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Commissioner Jonathan Greenspun
Community Assistance Unit
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Re: Moratorium on new multi-block/multi-day Street Activity Permits

Dear Mr. Greenspun,

In our letter dated December 8, 2004 (enclosed), Manhattan Community Board No. 4 expressed opposition to the proposed extension of the moratorium on issuing permits for new multi-block/multi-day street activities. We did so because we felt that decisions regarding multi-block/multi-day street fairs should be based on the costs, benefits, and merits of a proposal, rather than just grand-fathering existing fairs. We wanted to offer an alternative proposal for the review and approval of multi-block/multi-day street fairs.

Specifically, we propose a process that would begin with a calendar adopted by each Community Board for dates and locations for multi-block and/or multi-day street fairs. Based on these approved calendars, Community Boards would review proposals based on the following factors:

1. Anticipated revenue from street activity fee (20% of booth rental income) and fees paid to the Departments of Health and Mental Hygiene (\$30/day/food booth), Sanitation (actual costs), Fire Department (\$50/generator); and Consumer Affairs (\$10/month/vendor);
2. Estimated police costs;
3. Net benefit to nonprofit sponsor versus total anticipated revenue;
4. Community (local, citywide, and national, as relevant) benefits of nonprofit organization;
5. Unique nature of street fair that promotes nonprofit purpose and/or local community.
6. Impact of the proposed street fair on MTA bus routes (if known) and the role the sponsor agrees to play in notifying surrounding residents of any changes in service.

Separate from the above changes, we would request that the MTA release information on the change of bus routes related to Street Fairs at least two weeks in advance of the event and provide such information to the Community Board, the sponsor, and major community centers and block

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associations by that time, in addition to posting the affected bus stop and surrounding areas at least 5 days in advance.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Chair
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Jay Marcus
Chair
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cc: Mildred Duran

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