

August 12, 2004

Mildred Duran, Director  
Street Activity Permit Office  
100 Gold Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
New York, NY 10038

**Re: STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT APPLICATION**

**Applicant:** Rubin Museum of Art  
**Location:** West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Avenues  
**Date:** Saturday, October 2, 2004  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Dear Ms. Duran:

At its June 16, 2004 meeting, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 reviewed the above Street Activity Permit application. As no objections were raised at the meeting, the committee voted unanimously to approve this application.

However, at the Full Board meeting on July 7, 2004, concerns were raised regarding neighbors' complaints of noise emanating from mechanical devices on the museum's roof. Members of the Board felt it inappropriate to "reward" any institution that does not address its neighbors' concerns, with a recommendation of approval of a Street Activity Permit. As representatives of the museum advised the Board that an ongoing attempt to address its neighbors' concerns had begun in April, 2004, the Board decided to postpone action on this item until its Full Board meeting on August 11, 2004, thereby giving the museum's administration time to adequately resolve this issue.

After speaking with representatives of the museum, neighbors of the museum, and the Council of Chelsea Block Associations, Board staff assessed that the museum has made an adequate effort to address its neighbors' concerns and is in the process of making necessary adjustments and augmentations to its mechanical devices, in order to completely resolve this issue.

At its meeting on August 11, 2004, the full Board approved this application.

Sincerely,



Walter Mankoff  
Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4



Joshua David  
Co-Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee



John Rust  
Co-Chair  
Transportation Planning Committee

cc: Hon. Michael Bloomberg, Mayor  
Hon. C. Virginia Fields, Manhattan Borough President  
Local Elected Officials  
Applicant