

FULL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: July 19, 2007

TIME: 6:30 P.M.

PLACE: St. Vincent's Hospital, 170 W. 12th Street Cronin Auditorium

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Ashkinazy, Keen Berger, Tobi Bergman, Sigrid Burton, Leonard Cecere, Maria Passannante Derr, Doris Diether, Sheelah Feinberg, Elizabeth Gilmore, Edward Gold, Jo Hamilton, Anne Hearn, Brad Hoylman, Chair, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.), Amanda Khan, Susan Kent, Arthur Kriemelman, Raymond Lee, Edward Ma, Jason Mansfield, Rosemary McGrath, Philip Mouquinho, Judy Paul, Lois Rakoff, David Reck, Robert Riccobono, Erin Roeder, Rocio Sanz, Wendy Schlazer, Shirley Secunda, James Solomon, Shirley H. Smith, Richard Stewart, Wilbur Weder, Carol Yankay, Elaine Young

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Carter Booth, Lisa Cannistracci, Robert Ian Dutton, Harriet Fields, David Gruber, Zella Jones, Ke-Wei Ma, Annie Vanrenterghem-Raven, Sean Sweeney

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: David Ethan, Lawrence Goldberg, Christine Lindemann, Don MacPherson, Arthur Z. Schwartz

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Bob Gormley, District Manager, and Florence Arenas, Community Coordinator

GUESTS: Erin Drinkwater, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office; Adam Riff, Senator Tom Duane's office; Grey Elam, Council Speaker Christine Quinn's office; Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office; Paul Nagle, Council Member Alan Gerson's office; Council Member Rosie Mendez's office; Hunter Johansson, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's office; John Ricker, NYC Comptroller's office; Josh Lebewohl, Granville Leo Stevens, Leilani Garcia, Jane Crotty, Y.M. Leung, Mei Chang Zhao, Sui Yei chan, Michelle Ching, Priscilla Whe, Lisa Lin, Joyce Chan, Carmen Ben, Winnie Ho, Waikit V. Mak, Souk Lin Lai, Peggy Ng, Barbara Bahita, David Poster, Henry J. Amoruso, Bernadette Kinghum, Travis Terry, Tim Duffy, Stuart Romanoff, L. Pang, Yasmeen Siddiqui, Mary Johnson, Andrew Berman, Jai Nanda, Justin Conder, Brian Dunne

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date – July 19, 2007

Board Members Present – 35

Board Members Excused–9

Board Members Absent - 5

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II. PUBLIC SESSION

Non-Agenda Items

St. Vincent's Hospital

Henry J. Ameruso, introduces himself as the new head of the hospital, and spoke regarding upcoming projects.

Business Items

NYIKFD, 19 Kenmare Street

Peggy Ng, Sook Ling Lai, spoke against the proposed liquor license.

Landmarks & Public Aesthetics Items

402-404 W. 13 St. Application to demolish existing building & construct a new 5- story.

Stuart Romanoff, representing the applicant, spoke in favor of the landmarks proposal.

Proposed Landmarking of the South Village

Andrew Berman, GVSH, spoke in support of the resolution to landmark the South Village.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space

Petrocelli Park

Yasmeen Siddiqui spoke regarding the park.

Pier 40

Jai Nanda spoke regarding Pier 40.

Washington Square Park Documentary

Justin Conder, made an announcement regarding Matt Davis' documentary on the park.

Sidewalks, Public Facilities & Access Items

Cevicheria Grove, Inc., d/b/a Mercadito Grove 100 7th Ave. South

Josh Lebewohl, representing the applicant, and Brian Dunne, owner, spoke in favor of the sidewalk café application.

Traffic and Transportation Items

No Standing Regulations on Christopher Street bet. Hudson & Greenwich Sts.

Det. Tim Duffy, 6th Police Precinct, spoke in favor of the proposed parking changes.

Youth Items

Cops' and Kids' Conversations

Granville Leo Stevens, spoke regarding this topic.

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

IV. ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT AND REPORTING

Erin Drinkwater, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office

Adam Riff, Senator Tom Duane's office

Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office

Grey Elam, of Council Speaker Christine Quinn's office

Paul Nagle, Council Member Alan Gerson's office

Council Member Rosie Mendez's office

Hunter Johansson, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's office

John Ricker, NYC Comptroller's office

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Adoption of May minutes and distribution of June minutes.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. **Chair's Report** Brad Hoylman reported
2. **District Manager's Report** Bob Gormley reported.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. **Spice Market NY, LLC 29-35 9th Avenue, (13th and 14th) NYC.**

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for a transfer of an existing On Premise license in a restaurant known as Spice Market with 210 table seats and 2 bars with 12 seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 250 persons, located in a mixed use building on 9th Avenue between 13th and 14th streets, pursuant to a change in corporate structure to Spice Market NY LLC.

WHEREAS, the applicant stated there are no plans to change the existing operation; the applicant stated the hours are 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. Thursday - Saturday and 12:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Sunday - Wednesday;

WHEREAS, there are no complaints regarding the current operation d/b/a Spice Market and no one appeared in opposition from the community; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection for the proposed alteration to the On Premise license of **Spice Market NY, LLC 29-35 9th Avenue**.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. **Butcher Group, LLC, 308-310 Bleecker St., (7th Avenue and Grove Street), NYC.**

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for transfer of an On Premise license for an Asian fusion restaurant located in a 1,700 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located on Bleecker between Sullivan and Prince streets, with 120 table seats and 1 bar with 8 seats and a maximum legal capacity of 120 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated the hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. seven days a week; there will not be a sidewalk café application but the operation will continue to include a backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the approval of transfer of an On Premise license to **Butcher Group, LLC, 308-310 Bleecker St.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

3. **Seven White, LLC, 142 W. 10th St., (at Greenwich Street), NYC.**

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for transfer of an On Premise license for a French American restaurant located in a 1,950 s.f. premise in a mixed use building located at the corner of West 10th and Greenwich streets, with 54 table seats and 1 bar with 8 seats and a maximum legal capacity of 65 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated the hours of operation are 11:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Sunday - Saturday and closed on Mondays; there will not be a sidewalk café application **nor a backyard garden**; music will be background only; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the approval of transfer of an On Premise license to **Seven White, LLC, 142 W. 10th St.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

4. Bao Project 212 Corp., 143 Grand St., (Crosby and Lafayette), NYC.

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise license, pursuant to purchase of an operation with a current Beer & Wine license; applicant seeks transfer of the current Beer & Wine license and upgrade to an On Premise license; purchased operation is an Asian noodle restaurant located in a 700 s.f. premise in a commercial building located on Grand street between Crosby and Lafayette streets, with 30 table seats and 1 bar with 8 seats and a maximum legal capacity of 58 persons; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated the hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 2:0- a.m. seven days a week; there will not be a sidewalk café application and no backyard garden; music will be background only; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection to the approval of transfer of a Beer & Wine license and upgrade to an On Premise license to Bao Project 212 Corp., 143 Grand St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

5. Café Nacional, LLC, 60 Thompson Street (Spring and Broome), NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for alteration of an existing On Premise license in a 3300 s.f. restaurant known as Kittichai with an existing 150 table seats and 1 bar with 8 seats; and a maximum legal capacity of 175 persons, located in a hotel known as 60 Thompson, for the purpose of including a 1500 s.f. basement for storage only; and,

WHEREAS, the applicant stated there are no plans to change current operations; the applicant stated the existing hours of operation are 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. seven days a week; music is background only; and,

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. has no objection for the proposed alteration to the On Premise license of **Café Nacional, LLC, 60 Thompson St.**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

6. Havana Trading, Inc., 96 Christopher St., NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant failed to appear before the committee or request a layover of consideration of the application to the next hearing; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise liquor license; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of an On Premise liquor license to **Havana Trading, Inc., 96 Christopher St., NYC** **and requests that the SLA send this applicant back to CB2 should this application proceed in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

7. 177 Mott St. Restaurant, LLC, 175-177 Mott St., NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant failed to appear before the committee or request a layover of consideration of the application to the next hearing; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise liquor license; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of an On Premise liquor license to **177 Mott St. Restaurant, LLC, 175-177 Mott St., NYC** **and requests that the SLA send this applicant back to CB2 should this application proceed in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

8. MRD Bleecker St., 1 Bleecker St., NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant failed to appear before the committee or request a layover of consideration of the application to the next hearing; and,

WHEREAS, this application is for an On Premise liquor license; and,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of an On Premise liquor license to **MRD Bleecker St., 1 Bleecker St., NYC** **and requests that the SLA send this applicant back to CB2 should this application proceed in order that this important step not be avoided and that the concerns of the Community be fully heard**

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC AESTHETICS

1ST LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 12: 56 Charles Street – Greenwich Village H.D. Application is to construct a rear-yard addition on a Federal-style townhouse.

WHEREAS, we appreciate the removal of the 70’s façade; but

WHEREAS, two (2) neighbors appeared and spoke against the intrusion this extension would create, and six (6) other adjacent property owners sent in correspondence also in opposition to this proposal; and

WHEREAS, the stairs from the second story are uncharacteristic of the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the balcony on the second story is also inappropriate - an enclosed “tea room” would be more characteristic; and

WHEREAS, it needs brownstone sills and lintels so it reads more like the rear of 54 Charles;

WHEREAS, the treatment of the two upper floors is fine, but the lower floor proposal is just too wild; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the upper floors but would like to see the incorporation of brownstone sills and lintels instead of what is being proposed, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED questions the appropriateness of the second-floor stairway and the second-floor balcony; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED recommends that the Commission note the correspondence of several neighboring property owners who are in opposition to this proposal.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

LPC Item 14: 351-353 Bleecker Street - An apartment house built in 1903. Application is to modify a storefront installed without LPC permits and to install signage.

WHEREAS, the proposal is a tasteful improvement on the existing illegal storefront, including removal of the exterior roll-down gates and awning, as well as cladding the aluminum bulkhead with painted black wood; but

WHEREAS, we would prefer to see illumination consistent with the Historic District; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application but suggests illumination more consistent with the Historic District.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Proposed South Village Historic District

There were two Public Hearings that the Committee held on this proposal, as well as two Committee discussions.

At the first hearing on April 24, 2007, there were over 200 people in attendance, all of whom expressed support for the proposed South Village Historic District, including representatives from the offices of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, Congressman Jerrold Nadler, and Assembly member Deborah Glick. At the June 6, 2007 public hearing, there were 22 speakers during the Public Session, 1 opposed the proposal and 21 in favor including representatives from State Sen. Tom Duane and Council Member Alan Gerson's offices, and representatives from a number of local organizations. 52 people signed in on the attendance sheets.

WHEREAS, the study for the proposed South Village Historic District was started in 2003, involved the participation and input of many different community groups, and culminated in the report commissioned by the Greenwich Village Society for Historic Preservation and written by architectural historian and preservationist Andrew S. Dolkart; and

WHEREAS, the South Village area history dates back to 1644 and its architecture today is still exceptionally intact and clearly reflects the unified history and development of the neighborhood from an early 19th century rowhouse neighborhood for the merchant class into an archetypal immigrant neighborhood of the late 19th and early 20th centuries, which was home to a significant community of African Americans, Irish, Germans, French, Portuguese and most notably Italian Americans, who are still an important component in the area; and

WHEREAS, a number of important public buildings in the area are also still intact such as St. Anthony of Padua Church, Our Lady of Pompeii Church, Judson Memorial Church, Bethlehem Chapel, Children's Aid Society, Greenwich House Pottery, Tony Dapolito Recreation Center, Hudson Park Library, and City as School; and

WHEREAS, the neighborhood has a rich cultural history that includes the Italian immigrant heritage as well as the culture of the bohemians, beats, artists, folk musicians, and gay men and lesbians that emerged in the late 19th and early 20th century that is still palpable today; and

WHEREAS, a South Village Historic District would officially recognize and honor the area's immigrant, cultural, and social history and working-class architecture; and

WHEREAS, with the increasing pressure on many neighborhoods for development, this area is now under threat, and in fact has already lost some of its notable buildings such as the Tunnel Garage, the Poe House, and the Judson Houses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. joins with the many other community groups in our area to enthusiastically support the proposed South Village Historic District and to urge the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold a public hearing and subsequently designate this proposed South Village Historic District as soon as possible.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

2nd LANDMARKS MEETING

Item 5 – 60 Grand St. – SoHo Cast Iron Historic District.

A neo-Classical style building designed by Cleverden & Petzel and built in 1893-96. Application is to install a painted wall sign.

WHEREAS, the proposed painted sign is 10' x 15' in size on the visible side of the building facing toward West Broadway, and

WHEREAS, there are currently very few painted signs on the side streets, and this particular wall contains two ghost signs which are very popular with the residents and

WHEREAS, a number of letters from area residents were submitted protesting this new sign

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. recommends denial of the sign at 60 Grand St. on the basis that it will obscure one of the remaining ghost signs in the area and also might serve as a precedent for other painted signs visible from West Broadway.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Item 6 - 143 Spring St. - aka 93-95 Wooster St. –SoHo Cast Iron Historic District. A Federal style dwelling built in 1818 with later alterations. Application is to install a new storefront, demolish a two-story building and construct a one story building with a mezzanine.

WHEREAS, the application is to restore the 3-story Federal style building with dark grey clapboard and whitish brick, installing double-paned windows with steel holding the glass but wood trim, and

WHEREAS, the applicant intends to remove the facade from the current two story building, install a main floor and mezzanine within the new facade which will be mostly glass windows with glass transoms and glass bulkheads, filling in the space between the 3-story Federal building and the more traditional loft building on the other side, and

WHEREAS, the applicant also intends to install exterior signage on either side of the corner entrance to the Federal building, and a neon sign in the center window of the 1 story & mezzanine building, and

WHEREAS, there were two residents from the area who raised questions about the signage, the show windows in the smaller building and the height of the smaller building,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. approves the general idea of the application for 143 Spring St. but has the following reservations:

1. The windows in the Federal building should be 6 over 6, rather than the 3 over 3 shown on certain portions of the drawings shown to us.
2. We questioned how close to the glass the neon sign would be and if it conformed to regulations for such signs in the SoHo Cast Iron Historic District.
3. The separation between the transoms and windows on the smaller building were out of scale for this area, there should be more clearly defined separations between the transoms and the windows, mimicking the stronger separation on the adjacent loft building next door.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Item 11 - 25-27 Mercer St. - SoHo Cast Iron Historic District A store & factory building built in 1861, and a store building built in 1807. Application is to enlarge a rooftop bulkhead.

WHEREAS, the application is to consolidate the present stair bulkhead and elevator bulkhead in one area, making both accessible from both buildings, and

WHEREAS, this will require enlarging the elevator bulkhead by about 1 to 2' and also increasing the stair bulkhead somewhat but eliminating the current stair bulkhead near the rear of the building, and

WHEREAS, this small increase in height will be minimally visible from the street level even from a distance away.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application to enlarge the rooftop bulkhead at 25-27 Mercer St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Item 12 - 55 Grove St. - Greenwich Village Historic District A three-story brick house built in 1839. Application is to alter the facade.

WHEREAS, this 3-1/2 story building was formerly the Duplex, and shares the street with #57 Grove St., Arthur's Tavern, and #59, Maria's Cafe, and

WHEREAS, the proposal is to use 2 floors for showroom and studio space, and the top floor for a rental apartment, and

WHEREAS, the facade, which is in poor condition, will be replaced with a stucco facade and painted brick above, and

WHEREAS, the windows will be replaced with casement windows of the same size and location as the adjacent building at 57 Grove St., with the sills & parapet restored,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that although CB#2, Man. found the upper floors tasteful, it was suggested that the first floor would be improved by the installation of vertical piers on either side of the doors, flanking the central window on 55 Grove St.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

Item 13 - 402-404 West 13 St. - Gansevoort Market Historic District Two buildings originally build circa 1846-1847 & altered and combined in 1950. Application is to demolish the existing building & construct a new five-story building.

WHEREAS, the present buildings, although in the Historic District, are considered noncontributing, and

WHEREAS, the proposal is to construct a new industrial style building on the site, red brick and metal or terra cotta in dark brown, and

WHEREAS, the building will have a canopy over 3/4 of the facade of the building, over the two entrances and the window between, and

WHEREAS, the proposal showed solid clear glass windows on all four facades of the building, front and rear and along the two sides, one over the adjoining building and on the other side facing the small alleyway between the buildings, and

WHEREAS, the storefront will be painted metal, and will have two bracket signs 2'x 4' with 14" letters, and on the roof set 8' back from the front of the building the owner is planning a metal lattice-work fence,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. has no objection to the construction of the new building on this site, but would recommend that the windows have mullions to take away from the stark look of the building, and would prefer terra cotta to metal for the building. We also would like to see what the impact of this new building at 402-404 West 13 St. is from Gansevoort Plaza.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Denial of an application for a permit to use Passannante Park as a location for a private event on a Saturday in September

WHEREAS, The Urban Justice Center is a non-profit organization that includes a project providing legal support and advocacy for street vendors; and

WHEREAS, this group holds an annual fundraising event to support its activities; and

WHEREAS, this year the group has applied for a permit to hold this event on Saturday, Sept. 29th at Passannante Park; and

WHEREAS, a representative of the group responded to questions from the Parks Committee; and

WHEREAS, the event is open only to people paying \$60; and

WHEREAS, the organizers expect to draw fewer than 250 people to the event in a space that could accommodate many more people; and

WHEREAS, the event set-up includes several tents, tables and chairs, a stage, and a sound system; and

WHEREAS, the entire park would be closed to the public on a Saturday from Noon to 10 PM; and

WHEREAS, the park is a popular location for pick up games of street hockey, basketball, and other ball games and is one of only two open play spaces in CB-2 that is not dominated by use by permit, and there is no nearby alternative space available for these uses; and

WHEREAS, there were strong objections years ago when this park was closed for a private event; and

WHEREAS, CB#2, Man. is concerned that there are many worthy non-profit groups that would be equally entitled to hold similar events in public parks;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED CB#2, Man. does not support excluding the public from public parks for private events except perhaps in extraordinary cases when a broad public purpose that cannot be accommodated in a private location is served; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of this application to hold an event in Passannante Park.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

SANITATION GARAGE SUBCOMMITTEE

1. Joint Support between Community Boards 1&2 on the issue of the Proposed Consolidated Sanitation Garage for Manhattan Districts 1, 2 & 5.

WHEREAS, Community Boards 1 & 2 share a common border and there have been many land use issues of mutual concern along the border that have affected both Community Boards; and

WHEREAS, both Community Boards 1 & 2 have worked jointly in the past on issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS, the Proposed Consolidated Sanitation Garage is located along our common border and will have major impacts throughout lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, both Community Boards have passed resolutions in strong opposition to this proposal; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that both Community Boards 1 & 2 declare the Proposed Sanitation Garage to be an issue of mutual concern and pledge to work cooperatively on the Proposed Consolidated Sanitation Garage for Manhattan Districts 1, 2 and 5; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Boards 1 & 2 agree to hold a joint Public Hearing for the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) if and when the application is Certified.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

2. Moratorium on The NYC Department of Sanitation garage site location plans in our districts (1&2) until critical issues have been addressed in writing to the satisfaction of the Borough President and his “Working Group”.

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Borough President convened a meeting of representatives from Community Boards 1, 2 and 4 along with local Elected Officials at his office on July 12th; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this meeting was to engage the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) in a dialogue to directly address the critical issues raised by the Release of a Final Scoping Document for a Consolidated Sanitation Garage for Community Districts 1, 2 and 5 at Spring Street; and

WHEREAS, the “Working Group” now awaits the DSNY written response to the Manhattan Borough President to questions about the financial modeling and design criteria used to evaluate Block 675 (29th -30th Streets) as a potential site for DSNY garage operations; and

WHEREAS, the ”Working Group” now awaits a DSNY written response to the Manhattan Borough President about concerns that the air quality in the vicinity of the Spring Street proposal will be impossible to mitigate, specifically noting that while air pollution from “particulates” might decline (assuming the DSNY actually implemented the clean fuel options it is touting), the concentration of particulate pollution would increase and that the air pollution mitigation measures that the DSNY appears to be relying on – including improved catalytic converters – actually change the chemical nature of the resulting emissions, creating highly toxic compounds that have been linked to demonstrable adverse health impacts; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the DSNY Spring Street facility as presently envisioned, poses an unacceptable threat to air quality and public health; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Boards 1 & 2 call for a moratorium on the DSNY garage site location plans in our districts until these critical issues have been addressed in writing to the satisfaction of the Borough President and his “Working Group”

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor

SIDEWALKS, PUBLIC FACILITIES & ACCESS

1. New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for: 177 Nap, Inc., d/b/a Ben's Pizza, 177 Spring St., with 8 tables & 23 seats, DCA#1257247 amended to 3 tables & 7 seats.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, contiguous neighborhood associations alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, the restaurant is located at the corner of Spring Street and Thompson Street, and

WHEREAS, this is a new application, which was amended to show a sidewalk café on Spring Street, only, with 3 tables and 8 seats, and

WHEREAS, suitable clearance from a USPS box located on Spring Street opposite this location, suggested that one chair be removed to assure acceptable pedestrian passage, and,

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to this second modification, and

WHEREAS, there was no opposition from the community, and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to prominently display the Sidewalk License Complaint Sign at the main entrance to this location, for public viewing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to 177 Nap, Inc., d/b/a Ben's Pizza, 177 Spring St., with 3 tables & 7 seats, DCA#1257247.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

2. New App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk café for: Schatzi Corp., d/b/a Wallse, 342-344 W. 11th St., with 8 tables & 16 seats, DCA#1257073.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, area neighborhood organizations were alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located at the corner of West 11th Street and Washington St. and,

WHEREAS, this is a new application for a restaurant that has been in this location for four years, and,

WHEREAS, this location is within a C6-1 zone, but is a predominantly residential area within that zoning envelope, with residential windows in close proximity to the proposed café location, and,

WHEREAS, this location is in the West Village Historic District, designated in 1969, and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has received prior approval from the New York City Landmarks Commission to install a retractable canopy over the Sidewalk Café Area, which may require updated approval, and,

WHEREAS, the use of the canopy would help to attenuate any sound from the Sidewalk Café for residential neighbors in proximity to this location, and,

WHEREAS, the Co-Op Board for 340, 342, 344 West 11th/713,715 and 717 Washington Street [Washington West 11th Street Corporation] was represented at this hearing and, the Co-Op and Schatzi Corp. have a fully executed agreement regarding the use and operation of this business and conditions regarding the sidewalk café, and

WHEREAS, this fully executed agreement stipulates in paragraph 18(a) that "...no new seating shall be permitted at the sidewalk café after 10:30 p.m." and such stipulation has been included in a signed Change Agreement (attached) between Community Board 2 and Schatzi Corp., and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk café plan submitted by Schatzi Corp. states that the tree pit will be flush with the adjacent sidewalk, but, in fact, it appears to have tree roots that rise above the adjacent sidewalk (see attached pictures taken July 6, 2007), and,

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to submit a revised sidewalk café plan to accommodate pedestrian passage between said tree pit and café tables if, in fact, raised tree roots make it impossible to have the tree pit be flush with the adjacent sidewalk, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to prominently display the Sidewalk License Complaint Sign at the main entrance to this location, for public viewing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to Schatzi Corp., d/b/a Wallse, 342-344 W. 11th St., with 8 tables & 16 seats, DCA#1257073, CONDITIONAL UPON:

1. the addition of a Landmarks approved retractable canopy or awning.
2. the pedestrian clear path between the tree pit and the sidewalk café on Washington Street meets all applicable sidewalk café rules.
3. the incorporation of the signed Change Agreement between Community Board 2 and Schatzi Corp. into the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Revocable Consent Agreement issued by DCA.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

3. Renewal App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk cafe for: Artelira Inc., d/b/a Artepasta, 81 Greenwich Ave., with 17 tables & 36 seats, DCA#1196381.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, area neighborhood organizations were alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located at the corner of Greenwich Avenue and Bank St., July 6 photos attached, and,

WHEREAS, this is a renewal application for a sidewalk café that has operated at this location for 2 years, and,

WHEREAS, there was no community opposition or community members present, and

WHEREAS, there are no changes in this application from its prior dispensation,

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to prominently display the Sidewalk License Complaint Sign at the main entrance to this location, for public viewing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to Artelira Inc., d/b/a Artepasta, 81 Greenwich Ave., with 17 tables & 36 seats, DCA#1196381.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

4. Modification and Renewal App. Nilo, Inc. & Viola Consulting LLC, d/b/a Mezzogiorno, 195 Spring St., with 11 tables & 22 seats, DCA# 0832737.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, area neighborhood organizations were alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and,

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located on Spring Street at the corner of Sullivan Street, and,

WHEREAS, the applicant, at the time of this hearing has displayed a DCA complaint sign in the window stating they could have eleven tables and twenty-two chairs, but actually had eighteen tables on the sidewalk, and,

WHEREAS, photographs taken by the Chair of this Committee (attached) show a double row of tables on the Sullivan Street side, where previous approvals show a single row of tables, and

WHEREAS, the owner's representative assured the Committee he would make clear that the café would have, from this time forth, only 11 tables and 22 seats, in the configuration presented, and,

WHEREAS, there were no community members present, and no community complaints against **Nilo, Inc. & Viola Consulting, d/b/a Mezzogiorno**, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to prominently display the Sidewalk License Complaint Sign at the main entrance to this location, for public viewing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #2, Manhattan recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to Nilo, Inc. & Viola Consulting LLC, d/b/a Mezzogiorno, 195 Spring St., with 11 tables & 22 seats, DCA# 0832737.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

5. Cevicheria Grove, Inc., d/b/a Mercadito Grove 100 7th Ave. South, with 22 tables & 44 seats, DCA#1202961.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, area neighborhood organizations were alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located on Seventh Avenue South between Grove and Bleecker Streets, and

WHEREAS, prior violations and sanctions imposed by the Department of Consumer Affairs have been satisfied and proof of satisfaction was presented to this Committee, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Consumer Affairs has placed a Settlement Agreement covering 20 months on this applicant, and

WHEREAS, photos taken July 6, 2007 show that the applicant is in compliance with the acceptable configuration for this sidewalk café (attached), and

WHEREAS, a petition was presented to this Committee containing 301 signers in support of this application and letters from the Grove Street Block Association and Blaustein Hardware, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to prominently display the Sidewalk License Complaint Sign at the main entrance to this location, for public viewing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to Cevicheria Grove, Inc., d/b/a Mercadito Grove 100 7th Ave. South, with 22 tables & 44 seats, DCA#1202961.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

6. Modification App. for revocable consent to operate an Unenclosed sidewalk cafe for: 60 Greenwich, LLC, d/b/a Gusto, 60 Greenwich Ave., with 13 tables & 26 seats, DCA#1191326.

WHEREAS, the area was posted, area neighborhood organizations were alerted by e-mail and the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this restaurant is located on Greenwich Avenue between West 10th and West 11th Streets, (July 6, 2007 photos attached) and

WHEREAS, this application represents an extension of the sidewalk café to the contiguous storefront at 62 Greenwich Avenue where the applicant has expanded their restaurant, and

WHEREAS, this application extends the sidewalk café by 5 tables and 10 seats providing adequate pedestrian passage, and

WHEREAS, there were no community members present and no objections received,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends APPROVAL of a TWO YEAR revocable consent to operate an UNENCLOSED sidewalk café to 60 Greenwich, LLC, d/b/a Gusto, 60 Greenwich Ave., with 13 tables & 26 seats, DCA#1191326.

Vote: Unanimous, with 34 Board members in favor.

STREET ACTIVITY AND FILM PERMITS

1. Support of the Renewal of The New School Annual Welcome Back Block Party Application

WHEREAS, this is the 10th year that this fair has been performed; and

WHEREAS, this event is an annual University sponsored event to welcome the new and returning students to school; and

WHEREAS, residents of 12th St. bet. 6th and 5th Aves. are invited to participate in the Block Party and are given special wristbands as neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the University was represented by Guinevere Molina, Director of Student Development and Activities, Jane Crotty and Roger Ward who answered all questions from the committee; and

WHEREAS, there will be no alcohol and some live jazz which will be restricted to the front entrance of the school; and

WHEREAS, they have made a table available to CB#2, Man. to host community information;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man., supports the street fair permit application on 9/06/07 for The New School, 12th Street, bet. 5th and 6th Aves., between the hours of 12:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

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

2. **Street Activity Permit for NYU Wellness Expo**

WHEREAS, the applicant, N.Y.U. was represented by Mr. Rick Moss, Kerissa Ward and Christene Schultzberger who gave a very informative presentation to the committee; and

WHEREAS, the street fair, which celebrates its 21st annual event of this kind; and

WHEREAS, there will be amplified pre recorded sound on a portable stage and free health food and drink but no alcohol; and

WHEREAS, there will be, at the request of the committee, a call made to a Health Dept. Coordinator, by Dr Chung (NYU M.D.) to include a TB test screening station (so as to lessen the burden on the 9th Ave Health Dept facility now being used by the students) included in the usual immunization for mumps, measles and Rubella at the Fair; and

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to include a responsible drinking information component at the Fair;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, supports the street fair permit application on 10/4/07 by NYU Annual Wellness Expo on West 4th Street between Washington Sq. East and Mercer St. from 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

Vote: Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

3. **Support of a Street Activity Permit for The New York Leather Weekend**

WHEREAS, the purpose of the street closing will be to raise money for the LGBT center; and

WHEREAS, this application was under a time constraint and therefore heard by the executive committee; and

WHEREAS, it is a one day closing on Weehawken St. between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. on October 7, 2007; and

WHEREAS, there will be no alcohol served and minimal food; and

WHEREAS, there will be no amplified sound;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man., supports the street fair permit application on 10/7/07 by The New York Leather Weekend on Weehawken Street between Christopher St. and 10th St. from 10:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Vote: Unanimous, with 33 Board members in favor.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

1. **Resolution Opposing Co-naming a Portion of Greenwich Avenue “Little Britain”**

WHEREAS the proprietors of Tea & Sympathy restaurant have requested that Greenwich Avenue between West 12th and West 13th Streets be co-named “Little Britain” and have made a presentation to Community Board #2, Manhattan’s Traffic & Transportation Committee, submitting thirty letters of support from local residents, from all stores on the block, and a petition with thousands of signatures across the U.S. and internationally; and

WHEREAS several community members and business groups have protested the proposed co-naming as promoting preference to one group in this multi-national and multi-ethnic, non-British neighborhood; and

WHEREAS the applicants were concerned about losing their lease and indicated the co-naming would help market their business and aid their survival, and

WHEREAS Community Board No. 2, Manhattan's Street Co-Naming Guidelines state that the entity or organization qualifying for a co-naming must have historic significance; must be anticipated to continue to be significant; must have contributed in some extraordinary way to the welfare or culture of the community; that the block to be co-named have some special significance to the entity or organization; that no co-naming shall be done for commercial benefit, and this request meets none of these criteria.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. opposes co-naming Greenwich Avenue between West 12th and West 13th Streets "Little Britain."

THE ABOVE RESOLUTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

2. Resolution in Support of Community Plan to Re-Claim Public Space and Address Pedestrian Safety and Vehicular Congestion Issues on 9th Avenue between Gansevoort Plaza and 16th Street

WHEREAS, the Greater Gansevoort Urban Improvement Project has presented a plan to reconfigure the 9th Avenue corridor between Gansevoort and 16th Streets; and

WHEREAS, this plan creates pedestrian-safety zones, uses neck-downs to reduce pedestrian crossing distances at every intersection, removes the northbound lanes of 9th Avenue between 14th and 16th Streets, reduces the number of moving vehicle lanes on 9th Avenue between Gansevoort and 16th Streets, adding much needed pedestrian space, reverses the direction of Gansevoort and Little West 12th Streets between Washington Street and 9th Avenue, and creates two significant new public spaces at Gansevoort Plaza and the intersection of 9th Avenue and 14th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Gansevoort Project developed these recommendations based on input from a community-based planning process, using first-hand observations from people who live and work in the area, data collection, and the professional expertise of planners and traffic engineers to create a vision for this neighborhood's future streetscape truly reflecting the community's wishes; and

WHEREAS, CB#2, Man. believes it is absolutely essential that the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) work closely with CB#2, Man. and Community Board #4, Manhattan (CB4) and the Gansevoort Project to ensure full community participation in the final design of the capital project; and

WHEREAS, DOT has also recognized the need to improve pedestrian safety and vehicular congestion along 9th Avenue, as well as the opportunity to create new public spaces, and has moved forward with a re-configuration north of 14th Street, and CB#2, Man. applauds this effort; and

WHEREAS, 9th Avenue, south of 14th Street presents similar challenges and opportunities to the DOT project area, and the community would like to use urban design to connect these two neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, DOT has expressed its intention, which CB#2, Man. supports, to prioritize this project in the next phase of the capital budget and will indicate so in the next round of budget consultations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. fully supports the proposal by the Greater Gansevoort Urban Improvement Project to create pedestrian zones and new public spaces on 9th Avenue between Gansevoort Plaza and 16th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. urges that DOT move immediately to implement this plan, south of 14th Street, on a temporary basis in order to complement the current DOT work north of 14th Street, and to integrate the northern and southern portions of Gansevoort Market into a safe and inviting public realm.

VOTE: Passed, with 33 Board members in favor and 2 recusals, (David Gruber, Jo Hamilton).

3. Support of New York City Department of Transportation Proposal to Re-Design Ninth Avenue Between 16th and 14th Streets

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has presented a plan to redesign Ninth Avenue between 14th and 16th Streets on a temporary basis; and this plan removes the 2 northbound traffic lanes, adds a southbound bicycle lane, creates public space in a new median triangle park between 14th and 15th Streets, builds a bulb-out on the south side of 14th Street between Ninth Avenue and Hudson Street, and adds a neck-down on the southwest corner of 14th Street and Ninth Avenue; and

WHEREAS this plan responds to a long-standing request by Community Board No. 4, Manhattan (CB4), to address important pedestrian safety problems at the intersection of 14th Street, Ninth Avenue and Hudson Street, and in the two blocks of Ninth Avenue between 14th and 16th Streets, where 3 people have been killed in the past 3 years; and

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. applauds the responsiveness of DOT and appreciates that the proposed temporary re-design will greatly improve pedestrian safety, create usable public space, and integrate a southbound bicycle lane on Ninth Avenue; and

WHEREAS a community-based organization, the Greater Gansevoort Urban Improvement Project, formed in 2006, has also presented a plan to re-design this same area, and their plan shares many features with the DOT temporary proposal, but differs in its recommendation to widen the western sidewalks of Ninth Avenue between 14th and 16th Streets rather than create a median triangle park; and

WHEREAS the Greater Gansevoort Project engaged in an extensive outreach to the community of residents, business leaders and property owners in the area, including several participatory workshops, with the involvement and confidence of both Community Board No. 2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) and CB4, and developed their plan to reflect the community opinion that public space is more usable when it is connected to a sidewalk; and

WHEREAS the DOT has acknowledged this community preference and has promised to work closely with CB#2, Man. and CB4 and the Greater Gansevoort Project to look for ways to incorporate their ideas and concerns into a permanent solution; and

WHEREAS the DOT has presented a temporary design for the newly created public spaces and has reached out to local building owners and merchants to take responsibility for planting and maintaining them, but both community boards have expressed an interest in being a part of the design process, along with the Greater Gansevoort Project.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. approves the DOT proposal for re-designing the intersection of 14th Street, Ninth Avenue and Hudson Street, and Ninth Avenue between 16th and 14th Streets, to be implemented this summer on a temporary basis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. requests that DOT abide by their promise to work closely with CB2 and CB4 and the Greater Gansevoort Urban Improvement Project to ensure extensive community input and participation in the temporary design of the public spaces, and in the final re-configuration of traffic, pedestrian and bicycle spaces, along with the final design of the public spaces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. asks DOT to work immediately to move this project into the capital plan for a permanent re-build.

Vote: Passed, with 33 Board members in favor, and 2 recusals, (Brad Hoylman, Jo Hamilton).

4. New York City Department of Transportation Proposal to Change Parking Regulations on Broadway Between East 14th and Houston Streets (See Attached Chart)

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is proposing to change the parking regulations on both the east and west sides of Broadway between East 14th and Houston Streets to a uniform “No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 7 am – 7 pm, Monday through Friday” (see attached chart for details) to match the parking regulations south of Houston Street resulting from the new bus bulbs, thereby removing rush hour regulations and allowing trucks to load and unload an additional 3 hours; and

WHEREAS DOT indicates that the new regulations will open up curb space for residential overnight and weekend parking; and

WHEREAS a current regulation would be removed on East 14th to East 8th Streets for “No Standing 1 am – 7 am, including Sunday,” instituted in the 1990s at Community Board No. 2, Manhattan’s (CB2’s) request to curtail nightclub-goers’ rowdy behavior, which DOT and most others assert has subsided, while some are concerned that heavy nightlife in the surrounding blocks, if not Broadway, still exists; and

WHEREAS a current regulation would be removed on East 8th Street to Houston Street for “No Standing, Except Trucks Loading and Unloading” which would reduce this 24-hour requirement in half, allowing for the influx of more vehicular traffic as well as for additional vehicular conflicts in an already congested area; and

WHEREAS DOT agrees to monitor this project every 3 months, as customary, and to remove the regulations if not successful;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. does not oppose DOT’s proposal to change the parking regulations on East 14th to East 8th Streets on Broadway, east and west sides, to “No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, 7 am – 7 pm, Monday through Friday,” but opposes changing to this new regulation on East 8th to Houston Streets on Broadway, east and west sides.

Vote: Unanimous, 35 Board members in favor.

5. Support of New York City Department of Transportation’s Proposal to Change Alternate Day Parking Regulations on Bleecker Street between Mercer Street and Broadway and MacDougal Street between Bleecker and West Houston Streets to Street Cleaning Regulations

WHEREAS the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) proposes changing alternate day parking regulations on the south side of Bleecker Street between Mercer Street and Broadway from “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm Tuesday and Friday” and on MacDougal Street between Bleecker and West Houston Streets from “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday” on the east side and “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday” on the west side to street cleaning parking regulations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. does not oppose changing alternate day parking regulations on the south side of Bleecker Street between Mercer Street and Broadway from “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm Tuesday and Friday” and on MacDougal Street between Bleecker and West Houston Streets from “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday” on the east side and “No Parking 8 am – 6 pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday” on the west side to street cleaning parking regulations.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor

6. Request from Children’s Aid Society to Provide School Parking in front of 175 Sullivan Street

WHEREAS, the Children’s Aid Society, a non-profit child welfare organization, has operated its Greenwich Village center on Sullivan St. since 1892, providing daycare and other services to over 1600 children; and,

WHEREAS, the Children’s Aid Society has recently purchased additional space at 175 Sullivan St., between W. Houston St. and Bleecker St., where starting in September 2007 as many as 500 children will be served in an early-childhood program for ages 0-4; and,

WHEREAS, current parking regulations on this one-lane street were recently changed so as to not allow any curb space for those parents who choose to drive to pull out of the travel lane to drop off their children, causing traffic back-ups and noise from honking and a general unsafe situation for children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., supports the following parking regulation change: at 175 Sullivan St., for approximately 30’ in front of the building, from “No Parking Tues & Fri 11am – 12:30pm Street Cleaning,” to “No Parking 8am to 6pm, Except Sunday.”

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor

7. No Standing Regulations on Christopher Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights

WHEREAS the 6th Precinct, with the support of several members of the community, including the Christopher Street Block and Merchant Association, the Christopher Street Patrol, the Greenwich Village Block Association Task Force on Unruly Street Behavior and Prostitution, and St. Luke’s School, has requested that regulations be instituted that prohibit parking on the south side of Christopher Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets from 7 pm to 7 am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday; and

WHEREAS the 6th Precinct reports that cars parked in this location on the specified days and times act as a barrier allowing crowds to gather and hang out all night, and the community cites concerns about rowdiness, drug dealing and prostitution; and

WHEREAS the 6th Precinct reports that these conditions also hinder patrols at the PATH Station across the street, preventing emergency vehicles from getting through, as well as interfering with bus traffic; and

WHEREAS similar night-time restrictions have been implemented successfully to address such conditions throughout the city, including West 8th Street CB#2, Man.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. supports instituting No Standing regulations on the south side of Christopher Street between Hudson and Greenwich Streets from 7 pm to 7 am on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

WATERFRONT

HUDSON RIVER PARK PIER 40

WHEREAS The Hudson River Park Trust is considering two proposals for the development of Pier 40; and

WHEREAS The Hudson River Park Trust Advisory Council constituted a Working Group, which included representatives of CB 1, 2 and 4, various elected officials, and community groups, to study the proposals and make recommendations to the Board of the Hudson River Park Trust; and

WHEREAS That Working Group, along with CB#2, Man. and the Trust held a public hearing on May 3, 2007 at PS 41 which was attended by almost 1500 people.

WHEREAS The Working group, with unanimity, has made a series of recommendations concerning the development proposals, which reflect the overwhelming sentiment expressed at the public hearing, to wit, that neither proposal should be accepted by the Trust, that Pier 40 should not be developed as one large project by one private developer, and that the Pier should remain as public as possible with as much recreational and park space as possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. endorses the Report and Recommendations of the Working Group, as attached, and adopts those recommendations as its own.

Vote: Passed, with 25 Board members in favor, and 8 in opposition.

ZONING AND HOUSING

1. Support for “Envisioning Hudson Square”

WHEREAS; All of the local community groups in the Hudson Square area have joined together to sponsor a Design Charrette Workshop and Exhibition as a local planning initiative, And

WHEREAS; This effort is a pro-active effort by its sponsoring organizations to spur Master Planning activities through collaboration and conversations, And

WHEREAS; CB#2, Man. has strongly supported community based zoning, And,

WHEREAS; At the time of the Hudson Square Rezoning, CB#2, Man. recommended that the rezoning of the southern end of Hudson Square be significantly expanded, And

WHEREAS; In recent years there have been major land use issues that have been of great concern to the community and the Community Board,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. supports the Design Charrette Workshop and Exhibition “Envisioning Hudson Square” and the Board encourages the Hudson Square Community to participate in this community based planning initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That CB#2, Man. calls on City Planning to engage with the Hudson Square Community and to assist the community and the Community Board in developing a comprehensive zoning plan that will address the serious land use issues in this area.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

2. Proposed City-wide zoning text amendment that would apply design regulations for commercial and community facility parking lots in all districts (CPC#N070509 ZRY)

WHEREAS; This proposal would visually improve the aesthetics of large parking lots, And,

WHEREAS; This amendment will promote important sustainability goals such as reducing the urban heat island effect, achieving cleaner air quality through the planting of shade trees, and the efficient management of storm water runoff, And;

WHEREAS; Providing Bicycle parking will promote alternative means of transportation, And,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2, Man. supports the proposed city-wide zoning text amendment would apply design regulations for commercial and community facility parking lots in all districts.

Vote: Unanimous, with 35 Board members in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Kent, Secretary
Community Board #2, Manhattan