8 AM from Monday -Friday, 9 AM on Saturdays, and 10 AM on Sundays; and

Whereas, the applicant will store all the sidewalk café furniture in the building overnight; and

Whereas, the applicant stated that there would be no amplified sound within the sidewalk café and that the neighboring businesses are in favor of this sidewalk café application; now

Therefore Be It Resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends **approval** of the application for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café for **Blue Bottle Coffee Inc., 2 Astor Place with 3 tables and 6 chairs (2152-2020-ASWC)** provided that the application conforms with all applicable zoning and sidewalk café laws, rules, and regulations and clearance requirements.

Vote: Recommended unanimously

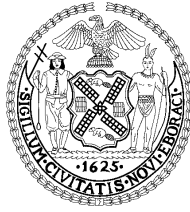
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Gallagher", with a stylized, flowing script.

Joe Gallagher, Chair

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Community Board 2 Manhattan

Landmarks and Public Aesthetics Committee
held its meeting on May 14, 2020 by video conferencing.

Committee Members Present: Chenault Spence (Chair), Susan Gammie (Vice -Chair), Valerie De La Rosa, Brian Pape, Bo Riccobono, Doris Diether, and Sandy Russo.

Committee Members Absent With Notice: Anita Brandt

Public Members Present: Albert Bennett, Mostafa Osman

Other Board Members Present: Carter Booth (Board Chair), Eugene Yoo, and William Benesh

Other members of the public: Sarah Apmann (GVHSP)

1. *186 Sullivan Street - Application is to add a rooftop structure on an existing three-story townhouse.

Whereas:

- A. The property is at the north end of the Landmarked Macdougall - Sullivan Gardens on the Sullivan Street side; and
- B. The special character of the Gardens, especially with respect to the carefully preserved buildings and the intact doughnut consisting of private gardens and the historically significant communal central garden, requires great care in assessing the appropriateness of any changes that affect the entire complex;
- C. The penthouse is 300 square feet, 10'8" high, is not visible from Sullivan Street, is very minimally visible above a one story building on Macdougall Street, and is clearly visible from within the doughnut; and
- D. The chimneys will be raised 3' above the penthouse roof; and
- E. The facade is in a suitable light colored stucco; and
- F. The required safety railings are of a usual, simple design; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends approval of this application provided that, in view of the special character of the Gardens and with particular consideration of the impact of all of the additions, that care is taken to ensure that the effect on the historic character of the complex is minimal.

Unanimous

- 2. *17 E. 9th St.-Application is to restore the stoop and the areaway to original, historic version.** (already heard)
- 3. *29 East 11th Street - Application is to construct a rear horizontal extension and reinstate the front stoop and surround.**
 - A. The row house is one of a row of five similar houses, several of which are in or close to their original condition, built at approximately the same time; and
 - B. The proposed entry, stoop, and areaway are based on the designs of the neighboring houses that are in the original condition illustrated with photographs; and
 - C. The rooftop modifications, apart from a usual chimney extension, are not visible from any public thoroughfare; and
 - D. The proposed full height rear extension, necessitates demolition of the non-historic tower and demolition of the entire intact original rear facade; and
 - E. The approval of rear facade extensions of row houses in the district invariably calls for preservation of the top one or two floors of the rear wall; and
 - F. The top floor has small “attic” type windows and therefore it is necessary to preserve the facade of the top two floors to give a proper proportion; and
 - G. The fenestration of the rear facade is similar to extensions that were represented by the applicant as having been approved by the Commission; now

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 Manhattan recommends:

- A. Approval of the entry, stoop, and area way and other incidental modifications of the front facade provided that they faithfully copy the intact original facades of the neighboring building; and**
- B. Approval of the rooftop modifications; and**

- C. Denial of the rear extension as so extensive as to necessitate the destruction of the entire intact, original back wall which unacceptably changes the historic character of the building; and**
- D. A modified rear extension in the proposed design that leaves, undisturbed and restored the original top two floors.**

8 in favor

1 opposed. (Brian Pape)

Respectfully Submitted
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SLA LICENSING COMMITTEE

May 5, 2020

The SLA Licensing Committee of Community Board #2, Manhattan, held a meeting at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, May 5th, 2020 via Video Conference.

Committee Board Members Present: R. Ely (Co-Chair), D. Raftery (Co-Chair), R. Rothstein, K. Bordonaro, M. Fitzgerald, T. Connor, K. Shea, S. Smith, S. Wittenberg, A. Wong and S. Kent.
Committee Board Members absent with notice: C. Flynn and L. Rakoff.
Other Board Members Present: C. Booth (Chair), V. De La Rosa (Secretary), P. Laraia, W. Benesh, J.P. DeVerna and Eugene Yoo.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. HHLP Union Square Associates LLC, HHLP Union Square Lessee LLC, Hersha Hospitality Management LP, and Union Square 4th F&B MGMT LLC d/b/a Hyatt Union Square/ Bowery Road/Library of Distilled Spirits, 76 E. 13th Street 10003 (Hotel Liquor—Corporate Change)

i. Whereas the Applicants appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for a corporate change of ownership to existing Hotel Liquor Licenses (SN 1264972 & SN 1294064) to reflect a change in ownership in co-licensee Hersha Hospitality Management LP; the Applicants will all continue to operate a boutique hotel which features a full-service restaurant and a cocktail bar/lounge in a C6-1 zoned 11-story, mixed-use building constructed in 1910 on the southwest corner of E. 13th St. between Fourth Ave. and Broadway (Block #564/Lot #45); and

ii. Whereas aside from the aforementioned change in ownership in one co-licensee, all of the Applicants' names will remain on the license and there will be no change in the operation of the hotel whose total licensed interior space is approximately 78,174.07 sq. ft.; the restaurant will continue to serve breakfast, brunch, lunch, and dinner and together with the cocktail bar/lounge (which serves breakfast, lunch, and an evening bar menu) will have 84 tables with 218 seats and two (2) stand up bars with 22 seats for a total of 240 interior seats; there is a sidewalk cafe of approximately 450 sq. ft. with 20 tables and 40 seats; there is an existing Certificate of Occupancy for the premises which has five (5) entrances, five (5) exits, and five (5) bathrooms; and

iii. Whereas, the hours of operation will continue to be 6:30 AM to 2:00 AM seven (7) days a week, with all doors and windows shut by 10:00 PM nightly; music will be quiet background only; there will be

no DJ's, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees, and no televisions; and

iv. Whereas the Applicants have executed and have had notarized a Memorandum of Understanding with Community Board 2, Manhattan which incorporates all of the agreements, stipulations, and representations that were made to Community Board 2, Manhattan by 132 4th Avenue Restaurant, LLC in March 2012 and at any other time in conjunction with 132 4th Avenue Restaurant, LLC's application to license the premises and which were which set forth in a CB2, Manhattan resolution of March 2012; the Applicants now seeks to incorporate into the "Method of Operation" of each Hotel Liquor License (and any other subsequent alteration applications to the original March 2012 application) the stipulations set forth in the aforementioned March 2012 resolution, which are as follows:

1. The hours of operation are from 6:30 AM to 2:00 AM, seven (7) days a week.
2. All doors and windows will be shut by 10:00 PM nightly.
3. Music will be background only, and there will be no promoted events, DJs or third party promoters.
4. Applicants agree to and follow the Memorandum of Understanding with the building directly attached to them with the 77 E. 12th Street owners that was signed by their landlords, and is incorporated by reference herein (*see* MOU dated as of February 3, 2012, between Hersha Hospitality Trust, 132 4th Avenue Restaurant LLC and 77 E. 12 Owners, Inc.).

It is noted that the portion of the above-referenced MOU that covers use of the rooftop in the building in which the premises is located is not included in this application, that CB2, Manhattan has made no representations to support or deny the rooftop use in the past or at this time and that any use of the rooftop as part of any licensed premise must come before CB2, Manhattan to submit an application to alter its existing license and incorporate that area for consideration of a recommendation from CB2, Manhattan either in support or in opposition; that 77 E. 12 Owners have presented no opposition to this application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends **denial** of the application for a corporate change to the existing Hotel Liquor Licenses (SN 1264972 & SN 1294064) in the name of **HHLP Union Square Associates LLC, HHLP Union Square Lessee LLC, Hersha Hospitality Management LP, and Union Square 4th F&B MGMT LLC, d/b/a Hyatt Union Square/Bowery Road/Library of Distilled Spirits, 76 E. 13th Street 10003** **unless** the statements presented by the Applicants are accurate and complete and that the above-stated conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicants are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on both SLA Hotel Liquor Licenses.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (11 - 0)

2. Dahan Hospitality Inc., DBA Caffe Aronne, 122 Greenwich Avenue, Store 2, New York, NY 10012 (RW/Beer and Wine)

i. Whereas, the Applicant appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee for the purpose of seeking a new RW/Beer and Wine license to operate a minimalist coffee shop specializing in Italian coffees in a previously unlicensed, mixed residential/commercial building in a C1-6 mixed-use building located in a Local Retail District located between W12th and W13th Street in Greenwich Village, Manhattan; and

ii. **Whereas**, the Café will operate with less than a full service kitchen serving sandwiches and pastries on a street level location of approximately 350 sq. ft.; the premises has one (1) entrance / exit and one (1) bathroom with two (2) counters and seven (7) seats; and

iii. **Whereas**, the Applicant's hours of operation are from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM seven (7) days a week; there is no sidewalk café included with this application nor will there be an application for one in the future, music will be quiet background only; there will be no DJ's, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees and no television; and

iv. **Whereas**, the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the "Method of Operation" of the Restaurant Wine License, with those stipulations as follows:

1. The premises will be advertised and operated as a minimalist Coffee Shop specializing in Italian coffees.
2. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 AM to 9:00 PM seven (7) days a week.
3. There will be food available for purchase at all hours of operation.
4. The premises will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern, or Sports Bar or allow any portion of premises to be operated in that manner.
5. There will be no televisions.
6. The Applicant will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including a licensed sidewalk café).
7. The Applicant will not have a sidewalk café now or in the future.
8. The Applicant will play quiet ambient recorded background music only; no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
9. The Applicant will not install French doors operable windows or open façades.
10. The Applicant will not make any changes to the existing façade except to change the signage or awning.
11. It will comply with NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates
12. It will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials; it will not have "boozy brunches" or serve pitchers of beer.
13. There will be no pitchers of beer.
14. It will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, or security personnel/doormen.
15. It will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agree to herein.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends **denial** of the application for a new Restaurant Wine License to **Dahan Hospitality Inc., d/b/a/ Caffe Aronne, 112 Greenwich Ave, Store 2, New York, NY 10014** **unless** the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the above-stated conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the "Method of Operation" on the SLA Restaurant License.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (11 – 0)

3. Josan & Josan, Inc. d/b/a Taco Mahal, 73 7th Ave. South 10014 (RW-- Corporate Change)

i. Whereas, the Applicant's Attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee to present an application to the Liquor Authority for a corporate change to an existing restaurant wine license for a "family owned restaurant with fusion tacos"; they have been licensed since 2016; and,

ii. Whereas, this application is for a Corporate Change to a restaurant wine license at a location in a commercial 2 story building constructed in 1910 located on 7th Ave South Ave. between Bleecker St. and Barrow St. for an approximately 200 sq. ft premise with one (1) stand up bar and two (2) food counters, one with 7 stools and the other with 4 stools for a total of 11 interior seats; there is a sidewalk café with no more than 10 tables and 30 seats; there are 2 exits and 2 entrances; there is one bathroom; there is an existing Certificate of Occupancy; and,

iii. Whereas, the hours of operation will be from 7:00 AM to 12:00 AM seven (7) days a week, music will be quiet background only consisting of music from ipod/cd's (i.e. no active manipulation of music – only passive prearranged music), all doors and windows will be closed at 10:00 PM except for patron ingress and egress, there will be no DJs, no live music, no promoted events, no scheduled performances or cover fees, no velvet ropes, no movable barriers; and,

iv. Whereas, the Applicant executed a stipulations agreement with CB2 that they agreed to submit to the SLA and agreed would be attached and incorporated into the method of operation on the restaurant wine license stating that:

1. Premise will be advertised and operated as a family owned restaurant focused on fusion Tacos.
2. The hours of operation will be Sunday from 7:00AM to 12:00AM 7 days a week. All patrons will be cleared and no patrons will remain after stated closing times.
3. The premises will not operate as a "lounge", tavern or sports bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in such a manner.
4. The premises will not have televisions.
5. The premises will not permit dancing.
6. The premises will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes or patron seating (not including a licensed sidewalk café).
7. The premises will play quiet ambient-recorded background music only. No music will be audible in any adjacent residences at anytime.
8. The premises will not have DJ's, live music, or promoted events.
9. The premises will close all door and windows at 10PM every night and anytime there is amplified music.
10. There will be no unlimited drink or all you can eat and drink specials.
11. There will be no sale of beer by the pitcher.
12. Sidewalk café will conform to approved plans at all times.
13. All alcohol service in sidewalk café will be by waiter service only.
14. Sidewalk Café will be closed at 11:00 PM seven (7) days a week. No Patrons will remain in the sidewalk café after 11:00 PM and all chairs and tables will be stored accordingly.
15. Will make all efforts to join the adopt a trashcan program run by the New York City Department of Sanitation for the trash can at Barrow St. and 7th Ave South.
16. Will actively manage the sidewalk café at all times and keep the area clear of trash.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan recommends **denial** of a new Restaurant Wine License for **Josan & Josan, Inc. d/b/a Taco Mahal, 73 7th Ave. South 10014** **unless** the statements the Applicant has presented are accurate and complete, and that those conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant above are incorporated into the “Method of Operation” on the SLA Restaurant Wine License.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (11– 0)

4. Mishka Soho Inc. d/b/a Mishka Soho 519 Broome Street 10013 (OP—Restaurant)

i. Whereas the Applicant and the Applicant’s Representative appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s SLA Committee to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for a new On Premise license to operate a full service Restaurant Wine described as a “family friendly neighborhood restaurant that will serve authentic Russian Cuisine” in ground floor storefront within a 5-story building constructed in 1890 on Broome St. between Thompson and Sullivan Streets located in the Soho District; and

ii. Whereas the storefront premises is approximately 1,200 sq. ft. with 14 tables and 36 seats, 1 standup bar with 6 seats, for a total of 42 patron seats in the premises, there will be no outdoor service of alcohol, exterior seating or sidewalk café, there will be one set of double doors at the entrance of the restaurant on Broome Street and two bathrooms; there is an existing Certificate of Occupancy for the premises which permits eating and drinking, use group 6 on the ground floor storefront level; and

iii. Whereas the Applicant’s agreed-to hours of operation are 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays; there will be live, unamplified acoustical jazz music albeit limited to hours between 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and/or 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturdays/Sundays, at all other times music will be quiet background only, all doors and/or operable windows will remain closed at all times; there will be no DJ’s, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees, no velvet ropes, no security and no televisions; and

iv. Whereas the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the “Method of Operation” of the Restaurant On Premise License, with those stipulations as follows:

1. The premises will be advertised and operated as a family friendly neighborhood restaurant that will serve authentic Russian Cuisine.
2. The hours of operation will be from 9:00 AM to 12:00 AM Sunday through Thursday and from 9:00 AM to 1:00 AM on Fridays and Saturdays.
3. The Premises will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern, or Sports Bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in that manner.
5. There will be no televisions.

6. The Applicant will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes, including a licensed sidewalk cafe).
7. Live unamplified acoustic jazz ensemble permitted without drums or horns between 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm Monday through Friday and/or 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturdays/Sundays; at all other times music will be quiet, ambient recorded background music only; no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
8. All doors and windows will be kept closed at all times.
9. It will not make any changes to the existing façade except to change the signage or awning.
10. It will comply with the NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
11. It will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials; it will not have “boozy brunches” or serve pitchers of beer.
12. There will be no bottle service or the sale of alcohol in bottle form, except for the sale of bottles of beer, cider, and wine products purchased from the grocery area for consumption outside of the store.
13. It will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, or security personnel/doorman.
14. It will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.

v. **Whereas**, this application being subject to the 500 ft. rule and the public interest standard, this location having been licensed previously, the stipulations agreed upon, assuming such compliance by the Applicant in the future, there being no exterior areas for the service of alcohol and the late night hours of operation for the being reasonable and sufficiently consistent with a full service restaurant at this location; and,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends denial of the application for a new Restaurant Wine License to **VSM Gourmet, LLC d/b/a/ Gourmet Garage, 585 Hudson Street 10014** unless the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the above-stated conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the “Method of Operation” on the SLA Restaurant License.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (11-0)

5. VSM Gourmet, LLC d/b/a/ Gourmet Garage, 585 Hudson Street 10014 (RW – Restaurant)

i. **Whereas** the Applicant and the Applicant’s Attorney appeared before Community Board 2, Manhattan’s SLA Committee to present an application to the NYS Liquor Authority for a new Restaurant Wine License to operate a gourmet supermarket that will sell a variety of food from a food court area for both on-premises consumption and take out in a C1-6 zoned 7-story, mixed-use building constructed in

1968 on Hudson St. between Bethune and Bank Sts. (Block #624/Lot #1) and is located in the Greenwich Village Historic District; and

ii. Whereas the Applicant will operate food stations and provide space for on-premises dining on a street level of approximately 6,200 sq. ft. with a seating area with four (4) tables and 16 seats and three (3) standup counters with 21 seats, for a total of 37 seats in the premises; which level will be connected by an interior staircase and elevator to the supermarket on the basement level of approximately 8,000 sq. ft.; there is an existing Certificate of Occupancy for the premises which has two (2) entrances, two (2) exits, and two (2) bathrooms; and

iii. Whereas the Applicant's agreed-to hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM seven (7) days a week; music will be quiet background only; there will be no DJ's, no promoted events, no live music or scheduled performances, no cover fees, and no televisions; and

iv. Whereas while the presence in the community of a new supermarket is seen as a welcome addition, the Applicant's initial application for an OP License was strongly opposed to by Community Board 2, Manhattan's SLA Committee due to the potential impact of an additional OP License in a locale in which there are several similarly licensed restaurants, all of which are experiencing severe economic hardship as a consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

v. Whereas in response to the aforementioned concern for the survival of local businesses, the Applicant expressed its willingness to cooperate, amended its application to and is now seeking a Restaurant Wine License, which category of license the Committee feels is more appropriate for an establishment of the type the Applicant proposes; and

vi. Whereas the Applicant has executed and has had notarized a Stipulations Agreement with Community Board 2, Manhattan which will be incorporated into the "Method of Operation" of the Restaurant Wine License, with those stipulations as follows:

1. The premises will be advertised and operated as a Gourmet Supermarket with prepared foods available to eat on the premises or available to go.
2. The hours of operation will be from 7:00 AM to 11:00 PM seven (7) days a week.
3. There will be prepared food for purchase at all hours of operation.
4. The Premises will not operate as a Lounge, Tavern, or Sports Bar or allow any portion of the premises to be operated in that manner.
5. There will be no televisions.
6. The Applicant will not operate a backyard garden or any outdoor area for commercial purposes (not including a licensed sidewalk cafe).
7. A sidewalk café is not included in this Application.
8. The Applicant will play quiet ambient recorded background music only; no music will be audible in any adjacent residences at any time.
8. All doors and windows will be kept closed at all times.

9. The Applicant will not install French doors, operable windows, or open façades.
10. It will not make any changes to the existing façade except to change the signage or awning.
11. It will comply with the NYC Department of Buildings Regulations and keep current at all times required Permits & Certificates.
12. It will not have unlimited drink or unlimited food and drink specials; it will not have “boozy brunches” or serve pitchers of beer.
13. There will be no bottle service or the sale of alcohol in bottle form, except for the sale of bottles of beer, cider, and wine products purchased from the grocery area for consumption outside of the store.
14. It will not have any of the following: dancing, DJs, live music, promoted events, any event where a cover fee is charged, scheduled performances, velvet ropes or metal barricades, or security personnel/doorman.
15. It will appear before CB2, Manhattan prior to submitting any changes to any stipulation agreed to herein.
16. Alcoholic drinks will be ordered and paid for at the bar counter for customers to bring to their seats or via tablets in the designated seating area.
17. When ordering from tablets, customers will scan their IDs at the time of order; there will be a limit of one (1) drink per ID and related credit card per order.
18. Alcoholic beverages will be consumed only within the designated seating area (which is annexed as page 2 of the applicant’s stipulations with architectural blueprint of licensed premises with designated area surrounded in blue).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 2, Manhattan recommends denial of the application for a new Restaurant Wine License to **VSM Gourmet, LLC d/b/a/ Gourmet Garage, 585 Hudson Street 10014** unless the statements presented by the Applicant are accurate and complete and that the above-stated conditions and stipulations agreed to by the Applicant are incorporated into the “Method of Operation” on the SLA Restaurant License.

Vote: Unanimous in favor (11-0)

THE FOLLOWING ARE RESOLUTIONS FOR ALL APPLICANTS THAT WERE LAID OVER, WITHDRAWN, OR DID NOT APPEAR BEFORE THEIR REQUESTED HEARING:

6. TWJ Family Foods, LLC d/b/a JoJos Philosophy, 169 Bleecker St. 10012 (Change in Method of Operation – Bar) (layover to June).

Whereas, at this month’s CB2, Manhattan’s SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested to layover this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA deny any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer

and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **TWJ Family Foods, LLC d/b/a JoJos Philosophy, 169 Bleecker St. 10012** until the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

7. GVI West Village, LLC d/b/a Vin Sur Vingt, 192 Seventh Ave. So. 10011 (New Wine Bar/Tavern) (Laid over until June)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested to layover on to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **GVI West Village, LLC d/b/a Vin Sur Vingt, 192 Seventh Ave. So. 10011** until the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

8. TXOKAO LLC, d/b/a Haizea, 142 Sullivan St. 10012 (failed to appear)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant failed to appear on this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **TXOKAO LLC, d/b/a Haizea, 142 Sullivan St. 10012** until the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

9. Stratis Morfogen, d/b/a Brooklyn Dumpling Shop LLC, 257 Bleecker St. 10014 (RW – Shop)
(Laid over until June)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested **to layover** this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **Stratis Morfogen, d/b/a Brooklyn Dumpling Shop LLC, 257 Bleecker St. 10014** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

10. Hyundai Motor America, Inc. 40 10th Ave. (RW – Bar/Tavern) (laid over to June/2020 meeting)

Whereas, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested **to layover** this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **Hyundai Motor America, Inc. 40 10th Ave.** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

11. Selina Operations LES, LLC d/b/a Selina, 138 Bowery 10013 (OP – New Hotel/previously unlicensed) (Laid over until June)

Whereas, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested **to layover** this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan

should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **TWJ Selina Operations LES, LLC d/b/a Selina, 138 Bowery 10013** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

12. Faigo Hot Pot LLC, d/b/a TBD, 114 Mulberry St. 10013 (OP – Restaurant) (laid over)

Whereas, at this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested **to layover** this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **Faigo Hot Pot LLC, d/b/a TBD, 114 Mulberry St. 10013** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

13. 113 Mulberry Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Manero's Pizza, 113 Mulberry St. 10013 (OP – Restaurant) (withdrawn)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested to **withdraw** this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA **deny** any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **113 Mulberry Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Manero's Pizza, 113 Mulberry St. 10013** **until** the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this

application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

19. Mollusca LLC d/b/a TBD, 1 Little West 12th St., New York, NY 10014 (OP – Restaurant) (laid over until June)

Whereas, prior to this month's CB2, Manhattan's SLA Licensing Committee Meeting on May 5, 2020 the Applicant requested to layover this application this application from further consideration, affirming that he will not submit this application to the NYSLA for consideration without returning to CB2 Manhattan should they decide to proceed at some time in the future; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB2, Manhattan strongly recommends that the SLA deny any type of proposed on-premises liquor license, tavern wine license, restaurant wine license, any other beer and wine license, corporate change, alteration, transfer or other changes to any existing license for **Mollusca LLC d/b/a TBD, 1 Little West 12th St., New York, NY 10014** until the Applicant has presented their application in front of CB2's SLA Licensing Committee and CB2 has forwarded a recommendation to the SLA and requests that the SLA send this Applicant back to CB2, should this application proceed directly to the SLA, in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard.

Vote: Unanimous in favor

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Ely and Donna Raftery, Co-Chairs, SLA Licensing Committee
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TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

May 2020

The Traffic and Transportation Committee of Community Board #2, Manhattan held its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via Video Conference.

Board Members Present: Shirley Secunda (Chair), Ritu Chattree (Vice Chair), Joe Gallagher, Janet Liff, Ed Ma, Daniel Miller, Lois Rakoff, Antony Wong, Adam Zeldin.

Board Members Absent with notification:

Board Members Absent:

Public Members Present: Joseph Flahaven.

Public Members Absent with notification: George Haikalis.

Public Members Absent:

Other Board Members Present: Carter Booth (CB2 Chair), William Benesh, Katy Bordinaro, Coral Dawson, David Gruber, Jeannine Kiely, Betty Kubovy-Weiss, Michael Levine, Eugene Yoo.

Guests: See attached list.

MINUTES: Item #1 on the agenda addressed NYC's new "Open Streets" program to temporarily provide more street space for essential trips and exercise during the COVID-19 pandemic in order to facilitate safer social distancing. This included a short introductory summary of the "Open Streets" program by Erik Botcher, Chief of Staff for NYC Council Speaker Corey Johnson, followed by an overview of the program by Jennifer Leung from the Manhattan Borough Commissioner's Office of the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT), including discussion of the role of local organizations in implementation of the program, with a Q&A session.

Erik Botcher mentioned that the Speaker's office is excited about the program. He said that the DOT Guidelines indicate what kind of streets they're looking for and include applications for stakeholders to fill out. Some blocks are very interested in the program, he indicated, while others don't think they fit. He said that DOT would outline the details in their following overview. He emphasized that his office is available 7 days a week, that anyone can reach out, and invited whoever wants to get in touch to do so.

Jennifer Leung explained that the Open Streets program allows pedestrians and cyclists to use more open space for social distancing by opening up streets for them to use. Through traffic is not permitted; only deliveries, emergency access and retrieving a parked car are allowed. No programming, seating or other element that encourages gatherings is permitted. Generally, bus routes or hospital corridors are not wanted, however, they might be allowed if they have a particular treatment that might be suitable. Hours are flexible. A partner organization is needed to oversee the open street. They must apply. No minimum or maximum number of blocks are required - it depends on the partner's capacity for handling. DOT is flexible on this; it's up to the managing partner to come up with a schedule. Movable barriers are needed to be able to let through the deliveries and other vehicles allowed access. DOT would like to try to avoid blocks with public garages. If these locations are applied for, DOT would have to do additional outreach to the garages.

Partners responsibilities were outlined: 1. Schedule for closures. 2. Placing and removing barriers. 3. Monitoring closure and alerting DOT/NYPD if needed. 4. Need to show rules for social distancing and slow speed in signage. 5. Need to make sure people are aware of guidelines and hours.

Also outlined were some things the City/NYPD/DOT can provide: 1. Barriers/barricades. 2. Planters. 3. They're working on signage and can provide that.

J. Leung said she would share a link to more information on the Zoom Chat. She also indicated that DOT will need to get feedback from various affected agencies. She said that DOT will be implementing the program quickly, and can make changes (based on observations, experience in practice, etc.). A map will be made of locations.

Q&A - T&T Committee and other CB2 Members

Q. Are there 2 different applications? **A.** One for people who have worked with DOT before and one for those who have not. One application is the requirement.

Q. What about liability? **A.** There's no agreement for insurance. (DOT not assuming liability responsibility).

Q. Can the Open Street be 24/7? **A.** A certain number of hours are required, but not 24/7.

Q. Is there wiggle room for having the barricades manned? **A.** Possibly.

Q. Where to send questions? **A.** There is an e-mail that will be put in the Chat.

Q. Any applications from CB2 area yet? **A.** Only ones close to CB2 (in CB3: Delancey & Houston, Stanton, Orchard).

Q. How do you get the barricades? **A.** From DOT/NYPD.

Q. After use, where do the barricades go? **A.** They still remain on the street or sidewalks.

Q. How are they locked? **A.** To lightpoles, like in parades (this was corrected later: "that may not be the case after all, it may be impossible to do so but it would more likely be placed by the curb or sidewalk (details have yet to be determined)."

Q. Is there an application fee? **A.** No.

Q. What is the deadline for applications? **A.** Rolling application.

Q. What does "there's no insurance agreement" mean? **A.** There will be other means.

Q. Will there be help with monitoring? **A.** The NYPD would not monitor. May be able to work with NYPD to manage Open Street - some situations may need it.

Q. Volunteers decide who can come through - how? How do they identify? These would be unpaid volunteers from a block association. **A.** Doesn't have that information. Will find out.

Q. Are bikes allowed? **A.** Open Streets are for pedestrians and cyclists.

Q. Could DOT do some comprehensive guidelines as to who to allow to enter and how? **A.** Have guidelines, e.g. only necessary deliveries; emergency access; garbage pickup.

Q. Is there any kind of signage to use 24/7 to show what type of street it is and that it's a local street all day? **A.** Signs are pretty standard, not times in operation, not necessarily 8am-8pm time. Will bring that back.

Q. Concern about bikes being there. Worried about conflict and danger to pedestrians. **A.** Physically cyclists should be following the same rules as for cars - 5 mph.

Q. Local neighborhood association would be responsible for removal of barriers. If barriers are moved onto the sidewalk, it would be a barrier to pedestrians walking or trying to cross the street. How can this be done safely? **A.** If the sidewalk isn't wide, there's potential to store by the curb at the intersections (not at crosswalk).

Q. Is it possible for the partner doing the Open Street to have a regulation (in signage) for cyclists and scooters to dismount and skateboarders to get off their skateboards? **A.** Will bring this question back and get an answer.

Q. Have been hearing from community groups that there are 2 different types of Open Streets. Could you bring back the idea of having a couple of different levels of Open Streets? **A.** Seems to be 2 different applications, will get clarity.

Q&A - Community Members

Q. Can individuals reach out to DOT? **A.** Sure, to show interest. Can fill out application. Can also do with a group.

Q. Is the CB voting on this? **A.** No, just informational.

Q. How long will the program be on? **A.** As long as necessary (i.e. during the pandemic). Could be done as little as 2 days a week, even less.

Q. What constitutes neighborhood stakeholders? Who can apply? How does DOT determine who can participate? How to determine what's a neighborhood association? **A.** This is covered in the DOT guidelines. Would show they're working in the community/neighborhood. If they're volunteers who can successfully meet the requirements to do the necessary work (e.g. put up and remove barriers) they would be considered.

Q. How will bicyclists, scooters, skateboards be enforced and why are they permitted at all? **A.** The program is meant to be for pedestrians and cyclists. No answer re enforcement.

Q. For the white elephant sale on Morton St. NYPD provided 4 sawhorses with wooden attachments. People would have to set it up and at end of street closing, fold them up. Is anything like this possible for these street closings? **A.** Yes, exactly the approach.

Q. Guidelines for eligibility of streets: Are construction sites eliminated, i.e., not eligible? **A.** Good point. Not in guidelines. Would not make sense to allow Open Street at construction site. Will bring that back. (Would allow emergency access, e.g., ambulances, police and fire trucks).

Q. Are there any streets in Chinatown included? **A.** DOT has Chinatown in mind for street closures and opportunities (based on applications).

Q. Can community groups try it out? **A.** Yes, can do just a few hours as a test.

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution requesting a temporary extension of the bicycle lane on 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) from 8th St./Greenwich Ave. to Canal St. during the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Whereas during the coronavirus pandemic, NYC's essential workers are cycling as a safe and healthy way to reach work, and the number of cyclists is steadily increasing; and

Whereas Community Board 2 Manhattan (CB2) passed a resolution in April 2020 asking for immediate, temporary bike lanes to provide safe passage for our essential workers; and

Whereas 6th Ave. (Ave. of the Americas) can provide an important link from downtown up to midtown and then connecting to Central Park and reaching 110th Street; and

Whereas there is a northbound bike lane on Church St. that connects to 6th Ave. at Franklin St. and continues up the east side of 6th Ave. to Canal St., there's a protected bike lane on the west side of 6th Ave. from Greenwich Ave./8th St. to 36th St., and the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) is completing the 6th Avenue parking protected bike lane from 36th to 59th Street. A protected bike lane extension from Canal St. to Greenwich Avenue/8th Street would provide a much-needed continuous direct route from downtown to uptown; and

Whereas buses turn left onto Watts St. on the west side of 6th Ave.; and

Whereas there is a fire station on the west side of 6th Ave. and Houston St.; and

Whereas there are examples in NYC of protected bike lanes switching street sides; and

Whereas there is excessive speeding on 6th Ave. from Canal St. to 8th St., which one less travel lane would alleviate;

Therefore be it resolved that CB2 requests that DOT install a temporary protected bike lane on the east side of 6th Ave. from Canal St. up to either Dominick St., Houston St. or W. 3rd St., at which point the bike lane would continue up the west side of 6th Ave. and connect to the protected bike lane beginning at Greenwich Ave./8th St.

Vote: In favor: 8 Full Board Members, 1 Public Member.
Abstention: 1 Full Board Member.

2. Resolution requesting the addition of temporary protective barriers to the bike lane on West Houston St. btw. Washington and West Sts. to provide safer access to the Hudson River Park greenway, until more permanent safety improvements can be added.

Whereas bicycling down the last block on Houston St. between Washington & West Sts. is very precarious, because the bike lane is wedged between right turn and left turn lanes, and cyclists are often caught between trucks; and

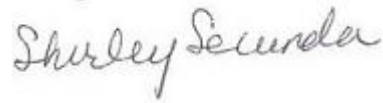
Whereas it would be much safer for bicyclists to have a barricade protecting the bike lane to avoid these dangerous conflicts;

Whereas the safety of cyclists headed on this stretch to the Hudson River Park Greenway, who often are forced to dismount their bikes and walk at this juncture, needs to be ensured;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2 Manhattan urges the NYC Dept. of Transportation to install temporary protective barriers on the bike lane on West Houston St. between Washington and West Sts. until more permanent safety improvements can be added.

Vote: In favor: 8 Full Board Members, 1 Public Member.
Abstention: 1 Full Board Member.

Respectfully submitted,



Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic and Transportation Committee
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SCHOOLS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 2020

The Schools and Education Committee of Community Board 2 and the Youth and Education Committee of Community Board 1 hosted a joint meeting on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar.

We discussed three topics: 1) after school funding for NYC's 2021 fiscal year, 2) proposed federal legislation, [H.R. 6563](#), to create a \$2 billion fund for remote learning and 3) remote learning and planning for fall 2020.

CB 2 Board Members Present: Jeannine Kiely (Chair), Patricia Laraia (Vice-Chair), Akeela Azcuy, Keen Berger, Amy Brenna, Rich Caccappolo and Mar Fitzgerald

Public Members Present: Barbara Glassman and Michael Markowitz

Other CB 2 Members Present: Carter Booth, Valerie De La Rosa, Bob Gormley, Betty Kubovy-Weiss

Board Members Absent with Notice: Matt Metzger

CB 1 Members Present: Tricia Joyce (Chair, Youth and Education Committee), Jeff Mihok (Co-Chair), Wendy Chapman, Deron Charkoudian, Jennifer Maldonado, Tammy Meltzer, Dennis Mihalsky, Lucian Reynolds, Robert Townley, Judith Weinstock and Andrew Zelter

Other CB Members Present: Josephine Ishmon, CB 4

Elected Officials Present: State Senator Brad Hoylman. Christopher Marte, State Committee Member. Erik Bottcher, Chief of Staff for Speaker Corey Johnson, Jacob Priley for State Senator Brad Hoylman, Claudia Zhu for Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou and Cora Fung for Councilmember Margaret Chin.

Six Downtown Principals: Shanna Douglas, MS 896 Lower Manhattan Community. Renny Fong, PS 130 Hernando De Soto. Jacqui Getz, MS 297 75 Morton. Terri Ruyter, PS/IS 276 Battery Park City. Kelly Shannon, PS 41 Greenwich Village. Maggie Sienna, PS 343 Peck Slip.

DOE Representatives: Katie Maro, Chief Academic Officer's Chief of Staff and Judy Villeneuve, Chief Academic Officer's Director of Policy and Engagement.

Other DOE: Jennifer Greenblatt, District 2. Diane Chong, Parent Coordinator at PS 130. Michelle Farinet, Parent Coordinator at PS 41.

28+ Schools Represented: *District 2 Elementary and Middle Schools:* PS 3, PS 11, PS 40, PS 41, PS 89, PS 130, PS 150, PS 234, PS 343 Peck Slip, PS 527 East Side School for Action, PS/IS 276 Battery Park City, PS/IS 397 Spruce Street, MS 104 Baruch, MS 255 Salk, IS 289, MS 297 75 Morton, MS 312 Lab Middle School, MS 896 LMC, Clinton School, P751 Manhattan School for Career Development. *High Schools:* Baruch College Campus High School, Hunter, Lab High School, Millennium, NEST+m and Stuyvesant. *Private Schools:* Basis Independent, St. Anne's and The Windward School.

Attendance: 242 total: 232 via zoom, 10 via phone.

MINUTES

After School Programming. Bob Townley, the founder and Executive Director of Manhattan Youth discussed how the closing of public schools and after school programs has impacted Manhattan Youth and the students it serves. Founded in 1986, Manhattan Youth runs the largest day camp programs in New York, thirty-two after school programs serving over 5,000 school kids daily, and the Downtown Community Center that offers sports, swimming, cultural programs and academic support for youth and downtown residents.

Currently, Manhattan Youth provides free after school programs through the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Schools Out New York City (SONYC) program at 24 middle schools in Manhattan, including 75 Morton in CB 2 and five middle schools in CB 1: IS 276 Battery Park City, IS 289, IS 397 Spruce Street, Lower Manhattan Community and NYC Charter School of the Arts. When schools closed in March, Manhattan Youth quickly switched to remote programming and currently offers 1-2 classes per school daily during traditional after school hours with increasing participation. Historically, Manhattan Youth also has run free summer enrichment programs for middle school students, including a free program offered at 75 Morton last summer. Manhattan Youth also offers parent funded after school programs at the Downtown Community Center and even public elementary schools, six of which are located in CB 1.

CARES. Under the CARES Act, the Payroll Protection Program limits support to organizations with not more than 500 employees, regardless of full or part-time status. As a result, many SONYC providers, including Manhattan Youth, did not qualify for relief because they employ more than 500, many who work only part-time. If there Congress were to pass a CARES II Act, Manhattan Youth would prefer an employee limit equal to 1,000 full-time equivalents.

NYC Budget. The Mayor's proposed budget for FY 2021 cancels all middle school summer programs and all payments to SONYC providers for July and August, severely limiting the ability to hire and train staff and plan for the 2020-2021 school year. If budget cuts are needed (and they unfortunately are), *after school providers would prefer a percentage-based cut over a 12-month fiscal year so that they can plan and provide programs within these budget constraints.*

Federal Funding for Remote Learning. Two CB 1 members, Dennis Mihalsky, an ESL Teacher at City College Academy of the Arts in Inwood and Jeff Mihok, an English Teacher at Millennium High School, presented an overview of [H.R. 6563](#) -116th Congress, the Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020, sponsored by Representative Grace Meng. This bill would fund the Emergency Connectivity Fund, from which the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would provide funds to certain elementary schools, secondary schools, or libraries to purchase telecommunications equipment or services (e.g., Wi-Fi hotspots, modems, and routers) for use by students, staff, or patrons at locations that include locations other than the schools or libraries. Priority must be given to students, staff, or patrons who do not have access to such equipment or services. Currently, 89 democrats co-sponsor H.R. 6563, including Representatives Jerry Nadler and Nydia Velázquez.

Principal Panel: Remote Learning and Planning for Fall 2020. The majority of our attendees joined to hear from our panel of six principals and two representatives from the DOE:

- Shanna Douglas, MS 896 Lower Manhattan Community
- Renny Fong, PS 130 Hernando De Soto
- Jacqui Getz, MS 297 75 Morton
- Terri Ruyter, PS/IS 276 Battery Park City
- Kelly Shannon, PS 41 Greenwich Village
- Maggie Sienna, PS 343 Peck Slip
- Katie Maro, Chief Academic Officer's Chief of Staff
- Judy Villeneuve, Chief Academic Officer's Director of Policy and Engagement.

The focus was on what schools need to reopen, either fully or partially using a hybrid model such as staggered schedules or combined remote/in-person instruction, recognizing that public health will drive the timing and approach for any reopening. The focus was on the future and what resources principals need to for Fall 2020.

Tribeca Trib provided coverage, available at <http://tribecatrib.com/content/lessons-learned-six-principals-speak-out-remote-teaching-and-beyond>.

We received approximately 200 questions, including 151 submitted prior to the meeting. The main categories of questions and concerns were:

1. **Delivery of Instruction in Fall 2020:** What will be needed for schools to accommodate both live and remote instruction next fall? How does remote learning work in a hybrid model? Principals need time to strategize and plan for fall. In March, the DOE's last minute decision meant that students and teachers left books, supplies and materials inside school buildings and teachers had less than one week to ramp up remote learning.
2. **Academic Support.**
 - a. **Synchronous vs. Asynchronous Instruction.** How can schools offer more live classroom and pre-recorded instruction remotely? What type of instruction is best delivered asynchronously?
 - b. **Small Group.** How can schools offer more live small group instruction remotely?
 - c. **Executive Function Support.** What executive functioning support can schools provide for all students, but particularly students with disabilities? Executive functioning getting in the way of remote learning. Students need a quiet work space and struggle with a schedule. Teachers are reaching out to students individually to help them.
 - d. **Academic Remediation.** How will schools support students who fall behind?
 - e. **Student Support.** What strategies work best for students with disabilities and ELLs and what strategies have worked best during remote learning? In elementary schools, schools are looking at what are the best practices for teaching reading remotely, particularly for students in kindergarten and first grade.
3. **Social-emotional and trauma support.** How can we support children and what resources are needed? Currently, students are struggling with tremendous anxiety.
4. **Technology.** What technology is working best for remote learning? What additional functionality is needed? What training and support do teachers, staff, students & families need? Principals need reliable video conferencing tools. Equity needs to drive technology policy. Students need access to technology and broadband access, particularly students living in temporary housing. Students who share devices with family members also are struggling with accessing remote learning. When schools reopen, they also will need funds to replenish their laptops and iPads, most of which were lent to students this spring.

Katie Maro, the Chief of Staff to DOE Chief Academic Officer shared that the DOE will coming out with a policy for what remote instruction for teachers working with their students should be. Two parents had received iPads for their children, but were unable to use them. They were instructed to call AppleCare Support at 1-800-919-2775 and the NYC DOE PIN 692363.

Business Session. The CB 2 Schools & Education Committee met in business session, joined by representatives from CB 1 and 4 and passed two resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Board 2, Manhattan

**Resolution #1 In Support of Funding for Middle School After School Programs,
A Critical Equity Issue**

Whereas:

1. New York City's free after school programs for middle school students are a model for the entire country, providing every middle school student the opportunity to attend free after school programs comprised of sports, arts cultural activities that include theatre productions and S.T.E.M. programs;
2. Funding free and robust after school programs for middle school students is a critical ***equity issue***, particularly for working families and our most vulnerable students who rely on these programs;
3. From 2017 to 2019, Community Board 2 unanimously passed four resolutions in support on funding after school programs at [75 Morton | MS 297](#), so that all students, would have equitable access to high quality after school programs and we are grateful for the subsequent funding of these programs;
4. We congratulate the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) for continuing to engage thousands of middle school children in *School's Out New York City* (SONYC) programs since schools closed in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic;
5. DYCD has announced that it will not reimburse any expenses incurred in July and August of 2020 for its SONYC middle school program providers, which *could require laying off site directors and administrators who have planned and operated these programs for many years*;
6. It is not possible to begin an after school program in early September absent critical planning, hiring and scheduling that must take place in July and August, including:
 - a. The process of hiring part-time instructors requires advertising, interviewing, fingerprinting and securing background checks, securing health checks by physicians, securing clearances from NY State, NYC Department of Education and NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, will be time-consuming and must begin during these summer months for hundreds of new employees;
 - b. Setting schedules for the school year for teachers and instructors; and,
 - c. Executing agreements and setting schedules for subcontractors with specialized teaching skills and expertise;
7. SONYC middle school program providers do not have the financial depth to absorb all of the necessary personnel and ancillary expenses required in July and August in preparation for programs that begin in September, nor do they have the ability to prepare programs without employing staff to conduct planning and hiring;
8. Middle school programs typically employ many part time workers at a low-cost reimbursement rate, and most do not qualify for the Federal Payroll Protection Program because they have more than 500 workers; and,
9. While we understand the necessity of budget cuts at this time of reduced revenues and uncertain assistance from State and Federal sources, ***percentage-based budget cuts over the entire 12 months of the current SONYC contracts would enable providers to plan, execute and sustain programs for the duration of the school year.***

Therefore, be it Resolved that Community Board 2 urges the Department of Youth and Community Development to reimburse SONYC expenses for July and August 2020 to ensure that middle school after school providers are able to deliver robust, engaging and safe programs for the start of the 2020-2021 school year, particularly for working families and our most vulnerable students, who rely on free high quality after school programs.

Resolution #2 In Support of Policy and Resources to Implement Remote/Hybrid Learning 3.0 and Opposition to In-School Budget Cuts

Whereas:

1. After three months of remote learning, rolled out in only *one week*, the Department of Education (DOE) has the opportunity to improve, enhance and clarify remote learning as it prepares to return to school for Fall 2020, either fully or using a hybrid model in which schools accommodate both live and remote instruction;
2. ***Remote learning has illuminated and exacerbated the vast inequities in our educational system*** and the need for investment in public education, resulting from the (a) digital divide, (b) variability of remote learning in terms of delivery, content and depth, (c) delivery of academic support and (d) varying levels of home resources to support students;
3. While remote learning at home cannot recreate a traditional in-school environment with full time, focused attention on students from trained educators nor virtually replicate the importance of human connection; more synchronous and small group instruction combined with vibrant after school programming can provide critical connections for students who miss socializing with their friends and their teachers;
4. Based on more than 200 questions submitted prior and during our meeting, parent priorities for Fall 2020 are the:
 - a. Safe return to school for students, teachers and staff;
 - b. Addition of more live/synchronous instruction, small group instruction, and pre-recorded classes;
 - c. More uniformity of instruction within schools, within grades and across schools; and,
 - d. Additional academic support;
5. In terms of academic support, parents would like more:
 - a. Teacher check-ins and mandatory office hours, versus optional check-ins, particularly for middle and high school students who may feel intimidated asking for help;
 - b. Less reliance on delivery of content through written material and the addition of a mix of visual, auditory, and kinesthetic delivery to reach all types of learners, particularly important for students with dyslexia and ADHD;
 - c. More executive functioning support for students;
 - d. Coaching for parents on how to navigate teaching at home;
6. The DOE's plan for a safe return to school must incorporate a hybrid model for instruction — with both remote and in-person instruction — and funding for:
 - a. Bold strategies to reduce the digital divide and move toward universal access to technology and broadband;
 - b. Teacher training and time for school planning;
 - c. Technology training and support for teachers and students;
 - d. Academic intervention to remediate students who have fallen behind, particularly students with disabilities, English language learners and students living in transitional housing;
 - e. Social emotional and trauma support for all students and educators to manage the collective trauma caused by the pandemic;
 - f. Resources to implement social distancing, cleaning and other safety measures;
7. We remain deeply concerned that cuts to in-school budgets today will lead to greater, more urgent funding needs down the road because the current needs resulting from the pandemic will go unaddressed and the adverse impact on both academic and social emotional learning will be compounded over time.

Therefore, be it Resolved that Community Board 2:

1. Urges the NYC Department of Education to solicit and incorporate feedback, beyond its online survey, from administrators, teachers, community boards, community education councils and after school providers on the safe reopening of schools and delivery of education;

2. Urges the DOE to release its policy for remote learning, as soon as possible;
3. Insists that the DOE implement bold strategies to ***reduce the digital divide*** including:
 - a. Ensuring that every student has a remote learning device, including providing laptops with keyboards for middle and high school students;
 - b. Providing access to high speed broadband, particularly in low income communities and for students living in transitional housing;
 - c. Requiring that plans to reduce the digital divide drive purchasing decisions and not the other way around; and,
 - d. Partnering with private sector companies, internet providers and foundations;
4. Recommends that the DOE develop a plan for returning to school in Fall 2020, either fully or via a hybrid model, and provide:
 - a. Clear parameters for more live or synchronous instruction and prerecorded classes, more small group instruction, and increased feedback between students and teachers;
 - b. Teacher training, technology and time for schools to implement these policies and to increase uniformity of instruction within schools, within grades and across schools;
 - c. Guidelines for delivery of content beyond written material, executive functioning support, and academic intervention and remediation, including best practices for teaching literacy remotely;
 - d. In-school resources to address the significant social emotional and trauma needs of students and educators during this pandemic, including at least one social worker for every 100 students; and,
 - e. Resources to implement social distancing, cleaning and other safety measures;
5. Implores our elected officials to aggressively seek additional funding for our public schools and to limit in-school budget cuts, urging our:
 - a. Mayor and the Chancellor to (i) not cut Fair Student Funding, (ii) critically evaluate all contracts for necessity and value and apportion greater cuts to contracts; and (iii) review the central DOE budget to identify spending that can be reduced or eliminated;
 - b. Governor and State legislature to (i) protect education funding from future cuts, (ii) fully fund Foundation Aid, (iii) fund revenue bills and (iv) provide additional funding for schools that serve students who are living in transitional housing or classified as high poverty, students with disabilities and English language learners; and,
 - c. Congressional delegates and US Senators to provide additional stimulus funding to be disbursed directly to the school districts, including support for [H.R. 6563](#), the Emergency Educational Connections Act of 2020.