



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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March 2003 Resolutions

At its March 2003 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motions:

TITLE: Vacate Order at 21 East 2nd Street

To inform Council Member Gerson et. al. that 1) the tenants of 21 East 2nd Street have returned to Community Board #3 reporting little or no progress on the matter, 2) to encourage the prompt resolution of the vacate order placed on the building so that the dispossessed tenants can return to their homes, and 3) to ask that the tenants be apprised of any changes in the status of the building.

TITLE: Neighborhood Investment Advisory Board

To ask HPD to appoint representatives of community boards to the neighborhood investment advisory panel, and, as well as to appoint an individual to specifically oversee issues pertaining to accessibility for people with disabilities.

TITLE: Process for Placing New Shelter Programs in District CB3 Covers

To express our interest in discussing the process of situating new shelter programs in the community district of Community Board #3, Manhattan. At the January 2003 meeting of the Human Services Committee, a representative of HRA, mentioned the possibility of changing the process in order to get Community Board #3's input regarding the social service needs in any new proposed shelter programs. Specifically, he recommended meetings to discuss how the process might be changed. Community Board #3 is asking HRA to schedule such a meeting and invite Community Board #3 to send representatives.

TITLE: New Rule Allowing HUD Representatives to Enter Public Housing Apartments

To condemn HUD'S new rule which allows its representatives to enter the apartments of public housing tenants regardless of whether or not a tenant is home to consent.

TITLE: Webphone Installation in District

To approve the request by TTC Teleplex for authorization to install 5 Webphones at existing locations in the district at the same time that DoITT releases 25 relocations of existing pay telephones, as was passed by our Community Board #3 motion of August 2002. Any future request for Teleplex to install additional Webphone in Community Board #3 will require that Teleplex investigate and report on the development and availability of Braille keyboards and TTY compatibility. After the installation of these initial five, Teleplex shall consult with the Community Board on proposed locations for future Webphone locations to ensure fair distribution within the community.

TITLE: Tenant Interim Lease Program for 89 East 3rd Street

To approve the sale of the above-mentioned property to the Cooper Square Mutual Housing Association (CSMHA) for rehabilitation as affordable housing.

TITLE: Cooper Square Urban Renewal Area Task Force Requirements

WHEREAS, the Task Force has been reconvened after the developer was chosen for the Urban Renewal Area,

WHEREAS, HPD has been negotiating with the developer over various aspects of the development without ongoing input from the community,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cooper Square Urban Renewal Area Task Force requires the following before HPD transfer the property to the developer:

1. A copy of the Land Disposition Agreement outlining the terms of the development.
2. Commitments from HPD and the developer that if the proposal deviates from the 1999 Memorandum of Understanding signed by the community that HPD and the developer will return to a community meeting outlining the proposed modification and seek community input.

TITLE: Cost of Permit

To approve on the condition that the permitting process be fair and equitable, subject to full public review, and that the cost of a permit not exceed its present amount of \$25.

TITLE: Modification of Surveillance Restrictions

To support resolution presented by Councilmember Lopez in City Council denouncing the recent judicial decision to modify and ease the Hanndshu Agreement's

surveillance restrictions, thereby expanding the ability of the NYPD to monitor the activities of political groups in certain cases.

TITLE: Bus Shelter Installation

To approve the bus shelters list while emphatically reiterating Community Board #3's prior position that all bus stops require shelters and that all shelters should have San Francisco-style segmented retractable benches so that a sizable number of non-wheelchair-using mobility-impaired persons with disabilities and senior citizens can use busses that could not use buses before.

TITLE: TLC License Renewal for Allen Car limousine Service, 137 Allen Street, New York, NY 10002 (B00790)

To approve the TLC license renewal for Allen Car-Limo Service, at their new 137 Allen Street address. The applicant responded immediately to Community Board #3 concerns regarding the lack of local parking for layovers between service calls: Allen Car-Limo Service has acquired parking spaces at both Delancey Street between Norfolk and Clinton Streets, and Avenue C and East 6th Street, which are in the vicinity of their base station. Applicant provided letter of agreement signed by drivers.

TITLE: Co-Naming East 9th Street Between Avenues B/C Armando Perez Place

WHEREAS, Armando Perez was a lifelong resident of the Lower East Side who was raised in Bernard Baruch Houses; and

WHEREAS, Armando Perez was appointed a member of Community Board 3 in 1986 and served on the Board for 13 years until his death; and

WHEREAS, Armando Perez was elected the Democratic District Leader in 1995 and was re-elected in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Armando Perez was involved in a variety of community issues including the rehabilitation and transformation of an abandoned, drug-infested school building into a vibrant community center located on East 9th Street known as CHARAS/El Bohio; and

WHEREAS, Armando Perez spent most of his waking moments in CHARAS and fought dearly against the Mayoral Administration's sale of the CHARAS building to the highest bidder;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in honor and in recognition of his tireless efforts to the great and diverse community of the Lower East Side, East 9th

Street between Avenues B and C, the former location of CHARAS/El Bohio, be co-named Armando Perez Place.

TITLE: Repaving Broome Street between Chrystie and Bowery

To support the repaving of Broome Street between Chrystie and the Bowery. We understand that this block is currently cobblestoned, and while we appreciate the historic nature of cobblestones, there are health, safety, and noise issues that force us to make this "quality of life" compromise. In addition, we request that curb cuts be installed during this construction.

TITLE: Marine Transfer Station Retrofitting

WHEREAS, currently 100% of the City's garbage, over 30,000 tons per day, is now moved by truck almost exclusively through the same low-income neighborhoods and neighborhoods of color.

WHEREAS, Mayor Bloomberg announced in summer of 2002 that the City would pursue a plan to shut-down truck-based transfer stations and retrofit eight existing and build one new marine transfer stations (MTS) for compaction, containerization and export of the garbage by barge, either directly or to rail heads.

WHEREAS, the shut-down of truck-based transfer stations would eliminate 121, 680 long-haul trips per year from Canal Street as well as reduce some of the 101, 400 Dept. of Sanitation collection trucks annual trips through the Holland Tunnel that would be re-routed to the 3 Manhattan MTS's - and away from the Holland Tunnel/Canal St. corridor. This would result in accompanying decrease in air pollution in the Canal Street corridor created by daily trips by these highly polluting diesel garbage trucks hauling trash out of the city.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the completion of the plan should be given high priority. It is crucial to ensure that this plan is developed with adequate input from residents in the affected communities, Community Boards and civic and environmental groups.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the plan must be designed with the principles of fair share and the MTSs must operate in an equitable manner in terms of capacity, service to geographic area and population, and manner of operation. To accomplish this, the plan must investigate the building of an addition MTS in downtown Manhattan.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation should study options for handling waste generated downtown in new development so that over-development of this area does not negatively impact Chinatown and the Lower East Side.

THEREFORE, BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, that an aggressive waste reduction and recycling program must accompany the MTS retrofit plan and the Department of Sanitation must commit to a plan for the replacement of diesel collection trucks with alternative fueled trucks.

TITLE: Parking Regulation Changes at 280 Henry Street for Betances Health Center

To remind DOT about our November 2000 motion asking for parking regulation changes at 280 Henry Street for Betances Health Center. These changes have not been implemented, and the existing "Loading Zone" sign has been knocked down, so the situation has become critical. See the attached photographs showing blocked ambulette access. Community Board #3 asks DOT to expedite these regulation changes.