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MARTHA DANZIGER, DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES

Meeting of Community Board #3 held May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 6:47PM, PS 20, 166 Essex Street

MEMBERS PRESENT AT TIME OF ROLL CALL\*:

David Adams [P]	Lillian Moy [E]
Reverend Joan Brightharp [A]	Roberto Ortiz-Arroyo [P]
Mayra Cappas [P]	Barden Prisant [P]
David Crane [P]	Joyce Ravitz [P]
Elizabeth Cruse [P]	Lois Regan [P]
Andrea Diaz [P]	Verina Reich [P]
David Diaz [P]	Richard Ropiak [E]
George Diaz [E]	Estelle Rubin [P]
Harvey Epstein [L]	
Morris Fajtelewicz [L]	Eunice Samuels [P]
Anthony Feliciano [P]	Deborah Simon [A]
	Pia Simpson [P]
Carlos Juan Gonzalez [A]	Arlene Soberman [E]
Herman Hewitt [P]	Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P]
Carolyn Jeffers [P]	Mark Stein [P]
Anne Johnson [P]	Harold Stelter [P]
Joel Kaplan [P]	Susan Stetzer [P]
Lisa Kaplan [P]	David Weinberger [E]
Doreen Leon [P]	Sara Weinstein [P]
Bernice McCallum [P]	Harry Wieder [P]
David McWater [P]	Samuel Wilkenfeld [P]
Alexandra Militano [P]	Echo Waisan Wong [P]
Katrina Monzon [P]	William Yates [P]

Note: The First Vice Chairperson of Community Board #3 takes over for the Chairperson of Community Board #3 for the Public Session part only and tells people who need to speak to the Chairperson about SLA Committee items to go outside of the auditorium. Community Board #3 currently has no District Manager, therefore no District Manager was present at the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Two activist tenants of Baruch Houses, one describing himself as a "free agent" and another a member of Tenants Association of Baruch Projects. The free agent was concerned about safety for Baruch Houses and described how the Housing Authority wanted people who live in public housing to work for free. He noted that Baruch Houses had a serious problems with rape, drugs and criminals, and were victims of injustice and the police, who were also treated by the Housing Authority as slave comparable to those in Egypt 5,000 years ago. He was urging the Community Board to demand that the relevant elected officials give \$1 million for security in that complex. The other tenant saw a need for closed circuit cameras in the elevators of all the buildings and for police protection.

2. A local District Leader and current Community Board #3 member wanted CHARAS back for community cultural use and mentioned that there may be a future forum around the issue.
3. Someone rapidly gave a progress report about the ongoing rat and trash problem on East 3<sup>rd</sup> Street between Bowery and Second Avenue. The Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee commented about how her committee and the Human Services Committee were supportive and were trying to find a way to handle the problem.
4. Three members of Artist Alliance. The first member read what she wrote to Clemente Soto Velez and wanted it placed in the records (see attached). The letter indicated an interest in moving towards a joint management with the CSV as outline in a prior signed agreement and meet with its representative, as per the suggestion of Community Board # 3 in order to reach consensus as how best to move forward towards that goal in an atmosphere free of any animosity. The second member felt that art for general public was not deeply appreciated, that it came from the heart and from individual endeavors as beautiful things for all people and it should not be seen primarily as a money making enterprise. He expressed concern that the problem between Artist Alliance and Clemente Soto Velez would make him and others move away from the Lower East Side, which would prove to be a loss for the community. The third member spoke against the resolution.
5. A dancer from Dynamic Forms, Inc, spoke on behalf of Clemente Soto Velez when he noted that the rent strike by Artist Alliance, where rent money was going to the back to the Alliance in an escrow account, was unfair to the rest of the building which got deprived of essential building services like heat in the winter.
6. A member of 240 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Tenants Association noted that when he first moved into his building twenty years ago there were drug dealers hawking their wares. Now there were car radios and traffic noise and congestion affecting the quality of life of the tenants in the building, some of whom had to stop sleeping in the bedroom and move to the living room. This, he said, constantly happened from 10 AM to 10 PM, sometimes even as late as 3 AM. He expressed concern about rapid out-of-control overdevelopment, the need for street patrol, marauding drunk crowds in the bars in his area, horns honking. He felt that the liquor license moratoria should be extended to the Tompkins Square Park area, and he wanted to know whom to talk to on the Community Board.
7. A member of the Elizabeth Street Block Association noted that Avalon Chrystie was talking to Whole Foods Supermarket about coming into the complex on Chrystie and Houston, which had a liquor selling section in its store, crowding out Mom and Pop liquor stores in the area; he decried big bar retailers coming to Houston Street and wanted the "mallification" of Lower East Side ended, otherwise the Lower East Side would turn into Staten Island, with severe impact on traffic in the area due, in part, to cars deprived of on-street parking spaces.
8. Two people associated with Falun Gong, one a member of Falun Dafa Volunteer Project and the other a film director who is making a documentary about Falun Gong. The project member described its exercise and cultural programs, including parades. He also noted that Falun Gong had been persecuted by the last President of China, which manifested itself in a rash of hate crimes, including attacks by the Chinese Consulate. The film maker, also a practitioner of Falun Gong encouraged members to attend a free Falun Gong film event at Sara Roosevelt Park at Grand Street the following Saturday and Sunday (May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>) between 9 AM and 4PM. He said that he would like to work more closely with the Chinese community.

9. Four persons, the director of Urban Homesteading Assistance Board (UHAB) and three tenants of various buildings all talked about 11 former squatters forming a membership organization that renovated the building so that it could be converted into low-income cooperatives. The Director said that UHAB was a partner to the boards of these various buildings. One tenant expressed concern about evictions at his premises, while another talked about the democratic spirit of cooperation and working together and noted that if people do not abide by the rules that it would cripple their efforts. The third tenant noted that if there were to be evictions it would be because the failure of many years of trying to get tenants to cooperate with the rules had led them to this result, and he asked the Board to take this into consideration when making its decision. He also noted there was a democratic process in place way before UHAB happened. A third CB#3 board member expressed support for the co-ops and wanted to know how they would pitch it to NYCHA and indicated that she tried to advocate to NYCHA, but was unsuccessful.
10. Someone spoke of the importance of bike lanes on Pike and Allen Streets and felt that they would help create a cleaner, safer New York and thanked the Transportation Committee for its support.
11. Four nearby residents complained about Euriva Restaurant at 186 Avenue A, especially the noise, trash, smoking, bottles breaking every night and fire escape violations which took away the neighbors' privacy and reduced their quality of life. One resident noted that Kimodo, the restaurant before Euriva and a prior leather crafts store had no problems. The back courtyard was merely a narrow alleyway. A second resident complained how trash at Euriva was hauled from back to front, which was different from the way that Kimodo hauled trash and wanted the garden to be blocked.
12. A member of Cooper Square Committee made the members of the buildings who were in the audience stand and talked about East 4<sup>th</sup> Street Cultural Building site. He claimed they already raised more than half the funds needed for renovation.
13. Someone from Shuang Wen School announced that on June 21 there would be family events at Field 7 and 8 of the East River Park, between 10 AM and 2:30 PM.
14. Someone spoke in favor of bike lanes, pedestrian improvements, the preservation of Clemente Soto Velez and the return of CHARAS, and she spoke against boxed stores.
15. The director of CIVITAS, supported the bus lane resolution for bus lane down 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and up 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, following the M15 route. He noted that the bus lane plan, which would take up the second lane of the right side of the street only during non-rush hour allowed parking and deliveries to occur vehicular traffic was supported by Transportation Alternatives and the Straphangers Campaign as well as Community Boards #6, 8 and 11. The third Community Board member wanted to know which elected officials supported the idea, to which the director replied that they were the Assemblymember from the 65<sup>th</sup> District and the State Senator from the 26<sup>th</sup> District. The same board member was concerned that a plan would be devised whereby traffic lights would be timed so that they turn green only when the buses move, which would effect the entire traffic pattern of the East Side. The director said that this was not the plan for New York City and that at this stage it was merely a DOT and MTA study.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

1. The representatives for the 29<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial and the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts, as well as the Mayor's Community Affairs unit did not report before the Board.
2. The representative for the 74<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District reported that the Senator introduced Bill # 811098 to establish report cards for public school safety rating, inspections and monitoring. She also mentioned that legislation to help finance the planned dormitory at the CHARAS site through the use of Dormitory Authority bonds was killed when the Senator and the Assemblyperson from the 25<sup>th</sup> District refused to sign on.
3. The representative of the 66<sup>th</sup> Assembly district mentioned that on June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Great Hall of Cooper union the Rent Stabilization Board will have a hearing regarding a proposal to increase rent by 3 to 5 ½% for a one year lease and 5 to 7 ½% for a two year lease. The Assemblymember was calling for lower increase and urged others to come out and testify to do so as well. She also gave testimony in support of landmarking a townhouse on Saint Marks Place which was built in the 1830s and was one of only thirteen surviving 1830s Federal-style rowhouse buildings in the city.
4. The representative for the 64<sup>th</sup> Assembly district substituted for the regular representative who was on vacation and reported about the Assemblymember congratulating students at PS 20 for being on the most improved grade list for math and language arts skills. She also announced that the Assemblymember had established mobile district offices serving the entire community and had set in place the posting within a two block radius of the offices location a week in advance of the coming of these offices. On May 11<sup>th</sup>, there was a health fair at Rutgers Houses with Gouverneur Hospital. Finally, because Land's End One was scheduled to buy out Mitchell-Lama by October, the Assemblymember hosted a meeting with HUD, HPD and the Land's End Tenants' Association regarding eligibility requirements and options.
5. After the Chairperson of Community Board #3 called on the representative for the 25<sup>th</sup> Assembly District to come to speak, she revealed that she no longer worked for the Assemblymember, but now worked for the Public Advocate, although -- until the Assemblymember finds a replacement for her - she was willing to act as a conduit for any messages that would go to the Assemblymember. She indicated that she would try as often as possible to attend the meeting so that she could find out what the Public Advocate can do for the Board and for the community.
6. The representative for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congressional District read excerpts from the Congressperson's newsletter and mentioned the success of the annual Earth Day event, but stated that she publicly expressed worry on the eroding policy on the environment by the Bush Administration. He also mentioned that the Congressperson expressed concern about how and where the 9/11 funds would be allocated.

#### MINUTES:

The April minutes were handed out at this meeting to be voted on in June, but the February and March minutes were not handed out for the second time, as they were required, and therefore by consensus the Board agreed not to vote on them until the June meeting. A fourth board member noted that her being marked absent rather than late at the April meeting was a mistake, since the April minutes clearly showed that her name was mentioned when she spoke at that meeting.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS (continued):

7. The representative of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Councilmatic District mentioned that a hearing at the Subcommittee for Public Housing was scheduled to have an oversight hearing at City Hall on May 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the Section 8 Transparency Bill that would provide advanced notification to tenants, advocates, and the general citizenry about public auction of buildings under the HUD Aid Program which were in distress. The Councilmember had urged the state legislature to pass Bill#3297, concerning closing a loophole by creating protection of unit dwellers of landlords who may want to evict them so that they could take over the spaces for personal use. She also co-sponsored a resolution to urge the state to protect homeless people from widespread misdemeanor arrests because they didn't have proper identification on hand by distributing electronic benefit cards as proof of who they were. The representative noted that when the homeless found themselves subjected to arrests, their valuables would get taken away while they were in jail, but once they were out they would possibly find important items or their entire belongings missing. The Councilmember also wanted to have an injunction placed against those who were seeking permits to change the facade at CHARAS, considering that it was being considered for landmarking. Finally, she thanked the board for supporting the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Cultural District and condemning closing VA hospitals.
8. The representative for the 1<sup>st</sup> Councilmatic District spoke about the need for traffic lights at Catherine and Cherry Streets where there are schoolchildren crossing the street. He also mentioned that the Councilmember is neutral about the dispute between Clemente Soto Velez and felt that the establishment must remain in the Lower East Side. He had indicated that requests were being made to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation for several million dollars for renovations and improvement as well as for the Boys Club facility across the street from the Pitt Street pool to be converted into community use, the pool itself and its bathhouse, the Allen and Pike Street Malls, the East River Waterfront and Columbus Park in Chinatown. He also noted that there were tentative plans for a press conference and meeting at the Rutgers Houses regarding installation of closed circuit TV for security.
9. The representative of the Borough President's Office welcomed new Board members, noting that there were more applicants this year than last and assuring the board that the new crop of members would be "really terrific". He spoke about various fun events with "delicious snacks", including the one for Gay Pride and mentioned that the Borough President's Office would sponsor a gallery dedicated to HOWL Festival-related art.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

The Chairperson of Community Board #3 noted that this would be the last full month for him to chair the meeting and that he would chair next month's meeting only until the new board chair was determined. He noted that being board chair was a good experience for him and that he would be still be an active member. He mentioned that the District Needs Statement still needed to be worked on by various committees until finalized at the June meeting. He noted the absence of the past District Manager but said that it was time for her to move on and that a party was being arranged for her. He urged new board members to go to the next Executive Committee meeting to see how it was run and also to urge them to check out the workings of the various

subcommittees before deciding which committee to join, which they must do by the end of June.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Chairperson of Community Board #3 noted that due to the gut rehab in about six to nine months, the current board office would have to be vacated by then and move to another space of comparable size.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

None were given.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee mentioned that there were two people who came before the committee and nominated for Board Chair and one person each for first and Second Vice President, Secretary and Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer. She closed the nomination process after no other nominations were put forward from the floor. Elections were scheduled to be held in June.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Regarding Committee Votes

(See Attached)

DISCUSSION: The third Community Board member asked that item #2 be removed for discussion. She described the location as being near a park where there were benches where many citizens, particularly the elderly, sit. She noted that while there was a need for a green market in that area, she thought that a better place for it would be at the school yard inside PS 12 on Jackson Street, if it were not for the basketball court. She felt that an alternative space should be sought and mentioned a site under the Williamsburgh Bridge. The people representing the green market indicated that they scouted out various places, but they felt that this spot was best suited for the area. They had indicated that if they don't go forward this month, then they won't be able to get the food items from the farms for their stalls this year. A sixth board member concurred with the representatives' concerns. A seventh board member felt that in light of the time restraints that the people from the green market should work feverishly with the residents of the area to find another space. An eighth board member suggested that the marketers should try just three or four stands so that it would not displace senior citizens from their benches. The marketers said that that was about all they were intending to have. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 noted that this space cost the marketers nothing for them to set up their stalls as opposed to other places in the area. The third board member expressed concern that if it were to be on the sidewalk instead of the street that it would not be wide enough. The fourth board member wondered if the matter should have gone to the Parks Committee. The Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee noted that it was not on Parks Department property and stated that she spoke to the Chairperson of the Parks Committee and he said that it was okay for the matter to be discussed at the Economic Development Committee as long as the whole board ultimately decided. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 said that people should attend committee meetings so that they could have input into the issues.

SLA COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Regarding Committee Votes

(See attached)

PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEES:

REPORT: Regarding Committee Votes

(See attached)

DISCUSSION: The Chairperson of the Public Safety Committee announced that the next meeting will be held at the Henry Street Settlement because she wanted to have some of the meetings below Houston Street, nevertheless there may be a problem with public transportation to the meeting and asked the board to give her suggestions as to where to hold the meeting in that area. As for the transportation issue, the third board member reiterated her concern about traffic lights being controlled by bus motion. An eleventh board member wondered if the board was voting to support a study of the bus lanes or the lanes themselves. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 indicated that we were voting to support both.

PARKS COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes

(See attached)

DISCUSSION: A twelfth board member substituted for the Chairperson of the Parks Committee, who was away on duty with the Reserves. She announced that there was a Waterfront Task Force meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> at the Henry Street Settlement. The third board member wanted to know what was being landmarked at 35 Avenue A, which she thought was part of First Houses. Several board members overlappingly noted that it was not First Houses that was up for a new landmarks designation, but a card store within that complex. The third board member also believed that the East River Music Project at the East River Amphitheater was scheduled to be held on Saturday which would disturb her peace at where she lived. The Secretary said that the activities were to be held on a Wednesday. Nevertheless, the third board member expressed concern that there should be sound reduction at the event, so that only the people at the Amphitheater hear it and not the people living two or three blocks away, which the Secretary then said there would be. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 noted that the organizers of the Project should work with the Police and Parks Departments to assure that there would be adequate sound levels that would not disturb local residents. A fourteenth board member said that she did not know what the Project was asking for, and where. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 asked the twelfth board member if she could get more detail as to what they plan to do there.

HOUSING COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Regarding Committee Votes

(See attached)

DISCUSSION: The Chairperson of the Housing Committee said that he was removing the second subsection of the sixth item because it belonged for discussion at the Human Services Committee. Regarding item #5, the third board member wanted to know what the boundaries for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Cultural District and what it was for. A former Community Board #3 liaison from HPD noted that many of these properties housing thirteen organizations existed on month-to-month leases, and that the people who worked in them wanted to buy the properties and plan a collective fundraising strategy to attract more support from various philanthropies and to improve all their buildings and, for example, make as many of these buildings as would be feasible physically accessible. The boundaries were the Bowery and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. As to item #9, the sixteenth board member wondered about whether the big box store being Whole Foods being too expensive for this area and was more than a grocery store, but had a café and liquor selling area. A seventeenth board member worried that if there would be no parking spaces, whether there would be a proliferation of double or triple parking and felt concerned that double-parkers who were likely not to be from this neighborhood would create traffic jams on Houston Street. An eighteenth board member wanted to pull out item #6 altogether, after the eleventh board member publicly indicated that he wanted to strike out only the third part. A nineteenth board member wanted to know about what could possible be on the lot mentioned at item #6, which she thought was small. The director of the facility, which would be a group home for mentally disturbed children, described each floor and that it had enough space for its purposes. The third board member noted that the lot for mentally disturbed children was once approved by the board for recreational purposes, but the Chairperson of the Housing Committee noted that nothing came of it. The Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee wanted to know if item # 8 was at market rate. The developers, who came up to the front of the room with their plans, said yes. She also wanted to know what kind of business establishments would they be seeking at this property, and the developers indicated that it would be similar to the Red Square building. The Chairperson of the SLA Committee said that at the Housing Committee she asked the developers for a written stipulation that no liquor establishment would be at that site, but that the developers would only agree verbally. The eighteenth board member wanted to know what the variances applied to, and the developers indicated the commercial part of the building, which could not be built as of right. The developers agreed to stipulate that they would "market" to a day care center but not that they would only sell to a day care center. The Chairperson of the Economic Development Committee worried about the degree of cleanup involved where there was a gas station at that site in order to make it safe for a day care facility. The Chairperson of the Housing Committee noted that the Board had time before the Bureau of Standards and Appeals decided on the matter, therefore he recommended that the matter go back to the Housing Committee and be postponed until the June full meeting. The eighth board member said that there was more involved than whether or not a day care center would be place on that site; she felt that one had to look at the surrounding neighborhood to see what kind of day care center would be appropriate for the community and whether or not the center is publicly or privately funded. A twenty-first board member mentioned that as the gas station the site was, the danger of cars going on and off the sidewalk was just as problematic to him as putting up a bar. The Chairperson of the SLA Committee noted that a nightclub may not be called a nightclub and still be one. As to item #9, the Chairperson of the Housing Committee noted that the committee was against any big box stores, meaning that it should all be Mom and Pop developments. The Assistant Secretary wondered whether one should define big box so as not to include a grocery store. The Chairperson of the Housing Committee said that he placed the words "big box" in quotes,



meaning that we should all know what big box means. The eighth board member wanted to know if the board could entertain a motion regarding "affordable grocery store". The Chairperson of Community Board #3 felt that that question should be placed under New Business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board discussed and voted on the District Manager position.

**BOARD VOTE (EXEC SESSION):**

**33 YES 1 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV**

**MOTION PASSED**

**BOARD VOTE (DM VOTE):**

**23 YES 8 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV**

**MOTION PASSED**

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

The eighth board member brought up again making a motion regarding Avalon Chrystie Place having an affordable grocery store. The Chairperson of Community Board #3 mentioned that the matter will go back to the Housing Committee for discussion, where it could be raised there. The following motion was made: that the Assistant Secretary either write down in the minutes all the names of persons who speak or no names of persons who speak and to do so bereft of any words that would have any emotional connotations.

DISCUSSION: A twenty-second board member said that minutes should only include the phrasing of motions, who made the motion and who seconded.

The twentieth board member felt that on the one hand it was problematic to have minutes where no names were described and that on the other hand the minute taker was not expected to be a transcriber and was only expected to give the flavor of the discussion. The Assistant Secretary said that the former District Manager said that adding discussion to the minutes would be beneficial, as she had done in the past. The third board member said that when the Assistant Secretary spoke to her on the phone that he said he spoke to many persons about describing the discussion.

**BOARD VOTE:**

**24 YES 4 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV**

**MOTION PASSED/MOTION FAILED**

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MEETING ADJOURNED: 11:45

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MAY 2004 VOTE SHEET

Executive Committee

NO VOTES NECESSARY

Human Services Committee

1. Opposition to Closing Manhattan VA Hospital  
**VOTE:** To support attached resolution. (see attached)
2. Opposition to Armed Hospital Security Officers in HHC's Public Hospitals  
**VOTE:** To support attached resolution. (see attached)
3. DHS: Project Renewal Advisory Board protocols, 8 E 3rd St  
**VOTE 1:** That we send a letter to the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) and Project Renewal asking them to come to our meeting to discuss the apparent change in 8 East 3rd Street programs.  
**VOTE 2:** To ask DHS to address/negotiate the protocols for Kenton Hall.
4. Medicare/Medicaid Update  
**VOTE:** To table until next month.
5. FY'06 District Needs Statement  
**VOTE:** see attached changes

Youth Committee

NO VOTES NECESSARY

BOARD VOTE (HSC/YOUTH):  
 37 YES    0 NO    0 ABS    1 PNV (#3)  
 MOTION PASSED

Economic Development

1. Sidewalk Café Applications: Moonstruck, 88 2nd Ave  
**VOTE:** To deny due to non-appearance.
2. Union Sq/14th St BID proposed expansion  
**VOTE:** To request that the 14th Street/Union Sq BID appear before the Economic Development Committee to present details of expansion.

BOARD VOTE (ITEM 1):  
 36 YES    0 NO    0 ABS    0 PNV  
 MOTION PASSED

BOARD VOTE (ITEM 2):  
 32 YES    5 NO    0 ABS    0 PNV  
 MOTION PASSED

SLA Committee

Liquor License Renewal Applications:

1. El Nuevo Castillo, 125 Ave D  
**VOTE:** To approve.
2. Prune, 54 E 1st St

- VOTE:** To approve.
3. Tozzer 112 Ave A  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  4. Hat Restaurant, 108 Stanton St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  5. Nuyorican Poets Café, 236 E 3rd St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  6. 1929 Vietnam French United, 227 1stAve  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  7. Singapore Café, 69 Mott St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  8. Café Deville, 103-105 3rd Ave  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  9. Baluchi's, 104 2nd Ave  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  10. Borobudur Café, 128 E 4th St  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  11. Lotus Club, 37-39 Clinton St  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  12. ChikaLicious, 203 E 10th St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  13. Yaffa Café, 97 St Marks Pl  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  14. Le Tableau, 511 E 5th St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  15. Lavagna, 545 E 5th St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  16. Pizza Grupo, 186 Ave B  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  17. Swauto, 25 Ave A  
**VOTE:** To approve
  18. Butterfly Butterfly, 14 Ave A  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  19. E-Glide, 225 Ave B  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
  20. Kitchen Table, 88B 2nd Ave  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  21. Otto's Shrunkenhead, 538 E 14th St  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  22. St Marks Café, 2 St Marks Pl  
**VOTE:** To approve.
  23. Wexford Group, 185-187 Orchard St  
**VOTE:** To approve.

**Letters:**

1. Complaint: Anatomy Bar, 511 E 6th St  
**VOTE:** To direct complainant and licensee to return next month to assess if situation has improved.
2. Complaint: Evviva, 186 Ave A  
**VOTE:** WHEREAS, the applicant agreed in a signed notarized stipulation (a copy of which is attached hereto) that he would immediately cease any use of the backyard should the Community Board receive even one (1) noise complaint before August, 2004; and

WHEREAS, fifteen (15) residents representing the subject Building, 186 Avenue A, and two (2) adjacent buildings, as well as the superintendent of 186 Avenue A on behalf of the management of said building, appeared to complain of unbearable noise emanating from

the backyard since construction began on the establishment in February 2004, and further to complain of obstruction to wit, kitchen appliances and garbage, in an area which is designated as emergency egress; and continuing after it's opening in April 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Community Board has heard extensive testimony from the above-referenced residents that said noise is a product of the establishment's employees using the backyard; and  
WHEREAS, the applicant failed to comply with his obligations under the nine-month clause; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #3 demand that the SLA prohibit the licensee from using the backyard for commercial use, as was agreed in the tendered stipulation.

**Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades:**

1. Le Souk, 47 Ave B (alt/add)  
**VOTE:** To approve additional bar in basement addition.
2. Cevericheria, 179 Ave B (up/op)  
**VOTE:** To approve transfer of beer/wine license but to deny application to upgrade license because the establishment is within 200 feet of a church, to wit the Inglesia De Dios Pentecostal Church.
3. Ghandhi, 345 E 6th St (up/op)  
**VOTE:** To approve based on applicant's existing seventeen (17) year history at location without complaint.
4. Kafeen, 82 E 3rd St (up/op)  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
5. Chow Main, 240 E 4th St (up/op)  
**VOTE:** That, as the applicant has withdrawn his application for an upgrade before Community Board #3, the Community Board takes no action and asks that the SLA not review any application by this applicant unless he first appears before the board for review, as required by statute.
6. Downtown Grand Slam, 210 Rivington St (trans/op)  
**VOTE:** To approve.
7. Tenth Ward, 115 Essex St (trans/op)  
**VOTE:** To deny for failure to appear at Full Board meeting and the failure to furnish requisite stipulations, and to deny approval of license for establishment with backyard use.
8. Thirsty, 127 Ludlow St (trans)  
**VOTE:** To approve transfer given that applicant was a manager at prior location, will continue to manage establishment and will not change name or method of operation of location.
9. Loisaída, 153 Rivington St (alt)  
**VOTE:** To approve alteration to build a kitchen and shorten the existing bar from 17 feet to 13 feet provided that the applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) all doors and windows will be closed by 10 p.m. every night, 2) the business will close at 12:00 a.m. every night, and 3) it will have no more than three (3) private parties per month.
10. Chito, 211-213 First Ave (removal)  
**VOTE:** To send a letter to the SLA notifying it of approval from last month with corrected address.

**New Liquor License Applications:**

1. T3, 111 3rd Ave (op)  
**VOTE:** That, as the applicant has withdrawn his application for a new license before Community Board #3, the Community Board takes no action and asks that the SLA not review any application by this applicant unless he first appears before the board for review, as required by statute.

2. Alphabet Café, 202 E 7th St (rw)  
**VOTE:** To approve a restaurant/wine license for this location provided that the applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will serve food until within one (1) hour of closing and 2) it will close by 12:00 a.m. nightly.
3. Angon On the Sixth, 320 E 6th St (rw)  
**VOTE:** To rescind prior motion to deny due to nonappearance as applicant has now appeared before the Community Board and to approve restaurant/wine license fro an Indian restaurant.
4. 87 Ludlow Café, 87 Ludlow St (rw)  
**VOTE:** To approve restaurant/wine license provided that applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will close at 12:00 a.m. every night and 2) method of operation will be a café serving food to within one (1) hour of closing every night
5. Gena's Grill, 210 1st Ave (rw)  
**VOTE:** To deny due to non appearance.
6. Houston Management, 225 E Houston St (op)  
**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.
7. Burger Bar, 105 E 9th St (op)  
**VOTE:** To deny due to existing concerns of street residents regarding operation of additional licensed establishment on very small street that already has one (1) existing large bar and, further, to write to the landlord of location explaining that Community Board does not believe that licensed business is not appropriate for this location.
8. Christy William Internet Café, 392 E 10th St (rw)  
**VOTE:** To deny sue to nonappearance.
9. Momofuku Noodle Bar, 163 1st Ave  
**VOTE:** To approve restaurant/wine license with the understanding that applicant is operating an Asian noodle restaurant.

**BOARD VOTE:**

37 YES      1 NO (TRANS #6, #7 & NEW #3, #4)      0 ABS      1 PNV (TRANS #6)

**MOTION PASSED**

**Public Safety and Sanitation Committee**

1. Filming impact on community  
**VOTE:** That the committees of Economic Development, Transportation, and Public Safety hold a joint public forum on impact of filming in the community. The forum's objective is to facilitate work with the Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting, the Police Department and community businesses and residents to resolve issues of concern and to balance needs of the community quality of life issues and economic development. Particular issues to be addressed will be loss of access and blocking of sidewalks that negatively impact local businesses, loss of parking for residents and businesses, need for better enforcement of regulations, proper notice, and disproportionate burden on areas caused by back-to-back filming.
2. Request for 5-day sanitation service on 3rd/4th St btwn 2nd Ave & Bowery and First Street btwn 1st & 2nd Aves & update on garbage/rat issue  
**VOTE:** WHEREAS, there is a severe rat infestation problem on Third Street between Bowery and Second Avenue and nearby blocks in section 33, and on First Street in this same section due to many circumstance that cannot be remedied by the residents, and CB#3 has worked with city agencies and community members to correct this public health problem; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of rat abatement workers since the 1990's and the lack of 5-day per week garbage collection has contributed to increased rat and sanitation problems in this area so that a serious public health problem exists; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#3 supports the community request to have 5 times/per week sanitation pickup, and the request of Mutual Housing Association management and residents that HPD allow a portion of the empty lot at 19 E. 3rd Street be used for a compactor or a rat-proof garbage storage enclosure to help alleviate the problem of lack of storage space/tremendous amount of garbage.

**Transportation Committee**

1. MTA: Civitas Proposal for M15 Bus Only Lanes on 1st & 2nd Aves

**VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF M15 BUS-ONLY LANES ON FIRST AND SECOND AVENUES**

WHEREAS, the M15 bus route on First and Second Avenues experiences delays due to traffic congestion, leading to slow and inefficient public transportation; and

WHEREAS, the M15 bus-only lanes are part of the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) proposals being supported by Civitas Citizens and other transit advocacy organizations; and

WHEREAS, bus-only lanes work well for the M1, M2, M3 and M4 bus routes on Madison Avenue; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#3 Manhattan supports establishing bus-only lanes on First and Second Avenues.

2. MTA: M9/M22 Schedule Revisions

**VOTE:** That while CB#3 Manhattan is pleased with the proposed increase in Saturday midday and PM service on the M9 bus route, the proposed decrease in weekday AM M9 service as well as weekend AM and PM M22 service is unacceptable. As stated in past CB#3 resolutions, this community is already underserved by public transportation; therefore we are opposed to service cuts of any kind. Reducing existing service on the M9 route in particular will place an undue hardship on the community by increasing the time necessary to commute to work and/or school in the mornings. The proposed extended headway between buses on both the M9 and M22 routes will also cause riders to miss connections between other bus routes and subway lines, again increasing commute times. Increased commute times indirectly leads to decreased ridership which directly jeopardizes the services a community receives since ridership levels are a key indicator used by the MTA in determining service needs/levels.

3. TLC: WK Car & Limo, 17 Allen St

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

4. E 7th St (Aves C & D) Street Co-Naming: O'Donnell Way

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

5. DOT: Stoplight at Catherine and Cherry Sts by PS 126

**VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TRAFFIC LIGHT AT CATHERINE AND CHERRY STREETS**

WHEREAS, the residents of Knickerbocker Village and surrounding community have been requesting, for over 10 years, that a traffic light be installed at the corner of Catherine and Cherry Streets in front of P.S. 126 because of unsafe traffic conditions; and

WHEREAS, Knickerbocker Village consists of 1,585 apartments with a large number of young children, many of whom are recent immigrants; and

WHEREAS, many of these children, some as young as 6 or 7, cross the street without the company of a parent or guardian; and

WHEREAS, groups of children from P.S. 126 cross Catherine Street during the day to use the facilities of Tanahey Park while there is no crossing guard on duty; and

WHEREAS, the crossing guard reports that many car and truck drivers ignore her instruction to allow children to cross Catherine Street and drive around her; and

WHEREAS, delivery trucks double park on Catherine Street, thereby obstructing the vision of children and adults trying to cross the street; and

WHEREAS, the traffic light at Catherine and Monroe Streets results in cars speeding to make the traffic light at Catherine and South Streets; and

WHEREAS, CB#3 is dismayed that DOT is about to install a light at Cherry and Market Streets without coming before the community board while at the same time ignoring our requests for a light at Cherry and Catherine; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That CB#3 Manhattan requests that DOT install a traffic light at the intersection of Catherine and Cherry Streets adjacent to P.S. 126.

6. Bicycle Lane Network, Implementing NYC Bicycle Master Plan

**VOTE:** That CB#3 Manhattan would like DOT to evaluate the routes in the 1997 NYC Bicycle Master Plan, to identify where it would be appropriate to install pavement markings and signage. We would like to have bike lanes that provided linkage of the waterfront Greenway System with the Manhattan and Williamsburg bridges, and that provided north-south and east-west travel corridors. This would improve safety and encourage cyclists to use the street. There has been a significant increase of bicycling in recent years. The latest official DOT screen-line count showed a 30% increase between 2002 and 2003, and the bike count on the East River bridges reached an all-time high of 4000 cyclists per day.

7. Allen/Pike Street Pedestrian Improvements

**VOTE:** That CB#3 Manhattan supports a reconfiguration of Allen and Pike Streets and Pike Slip to preserve two lanes of vehicular traffic, and convert some of the width to provide bike lanes and a widening of the mall or the sidewalk. These improvements would help transform the "Avenue of the Immigrants" into a safe, inviting corridor to draw pedestrians and cyclists to the waterfront. Improving the recreational potential of our waterfront is a longstanding goal of CB#3. These bike lanes would also provide connections between the Manhattan Bridge, the Greenway System on the waterfront, and the bike lane already installed on Second Avenue. We reiterate the need for curb cuts, and emphasize that wheelchair users and bike traffic should not be placed into conflict.

8. MTA: Second Ave Subway FEIS

**VOTE:** To ask MTA to correct the map being used on the Second Avenue Subway planning to accurately describe the site at 54 Second Avenue. Although it is marked in the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) as a vacant building with industrial usage, it is actually an occupied



residential building, with a commercial space. The owner reports that he made a substantial investment in rehabilitating the building, a decision that was made without being aware that the MTA was considering taking the property by eminent domain. In the future, the MTA must make advance notification to affected parties to avoid this sort of situation.

9. MTA: Second Ave Subway vs 7 Line & Government Resources

**VOTE:**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO DIVERTING MTA ASSETS  
FROM SECOND AVENUE SUBWAY CONSTRUCTION TO THE #7 EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, the Bloomberg Administration's "Hudson Yards" plan calls for spending \$2.8 billion in infrastructure improvements, including extending the #7 subway, building a platform over the MTA Rail Yards between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues, and condemning businesses and residences to build parks and a new avenue between Tenth and Eleventh Avenues; and

WHEREAS, this \$2.8 billion will be raised in part by selling development rights over the Eastern Rail Yards, an MTA asset whose value is estimated at \$1.7 billion; and

WHEREAS, Newsday has reported that the MTA plans to hand over the Eastern Rail Yards to the City without being compensated - in effect committing a \$1.7 billion asset to fund the extension of the #7 train and other elements of the Hudson Yards plan; and

WHEREAS, Community Board #3 Manhattan has long felt that the Second Avenue Subway, which is desperately needed to relieve congestion and overcrowding on Manhattan's East Side, should be the MTA's top propriety for transportation infrastructure improvements in Manhattan; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #3 Manhattan objects to prioritizing the extension of the #7 subway above the Second Avenue Subway as a recipient of funds from the MTA; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board #3 Manhattan is very concerned that the "Hudson Yards" plan calls for the MTA to sacrifice one of its most valuable assets, the development rights over the West Side Rail Yards, without adequate compensation, thus depriving itself of the ability to fund projects like constructing the Second Avenue Subway and upgrading the existing system; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Community Board #3 Manhattan calls on the MTA not to give up its development rights over the West Side Rail Yards for anything less than their full value, and to determine that value through a formal appraisal or competitive bidding process.

10. TLC: B.O.B. Express Inc, 32 Market St

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

11. DOT: Request "No Horn Honking \$350 Fine" signage throughout CB#3 district

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

12. DOT: Request for Loading Zone at 92 and 96 Forsyth St

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

**BOARD VOTE (EXCLUDING TRANS #1):**

**37 YES    0 NO    0 ABS    1 PNV (TRANS #5, #6)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**BOARD VOTE (TRANS #1):**

35 YES      0 NO      0 ABS      0 PNV  
MOTION PASSED

**Parks Committee**

**Street Activity Permit Application:**

1. Betances Health Center, 6/26, Henry St (Grand & Montgomery)  
**VOTE:** To approve.
2. Suffolk St BA, 6/12, Suffolk St (Houston & Stanton)  
**VOTE:** To approve.
3. Suffolk St BA, 8/14, Suffolk St (Houston & Stanton)  
**VOTE:** To approve with stipulation that there are substantiated complaints from the prior event on June 12th.
4. 10th & Stuyvesant St BA, 9/18, E 10th St (2nd & 3rd Aves)  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
5. LES II TA, 7/17, E 5th St (Aves B & C)  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
6. FEVA, 8/22, St Marks Pl (1st & Ave A)  
**VOTE:** To approve.
7. Abounding Grace Ministries, 7/12, E 5th St (Aves C & D)  
**VOTE:** To approve.

**Parks Permit Application:**

1. Kari Bynum, 7/3, ERP  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
2. R Paniagua, Every Wed July-Aug, ERP  
**VOTE:** To support with proviso of no parking at adjacent piers and no official distribution of beer and/or wine.
3. Coty Beauty, 5/21, ERP  
**VOTE:**
4. NY Gospel Ministries, 8/11, TSP  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
5. CPC, Various days in July & Aug, Columbus Park & Seward Park  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
6. Eastern Regional Dragon Boat Assn, 9/26, Columbus Park  
**VOTE:** To approve.
7. Pam Brestow, June'04, TSP  
**VOTE:** To support with stipulation that any proceeds be designated for Tompkin Square Park.
8. Big Apple Roundup, Every Sat or Sun in July or Aug, ERP  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
9. APE, 7/18, TSP  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
10. Susan K Chan Foundation, 10/2, Seward Park  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
11. PS 158, 6/17, ERP  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
12. Chinatown YMCA, 8/11, Columbus Park  
**VOTE:** To table at applicant's request.
13. Shuang Wen School PS 184, 6/21, ERP  
**VOTE:** To approve.
14. East Village Community School, 6/11, TSP  
**VOTE:** To approve for June 4th.

**Parks Committee Items:**

1. Landmarks: 35 Ave A Project  
**VOTE:** To support.
2. East River Music Project grant support

**VOTE:** To approve for letter for support, provided that the applicant works with the Parks Department to keep sound levels lowered so it does not disturb local residents.

**BOARD VOTE:**

**35 YES 4 NO (#7) 0 ABS 1 PNV (#11, #13, #14)**

**MOTION PASSED**

**Housing Committee**

1. Artists Alliance/Clemente Soto Velez status

**VOTE:** 1) To encourage all parties involved with CSV and AAI at 107 Suffolk Street to cooperate fully in efforts to find a way to preserve this property as a community cultural facility; 2) to applaud CCM Gerson's efforts to work with both groups to find an appropriate solution, and to encourage the Borough President's office to do the same; and 3) to vehemently oppose the auction of this neighborhood cultural jewel, as we fear that it would be converted into luxury housing.

2. Status of UHAB renovations

**VOTE:** To encourage UHAB 1) to continue to work with the participants in the program, 2) to scrutinize more closely the justifications for evictions, and 3) to assist the disputing tenants so that they can potentially reach mutually satisfactory resolutions.

3. Baruch Houses Security requests

**VOTE:** To call attention to a recent increase in crime, in particular, sexual assault and narcotics related crimes and ask for 1) the installation of security cameras and police booths, and 2) an increased police presence in and around Baruch Houses.

4. Charas site/University House development

**VOTE:** 1) To strongly support the designation of the Beaux-Arts building at 605 East 9th Street a landmark; 2) to, once again, condemn the underhanded disposition of the building to Gregg Singer, which has endangered its use as a community facility, and 3) to observe that the ramp constructed at the building is a paradigm of handicap construction.

5. E 4th St Cultural district UDAAP

**VOTE:** To wholeheartedly support the ULURP/UDAAP for the East 4th Street Cultural District.

6. Postgraduate Center for Mental Health: 8-bed community residence for children & adolescents, 536 E 13th St

**VOTE:** To recommend the removal of 536 E. 13th from the DCAS auction list in order to give CB#3 an opportunity to consider to support PCMH's proposal to build an 8-bed facility for emotionally disturbed children at that location.

7. NYPD: 9th Pct Parking Lots, B379, L53,54,56

**VOTE:** To express our great concern that NYPD has not yet committed to returning Block 379, Lots 53, 54, and 56 to the community.

8. BSA 132-04-BZ: 310 E Houston St

**VOTE:** To postpone until June.

9. Status Cooper Sq URA Commercial Tenants

**VOTE 1:** To oppose a "big-box" establishment of any type at Avalon Chrystie Place, because to do otherwise would destroy the unique character of the neighborhood;

**VOTE 2:** To specifically oppose a "big-box" liquor store at this location as a) it is of no economic benefit to this community, b) the scale of this type of establishment is unnecessary given the needs of this community, and c) this community cannot accommodate the increased vehicular and pedestrian traffic which would accompany any "big-box" liquor store.

BOARD VOTE (#1-#7):

37 YES      1 NO (#6)      1 ABS (#4)      2 PNV (#1, #7)

MOTION PASSED

BOARD VOTE (#8 POSTPONE):

35 YES      0 NO      0 ABS      0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

BOARD VOTE (#9):

29 YES      6 NO      0 ABS      0 PNV

MOTION PASSED