



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
 MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 3

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Susan Stetzer, District Manager

October 2005

Meeting of Community Board #3 held on October 31, 2005 at 6:45 at P.S. 20, 166 Essex Street

MEMBERS PRESENT AT FIRST VOTE:

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| David Adams [P] | Carlos Juan Gonzalez [P] | Barden Prisant [P] |
| Michael Auerbach [A] | Herman Hewitt [A] | Joyce Ravitz [P] |
| Rev. Joan Brightharp [P] | Keisha Hogans [A] | Lois Regan [P] |
| Roberto Caballero [A] | Carolyn Jeffers [P] | Verina Reich [P] |
| Mayra Cappas [P] | Barbara Jeter [A] | Richard Ropiak [P] |
| Rick Carman [P] | Anne Johnson [P] | Estelle Rubin [A] |
| David Crane [P] | Joel Kaplan [P] | Eunice Samuels [A] |
| Elizabeth Cruse [A] | Lisa Kaplan [P] | Deborah Simon [E] |
| Michael DeFreitas [A] | Jennifer Lim [A] | Pia Simpson [A] |
| Andrea Diaz [P] | Bernice McCallum [P] | Arlene Soberman [P] |
| David Diaz [A] | David McWater [P] | Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P] |
| George Diaz [P] | Alexandra Militano [P] | Harold Stelter [A] |
| Harvey Epstein [A] | Lillian Moy [P] | Steven Tin [A] |
| Morris Fajtelewicz [P] | Jason Nagel [P] | David Weinberger [P] |
| Anthony Feliciano [A] | Roberto Ortiz-Arroyo [P] | Harry Wieder [P] |
| Rabbi Y.S. Ginzberg [P] | Dominic Pisciotta [A] | Samuel Wilkenfeld A] |

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Stefanie Alleyne who works for Manhattan Public Access Cable spoke against 3 federal bills which will reduce public access to broadcasting services, and she is looking for public support.
2. David Zhu who lives at 211 Madison St. spoke about the continuing noise and disturbance at the ER Room, a bar in his building.
3. Elaine Sutton spoke against the liquor licenses for the bar at 620 E. 6th St because it is near a school.
4. Deborah La Russo, the Director of Rivington House, a day program for people with AIDS wants to spread the word about services offered there for infected residents of the City of New York.
5. Staurt Schoener who works for the Bowery Mission spoke against the bar Mission Club and Lounge which is disturbing all of the residents on the Bowery including those who live in the SROs.
6. Michael McCarthy who is a long time resident of the Bowery spoke against the Mission Club.
7. Rob Hollander spoke in favor reforming the SLA and of the town hall meeting tomorrow 11/1/05 to speak out against the proliferation of bars.
8. Thomas Lowenhaupt from CB #3 Queens wants to get ideas from us about improving what the community boards do. He asked us to give ideas on the web site – beyondvoting.wikicities.com.
9. Sheri Wilson who represents the Mission Bar said that they are trying very hard to work with the community and are restricting their hours and providing security.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

State Senator D. Glick was present said how thrilled she was about the CHARAS victory. She urged all to attend an anti-Bush demonstration. Ms. Glick said that she was very concerned about the few bars that are not good neighbors and will be on the panel at the Town Hall meeting on 11/1/05. She also explained the 4 ballot propositions and stated that the first 2 were supported by many groups.

Erin Bennett from the Public Advocate’s office introduced herself and encouraged anyone with issues to call the office.

State Assemblyman S. Silver – Jessica Loeser listed a number of bills that the Speaker had worked on during the past year. These bills dealt with such issues as domestic violence, breast cancer, crime prevention, rent regulations and the cost of fuel, and proving more asthma inhalers in school nurses offices.

US Rep. C. Maloney – V. Montesinos reported that Rep. Maloney urged voters to support the Transportation Bond Act.

US Rep. N. Velazquez – Iris Quinones reported on the Congresswoman’s work to get new federal legislation dealing with Avian Flu and her concern about budget cuts to items that will adversely affect poor people.

Comptroller Thompson – R. Escano also urged voters to support the Transportation Bond Act and stated cautioned people not to participate in the purchase of counterfeit goods because it undercuts the local economy.

MINUTES:

Minutes of July 2005 were approved, as is.

BOARD VOTE

29 YES 0 NO

David McWater announced that Margarita Lopez’s representative Eric Lugo could not attend, but that he had asked David to congratulate the community on the victories at CHARAS – the Board of Standard and Appeals ruling and the Landmarks Calendaring.

City Councilmember Gerson – Luis Reyes reported that the Clemente Soto Velez building had reached a management understanding with unanimous consent of the all the occupants and that they may now be able to attract the capital investment that they need to save the building. Rent disputes still exist but will be arbitrated. New Board elections will be held. Mr. Reyes also reported that the Tenant Empowerment Act was being challenged in the courts by the Real Estate Board and that the LMDC is considering funding for the bathhouse at Gouverneur Hospital and for Knickerbocker Village.

BOARD CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

David McWater reiterated his pleasure over the CHARAS victories and thanked everyone for their contributions to making this happen. He also called the board’s attention to the newsletter “Clogged Arteries” which was produced by the board with grant funds from the Red Cross 9/11 fund. Lastly McWater mentioned that a little later in the meeting we would vote on Budget Priorities. He explained that with the help of Rick Carman and Susan Stetzer the process for developing these priorities was better this year. He encouraged all to consider the ordering of priorities, but suggested that the time to suggest new priorities for this year was past.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

July minutes were distributed for approval and Sept. minutes for first distribution. Board members were asked to make any corrections on record during roll call to ensure that everyone is on same page and that changes will not get lost.

The Department of Health is giving free Flu shots tomorrow and flyers are available. This is being done as emergency practice for DOH and the goal is to get people in and out quickly. There are no income requirements.

There are 9 planters on waterfront at FDR below East River Park. These were requested by community instead of fencing. EDC would like to know if any organizations would like to manage a planter. That means buying and planting bulbs or whatever flowers are desired. EDC will water the planters. This is a one season transitional program and is not part of any official EDC program. Please call or e-mail the office if you are interested.

There is parent concern and organizing around the PS 188/Lillian Wald Playground. This concerns safety of playground equipment and use of playground at night for illegal activities. The Parks Department will hold a site meeting there Nov. 16 at 10:00 a.m. to see what can be done short term and long term. (This is on our capital budget requests). All concerned should attend.

One of the nightlife-related problems in oversaturated areas is taxi horn honking. Avenue B is particularly hellish. The Community Board was able to get TLC enforcement there last Friday night—they gave 23 summonses and will revisit the area. Unfortunately, the problem is much worse on Saturday night—and TLC does not enforce on Saturday nights.

There is a ribboncutting at Sarah Roosevelt Park this Thursday at 11:00—please come.

The NYPD has approved the return of the M15 bus to the Park Row underpass effective Monday, November 14, 2005, after being detoured since 9/11. The B51 is also scheduled to return to Park Row on November 14. The M103 returned to Park Row in May 2005.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. **VOTE:** That Community Board No3, Manhattan supports LMDC funding for New Millennium High School, located in the Wall Street area, that will serve children residing south of Houston Street.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BOARD VOTE

Unanimous by hand vote.

Capital & Expense Budget Priorities

Executive Committee

1. **VOTE:** To approve the Capital Priorities (see attached priorities).

2. **VOTE:** To adapt the Expense Priorities (see attached priorities).

BUDGET PRIORITIES BOARD VOTE

26 YES 3 NO

The Motion Passed

197 Plan Task Force

1. Opposition to commercial corridors — presentation from St Marks residents

VOTE: To include the following with the task forces' principles; that we do not support a commercial overlay anywhere in the proposed area to be rezoned, including, but not limited to St. Mark's.

197 PLAN BOARD VOTE

Unanimous by hand vote.

Human Services & Seniors Committee

No vote necessary

Youth & Education Committee

No Vote Necessary

SLA & Economic Development Committee

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for FY'07
See Capital & Expense Budget Priorities Vote.

Liquor License Renewals w/Complaint History:

2. 69 2nd Ave Restaurant Corp, 505 E 6th St

VOTE: To approve the renewal of a full on-premises license for 69 2nd Avenue Corp, 505 East 6th Street.

Economic Development:

3. Banco Popular request for support for opening of a 2nd branch at 310 E Houston St: NYS Banking Dept's Banking Development District designation in the LES.

VOTE: To support the application of Banco Popular to the New York State Banking Department for an Enhanced Banking Development District designation in the Lower East Side.

4. Lower Manhattan Development Plan Corp: Partial Action Plan 10 support for proposed allocation of funds for Chinatown Local Development Corp, Explore Chinatown Campaign and support business recovery programs and employment training programs

VOTE: To support the allocation of LMDC funds to the Chinatown Development Corporation to enhance services in Chinatown and continue the allocation of resources to recovery programs and employment training programs in the Chinatown community.

Cabaret License Application:

5. Libation, 137 Ludlow St

VOTE: To inform the Department of Consumer Affairs that Community Board 3 has requested additional information from Libation, 137 Ludlow Street, because area in which proposed cabaret license would be located is heavily congested with nighttime establishments and Community Board 3 cannot adequately review application without additional showing of police and fire department comment and community notification and response, and asking that the Department of Consumer Affairs not evaluate application until review and comment by Community Board 3 is complete.

Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades:

6. 247 Luv NYC, 247 Eldridge St (trans/op)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of an on-premises license to 247 Luv NYC, 247 Eldridge Street, because the applicant has furnished a signed notarized stipulation that it 1) will use live music or disc jockeys no more than two (2) nights per week, respectively, 2) will not use outside promoter and will oversee all events, 3) will keep windows and doors closed, and 4) will install a quieter sound system.

7. Buck Quinones Assoc, 210-212 Ave A (trans/op)

No Vote Necessary

8. Prince 28, 31 2nd Ave (trans/op)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of an on-premises license to Prince 28, 31 2nd Avenue, because the applicant has furnished a signed notarized stipulation that it 1) will serve food to within one (1) hour of closing, and 2) will continue the operation of said location as 1/2 full service restaurant and 1/2 lounge.

9. KMMA Corp, 196 Orchard St (trans/op)

VOTE: To deny the transfer of an on-premises license to KMMA Corp, 196 Orchard Street, because the applicant failed to furnish a signed notarized stipulation that it 1) will operate as a restaurant, and 2) serve food to within one (1) hour of closing.

10. Divertimento, 432 E 13th St (trans/up/op)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of a restaurant/wine license to Divertimento, 432 East 13th Street, and further approve the upgrade of said license to an on-premises license, because the applicant furnished a signed notarized stipulation that it 1) will always serve food until closing hours, 2) will maintain existing facade of establishment and add no doors or windows to facade, and 3) will close at midnight every night.

11. JCB Lounge, 104 Ave C (trans)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of an on-premises license to JCB Lounge, 104 Avenue C, because the applicant furnished a signed notarized stipulation that it will 1) employ doormen as needed and make a concerted effort to keep patrons from loitering on the sidewalk in front of the establishment, 2) keep doors closed at all times, and 3) prohibit the playing of live music after midnight.

12. Banjo Family, 700 E 9th St (trans/op)

VOTE: To deny the transfer of an on-premises license to Banjo Family, 700 East 9th Street, because the applicant failed to appear or to furnish any information regarding the proposed establishment.

13. Bourgeois Pig, 122 E 7th St (alteration of stipulation)

VOTE: To approve the alteration of the existing stipulation for Bourgeois Pig, 122 East 7th Street, extending hours of closing to 2:00 a.m., with the understanding that the licensee will continue to operate his establishment in the same manner and will follow the original stipulation in all other respects.

14. Hip Hop Chow, 129 2nd Ave (trans/rw)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of a restaurant/wine license to Hip Hop Chow, 129 2nd Avenue

15. Manitoba's, 99 Ave B (trans/op)

VOTE: To approve the alteration to corporate structure of Manitoba's, 99 Avenue B, eliminating one (1) corporate partner and adding two (2) new corporate partners and changing the corporate name to Jenco Imports, Inc., understanding that the business will maintain the same name and method of operation and continue to be operated by the same partner.

16. Orchard Foods, 152 Orchard St (trans/op)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of an on-premises license to Orchard Foods, 152 Orchard Street, because the applicant furnished a signed notarized stipulation that it will 1) employ doormen and security personnel as needed or per any agreement with the 7th Precinct and 2) not host promoted events or events where a cover will be charged.

17. Image Foods, 157 Ludlow St (trans/op)

VOTE: To approve the transfer of an on-premises license to Image Foods, 157 Ludlow Street, with the understanding that the name and method of operation of the business will not change.

18. 200 Orchard St Rest, 200 Orchard St (trans/op)

VOTE: To deny the transfer of an on-premises license to 200 Orchard St. Rest., 200 Orchard Street, because the applicant failed to appear or to furnish any information regarding the proposed establishment.

New Liquor License Applications:

19. Ariel, 506 E 13th St (op)

VOTE: To deny an on-premises license for Ariel, 506 East 13th Street, because the applicant failed to furnish a signed notarized stipulation that it will operate as a tavern that serves primarily gluten-free food, as consistent with the affidavit submitted to the State Liquor Authority.

20. Soy, 102 Suffolk St (rw)

VOTE: To notify the State Liquor Authority that Soy, 102 Suffolk Street, has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3 and asking that the State Liquor Authority not review any pending application of this applicant until the applicant appears before Community Board 3 for review of its proposed license.

21. Allen St Ventures, 115 Allen St (op)

VOTE: To notify the State Liquor Authority that Allen St. Ventures, 115 Allen Street, has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3 and asking that the State Liquor Authority not review any pending application of this applicant until the applicant appears before Community Board 3 for review of its proposed license.

22. Pastabar, 138 Division St (op)

VOTE: To deny an on-premises license to Pastabar, 138 Division Street, because the applicant failed to appear or to furnish any information regarding the proposed establishment.

23. El Portal, 95 Allen St (rw)

VOTE: To notify the State Liquor Authority that El Portal, 95 Allen Street, has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3 and asking that the State Liquor Authority not review any pending application of this applicant until the applicant appears before Community Board 3 for review of its proposed license.

24. Vincent & Sisco, 288 Broome St (op)

VOTE: To deny an on-premises license to Vincent & Sisco, 288 Broome Street, because the applicant failed to appear or to furnish any information regarding the proposed establishment.

25. Grand 16 Corp, 16 Pell St (rw)

VOTE: To approve a restaurant/wine license for Grand 16 Corp, 16 Pell Street.

26. Horus Café, 293 E 10th St (op)

No Vote Necessary - This will be automatically denied because the applicant provided pictures showing that this location is actually on the corner of 10th Street and Avenue A with doors fronting Avenue A and as such falls within the resolution approved by Community Board 3.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND SLA COMMITTEE BOARD VOTE

- 26 YES 3 Split Votes:
 - Brighthard Y on 12,18,19, 24 A on remainder,
 - Kaplan PNV on 3, Y on remainder
 - Reich Y 1-5, No on 6,8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15

The Motion Passed

Public Safety & Sanitation Committee

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for FY'07

See Capital & Expense Budget Priorities Vote.

2. Protecting Social Security Numbers from Identity Theft

VOTE: WHEREAS, Identify Theft has become the fastest growing crime and is causing major financial problems for millions of people; The theft of a person's Social Security number is a huge problem which a victim of Identity Theft confronts; and

WHEREAS, a potential victim of Identity Theft can have a temporary "Fraud Alert" notation added to credit files at the credit report companies, bank accounts and credit card accounts. During the period the "Fraud Alert" is on the potential victim's files, he/she is supposed to be contacted if anyone attempts to do such things as open a new account, request an additional credit card, get a mortgage, etc; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism to add a "Fraud Alert" to an individual's Social Security account;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3-Manhattan asks our elected officials to work together to expeditiously enact legislation to mandate that a "Fraud Alert", or some other protection mechanism, be added to any Social Security account which has been stolen or otherwise compromised.

Transportation Committee

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for FY'07
See Capital & Expense Budget Priorities Vote.
2. TLC Application - Wall St Exec Car & Limo, 37 James St
VOTE: To support Emery Vasquez's application to open Wall Street Executive Car and Limo at 37 James St, located in the CB3 district, with the understanding that when his business is up and running he will provide the CB3 office with: (1) A copy of the rules and regulations for his drivers' conduct; and (2) His agreement with a local parking garage regarding parking spaces for layover, in accordance with TLC regulations.
3. DOT: TransXpress Services, expansion of van services into CB3
VOTE: That CB3-Manhattan does not support expanding the number of commuter vans that TransXpress Services is allowed to operate in our district. These van services are more of a convenience than a necessity, given that mass transit is available between the Elmhurst neighborhood in Queens and the CB3 District.

However, CB3 does appreciate that TransXpress is a legal commuter van service that is following the rules. Therefore, we believe that it should be provided a designated area to pickup and discharge its customers. We do not feel that it should have to compete for space with illegal van services in order to perform its legitimate business.

4. Bailystoker Synagogue request for co-naming of Bailystoker Pl btwn Grand & Delancey Sts as "Rabbi Yitzchok Singer Way"
VOTE: To postpone until November 2005.

PUBLIC SAFETY, SANITATION & TRANSPORTATION BOARD VOTE
Unanimous by hand vote.

Ethics Committee

No Meeting Scheduled

Parks & Recreation Committee

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for FY'07
See Capital & Expense Budget Priorities Vote.
2. Lower Manhattan Open Space Vision Phase II and community input regarding priorities for 2nd round of LMDC funding: 1) SDR - Hester St Playground, 2) Allen-Pike St Malls, 3) James Madison Park
VOTE: To approve LMDC funding for the Hester Street Playground of S.D. Roosevelt Park, the Allen-Pike Street Malls and James Madison Park.
3. Lower Manhattan Development Plan Corp: Partial Action Plan 3 support for proposed allocation of funds for Columbus Park Pavilion renovation
VOTE: To support the proposed allocation of LMDC funds for the Columbus Park Pavilion renovation.
4. Lower Manhattan Development Plan Corp: Partial Action Plan 10 support for proposed allocation of funds for Lower Manhattan for East River Waterfront Projects
VOTE: To support the proposed allocation of funds for the Lower Manhattan East River Waterfront projects.

PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD VOTE
Unanimous by hand vote.

Housing & Land Use Committee

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities for FY'07
See Capital & Expense Budget Priorities Vote.
2. HPD sale of 189 E 2nd St, 203 Ave A, & 291 E 4th St to LES People's Mutual Housing Assoc under Neighborhood Redevelopment Program
VOTE: That Community Board #3: 1) to provide a letter of support for the sale of 189 E 2nd St, 203 Ave A, & 291 E 4th St to LES People's Mutual Housing Assoc and ask that the parties return in six months to provide the committee with an update on the project, 2) to advise HPD and other pertinent city agencies that CB3 does not favor the use of UDAAP's, as opposed to ULURP's, since they do not require the approval of the community board.
3. Council Member Avella - Intro 679, building moratorium in communities that are to be rezoned
VOTE: WHEREAS, many communities in New York City are suffering from overdevelopment, and

WHEREAS, this overdevelopment is destroying the quality of life of neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, communities are losing the unique character of their neighborhoods because of overdevelopment, and

WHEREAS, for the preceding reasons many communities are developing zoning plans to preserve the character and quality of life of their neighborhoods, and

WHEREAS, once applications for rezoning are applied for, developers rush to demolish buildings that are historic or otherwise have great value to the community, and

WHEREAS, self-certification allows developers to obtain permits quickly and without complete review, which often results in greater FAR than DOB would allow in a complete audit, and

WHEREAS, the rush to development to beat the rezoning may and does result in shoddy construction that threatens the welfare of the workers, so

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB3 support Intro 679 and asks for a moratorium on DOB permits for new buildings, alterations, foundation and earthwork, or demolition and removal, within an area that is the subject of a rezoning

4. 421a Partial Tax Exemption Application for 19-21 Clinton St

VOTE: To reject the application due to CB3's longstanding opposition to the granting of 421a partial tax abatements to developers whose projects will include no affordable units.

5. 421a Partial Tax Exemption Application for 254 E 2nd St

VOTE: To reject the application due to CB3's longstanding opposition to the granting of 421a partial tax abatements to developers whose projects will include no affordable units.

6. Houston Dee Reality: requesting purchase of Las Potencias Green Thumb Park (B372, L49) for air rights for construction of 41 unit commercial/residential 80/20 housing at the N.W. corner of Houston St & Ave D

VOTE 1: To support the plan on the condition that part of the open space is preserved and that 20% of the units are permanently set aside for low income tenants. If HPD and the developer do not find that the set aside units can be permanent, then they should return to the committee to explain their rationale.

VOTE 2: That CB3 is not opposed to the developer obtaining a special permit for underground parking, dependent upon the above.

HOUSING COMMITTEE BOARD VOTE

27 YES 1 ABST, 1 SPLIT

Weider – No on 2, Yes on all others

The Motion Passed

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MEETING ADJOURNED

Community Board # 3 Capital Budget Priorities

1. Construct a sidewalk at the west side of Forsyth Street adjacent to Sara D. Roosevelt Park. (DOT)

Explanation: This sidewalk would allow restoration of street-side parking on the west side of Forsyth Street from Hester Street to East Houston Street, which was the arrangement until late 2003. Parking on the east side had created health, safety and sanitary hazards for residents and businesses due to vehicle overhang at the curbline (averaging 2 to 2-1/2 feet), which leaves a very narrow strip of unobstructed sidewalk between vehicles and tenement stoops. This request for sidewalk construction was supported by DCP in their Delancey Street Transportation Study, finalized in early 2005.

2. Construct a bus stand on Forsyth Street between Canal and Division Street (EDC)

Explanation: This is a proposal LMDC is developing to consolidate loading and unloading operations of commercial intercity, charter, tour and casino coach bus services. Currently, residents and businesses in some areas in and around Chinatown are greatly affected by congestion caused by the unplanned street-side operation of these buses. LMDC defines a “bus stand” as something between a “bus stop” and a full-blown “bus terminal,” with a decent-sized sidewalk between the buses and the wall of the Manhattan Bridge on-ramp to accommodate passengers for up to 7 buses. This would require significant reconstruction of the streetbed and sidewalks.

3. Increase funding for lead abatement (ACS)

Explanation: Child Care and Head Start Centers cannot afford to comply with the new lead abatement law. Without funding, they may have to close down and this would create a shortage of child care centers.

4. Build 1,000 units of affordable housing (HPD/HDC)

Explanation: The need for affordable housing in our community, where low income and working class families are not able to afford market rents, is overwhelming. Funding for new affordable housing, either rehab or new construction, could come from such HPD or HDC programs as – Multifamily New Construction Program, the Participation Loan Program, Supportive Housing Loan Program, the Neighborhood Homes Program, the Third Party Transfer Program, Cornerstone, HDC’s Mixed Income Program, 80/20 Program, etc.

5. Alfred E. Smith Recreation center—replace windows (Parks)

Explanation: Center is vital resource in midst of large housing project. This will complete renovation of center.

6. Reconstruct PS 188 playground at Lillian Wald Houses. (Parks)

Explanation: This is joint operated playground used by school and surrounding children from housing project and community. The Board office has received complaints about the need for new, safe playground equipment.

7. Funding for more community and recreation centers in NYCHA housing. (NYCHA)

Explanation: A survey conducted by Public Housing Residents of the Lower East Side showed overwhelmingly that community residents, specifically in public housing, are interested in seeing more youth-oriented programming to help keep young people off the streets and out of trouble. While youth programming was of great concern, the survey also showed that residents wanted to see more programming that included learning and recreational services for residents of all ages, including seniors.

8. Reconstruct Avenue A. playground at Tompkins Square Park. (Parks)

Explanation: This is one of the most-used playgrounds in district. Reconstruction is needed for safety reasons.

9. Seward Park—complete reconstruction –Phase II. (Parks)

Explanation: This park is an oasis for residents of the area. Continue with the reconstruction of the first municipally constructed and operated playground in the U. S.

10. Corlears Hook Park—reconstruct Colears Hook Park comfort station (Parks)

Explanation: This comfort station needs to be reconstructed.

11. Baruch Houses—Construct handball courts to replace torn down courts. (Parks)

Explanation: Current courts need to be replaced.

12. East River Park-Demolish concrete area and construct a picnic and volleyball area north of tennis court area. (Parks)

Explanation: The construction of both a picnic and volleyball area north of the existing tennis courts is sorely needed.

13. Hamilton Fish Library-new roof and full renovation (NYPL)

Explanation: The library needs a new roof in addition to a full renovation.

14. Chatham Square Library—new roof and basement floor. Construct entrance foyer (for wind break) (NYPL)

Explanation: The Chatham Square Library is in need of the abovementioned enhancements.

15. Ottendorfer Library—Façade and exterior restoration, window replacement, HVAC replacement (NYPL)

Explanation: the Ottendorfer Library is in need of the abovementioned improvements.

16. Funding for construction and repair of concrete “bus pads” throughout the district. (DOT)

Explanation: Asphalt in bus stops gets very damaged during the summer months due to drainage problems and unsafe conditions. CB 3 would like to see concrete “bus pads” constructed wherever feasible and repaired wherever they are cracked and sinking.

17. Increased funding of firehouse renovations.

Explanation: Current firehouses are among the oldest within NYC and need extensive repairs. Average renovation costs for major firehouse components within CB 3 are: window replacements-\$150,000, bathroom upgrades-\$175,000, roof replacements-\$210,000, waterproofing-\$230,000, kitchen renovation-\$300,000, and apparatus floor replacements-\$500,000.

18. Fund installation of emergency generators in all FDNY facilities/firehouses within CB 3. (NYFD)

Explanation: Current firehouses and housing units within CB 3 tend to be the oldest within New York City, therefore in the event of a blackout or any type of natural disaster all fire houses/facilities need to be equipped with the emergency generators. Also CB 3 has within its confines the Brooklyn Bridge, the Manhattan Bridge, and the Williamsburg Bridge. In the event of an emergency at any of these bridges the fire houses/facilities must be ready to respond.

19. Fund surveillance cameras at Jacob Riis Houses. (NYCHA)

Explanation: Residents have petitioned request for cameras because they believe there has been an increase in crime and they feel insecure in their homes.

20. Funding to expedite curb cut installations.

Explanation: Elderly, disabled, and children are all at risk until all curb cuts are constructed or repaired. All curb cuts have been scheduled, but funding must be increased to expedite.

21. Funding for Seward Park Urban Renewal Area. (EDC/HPD)

Explanation:CB 3 wants to work with city for balanced development of Seward Park URA of both economic development and affordable housing.

22. Reconstruction of playground at Hester Street Playground in Sara D. Roosevelt Park. (Parks)

Explanation: This playground is one of the most heavily used in the district and in need of renovation.

23. Funding for Allen / Street Malls (Parks)

Explanation: The community has voiced that the revitalization of the malls is a priority for quality of life and economic development reasons.

Community Board #3 Expense Budget Priorities

1. Funding to restore civilian staff in 5th, 7th, and 9th precincts and PSA 4. (NYPD)

Explanation: Police officers are currently used to staff positions that were once held by civilians, thus reducing the number and presence of police officers that are currently patrolling the precinct areas. The utilization of civilian staffing will produce better police protection in all precinct areas. This is especially necessary since we have lost uniformed staff since 9/11 and additionally lose staff to counter terrorism assignments.

2. Increase DOB funding for additional building inspectors and plan examiners.

Explanation: More plan examiners are needed because of large increase in development. In particular, “DOB is depending on self certification to stop back log of plan approvals—which results in plans not being thoroughly and correctly reviewed to prevent non-compliance. More DOB inspectors are needed to inspect reported violations before a serious problem develops. There has been an increase in 311 complaints that require DOB inspections. Currently, class B complaints can take up to 40 days—and often take more than a week or two. This does not provide needed protection for the community.

3. Funding to increase HPD staff: code enforcement inspectors, anti-harassment staff, and litigators, including multi-lingual inspectors. (HPD)

Explanation: Inspections are necessary to enforce compliance with various regulations governing apartment buildings. Increase in 311 complaints and attempts to remove low rent tenants due to gentrification efforts require more responders to complaints and periodic inspections to ensure essential services and to preserve safe housing. Litigators are needed to bring comprehensive litigation against building owners who fail to remedy serious code violations.

4. Increase funding for Parent Advocate programs/families for teen programs for teens in foster care and those not in foster care. (ACS)

Explanation: Many teenagers are aging out of care programs. They need services to ensure necessary education and housing so that they don't end homeless and in trouble.

5. Increase funding for homeless prevention counseling and other anti-eviction services. (DHS)

Explanation: Non profit housing organizations have seen a 30% increase in tenants seeking help when facing eviction. With rising rents and accelerating deregulation, landlords have more incentive than ever to evict long-term and low-income tenants. Funding is needed to help tenants fight evictions as well as obtain repairs.

6. Fund increased staff and overtime within the 5th, 7th, and 9th precincts for officers for weekend duty for quality of life complaints and crime. (NYPD)

Explanation: The proliferation of nightlife within the 5th, 7th, and 9th Precincts require extra staffing on weekend nights for enforcement of noise and other regulations in nightlife establishments and to enforce traffic regulations necessary because of the hazardous conditions in some areas.

7. Funding to support an additional Sanitation supervisor to escort a Chinese interpreter for Chinatown merchants. (NYDS)

Explanation: Education regarding sanitation regulations, recycling programs and enforcement codes is necessary regarding sanitation regulations for new immigrants as well as other merchants. When the interpreter and escort went to Chinatown 6 months ago they were able to reach out to 4,000 retail establishments. This would allow NYDS to conduct this type of outreach every 6 months.

8.. Fund Neighborhood Preservation and Community Consultant programs. (HPD)

Explanation: These programs would assist Community Groups and Neighborhood Housing organizations to work with the City of New York and private residential owners to coordinate, develop, and maintain the affordability of existing housing which is being rapidly lost through the rapid gentrification of the CB 3 community.

9. Fund expansion “We Care” program. (HRA)

Explanation: This program provides intensive integrated services to those on public assistance with medical and/or psychiatric conditions. This program is needed to help those needing this service to achieve self-sufficiency and economic independence.

10. Restore funding for 6-day service in all CB 3 libraries. (NYPL)

Explanation: Restoration of 6-day service in all branches is needed.

11. Increase funding for after-school programs for all ages. ((DYCD)

Explanation: Recent cuts in programs in CB 3 will leave children of working parents without care and without proper resources for their well-being, safety, and education.

12. Increase parks staffing for gardeners, assistant gardeners, playground associates, seasonal employees and enforcement patrol (Parks)

Explanation: CB 3 has 44 parks and all are well used. Current park staff is at a minimum. The great park renovations that have been done in the district and are continuing cannot be preserved if not cared for on a weekly basis by trained employees.

13. Funding for programs to escort seniors/disabled to medical appointments, help with errands and shopping and keep them connected to the outside world. (DFTA)

Explanation: This needed service will allow seniors to live at home and still be able to receive proper medical care and programs necessary for their mental and physical well being.

14. Fund HPD loan program. (HPD)

Explanation: Funding HPD alternative funding programs will provide assistance to low, moderate and middle income residents in their desire to participate in the City's Home Ownership Programs and programs such as Coop conversions in NYC owned buildings. Grants and low interest loans for home ownership programs such as, Home First Down Payment Assistance, Home Works, Housing Partnership Development, and Cooperative and Condominiums will also provide assistance towards this goal. This is particularly necessary in Community Board 3 which has the lowest home ownership of all community board districts in Manhattan.

15. Funding for immigrant social services/counseling programs. (DYCD)

Explanation: Our community has historically been a community of immigrants and continues to be so. This community needs services necessary for youth to develop and obtain education, for workers to know their rights and have access to health and safety information, and assistance for those seeking to obtain residence or citizenship.

16. Additional mechanical street sweepers: 1 Saturday in Chinatown (12 a.m. shift); 1 additional on Wednesdays (day shift); 1 additional on Saturdays (day shift); 1 on 4 p.m. shift; 1 additional basket truck on 4 p.m. shift 7 days/week. (NYDS)

Explanation: This community is growing in both developments and people coming to area for entertainment and shopping. Additional street sweeping is necessary to maintain cleanliness.

17. Increase funding to hire 2 full-time park exterminators for Manhattan. (Parks)

Explanation: There has been a large increase in complaints regarding rodents in parks as well as other areas. Parks is very understaffed in this area, but DOH exterminators are not assigned to park areas.

18.. Restore and increase funding for Summer Youth Employment Programs. (ACS)

Explanation: There are many youth in this district in need of this program.

19. Increase funding for in-home proactive mental health and community-based services for youth. (ACS)

Explanation: A proactive neighborhood network to share information is needed to keep kids in their neighborhood and provide crisis intervention. This will allow workers to recognize family problems and to make recommendations for services to avoid placement in foster care or become a Person in Need of Supervision.

20. Increase funding for HPD anti-narcotics program. (HPD)

Explanation: There has been an increase of drug use. Residents must be able to be safe in their homes.

21. Expand HASA (HIV/AIDS Services Administration) Program --if federal and state funding is cut. (HRA)

Explanation: This critical program must be expanded to serve the many CB 3 residents in need of services.

23. Restore full-time sanitation staffing for CB 3. (NYDS)

Explanation: Increased day and night life requires multi day service for minimum level of street cleanliness. Increased development requires more residential pickups. An increase in full-time employees can help CB 3 achieve this goal.

24. Increase community board operating budget to \$250,000. (OMB)

Explanation: Community Board 3 is one of the largest and most densely populated districts in the city. We have over 164,000 people and 43,000 of them require income assistance. Seventeen percent of our population is under 18 years of age and 13 percent are seniors. We are also very diverse; our community is primarily trilingual although our residents speak a multitude of languages. Over 26% of our residents require income assistance. To serve this community with many needs, and to advocate for our community while it is going through many changes due to gentrification, is very expensive. Our community has the dubious distinction of being one of the worst in the city in quality of life noise complaints. It takes a full time staff member to process SLA and related quality of life issues.

25. Increase expense budget to staff, operate and maintain vans. (DFTA)

Explanation—increased funding necessary to maintain vans necessary to transport seniors. It is very expensive to staff drivers, fuel costs have sky-rocketed. It is necessary to pay for parking and to keep in good repair.

Items that didn't make list of 25

- Increase funding for parks equipment—pick up tucks, garbage trucks, grass cutting equipment and other miscellaneous necessary equipment. (Parks)
- Increase number of residential pick up –particularly in western portion of section 33.
- Fund rent stabilization code-policy
- Increased funding for DCA inspectors for nights and weekends
- Restore 5 firefighters per tour at all Engine companies
- Fund mandatory inclusionary zoning feasibility study-policy
- Creation of NYC tax credit program for creation of affordable housing-policy
- Funding for floater unit in NYFD to provide coverage for fire houses/facilities that are understaffed or temporarily closed.