

FULL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: March 18, 2004
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: St. Vincent's Hospital, 170 W. 12th St., Cafeteria

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Ashkinazy, Tobi Bergman, Helene Burgess, Keith Crandell, Marie P. Derr, Doris Diether, Harriet Fields, Edward Gold, Lawrence Goldberg, Arthur Harris, Anne Hearn, Brad Hoylman, Honi Klein, Lisa La Frieda, Aubrey Lees, Edward Ma, Dr. John Maggio, Chad Marlow, Rosemary McGrath, T. Marc Newell, Rick Panson, David Reck, Robert Riccobono, Robert Rinaolo, Mark Rosenwasser, Rocio Sanz, Shirley Secunda, Cynthia Smith, James Smith, Chair, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) Shirley H. Smith, Sean Sweeney, Martin Tessler, Betty Williams, Carol Yankay.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Jo Hamilton, Don Lee, Don MacPherson, Judy Paul, Ruth Sherlip, Wilbur Weder.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Elizabeth Gilmore, Barbara Jeter, Doris Nash, Carol Reichman, Ann Robinson, Arthur Z. Schwartz, Melissa Sklarz,

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Strickler, District Manager

GUESTS: Daryl Cochrane, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office; Danielle Cabaldi-Micca, Senator Tom Duane's office; Deborah Lester, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's office; Gregory Brender; Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office; Dirk McCall, Council Member Alan Gerson's office; Council Member Margarita Lopez' office; Carin Mirowitz, Council Member Christine Quinn's office; Olivia Stinson, Ping Yi Lee, Teresa Tan, Denise & Jay Levine, Ian Dutton, Joseph Puma, Brandon Mitchell, Emily C. Sendes, Stephen M. Everett, Betty Rinckwitz, Susan Goren, Barton Jahnoch, Jan Lemonedes-Stam, Ronnie Stam, Steve Shlopak, Bill Butler Shawn Linn, J. Wilcox, Hillary Evans, Julie Tang, Wenny Lew, Shun K. Fung, Andrew Wu, Raymond W. Cline, Dorina Yuen, Danielle Day, Elizabeth Ewell.

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date March 18, 2004
Board Members Present – 34
Board Members Excused– 6
Board Members Absent - 7

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II. PUBLIC SESSION

Non-Agenda Items

Friends of the High Line

Olivia Stinson spoke regarding jobs & RFQ.

Neighborhood Advisory Board

Raymond W. Cline spoke regarding the elimination of the organization.

Green Keepers

Elizabeth Ewell spoke regarding Horticulture.

Business Items

128 Billiards, 128 Elizabeth St.

Dirk McCall, of Council Member Alan Gerson's office, Dorina Yuen and Danielle Day spoke against the proposed liquor license application.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT AND REPORTING

Daryl Cochrane, of Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office

Danielle Cabaldi-Micca, Senator Tom Duane's office

Deborah Lester, of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's office

Gregory Brender, of Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office

Dirk McCall, of Council Member Alan Gerson's office.

Council Member Margarita Lopez' office.

Carin Mirowitz, of Council Member Christine Quinn's office

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of January minutes and distribution of February minutes

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Chair's Report** Jim Smith reported
2. **District Manager's Report** Arthur Strickler reported.
3. **Emergency Measure by the Manhattan Borough Regarding New Dept. of Education Policy**

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT I.

Vote: Passed, with 28 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition, and 4 abstentions.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. **DE LA FONTAINE, 51 Bank Street a/k/a 300 West 4th Street, NYC.**

WHEREAS, the attorney for the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an Upgrade to an On Premise License for the ground floor at this location, consisting of 800 square feet; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the current operation will remain the same, to wit, a 46 seat capacity, Italian café/restaurant with no bar; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will continue to be from 10 a.m. to midnight, seven days a week; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music would be background only; and,

WHEREAS, there was no opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **DE LA FONTAINE, 51 Bank Street a/k/a 300 West 4th Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. 128 BILLARDS, INC., 128 Elizabeth Street, NYC.

WHEREAS, the applicant's attorney appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this is an application for a new On-Premise license for the premises located on Elizabeth Street between Grand and Broome Streets that is currently being operated as a billiards parlor; and,

WHEREAS, applicant's attorney stated that the hours of operation would be noon to 3 a.m., seven days a week and that no food would be served; and,

WHEREAS, approximately 15 members of the community appeared in opposition stating that numerous groups of minors hang out at the premises creating noise, and an intimidating atmosphere of drug dealing and pot smoking and that the issuance of a liquor license would only exacerbate the situation; and,

WHEREAS, three police officers from the 5th Precinct appeared and stated that numerous complaints have been filed with the 5th Precinct about the increased graffiti, garbage, loud noise and music; that they have spoken to the owners and there has been no compliance with requests to mitigate the situation or control the crowds, noise, drug dealing or pot smoking; and,

WHEREAS, the premises is within 100 feet of a church to wit, the Church of San Salvation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends **DENIAL** of the issuance of an On Premise license to **128 BILLARDS, INC., 128 Elizabeth Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

3. GLOBAL PEASANT, LLC, 222 Thompson Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant and his attorney appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for the transfer of an On Premise license at this 2500 sq. ft., 55 seat capacity establishment between Bleecker and West 3rd Street, consisting of a lounge downstairs and a gourmet coffee house upstairs; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted extensive and very affordable dessert, coffee and vegetarian and non-vegetarian menus; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will continue to be 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. on Monday to Thursday and from 5 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Friday and Saturday; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music will be background only; and,

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **GLOBAL PEASANT, LLC, 222 Thompson Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

4. WOGIE'S INC., 39 Greenwich Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for a new On Premise license for the premises formerly known as Filamenia’s, Little Basil and Jean’s Patio on the corner of Charles Street and Greenwich Avenue, consisting of 2,100 sq. ft. (including the basement) with a 36 seating capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the menu consists of neighborhood, “comfort” food i.e. burgers, cheese steak and buffalo wings; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Monday through Friday and 11 a.m. to midnight on weekends; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music would be background only;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **WOGIE’S INC., 39 Greenwich Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

5. EXREPLAY, INC., 150 Spring Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for the transfer of the On Premise license in an establishment, located in a four story commercial building on Spring Street between Wooster and West Broadway, consisting of 1400 sq. ft.; and;

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the existing method of operation will remain the same in this 60 seat capacity restaurant and the hours of operation will continue to be from 9 a.m. through 2 a.m. seven days a week; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant also owns another restaurant, called “Ciao” (on Bleecker Street); and,

WHEREAS, one member of the community expressed concern, in general, about noise from restaurants, but was not specifically opposed to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **EXREPLAY, INC., 150 Spring Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

6. ISAMI CORPORATION, 57 Great Jones Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a new On Premise license in a two story commercial building located between Bowery and Lafayette Streets, the first floor of which, consists of 2,000 sq. ft., that is currently closed up; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that he intends to operate a 52-seat capacity, Japanese restaurant similar to “Go”, another restaurant owned by the applicant on St. Marks Place; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be 5 p.m. to midnight, seven days a week; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music will be background only; and

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **ISAMI CORPORATION, 57 Great Jones Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

7. LA GUARDIA TAVERN CORP., 535 La Guardia Place, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a transfer of an On Premise license for a 55-seat, 1,800 sq. ft. restaurant with background music only, serving sandwiches, salads, pizzas and appetizers; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be noon until midnight, Monday through Thursday and noon until 4 a.m. on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an On Premise license to **LA GUARDIA TAVERN CORP., 535 La Guardia Place, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

8. MARCO NEW YORK HOLDINGS, LLC, 142 West 10th Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a new On Premise license for this 1,200 sq. ft. restaurant, between Waverly Place and Greenwich Avenue with 90-person seating capacity; and

WHEREAS, applicant states that she will be the general manager and her husband will be the chef of this Italian cuisine restaurant; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. seven days a week and additionally brunch will be served on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m.; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the music will be background only; and

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **MARCO NEW YORK HOLDINGS, LLC, 142 West 10th Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

9. CHERRY LANE, INC., 349 Broome Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for the transfer of an On Premise license at this 40-seat, 850 sq. ft. premises currently known as M Bar; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation would be remain the same, i.e. 6 p.m. to 4 a.m., Monday through Friday and 1 p.m. to 4 a.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to midnight on Sunday; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the music would be background only and additionally d.j. music on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **CHERRY LANE, INC., 349 Broome Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

10. LEGENDARY NIGHT SPOTS, INC., 59-61 Christopher Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a new On Premise license for a 1,600 sq. ft. premises consisting of a piano bar, game room and cabaret room, currently known as The Duplex, in existence for 55 years; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the methods of operation will remain the same and that the hours of operation will continue to be 4 p.m. to 4 a.m., seven days a week with live and juke box music; and,

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application; and

WHEREAS, the former owner, Rick Panson, appeared in favor of the application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **LEGENDARY NIGHT SPOTS, INC., 59-61 Christopher Street, NYC.**

Vote: Passed, with 33 Board members in favor and 1 recusal (R. Panson).

11. SJM FOOD & BEVERAGE, INC., 507 West Street, NYC (more correctly identified as 505-507 West Street a/k/a 113 Jane Street, NYC)

WHEREAS, the applicant and his attorney appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this is an application for an On Premise license at a 3,000 sq. ft., 180-seat capacity, in the building known as the Riverview Hotel; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the lower floor would consist of a café with jukebox music and the upper floor would contain a more formal restaurant; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that he was formerly a maitre d at the 21 Club and worked at the Four Seasons Resorts at the Pierre Hotel; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that he hours of operation would be 5 p.m. to midnight 1 a.m. with brunch on the weekends; and,

WHEREAS, the Jane Street Block Association appeared in favor of the application stating that the owner was very co-operative;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premises license for **SJM FOOD & BEVERAGE, INC., 507 West Street, NYC (more correctly identified as 505-507 West Street a/k/a 113 Jane Street, NYC).**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

12. THE IRONWORKS NYC, LLC d/b/a THE BLUE MILL, 50 Commerce Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicants appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this is an application for the transfer of an On Premise license at a 1,100 sq. ft., 95 seat person capacity, restaurant, in the premises formerly known as The Grange and The Blue Mill; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation would be 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week, serving breakfast, lunch and dinner, with background music only; and,

WHEREAS, the applicants have been the owner/operators of Chumley’s for the past four years; and,

WHEREAS, no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premises license **THE IRONWORKS NYC, LLC d/b/a THE BLUE MILL, 50 Commerce Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

14TH STREET/GANSEVOORT MARKET AREA

Infrastructure In And Around The Gansevoort Market Historic District

WHEREAS 13 years ago the Route 9A project rebuilt the sewage system along the Gansevoort area “at capacity”, and

WHEREAS all development since then is “over capacity”, and

WHEREAS the trend in recent development in the Gansevoort Market Area has been hotels (with swimming pools on the roofs), large capacity clubs, bars and over sized restaurants, and

WHEREAS more residential buildings are possible on the west side of the newly designated “Gansevoort Market Historic District”, and

WHEREAS a long standing list of unresolved sewage related problems, such as large scale backups all the way to 8th Avenue in buildings have been constant complaints in recent years, and

WHEREAS poor or no traffic planning is in place for the development that is taking place, causing congestion in and around the Gansevoort Market area, making access to the area, in general, difficult or almost impossible for emergency vehicles, and

WHEREAS meat market trucks still stage, unload, enter and leave the area, and

WHEREAS a new access tunnel and work on the third water tunnel will be a long term project bringing more heavy work vehicles directly to the middle of this area, and

WHEREAS the area is now overloaded and the stress on the infrastructure is at a critical level, and

WHEREAS the electricity is over stressed and during the summer months, diesel burning portable electric generators are stationed in the surrounding area to provide sufficient electricity, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., representing the 14th Street/Gansevoort Market Area Committee calls for the Department of Traffic, City Planning and Environmental Protection agencies to conduct a comprehensive study within 6 months of the entire area to determine the effects of further development on the critically overloaded infrastructure, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no further development, changes or plans for the area be considered before this study is done.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC AESTHETICS

1ST LANDMARKS MEETING

Item: 1 - 321 Canal Street - SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District. A Federal style rowhouse built in 1821. Application is to legalize the installation of awnings, signage and lighting, and the removal of portions of the storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission's publication *The Certificate of Appropriateness Public Hearing: Information for Applicants* states that "applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Board to arrange for review of the proposal before the public hearing"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not contact the Community Board or appear before the Landmarks Committee to present this application; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application in the absence of this important step in the review process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 2 -147 West 4th Street (Sixth/MacDougal)- Greenwich Village Historic District. An Italianate style residence built in 1849-50. Application is to legalize the installation of a stoop gate without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

WHEREAS, it is CB#2, Man. policy to deny applications for stoop gates to these style houses, except in exceptional circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the board has approved stoop gates in other troubled blocks on a case-by-case basis; and

WHEREAS, tenants, neighbors, as well as the owner support legalization of the gate because this is one of the most troubled blocks in our neighborhood, a well-known haven for drug dealers, derelicts and scammers who congregate and live on these stoops, perpetrating anti-social and criminal behavior, often to the detriment of the historic facades and stoops, not to mention the safety and well-being of the residents; and

WHEREAS, since the gate has been installed, there is a reported marked improvement in the quality of life of the residents and an improvement to the façade and stoop which are no longer being destroyed by graffiti, beverage spills, and urine; but

WHEREAS, the existing gate is not of a style appropriate to a building of this period; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application for a gate; but

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends the replacement of the existing gate with a more historically accurate gate from the period of 1849-1850.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 3 - 395 6th Avenue - Greenwich Village Historic District. A one-story taxpayer built in 1876 and altered in 1958 and 1985. Application is to install new storefront infill and illuminated signage.

Laid Over

Item 4 - 22 West 9th Street - Greenwich Village Historic District A Greek Revival style rowhouse built in 1845. Application is to construct a rooftop addition. Zoned R6

WHEREAS, the applicant's architect appeared and showed us boards and testified that the addition was not visible from any part of the street, although it is a major renovation and change to the roof; and

WHEREAS, since it is not visible we do not object to the addition; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

Item 5 - 408-414 West 13th Street - Gansevoort Market Historic District. A building designed by Charles N. & Selig Whinston, and built in 1941 and an International style factory building designed by Lockwood Greene Engineers, Inc., and built in 1929-30. Application is to combine the buildings, modify storefront infill, and construct rooftop additions. Zoned M1-5

Laid Over

LPC Item: 4 - 315 Canal Street (n.w. Mercer)- SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District. Two brick rowhouses built in 1821 and altered in 1877. Application is to amend Certificate of Appropriateness 02-7538 for the installation of new storefront infill.

WHEREAS, this building is one in a row of 1820s buildings which represents a significant extant series of such structures in our community board; and

WHEREAS, the Canal Street portion of the projects contributes to the historic district in style, materials, palette and configuration; and

WHEREAS, part of the storefront wraps around to the Mercer Street side of the building, and that is consistent in style with buildings of this period; but

WHEREAS, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, it appears that the Mercer Street portion of the proposed infill eliminates significant portion of the original building's masonry; and

WHEREAS, the application will not be restoring the Mercer Street façade; rather it will create a new storefront not in style with buildings in the Cast-Iron district; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the Canal Street infill, but denial of the Mercer Street portion of the application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 5 - 503-511 Broadway - SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District. Three store buildings built in 1878-79 designed by J. B. Snook. Application is to construct a rooftop addition. Zoned M1-5B

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission's publication *The Certificate of Appropriateness Public Hearing: Information for Applicants* states that "applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Board to arrange for review of the proposal before the public hearing"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not contact the CB#2, Man. or appear before the Landmarks Committee to present this application; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application in the absence of this important step in the review process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 6 - 514 Broadway (Spring/Broome)- SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District. A Renaissance Revival style store and storage warehouse, designed by Lamb and Wheeler, built in 1881-1882. Application is to install new storefront infill and signage.

WHEREAS, the elimination of the drop ladder from the fire escape, as well as the removal of the exterior security gate and non-historic infill, will contribute to the character of the building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed signage, lighting and bracket sign do not detract from the building; and

WHEREAS, the storefront is an attractive improvement which will enhance the historic district; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 7 - 643 Broadway a/k/a 75 Bleecker Street - NoHo Historic District. A neo-Grec style store and loft building, built by Stephen D. Hatch, and built in 1878. Application is to install new storefront infill.

WHEREAS, a clerical error at the community board office sent the meeting notification to the applicant's contractor instead of the applicant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant subsequently contacted the community board wishing to be heard, but that was not possible at such a late date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. takes no position on this application and appreciates the efforts of the applicant to participate in the community review process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 8 - 405 6th Avenue (Greenwich Ave) (MacDonald's)- Greenwich Village Historic District. A one-story commercial building built in 1940-44. Application is to install two bracket signs.

WHEREAS, the single blade sign will not detract from this non-descript building nor the historic district; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application for one blade sign as agreed to by the applicant.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 9 - 59 Horatio Street (Greenwich St.)- Greenwich Village Historic District A Greek Revival style house built in 1847. Application is to install new storefront infill.

WHEREAS, neighborhood residents testified that they did not like the introduction of a modern style storefront in this old building; and

WHEREAS, we note that there is a tendency to introduce styles into buildings of the Greenwich Village Historic District that might be appropriate for the adjacent Gansevoort Historic District, and this confusion should not be encouraged; and

WHEREAS, the proposed storefront cornice extends several inches beyond the end of each side of the infill, and the fascia projects outward several inches from the building's plane, instead of being flush with; such features are not consistent in style with buildings of this period; and

WHEREAS, we prefer a storefront with a style appropriate to the building or the historic district, for example, a Greek Revival style, or a Victorian-style as illustrated in the tax photo; instead the proposed storefront is a generic 80's-style post-Modern proposal; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 10 - 551 Hudson Street - Greenwich Village Historic District. An apartment building built in 1900 designed by Moore & Landsiedel. Application is to legalize the installation of lighting and roll-down security gates at a storefront without Landmark Preservation Commission permits and to install an awning.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission's publication *The Certificate of Appropriateness Public Hearing: Information for Applicants* states that "applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the Community Board to arrange for review of the proposal before the public hearing"; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not contact the Community Board or appear before the Landmarks Committee to present this application; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application in the absence of this important step in the review process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 11 - 323-327 West 11th Street - Greenwich Village Historic District Three Romanesque Revival style apartment buildings designed by Neville & Bagge and built in 1897. Application is to alter the front stoops.

WHEREAS, due to a clerical error at the community board office, the applicant was not informed of our meeting, and, to his credit, called up wanting to know why he was not given a chance to appear; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no recommendation regarding this application, and praises the applicant for his enthusiasm to appear before us, in contrast to so many applicants who thumb their nose at the community board and the landmarking process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

9. LPC Item: 12 - 377-379 Bleecker Street (Charles/Perry) - Greenwich Village Historic District Two Italianate style dwellings, built by Louis Burger in 1867. Application is to install new storefront infill.

WHEREAS, we welcome the applicant's desire to bring the ground floor back from the horrible 1950s condition with the addition of many appropriate architectural elements, like the sheet-metal cornice, the blue stone bulkhead, the columns and pilasters; but

WHEREAS, we would prefer a higher bulkhead, say 18' - 20"; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends that we would prefer a slightly less modern look and something more traditional, but it is such a nice change overall from the existing horrible condition that we recommend approval.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: A request to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to designate further areas of the Greenwich Village waterfront.

WHEREAS, CB#2, Man. has been on record since at least 1985 asking the city to extend historic district designation to parts of the Greenwich Village waterfront, and

WHEREAS, this area is currently outside of the existing Greenwich Village and Gansevoort Market Historic Districts, and

WHEREAS, accelerating development has meant the increasing loss of historic buildings from this unique and venerable area, and

WHEREAS, we recognize and praise the Landmarks Preservation Commission for its actions in designating a segment of the Gansevoort Market neighborhood a historic district, a long-overdue action with the current chair oversight, but which does not take away from the urgent need for historic district designation in other worthy and endangered parts of Greenwich Village such as this, and

WHEREAS, we have most recently become aware that the Superior Ink Plant at 70 Bethune Street, a historic, early 20th century factory is set to be demolished, following the recent demolition of another early 20th century factory building, the Pathfinder Building at 408-410 West Street (at Charles Street), and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Village waterfront and Far West Village contain a historically rich mix of early 19th century rowhouses and wood frame houses, and late 19th century and early 20th century industrial buildings and tenements which tell the story of this area as a commercial, maritime, industrial and residential district key to the City's development, and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Village waterfront contains truly unique streets with unique historic structures which the Landmarks Preservation Commission has in recent years examined for their potential merit for landmark designation, including, Weehawken Street and Charles Lane and

WHEREAS, the Greenwich Village waterfront and Far West Village contain blocks which directly abut the Greenwich Village Historic District and are virtually identical in their built forms to the historic district, and which the Landmarks Preservation Commission has also in recent years examined for their potential merit for landmark designation, and

WHEREAS, in recent dialogue with CB#2, Man. the Landmarks Preservation Commission had at the Community's request been taking a serious look at the undesignated area between Horatio and Barrow Streets, and

WHEREAS, it is clear that given the rapid rate of real estate speculation in the area that many if not all of these unprotected historic structures will be lost in the near future if measures are not taken to preserve them, and

WHEREAS, substantial documentation of the history of most of the buildings in this area exists, providing the Landmarks Preservation Commission with a body of necessary information to make its workload lighter and allow it move forward with consideration of designation in this area, and

WHEREAS, there is clear unanimity among community groups and preservation organizations in Greenwich Village that the most urgent and immediate need for historic district designation in this neighborhood of many historically significant, undesignated areas is along the Greenwich Village waterfront and in the Far West Village, between Horatio and Barrow Streets, and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. reaffirms with renewed urgency that in Greenwich Village, the Greenwich Village waterfront and Far West Village is our top priority for seeking landmark designation among many historic and as-yet undesignated areas, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly urges the Landmarks Preservation Commission to take swift action to protect the historic resources of the Greenwich Village waterfront and Far West Village from destruction before they are lost forever.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSENDER

Same-Sex Civil Marriage Resolution

WHEREAS, in 1969 Greenwich Village, located in CB#2, Man., heralded the birth of the grassroots "gay liberation movement" with the Stonewall uprising, has historically stood for equality and fought discrimination as a community; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, in direct opposition to the Equal Protection Clause all full faith and credit of the U.S. Constitution, the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) became federal law, which states that one state can refuse a marriage between a same-sex couple from another state; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, in an unprecedented discriminatory action, the current United States President George W. Bush has called for the passage of a amendment to the US Constitution that would ban same-sex marriage by defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the US Supreme Court, with Lawrence vs. Texas struck down a law that discriminated against gays and lesbians, finding that the law violated the due process clause of the 14th Amendment opening the door for LGBT people to be treated equally under the law; and

WHEREAS, civil marriage is an evolving institution, where wives were once considered the property of a man with no rights to their children's legal guardianship or property, interracial couples were not permitted to marry in some states until as late as 1967 and in 1987 it was determined that prisoners could marry; and

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court has affirmed the "freedom to marry" belongs to all Americans and described marriage as one of our "vital personal rights" which is "essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness by a free people", declaring marriage to be "of fundamental importance to all individuals" and "marriage as "one of the "basic civil rights of man" and "the most important relation in life"; and

WHEREAS, marriage discrimination has ended in Canada, the Netherlands, Belgium and Sweden, where full and equal rights are afforded to same-sex couples who marry; and

WHEREAS, Vermont, California, Hawaii, Massachusetts and New Jersey are currently the only states that extend any form of legal recognition to same-sex couples through civil unions or domestic partnership laws,

WHEREAS, the Mayors of San Francisco, Chicago, New Paltz, Nyack, Ithaca and Plattsburgh, Seattle and Salt Lake City support offering same-sex marriage licenses; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Council Speaker Gifford Miller has called for New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to instruct the City Clerk to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples; and

WHEREAS, New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer has made it clear that "same sex marriages and civil unions lawfully entered in other jurisdictions outside the state should be recognized in New York"; and "New York's marriage laws raise important constitutional questions involving the equal protection of the laws"; and

WHEREAS, same-sex civil marriage will strengthen and protect lesbian and gay families and restricting who can marry whom based on their sex and sexual orientation is discrimination; and

WHEREAS, there are more than 1,049 federal rights and benefits that accompany civil marriage, including medical emergencies, burial decisions, taxation, insurance benefits, inheritance rights, social security benefits, housing rights, veteran benefits, employment benefits, immigration and naturalization rights, trade, commerce and intellectual property rights, financial disclosures and conflict of interest rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man., supports the right of all New Yorkers to marry in order to make a legal commitment to match their personal commitment and obtain the protections and security for their families that marriage provides; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man., calls upon New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg to instruct New York City Clerk Victor Robles to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man., implores Robert Morgenthau and all NYC District Attorney's, not to prosecute any city officials that issue same-sex civil marriage licenses or perform same-sex civil marriages; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man., calls upon the New York State Governor, Attorney General, Senate Majority Leader and Assembly Speaker to support both Senate Bill S3816 and Assembly Bill A7392, which amends the New York State Domestic Relation Law and validates a marriage between same sex parties; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man., rejects the discriminatory constitutional amendment to the US Constitution and joins Congressman Jerrold Nadler in calling for the repeal DOMA and actively opposes the proposed constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ACCESS

New Application to NYCDOT for revocable consent to construct and maintain Existing vaults under Hudson Street, between 13th and 14th Street, 675 Hudson Vaults, LLC, 675 Hudson Street. NYC.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, there was no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, some vaults will get new concrete slabs and level as required and;

WHEREAS, the vaults will be used for lounge seating;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends Approval to 675 Hudson Vaults LLC, 675 Hudson Street NYC. to construct and maintain Vaults under Hudson Street, (between 13th and 14th Street).

Vote: Passed, with 32 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition, and 1 abstention.

1A. NEW Application to Department of Consumer Affairs for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Chick-Inn Restaurant, 420 Hudson Street, NYC with 14 tables and 36 seats. DCA # 1160577

WHEREAS, the applicant and architect appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, this sidewalk café will bring some life to this street, which is across from a park and;

WHEREAS, this sidewalk is twenty feet wide on Hudson Street and;

WHEREAS, the applicant will install a removable gate around the sidewalk café and;

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #2 Manhattan recommends APPROVAL of a ONE YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Chick-Inn Restaurant, 420 Hudson Street, NYC, with 10 tables and 20 seats.

TABLED-SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

NEW Application to Department of Consumer Affairs for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Chick-Inn Restaurant, 420 Hudson Street, NYC with 14 tables and 36 seats. DCA # 1160577

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, the committee felt that the sidewalk café should not be located on Leroy St., which is considered a residential street; and

WHEREAS, the committee did not oppose a sidewalk café on Hudson St., and

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to install a removable gate around the sidewalk café;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a ONE YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Chick-Inn Restaurant, 420 Hudson Street, NYC, only on Hudson St., with 10 tables and 20 seats, but opposes any sidewalk café on Leroy St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café by A.O.C. Restaurant, 314 Bleeker Street, NYC, with 7 tables and 16 seats. DCA# 1159486.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, the applicant's architect appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was one person to speak in opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access and;

WHEREAS, this is a twelve foot, six inch sidewalk and;

WHEREAS, no tables should be put on Grove Street;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends DENIAL revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by A.O.C. Restaurant, 314 Bleeker Street, NYC with 7 tables and 16 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

3. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Nikita Restaurant, 102 Macdougall Street, NYC, with 5 tables and 14 seats, DCA# 1160131.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, the applicant's architect appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access and;

WHEREAS, this street is only eleven feet wide, thirteen feet is required for a sidewalk café and;

WHEREAS, this establishment was known as Rosa's Restaurant with a sidewalk café of four tables and eight seats and;

WHEREAS, there are other sidewalk cafes on this block that are grandfathered in;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a ONE YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Nikita Restaurant, 102 Macdougall Street, NYC, 4 tables and 8 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

4. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Good Restaurant, 89 Greenwich Avenue, NYC, with 7 tables and 16 seats, DCA# 1160579.

WHEREAS, the applicant and architect appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, the area was posted there was no opposition for the community and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access this sidewalk is fifteen feet, six inches wide and;

WHEREAS, this is a fifteen foot sidewalk and;

WHEREAS, this restaurant will not utilized removable railings but will use flowerpots instead;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends approval of a ONE YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Good Restaurant, 89 Greenwich Avenue, NYC with 7 tables and 16 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

5. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Wogie's Restaurant, 39 Greenwich Avenue, NYC, with 16 tables and 32 seats DCA# 1160623.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and the applicant's lawyer appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there is no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passageway for pedestrian safety and public access and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the Board office and;

WHEREAS, this restaurant was known as Sweet Basil or Jean's Patio with a sidewalk café for over twenty years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That CB#2, Man. Recommends Approval of a ONE YEAR consent revocable to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Wogie's Restaurant, 39 Greenwich Avenue, NYC for 16 tables and 32 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

6. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Cascina Restaurant, 281 Bleecker Street, NYC with 10 tables and 20 seats DCA# 1160624.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and the applicant's expediter appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community and no complaints on file at the Board office and;

WHEREAS, the sidewalk of this restaurant is only twelve feet wide and;

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to reduce the number of tables to 4 and the number of seats to 8; and

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to place the tables and chairs on Bleecker St., along the building line only; and

WHEREAS, this restaurant was known as Osteria Florentina Restaurant with a sidewalk café of 8 tables and 16 seats;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends approval of a ONE YEAR revocable consent to operate unenclosed sidewalk café to Cascina Restaurant, 281 Bleecker Street, NYC with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

7. NEW application (Modification) to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Agave Restaurant, 140-142 7th Avenue South, NYC with 24 tables and 48 seats, DCA #1159453.

The applicant failed to appear, will hold over till the April, 2004 meeting.

8. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Time Cafe Restaurant, 380 Lafayette Street, NYC, with 23 table and 84 seats, DCA # 0884087.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there is no opposition from the community and no complaints on file at the board office and;

WHEREAS, is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access and;

WHEREAS, there has been a sidewalk café at this location for over twenty years and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the board office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends APPROVAL of a TWOYEAR, revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Time Cafe Restaurant, 380 Lafayette Street, NYC, with 23 tables and 84 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

9. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Bar Pitti Restaurant, 268 Sixth Avenue, NYC with 21 tables and 49 seats. DCA # 1097155.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the board office and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café for Bar Pitti Restaurant, 268 Sixth Avenue, NYC, with 21 tables and 49 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

10. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Pasta Presto Village Restaurant, 93 Macdougall Street, NYC with 6 tables and 12 seats.

The applicant failed to appear, will hold over till the April, 2004 meeting.

11. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Otheroom Restaurant, 143 Perry Street, NYC, with 3 tables and 8 seats. DCA # 1110366

WHEREAS, the area was posted and the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the board office and;

WHEREAS, this is a beer and wine bar with no food menu; and

WHEREAS, the complaints against granting this license emphasized noise and other quality-of-life nuisances;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends DENIAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to The Otheroom, Inc. Restaurant, 143 Perry Street, NYC with 3 tables and 8 seats.

Vote: Passed, with 32 Board members in favor, and 2 recusals (R. Sanz and M. Rosenwasser).

12. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Manatus Restaurant, 340 Blecker Street, NYC, with 6 tables and 12 seats. DCA # 0885879.

The applicant failed to appear we will hold over till the April, 2004 meeting.

13. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Trattoria Spaghetti Restaurant, 232 Blecker Street, NYC with 14 tables and 28 seats. DCA # 0917885.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, this restaurant has had a sidewalk café for over twenty years and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the board office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends APPROVAL of a revocable TWO YEAR consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Trattoria Spaghetti Restaurant, 232 Blecker Street, NYC with 14 tables and 28 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

14. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Duplex Restaurant, 59 Christopher Street, NYC with 18 tables and 36 seats DCA# 0895628.

WHEREAS, the area was posted the applicant appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there is no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, the applicant has been a good neighbor and;

WHEREAS, this restaurant has been in business for twenty years with a sidewalk café;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. Recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by The Duplex Restaurant, 59 Christopher Street, NYC with 18 tables and 36 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

15. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Mottsu Restaurant, 285 Mott Street, NYC with 4 tables and 8 seats DCA# 0968091.

WHEREAS, the applicant's expediter appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, the area was posted, there was no opposition from the community and;

WHEREAS, this has been a sidewalk café for seven years and;

WHEREAS, the sidewalk committee requested new architect plans and;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints on file at the board office;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate and unenclosed sidewalk café to Mottsu Restaurant, 285 Mott Street, NYC with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

16. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Café Colonial Restaurant, 73 East Houston Street, NYC with 7 tables and 15 seats DCA# 0955172.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and the applicant's architect appeared before the committee and;

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community and no complaints on file at the Board office and;

WHEREAS, there is sufficient passage for pedestrian safety and public access and;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL for a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Café Colonial Restaurant, 73 East Houston Street, NYC with 7 table and 15 seats.

Vote: Unanimous, with Board members in favor.

SOCIAL SERVICES, HOMELESS AND SENIOR SERVICES

1. Social Services, Homeless & Senior Services Committee In Rejection Of The Proposed Changes Of The Department Of Youth Services & Community Development In The Distribution Of Federal Land Grant Funds In CB#2, Man.

WHEREAS, the Department of Youth & Community Development has proposed a change in the distribution of Federal Land Grant Funds affecting CB#2, Man.; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. does not, support the changes proposed by the Department of Youth & Community Services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. proposes a return to the old formula for the distribution of these funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. proposes a letter be sent to the Department of Youth & Community Services rejecting to the proposed changes in the distribution of the Federal Land Grant Funds and return the previous formula; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if this letter is rejected a public hearing will be held.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. Wheelchair Accessibility To Jefferson Market Library

WHEREAS. The Jefferson Market branch of the New York Public Library is out of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act because it places a significant limitation on access to the Library by people in wheelchairs, and

WHEREAS the library management has ignored repeated requests to provide ready access; and

WHEREAS, wheelchair-dependent users are required to make use of a Rube Goldberg arrangement under which entry through the back door is dependent on the availability of a staff member to help bring the wheelchair user from ground level to main floor and on the availability of a helpful passerby to help the user manipulate his or her way through the needlessly cumbersome route from the street into the building at ground level; and

WHEREAS, the wheelchair user may be subjected to rain, snow, or other inclement weather while waiting and while struggling to gain access; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the while CB#2, Man. respects the library’s status as an historic, landmark-quality building, the Board also insists that the library management move quickly to undertake the modest improvements which would help the improve the plight of wheelchair users while at the same time preserving the landmark character of the building.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Resolution To Change The Parking Regulations On East 11th Street (Between Fifth Avenue And University Place)

WHEREAS, the parking regulations on East 11th Street (between Fifth Avenue and University Place) were changed over a year ago from limiting parking in the morning for 3 hours to limiting parking for 30 minutes; and

WHEREAS, since the parking regulations were changed, major disruptions have occurred on the block during the early hours of the morning because the shorter “no parking” regulations have created an incentive for drivers to crowd the street and attempt to outwait the street sweeper, and consequently block the street sweeper and other traffic on the block, which has on occasion led to heated arguments among drivers; and

WHEREAS, the East 11th Street Block Association, representing over 400 residents, and numerous members of the public support the change in the parking regulations to a 90 minute time period that conforms with the surrounding blocks in the area.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports changing the parking regulations on East 11th Street (between Fifth Avenue and University Place) as follows:

- On the North side of 11th Street, from “No Parking, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., Tuesday and Friday” to “No Parking, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Tuesday and Friday”; and
- On the South side of 11th Street, from “No Parking, 8:00 – 8:30 a.m., Monday and Wednesday” to “No Parking, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m., Monday and Wednesday.”

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor

2. Resolution In Favor Of Expediting Accessibility Of Subway Stations

WHEREAS, the current agreement between New York State and the United States Government and the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association and Disabled in Action calls for 100 key New York City subway stations (out of a universe of 468 stations) to be made fully handicapped-accessible by 2020; and

WHEREAS, a key station is described by the Federal Transportation Administration (“FTA”) as having: ridership volume exceeding the system average, multi-platform transfers which require movement up or down, serves as an inter-modal transfer point to or from bus, commuter rail or ferry or is the terminal point on the line, the station is in proximity to major destination points such as schools, hospital, recreational facilities, airports and other major destinations (for instance, in CB#2: the West Fourth Street Station - A,C,E, F, V trains and the 14th Street Station - A,C, E , L trains); and

WHEREAS, the rapid development and evolution of neighborhoods in New York City may require the designation of additional key stations not presently contemplated.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. calls for the MTA, the New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA) and appropriate U.S. government agencies to create a task force to develop a comprehensive and detailed plan and timetable to make New York City’s subway system as fully handicapped-accessible as possible, not only through renovation, restructuring and rebuilding at the currently designated 100 key stations, but at additional stations meeting the FTA description as may be identified to NYCTA by Community Boards and other interested parties.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor

3. Proposal to change the parking regulations surrounding Father Demo Square

WHEREAS, the NYC Parks Department plan to refurbish Father Demo Square has met with widespread community support and was approved by this Community Board in February; and

WHEREAS, Carmine Street, which is 34 feet wide, is already a very wide street and to accommodate the plan, Carmine Street (between Bleecker and Sixth Avenue) needs to be reduced by approximately six (6) feet; and

WHEREAS, the excessive width of Bleecker Street between Sixth Avenue and Carmine Street (36 feet) has created an unsafe situation for pedestrians as it encourages motorists to speed through one of three lanes in order to make the light at Sixth Avenue and Bleecker Street; and

WHEREAS, the parking spaces around Father Demo Square are routinely filled by garbage trucks and cable trucks during their drivers' break time, resulting in noise, odors and other disruptions that cause great inconvenience to local residents and detract from Father Demo Square.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports the following in connection with Father Demo Square:

- Change the parking regulations surrounding Father Demo Square from "No Parking" to "No Standing";
- Realign Bleecker Street between Sixth Avenue and Carmine Street in order to match the alignment of Bleecker Street between Seventh Avenue and Carmine Street;
- Reduce Carmine Street (between Bleecker and Sixth Avenue) by six (6) feet in order to accommodate the Parks Department plan to refurbish Father Demo Square; and
- A study of the timing and sequencing of the traffic lights on the Bedford/Carmine and Bleecker/Carmine intersections.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor

ZONING AND HOUSING

1. 381 Broome Street, Community Board Review For Brick Pavers As Required By The Special Little Italy Zoning

WHEREAS, CB#2, Man. has reviewed this application and has determined that the design of the Brick Pavers meets the requirements of the Special Little Italy Zoning,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. supports this application for Brick Pavers as required by the Special Little Italy Zoning.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. Community Board #2 Manhattan Request For The Department Of City Planning To Begin To Examine Potential Zoning Changes In The Far West Village.

WHEREAS, The Far West Village has traditionally had a pleasing scale and a unified urban fabric and an increasing amount of development is currently taking place in the Far West Village, And;

WHEREAS, The development of the new Hudson River Park has increased development pressures for this area, And;

WHEREAS, There have been many Board of Standards and Appeals variance applications recently granted in this area and the Board anticipates additional applications in the near future, And;

WHEREAS, New development in this area has been out of scale and context with the surrounding neighborhood and has eroded the local urban fabric, And;

WHEREAS, The community and the Community Board are greatly concerned that future development will not be in context with the Far West Village and will further eroded the local urban fabric, And;

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need to ensure that new development under the zoning will help maintain the quality and the historic nature of the Far West Village

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. requests that City Planning study the Far West Village area and engage in conversation with the community and the Board as soon as possible to see how the zoning can be modified to the benefit of all of our mutual interests.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

3. 199-205 Lafayette Street and Lt. Joseph Petrosino Park, 040021ZMM, Application for a change in the zoning map to change the zoning on two blocks from the existing M1-5B district to a C6-2 district.

WHEREAS, the residents of the building came to the CB#2, Man. zoning committee two years ago seeking advice and the committee recommended that a zoning map change was an appropriate method to use, And;

WHEREAS, the area was posted and there was no opposition to this application, and

WHEREAS, there are certified artists in this building and the building is not eligible for conversion by other methods, and

WHEREAS, The use of Lt. Joseph Petrosino Park will not be affected, and

WHEREAS, The new zoning will not allow any addition to the existing building,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. approves this zoning map change and the legal conversion of this specific building, And;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. approves this application as a special situation for this individual building and does not consider this application as a precedent for future zoning changes.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business presented.

Respectfully submitted,

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Community Board #2, Manhattan