

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 11, 2006
NYU MEDICAL CENTER
FIRST AVENUE

Hon. Carol A Schachter, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members answering first roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Buchwald, Collins, Curtis, Disman, Fieber, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Knowles, Lynn, Monterossa, Montoute, Moses, Oddo, Papush, Perveri, Reiss, Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schoor, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Talbot, Tu, Ursillo, West, Williams, Winfield

Members answering second roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bloch, Buchwald, Collins, Curtis, Disman, Fieber, Frank, Garland, Garodnick, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Knowles, Lynn, Monterossa, Montoute, Moses, Oddo, Papush, Perveri, Reiss, Ross, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schoor, Schwartz, Sepersky, Simon, Talbot, Tu, Ursillo, West, Williams, Winfield

Excused

Thompson

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

Boettcher, Cohen, Confessore, Haile, Gruber, McIntosh, Russo,

Member attendance Present: **36** Absent: **8** Excused: **1**

Guests signed in: A/M Jonathan Bing; Boro President Scott Stringer; C/M Dan Garodnick; Pat McCandless representing Sen. Liz Krueger; Ben Goodman representing A/M Richard Gottfried; Jonathan Moody representing C/M Jessica Lappin; Greg Geller representing C/M Rosie Mendez; Minna Charles, Sandy Leiva-Davila, Al Doyle, Mathew Grace-NY Observer, Melissa McDonald, Amy Martinez-Miller, B.P's Office; Lora Moysara, Pat Sallin, Ann Salzberg, Jon Schachter, Brian Thompson, Karen Weiss-NYPL

INDEX

Meeting Called to Order _____	3
Agenda Changes_____	3
Adoption of the Agenda_____	3
Public Session _____	3
Roll Call_____	6
Business Session_____	6
Adoption of the Minutes for Dec.14, 2005_____	6
Report from the Chair _____	6
District Manager’s Report _____	7
Treasurer’s Report _____	7
Committee Reports_____	7
Land Use_____	7
Youth and Education_____	8
Housing and Homeless Services_____	8
Human Services_____	8
Transportation_____	9
Business and Governmental Affairs_____	10
Public Safety_____	15
Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs_____	15
Old/New Business _____	16
Second Roll Call _____	16
Adjournment _____	16
Appendix A: FULL BOARD ATTENDANCE RECORD _____	17
Appendix B: ROLL CALL VOTES ON RESOLUTIONS _____	18

Meeting Called to Order

Carol A. Schachter called the meeting to order.

Agenda Changes

Transportation

Deleted Resolution

5b. Local Law 24 (street closure process)

Business & Governmental Affairs

Added Resolutions

- 6c. Transfer, on-premises liquor license for TNT Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a The Bar Room, 986 2nd Ave, b/w E. 52nd & E. 53rd Sts.
- 6d. Transfers, Hotel liquor licenses for the Affinia Hotels: Shelburne Murray Hill (303 Lex. Ave); Affinia Dumont (150 E. 34th St.); and Benjamin Hotel (125 E. 50th St).
- 6e. New, On-premises liquor license 381 Pub On Third, Inc, 381 3rd Ave, b/w E. 27th & E. 28th Sts.
- 6f. New, On-premises liquor license 384 3rd Ave. Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Shackletons, 384 3rd Ave, b/w E. 27th & E. 28th Sts.

Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs

Deleted Resolution

- 8a. LPC CoA - application to legalize installation of awning at 310 East 44th Street.

Adoption of the Agenda

PUBLIC SESSION

C/M Dan Garodnick personally attended to thank the board members and community for their support; he stated that he is here to help, and work with the Board on various community issues. He stated that the concerns of the Boards are also his concerns, and stated that his office has already received calls on such issues, as the Con Ed Waterside project. He introduced Justine Almada as his CB 6 liaison and gave assurances that he would continue to monitor the situation.

Additionally he announced that he has been appointed to the rules committee of the City Council, and are presently looking for a permanent District Office. In the meantime, he and his staff can be reach at 212-818-0580.

A/M Jonathan Bing reported that there have been no new developments regarding UN usage of Robert Moses Park; he stated that he would continue to monitor the situation.

He then reported that he, Sen. Krueger and newly elected C/M Lappin had a meeting with representatives of DEP, DDC and the Mayor's Office to express the communities concerns over the proposed 3rd Water Tunnel Shaft site; he is trying to work with all parties for a resolution on this issue.

Additionally the A/M reported that a press conference has been scheduled for Thursday, January 26th at 11:30 a.m., to voice opposition to the granting of an on-premises liquor license to Embassy Bar by the State Liquor Authority (SLA), all interested parties are welcomed. The press conference will take place outside the proposed location on the NE corner of 46th Street and 2nd Avenue. He will also announce at the press conference the introduction of legislation to reform the SLA's license granting procedure and to help assure that the concerns of local communities receive a fair hearing.

A/M Bing then stated that he was very pleased to welcome two newly elected officials for the eastside of Manhattan. C/M Dan Garodnick and C/M Jessica Lappin, he also welcomed our new Borough President Scott Stringer.

For more information, see the Assembly Member's community report or go to bingj@assembly.state.ny.us

Amy Martinez-Miller representing Borough President Stringer introduced herself as the new CB6 liaison. She can be reached @ 212-669-7877 or amartinez-miller@manhattanbp.org.

Joe Soldvere representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney reported that Rep. Maloney attended the bill signing ceremony to combat sex trafficking. She stated that human trafficking and sex slavery is an enormous problem that is too often goes unnoticed. The Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act of 2005 includes measures to end the demand for sex trafficking in the United States.

He then reported that Cg/M Maloney was thrilled for the 9/11 heroes, FDNY, NYPD and EMS; and applauds the Spkr. Of the House for reinstating Federal aid needed for these brave heroes.

He additionally reported that the Cg/M and other members of the NY delegation introduced legislation to the House of Representative to award retirement credits for the National Guard service at ground zero in response to 9/11. She has pushed

for inclusion of the provision in the Defense Authorization Bill. Maloney first proposed the extension of retirement credits following her April 2004 meeting with the National Guard 9/11 responders. She stated that with this action, we have righted the remaining wrongs from 9/11.

For further information, read the Congress Members report or go to www.house.gov/maloney/press

Patrick McCandless representing Sen. Liz Krueger welcomed the newly elected officials and reported on the Governors January 4th, State of the State Address, highlighting several issues from the State Address: Tax Cuts, Economic Development Education, Energy, and Crime. The Senator believes that most of these proposals lack detail. See Senator's newsletter for details.

He also reported that as of January 1, 2006, the Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage Plan went into effect, Enrollment and Assistance Centers will be opened throughout New York City.

For further information; read the Senator's Community Bulletin Report or go to www.lizkrueger.com

Lisa Kaplan representing newly elected C/M Rosie Mendez introduced herself as C/M Mendez' Chief of Staff and introduced Jasmin Torres, the Council Member's scheduler and Greg Geller as the Boards liaison.

Ms. Kaplan announced that they would continue utilizing the office of former C/M Lopez located at 237 First Ave. Since this report, the office has obtained the district office phone number, (212) 677-1077.

For further information and summarized bio's of the staff, read the Council Member's Community Bulletin report.

Jonathan Moody representing newly elected C/M Jessica Lappin reintroduced himself as the Boards liaison; stating that he is looking forward to continue working with CB6 as he did under former Spkr. Miller. C/M Lappin is currently occupying the office space of former Spkr. Miller at 336 E. 73rd Street, the phone number is 212-535-5554; the Board will be informed when they obtain new office space.

Alvin Doyle, President, Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village Tenants Assoc., **Joe Luceres** and **William Lehr**, residents all spoke in support of the Human Services Committed Disable Parking resolution that will be voted on at tonight's meeting.

Borough President Scott Stringer stated that he personally came by to introduce himself and stated that he is excited to be serving as our Borough President for next four years. He also stated that he has an ambitious agenda planned for the borough.

He thanked the Board Members for filling out and returning the questionnaires stating that during his campaign, he spoke with members of various community boards; people had a lot of strong opinions of what the role of the Borough President ought to be, how he could make the boards better, what kind of staffing could the BP provide, if any, and what did he think of the roles of District Managers and Community Board Chairs. He stated that the questionnaire is his way of reaching out to them directly and asked if the Board Members would allow him, or his staff to call them directly; stating that it is important to create a real dialogue on issues.

He then stated that Boards have been around since the 1950's and every 50 years or so we should analyze how they operate. He believes that board meetings are the town hall meetings for communities.

He introduced a few members of his staff, Alaina Colon , Chief of Staff; Josh Bocian, Dir. of Community Affairs & Community Boards and Amy Martinez-Miller, CB 6 liaison. He finished by stating he is looking forward to working with the Board.

Jon Schachter spoke in favor of placing caps on commercial rent increases.

Roll Call – Harry E. Ursillo

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of December 14th Full Board minutes.

Minutes were adopted by voice vote.

Chair's Report – Carol A. Schachter

Carol reminded all Board Members that the Borough President's questionnaire is due by January 15th, and to please provide the Board Office with a copy.

Carol announced that the Holiday party has been rescheduled for Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Board office directly after the Executive Committee meeting.

District Manager's Report – Toni Carlina

Update: Stuyvesant Cove Lights

The lights are working! The manufacture did come in from Canada and were on site with Lumac engineers on December 20th, parts have been taken back for examination. At the end of all this EDC has assured us that the manufacture warrantee will be extended.

Most of the newly elected officials have been contacting the office to arrange meeting to discuss district issues. The office has been putting packages together of some of the Boards most recent and important resolutions. If there are any resolutions that need follow-up or the Board wants our elected officials to be aware of, please call the office and let us know.

Treasurer's Report – Bea Disman

Bea report that once again the OTPS budget is right on target and noted that the office has been very conservative with the spending; there should be enough to get us through the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) Land Use – Edward Rubin, Chair

a. Report

The 197-a Plan has reached threshold review, which means it now meets the standard to be presented to the City Planning Commission (CPC). Thank you, Ellen Imbimbo, for all of your hard work. The 197-a Plan will be presented to the CPC at their review session on January 23rd @1:00 p.m. He also thanked Irene Peveri and her group the East Side Rezoning Alliance for their support with the 197-a Plan.

Update: the Con Edison First Ave properties project, as it pertains to the 197-a Plan; over the last few months, the Board has had a series of meetings with the development team; mainly the attorney's and architects, to discuss various aspects of the project such as bulk, parking, zoning, open space, affordable housing, public safety and environmental issues. The committee believes that the plans they have are flawed and that some new ideas from the Board need to be implemented.

John West explained zoning issues involved with this project and what the developers are proposing.

For the full report on the Con Ed site, see Land Use Committee minutes.

2) **Youth & Education** – Maxine McIntosh, Chair

a. **Report**

Due to the absence of the Chair, committee report was waived.

3) **Housing & Homeless** – Claude Winfield, Chair

a. **Report**

HPD representatives John Lavin and Cassandra Vernon gave a presentation at committee on the Mayor's new Housing Market Place program.

He announced that the committee would discuss City Council Intro 767 - creating a temporary task force to study existing as well as potential means and methods of funding affordable housing for low to extremely low-income residential communities.

For the full report, see Housing & Homeless Committee minutes

4) **Human Services** – Lyle Frank, Chair

a. **Handicapped parking in Stuyvesant Town**

Whereas, for many years, on the loop roads within Stuyvesant Town, there were parking restriction of "No Parking Anytime" on one side of the street, and

Whereas, such restriction permitted the parking by individuals with handicapped parking permits, and

Whereas, recently, such signage was changed by Stuyvesant Town, and subsequently approved by the New York City Department of Transportation to have such regulation changed to "No Standing, 10 P.M. to 7 A.M., and

Whereas, there was no consultation by the New York Department of Transportation with Community Board 6 in regard to this change, and

Whereas, as a result of this sign-off by DOT, peace officers within Stuyvesant Town are now able to issue summonses in this regard, which are enforced by the City of New York, and

Whereas, the new regulation does not permit handicapped individuals to park in such area, and

Whereas, there are approximately 120 individuals within Stuyvesant Town that have handicapped permits, with only approximately 30 parking spaces set aside for handicapped access, and

Whereas, often individuals without disabilities will use placards or other means to park in these designated handicapped spots, and

Whereas, a designation of "No Standing Anytime, Except Trucks Loading and Unloading" would permit handicapped individuals to park, now

Therefore Be It

Resolved, that Community Board 6 calls upon the City of New York to redesignate one of the sides of the loop roads as "No Standing Anytime Except Trucks Loading and Unloading, and be it further

Resolved, that the New York City Department of Transportation consult with CB6 fully regarding any parking restrictions on these loop roads.

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

b. **Report**
Lyle waived his report.

5) **Transportation** – Lou Sepersky, Chair

a. **New York State Department of Transportation request to close the East 61st. Street Ramp of the Northbound FDR Drive for 17 consecutive days as part of the 53rd to 63rd Street Reconstruction Project.**

Whereas, the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DoT) is reconstructing the Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (Drive), 53rd to 63rd Streets, most of which is in Community Board 6, Manhattan, and

Whereas, as part of the work on the northbound 61st Street exit ramp includes the reconstruction of about 140 feet (identified as Spans 4 to 7) of the exit ramp's deck (surface), and

Whereas, this includes the pouring of concrete which in the original scope of work was scheduled to take 26 consecutive weekends (Friday night to Monday morning) and nine (9) additional days of continuous closure to allow the concrete to cure (dry and harden), and

Whereas, NYS DoT has proposed to do this work in 17 consecutive days, working around the clock, if the north bound 61st Street exit ramp can be fully closed, which and would detour traffic from the Drive at 42nd Street to local streets, primarily but not exclusively, First Avenue, and

Whereas, the proposed revised work program would shorten the total time needed to complete this portion of the reconstruction by reducing the set-up and take-down for the contractor from 26 such events to one (1), reduce the construction time (estimated at 2/3 of the time), and

Whereas, the proposed revised work schedule would detour fewer cars on to local streets and reduce driver confusion and resultant traffic impacts, and minimize detoured traffic miles and hours, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that community Board 6, Manhattan, endorses the New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DoT) proposal for the closure of the East 61st Street of the north bound Franklin D. Roosevelt Drive (Drive) for the purpose of an around-the-clock reconstruction of 140 feet (Spans 4 to 7) of the deck of the Drive, for an estimated 17 days, provided:

That NYS DoT schedules to work to coincide with school holidays, when (car) traffic is likely to be lighter (i.e. no earlier than the end of March and during first and second weeks of April);

That sufficient; and appropriate (electronic) signage be placed by NYS DoT at least two weeks prior to the start of the job alerting drivers to the forthcoming detour;

That a suitable and sufficient number of closely supervised Traffic Enforcement Agents (TEAs) be assigned by NYS DoT so as to minimized additional negative traffic impacts during this period.

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

c. Report

NYS Dept. of Transportation responded to the Boards letter of request to retain the FDR Outboard Roadway Detour (ORD); they did not agree with the Boards recommendation. A copy of the letter is at the Board office.

NYC Dept. of Transportation has agreed to install a bus shelter at E. 41st Street and First Ave. as soon as weather permits.

For the full report, see Transportation Committee minutes.

6. Business & Governmental Affairs – Harry Edward Ursillo, Chair

- a. **New DCA appl. (#1215467), unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 39 seats for 60 Sweet Thing, Inc, d/b/a Redemption, 1003 2nd Ave, b/w E 53rd & E 54th Sts.**

WHEREAS, Rob Bookman, Esq, Anthony Monticello, Owner, and Sarah Grizzle, Mgr, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, their presentation was for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 39 seats; and

WHEREAS, the sidewalk on E 53rd St has a width of 15' 6" and the café there takes up 7' leaving 8'6' of clearance (which is legal clearance per the current guidelines, but, CB6 would prefer 10' of clearance), while the sidewalk on 2nd Ave has a width of 14' 10 "and the café there takes up 3' 10" leaving 11' of clearance (which would satisfy CB6's preference); and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a bar-restaurant serving light fare, has been open 9 months and there have been no complaints about it that the committee knows of; and

WHEREAS, the French windows will be closed in warmer months by 11 PM; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 12n – 2 AM, Monday thru Friday, 12n – 2/3 AM, Saturday, 12n – 12 AM, Sunday; and

WHEREAS, they have recorded music, but, a DJ Thursday – Saturday; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Monticello signed the Applicant's Change Agreement stipulating they would remove 2 tables (4 seats) on 53rd St for tree pit clearance and a barrier separating the café from pedestrians on 2nd Ave would be set up; and

WHEREAS, a few residents from the area reminded committee members of the density of establishments there; however, since there have been no complaints to CB6 that we know of and Mr. Monticello stipulated to 2 changes; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection to the new DCA appl. (#1215467), unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 35 seats for 60 Sweet Thing, Inc, d/b/a Redemption, 1003 2nd Ave, b/w E 53rd & E 54th Sts, per the two changes Mr. Monticello stipulated to.

VOTE: 32 in Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. New Restaurant Wine license for M Culinary Concepts, Inc, d/b/a Bite, 211 E 14th St, b/w 2nd & 3rd Aves.

WHEREAS, Mr Amichay Melamed, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a coffee shop with a capacity of 17; and

WHEREAS, Mr Melamed feels beer & wine would compliment his menu of sandwiches and salads; and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are weekdays 8 AM – 12 AM, weekends 9 AM – 2 AM; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection to the new Restaurant Wine license for M Culinary Concepts, Inc, d/b/a Bite, 211 E 14th St, b/w 2nd & 3rd Aves.

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

c. Transfer, on-premises liquor license for TNT Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a The Bar Room, 986 2nd Ave, b/w E 52 & E 53rd Sts.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Scher, Esq, Brian Walter, Owner, Andy Griggs, Owner and Sean Rogers, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a bar-restaurant operating Sunday – Wednesday, 11:45 AM – 1 AM, Thursday, 11:45 AM – 2/3 AM, Friday & Saturday, 11:45 AM – 4 AM; and

WHEREAS, the French windows will be closed in warmer months by 10 PM; and

WHEREAS, they have a Public Assembly permit, it is wheelchair accessible, they have recorded music; there's no dancing and no staging area and soundproofing is in place; and

WHEREAS, they will try to focus on corporate clients with early-scheduled events to run 6 PM – 10 PM or 7 PM – 11 PM.; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection to the transfer, on-premises liquor license for TNT Entertainment, LLC, d/b/a The Bar Room, 986 2nd Ave, b/w E 52 & E 53rd Sts.

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

- d. **Transfers, Hotel liquor licenses for the Affinia Hotels: Shelburne Murray Hill (303 Lexington Ave), Affinia Dumont (150 E 34th St) and Benjamin Hotel (125 E 50th St).**

WHEREAS, James D Wanderstock, Esq, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, the transfers are an NYS LLC to a Delaware LLC; and

WHEREAS, the 3 properties are being upgraded to the Affinia chain's higher standards; and

WHEREAS, noise complaints about the Shelburne's rooftop bar "Rare View" were resolved by the intervention of Lt Groht of the 17th Prct, to whom residents complaining about it were introduced by the B&GA chair at a 17th Prct Community Council meeting; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection to the transfers, Hotel liquor licenses for the Affinia Hotels: Shelburne Murray Hill (303 Lexington Ave), Affinia Dumont (150 E 34th St) and Benjamin Hotel (125 E 50th St).

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

- e. **New On-Premises liquor license application for 381 Pub On Third, Inc, 381 3rd Ave, b/w E 27th & E 28th Sts.**

WHEREAS, Paul O'Connor, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a bar-restaurant with a capacity of 72, operating 7 days a week 11 AM – 4 AM; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is wheelchair accessible, will have recorded music, no dancing, no staging area, and is soundproofed; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Connor also owns Whisky River (575 2nd Ave at 32nd St); and

WHEREAS, alterations to include an upgraded kitchen, new signage and cosmetic changes; and

WHEREAS, no windows will be opened during warmer months; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan has no objection to the new liquor license application for 381 Pub On Third, Inc, 381 3rd Ave, b/w E 27th & E 28th Sts.

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

f. **New, On-premises liquor license for 384 3rd Ave Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Shackletons, 384 3rd Ave, b/w E 27th & E 28th Sts.**

WHEREAS, Mark Fox, Owner, and Andy Breslin, Owner, appeared before the Business & Governmental Affairs Committee of CB6 Manhattan on 1/5/06; and

WHEREAS, they also own The Red Lion (151 Bleecker St), Banc Café in CB6 (431 3rd Ave), Alibi Lounge (116 MacDougal St) and Slane (102 MacDougal St) in Manhattan;; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a bar-restaurant with a capacity of 150, operating 7 days a week from 12n – 4 AM; and

WHEREAS, they have recorded music; and

WHEREAS, plans are currently being drawn for alterations to the kitchen, bathrooms, bar, storage and refrigeration areas and will be submitted upon completion; and

WHEREAS, 500' rule applies; and

WHEREAS, their landlord has a stipulation in their lease that they keep the noise down; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board 6 Manhattan supports the On-premises liquor license for 384 3rd Ave Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Shackletons, 384 3rd Ave, b/w E 27th & E 28th Sts.

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

g. Report

Harry waived the report.

7. Public Safety – Fred Arcaro, Chair

a. Report

Citizens for NYC attended the meeting to recruit volunteers for the CERT program. They are offering a 30-hour training course in emergency preparedness.

The committee discussed the EIS for the Con Ed First Ave properties; the plans that were shown, in his opinion, raise some serious public safety and security concerns; however, this is still a work in progress. Fred thanked John West & Ed Rubin for their assistance with the Public Safety issues relating to this project.

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

b. Certificate of Appropriateness for the Pierpont Morgan Library and annex, J.P. Morgan Residence

WHEREAS, the Morgan Library is a complex of historic buildings on the block front bounded by Madison Avenue, East 36th Street and East 37th Street, which includes the former J.P. Morgan Residence, Morgan Library, and Morgan Library Addition; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission approved, with Community Board 6 support, the construction of a large addition that faces all three street frontages in a contemporary style intended to complement the architecture of the complex's historic buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission approved, at staff level, new signage in a contemporary design to be mounted on the existing fencing at all three street frontages, although this approval does not include signage at the site's southwest corner; and

WHEREAS, the owner has presented a proposal for a white metal sign, similar in design to the Library's other new signage, to be installed on the existing fencing at the corner of Madison Avenue and East 36th Street to replace an existing signage vitrine; and

WHEREAS, the proposal calls for the installation of three flagpoles and banners to replace two existing, larger flagpoles and a banner at the south side of the property's Madison Avenue frontage; and

WHEREAS, the corner signage, in terms of its location, size and design, visually harmonizes with the complex's contemporary addition and signage and reinforces the dialogue between the complex's contemporary and historic structures; and

WHEREAS, the banners do not detract from the complex’s architecture because of their size which matches the blind windows at the original Morgan Library building’s first story, and their location in the Library’s yard; and

WHEREAS, the signage and banners are designed so that they will not damage any historic material, and be readily reversible; and

WHEREAS, the residents of the community expressed no objection to the proposal;

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, Community Board 6 supports approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness applied for by the applicant.

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

c. Report

The Morgan Library will reopen in April; they have assured the Board that all construction work has been completed.

The DPR has informed the Board that they are issuing another RFP for Stuyvesant Square Park.

Old/new business

Second Roll Call

Adjournment – 10:30