



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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Community Board 3 Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, March 24, 2015 - 6:30pm
Public School 20, 166 Essex Street

Those wishing to speak should fill out a speaker's form. Each speaker may speak for 2 minutes.

- A. Public Session 6:30pm - 7:30pm

- B. Elected Officials Reports:
 - Mayor Bill de Blasio Alize Beal
 - Public Advocate Letitia James Adam Chen
 - Comptroller Scott Stringer Crystal Feng
 - Borough President Gale Brewer Patricia Ceccarelli
 - Congressmember Carolyn Maloney Victor Montesinos
 - Congressmember Nydia Velazquez Iris Quinones
 - Assemblymember Sheldon Silver Zach Bommer
 - Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick
 - Assemblymember Brian Kavanaugh Carlos Ortiz
 - State Senator Daniel L. Squadron Mauricio Pazmino
 - State Senator Brad M. Hoylman Maya Kurien
 - Councilmember Margaret Chin Persephone Tan
 - Councilmember Rosie Mendez Sheila Rodriguez

- C. Roll call and approval of minutes for January 2015

- D. Board Reports:
 - Board Chair's Report Gigi Li
 - District Manager's Report Susan Stetzer

- E. Committee Reports & Voting On Recommendations:
 - 1. Executive Committee Gigi Li
 - 2. Health, Seniors, & Human Services Vaylateena Jones
 - Youth, Education, & Human Rights Justin Carroll
 - 3. Economic Development Bill LoSasso
 - 4. Con Ed Task Force Carol Kostik
 - 5. Transportation & Public Safety / Environment Karen Blatt
 - 6. SLA & DCA Licensing Committee Alexandra Militano
 - 7. Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, & Waterfront Thomas Yu
 - 8. CB 3 & CB 6 Joint Waterfront Task Force
 - 9. Landmarks Linda Jones
 - 10. Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing MyPhuong Chung
 - Chinatown Working Group Update John Leo/MyPhuong Chung
 - 11. Ethics, By-laws & Procedures Task Force Gloria Goldenberg

- F. Old Business

- G. New Business

- H. Adjournment

Next Community Board 3 Meeting

Tuesday, April 28, 2015 - 6:30pm
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March 2015 Vote Sheet

Executive Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

VOTE: To approve the February 2015 committee minutes as written.

Health, Seniors, & Human Services Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

no vote necessary

2. Third St Men's Shelter - resident request for support for enhanced programming

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution to Support the Request for Enhanced Programming at the Third Street Men's Shelter

WHEREAS, the Third street Men's Shelter at 8 E 3rd Street houses 200 homeless men and Kenton Hall around the corner at 333 Bowery houses 108 men , both contracted by the Department of Homeless Services to Project Renewal, and

WHEREAS, Community Board 3 has worked closely with Project Renewal and the Department of Homeless Services to ensure the safety and well-being of the residents and the best services for them to obtain permanent housing, and

WHEREAS, CB 3 supports the residents of these two shelters in their endeavors to improve their situations and obtain affordable housing, and Project Renewal's mission to help New Yorkers rebuild their lives, and

WHEREAS, residents of the East Third Street Men's Shelter spoke at CB3 meetings about the need for programming that responded to their needs, including funding for additional staff for Social Services and facilitating Life Skills Support Groups, financial management and career recovery.

WHEREAS, cuts in funding have not allowed Project Renewal to offer all programming and services that have been offered in the past that would benefit the residents, and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB 3 supports the residents' request for enhanced programming that responds to and serves the residents of the Third Street Men's Shelter.

3. Presentation: NYU Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Service Plan/status of implementation strategy

no vote necessary

4. OEM: Follow up to February presentation on Emergency Planning for Seniors and People with Disabilities, Access and Functional Needs

no vote necessary

5. Report from Bellevue CAB Representative

no vote necessary

6. Report from World Trade Center Health Program's Survivors Steering Committee

no vote necessary

Youth, Education, & Human Rights Committee

no minutes submitted

Economic Development Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

VOTE: To approve the February 2015 committee minutes as written.

2. Proposed CB 3 Small Business Forum: Review of potential format and list of potential topics

no vote necessary

3. Potential Special District discussion: Discussion of potential uses to be regulated

no vote necessary

4. Presentation by NYC Small Business Services on efforts to review and update small business regulations

no vote necessary

5. Presentation by Small Business Congress of NYC on their proposed Small Business Jobs Survival Act
no vote necessary

Con Ed Task Force

no meeting scheduled

Transportation & Public Safety and Environment Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes
VOTE: To approve the February 2015 committee minutes as written.
2. DOT Presentation on Spring Street Bicycle Lane: Spring Street from Washington St to Bowery;
Bowery from Spring St to Rivington St; Stanton Street from Bowery to Chrystie

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution in Support of Spring Street bike lane

Community Board 3 Resolution in Support of the Spring Street Bicycle Lane

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) is proposing to install a Class 2, bicycle lane on Spring Street, which would traverse Community Board 2 (CB 2) and includes only a small portion of Community Board 3 at the intersection of the Bowery; and

WHEREAS, this on-street bike lane would provide a safe, dedicated East - West route for bicyclists, creating connectivity to the bicycle lane network and bridges in CD 3 by continuing the lane onto the Bowery from Spring to Stanton Street, and then on Stanton Street from Bowery to Chrystie Street; and

WHEREAS, this bike lane will also allow the DOT to make modifications to the parking and turning lanes at various intersections along Spring Street in CB 2 which will help decrease congestion and will provide a safe transition for cyclists traversing the Bowery; and

WHEREAS, the DOT's 2015 Manhattan Borough Pedestrian Safety Action Plan showed that this area of Spring Street through SoHo and into the Lower East Side has had numerous collisions, and the area also accounts for one of the densest concentrations of pedestrians killed or seriously injured in Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, these improvements lead to safer streets by helping to calm traffic, heighten visibility of non-vehicular street users, and enhance the safety, comfort and mobility of cyclists in the street with visual emphasis from marked lanes and intersections; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 supports this new bicycle lane and requests that DOT work with local stakeholders to review the usage of the bike lane before DOT develops a final redesign of the right and left-hand turn lanes onto the Bowery.

3. DDC continued presentation: Safe Routes to Schools
no vote necessary
4. Update on Con Edison's System Enhancement Work around E Broadway, Pike Street, Grand Street & FDR
no vote necessary
5. LES BID request for support for street seat installation at Essex Street Market

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution of Support for LES BID's Street Seat Application

WHEREAS, the Lower East Side Business Improvement District has applied to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) for preliminary approval of a Street Seat application on the east side of Essex Street between Rivington and Delancey Streets directly adjacent to the northern most entrances of the Essex Street Market; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location of this installation would have a minimal impact on metered parking and result in a temporary loss of 2 spaces during the installation period, commencing no later than April 1st and concluding no later than November 1st; and

WHEREAS, significant parking alternatives at similar rates are available in the adjacent Essex/Ludlow parking garage operated by NYC DOT; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 3 is in need of additional open space and public amenities; and

WHEREAS, Essex Street Market vendors have voiced concerns about the availability of exterior public seating and an overall lack of facility visibility as concerns which have caused a decline in sales and economic activity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed installation would provide for a more pleasing, active and welcoming streetscape highlighting Market entrances, increasing the potential to capture foot traffic and creating additional public open space within the Lower East Side; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 3 endorses and supports the installation of a Street Seat that is no longer than 70 feet in length or 7 feet in width to be installed as indicated at the Transportation Committee meeting.

6. Restaurant request for support for street seat installation at 173-177 Henry Street aka 16-20 Jefferson Street

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution of Support for Ho Jonot LLC.'s Street Seats Application

WHEREAS, the applicant Office Ho Jonot, LLC, has proposed installing a Street Seat in the parking lane in front of 16-20 Jefferson Street (aka 173-177 Henry Street), where it will open and operate a full-service French restaurant in May 2015); and

WHEREAS, the Street Seat would provide free public seating in an area that is currently occupied by a No Standing zone and one parking spot; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) Street Seat program seeks to provide seasonal public open spaces at locations where sidewalk seating is not available; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has designed the Street Seat to serve as an extension of the sidewalk, beautifying public space with designed elements, furniture, and greenery, and will be fully removed all furniture during the colder season; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location is situated between two busy streets (East Broadway and Madison), and near two highly-trafficked community institutions (Educational Alliance and Gouverneur Health) and would offer a calm spot for local residents, employees, and patrons; and

WHEREAS, Street Seat installations elsewhere in the city have benefited surrounding businesses; and

WHEREAS, the applicant assumes all responsibility for the fabrication and maintenance of the Street Seat, which was designed with flexible, movable elements to be secured nightly, and they will adhere to all DOT requirements for design and management of the Street Seat; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 supports the installation of a Street Seat at 16-20 Jefferson Street, to be created and maintained by Office Ho Jonot LLC, which will operate a restaurant adjacent to the location starting in May 2015).

7. Bike corral for Barrio Chino, located at 253 Broome Street

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution in Support of the Installation of a Bike Corral at 253 Broome Street

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) has proposed installing on-street bicycle parking in the parking lane at 253 Broome Street, in front of the restaurant Barrio Chino; and

WHEREAS, this bike corral would provide 12 bike parking spaces where they replace the space currently used for one parked car; and

WHEREAS, demand for bike parking is evident at this location because bikes are frequently chained to trees and street furniture cluttering the sidewalks and reducing their effective width; and

WHEREAS, the local business maintenance partner, Barrio Chino, would be responsible for maintaining plantings, shoveling snow and keeping the space clean; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 supports the installation of this bike corral for on-street bike parking at 253 Broome Street.

Bus Stop Permit Applications

8. Asian Express Travel Inc, opposite 132 Madison St, north side of street between Pike St & Mechanics Alley

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution to Approve a Curbside Bus Stop for Asian Express Travel, opposite 132 Madison Street

WHEREAS, Asian Express Travel, Inc. has applied for a designated bus stop for curb-side loading/unloading operations located opposite 132 Madison Street, on the north side of the street between Pike Street and Mechanics Alley, under the Manhattan Bridge. The buses will operate under the Asian Express Travel brand name, providing service between New York and Harrisburg and Pittsburgh, PA; and Youngstown and Cleveland, OH with up to 3 arrivals/departures daily between the hours of 2:30-7:00 am and 5:00-6:30 pm; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has entered into an agreement with CB3 to adhere to the following stipulations:

- Tickets will be sold only online, or at a designated ticket agency not on the street.
- Tickets will be sold only for specific boarding times and will not be oversold.
- Tickets will be sold in assigned boarding order system so that customers will not need to arrive early to jockey for positions.
- Sidewalk lines will be single file, and only for the next assigned bus.
- There will be a staff person on duty for every arrival and departure to guide loading / unloading, to have direct contact to dispatch to inform passengers of delays, and to engage in crowd and noise control.
- Trash bags will be used to collect litter and will be kept in storefront, or will leave with the bus.
- Staff will routinely clean up the sidewalk by bus stop.
- Buses will keep to schedules, which will be published online or printed, as much as possible.
- The number of buses at this stop will not exceed the stated number of buses per hour/per day.
- All buses purchased in the future will be equipped with diesel particulate filters and use ultra-low sulfur fuels, and will also be equipped with exhaust gas recirculation emission control technology.
- A storefront will be provided for the use of customers, so they may wait to board their bus and use the restroom facilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 recommends that DOT issue a permit for Asian Express Travel, Inc. to operate their bus service at a designated curbside bus stop located opposite 132 Madison Street, on the north side of the street between Pike Street and Mechanics Alley, provided that the preceding list of stipulations agreed between the applicant and CB 3 will be attached to the DOT permit.

SLA & DCA Licensing Committee
no minutes submitted

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

1. Approval of previous month's minute

VOTE: To approve the February 2015 Parks & Recreation Committee minutes as written

2. Parks presentation of public art exhibits at Tompkins Square Park

VOTE 1: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution of Support for "Mysteries of My Past, Present and Future" public art installation at Tompkins Square Park

WHEREAS, approval was sought for a temporary public art installation at Tompkins Square Park entitled "Mysteries of My Past, Present and Future," which will celebrate the 40th anniversary of NYC Percent for Art's first installation, will echo the "Temperance Fountain" at Tompkins Square Park, will be made of steel and wood, will stand 10 feet high, 7 feet wide, and 7 feet deep, and will run from June 2015 to November 2015; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 approves the temporary installation of this piece of public art.

VOTE 2: Title: Community Board 3 Resolutino of Support for "The Typewriter Project: The Subconscious of the City" public art installation at Tompkins Square Park

WHEREAS, approval was sought for a temporary public art installation at Tompkins Square Park entitled "The Typewriter Project: The Subconscious of the City," which will feature a wooden booth with a typewriter inside of it that allows members of the public to make written entries that are stored on a paper scroll and USB stick, and will allow members of the public to join in a Citywide linguistic exchange through written entries that are collected, stored, and posted online for viewing and comment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed installation will be made out of wood and steel, will stand approximately 6.5 feet high by 3.5 feet high by 3.5 feet deep, and will run from June 14, 2015 to July 19, 2015; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 approves the temporary installation of this piece of public art.

3. Debriefing by Forestry Division regarding status and procedures to remove trees damaged by Sandy, community input for damaged trees
no vote necessary
4. EDC update Waterfront esplanade including Pier 35
no vote necessary
5. Park Manager update on work in District.
no vote necessary
6. Report from Arts Subcommittee
no vote necessary

Block Party

7. CEMC Community Outreach, 6/13-6/14, Monroe St (Catherine & Market Sts)
VOTE: CB 3 approves the block party for the Chinese Evangel Mission Church (CEMC) to be held on June 14, 2015, located on Monroe Street between Catherine and Market Streets.
8. 4th Annual Family Reunion, 7/18, Forsyth St (E Houston & Stanton Sts)
VOTE: CB 3 approves the block party for LES Forsyth Family Reunion Corp July 18, 2015, to be held on August 15, 2015, located on Forsyth Street between East Houston and Stanton Streets.
9. Hope Ignited 2015, 8/15, E 4th St (Aves B & C)
VOTE: CB 3 approves the block party for Hope Ignited to be held on August 15, 2015, located on 4th Street between Avenues B and C.

Landmarks Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes
VOTE: To approve the minutes of the February 11 meeting.
2. Certificate of Appropriateness for 421 E 6th Street
VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution in support of a Certificate of Appropriate for 421 East 6th Street

WHEREAS, 421 East 6th Street (aka 421-423 East 6th Street and 108 East 7th Street) is a Neo-Classical commercial building within the East Village/Lower East Side Historic District, built in 1920, architect William W. Whitehill, original owner New York Edison Co.; and

WHEREAS, on the south side of the building (East 6th Street), the masonry façade is to be repointed, the spandrel panels and steel substructure are to be restored and repainted, and new insulated windows with profiles to match the existing windows will be installed; and

WHEREAS, on the main façade (south side), full height steel and glass doors will replace non-original corrugated metal siding, the new doors to resemble the original doors found in the 1920 building; and

WHEREAS, on the north side of the building (East 7th Street), the rear 1926 annex, the 1963 building, and the 1963 gate will be demolished to make way for a garden, and a black cast-iron fence and gate resembling existing fences found in within the historic district will be installed, and

WHEREAS, new windows will be installed in the north and west facades, and the main entrance, ADA compliant, will be placed on the west side; and

WHEREAS, An elevator bulkhead necessary to provide access to the roof (visible from East 6th Street and from other vantage points), will stand 3'8" above the parapet and will be painted light gray to minimize its visual impact; so

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board 3 approves the Certificate of Appropriateness application for the renovation of 421 East Sixth Street.

Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing Committee

1. Approval of previous month's minutes
VOTE: To approve the February 2015 minutes of the Land Use & Housing Committee as written
2. Development team: Update on Essex Crossing
no vote necessary

3. Essex Crossing/SPURA Minor Modifications: Changes to the building envelopes of Sites 1 and 5, non-ULURP Certification # M 120228B ZSM

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution to approve ULURP No. C M120228 BZSM: Modification to Seward Park Mixed-Use Development Special Permit to modify design controls for 236 Broome Street (LSGD Site 1) and 394-406 Grand Street (LSGD Site 5), CEQR # 11DM012M

To approve the non-ULURP Certification # M 120228B ZSM (Minor modifications to the building envelopes of Sites 1 and 5 at the SPURA/Essex Crossing Development), an application submitted by the NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for modification of the special permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution Section 74-743 - Special provisions for bulk modifications - Large Scale General Development (ULURP No. C 120228 ZSM, approved by the CPC on August 22, 2012 under Calendar # 9) to modify the design controls for Site 1 (Block 409 Lot 56) in a C6-1 District by modifying Dwg. No. 102 (Ground Floor Plan - Zoning Lot 1) to allow for a tapered recess in the street wall to a depth not greater than six feet along a portion of Ludlow Street and for Site 5 (Block 346 Lot p/o 40) in a R8/C2-5 District by modifying Dwg. No. 503 (Building Envelope Diagrams - Zoning Lot 5) to reduce the minimum base height from 60 feet to 29 feet along a portion of Clinton Street and along the Publicly Accessible Open Space, Community District 3, CB3 approves the application.

4. Essex Street Vendors Association: update

VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution Supporting Change in Management Structure of Essex Street Market

Whereas, The Essex Street Market is a historically significant and important part of the Lower East Side's community fabric; and

Whereas, a unique and heterogeneous collection of small business owners working together in an environment unlike any other within the five boroughs seeks to improve conditions, policies and programs so that they can thrive and grow; and

Whereas, it is essential that the Market both now and in the future continue to provide access to quality, fresh foods at a variety of price points and serve all members of the Lower East Side's diverse community; and

Whereas, an association comprised of all market vendors, the Essex Street Market Vendor Association, was formed in 2012 to represent the collective interests of the vendor community; and

Whereas, the association has engaged a variety of stakeholders over the past 3 years and has continually advocated for the needs of the vendor community; and

Whereas, operational challenges, lack of planning and coordination, consistent delays in approvals, an inability to complete and implement creative solutions to pressing needs and an overly bureaucratic and slow moving management structure has created an environment not conducive to vendor success or viability; and

Whereas, the association has sought to overcome these challenges through the formation of a working group that includes members of an operations and planning committee unanimously elected by the association in February of 2014 as well as representatives of NYC EDC's asset management, development and government affairs divisions in addition to representatives of Community Board 3, local elected officials and the Lower East Side Business Improvement District; and

Whereas, although modest progress has been made in recent months, more must immediately be done to bolster the ability of vendors to succeed and prevent further closures from occurring prior to a new facility coming online in 2018; and

Whereas, public markets throughout North America, and in particular throughout our region (Boston and Philadelphia) have implemented not for profit management structures that are proven to allow for increased responsiveness to vendor and customer needs, are able to generate creative approaches to management and operational challenges and are generally better suited to fundraise, form robust partnerships and integrate operations with the surrounding residential community and local economy; and

Whereas, NYC EDC has engaged a leader in public market operations, Market Ventures, Inc. (MVI), to consult on planning, operations and management of the new market facility; and

Whereas, the vendor association was presented with preliminary findings of potential management models for the new market facility at their July 2014 meeting that offered options for structural changes that were in line with best practices and successful models implemented at other similarly situated facilities; and

Whereas, the continued success of the Market and the vendors that call it home is an essential component of the overall development plan for Essex Crossing; so

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 3 fully endorses and supports a new, locally based, responsive and nimble management structure for the Essex Street Market once a new facility becomes operational; and

Further Be It Resolved, that this management structure be based upon best practices and follow potential models presented by MVI where ownership of the new market facility would remain with the City of New York; and

Further Be It Resolved, NYC EDC should continue active involvement in market operations acting as a sponsor where they would provide general oversight, have fiduciary and legal responsibility for the facility, define goals and set policies, approve leases, hire, oversee and evaluate management and generally ensure operations are conducted in a business-like and financially prudent manner; and

Further Be It Resolved, a solicitation be issued for a new day-to-day manager immediately prior to the new market facility becoming operational; and

Further Be It Resolved, clear and stated preference should be given to a locally based, not for profit organization with appropriate mission fit and technical capacity; and

Further Be It Resolved that prior to the solicitation being issued any and all efforts be taken to bolster and support the vendor community on a temporary basis ensuring a successful transition to a new facility in the years ahead.

5. Committee discussion on Chinatown Working Group Subdistrict D
no vote necessary
6. Committee discussion on plan to pursue tenant harassment problem in CB 3
no vote necessary
7. Report from Public Housing & Section 8 Housing Subcommittee
no vote necessary

Ethics, By-laws & Procedures Task Force

1. Approval of previous month's minutes
no vote necessary
2. Discussion of Bylaw revision
no vote necessary