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# DAVID MCWATER, BOARD CHAIR

# SUSAN STETZER, DISTRICT MANAGER

### SEPTEMBER 2004 MINUTES

Meeting of Community Board #3 held on September 28th, 2004, 6:37 PM at PS 20, 166 Essex Street.

## MEMBERS PRESENT AT TIME OF ROLL CALL:

David Adams [P] Michael Auerbach [P] Rev. Joan Brightharp [E] Mayra Cappas [P] David Crane [P] Elizabeth Cruse [P] Andrea Diaz [A] David Diaz [P] George Diaz [P] Harvey Epstein [P] Morris Faitelewicz [P] Anthony Feliciano [P] Rabbi Y. S. Ginzberg [P] Carlos Juan Gonzalez [P] Herman Hewitt [A] Carolyn Jeffers [P] Barbara Jeter [P]

Anne Johnson [P] Joel Kaplan [P] Lisa Kaplan [E] Doreen Leon [A] Bernice McCallum [P] David McWater [P] Alexandra Militano [P] Katrina Monzon [P] Lillian Moy [P] Jason Naqel [P] Roberto Ortiz-Arroyo [E] Samuel Wilkenfeld [P] Barden Prisant [P] Joyce Ravitz [P] Lois Regan [P] Verina Reich [P] Richard Ropiak [E] Estelle Rubin [P]

Eunice Samuels [P] Deborah Simon [E] Pia Simpson [E] Arlene Soberman [A] Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P] Mark Stein [P] Harold Stelter [P] David Weinberger [P] Sara Weinstein [P] Harry Weider [P] Echo Waisan Wong [P] Eunice Samuels [P]

#### PUBLIC SESSION:

- 1. Person expressed concern about the Christadora Houses converting the top part of their community use facility into four condominiums. The person claimed that Christadora never went out to the community to see if any organization would want it, when indeed numerous organizations expressed interest. The person felt that the matter was really not a BSA issue but a land use issue for City Council to take up, nevertheless she urged that the Board should deny the application. A board member wanted to know what floor the gym was on. The person indicated that it was on the first floor on Ninth Street.
- A person thanked the Community Board for its letter of support for Common Ground 2. and updated its offer to purchase former Milliken Club House of the Boy's Club.
- Someone from a postal workers' union indicated that the United States Postal 3. Service making permanent what was considered temporary removal of mailboxes around the city for security precautions during the Republican National Convention, and cutting down daily pickups from current mailboxes lessens quality of mail services. The person asked that the news media and politicians be contacted about this.
- 4. The Schiller bar owner explained that the bench outside his establishment was their to allow people to smoke and to wait until they get their tables. One person spoke in opposition of the bench as further disrupting the lives of families whose children go to school across the street.
- Four people requested a moratorium on liquor licenses on Avenue B between  $\mathbf{6}^{\text{th}}$  and 5. Houston Streets. One person read from her written statement. Another claimed that her sleep was disrupted from all the activities that the bars generated. A third person indicated that the noise level was unbelievably high for an avenue that was just too narrow to handle that many bars with cars, buses and taxis trying to

maneuver, thereby creating gridlock in an area where there is also a fire station with trucks needing to exit rapidly for emergency calls. The garbage truck noise during the day was also sited as a problem.

- 6. A blind man spoke regarding injuries he suffered by construction site obstructions at the Ninth Precinct, which is next to where he lives, and found himself going from agency to agency inquiring about the site's permits as well as getting the hazards eliminated. The Precinct did not respond to his complaints and he found himself frustrated by 311 and 911 pointing fingers at each other rather than resolving the problem. He expressed concern about the police not picking up calls while crime is increasing in the neighborhood.
- 7. Two people complained about Piano's, a bar. One indicated that she could not open her windows at night because of the noise. The other person noted the lines around the block, the belligerence of the staff, the cab horns and the traffic. He believed that Piano's always wanted to be a cabaret, since it was in a two story space with a band in the back, and he wondered how they mysteriously obtained a cabaret license.
- 8. A lifelong resident of the area wanted to operate a small seafood restaurant where Lansky's Lounge was until 11 PM with French doors and was seeking the board's approval on getting a wine and beer license. He promised not to diminish the residences' quality of life and that if there were complaints about his establishment, as sole proprietor he would be in the premises most of the time and would be amenable to addressing the community's concern. The proprietor's cousin echoed support for the restaurant and reiterated that the proprietor was a lifelong resident who had family members killed on the street in the area and who himself was assaulted, and that he felt that the neighborhood should change, and that his establishment would be at the vanguard of that change to make the area safe.
- 9. Someone complained that 81 East Third Street building site under construction was oversized and in violation of building codes and questioned how a non-profit community facility could be run by a profit making entity.
- 10. Someone decried Cooper Union defacing an important mural painted after 9/11.
- Three people spoke on behalf of co-naming a two block stretch of East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, 11. Jodie Lane Place. Jodie Lane was killed when she fell on a Con Edison grille and was electrocuted. One of the person's who spoke was her boyfriend and noted that the impetus to co-name the street came from the board and mentioned the thousands of signatures they received in support of the co-naming, which, he indicated, would serve as a pointed symbol to the city as to what had happened. And he felt that the symbol would honor the community and hold the city accountable. One of Jodie's professor's felt that the street co-naming would serve as a reminder that it could happen to all of us and it was a way of healing a "violated" community and serve as a reminder of the city's responsibilities. The third person indicated that he never knew Jodie Lane but responded when he read about the circumstances surrounding her death in a newspaper and was impressed by the unity of the community in response to her death. The first board member asked why they were requesting a sign for two blocks when such a sign usually is only one block long, and Jodie's boyfriend indicated that it was because the wiring problem extended that length.
- 12. Someone complained about an influx of undesirable tenants coming into his building. A second board member felt that the matter should be addressed in the appropriate committee.
- 13. A person came to the board to request its assistance to help parents of Headstart attain new sponsorship at the Cardinal Spellman Center and to bring in new programs for the community. Another person wanted another program at Cardinal Spellman, Youth USA, to receive the support of the board for its summer camp activities.

#### PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

- There were no representatives present for the 29<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial and the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Congressional Districts.
- 2. The Assemblymember for the 66<sup>th</sup> District was present at the meeting and indicated her support for the co-naming of Jodie Lane Place as a means to remember what and how the death occurred. She also expressed her support for adding the distinctive street lighting feature, or "pedestrian arms", that extended out to the sidewalk of Fourteenth Street up to First Avenue and explained the reform and budget package.

The Transportation Chairperson/Parliamentarian wondered whether funding was possible for the pedestrian lighting going east of First Avenue, to which she replied that she could not answer the question since the area east of First Avenue was beyond her district; rather it belonged in the 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District.

- 3. The representative for the 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly District announced the Assemblymember's cosponsorship of a town hall meeting regarding the future of PS 64, also known as CHARAS/El Bohio at Public School 34 at East 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue D on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 to 8:30 PM. The first board member let the representative know that she wanted the pedestrian lighting extended as far east of First Avenue as possible, acknowledging that the Con Edison plant now blocks Fourteenth Street from going to the FDR Drive, since the area is in the Assemblymember's district.
- 4. The representative for the 64<sup>th</sup> Assembly District spoke at length about a serious fire at Confucius Plaza and the damage it caused to many apartments in the building.
- 5. Someone who substituted for the representative for the 25<sup>th</sup> State Senatorial District talked about the Taste of Chinatown Fair along Mott Street on October 6<sup>th</sup> from 1PM to 6PM with 30 restaurants participating right outside their establishments, where people walking by could sample their signature dishes for \$1 a plate. The representative also announced the Liberty Child Care Grant Program for eligible low income families to cover child care and child care after school programs for up to \$5000.
- 6. The representative for the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District indicated that he was looking into the decrease of mail service beyond the period of activity at the Republican National Convention as well as the mistreatment of protesters emanating from the Republican National Convention period.
- 7. The representative of the Public Advocate announced the publication of the Special Education Guide.

The Board Chairperson at this point announced that because of problems with the photocopier not everyone got proper copies of the June minutes, therefore voting on those minutes were to be delayed until the October meeting. He also expressed his condolences to the Second Vice Chairperson for the death of his mother.

#### PUBLIC OFFICIALS (continued):

- The representative of the Second Councilmanic District spoke about the unanimous 8. passage of a bill in City Council emanating from the Jodie Lane tragedy that would mandate annual inspections and random checks of Con Edison's electrical-related infrastructure, to which the first board member indicated that there needs to be consistent and constant monitoring. The representative indicated that while the monitoring needed to be constant, the randomness was with respect to not letting Con Edison predict where the next check will be. The representative announced the unanimous passage by City Council of the East Fourth Street Cultural District, which would allow six buildings and two lots to be sold to cultural and non-profit organizations at \$1 each and would consist of arts spaces, print shops, costume and set constructions and rehearsal spaces. He reported on the Councilmember joining others at a September 7<sup>th</sup> press conference demanding that the Civilian Complaint Review Board and the NYC Department of Health conduct investigations to determine why the New York Police Department held detainees in a detention center at Pier 57 which was previously vacated by the Metropolitan Transit Authority for hazardous conditions. He also spoke about a march the Sunday before the full board meeting on domestic violence.
- 9. Someone substituting for the representative of the First Councilmanic District announced that his office was setting up a file of recommendations for allocations of funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) emanating from money distributed by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) to go to much needed projects in the Community Board #3 area, like the establishment of the Grand Street bus line. He also spoke about a \$50 million set aside for affordable housing in the West Side from the City Council's general funds.
- 10. The representative of the Borough President's Office lauded the work of the new District Manager in her time of transition over the summer. He mentioned the October 4<sup>th</sup> forum on issues affecting the Community Boards, like Conflicts of

Interest and the ULURP process; and while he indicated that attendance was not mandatory, the presence of board members at the meeting was strongly recommended. He acknowledge a police officer's heading the TIPS program to counteract drug dealing around the city and gave the following phone number: 1-888-374-DRUG.

#### CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

The Board Chairperson mentioned that various agencies had a meeting regarding the East River Waterfront and that there was going to be a public meeting at the Henry Street Settlement on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM regarding the issue. He announced that a fifth board member and designated head of the Cooper Square Task Force was going to restart the task force shortly. He noted that the Empowerment Grant given to Community Board #3 has not yet come through and therefore the office can not yet operate with that money in mind. He also mentioned that while CB#3 really cannot choose its office, since it was ultimately determined by the NYC Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS), we can have a strong say in the matter. He strongly encouraged the board to attend the Borough President's October 4<sup>th</sup> Forum, even though it was not mandatory. And, finally, he praised all the board members for attending the public session, which he felt was a very important part of the meeting.

#### DISTIRCT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Request board members and residents inform the office of service delivery problems: rodent problems, where streets need to be repaved, where there are sanitation issues, and where there are clogged catch basins. Board members represent the community geographically and therefore can help resolve service delivery complaints throughout the district. Information also needed for expense priorities: we need to let DOT know what streets we want repaved or where we need new signs, etc.

CB 3 liaison from the Commission on Human Rights will be giving a workshop for the Board on Oct 20 at 2:00 at the Board office. He will be talking about Commission's work, kinds of issues that we should be referring to them. If any board members or anyone else would like to attend, please call DM.

The Department of Consumer Affairs recently inspected sidewalk cafes in the CB 3 area and issued over 30 violations. Some were for unlicensed cafes and some for violations for licensed cafes.

There will be 2000 less trees planted in NYC this year for budget reasons. If you want to request a tree for your block, you can print an application on line or pick up one in the CB office and return it to the CB office. The CB will be submitting a list to the Parks Dept. by the end of the year.

Community Boards will be working with the Office of Emergency Management to train community emergency response teams. We will be recruiting participants through community groups.

Last year's district priorities are available on the front table for board members and should be used in determining this year's priorities, which will be voted on at the October meeting.

The Board Chairperson announced that those committee chairs who were not in attendance at the Executive Committee meeting had to note that they needed to make their District Needs Statements the first items at their committee meetings.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

The Board Chair stated what the Executive Committee voted on, the wording of which was on the vote sheet.

PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE: REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes (See attached)

The Transportation Chairperson/Parliamentarian announced that the New York City Department of Transportation responded to our various requests regarding parking on Forsyth Street and that the answers were mostly not in our favor. He offered a copy of the letter to anyone who wanted to read it. The first board member wanted the board to write a letter to the State Assemblymember from the District regarding extending the pedestrian arm street lighting on Fourteenth Street to go as far east of First Avenue as She also wondered whether school principals requested the speed bumps on possible. Norfolk Street, to which the Transportation Chairperson/Parliamentarian that the request came from the public. The Board Chairperson noted that he lived near Norfolk Street and observed that cars coming off the Williamsburg Bridge whiz down Norfolk Street to get to Houston Street and then, eventually, to the FDR Drive. The second board member wondered why we were requesting co-naming a street after Jodie Lane and not placing a plaque on a building near where the electrocution occurred explaining in great detail who Jodie Lane was and what occurred on that block. She felt that most of the time people don't know anything about whom the streets were named after - i.e. Stanton Street. The Assistant Secretary identified himself as the person on the board who came up with the idea of conaming the street, noting that he never read a plaque in his life and that while over time people who live in the neighborhood may not know who Jodie Lane was, that all that matters is that Con Edison would know and would be aware of its eternal responsibility to the community. A seventh board member noted that she was a plaque reader and that she thought it was a good idea to have a plaque. The second board member then wanted a friendly amendment to the street co-naming motion to include a plaque as well. The board chairperson felt that the issue should go to a committee to be voted on later.

## PARKS COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes

(See attached)

DISCUSSION: A ninth board member substituted for the Chair of the Parks Committee Chair for the report. There was some concern expressed regarding whether or not the organizers of the Pickle Day event was excluding a particular Lower East Side pickle seller from participating in the event. The first board member felt yes, but others thought that the seller simply may or may not choose to be part of it.

## HUMAN SERVICES/YOUTH COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes

(See attached)

DISCUSSION: With regards to whether a resident aliens should be allowed to vote in municipal elections, the first board member felt that voting required the responsibility of citizens and should not be extended to others. The Transportation Chairperson/Parliamentarian noted that there are other states and cities in the country which does allow for aliens to vote in their area, as well as other countries. The Human Services Chairperson indicated that the United States has allowed resident aliens to vote in local elections from the 1780s to the 1920s. A tenth board member wondered whether one would need a green card to vote. The Youth Chairperson said yes. Both the Youth and Human Services Chairpersons noted the strong contributions by non-citizens to the community.

#### HOUSING COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes (See attached) DISCUSSION: There was some question among a few board members as to whether or not Christadora Houses had an initial restriction on the use of its facility at the time of the sale to it or whether it was bought at auction from the city outright, as the first board member contended.

## SLA COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Concerning Committee Votes

# (See attached)

DISCUSSION: The tenth board member came up twice to the front of the room to discuss his objection to the votes regarding liquor licenses for Schiller and Piano's, first supporting the use of the bench at Schiller and stated as to Piano's that he had frequented the establishment and that, contrary to the complaint of neighboring

residents, all lines were inside the establishment and did not go around the block and that performances could not happen in that space since the back area would be the only space where this would occur, yet was too small to accommodate it. The Transportation Secretary felt that the full board should yield to the judgment of the majority of the committee on this vote, who themselves relied on the concerns of the community. The seventh board member felt that benches were good for seniors and persons with disabilities. An eleventh board member felt that Schiller was an example of two NYC Departments not listening to each other, which created problems for the community, and that the bench issue must be dealt with in some other way, like placing them inside bus shelters. Discussion then changed to a proposed seafood establishment on the site of the former Lansky's Lounge, where the proprietor was requesting approval of a beer and wine licence. The first board member felt that there was too much bar and restaurant activity around the Norfolk Street area to allow for such a license and anyone who would want wine with their fish would make the quality of the fish suspect. The Assistant Secretary felt that the proprietor of this particular establishment seemed genuinely interested in having just a modest neighborhood seafood place, that restaurant critics and connoisseurs knew that fish married well with wine, and that if the establishment turned out to be disruptive and contemptuous of the surrounding community's comfort and safety, then addressing the community's complaints at a future SLA Committee and full board meetings would be a proper mechanism to revoke the license, which the Assistant Secretary felt would not happen in this case.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT AT LAST VOTE:

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MEETING ADJOURNED: 10:10PM



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### SEPTEMBER 2004 VOTE SHEET

## Executive Committee

1. Community Board #3 Lead Paint Forum

**VOTE:** That CB#3 will host a seminar for HPD to educate the community on compliance with Local Law 1 (NYC Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Act of 2003).

### BOARD VOTE: 33 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

#### Public Safety & Sanitation Committee (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

 Support CCM Gerson request for LMDC adoption of constraints & procedures to govern Lower Manhattan construction activity: 1) noise/work; 2) air emission compliance; 3) establishment of Lower Manhattan Environmental Control Board

**VOTE:** To support CCM Gerson's request for LMDC adoption of constraints & procedures to govern Lower Manhattan construction activity: 1) Noise/work; 2) Air emission compliance; 3) establishment of Lower Manhattan Environmental Control Board and that such request include the entire frozen zone boundaries which were set up by New York City after 9/11: 14th Street and areas below 14th Street.

## Transportation Committee (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

1. TLC Application: WK Car & Limo, 17 Allen St

**VOTE:** To amend our June 2004 resolution regarding the TLC application from WK Car & Limo, 17 Allen St: CB3 approves the renewal for their base station license. The letter from the CB3 office inviting the business to our June meeting did not arrive in time, so WK Car & Limo came to our September meeting.

 CB3 approval of distinctive street lighting projects, 14th St from 1st Ave extending West to CB#2

**VOTE:** To approve the addition of distinctive pedestrian lighting arms to light poles on 14th Street between First and Fourth Avenues. The existing streetlights will remain, and additional pedestrian lighting will be added.

- 3. Street co-naming: 11th St (1st & 2nd Aves) Jodie Lane Place
- **VOTE:** Community Board 3-Manhattan urges the City of New York to co-name 11th Street between Avenue A & 2nd Avenue "Jodie Lane Place" to forever memorialize an event that has affected us all deeply.

Jodie Shonah Lane lived with her partner and two dogs at 421 East 12th Street, Apt 9. On January 16, 2004, she was tragically killed while walking her two dogs when she stepped on an electrified portion of a Con Ed manhole in front of Veniero's at 342 East 11th St, NY, NY. Jodie's senseless death sparked outrage in the East Village and throughout the City of New York. The poorly maintained equipment that caused her death was not a unique condition; this incident brought to light the dangerous, substandard equipment that New Yorkers walk on every day. Motivated by their grief and the warning her death represented, the residents of the East Village united to lobby the city's utilities to ensure these dangers would be eliminated.

Jodie's family, surviving partner, friends, Jodie, and the people of New York City who have experienced the shock, fear and disbelief that such a thing could happen on our city street will be honored by this co-naming and the support it represents that this will not happen again. Jodie Shonah Lane was born in Rochester, New York on Sept 27, 1973. She was 30 years old. Jodie came to New York from Texas 10 years ago to attend Sarah Lawrence College. The City became such a part of her that she applied to Teachers College for her master's and Ph.D. She was a fifth year Ph.D. student in the clinical psychology program one of eight accepted into the program of 200 applicants. Jodie planned to live out her life in "her city" and was more than a student; she was also a professional writing and doing research and therapy.

Jodie was extremely involved in her neighborhood, interacting with everyone while walking her dogs twice a day. Jodie is remembered, shortly after 9/11, walking to the firehouse to talk with the firemen and coming home hours later. These strong men were often crying as they told her, an empathetic member of the community, their stories. She was writing her dissertation on the subtypes of obsessive-compulsive disorder in children. Shortly before her death, she had finished her first draft of a book written for She worked for many years doing children with the disorder. research at the Psychological Institute as well as working with special education children. She had already published an article that is now used in psychology textbooks on "Unconditional Positive Regard" as a therapeutic style, showing its effectiveness. She presented this article at a worldwide conference in Uruguay. She was also doing client therapy, one child's family wrote recently "With determination and kindness she helped us get through a rough period in our life ... Phillip never warmed the same way to anyone else".

We ask that the City Council support our request to co-name 11th Street between 2nd Avenue and Avenue A "Jodie Lane Place" in memory of Jodie Lane's life, the void its loss left, and the powerful impact her death had on the community in which she lived. These were the blocks where Jodie lived and died; co-naming this street would be a permanent remembrance of Jodie's life and the powerful impact of her unnecessary death.

4. Speed bumps on Norfolk between Houston & Rivington

**VOTE:** To ask DOT to install speed bumps on Norfolk St between Houston and Rivington Streets. There are three schools on these two blocks - PS 20, the Lower East Side Preparatory School, and the Marte Valle Secondary School. There is also a playground at Houston Street that has a gate opening onto Norfolk Street. Although there are marked school crossings, there does seem to be a speeding problem.

BOARD VOTE (PUBLIC SAFETY/TRANSPORTATION): 33 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Parks & Recreation Committee Street Activity Permit Application:

- 1. Governeur Healthcare Services, 10/02, Bayard St (btwn Elizabeth & Baxter Sts)
  - **VOTE:** To approve.
- 2. LES BID: Pickle Day, 10/03, Orchard St (btwn Broome & Grand Sts)

**VOTE:** To approve.

# Parks Permit Application:

3. Shakespeare Project, 9/26, Tompkins Sq Park

**VOTE:** To approve.

## Committee Items:

4. 1st St Garden: support for permanent garden status **VOTE:** To table for one month.

# Youth & Education Committee

- Support for parents at Cardinal Spellman Head start in request to ACS for Public hearings to choose new sponsorship of head start program
  VOTE: To send a letter to ACS to help parents mediate issues ASAP. (see attached PAGE 7)
- 2. Support for parents at Cardinal Spellman after school programs to have Meaningful community and parent involvement and input into choosing new after school program

**VOTE:** To request the Archdiocese to meet and have a meaningful dialogue with the parents and community groups on future programs that will be developed at the current site. (see attached PAGE 8)

#### BOARD VOTE:

33 YES 0 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

#### Human Services & Seniors Committee

Support request by NY Coalition to Expand Voting Rights
VOTE: To support request by NY Coalition to Expand Voting Rights.

BOARD VOTE: 26 YES 5 NO 2 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

## Housing & Land Use Committee

1. Memorial Wall @ 35 Cooper Sq

**VOTE:** To write to Copper Union expressing our disgust that they facilitated the destruction of this beloved community memorial for financial gain and in doing so showed disregard for the community's concerns.

2. 525-529 E 11th St: 421A Tax Exemption

**VOTE:** To reject CB#3 approval of the 421-A exemption for this development in accordance with: 1) the Board's long held policy of not supporting tax exemptions for housing that is wholly market rate and does not contain any provision for subsidized and/or low income housing; and 2) upon the failure of the applicant to appear before the Housing Committee. The committee also requests that CC Lopez's office send a representative to the next board meeting to update board members on the CC's efforts to place our community in the economic exclusion zone (allowing 421-A exemption only for buildings that contain specified segments of affordable housing).

3. 81 E 3rd St: new residential building with community use facility

**VOTE:** That Community Board #3: 1) Send letter to DOB in support of petition presented by community residents seeking "Zoning Audit" and asking for official DOB response (petition attached hereto); 2) Invite Nicole Ogg of City Planning and a representative of DOB to address Housing Committee regarding requirements of "community facility" under zoning regulations; 3) Write to neighborhood education institutions asking that they not lease this

space and at the very least appear before board prior to any involvement with this site; and 4) Write to the developer and ask that he/she appear before the committee to address the board's concerns.

- 4. Negotiated Sales Program: 5 E 3rd St, accelerated approval of conversion **VOTE:** To postpone one month to afford residents of building opportunity to appear before committee.
- Approval for variance to convert unused gym into 4 apartments: 601-603 E 9th St (Christordora House)

**VOTE:** To deny request for variance because: 1) no demonstrated financial hardship; 2) at a time when our community needs more community space this variance would make such space(s) less available; and 3) the committee is not satisfied that Christadora House has undertaken substantial efforts or community outreach to rent space as community facility.

#### BOARD VOTE:

25 YES 0 NO 1 ABS 0 PNV 1 NO (ITEM 5) 4 ABS (ITEM 5)

MOTION PASSED

# SLA & Economic Development Committee

Complaints/Letters:

1. Lavagne, 543 E 5th St

**VOTE:** To ask DEP both by letter and phone to investigate continued emanation of smoke from wood burning stove at 543 East Fifth Street.

- 2. GHD, 432 E 13th St
- **VOTE:** To approve.
- 3. Mamlouk, 211 E 4th St

VOTE: To approve.

4. 7 Ignick's, 132 Ludlow St

**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance for this renewal as well as past renewals and because this licensee never appeared for review of this application by the Community Board prior to the granting of this license by the State Liquor Authority.

5. ADR, 168 Delancey St

**VOTE:** To deny renewal and alteration due to nonappearance of licensee and because licensee has received numerous complaints regarding noise from tenants in the buildings surrounding the rooftop garden.

- 6. Kitchen Table, 19 1st Ave
- **VOTE:** To approve.
- 7. Gypsy Baby, 151 Ave C **VOTE:** to approve
- 8. Piano's, 158 Ludlow St
- **VOTE #1:** To approve. [THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS]

**VOTE #2:** To write City Planning asking it to further investigate whether this licensee has allocated the required four (4) feet per patron of enclosed waiting area per City Planning Resolution 32-21 of Use Group 12 Article 3, Commercial District Regulations.

- **VOTE #3:** To deny.
- 9. 4th St btwn Aves A & B: request to be added to resolution prohibiting additional liquor licenses within certain areas of CB#3

**VOTE:** To add East Fourth Street between Avenues A and B to the resolution restricting review of license applications.

- 10. CCM Brewer: support legislation to create city liquor board
- **VOTE:** WHEREAS, this Community Board has found that the New York State Liquor Authority has, for the most part, been unresponsive to the recommendations and concerns of this community and its residents and

continues to approve liquor licenses in this neighborhood despite the cumulative affect of said licenses on the quality of life of this City's residents, and

FURTHER, it appearing that the commissioners of the New York State Liquor Authority have little connection to or understanding of the neighborhoods of this City;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, to support Resolution 510 of Council Member Brewer calling for the creation of a local Liquor Authority to oversee the review and granting of liquor licenses within New York City

#### Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades:

11. J Carrano, 174 Orchard St (trans/op)

**VOTE:** To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) applicant will install additional soundproofing as needed, 2) applicant will employ doormen and security as needed, 3) applicant will furnish a contact name and number to the Community Board in the event that residents should have complaints or concerns, and 4) applicant will not have live music or promoted events where a cover is charged.

- 12. Tenement, 157 Ludlow St (trans/alt/op)
- **VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance

13. RM Ventures, 116 Suffolk St (alt/op)

**VOTE #1:** To deny application for an additional bar and cabaret license because of numerous resident complaints (attached hereto) and community opposition based on noise emanating from establishment and from unruly crowds of patrons in front of establishment and on street and because this narrow residential street is too small to support such a venue.

**VOTE #2:** To ask the SLA to rescind the existing liquor license for this establishment based on numerous resident complaints regarding noise and poor crowd control (attached hereto).

14. Snack Company, 309  $\tt E$  5th St (trans/op)

**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance.

15. 12 Inch Bar, 179 Essex St (alt/op)

**VOTE:** To deny application for an upgrade based on the Community Board's belief that this licensee is within 200' of a school, to wit P.S. 20, The Anna Silver School

# New Sidewalk Café/Bench Applications:

16. Inverness, 131 Rivington St

**VOTE:** To deny application for benches in front of establishment because the present business has a loud late night population that the Community Board fears will extend to the outside of the business if benches are permitted.

17. Kiev, 46 1/2 E 7th St

**VOTE:** To deny plans as submitted because applicant has stated that he has not yet submitted a final version of plans to City Planning.

18. Escava Coffee, 49 1/2 1st Ave

**VOTE:** To approve plans for three (3) tables on First Avenue and two (2) tables on Second Street.

19. EFJK, 157 2nd Ave

**VOTE:** To approve.

### New Liquor License Applications:

20. Pantheon, 225 E Houston St (op)

**VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance and because of lengthy past history of complaints and criminal activity at location.

21. Quhnia, 45 E 1st St (op)

**VOTE:** To approve upgrade.

22. Tai Thai Thailand, 78 E 1st St (rw)

**VOTE:** To approve restaurant wine license at existing business. 23. FT Café, 175 2nd Ave (rw) VOTE: To approve restaurant wine license based on applicant's lengthy good history at adjacent establishment, Bar Veloce. 24. Upaj, 330 E 6th St (rw) **VOTE:** To approve restaurant wine license. 25. HW Lee, 102 Norfolk St (rw) **VOTE #1:** To approve [THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS] VOTE #2: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) applicant will close at 11:00 p.m. nightly and 2) applicant will never apply for an upgrade. [THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS] 26. Anthony Manageri, 349 E 12th St (rw) VOTE: To approve provided applicant furnish signed notarized stipulation that 1) applicant will close no later than 12:00 a.m. Thursday through Sunday and will not be open any other nights. 27. Proletariat V, 138 Delancey St (op) **VOTE #1:** To deny. [THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS] **VOTE #2:** To approve. [THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS] 28. Normal, 168 Suffolk St (op) **VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance. 29. Markov & Sons, 153 2nd Ave (op) **VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance. 30. Inada & Associates, 143 2nd Ave (op) VOTE: To approve provided applicant furnish signed notarized stipulation that 1) applicant will close at 12:00 a.m. nightly and 2) applicant will install soundproofing as planned. 31. Rockwood Music, 196 Allan St (op) To approve provided applicant furnish signed notarized stipulation VOTE: that 1) applicant will install double layered glass and two layers of sound baffling curtains as well as an interior vestibule at front of establishment and 2) will have no amplified music other than a microphone for the vocalist. 32. Los Amigos Fishing & Hunting, 202 Rivington St (op) VOTE: To approve provided applicant maintain method of operation as a social club. 33. Tana, 328 E 6th St (rw) **VOTE:** To deny due to nonappearance. BOARD VOTE: 0 NO 28 YES 0 ABS 0 PNV 2 NO (ITEM 18) 1 NO (ITEMS 11, 19, 21-26, 30-32) MOTION PASSED BOARD VOTE (ITEMS 8, 16): 28 YES 2 NO 2 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED BOARD VOTE (ITEM 25): 20 YES 9 NO 4 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED BOARD VOTE (ITEM 27): 0 ABS 0 PNV 32 YES 1 NO MOTION PASSED