

FULL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: June 17, 2004
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: NYU Silver Building, 32 Waverly Place, Room 703

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Ashkinazy, Tobi Bergman, Helene Burgess, Keith Crandell, Maria P. Derr, Doris Diether, Harriet Fields, Edward Gold, Jo Hamilton, Anne Hearn, Brad Hoylman, Aubrey Lees, Edward Ma, Don MacPherson, Chad Marlow, Philip Mouquinho, T. Marc Newell, Ronald Pasquale, Judy Paul, David Reck, Robert Riccobono, Mark Rosenwasser, Shirley Secunda, Cynthia Smith, James Smith, Chair, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) Sean Sweeney, Wilbur Weder, Betty Williams, Michael Xu, Carol Yankay.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Elizabeth Gilmore, Lisa La Frieda, Don Lee, Dr. John Maggio, Rosemary McGrath, Robert Rinaolo, Rocio Sanz, Ruth Sherlip, Melissa Sklarz, Shirley H. Smith, Martin Tessler.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Galal Chater, Lawrence Goldberg, Arthur Harris, Rick Panson, Arthur Z. Schwartz.

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; Kate Seeley-Kirk, Council Member Christine Quinn's office; Ivy Jeanne Brown, Danny Lieberman, Melinda Brown, Marjorie Colt, Nancy Blanford, Susan Goren, Gabrielle Strasun, Miki Grubel, Howard Negrin, Joey Luera, Erin Bogart, Jeff Surut, Catherine Ross, Lezly Ziering, E. Kiels, N. Shipman, E. Selman, Charlotte Crowman, Elaine Young, Derek Corley, Carl Erman, Barbara Quart, Caroline Kim, Lisa Katselas, Shun K. Fung, Gwen Bucci, Bradley Eisenstein, Juliette Campbell, David Rosenthal, Ian Dutton, Mary Abbott Clyde, Allvaro Salas, Lilian Krivodonova, Marie Evans, Aldon Herman, Demetri Daphnis, C.E. Abanavas, Cindy Pickering, Michael Bloomberg, John Coston, Mary Moyer, John Evon, Artemis Daphnis, Benjamin Zgodny, Fidel Barrerra, Ping Yi Lee, Franklin /f. Yn, Tereasa Tan, Yumiko Yamazalel, Moi Hung, Yun-Qin Li, Daniel Del Roccicci, Michael Kantrowitz, Andrew Vesselinovitch, Frank Hestuko, Mary Johnson, Ann Binkley, Robin Ziering, Joseph Giamo, Lee Schwartz, Laura Christofferson, Mary T. O'Connor, Hal Ruzal, Ethan McCracken, Melissa Baldock.

MEETING SUMMARY

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Board Members Present – 30
Board Members Excused–11
Board Members Absent - 5

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II. PUBLIC SESSION

Non-Agenda Items

Falun Gong

Pingyi Lee and Ben Zgodny spoke regarding the Falun Gong practice.

Quality-of-Life Issues

Michael Bloomberg spoke regarding noise from traffic, clubs and restaurants.

BBL Investors d/b/a The Corner Shop, 643 Broadway

Lee Schwartz spoke against the club in the basement of this premise.

Invitation to Open House

Laura Christofferson, The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, invited the community to their open house.

Business Items

TWIMC, LLC d/b/a Café Sol, 357 W. Broadway

Joey Luera, principal, Ethan McCracken, Lisa Katselas, Gwen Bucci, Caroline Kim, Juliette Campbell, and Bradley Eisenstein, spoke in favor of the liquor license for the above-mentioned premise.

Demetri Daphnis, Catherine Ross, Michael Kantrowitz, Marie Evans, and Daniel Del Roccicci, spoke against the proposed liquor license.

Jeff Surut spoke regarding Café Sol.

Cabaret License for Narcisse, 409 W. 13th St.

Ivy Jeanne Brown, Elaine Young, Mary T. O'Connor, Nancy Blanford, Marjorie Colt, Hal Ruzal, and John Coston, spoke against the proposed cabaret license.

Landmarks & Public Aesthetics Items

640 Broadway a/k/a 172 Crosby St. a/k/a 60-74 Bleecker St. Application to legalize the creation of cellar entrance at the sidewalk without LPC permits.

Melissa Baldock, GVSHP, spoke against the landmark application.

Parks, Recreation And Open Space

NY is Book Country Festival at Washington Sq. Park

Mary Johnson and Gabrielle Strsun spoke against the current street plan. Susan Goren, Micki Grubel, Lezly Ziering, Edy Selman, Robin Ziering, Charlotte Croman, Joseph Giamo, Noreen Shipman, Barbara Quart, and Howard Negrin, of the Washington Place Block Assn, spoke against the proposal for the festival.

Ann Binkley, of NY is Book Country, spoke in favor of the book festival.

Traffic and Transportation Items

NYCDOT Proposal for Bike Lanes

Danny Lieberman spoke in favor of the proposed bike lane locations.

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,

Kate Seeley-Kirk, of Council Member Christine Quinn's office

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of April minutes and distribution of May minutes.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1. **Chair's Report** Jim Smith reported
- 2. **District Manager's Report** Arthur Strickler reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. SoHo House New York, Inc., d/b/a SoHo House, 29-35 Ninth Avenue, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is to move an existing service bar located on the roof to a new location on the roof and to convert the bar from a service bar to a regular stand up bar; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that there would be no change to the current method of operation; and

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

WHEREAS, two members of the community stated that they had no objection to this application; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for the **SoHo House New York, Inc., d/b/a SoHo House, 29-35 Ninth Avenue, NYC.**

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor, and 1 in opposition.

2. The Superman Group Inc., d/b/a Jack, 41 Greenwich Avenue, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 1100 square foot 40 seat location; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 11 PM weekdays and until 12 Midnight on weekends; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license to **The Superman Group Inc., d/b/a Jack, 41 Greenwich Avenue, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

3. Old Havana Inc., d/b/a Havana, 222 Thompson Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 1,200 square foot 56 person capacity location; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation will be until 11 PM weekdays and until Midnight on weekends; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **Old Havana Inc., d/b/a Havana, 222 Thompson Street, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

4. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC., 510 Avenue of the Americas, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 2800 square foot fast food restaurant predominantly owned by McDonalds Corp.; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 11 AM until 11 PM seven days; and

WHEREAS, a member of the community representing two block associations spoke in opposition to application; and

WHEREAS, the committee has serious concerns about a self-service, fast food restaurant with no table service dispensing alcoholic beverages. The concerns regard who will monitor the serving of these drinks to minors and who will monitor whether or not these drinks are removed from the premises given the usual caliber of staff employed by fast food restaurants; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC., 510 Avenue of the Americas, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

5A. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 55 East Eighth Street, NYC

WHEREAS the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS this application is for an On Premise license at this 2500 square foot fast food restaurant owned by McDonalds Corp.; and

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

WHEREAS the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 11 AM until 11 PM seven days; and

WHEREAS, a member of the community representing two block associations spoke in opposition to application; and

WHEREAS, the committee has serious concerns about a self-service fast food restaurant with no table service, dispensing alcoholic beverages. The concerns regard who will monitor the serving of these drinks to minors and who will monitor whether or not these drinks are removed from the premises given the usual caliber of staff employed by fast food restaurants; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2 Manhattan has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC., 55 East Eighth Street, NYC**

Vote: FAILED-SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

5B. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 55 East Eighth Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 2,500 square foot fast food restaurant owned by McDonalds Corp.; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 11 AM until 11 PM seven days; and

WHEREAS, a member of the community representing two block associations spoke in opposition to application; and

WHEREAS, the committee has serious concerns about a self-service, fast food restaurant with no table service dispensing alcoholic beverages. The concerns regard who will monitor the serving of these drinks to minors and who will monitor whether or not these drinks are removed from the premises given the usual caliber of staff employed by fast food restaurants; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. **DENIES** the issuance of an On Premise license for **Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, 55 East Eighth Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

6. Chriswill Ventures, LLC, d/b/a CRU, 24 Fifth Avenue, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 115 seat restaurant formerly operated as Washington Park; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be from 11AM until 11 PM seven days and

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

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **Chriswill Ventures, LLC., d/b/a CRU, 24 Fifth Avenue, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

7. P 12 Inc., d/b/a Piola, 48 East 12th Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 2,800 square foot, 100 person capacity pizza restaurant that has 12 locations worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation would be from 11 AM until 11 PM seven days; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **P 12 Inc., d/b/a Piola, 48 East 12th Street, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

8. 60 Greenwich LLC., d/b/a Iragazzi, 60 Greenwich Avenue, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 1,200 square foot, 66 person capacity location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until Midnight on weekdays and until 2 AM on weekends; and; and

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

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that he owns and lives in the building; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **60 Greenwich LLC, d/b/a Iragazzi, 60 Greenwich Avenue, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

9. TWIMC LLC. d/b/a Café Sol, 357 West Broadway, , NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this is the second time that this application has been before this Committee for an On Premise license at this 1,800 square foot 71 person capacity location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 2 AM weekdays and until 4 AM weekends; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music will be background only with no DJ or live music; and

WHEREAS, this location has been vacant for three years as the previous tenant operated this location very badly; and

WHEREAS, there are over seventeen similarly licensed premises within 500 feet of this location with eight locations on this side of this very block; and

WHEREAS, at least ten members of the Community appeared in opposition to this application. The complaints are that this area is totally overcrowded with bars and restaurants. They cited noise and traffic problems as well as garbage, public urination and illegal sidewalk seating as just some of the difficulties that they are forced to live with. They also submitted several letters from Community members in opposition as well as a petition; and

WHEREAS, the Community members stated that should this application be approved, they are prepared to bring a lawsuit against the State Liquor Authority; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly objects to the issuance of an On Premise license for **TWIMC LLC. d/b/a Café Sol, 357 West Broadway, NYC**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that should the SLA decide to grant this license, CB#2, Man. calls upon the SLA to clearly state how the issuance of this license will be in the public interest

Vote: Passed, with 25 Board members in favor, 3 in opposition, and 2 in abstention.

10. 134 Restaurant on third, LLC., d/b/a Black Bass Bar and Grille, 134 West Third Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicants appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license at this 4000 square foot location formerly operated as a Burger King that will become an Irish bar and restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 2 AM weekdays and until 4 AM weekends; 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; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of an On Premise license for **134 Restaurant on third, LLC, d/b/a Black Bass Bar and Grille, 134 West Third Street, NYC.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

11. Macdougall Bleeker Corp., d/b/a Café Del Mar, 89 Macdougall St., NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the Committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license for the basement of this recently licensed location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that he desires to use the basement as additional seating for his restaurant on the upper level; and

WHEREAS, the fact that the applicant stated that his business was not very good on the upper level and that he needs the basement for additional seating made no sense to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the basement location has a separate entrance on Macdougall Street leading the Committee to suspect that this basement will become yet another lounge in this already overcrowded area; and

WHEREAS, the Certificate of Occupancy that the applicant presented shows the basement use as "Tenement". Therefore use of the basement as a restaurant or lounge would be prohibited unless the C of O was changed; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. objects to the issuance of an On Premise license for the basement for **Macdougall Bleeker Corp., d/b/a Café Del Mar, 89 Macdougall Street, NYC**

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

12. JL Restaurant Group, Inc., 9 East 13th Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant failed to appear before the Committee or call to reschedule; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. objects to the issuance of an On Premise license for **JL Restaurant Group, Inc., 9 East 13th Street, NYC** and calls upon the SLA to return this applicant to the Community Board should an application be filed.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

13A. Narcisse LLC., d/b/a Narcisse, 409 West 13th Street, NYC

WHEREAS the applicants appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a Cabaret License for this 800 person capacity 10800 square foot location formerly operated as The Lure; and

WHEREAS the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 4 AM seven days; and

WHEREAS the applicant stated that music would be by DJ sometimes and live at other times and that there would be dancing; and

WHEREAS ten members of the community spoke in opposition to this application and to the proliferation of liquor licenses being issued in this area; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of a Cabaret license to Narcisse LLC., d/b/a Narcisse, 409 West 13th Street, NYC

Vote: FAILED – SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

13B. Narcisse LLC. d/b/a Narcisse, 409 West 13th Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicants appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a Cabaret License for this 800 person capacity 10800 square foot location formerly operated as The Lure; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 4 AM seven days; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that music would be by DJ sometimes and live at other times and that there would be dancing; and

WHEREAS, ten members of the community spoke in opposition to this application and to the proliferation of liquor licenses being issued in this area; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. objects to the issuance of a Cabaret license to Narcisse LLC., d/b/a Narcisse, 409 West 13th Street, NYC, and asks that the applicant return in one year to apply again.

Vote: Passed, with 23 with Board members in favor, and 7 in opposition.

14A. Ask 244, LLC, 244 West 14ht Street, NYC

WHEREAS the applicants appeared before the Committee; and

WHEREAS this application is for a Cabaret license at this location that was formerly operated as Nells; and

WHEREAS when these applicants came to this Committee for their On Premise license, they stated that they would be returning for the Cabaret license; and

WHEREAS the former occupant was licensed as a Cabaret; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of a Cabaret license for Ask 244, LLC., 244 West 14ht Street, NYC

Vote: FAILED, with 10 Board members in favor, 14 in opposition, and 3 in abstention.

SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

14B. Ask 244, LLC, 244 West 14th Street, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicants appeared before the Committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a Cabaret license at this location that was formerly operated as Nells; and

WHEREAS, when these applicants came to this Committee for their On Premise license, they stated that they would be returning for the Cabaret license; and

WHEREAS, the former occupant was licensed as a Cabaret; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the issuance of a Cabaret license for Ask 244, LLC, 244 West 14ht Street, NYC.

Vote: Passed, with 20 Board members in favor, 7 in opposition, and 3 in abstention

ENVIRONMENT

1. DEPLETED URANIUM MUNITIONS: Sending our community's soldiers to fight on a radioactive battlefield; turning much of Iraq unto an environmentally hazardous site

WHEREAS, depleted uranium (DU) is a waste produce of the nuclear industry -- an extraordinarily dense, hard metal left after enriched uranium is separated from natural uranium to produce fuel for nuclear reactors; and

WHEREAS, DU used as an armor piercing material on shells is chemically toxic and radiologically hazardous; and

WHEREAS, DU is used by the U.S. military and its allies in Iraq and Afghanistan and has been used earlier in the Gulf War and Bosnia and is a part of the arsenals of 15 nations; and

WHEREAS, reports continue to mount of illnesses and deaths of American soldiers in Iraq (including National Guard units from New York State) attributed to DU; and

WHEREAS, reports continue to mount of illnesses and deaths among Iraqi children and other non-combatants as a result of DU dust spread over Iraqi cities (most recently in the illustrated report in the June 2nd issue of The Villager); and

WHEREAS, an analysis by the Uranium Medical Research Center of toxic and radiological effects of DU may include weakening of the immune system, acute respiratory damage, and renal or gastrointestinal illnesses, followed by cancer, and a wide range of other illnesses, including genetic birth defects as illustrated by the Villager article; and

WHEREAS, some 30 percent of GIs returning from the Gulf War suffer from Gulf War Syndrome, attributed by many scientists to DU, widely used in that war;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly urges that its elected representatives put their full support behind legislation introduced by Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton to provide health screening for returning troops, including screening for exposure to depleted uranium; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the New York Congressional Delegation take leadership in mandating studies by the Department of Defense toward reclassifying depleted uranium as an illegal weapon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that troops of the US and other nations and Iraqi civilians be warned of the potential hazards of depleted uranium, especially in damaged or abandoned tanks or other military equipment; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that our nation's plan for post-war Iraq include a cleanup of DU debris as a protection for generations to come.

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor, and 1 in abstention.

2. Need For Improved Community Communication Calm Neighborhood Fears on Environmental Matters

WHEREAS, New York University (NYU) has a major environmental impact on the fragile surrounding neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, over the past three months, frightened community neighbors have come to the Environment Committee of CB#2, Man. with a broad range of environmental concerns including: apprehension about the emissions from research in the Brown Building; late-night removal of hazardous material (believed to be asbestos) from the Brown Building by workmen wearing HAZMAT suits; excessive idling of NYU busses; start-up of "self policing" of environmental problems without consultation of community boards in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, community neighbors bringing environmental concerns to CB#2, Man. are fearful of potential damage to their homes and to the health of their families whether or not such fears are in each case justified; and

WHEREAS, NYU responded in a laudable fashion to the Brown Building emissions by inviting a representative of CB#2, Man. to observe the emissions from atop the building last month; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that CB#2, Man. strongly urges New York University to undertake a proactive communications response to calm community fears on environmental matters, such a response to include advance announcement of any activities which community neighbors might reasonably perceive as environmentally dangerous; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly urges that NYU recognize the community's "right to know" with respect to environmental "self-policing" by keeping the appropriate community boards fully informed on each submission under the program.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC AESTHETICS

1ST LANDMARKS MEETING

LPC Item: 14 - Bleecker Street IRT Subway Station - IRT Subway System Underground Interior - Interior Landmark; The Puck Building - Individual Landmark; SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District; NoHo Historic District; NoHo East Historic District. A Beaux-Arts style underground subway station designed by William B. Parsons with Heins & La Farge and built in 1904. Application is to rehabilitate the station and to modify or create entrances to the station in the three historic districts and adjacent to the individual landmark.

WHEREAS, the MTA telephoned on the day of the meeting saying it had just received the hearing notice and could not appear that evening; but

WHEREAS, despite being requested earlier, it chose not to present the project to the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and allegedly told the GVSHP representative that it would only appear before the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a professional courtesy; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends that the MTA return in two weeks and present to the community board and local groups.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 15 - 365 Bleecker Street - Greenwich Village Historic District. A residence built in 1829-30 and enlarged and altered in the mid-19th century. Application is to replace the storefront.

LAID OVER.

Item 16 - 640 Broadway, a/k/a 172 Crosby Street a/k/a 60-74 Bleecker Street - NoHo Historic District. A Classical Revival style office building designed by De Lemos & Cordes and built in 1896-97. Application is to legalize the creation of a cellar entrance at the sidewalk without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

WHEREAS, since it is the fashion for zoological institutions to remove cages, it seems preposterous to place one in the center of an historic district; and

WHEREAS, many members of the community, representing three large buildings, and several members of the community board testified that this illegal work fits a continuous pattern by the owner going back decades of flouting the law, doing as he chooses, and then fighting speciously and vigorously to have things legalized; and

WHEREAS, these violations are particularly troubling since the owner is a lawyer who, instead of obeying the law, prefers to ignore it and fight it out later; and

WHEREAS, the owner has no permits from the Department of Transportation permitting this usurpation of public sidewalks for his private use; and

WHEREAS, there were other solutions available, like having egress in other parts of the building, for example, the lobby or one of the storefronts. (In fact, until recently the copy shop now in the basement had a storefront in this building. And others stated that a second means of egress on Crosby Street has been turned into a tiny sandwich shop); now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of this application on esthetic grounds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. hopes that the Commission not fall prey to this long-term pattern of illicit behavior by the owner.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

2ND LANDMARKS MEETING

LPC Item: 1- 463 Broome Street - SoHo-Cast Iron Historic District

A store building designed by Henry Fernbach and built in 1867. Application is to replace storefront infill.

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. strongly recommends denial of this application in the absence of this important step in the review process.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 3 - 88 Crosby Street, a/k/a 546-548 Broadway (Spring St) - SoHo-Cast Iron H.D. A store and loft building designed by John Correja and built in 1874. Application is to request that the Landmarks Preservation Commission issue a report to the City Planning Commission relating to an application for a Modification of Use pursuant to Section 74-711 of the Zoning Resolution. Zoned M1-5B

WHEREAS, appropriate restoration work is proposed, like removing a non-historic fire escape and industrial flues, replacing windows, repointing and repainting, cornice repair, as well as a five-year maintenance schedule; and

WHEREAS, the façade was extensively restored in 2000; and

WHEREAS, the extent of this work justifies issuing a positive report to CPC for a modification of use; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the request for work on the building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the request to issue a report to City Planning Commission relating to the application for modification of use.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 4 - 583 Broadway (New Museum Building) - SoHo-Cast Iron H.D. A neo-Classical style store and loft designed by Cleverdon and Putzel and built in 1897. Application is to amend Certificate of No Effect 03-3941 for repairs to the sidewalls.

WHEREAS, we appreciate the effort of the owner to address this problem of extensive water seepage and resulting damage to the secondary façades; but

WHEREAS, although we are not engineers, it seems that the proposal to add a layer of stucco and lathing, while expedient, does not really solve the problem, only postpones it; and it covers up the original masonry in the process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed solution will hide any further damage that could occur in the years ahead and it would be too late to detect and repair it, compromising the fabric of this building and adjacent buildings; and

WHEREAS, it will be even more expensive twenty-five years from now to remove this stucco layer and make repairs; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application and prefers to see a thorough repointing and replacement of damaged bricks; but

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 6 - 365 Bleecker Street (s. w. Charles St.) - Greenwich Village H.D. A residence built in 1829-30, enlarged, and altered in the mid-19th century. Application is to replace the storefront.

WHEREAS, overall, the materials and style of the proposed storefront do not detract from the building or the historic district; but

WHEREAS, the side columns will not extend to the street as is the style in a building of this era, which attempt to mimic a Greek temple. Instead, these columns stop at the bulkhead; now

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends that the applicant revisit his plan to stop the columns at the bulkhead instead of running from the entablature to the base of the building, in order to make more accurately reflect storefronts of the period found on that street, some of which have been beautifully restored; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we prefer to see a cementous brownstone mix for the façade instead of the yellowish stucco proposed.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 7 - 5 Horatio Street (W. 4th)- Greenwich Village Historic District. A brick house built in 1847-48 and altered in the mid-to-late 19th century. Application is to legalize the installation of signage, an awning, a barber pole, a through-the-wall conditioning unit, a roll-down security gate, and a garbage enclosure, painting the storefront blue, and altering the ground floor masonry openings at the West 4th Street facade, all without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

WHEREAS, the applicant came unprepared, with no drawings of the proposed work, and requested a general approval for legalization; and

WHEREAS, we informed the applicants of the process, to which they were receptive; now

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends the applicant prepare drawings addressing a solution to the violations.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

LPC Item: 8 - 95 Horatio Street (West St.)- Gansevoort Market Historic District. A neo-Classical style warehouse building designed by John B. Snook & Sons and built in 1931-1935. Application is to modify the building entrance

WHEREAS, the applicant has the misfortune of trying to modify something that is a bad design in the first place, and this proposal is but a slight improvement on that; now

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends that the owner be encouraged to rethink the entire design of the entrance.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

1A. Book Festival in Washington Square Park, NYU Campus and Surrounding Streets

WHEREAS New York is Book Country (NYIBC) is a non-profit organization and in cooperation with NYU is hosting a 2 day book festival using the campus of NYU and a portion of Washington Square Park and surrounding streets; and

WHEREAS the Festival is free and open to the public and the event will be held on Saturday, October 2nd, 2004, 11:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday, October 3rd, 2004, 11:00am to 5:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. approves the Book Festival in Washington Square Park, NYU Campus and Surrounding Streets.

VOTE: FAILED. SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

1B. Book Festival in Washington Square Park, NYU Campus and Surrounding Streets

WHEREAS, a book festival has been proposed for Washington Square Park and surrounding streets for two days; and

WHEREAS, this traditional book festival has historically drawn up to 100,000 people to the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, use of the park for sale of merchandise violates a long-standing CB#2, Man. tradition to avoid commercial activity in the park;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends rejection of the book festival in a Greenwich Village location.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES AND ACCESS

1. NEW Application to NYC Dept. of Consumer Affairs (NYCDCA) for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Fascosull Corp. d/b/a Four Faced Liar, 165 West 4th Street, with 5 tables & 11 seats, DCA#1166884.

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

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located on West 4th Street between Cornelia and Jones Street, formerly known as The Flying Burrito; and,

WHEREAS, there is strong opposition from the community; and,

WHEREAS, two brothers who live above the restaurant for 3 years stated that in the four months that the new owners have operated the premises, they have contacted the police several times because of the late night (after midnight) noise, observed a shattered glass window and fights among the drunk patrons who block the doorway to the apartments as well as wander off the premises with alcohol; and,

WHEREAS, more than one patron have been verbally abusive to one brother expressing prejudicial slurs about his Vietnamese cultural and gay sexual orientation;

WHEREAS the second brother stated that the owners are **ILLEGALLY OPERATING** an outdoor café until 4 a.m. and there is no control over the rude and noisy patrons, that customers trip over their dogs when they walk them and then kick their dogs; and

WHEREAS, a second resident who lives, with his wife, in an apartment in the building above the premises, stated that he went into the premises and observed that this establishment is nothing more than a bar, that there is no menu and no food is being prepared, served or offered; and

WHEREAS, the resident also stated that the sidewalk café is **ILLEGALLY OPERATING** until 4 a.m. and that the patrons are noisy until late hours of the morning,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. **STRONGLY recommends DENIAL** of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Fascosull Corp. d/b/a Four Faced Liar, 165 West 4th Street, with 5 tables and 11 seats, DCA#1166884.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

2. NEW Application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Paesano of Mulberry Street Corp., 136 Mulberry Street, with 3 tables and 6 seats, DCA#1168141.

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

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located on Mulberry Street between Hester and Grand Streets; and

WHEREAS, this restaurant has been a family owned business for 18 years; and

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

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Paesano of Mulberry Street Corp., 136 Mulberry Street, with 3 tables and 6 seats, DCA#1168141.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

3. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Francesca Rest., Group Inc. d/b/a Focacceria, 87 Macdougall Street., with 4 tables and 10 seats, DCA#0956272.

WHEREAS, the applicant failed to appear and area was posted; this matter is being held over for the July, 2004 meeting.

4. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Toda Café, Inc. d/b/a Café Sha Sha, 510 Hudson Street, with 3 tables & 9 seats, DCA#1076103.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and 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 8 years,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR, revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to by Toda Café, Inc. d/b/a Café Sha Sha, 510 Hudson Street, with 3 tables & 9 seats, DCA#1076103

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

5. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Hudson Falafel, 516 Hudson Street with 8 tables and 15 seats, DCA#0955186.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and 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, this establishment has had a sidewalk café since 1997,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café to Hudson Falafel, 516 Hudson Street with 8 tables and 15 seats, DCA#0955186.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

6. RENEWAL application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café by Caffè Reggio, 119 Macdougall Street, with 4 tables and 9 seats, DCA#0782318.

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

WHEREAS, this establishment is located between West 3rd Street and Bleecker Street; and,

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community and;

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

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to Caffè Reggio, 119 Macdougall Street, with 4 tables and 9 seats, DCA#0782318.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

7. NEW application to NYCDCA for revocable consent to construct and operate a newsstand at the Northeast corner of 5th Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets, DCA#1167724.

WHEREAS, the area was posted and the applicant appeared before the committee but did not present an accurate site plan certified by an architect. This matter will be laid over to give the applicant an opportunity to submit the required documentation.

SOCIAL SERVICES, HOMELESS AND SENIOR SERVICES

1A. Senior Citizens Services on City Budget

WHEREAS, Senior Citizen support is very important to CB#2, Man. by the Mayor, we object to the indifference of these services being excluded in the budget process;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED CB#2, Man. insists that all senior citizens' considerations re restored and in the future not excluded.

VOTE: FAILED-SEE SUBSTITUTE RESOLUTION BELOW.

1B. Proposed Budget Cuts for Senior Programs

WHEREAS the Mayor's proposed budget makes harsh cuts to vital Senior programs; and

WHEREAS programs serving senior citizens are already inadequately funded; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2-Man. urges the Mayor and the City Council to immediately restore all of the Senior Programs, cut from the budget, to their original status.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

1. "Final Design" for the Planned Reconstruction of Houston Street

WHEREAS, on June 8, 2004, the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) presented the "final design" of the West Houston Street Reconstruction Project (the "Plan"); and

WHEREAS, Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (the "Board") and members of the community have reviewed the Plan over the last several years and repeatedly stated their concern that the Plan does not present a coherent pattern of pedestrian accommodation for the residents in the area, most recently in a resolution passed unanimously by the Board on January 22, 2004, and at a community meeting convened by Council Members Alan Gerson and Christine Quinn on June 7, 2004; and

WHEREAS, DDC and DOT have recently made several important changes to the Plan at the request of the Board to make Houston Street safer for pedestrians, including partially extending the median tips at all crosswalks; installing neck downs on the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue and Bedford Street; increasing the median width adjacent to the turn bays at Lafayette, Broadway, Mercer and West Broadway from four feet to five feet; and reducing the sidewalk extension between Sixth Avenue and West Broadway from nine feet to eight feet;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. is appreciative that DOT and DDC have weighed some of the concerns of the community and made modifications to the Plan that will improve pedestrian safety; however, the Board strongly objects to and urges more time for reconsideration on the following aspects of the Plan:

- Creating two turning bays from Houston Street onto Mercer Street and West Broadway, because of the potential for accidents resulting from turning conflicts at these heavily trafficked intersections, the increased vehicular speed that the bays will facilitate, and the lack of pedestrian refuge due to the narrow medians constructed to accommodate these bays, factors that will pose particular problems for seniors, people with disabilities and schoolchildren who attend local schools in the area and participate in the "Safe Routes to

School” program, which encourages less traffic congestion around schools and safer, calmer streets and neighborhoods; and

- Widening the sidewalk on the South side of Houston Street between 6th Avenue and West Broadway and eliminating a lane of traffic, because of the potential to create greater traffic congestion, encourage speeding and impair the quality of life for residents in the area through horn-honking and illicit street vending.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

2. Proposed Parking Regulation Change at 80 Varick Street, between Watts and Grand, on the East side of the Street

WHEREAS, residents on Varick Street, between Watts Street and Grand Street currently do not have the ability to safely pick-up and drop-off their household members in the morning hours; and

WHEREAS, the parking regulations used to provide residents with such an opportunity until only recently; and

WHEREAS, several members of the community spoke in favor of the proposed additional regulation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. , supports the following parking regulation change: At 80 Varick Street between Watts and Grand Streets, on the East side of the street, change the regulation from “No Parking between 4 AM and 6 AM on Alternate Days” to “No Parking between 4 AM and 6 AM on Alternate Days; No Parking between 8 AM and 9 AM.”

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

3. Proposed Parking Regulation Change at Hudson Street in front of St. Luke’s School

WHEREAS, parents of children at St. Luke’s School and members of St. Luke’s currently do not have the ability to safely pick-up and drop-off their household members; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of changing the parking regulations on this block is to assist drivers and their passengers and not facilitate truck deliveries; and

WHEREAS, several members of the community spoke in favor of the proposed additional regulation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., supports the following parking regulation change: on Hudson Street, on the West side between Barrow and Grove Streets, change the regulation from “No Parking” to “No Parking Except Passenger Pick-up and Drop-Offs between 8:00 AM and 5:30 PM.”

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

4. Proposed Bicycle Lanes on 9th Street and 10th Street

WHEREAS, the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) has developed proposed bicycle lanes consisting of 2.5 miles in each direction on 9th St., between Avenue A and 6th Avenue; Christopher St., between 6th Avenue and West Street; Greenwich Street, between Christopher St. and 10th St.; and 10th St., between Greenwich St. and FDR Drive; and

WHEREAS, these proposed bicycle lanes will be designated by signs and pavement markings and no parking or travel lanes will be removed and are scheduled to be installed in late Spring 2004; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bicycle lanes will provide the community low-cost, healthful and environmentally beneficial transportation options and provide an important cross-town connection between the Hudson River Greenway and the East River Esplanade in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, the proposed bicycle lanes are part of the City’s proposed 600-mile network of on-street bike lanes and 350 mile greenway system designated in the 1998 Bicycle Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, DOT has asked for the community board’s recommendation on whether these bicycle lanes should be installed.

WHEREAS, concern was expressed at the meeting regarding the safety of a bike lane on the right hand side of a one way street, particularly where basis are present;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. , approves the proposed bicycle lanes that fall within the community board's boundaries, on 9th St., between Avenue A and 6th Avenue; Christopher St., between 6th Avenue and West Street; Greenwich Street, between Christopher St. and 10th St.; and 10th St., between Greenwich St. and FDR Drive.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that CB#2-Man. asks DOT to take one more look and consult further with the bicycling community regarding which side of the street the lanes should be on where the streets are one-way.

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor and 1 abstention.

5. Motorcycles on 8th Street

WHEREAS, motorcycle parking and noise have been a persistent problem on West 8th Street between Fifth and Sixth Avenues for the past ten years; and

WHEREAS, the average number of motorcycles parked in this area on weekends during the warm weather months ranges between 50 and 90; and

WHEREAS, this large number of motorcycles takes up valuable parking spaces, interferes with pedestrian use of the street, and creates an unfriendly shopping environment, thereby hurting many small businesses in the area; and

WHEREAS, this excessive presence of motorcycles creates intense, overwhelming noise, both during the daytime and nighttime; and

WHEREAS, the Village Alliance reports that large numbers of both merchants and residents have complained vociferously about this situation and have asked for relief; and

WHEREAS, the current police check of licenses and registrations for motorcycles and motor vehicles is ineffective in reducing the numbers of motorcycles and also has discouraged shoppers and other motorists from frequenting 8th Street.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. , urges the NYPD, the NYC Department of Transportation, the Community Assistance Unit and the Mayor's office to devise a plan to reduce harmful motorcycle traffic on 8th Street and provide much-needed relief to the small businesses and residents in the area.

Vote: Passed, with 30 Board members in favor.

6. Closing of 8th Street to Vehicular Traffic on an *Ad Hoc* Basis on Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 PM to 6:00 AM

WHEREAS, for the past dozen years the NYPD Sixth Precinct has been closing 8th Street to vehicular traffic on an *ad hoc* basis on Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., a program established in response to late-night car parking and standing accompanied by the playing of boom boxes and loud music producing excessive noise disturbing residents' peace and quiet; and

WHEREAS, this program is widely held to have been successful and gratefully welcomed by thousands of residents who have voiced their strong approval of its effectiveness in bringing peace and quiet to the area; and

WHEREAS, the Sixth Precinct has recently informed members of the community that they do not have the sufficient staff to continue this program; and

WHEREAS, the *ad hoc* closing this program consists of placing a police barricade across West 8th Street and Sixth Avenue, which does not require an on-site police detail, but rather only a monitoring every hour or so by a patrol car that in any case makes its rounds of the area; and

WHEREAS, the president of the West 8th Street Block Association and three additional residents appeared before the Traffic and Transportation Committee, speaking for the community, and requested that the 8th Street weekend closing should be re-instituted; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bloomberg has recently promulgated a plan to reduce all forms of noise in New York City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man, strongly urges the NYPD Sixth Precinct resume its program of closing 8th Street to vehicular traffic on an *ad hoc* basis on Fridays and Saturdays, 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., and resume such street closings in connection with street closings on surrounding streets, as was the practice in past years (e.g., 10th Street, between 5th and 6th Avenues).

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor and 1 in opposition.

YOUTH

1. New York State School Funding Plan

WHEREAS, Senate Majority Leader Joseph Bruno has released his plan for complying with the Campaign for Fiscal Equity court mandate on school funding; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno's plan reinforces the inequities in the current system, and once again shortchanges New York City; and

WHEREAS, Senator Bruno's plan would provide \$4.74 billion over the next five years, but just \$1.765 of that, 37%, would go towards New York City's schools; and

WHEREAS, that is the same proportion of the state's school aid that the City receives now, and which led to the CFE lawsuit in the first place. Moreover, while Bruno's plan offers the same proportion of state education aid that the city received before; and

WHEREAS, it relies on local and federal sources for 25% of the revenue, which means that some of the "state aid" would actually be generated by raising city taxes; and

WHEREAS, the plan also fails to address capital funding; and

WHEREAS, the aid that the plan does offer for operating expenses would primarily come from Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) revenues, and this mirrors the plan offered by Governor Pataki that has been roundly criticized by education advocates, and Democrats in both the Senate and the Assembly; and

WHEREAS, gambling revenues are not a reliable source of funding; and

WHEREAS, the plan proposed in March by Senate Minority Leader David Paterson (D-Manhattan, SD 30) and the minority conference would pump \$10 billion of additional operating aid into New York's schools over the next five years, and \$20 billion in capital funds. 60% of that new aid would go to New York City; and

WHEREAS, the plan would not rely on additional federal aid or increased local taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Democrats' proposal would offer an additional \$1 billion to City schools in the '04-'05 fiscal year, as part of an overall balanced budget plan that includes closing corporate tax loopholes, and lowering state health care costs by adopting a bulk purchasing plan for prescription drugs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. urges our elected officials to reject Senator Bruno's plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. urges the Governor and the Senate leadership to adopt a school funding proposal that truly fulfills the state's constitutional obligation to our children under the CFE mandate.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

2. Citywide Funding to Services For Children

WHEREAS, New York City is in a better position financially than it has been since 9/11; and

WHEREAS, as the economy rebounds, the city must balance initiatives to reduce New Yorkers' tax burden and improve the public services that New Yorkers want; and

WHEREAS, the challenge for the Mayor and the City Council is to move us toward a vision of a great city with a future that invests more in young people; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal year 2005 Executive Budget proposal falls short by cutting \$ 112 million in services to children; and

WHEREAS, too many essential services that support children and working families- childcare, child abuse prevention, child health and after-school programs have been slated for cuts; and

WHEREAS, children shouldered a disproportionate burden of budget cuts during the city's fiscal crisis, with \$ 700 million cut last year from city agencies serving children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. urges the Mayor and the City Council to consider first of the need to rethink tax cuts that will reduce revenue instead of cutting the budget for essential children's services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a better revenue forecast should translate into restorations, not cuts to children's services.

3 Shirley Smith has invited Margo Hirsch, Executive Director of the EmpireState Coalition of Youth and Family Services to our September meeting.

4 We received and read a letter from Steve Bodow, a Christopher Street resident, concerning noise on his block. We will respond to him, and put him in touch with UNITY.

5 We read and discuss a letter from CB 4 Manhattan to the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYCD) regarding their out-of-school-time concept paper. We agree with the principle expressed in the letter recommending Community Board - community agency connections, and would like CB 2 to adopt the same principles. We approve drafting a proposed letter to the board chair for consideration.

6 We approve investigating the possibility of organizing assistance for parents in filling out free school lunch applications. These forms have recently been made more complex and require more documentation, which may discourage some parents. Since free lunch statistics control the flow of other poverty funds into neighborhoods, it is important to have every eligible child apply. We will ask the New York Immigration Coalition (NYIC) Education Task Force if they have a model for organizing assistance for parents.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

3. Children of Lower Manhattan

WHEREAS, the children of Lower Manhattan personally witnessed the events of September 11th 2001, and its aftermath, and continue to live through the rebuilding efforts, and

WHEREAS, this experience has taught them many valuable lessons, which can be useful to children in other parts of the world, and

WHEREAS, the children of Lower Manhattan are not being included as participants in the planning and rebuilding of Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS, Lower Manhattan continues to be a major tourist attraction to adults and children from all over the world, and

WHEREAS, a survey taken in late 2001 showed very high levels of traumatic stress in children from all over New York City, and

WHEREAS, these findings were believed to reveal the stress experienced at all times by children living difficult lives in what are considered ordinary times in New York City, and

WHEREAS, the needs of such children also deserve to be served and their courage acknowledged, and

WHEREAS, a Center serving children, and bringing together the children of New York City and children from all over the world, can provide a venue for the exchange of ideas and understanding, and

WHEREAS, the Center would provide an opportunity for existing schools and community programs to reach out across the globe to tell their stories, and to hear, in turn, from children from other parts of the world, and

WHEREAS, the Center would be a source of information for children's health issues, disaster recovery, education and other children's issues,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Center would provide a place for children's art, photographs, and other works by children, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. supports the creation of the International Children's Center and commends the efforts of our local politicians who are trying to make it a reality.

Vote: Unanimous, with 30 Board members in favor.

ZONING AND HOUSING

129 Elizabeth Street, Block 470 Lot 17, BSA Calendar No.: 150-04 BZ CEQR No.: 04-BSA-158M. Board of Standards and Appeals variance application pursuant to Section 72-21 of the Zoning requesting relief of the maximum lot area, maximum floor area ratio for a mixed building, and lot coverage requirements because of the extremely small lot area.

WHEREAS, The area was posted and there was no community opposition, and;

WHEREAS, CB#2, Man. recognizes that the lot is a very small interior lot that does present a valid hardship, and;

WHEREAS, A building of this small size will have little impact on the surrounding area, and;

WHEREAS, This variance request is minor in nature and is a minimum request, and;

WHEREAS, The owner of the property appeared before the committee and noted that he and his family will occupy one of the residential units;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. supports the Board of Standards and Appeals variance application for 129 Elizabeth Street, Block 470 Lot 17, BSA Calendar No.: 150-04 BZ CEQR No.: 04-BSA-158M. for relief of the maximum lot area, maximum floor area ratio for a mixed building, and lot coverage requirements on the condition that All other requirements of the Special Little Italy District and the underlying zoning regulations will be met

Vote: Passed, with 29 Board members in favor, and 1 in opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

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