

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, May 11, 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, Disman, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Gruber, Haile, Imbimbo, Judge, Knowles, Lynn, McIntosh, Monterossa, Montoute, Moses, Papush, I. Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schoor, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Thompson, Tu, Ursillo, Winfield

Members answering second roll call:

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

Excused

Confessore, Maynard, McGinn, Reiss, Russo

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

Torres, Welter, West,

Member attendance Present: **36** Absent: **3** Excused: **5**

Guests signed in: Pat McCandless representing Sen. Liz Krueger; Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Thom Duane; Adam Szlachetka representing A/M Jonathan Bing; Eliyanna Kaiser representing A/M Richard Gottfried; Amos Buhai representing Council Spkr. Gifford Miller; Andrew Lauck representing C/M Moskowitz; Bob Ahearn, Anyse Baron, Mike Beys, Roseann Byar, Jay & Minna Charles, Sandy Leiva-Davila, Jamie Delman, Melvin Dennis, Randi Eisner, Sue Ann Gershanson, Cathe Giffini, B.J. Handal, Deborah Haman & David Smotrich, DS & P Architects; Dan Harris, Sandy, Hecker, Janny Kim, Larry Liebowitz, James Roth, Matthew Shotkin, Sandra Stvens, Sophia Stevens, Andrew Sullivan, Brian Thompson, Kerri Thorndad, Madeline Tramm representing C.A.R.O.N Foundation, Karen Weis-NYPL; Rachel Whaird, Douglas Winston

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Meeting Called to Order

Carol A. Schachter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Changes

TRANSPORTATION

ADDED RESOLUTIONS

5f. Minimum time for TLC to give CB's for consideration of proposed rules changes.

PARKS, LANDMARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

TO BE CAUCUSED

6a. Landmark designation – Summit Hotel, 569 Lex. Ave. @ E. 51st St.

LAID OVER to June

6b. Proposal, outdoor garden, Landmarked townhouse @ 152 E. 38th St. b/w Lex. & 3rd Aves.

Business & Governmental Affairs

DELETE RESOLUTION

7a. On-premises liquor license for Ohmsayin, Inc. d/b/a Embassy, 862 2nd Ave. @ E. 46th St.

HOUSING & HOMELESS

LAID OVER to June

8a. NYS Assembly Bill A4523 and NYS Senate Bill S2735 to repeal the local emergency housing Rent Control Act (Urstadt Law).

DELETE RESOLUTION

8b. NYC Council Intro. #316: apt. bldg. ID cards.

The Housing Committee and the Youth committee have switch places, because Housing no longer has resolutions and the Youth committee added a resolution. Therefore, Claude's committee report has been moved to #1 on the agenda and the Youth Committee is now #8 on the agenda.

YOUTH & EDUCATION

ADDED RESOLUTION

8a. Intro. 619 – Reporting of class size by the Dept. of Education.

Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC SESSION

Aliya Feldman representing Sen. Thom Duane reported that the Senator and numerous other politicians are fighting against landlords who systematically abuse and harass their tenants in order to drive them out of their apartments and illegally raise rents on rent stabilized apartments.

Additionally, Sen. Duane congratulates the ST/PCV Tenants Association regarding their court victory against the photo key-cards. He stated that this system is intrusive and that he would continue to fight for the privacy of the residents.

She announced that Sen. Duane would sponsor a Town Hall meeting on Medicare Changes, Friday, May 13th @ Sirovich Senior Center, 331 E. 12th Street.

For further information on these and other issues, see the Senator's Community Bulletin.

Patrick McCandless representing Sen. Liz Krueger reported the Senator has joined with NYPIRG and submitted an amicus brief in support of their lawsuit against the MTA's sale of the Hudson Rail Yards to the NY Jets. Sen. Krueger is strongly opposed to the building of the West Side Stadium.

Pat announced that Sen. Krueger would sponsor a Senior Health Care Community Forum with a discussion of the 2006 Medicare Part D Benefit on Friday, June 10th @ Marymount Manhattan College, Auditorium, 221 E. 71st Street, b/n 2nd & 3rd Aves.

For further information on this and other reports, see the Senator's Community Bulletin.

Adam Szlachetka representing A/M Bing reported the Assembly Member completed his annual School tour of schools within his district. He recently hosted the Olympians in the Schools Program at P.S. 6 on E. 81st Street. This program is designed to introduce Olympic sports as well as the athletes and their inspirational stories to students across NYC.

He then reported that A/M Bing had submitted testimony to the City Council to affirm his strong support for resolution 36 and the ultimate repeal of the Urstadt Law. He believes that NYC and not lawmakers in upstate NY should have the authority to strengthen rent protection guidelines.

He announced that beginning June 10th Assembly Member Bing would be inviting constituents to the District Office on the second Friday of every month between the hours of 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Constituents are encouraged to come to the office to discuss issues facing the community.

For further information on these reports, see the Assembly Member's Community Bulletin.

Eliyanna Kaiser representing A/M Richard Gottfried announced that A/M Gottfried and numerous other elected officials would hold a community rally against the West Side Stadium, Saturday, May 14th in McCaffrey Park, She invited all members and guest to attend.

She then announced that on Sunday, May 15th A/M Gottfried would be sponsoring and leading a team in the AIDS walk, anyone who would like to participate is welcomed to join A/M Gottfried. She reported that A/M Gottfried reaffirms his support of Assembly Bill (A.7438) Protection for Transgender New Yorkers. She stated that this bill has gain broad statewide support and now boasts 51 sponsors.

For further information, see A/M Gottfried's Community Bulletin.

Amos Buhai representing C/M Gifford Miller reported that the Speaker has re-introduced Intro #584-A; in relation to the expenditure of payments in lieu of taxes and requiring a monthly report on the collection and use of all such payments to the City of New York. See City Council website for the Intro.

He then reported that Spkr. Miller continues to advocate against the West Side Stadium.

Amos announced that Spkr. Miller would co-sponsor with the American-Italian Foundation and the Women's Outreach Network, free mobile mammogram screenings. This service is available for women 40-plus years old who have not had a mammogram in the past year. The van will be in the community on Wednesday, May 25th, @ the Pavilion, 500 E. 77th Street; appointments are necessary call (800) 564-6868.

For further information, see Spkr. Miller's Community Report.

Andrew Lauck representing C/M Eva Moskowitz made the following announcements, the C/M would either sponsor or co-sponsor a Home Rule forum on Tuesday, May 17th at Hunter College Brookdale Campus, E. 25th Street, b/w 1st Ave. and the FDR Drive. On Wednesday, May 18th at NYU Medical Center, 550 1st Ave, Classroom A. a Senior Policy Summit will be held to discuss ways to improve senior services and enhance their quality of life. Lastly, a rally on behalf of the VA Hospital will be held on Sunday, May 15th at 23rd St. and 1st Ave.

He reported that C/M Moskowitz is sponsoring a bill that will prevent funding the West Side Stadium without City Council approval.

For further information, see C/M Moskowitz Community Report.

David Smotrich & Deborah Homan the architects for 135 E. 36th Street gave a brief presentation on proposed changes to the land marked property, and requested a positive vote for the resolution.

Dan Garodnick CB6 Public Member voiced his opinion on the sale of the Con Edison Waterside Generating plant. He briefly stated that the sale of the plant presents a unique opportunity for NYC to develop an 8.9-acre parcel of land, the last remaining large open space on the East River. This land should not only be used for reasonable development, but also recognize the community's need for open public space.

Dan Harris & Sue Anne Gershenson community residents spoke in opposition on the opening of Embassy Bar, 862 2nd Ave.

B.J Handel & Melvin Dennis, Waterside Tower residents spoke in opposition to the installation of the Card Key Access system.

James Roth representing Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village spoke in opposition to the installation of the Card Key Access system.

Madeline Tramm representing the Caron Foundation announced they are sponsoring a series of free public lectures beginning in May and ending in December on the 2nd Wednesday of every month at the Caron New York Recovery Center, 244 E. 58th Street. For more information, call 212-371-3220 ext.4201. All are welcome to attend.

Bea Disman, Northeastern Regional Commissioner for the Social Security Administration reported on the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act. This requires the Social Security Administration (SSA) to undertake a number of additional Medicare related responsibilities. SSA and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) are working together to provide people with limited incomes and resources extra help in paying for their prescription drugs. The Community Boards role in this will be to get the word out to the community about this program. She stated that she and her staff are working to get the information out not only on a national level but on the community level as well. Her staff will provide the Board with flyers and brochures for distribution and will explain how the program will operate.

Mathew Shotkin community resident stated that the community needed to fight to obtain more funding for health care.

Brian Thompson Tudor City Resident came to voice his concerns about sanitation in Tudor City. He stated that pick-up is not often enough and needs to be more frequent.

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of the April 13th Full Board minutes.

Minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Chair's Report – Carol A. Schachter

Carol requested that all Board Members sit in the first 3 rows during Full Board meetings for identification purposes and attendance. She thanked the board office and Ted Lynn for providing the Guide to Parliamentary Procedures for all members.

Carol then made the following announcements: Vicki Ross has resigned from the Board, and stated that she will be missed. We have three new Board Members, Marie Confessore, Edward Maynard and Barbara Russo; and welcomed them to CB6. CB6 members have been invited to attend the 17th Pct's Community Council Annual Police Appreciation Awards Ceremony & Reception on Friday, June 3rd at St. Vartan Armenian Cathedral, 630 2nd Ave. & 34th St. @ 6:00 p.m. She has 7 invitations with her for those who don't already have their own; more will be delivered to the Board office for those interested in attending. There will be an Asthma Walk on Sunday, June 5th @ Battery Park. For more information pick up a brochure in the rear, go on-line to www.alany.org or call 212-889-3370. The Annual Katherine Hepburn Garden Party will be held @ Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on Saturday, May 14th from 1-3 p.m. This event is given every year by The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold, Turtle Bay Association and the Dept. of Parks & Recreation.

District Manager's Report – Toni Carlina

Toni announced that the 197-a Plan is now up on our web site.

She then gave a brief summary on a few reports & up-dates on pending issues:

Up-date on Stuy Cove Park lights: On 4/25, after requesting what is Welbach's, long term solution for the repair of the lights and not receiving a clear answer, I warned EDC that the Board would request Comptroller control of this contract. On 4/27, EDC notified Tully Construction that no further payments would be processed until the Park lights are fixed and their current retainage would be adjusted. On May 5th, Tully submitted a report.

The EDC water main project on PCV 20th St. sidewalk is progressing, the Belgium blocks are being placed and the curb cuts have been corrected.

Stuyvesant Square Park: We have requested funding from Council Members Lopez and Moskowitz and from the Borough President. We are presently in discussions with the Parks Dept. who is arranging additional rodent abatement of the park. D. I. McEnroy will provide additional police coverage. Borough Commissioner Bill Castro is looking forward to working with the board; he dubbed it the Stuyvesant Square Task Force. Toni hopes that a meeting will be arranged within the next week.

City Planning has terminated Lenny's enclosed sidewalk café application for non-compliance; we informed DCA that they were still operating the café, summonses have been issued and they must attend a hearing.

Treasurer's Report

Bea read the OTPS report and complimented Toni and the office staff on how well the money was being managed.

Roll Call – Harry E. Ursillo

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Housing & Homeless – Claude Winfield, Chair

a. Report

Claude reported that a City Council Resolution calling for the repeal of the Urdstadt Law, SLR36 would be heard at the May Stated Council Meeting.

He then reported on Intro 316 that would prohibit owners of multiple dwellings from requiring tenants to present ID to gain entry. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the committee not take a position, but would like to urge the City Council and other elected officials to work with Waterside Plaza T.A. and ST/PCV T.A. to adopt appropriate legislation.

He also reported that Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) given a power point presentation on the New Housing Market Place-Creating Housing for the next Generation.

For details, see committee minutes.

2) Human Services – Lyle Frank, Chair

a. Report

Lyle reported that he attended a CARES Commission meeting regarding the 23rd St. V.A. Hospital. He stated that numerous veterans testified on their experiences in different wars and how this V.A hospital saved their lives and after certain surgery provided a place to go. They also voiced their disapproval of the government's decision to move the hospital. He urges all to continue to lend their support on this issue.

Lyle announced that the annual Bellevue Hospital Advisory Board dinner would be held on Saturday, June 25th @ 5:30 p.m. at the hospital, Margarita Lopez will be the keynote speaker; the community is invited to attend.

Next month the committee will review a City Council resolution on Social Security; the City Council is holding a hearing Thursday, May 12th, @ 1:00 to discuss a resolution related to Social Security.

Lyle also reported that A/M Dick Gottfried attended the April Committee meeting to discuss how the city hospitals could better serve the communities. He also discussed Medicaid and related topics.

3. Land Use – Ed Rubin, Chair

a. Report

Ed waived his report.

197-a Plan Sub-Committee – Ellen Imbimbo, Chair

Ellen reported that the 197-a Plan is moving forward. On Monday, May 16th the committee is reviewing what they hope will be the final draft of the report. The draft Plan is now available on the Board's website. The committee is looking into using some of the \$5,000 grant received by CM Lopez to create a final report that can be distributed to all and be placed on our website; we hope to have a very wide distribution. The final report will be brought to the board before it is submitted to City Planning.

Con-Ed Sub-Committee – Charles Buchwald, Chair

Charles reported that the developers for the Con-Ed Waterside Generating Plant came before the Land Use committee and presented an elaborate design scheme that showed models of what the buildings might look like at maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR).

4. Public Safety – Fred Arcaro, Chair

a. Report

Fred gave a brief summary of the Public Safety and Con-Ed Sub-Committee joint meeting held on May 9th. TRC representatives reviewed the demolition plans of the Con Ed Waterside buildings; they were very informative and engaged questions from the community. For more details see committee minutes.

He also stated that CB6 members should give their comments on CEQR # 05DEP010M, which is the draft scope of analysis to prepare a draft environmental impact statement on shaft 33B for the 3rd Water Tunnel by May 19th.

He announced that the Public Safety committee might look into the key card access systems; he also encouraged the new members to join his committee.

5. Transportation – Lou Sepersky, Chair

a. School safety initiatives on East 33rd and East 32nd Streets, between 2nd and 3rd Avenues (220 East 33rd Street, P.S. 116)

Whereas, Public School 116 (PS116) is at 220 East 33rd Street, in Community Board 6, and

Whereas, the playground for PS116 fronts on the north side of East 32nd Street, and

Whereas, both of these streets carry large volumes of automobile and truck traffic, and

Whereas, children attending PS116 and using its playground would be at considerably less risk with the added security of reduced vehicle speeds and with greater driver attention to the presence of a school, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that it is the recommendation of Community Board 6 (CB6), Manhattan, that the Department

of Transportation (DoT) install suitable and appropriate signage (i.e. “school crossing”, “school ahead” and “children crossing”), pedestrian crosswalk striping, and other measures which will address school safety on East 32nd Street, east of the yard of Public School 116 and, particularly, west of the entrance to P. S 116, 220 East 33rd Street, and

Be it further

Resolve that DoT advise CB6 as to the timetable for completion.

VOTE: 35 For 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

- b. **Taxi and Limousine Commission rule to require text-messaging capability in medallion New York City taxis.**

Whereas, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) has proposed rules governing all medallion taxis which would require the installation of text messaging capability, and

Whereas, taxi cabs constitute a significant element in the public transportation network in Community Board 6, and

Whereas, on call Limousines (Black Cars) currently have this capability, and

Whereas, a Request for Proposal to vendors for such a system has been issued, and

Whereas, the TLC argues that this would make it possible for taxis to communicate in the event of an emergency (and visa versa), and

Whereas, this could provide a distraction to drivers and, offer the potential for prearranged pick-ups (a prohibited practice), now

Therefore be it

Resolved the requirement of the addition of text messaging capability to medallion taxis, as proposed by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, is likely to be distracting and is objected to by Community Board 6.

VOTES: 24 For 10 Against 1 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

- c. **Proposed collection of taxi trip data, by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, electronically.**

Whereas, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) has proposed rules which make collection of taxi trip data, by the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission, electronically, and would mandate the installation of equipment for that purpose, and

Whereas, taxi cabs constitute a significant element in the public transportation network in Community Board 6, and

Whereas, a Request for Proposal to Vendors for such a system has been issued, and

Whereas, this information system would provide complete and current information about the whereabouts of a taxi, perhaps to the discomfort of the passenger, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that Community Board 6, objects to the electronic collection of real time trip information.

Votes: 13 For 19 Against 3 Abstentions 1 Not Entitled

d. Passenger information (rear seat) monitors in taxi cabs

Whereas, the New York City Taxi and Limousine commission (TLC) has proposed rules governing all medallion taxis which would require the installation of passenger (rear seat) information monitors, and

Whereas, taxi cabs constitute a significant, element in the public transportation network in Community Board 6, and

Whereas, past experience proves that screens are a significant nuisance to the riding public, and

Whereas, past experience shows that so called shut off buttons on such screens are, intentionally or otherwise, often broken and, even when operational the commercials often restart during the same trip, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that Community Board 6 objects to the installation in taxi cabs of noisy and visually polluting so-called information monitors.

VOTE: 24 For 9 Against 2 Abstentions 1 Not Entitled

e. Credit and debit card payments for (medallion) taxi fares.

Whereas, the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission (TLC) has proposed rules, governing all medallion taxis which would require the installation of electronic credit and debit card readers, which would make it possible for fares to be paid with these cards, and

Whereas, for a demonstration period, 500 taxis have demonstrated the capability of such a system,

Whereas, taxi cabs constitute a significant element in the public transportation network in Community Board 6, and

Whereas, the use of credit or debit cards, as a fare payment option, do not appear to delay fare payment and provide a convenient record of which taxi has been used, the amount of the fare and of any tip, and

Whereas, a Request for Proposal to vendors for such a system has been issued, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that the proposal of the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission to require cabs to be equipped to make fare payment possible by the use of credit or debit cards is endorsed by Community Board 6, provided the system adopted is capable of reliable operation anywhere in New York City.

VOTE: 32 For 3 Against 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

f. **Minimum time for the Taxi and Limousine Commission to give Community Boards for consideration of proposed rules changes.**

Whereas, the Taxi and Limousine Commission has proposed to Community Boards certain rules changes in the operation of medallion taxi cabs in the New York City and

Whereas, Community Boards and their committees usually meet on a monthly basis, and

Whereas, a thorough and complete review of rules and regulations changes should be done in a thoughtful manner, which' requires an appropriate amount of time, and

Whereas, the New York City Charter affords Community Boards no less than 60 days for Urban Land Use Review Process (ULURP) matters, and which is suitable model, for deliberation of city agency rules changes, now

Therefore, be it

Resolved that the New York City Taxi and Limousine Commission is urged to afford Community Boards no less than 60 days, for the consideration of any regulation or rules changes being proposed, and for which the opinions of Community Boards are being solicited.

VOTES: 36 For 0 Against 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

g. **Report**

Lou announced that at the June 6th committee meeting representatives from Vision42 would discuss the proposed 42nd St. light rail proposal; they will then come to the June Full Board meeting..

6. **Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Gary Papush, Chair**

a. **Landmark designation-Summit Hotel, 569 Lexington Ave @51st Street.**

Whereas, the (former) Summit Hotel is located at 569-573 Lexington Avenue; and

Whereas, the 21-story building, built in 1961, was designed by the internationally recognized architect Morris Lapidus in a lively and colorful modern style; and

Whereas, the Summit was the first new large scale hotel to be built in New York City after World War II, foreshadowing a later boom in hotel construction; and

Whereas, although the hotel was originally clad in glazed brick, tile, and Vermont marble, a certain amount of the building's original material has been altered in recent years, including during the current construction campaign; and

Whereas, the building's distinctive shape, curtain wall masonry at the upper floors, and sign feature on the Lexington Avenue façade remain extant; and

Whereas, preservation organizations such as DOCOMOMO and the Municipal Art Society have recognized the architectural and historic importance of this structure;

Therefore, be it

Resolved, Community Board 6 supports designation of the exterior of the (former) Summit Hotel as an Individual Landmark.

VOTE: 33 in Favor 2 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. **135 EAST 36TH STREET**

Whereas, the Republic of Namibia is the owner of the building at 135 East 36th Street in the Murray Hill Historic District, and

Whereas, as a result of a damaging fire the building must be restored, and

Whereas, their application proposes to restore the brownstone material on the 36th Street side of the building, add a two story roof addition and a seven story extension at the sideyard, and

Whereas, the addition and extension will be of glass material, and

Whereas, the plans were presented to Community Board 6 and were found to be appropriate to the historic district except for the part that would remove the historic stoop at the 36th Street entrance, and

Whereas, the applicant has agreed to amend their application to retain the stoop,

Whereas, the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association is in support of this application; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, Community Board 6 recommends approval of the application as amended (the retention of the stoop).

VOTE: 33 in Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. **Report**

Gary reported that despite newspaper reports that the UN would move to a Brooklyn site, they have not abandoned their plans to utilize the space at Robert Moses Park.

He then reported that at the June 7th meeting the committee would consider doing a resolution on enforcement at Stuyvesant Cove Park.

7. Business & Governmental Affairs – Tim McGinn, Chair

Harry E. Ursillo committee Vice-Chair presented the resolutions.

b. Hotel liquor license for Affinia 50, 155 E 50th St, b/w 3rd & Lex Aves.

Whereas, this is a hotel restaurant/lounge on the 2nd floor of the premises operating 24 hrs a day; and

Whereas, the capacity of the restaurant/lounge is 50 and will be providing breakfast, lunch and dinner only to hotel guests; and

Whereas, while it will have recorded background music, it is surrounded by guest rooms; and

Whereas, the property was recently renovated and is wheelchair accessible; and

Whereas, the hotel's been in operation for a year without causing any problems in the neighborhood and is regarded by the local BID as a high-end hotel property; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six supports the application for a Hotel liquor license for Affinia 50, 155 E 50th St, b/w 3rd & Lex Aves.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. May 17th (Tues) – street fair application for Rudin Management Co, Inc, on E 54th St, b/w Lex & 3rd Aves.

Whereas, the event is a brokers' party for the 100th anniversary of Rudin Management and will have a "1905" theme (for the year the company was founded); and

Whereas, there will be 500 – 600 attendees; and

Whereas, the location, in front of 153 E 54th St, was the first property Samuel Rudin's father bought in 1902 and remains a cornerstone of the Rudin portfolio; and

Whereas, the hours will be 5:30 – 7:30 PM (with an overall 18 – 20 hrs required for setup/breakdown); and

Whereas, they will erect a 30' X 100' tent on 54th Street as the building's lobby can't accommodate all the guests inside; and

Whereas, the 3rd lane of 54th St will remain open for emergency vehicles; and

Whereas, Det Frank Bogucki (17th Prct) is OK with this event; and

Whereas, Citicorp has no objections to it; and

Whereas, though Rudin Management is a for-profit entity, the company has provided real estate services to this community and to communities throughout the area; and

Whereas, this is a weekday event and an anniversary party, not a fund raiser; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six has no objection to the May 17th (Tues.) – street fair application for Rudin Management Co, Inc, on E 54th St, b/w Lex & 3rd Aves.

VOTE: 34 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

d. Report

Harry gave a brief report on Ohmsayin, Inc., d/b/a Embassy, 862 2nd Ave. See committee minutes. Carol congratulated Harry for stepping in to chair the committee during Tim’s absence.

8. Youth & Education – Maxine McIntosh, Chair

a. Int. No. 619: Reporting of class size by the Department of Education

Whereas, class size varies from school to school having classes of excess of 30 students in some elementary and middle schools and excess on 35 students in some high schools, for decades public schools in New York City have been overcrowded, and

Whereas, over the past decades a variety of means has been tried to reduce class sizes and although some of these measures have been successful, they have not succeeded in reducing class size uniformly citywide to acceptable levels, and

Whereas, the Council finds that one reason the Department of Education has been unable to reduce class size to acceptable levels citywide is that the public and policymakers do not have access to accurate and timely class size information; and

Whereas, the Department of Education shall on or before the thirtieth day of November in each year make and transmit to the Mayor a report in writing stating the whole numbers of schools under its jurisdiction during the said year; the number of teachers; the total number pupils on register, and the average attendance at each school; the number of high schools and training schools for teachers, with the number of teachers and the attendance of pupils at each, and

Whereas, the Department of Education shall also make in said reports such suggestions and recommendations relative to the publics schools of the city as it may deem proper, and

Whereas, class size is an important element a parent would consider in the selection of an appropriate school for their child,

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 6 supports the reporting to the City Council twice annually with respect to the following information regarding class sizes in New York City public schools;

- Each school and separately for each academic program within a school building, including smaller schools housed within larger institutions and specialized programs such as those programs for gifted students and for students with special needs, the average class per grade in all classes in such programs;
- For each school district and for each region, the average class size per grade of all classes in such district and region;
- For each borough, the average class size per grade of all classes in such borough; and
- Citywide, the average class size per grade; and

be it further

Resolved, that this information be placed on the department's website, on its home page and user friendly and on all school sites that have web sites.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Report

Maxine reported that applications for the DYCD Summer Youth Free Bus program would be available in the Board office for any youth organizations that is interested. Buses will be given on a first come first serve basis.

Old/new Business

Marty reported that the Budget Sub-Committee would meet on Tuesday, May 31st at the Board office. He requested that all committee chairs work on their priorities and hand them into him before the summer break.

Second Roll Call

Meeting adjourned at 11p.m.