



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 3

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Dominic Pisciotta, Board Chair

Susan Stetzer, District Manager

January 2010 Full Board Minutes

Meeting of Community Board #3 held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 at 6:30pm at PS 20, 166 Essex Street.

Public Session:

David Kupferberg: spoke regarding the proposed cuts to the M21 and M22 busses. MTA claims there is low ridership but they maintain bus lines in Staten Island that have lower ridership and still keep their services. It lacks common sense. He proposes alternative solutions.

Richard: Represents merchants and tourism on Canal Street. Merchants are complaining that the 5th precinct is parking damaged and seized vehicles in front of their businesses on Canal between Bowery and Chrystie. The vehicles are an eyesore and are affecting the quality of life in the neighborhood.

Jessica Loeser: Spoke on behalf of New York Eye and Ear. She is seeking support of the application for their special permit.

Roberto Ragone: Roberto has some concerns on the Allen Street Mall notably between Grand Street and Hester St. There are some economic and traffic concerns. They are considering re-designating the Hester Street connector. Would like to partner with Parks and DOT to improve the malls.

Flora Ferng: from Asian Americans for Equality. Announced the event "New York Lunar New Year Flower Festival"

Linda Janneh: from The NY County DA's Office, announced the Summer Internship program. It is a 6-week, paid internship program about the criminal justice system.

Andrew Ward and Peter Levin: no show

Steven Taras: In opposition to SLA agenda item East River Restaurant Group DBA 11B. This license was denied on 4 prior occasions by the board. The State Supreme Court upheld the denial and so should the Community Board.

Lisa Burriss: from GOLES. She came to reiterate her support for the license at 11B's Pizza Place. He is a business owner that has operated a family friendly restaurant in good faith. He deserves the same opportunity as the other restaurants on the same block with beer and wine licenses.

Vincent Scarlano: owner of 11B. Has been going through this process for the last four years. He admits to some mistakes in the past but now is simply seeking a beer/wine license to run a family style restaurant.

Robert Greenawalt: to support East River Restaurant. He is a father with a two year old. It is a neighborhood friendly establishment. He trusts Vincent and thinks his restaurant makes the neighborhood a safer, more friendly place to live.

Eliot Banfield: came to speak in support of the beer/wine license at 11B. He does not believe this place would turn into a bar. It is a family style restaurant and he should have the option to sell beer and wine.

Michael Edwards: to support to the beer/wine license at 11B. He does believe that the owner wanted a bar at first. But instead of abandoning the business he is seeking to change the business plan and turn it into a family restaurant. There are always kid's birthday parties there.

Larry Batherwich: he came to support the beer/wine license at 11B. The owner is always present at the restaurant. He is extremely respectful and should be given a chance.

Genata Carol: supporting the denial of 11B's beer/wine license. She thinks it is only a family restaurant because they do not currently have the option to sell beer and wine.

Amanda McEntire: Announced the Informed Neighbor meeting hosted by NYU. This meeting is bringing together organizations, local officials, and community members at NYU to provide information on projects and initiatives at the University. Wednesday January 27 2010 6:30-8pm.

Mark Ginsberg: from Curtis and Ginsberg Architects. HPD going over the ULURP. Seeking board approval on the dispossession of city owned property at Ave D and east 2nd Street. The "Houston Dee" project will be a mixed use, 13-story building comprised of ground floor retail and 12 stories of residential units, 33% of which will be affordable housing.

Steve Brand: getting the word out about availability of census jobs in the community. He is giving information about census and participating with community organizations. They pay between \$14-\$21/hr. They are especially looking for people who can work nights. They are looking for tabletop space to display census forms, fairs or events in which to announce census 646-827-1440.

Public Officials:

Mayor Michael Bloomberg, Lolita Jackson & Pauline Yu: not present

Public Advocate Bill de Blasio: not present

Comptroller John Lui, Sandra Duque: Introduced herself as liaison for Comptroller John Liu

Borough President Scott Stringer, Gregory Kirschenbaum: Borough President Scott Stringer released "**Falling Apart At the Seams**," a report documenting a complete system-wide breakdown in New York City's enforcement efforts aimed at protecting the city's building stock. It found the DOB had a total of 177,518 open violations. BP has been very active on addressing school closings. He is calling for more transparency in this matter. Schools need more of a chance to succeed. The roundtable fundraiser for Haiti raised more than \$150,000, which went to UNICEF.

Congressmember Jerrold Nadler: Not present

Congressmember Nydia Velazquez, Iris Quinones: Not present

Congressmember Carolyn Maloney, Victor Montesinos: Not present

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Zach Bommer: Speaker Silver sat down with leaders of NYCHA tenant associations and the new chair of NYCHA. He had a chance to hear the Chair's future plans for NYCHA. He announced the passage of a measure that protects thousands of tenants living with HIV/AIDS by ensuring affordable housing for those on fixed incomes. The Speaker introduced ethics reform legislation that will include provisions that would create an autonomous, fixed-term investigative body to oversee legislative ethics, require greater disclosure from lobbyists and restore an independent lobbying commission. On Friday Speaker Silver will be meeting with Ray Kelly to be sure that all possible locations for the terror trial were exhausted before having it in Lower Manhattan.

Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick, Lisa Parson: Assemblymember Glick announced the passage of a bill ensuring affordable housing for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. She commended the Chancellor of CUNY on their making sexual assault education a CUNY wide mandate. She further called on him to extend the education from an online orientation to more face-to-face training and a possible for-credit course in the matter.

Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh, Israel Murguia: On December 31 Streetsblog.com named Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh Runner-Up in the 2009 Streetsy Award's Best Legislator category. He was honored for rallying 18 other elected officials to support physical barriers between bike and bus lanes on 1st and 2nd Aves. Kavanagh introduced legislation to mandate for energy efficient televisions.

State Senator Daniel L. Squadron, Rosemarie Diaz: He is pleased to announce that the Ethics bill passed both houses. On January 15 he launched a month long Chinatown Tress initiative. He is calling on organizations, businesses etc to nominate an area where a tree should be planted. Please fill out the form. The forum on tenants' rights will take place on Thursday at St. Johns. SLA Town Hall will take place on February 4 at PS 20.

State Senator Thomas K. Duane, John Bartos: On January 19 the Senator convened a NYS Senate Health Committee public hearing on food policy to address the obesity epidemic. He called on a ban of trans fat, caloric labeling on in all chain restaurants and a sweetened beverage excise. The hearing will be broadcast Thursday 28 on channel 159 on Time Warner cable.

Councilmember Margaret Chin: the Councilmember was quite busy the first month in office visiting community centers, schools etc. She'll be chairing the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Committee. She has a seat on the Education, Senior and Aging and Small Business committees. This Saturday she got to deliver a proclamation to a

100-year-old woman. She had an underground tour of Ground Zero. Patricia Olan has joined her staff as CB3 liaison.

Councilmember Rosie Mendez, Jessica Nepomiachi: Rosie supports the restaurant wine license at 11B. The Public Housing subcommittee was elevated to a full committee. This change gives Rosie a strong platform to work on behalf of public housing and NYCHA tenants. NYCHA had awarded approximately 3,000 families Section 8 vouchers that they later reneged on because of lack of funding. Rosie is trying to get immediate housing support for all of these families.

Members Present at First Vote:

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| David Adams [P] | Carolyn Jeffers [P] | Carolyn Ratcliffe [P] |
| Paul Bartlett [A] | Anne K. Johnson [P] | Joyce Ravitz [A] |
| Michael Byrne [A] | Vaylateena Jones [P] | Lois M. Regan [A] |
| Pearl Chin [P] | Meghan Joye [P] | Richard F. Ropiak [P] |
| David Crane [P] | Joel Kaplan [P] | Muzzy Rosenblatt [A] |
| Andrea Diaz [P] | Sam Krueger [A] | Elizabeth Sgroi [P] |
| Harvey Epstein [P] | John Leo [P] | David Silversmith [A] |
| Morris Faitelewicz [A] | Gigi Li [A] | Deborah A. Simon [P] |
| Flora Ferng [P] | Bernice McCallum [P] | Arlene Soberman [P] |
| Beth From [A] | David McWater [P] | Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P] |
| Edward Garcia [P] | Alexandra Militano [P] | Elinor Tatum [P] |
| Rabbi Y. S. Ginzberg [A] | Maria Muentes [P] | Rodney Washington [A] |
| Gloria Goldenberg [P] | Ariel Palitz [P] | David Weinberger [A] |
| Herman F. Hewitt [A] | Thomas Parker [P] | Harry Wieder [P] |
| Simon Huang [A] | Dominic Pisciotta [P] | Samuel Wilkenfeld [A] |
| Bonnie Hulkower [A] | Barden Prisant [P] | Thomas Yu [P] |

Minutes:

Minutes of November 2009 were approved, as is.

Board Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Dominic Pisciotta

Dominic is meeting this Friday with Speaker Silver and Commissioner Kelly regarding the location of the terror trial. He will be coordinating with CBs 1 and 2 in this effort. The annual report is due to the Borough President's Office on March 12. Each committee should be discussing the annual report. It is charter mandate. There may be a charter commission convening and we need to show the value of Community Boards. There is a Nightlife Forum at PS 20 on Feb 4 at 6:30pm.

Dominic addressed the importance of attendance at committees. There was an SLA lawsuit (that was later dismissed) that mentioned how there was no quorum at the committee meeting. If you cannot attend meetings, let him know and he will remove you from the committee.

Dominic also announced the Youth Violence Forum that will be lead by Bernice McCallum.

District Manager's Report:

District Manager Susan Stetzer

The agendas for February are final so please distribute them to your buildings and organizations for outreach.

The lawsuit against the City was being sued for the Lower East Side rezoning was dismissed.

There have been continuing reports of youth violence in Community Board 3. Recently there have been problems at Bard HS. Police are working with the schools and students. However, it has reached a point where the Police are giving kids tips like "travel in packs." This may be necessary at the time for the kids to be safe, but it is not a situation that should exist.

Manhattan Bridge Reconstruction will start in March. Staging will be done on the bridge. Trains will be shut down for 4 weekends.

Chinatown busses: 69 busses were towed for violations. Police would like to do more targeted enforcement but the complaints have stopped coming in. Please complain if you are witnessing more bus violations.

A Rat Indexing Initiative will be starting in Manhattan this month. It will be coming to our board around April. There will be a block by block survey and follow up recommendations and monitoring.

The shelters have filled because of winter weather more quickly than in the past. This seems to indicate more homeless people.

Committee Reports:

Executive Committee

no vote necessary

SLA & DCA Licensing Committee

Renewal with Complaint History

1. Barbone (Taulant LLC), 186 Ave B (op)

VOTE: To deny the renewal of the full on-premise liquor license for Taulant LLC, doing business as Barbone, 186 Avenue B, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to add as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that it will close its backyard to patrons at 10:00 P.M. weeknights and 11:00 P.M. Fridays and Saturdays.

2. Luca Bar (Dimapo Group Inc), 119 St Marks Pl (rw)

VOTE: To deny the renewal of the restaurant wine license for Dimapo Group Inc., doing business as Luca Bar, 119 St. Marks Place, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to add as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will close its façade at 10:00 P.M. every night, 2) it will post a sign in the lobby of the premise, as well as in its window, for no less than sixty (60) days, inviting neighbors to speak with the applicant about any outstanding noise issues in an effort to further mitigate any remaining noise complaints, and 3) it will speak with the Ninth Precinct about its 311 complaints in an effort to identify and correct outstanding noise issues.

Applications within Resolution Areas

3. Sigmund Pretzel Shop Inc, 29 Ave B (rw)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that Sigmund Pretzel Shop Inc. has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 29 Avenue B because its application was incomplete and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

4. BKLYN Local Draft LLC, 14 Ave B (op)

withdrawn

5. East River Restaurant Group Ltd, 174 Ave B (rw)

VOTE: WHEREAS, Eleven B, 174 Avenue B, between 10th and 11th Streets, is seeking for the fourth time to obtain a restaurant wine license to operate a "pizzeria-style" restaurant in a location which was never before operated as an eating drinking establishment and was previously operated as a clothing store; and

WHEREAS, this applicant had been previously denied by the SLA once for a full on-premise liquor license and three (3) times for a restaurant wine license, based in large part upon material misrepresentations found to have been made by the applicant during the application process, and had been denied by a New York State Supreme Court Judge in its Article 78 petition to challenge the SLA denial of its restaurant wine application; and

WHEREAS, during one of its previous hearings for a restaurant wine license before the SLA, a determination was made that the applicant had materially misrepresented his method of operation, in that he had omitted certain information from his application although advertising same, that being that he could accommodate more than one hundred (100) people, host parties and stay open until 4:00 A.M. although his Certificate of Occupancy allowed substantially fewer people and his reported closing hours were 12:00 A.M.; and

WHEREAS, although the applicant produced a substantial demonstration of support from neighborhood patrons who appeared and wrote letters to the community board, there has been demonstrated community opposition to this, as well as the previous, restaurant wine application from residents of surrounding buildings, the pastor of Father Heart Ministry, a church within one hundred twenty-five (125) feet of this location, the previous commanding officer of the Ninth Precinct of the New York Police Department and various elected officials; and

WHEREAS, residents and a representative of the Father Heart Ministry also appeared before the community board to speak in opposition to approval of this application based upon his long history of misrepresenting himself to the community, the community board and the SLA; and

WHEREAS, the applicant concedes that there are at least eleven (11) liquor licenses, six (6) of which are full on-premise liquor licenses, within five hundred (500) feet of this location and the residential tenants in opposition have counted thirteen (13) liquor licenses along Avenue B, between 10th and

12th Streets, eight (8) of which are full on-premise liquor licenses and five (5) of which are restaurant wine licenses, excluding retail licenses; and

WHEREAS, Avenue B has been plagued by overwhelming pedestrian and vehicular traffic, late night horn honking and overwhelming noise emanating from businesses and from patrons as they move between businesses as a result of so many licensed establishments within close proximity to each other, conditions which ultimately have resulted in community and precinct meetings to address them, and the installation of no horn honking signs to alleviate noise; and

WHEREAS, the local police precinct is still overwhelmed with the regulation and oversight of these existing locations and does not have the resources to monitor an increase in traffic congestion, people on the streets and address crime, as well;

WHEREAS, despite the extensive hearing process that it has already undergone, in which the circumstances of this immediate area were discussed at length and its application was denied on numerous occasions this applicant still apparently ignores the mandate of the SLA, in that one resident appeared before the community board and stated that she had observed patrons entering said premise carrying alcoholic beverages as recently as several weeks ago which demonstrates a consistency of behavior in this applicant who has had previous applications where photographs and testimony were submitted that he was allowing the service of alcohol at his establishment without a license; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board #3 moves to deny the restaurant wine license for Eleven B, 174 Avenue B, as the applicant has had a history of serious misrepresentation before the community board and the SLA.

6. St Marks PHO Corp, 13 St Marks Pl (rw)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that St. Marks PHO Corp. has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 13 St. Marks Place (upper level) because its application was incomplete and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

7. SPOT (ACO Bakery Inc), 13 St Marks Pl (rw)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that ACO Bakery Inc., doing business as SPOT, has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 13 St. Marks Place (lower level) because its application was incomplete and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades

8. Jin Bin Seafood Restaurant (New J&B Inc), 39-41 E B'way (alt/rw/change stips to allow for live music/DJ for special events)
withdrawn

9. 88 Orchard (Robusto NYC Inc), 88 Orchard St (alt/rw/extend license to sidewalk cafe)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that Robusto NYC Inc., doing business as 88 Orchard, has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 88 Orchard Street because the applicant could not appear and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

10. Lan Restaurant (Leba of New York Corp), 56 3rd Ave (alt/op)

VOTE: WHEREAS, Leba of New York Corp., doing business as Lan Restaurant, located at 56 Third Avenue, between 10th and 11th Streets, is seeking an alteration of its full on-premise liquor license to extend its bar to thirty-five (35) seats and to reconfigure its seating and, although not proposed in its alteration application to the SLA, is also seeking a substantial alteration to its façade, to wit the installation of accordion doors; and

WHEREAS, its community board application also reflects an extension of its hours of operation from 5:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M. weekdays and 5:30 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays to 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. Mondays through Wednesdays and 11:00 A.M. to 3:30 A.M. Thursdays through Saturdays although this location has not been in operation since August of 2009; and

WHEREAS, all of the proposed alteration to its façade, layout and hours of operation are the same as the alteration and hours proposed by John C. Slattery who last month sought approval from Community Board #3 to transfer the full on-premise liquor license from Leba of New York Corp. and whose application was denied by the community board based upon the proposed change in the method of operation and substantial community opposition (see motion attached hereto); and

WHEREAS, the area of 10th Street to 12th Street, from Third Avenue to Fourth Avenue, is already heavily populated with late night restaurants, bars and clubs, the cumulative effect of which has

been a substantial increase in traffic and noise from people and vehicles, and, as a result of these conditions, there has been substantial demonstrated opposition to additional businesses whose hours of operation and method of operation will contribute to these conditions; and

WHEREAS, this applicant concedes that this alteration application is an effort to conform its layout, façade and seating configuration to the transfer and alteration application of the intended new owner, John C. Slattery and said alterations which have already begun are being overseen by John C. Slattery; and

WHEREAS, Community Board #3 believes that the proposed alterations are indicative of an intention to substantially change the method and hours of operation of this premise; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board #3 moves to deny the alteration of the full on-premise liquor license for Leba of New York, doing business as Lan Restaurant, 56 Third Avenue, to wit extending its bar to thirty-five (35) seats, reconfiguring its seating, adding accordion doors to its façade and extending its hours of operation.

11. Urban Oak LLC, 503-505 E 12th St (trans/op) (currently Caleb LLC)
withdrawn

12. Corp to be Formed, 14 Ave B (trans/op) (Butterfly Butterfly)
withdrawn

13. Charley Group LLC, 339 E 10th St (trans/op) (Plan B)

VOTE: To deny the transfer of a full on-premise liquor license to Charley Group LLC, which consists of one of the partners of the existing business, for the premise currently doing business as Plan B, located at 339 East 10th Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will continue to operate as a tavern but will now also have an operating barber shop located at the premise, 2) its hours of operation will be from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. Sundays through Tuesdays and 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 A.M. Wednesdays through Saturdays, and 3) it will play background music only, consisting of recorded music and the occasional employment of DJs.

New Liquor License Applications

14. Luke's Lobster (Lucas Holden), 93 E 7th St (eb)

VOTE: To deny the application for an eating place beer license for Luke Holden, doing business as Luke's Lobster, 93 East 7th Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will operate as a full-service seafood restaurant café, serving food during all hours of operation, 2) its hours of operation will be from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. Sundays through Thursdays and 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays, 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of music from an iPod, and 4) it will post a sign inside its establishment asking that patrons not remove alcohol from the premise for consumption on the sidewalk.

15. South Brooklyn Pizza (122 First Pizza Inc), 122 1st Ave (op)

VOTE: To deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for 122 First Pizza Inc, at 122 First Avenue between 7th Street and St. Mark's Place, with a proposed business name of South Brooklyn Pizza, because 1) while the applicant has represented that it will operate a pizza restaurant, its limited menu, proposed closing hours of 4:00 A.M. every night and intention to host parties indicates that it will operate differently from the method of operation proposed; 2) this location has not been previously licensed and the applicant concedes that there are at least twenty-eight (28) full on-premise liquor licenses within five hundred (500) feet of this location; 3) the proposed backyard seating and rear facing windows which can be opened will contribute to the existing outdoor noise which has been the subject of repeated complaints from residents whose apartments face the interior of First Avenue; 4) the applicant failed to provide petitions with resident signatures for this building and the building adjacent to this building and to its backyard, as a demonstration of the community outreach and support required for this type of application by Community Board #3, 5) residents of this building appeared in opposition to the granting of a full on-premise liquor license to this applicant, as well as its proposed hours and backyard use; and 6) the granting of a full on-premise liquor license for a proposed pizza restaurant of this size would be unfair to the substantial number of existing business with the same method of operation and similar menus limited to pizza choices in the immediate area which operate with a restaurant wine license only.

16. Hung Ry America (Metacompany LLC), 401 E 13th St (rw)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that Metacompany LLC has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 401 East 13th Street because its application was incomplete and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

17. Nadoori Restaurant Inc, 105 E 9th St (rw)

VOTE: To deny the application for a restaurant wine license for Nadoori Restaurant Inc., 105 East 9th Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will operate as a full-service Korean restaurant, serving food to within one (1) hour of

closing, 2) its hours of operation will be from 11:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. every day, 3) it will have a closed façade, and 4) it will not seek to operate a sidewalk cafe.

18. Lamberti Tavola Calda (Luigi lasilli), 36 E 2nd St (rw)

VOTE: To inform the SLA that Luigi lasilli has withdrawn its application before Community Board #3 for a restaurant wine license at 36 East 2nd Street because its application was incomplete and to ask that the SLA not consider this application until the applicant reapplies to this community board with the requisite thirty (30) days notice to the SLA.

19. Rivington Wine & Cheese Inc, 95 Delancey St (op)
withdrawn

(SLA & DCA Licensing Committee)

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV (Excluding Items: 2 & 5) MOTION PASSED

Item 2: 31 YES 1 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Item 5: 24 YES 8 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Landmarks, & Waterfront Committee

1. CB 3 procedures for street fairs/block parties—review and possible changes

VOTE: To approve the following changes to Parks Committee procedures:

- To utilize the City's new online application form in lieu of CB3's application for sake of conformity
- To treat recurring block parties with no complaints as renewals
- To discontinue requiring petitions for the recurring ten annual street fairs based on the fact that the City will not allow any more new street fairs to be scheduled.
- To eliminate CB3 policy of not allowing more than two street fairs per avenue, since only the same ten recurring annual street fairs will be allowed. These street fairs will operate in the same traditional locations.

2. Basketball City –presentation by O.U.R. Waterfront of a community benefit agreement

VOTE: To re-convene the Waterfront Subcommittee as the proper oversight body reviewing stipulated agreement between Basketball City and CB3. Public wishing to participate will apply for public member positions under the discretion of CB3 Board Chair.

3. Presentation by O.U.R. Waterfront: People's Plan for the waterfront
no vote necessary

4. New Museum request for support for proposed design of bicycle rack in front of museum, 235 Bowery

VOTE: To support the installation of a new bike rack in front of New Museum as per general design presented at committee meeting.

(Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Landmarks, & Waterfront Committee)

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Economic Development Committee

1. HRA presentation regarding employment services
no vote necessary

2. Update on Fellow's investigation into loss of retail and retail diversity
no vote necessary

3. Greenwich Village Chamber of Commerce presentation on advantages of establishing a Chamber of Commerce
no vote necessary

Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing Committee

1. ULURP 100173HAM: 302-304 E 2nd St (B372,L49), disposition of Lot 49 from HPD to Houston Dee Realty to be combined with other parcels. Addition of this lot will facilitate the development of a 13-story mixed use building, tentatively known as Houston Dee, with approximately 166 residential units, of which 34 will be for low-income residents.

VOTE: To approve disposition of Lot 49 with stipulations that the roof close at 10 pm seven days per week and that the developer make best faith efforts in local sourcing and local hiring through the LES local hiring network.

2. Report from Chinatown working group and support for 197A plan, a plan to develop and document ideas for planning in Chinatown
no vote necessary

3. Discussion of development of Seward Park Urban Renewal Area
no vote necessary

4. Special permit to allow a 1 story rear enlargement at NY Eye & Ear Infirmary at 310 E 14th Street

VOTE: To support the special permit for a rear yard equivalent waiver for the 20' deep southern-most portion of the enlargement, containing two much needed surgical suites and an expanded post anesthesia care unit which encroaches in the required rear yard equivalent.

5. Intro 1089 Vacant Building Census - Establishing a yearly census of all vacant dwelling units in New York City
no vote necessary
6. Intro 1068-2009 Multiple Dwelling Regulations - This bill will enable tenants of corporate/LLC-owned buildings to access contact information for the owning corporation's major partners. This information will improve transparency and will help tenants more easily resolve issues in their buildings. The bill will also require that landlords report the number of units in their buildings that have not been lawfully occupied in the six months prior to registering
no vote necessary
7. Intro 1052-2009 Window Security Gates - Requiring the installation of security gates on windows that lead to fire escapes
no vote necessary
8. Reso 2092 - Calling on the State to Create a New Affordable Housing Program - Resolution calling upon the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to approve, legislation creating a Mitchell-Lama-type program for the 21st Century for buildings to be built on vacant lots owned by the City of New York and for vacant City owned buildings
no vote necessary
9. Intro 1091 - Public Subsidies & Tenant Harassment - To amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting persons receiving public funds or subsidies to be placed in buildings with a history of tenant harassment
no vote necessary

(Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing Committee)

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV (Excluding item: 1 & 4) MOTION PASSED

Item 1: 21 YES 11 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Human Services, Health, Disability, & Seniors Committee

no meeting scheduled

Youth & Education Committee

no meeting scheduled

Transportation & Public Safety Committee

1. "Committee for Better Transit" - Proposal to ask MTA for modified M21/M22 service. M21 would provide Houston St cross-town over to FDR, return by Delancey St & Columbia St. M22 would not extend to the FDR, but would turn at Montgomery/Pitt St/ Ave C up to the hospitals north of 23rd St at 1st & 2nd Ave
no vote necessary
2. Cooper Square Hotel request to extend loading zone on Bowery from 36 ft to 72 ft
VOTE: CB3-Manhattan does not approve of the Cooper Square Hotel request to extend their loading zone on the Bowery from 36 ft to 72 ft at this time. There are community complaints regarding management and enforcement of the existing loading zone on the Bowery and adherence to agreements that there be no use of 5th Street for hotel business purposes. If Cooper Square Hotel returns with this request after a couple of months, we will evaluate the request based on improvement with their enforcement and compliance.
3. Request for traffic light study at Montgomery and Cherry Streets to ensure safety of children at PS 184M (Shuang Wen)
VOTE: CB3-Manhattan asks DOT to evaluate whether installation of a traffic signal at Montgomery and Cherry St is warranted. This location is the closest intersection to PS 184M (Shuang Wen). It is also where the FDR Drive South St exit feeds traffic into the neighborhood. CB3 understands that more than 90% of the children at PS 184M attend the Chinese after-school program, which ends at 5:30 pm. Although there are school crossing guards in the morning and at afternoon dismissal, there are none at 5:30 pm. Although there are clearly marked pedestrian crossings at Montgomery and Cherry Sts, traffic simply doesn't stop for the children in the pedestrian crossings.
4. Double Happiness Travel Inc & New Everyday Bus Tour Inc request for two passenger pick up and drop off locations, suggested locations: Pike St west curb (E B'way to Henry St, far-side), E B'way south curb (Pike to Rutgers Sts, mid block), E B'way north curb (Rutgers to Pike Sts, near side)
no vote necessary
5. Port Authority report on removal of small truck ban on Holland Tunnel
no vote necessary

(Transportation & Public Safety Committee)

32 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

Environment Committee

no meeting scheduled

Members Present at Last Vote:

David Adams [P]

Paul Bartlett [A]

Michael Byrne [A]

Pearl Chin [P]

David Crane [P]

Andrea Diaz [P]

Harvey Epstein [P]

Morris Fajtelewicz [A]

Flora Ferng [P]

Beth From [A]

Edward Garcia [P]

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