



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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May 2002 Resolutions

At its May 2002 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motions:

TITLE: Cooper Union Large Scale Development Plan

To reject the current Cooper Union Large Scale Development Plan (ULURP items 020498ZMM, 020499ZSM, 020500PPM, and 020501PPM) as presently proposed.

CB #3 takes this action with the intention of entering into serious good faith negotiations, through the Cooper Union Joint Task Force of Community Board #2 and #3, to find a scheme that is in keeping with the findings of the Task Force that were adopted by CB #3 and CB#2 via its participation in the joint CB#2 and CB#3 Cooper Union Task Force in February 2002. (see below) We expect that these negotiations will continue throughout the several months of the full ULURP process. We have been assured and we expect that all parties will give full weight to the Community Board's input even though the results of the negotiations will be determined after our official review period which ends June 1, 2002.

We would support Cooper Union withdrawing the ULURP at this time in order for the Task Force to enter into these negotiations without the pressure of the ongoing ULURP.

Position Adopted by CB#3 and CB#2 in February 2002:

1. The principal site for any major commercial development proposed by Cooper Union must be the Astor Place Parking Lot Site not the Engineering Site. The Parking Lot Site must be rezoned to no more than a C 6-3A permitting a community facility FAR of 7.5. The Parking Lot Site may be included in the General Large Scale Development Plan.
2. The zoning must not be changed on the Engineering Site (retained at C 6-1) and any development on that site must be set back at least to the original roadbed of Stuyvesant Street.
3. A restrictive covenant must be included in the approval of the General Large Scale Development Plan prohibiting the development or sale of air rights using the unused FAR from the Foundation Building.
4. There must be no change in the current lease restriction at the Hewitt Site, thereby prohibiting the proposed retail use on the 3rd Avenue frontage.

We would further contact Speaker of Council, Manhattan Borough President and Mayor to urge Cooper Union to withdraw ULURP application before City Planning.

TITLE: Con Ed's 11th Street Steam Main Installation

In response to residents' complaints, Community Board #3 requests that work hours start at 8 a.m. instead of 7 a.m. and that the excavation be fenced off and not covered with noisy metal plates. This request applies to preliminary work in July as well as actual installation starting in August.

TITLE: Revitalization of Waterfront Esplanade

To write a letter to Mayor Bloomberg, noting his "State of the City" reference to Hudson River Park's growing popularity, and presenting the Park as an example of how the neglected shoreline can be successfully revitalized to make it accessible to New Yorkers. In this regard, the neglected waterfront esplanade from Brooklyn Bridge to Pier 42 should also be revitalized and, at the very least, remain accessible to the community without the inclusion of a parking lot as planned by EDC.

TITLE: National Contingency Plan

To support Congressman Nadler's demand that the federal government fully implement the National Contingency Plan, under which the US Environmental Protection Agency is required to make homes, offices, and businesses safe again after a terrorist attack.

TITLE: Benches for Bus Shelters

To support the installation of benches for bus shelters by priority: 1) SW E 14 & Ave A (MN01026), 2) SE Madison St & St. James Place (MN01078), 3) SE Grand & Essex St (MN01299), 4) NE E Houston and 1 Ave (MN0649), 5) NE Allen & Stanton St (MN01342), 6) NE corner 1 Ave and E 3rd street (MN0038 - Shelter #), 7) NE Ave D & E. Houston St (MN01144), 8) NE Columbia & Rivington St (MN01201), 9) NE Ave A & St. Marks Place (MN0655).

TITLE: Reopening of MTA Bus Doors for People with Mobility Issues

That the MTA legally permit, and even encourage, bus drivers to reopen their doors in the immediate vicinity of a bus stop even if the driver previously closed the door, when common sense dictates, e.g., the needs of the elderly, mobility challenged individuals and parents with children and...

That our elected officials make what law changes are necessary to allow bus drivers to respond to these common sense needs.

TITLE: Proposed Changes to Parking Violation Rules

To support the portion of the proposed changes to the Parking Violation Rules that TRIPLES the fines for drivers who successfully challenge a parking ticket but use fraud to do so and...

To oppose the portion of the proposed changes that triple a fine when a driver fails to respond to a ticket because there is a possibility of power abuse, e.g., where a car might be ticketed and the wind or someone remove the ticket from the windshield and the driver/owner did not know about it.

TITLE: Noise from Construction at the M/J Subway Station

To ask that the EPA, the League of the Hard Hearing and the OSHA investigate the hazardous situation caused by the M/J Subway Station construction work including but not limited to severe noise from pneumatic drilling and water flooding where people walk and...

To request a written report on findings.