

**FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 12, 2005
NYU MEDICAL CENTER
FIRST AVENUE**

Hon. Carol A Schachter, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members answering first roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Boettcher, Buchwald, Cohen, Collins, Curtis, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Haile, Imbimbo, Judge, Kner, Knowles, Lynn, McGinn, McIntosh, Monterossa, Moses, Oddo, Papush, I. Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schoor, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Thompson, Tu, Welter, West, Winfield

Members answering second roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Boettcher, Buchwald, Cohen, Collins, Curtis, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Haile, Imbimbo, Judge, Kner, Knowles, Lynn, McGinn, McIntosh, Monterossa, Moses, Oddo, Papush, I. Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schoor, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Thompson, Tu, Welter, West, Winfield

Excused

Torres, Ursillo

Absent (Members not present or not answering one or both roll calls):

Disman, Gruber, Montoute, Reiss, V. Ross, Younis

Member attendance Present: **36** Absent: **6** Excused: **2**

Guests signed in: Joe Soldevere representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney; Sen. Liz Krueger; Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Thomas Duane; A/M Jonathan Bing; Eliyanna Kaiser representing A/M Richard Gottfried; John Fout representing C/M Magarita Lopez; Jenny Sedlis representing C/M Eva Moskowitz; Anise Baron, Thomas Capotista-Rise Up NY; Jay Charles, Minna Charles, Issac Dolvere-Our Town; Arlene Goldstein, Mathew Grace-NY Observer; Barbara Petrusk; Jon Schachter, Gur Tsabaur, Karen Weiss-NYPL.

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Meeting Called to Order

Carol A. Schachter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Changes

The Business & Governmental Affairs Committee has been moved to the last item on the agenda

Land Use Committee

DELETED RESOLUTION

5b. Support CB9's 197-a Plan

Public Safety Committee

DELETED RESOLUTIONS

8a. Thru 8h. (All)

Held Over

Business & Governmental Affairs Committee

DELETED RESOLUTION

7f. Pure Food & Wine Held Over

Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC SESSION

Sen. Liz Krueger gave an update on the Senate's position regarding Government Reform. Sen. Krueger stated discussions are on a broad range of legislative and budgetary reform issues, such as instituting a nonpartisan budget process, requiring members to be physically present in order to vote, allowing bills and resolutions to be open to sponsorship by any member, requiring consent by a three-fifths majority to limit or end debate on a bill.

She then reported that the Senate would review the Governor's proposed budget in a few weeks. The Senator states she will continue to fight to maintain the funding needed for New York City public schools, public libraries, the elderly and the mentally ill.

She additionally reported that she would continue to stand ever vigilant with A/M Dick Gottfried on the West Side Stadium issue. The Senator questions why the City would spend money on a new stadium when funds are needed for schools, the MTA and health.

For further details, see the Senator's Community Bulletin.

A/M Jonathan Bing thanked the people for reelecting him in the November election.

He then thanked Tim McGinn for his leadership during his tenure as Chair of the Board and then congratulated Carol A. Schachter on becoming the new Chair. He stated that he is looking forward to working with Carol and Toni on the issues that affect this community.

A/M Bing also thanked CB6 for its work in finding alternative sites for the proposed 3rd Water Tunnel Shaft site on E. 54th Street and thanked Lyle Frank for his work and support on the legislation for the SCRIE program.

He briefly reported on legislative reform in Albany. He stated that the State Assembly did rule on specific rules of reform. A report last year recommended a number of specific reforms intended to overhaul the way the state legislature functions making it more open and accountable to the public.

He then reported that there have been some limited changes made to the Rockefeller Drug Law. The changes address the first time non-violent offenders who have received unfair lengthy prison sentences under the old laws.

A/M Bing then announced that on January 13th, Arlene Bluth, former board member, is having a swearing in ceremony for her new position as a NYC Civil Court Judge.

For further details read the Assembly Member s Community Bulletin.

Joe Soldevere representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney briefly reported that the Cg/M is very happy to announce that the 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act or the 9/11 Commission bill finally passed in the House of Representatives.

He additionally reported that Cg/M Maloney and sent a letter to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve Board, urging them to shorten deposit times now that banks can clear checks faster under the new Check 21 legislation. Check 21, which became effective in October 2004, allow banks to clear checks electronically. The Cg/M believes that Consumers deserve to get the same technological advantages that banks get, their deposits should clear as fast as their withdrawals.

For further details, see Cg/M Maloney's Community Report.

Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Thom Duane reported that the Senator voted no to extending the old senate rules and yes to reform.

Aliya then reported that Sen. Duane has repeatedly given testimony and lobbied against the West Side Stadium. She said the Senator is battling against the stadium in two fronts, one in Albany and the other in New York City.

She also reported that the Senator would continue to fight for the preservation and development of affordable housing in this district. He continues to work hard on stopping the displacement of residents and against the privatization of East Midtown Plaza.

Aliya then announced that Sen. Duane is planning to hold a Bar forum within CB6 soon. She did however state the forum that was cancelled in November has now been rescheduled for Thursday, February 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

For further details, see the Senator's Community Report.

John Fout representing C/M Margarita Lopez reported that this morning Council Member held a press conference on the steps of City Hall to voice her disappointment that disabled bus riders were stranded during the bus strike.

John also reported that the C/M has come together with a group of lower Manhattan elected officials and community organizations to create a Tsunami Relief Fund. There will be a press conference on Friday, January 14th @ 8 a.m. @ the World Trade Center Path Station to kick off the drive. All who want to participate may contact the district office @ 212-614-8751. All donations will go to the Red Cross.

For further details, see the Council Member's newsletter.

Eliyanna Kaiser representing A/M Dick Gottfried reported that on December 16, 2004 a hearing was held on the West Side Stadium Project Plan. Six members of the Assembly and A/M Gottfried all gave testimony to express their disapproval of this plan and of the financial waste in taxpayer money. She stated that A/M Gottfried testified that it would deprive the MTA of potential revenue that it could use to forestall fare increases, improve subway service, and make much needed capital improvements.

She then announced that bill A4979, to adopt "local building ordinances" to all buildings or structures located within the territorial jurisdiction of NYC, is being reintroduced to the State Assembly. She stated that A/M Gottfried is happy that the board is looking into this issue.

For further details, see the Assembly Member's Community report.

Jenny Sedlis representing C/M Eva Moskowitz reported that on January 3rd the Mayor spoke about council member's Heat & Hot Water Act. This bill has been written to ensure that all city & private owned buildings have heat and hot water and if they do not that someone is held accountable to make the necessary repairs for proper operation. On February 1st the C/M has invited an HPD official to attend a Town Hall meeting @ Waterside Plaza to discuss their Heat & Hot water problems. On February 2nd, the C/M will hold a forum in Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village on Heat & Hot water as well as the Key Card & wheelchair lifts issues.

For further details contact C/M Moskowitz office @ 212-818-0580.

Joy Garland representing Stuyvesant Cove Park Association gave a brief update on current activities occurring in the park.

Joy also thanked all the public volunteers that help to maintain and support the park with cleaning and planting. She also thanked Board 6 members for their continued support of the park.

For further details see the their newsletter The Cove.

Roll Call – Carol A. Schachter

In the absence of Harry Ursillo, Carol read the roll call.

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of Dec. 8th Full Board minutes.

Minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Chair's Report - Carol A. Schachter

Carol announced: **1)** Kirk Swanson resigned from the board. In his resignation letter, he is thankful to all he has worked with over the years. **2)** Nicolette Torres will be out on medical leave for a while. Once she gets the details, she will let the board members know. **3)** Public Member Marie Confessore is still in the hospital; she is coming along very well. **4)** Arlene Bluth is being sworn in on Jan. 13th, board members are invited to attend. She hopes many of you will attend. **5)** There is a reward of up to \$500.00 for the arrest and conviction of anyone who commits graffiti vandalism. The police would like you to call 911 to report it as a crime in progress and 311 to provide the information.

Carol then announced that there would be a Public Hearing on the Landmark Designation of ST/PCV on Tuesday, February 1st. @ NYU Medical Center @ 6:00 p.m. Richard Moses will provide the welcoming remarks.

She additionally announced that the Public Safety committee is holding a meeting on "Proposed Revisions to the NYC Noise Code" on February 14th @ NYU

Medical Center @ 7:00 p.m. in classroom B. She stated DEP officials would attend and it is very important that the board members attend and show their support.

District Manager's Report - Toni Carlina

Toni announced that the Jan. 4th District Service Cabinet minutes were in their packets, and to feel free to call her with any questions.

Toni reported on the Jan. 3rd, shooting incident related to the Latin Quarters, she stated the 17th Pct had previously conducted a M.A.R.C.H initiative that produced 23 summonses. The owners of the Radisson Hotel have already informed the owners of the Latin Quarters that they must vacate their property.

She then reported that on Thursday, Jan. 6, she met with Mr. Brian Kell, the new Ex. Dir. of Community Relations at Baruch College, he wanted to discuss how they could create a campus look to their property i.e., distinctive sidewalks, obtaining the newly designed streetlights, cobble stone crosswalks and trees. The only doable item are the trees, due to the fact that many of their students ride bikes to school, she suggested that he contact Trees NY who has tree guards that also act as bike racks.

She also reported that on Fri. Jan. 7, she met with representatives of the Annenberg Foundation one of whom is Elizabeth Kabler, the founder's granddaughter. They discussed their plan to open an adolescent treatment facility at 224 E. 52nd St., which would provide services to youths between the ages of 12 to 21. This is going to be a very upscale facility serving no more than 50 – 60 youths by appointment per day. Toni requested a written proposal.

She additionally reported that on Tues. Jan 11, the Board conducted a meeting at the Gramercy Park Hotel, in attendance was DOT Boro Commissioner Margaret Forgione, Maurice Bruet, Dep. Inspector McCormack, Lt. Stissi, P.O. Hnatko, Margaret Peeler, DPR Deputy Chief of Operations, Arlene Harrison, Pres. Gramercy Block Assoc., Hotel Management, Bovis, the contractor and Capalino & Co. The purpose of the meeting was to review their renovation plans, as they affect the community. The contractor will utilize for the next 8 to 10 months, the west side of Lex. Ave., the parking lane, as well as the north side of Gramercy Park North (21st St.) will be utilized for construction. Several community members were very upset over the removal of one of the city's best type of trees, an old willow oak that will be replaced with a 4' willow oak. She also discovered that the hotel has given the Dept. of Parks \$20,000 for the purchase of 40 street trees, we requested that they be kept in our district, the DPR representative stated that although they cannot do that, she will review our tree requests.

Although DOT does not usually close a street or streets for this type of construction; Toni outlined all of the previous work done by the board, to help alleviate the pinching of traffic and to prevent trucks from getting stuck when trying to make a right turn from Lexington Ave onto Gramercy Park North; the replacement of 16 missing traffic directional signs and the installation of several new directions and Truck route signs along Lexington Ave. on E. 26th to Gramercy Park North, DOT therefore, has agreed to review our traffic detour plan.

Borough President’s Report – Brad Sussman

Brad wished all a Happy New Year.

Brad made a few announcements. He extended an invitation to board members to attend the Borough President’s State of the Borough Address on Wednesday January 26th @ Jazz at Lincoln Center, West 60th Street and Broadway, refreshments will be served. Then on Tuesday, February 8th @ the Borough President will have a reception for a photography exhibit, A Celebration of African-American History, titled Homecoming: The Return of the Ancestors.

For further details, see Borough President’s community report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Youth & Education – Maxine McIntosh, chair

a. Report

Maxine reported the committee would review C/M Moskowitz’s Lost in Space: Science Education in NYC Public Schools report. She will make a recommendation to the board next month. See committee minutes.

2. Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Gary Papush, Chair

a. Report

Gary gave an update on the Robert Moses Park mitigation & replacement & 1 Sutton Place South issues. See committee minutes.

He then announced that the Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs, ST/PCV Sub-Committee would hold a Public Hearing on the ST/PCV Landmark Designation on Tuesday, February 1st @ 6:00 p.m. He urged all committee members to be there on time, the Public Hearing will be the first item on the agenda.

3. Housing & Homeless – Claude Winfield, Chair

a. Report

Claude gave an update on Homeless Services Center located in the 30th Street Shelter (Bellevue Psychiatric Building). See committee minutes.

He then reported that New Destiny Housing is pleased to announce that applications are now being accepted for 8 affordable rental apartments under renovation @ 307 E. 54th Street. Applications for these apartments have been placed in Board Member's packets.

He also reported that the Housing committee would discuss Intro 387, Inclusionary Zoning, for the next few months. See committee minutes.

4. Human Services – Lyle Frank, Chair

a. Report

Lyle gave a brief update on the 23rd Street VA Hospital closing & CARES Commission issue. See committee minutes.

5. Land Use – Ed Rubin, Chair

a. BSA (389-04-BZ) to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment at 150 E. 34th St., b/w 3rd & Lexington Aves.

WHEREAS, Decampo, Diamond & Ash on behalf of 150 East 34th Street Co. LLC owner of record of Oasis Health Club located at 150 East 34th Street, 2nd Floor, Manhattan, New York, presented to the Land Use Committee of CB6 on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 an application to apply for a Special Permit (Calendar #389-04-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit a Physical Culture Establishment located on the 2nd Floor of 150 East 34th Street; and

WHEREAS, the above applications is in pursuant to Section 73-36 New York City Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, applicant has filed all papers necessary with the Board of Standards and Appeals for an amendment to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment; and

WHEREAS, the Oasis Health Club will not have any impact on the Hotel beyond the 2nd Floor, and will not be visible from outside the Hotel; and

WHEREAS, the Oasis Health Club will not have any physical impact on traffic or available parking in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the proposed health club special permit will permit Oasis Health Club to operate 3,564 square feet on the second floor facing East 34th Street between Lexington and Third Avenues; and

WHEREAS, the proposed health club will provide guests and workers in the Hotel and the residents of the surrounding neighborhood with the opportunity to use the facility; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six has no objection to the application for a Special Permit (Calendar #389-04-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit, for five years, Physical Culture Establishment located on the 2nd Floor of 150 East 34th Street.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Report

Ed reported he has reviewed the RFP for the disposition on the northern portion of the Bellevue Hospital Campus (East River Science Park). He stated that on page six of the RFP, the proposal that conforms to the terms of the resolutions that were obtained when the campus went through ULURP in 2001 are preferred. It does not convey the importance of the planning efforts expended by CB6, NYU and Bellevue Hospital. Ed has drafted a letter to EDC requesting they attend the February Land Use Committee meeting prior to their evaluation of the proposals.

For a copy of the letter, contact the Board office.

197a Plan Sub-Committee – Ellen Imbimbo, Chair

Ellen reported that the final draft of the 197a Plan has been sent to the Department of City Planning today. She anticipates they will meet with DCP sometime in the next few weeks. When the published final draft is done, it will be posted on the CB6 website.

6. Transportation – Lou Sepersky, Chair

a. Request: Hospital Loading Zone Regulation for the New York University Medical Center's Clinical Cancer Treatment Center, 160 East 34th Street.

Whereas, the New York University Medical Center (NYUMC) has established a Clinical Cancer Treatment Center (CCTC) at 160 East 34th Street a 13 story building between Third and Lexington Avenues, in Community Board 6, Manhattan, and

Whereas, the NYUMC has said it is the mission of the CCTC to address issues of cancer screening, prevention, diagnosis, genetic counseling, treatment and a substantial number of related support and educational services, and

Whereas, the CCTC frequently provides medical services to between 350 and 500 persons each day, many of whom may have difficulty walking to and/or from a treatment session, including persons in wheelchairs and others who are physically handicapped, and

Whereas, a substantial proportion of those being treated at the CCTC arrive by car (including emergency vehicles, vans, ambulettes, taxis and privately owned cars), and

Whereas, the NYUMC CCTC has requested a "Hospital Loading Zone" parking regulation for the entrance to its building, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that Community Board 6, Manhattan, urges the New York City Department of Transportation establish, at 160 East 34th Street, in Community Board 6, Manhattan, suitable parking regulations for the execution of the medical and support purposes of the New York University Medical Center's (NYUMC) Clinical Cancer Treatment Center (CCTC), provided the curbside parking is supervised by the NYUMC CCTC and is:

Used, and restricted, solely for patient access

Not used for non-patient (i.e. doctors) vehicle parking

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Request for a restrictive parking regulation at The Players Club, 16 Gramercy Park South.

Whereas, The Players Club (TPC), an organization which maintains its headquarters at 16 Gramercy Park South, in Community Board 6, Manhattan, and which uses its premises for events attended by significant numbers of people, and

Whereas, access to the curb is difficult because of existing parking and resulting in cars standing in the open lane of traffic, which in turn, leads to traffic obstruction, congestion and additional noise, and

Whereas, TPC has requested the New York City Department_of Transportation (DoT) extend the existing "No parking Anytime" zone for about 30 feet eastward so as to make curbside access possible and so avoiding obstructing the one lane for moving traffic, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that the request of The Players Club, 16 Gramercy Park South in Community Board 6, Manhattan, for the extension of the “No Parking Anytime” signage eastward about 30 feet, so as to include the entry to this facility, is not objected to.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. Report

Lou reported that A/M Bing thanks CB6 for working on the E. 46th & 47th Sts. Muni-Meter issue.

Lou also announced that part of the renovations from Jan 15th – Feb. 27th construction on the FDR Drive will cause the loss of one lane on the southbound roadway between 53rd St – 63rd Sts to accommodate the construction. This will take place in the evenings Monday – Friday, 11:00 p.m. – 5:30 a.m., Saturdays, 12:01 am – 6:30 a.m. and Sundays, 1:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. He will send this information to the Board office.

7. Business & Governmental Affairs – Tim McGinn, Chair

a. Transfer of On-Premises Liquor License, SNMR, LLC, d/b/a/ Manchester Restaurant & Bar, 920 2nd Avenue

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns; and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed us that he will not alter the business in any significant manner (it currently is a sports bar); and

WHEREAS, there has been no history of community complaints regarding this establishment; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports the application for the transfer of an on-premises liquor license at this time.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

**b. Transfer of On-Premises Liquor License, ADVHOOT, Inc., d/b/a/
Khyber Grill, 230 East 58th Street**

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns; and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed us that he will not alter the business in any significant manner (it currently is an Indian restaurant); and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will close at 11:30 p.m. on weekends and 11:00 p.m. on weeknights; and

WHEREAS, there has been no history of community complaints regarding this establishment; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports the application for the transfer of an on-premises liquor license at this time.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

**c. Alteration of On-Premises Liquor License, Celtic Tiger, Inc., d/b/a/
The Black Sheep, 583 3rd Avenue**

WHEREAS, the applicant seeks to amend its on premises liquor license to add a bar and expand seating to the 2nd floor; and

WHEREAS, the expanded capacity would be only 72 persons; and

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns; and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed us that he will not otherwise alter the business in any significant manner (it currently is a tavern); and

WHEREAS, there has been no history of community complaints regarding this establishment; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports the application to amend the on-premises liquor license to permit these alterations to the establishment.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. On-Premises Beer & Wine License, Kimi Sushi Japanese Cuisine Inc., d/b/a/ Kimi Sushi, 165 East 33rd Street

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns, of which there were none, concerning this new establishment; and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed us that the establishment will close at 11:00 p.m. nightly and will not play music; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports the application for an on-premises beer & wine license at this time.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e. On-Premises Liquor License, Sandalwood Bar N’ Grill, Inc., d/b/a/ (Name to be determined), 150 East 50th Street

WHEREAS, the applicant came before our committee to address any community concerns, of which there were none, concerning this new establishment; and

WHEREAS, the applicant advised that the establishment will be a restaurant serving Indian cuisine; and

WHEREAS, the applicant informed us that the establishment will close at 12:00 midnight nightly and will not play music; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six supports the application for an on-premises liquor license at this time.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. Report

Tim reported that at next month’s committee meeting they will go over the street fair applications.

8. Public Safety - Fred Arcaro, Chair

a. Report

Fred reported that in the month of March, DEP will present the scoping of the full EIS report on several other proposed sites for the 3rd Water Tunnel shaft site, 33B.

He then reported on the upcoming Public Safety committee meeting on Monday, February 14th, @ NYU Medical Center @ 7:00 p.m.; the topic: proposed Revisions to the NYC Noise Code. Top officials from DEP will attend.

Old/new Business

Second Roll Call

Adjournment – 9:15 p.m.