

**FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, December 10, 2008**  
**NYU MEDICAL CENTER**  
**550 FIRST AVENUE**

**Hon. Lyle Frank, Chair**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members answering first roll call:** Charles Buchwald, Colleen Curtis, Louise Dankberg, Beatrice Disman, Richard Eggers, Lyle Frank, Florence Friedman, Joy Garland, David Garodnick, Linda Goldman, Rebecca Haile, Molly Hollister, Ellen Imbimbo, Paige Judge, Ray Knowles, Tom LaBarbera, Maxine McIntosh, William Oddo, Gary Papush, Seena Parker, Rev. Joseph Parrish, Andrea Pellezzi, Frank Scala, Paula Schaeffer, Joshua Schwadron, Lou Sepersky, Sandro Sherrod, Letty Simon, Susan Steinberg, Scott Talbot, Harry Ursillo, Wilbur Weder, Claude Winfield

**Members answering second roll call:** Charles Buchwald, Colleen Curtis, Louise Dankberg, Beatrice Disman, Richard Eggers, Lyle Frank, Florence Friedman, Joy Garland, David Garodnick, Linda Goldman, Rebecca Haile, Molly Hollister, Ellen Imbimbo, Paige Judge, Ray Knowles, Tom LaBarbera, Maxine McIntosh, Mirtha Monterossa, William Oddo, Gary Papush, Seena Parker, Rev. Joseph Parrish, Andrea Pellezzi, Frank Scala, Carol Ann Schacter, Paula Schaeffer, Joshua Schwadron, Lou Sepersky, Sandro Sherrod, Letty Simon, Susan Steinberg, Scott Talbot, Harry Ursillo, Wilbur Weder, Claude Winfield

**Excused:** Martin Barrett, Jim Collins, Richard Moses, Daniel Williams, Susan Wilson

**Absent (Members not present or not answering one or both roll calls):** Fred Arcaro, Noel Lilien, Mike McGuire, Mirtha Monterossa, Clara Reiss, Edward Rubin, Carol Ann Schacter, Kayla Southworth, Mark Thompson, John Pettit West

**Member attendance** Present: 35 Absent: 8 Excused: 5

**Guests signed in:** Council Member Garodnick, Council Member Lappin, Council Member Mendez, Nily Rozic representing Assembly Member Kavanagh, Romeo Ymalay representing Senator Daune, Dara Adams representing Congress Member Maloney, Scott Talbot (CB 6 Board Member), Sarra Hale-Stern representing Sen. Liz Krueger, Kieth Powers representing Assembly Member Bing, Dan Benjoya representing Borough President Stringer

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## Meeting Called to Order

Chair Lyle Frank called the meeting to order at 7:05PM.

## Adoption of the Agenda

Agenda adopted by a voice vote.

## PUBLIC SESSION

**C/M Garodnick** stated on the budget **1)** that there will be a \$14 billion deficit to the state budget for next fiscal year. **2)** The Mayor's budget director has ordered a 7% cut to all city agencies for FY 2009-2010. **3)** The Mayor has proposed expediting a property tax increase to raise revenue. The property tax increase is expected to be voted on by the City Council in July 2009 but with the Mayor's urging it may come for a vote by January 1<sup>st</sup> 2009. **4)** A bill to raise the hotel tax was introduced in the Council and it is expected to bring millions in revenue for the city.

C/M Garodnick gave the following updates: **a)** the discolored water that has been occurring in the district may occur again as DEP switches over to the Delaware system. **b)** released a report on overcrowding at the 4, 5, and 6 trains and platforms; an average of 133 riders, per downtown train, were left stranded on the platform at the 77<sup>th</sup> Street station by number 6 local trains during the morning rush hour. The C/M offered recommendations which can be accessed from his full report: <http://www.garodnick.com/file.2008-11-20.0466848026/> **c)** introduced a bill of rights for "For Hire Vehicles" similar to existing bill of rights for taxi passengers. The new bill of rights will also include the right to pay the pre-approved fare quoted by the dispatcher. **d)** On Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm the C/M will be conducting a Medicare Rights forum at Stuyvesant Town Community Center, 449 E. 14<sup>th</sup> St. btw 1<sup>st</sup> & Avenue A. **e)** C/M Lapping and I will host a joint Holiday Party on Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm at Sutton Place Synagogue, 225 East 51<sup>st</sup> St. btw 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves., all are welcome to attend.

## Q&A with C/M Dan Garodnick:

- The C/M took questions on the community board budget from board members Gary Papush and Bea Disman.
- Board member Joe Parrish expressed concern about the ongoing discolored water issue and inquired as to what is DEP's plan should the switch to the Delaware water system fail to correct the discolored water issue.

For these and other reports, see the Council Member's East Side bulletin or to obtain a e-mail [garodnick@council.nyc.us](mailto:garodnick@council.nyc.us)

**C/M Lappin** reported **1)** that her 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual East Side Art Show is on display at Sotheby's this winter. The 180 artists were chosen from 10 different schools submitted by children between the ages of 3 to 12. **2)** To assist the cities food pantries replenish their shelves, we will be collecting non-perishables at the annual holiday.

The C/M then thanked the Board office for all of their assistance on various community issues.

For additional reports see the C/M's newsletter or call 212-788-6665 to obtain a copy.

**C/M Mendez** spoke on: **1)** the effect of the MTA's proposed 2009 budget cuts, particularly the proposed reduced hours for the M23 bus line and the increase of the Access-A-Ride fare - from \$2 to \$4, and stated that she supports the petition started by BP Scott Stringer against the fare

increase for seniors. **2)** Expressed concerns about the 14<sup>th</sup> Street closings (Con Ed) and states that DOT has not been forthcoming as to why the closure was implemented. Her comments and concerns were recently submitted to DOT; **a)** inaccessibility to the FDR. **b)** Left turn light for motorists working out of sync with the pedestrian walk signal. **3)** The Department of City Planning should be releasing their decision on the Phipps rezoning and the City Council will have an opportunity to vote on the plan in about 2-months. The plan includes affordable housing and increased retail zones. CB 6 Chair Lyle Frank added that board member Claude Winfield testified on open space issues as it related to the Phipps rezoning.

For these and other reports, see the Council Member's Community Report or to obtain a e-mail [mendez@council.nyc.us](mailto:mendez@council.nyc.us)

**Presentation:** "Opportunities for Organ Donation: "Expanding the Right to Donate Organs" by Dr. Lewis Goldfrank, Director of Emergency Medicine, Bellevue Medical Center

- Using a grant from the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Dr. Goldfrank and his team have developed a program to expand the organ donation system.
- Currently, organ donations come from two sources: 1) In-hospital deaths. 2) Live donors.
- The current donation system does not include individuals who die at home or in the field (for the purpose of this paper, the field means unanticipated out-of-hospital deaths). Even if the individual is on a NYS organ donor registry or the family gives consent, their organs cannot be donated if they die at home or in the field.
- Dr. Goldfrank's proposed pilot would:
  - 1) Preserve the organs of deceased persons who have died in the home and are on the NYS organ registry or whose families have given consent.
  - 2) Expand organ donation opportunities to people who die in the field via a special organ-recovery ambulance team. The organ-recovery ambulance would be dispatched at the same time as the regular EMS, but they would only administer minimally invasive organ preservation techniques after everything possible has been done by EMS to revive the patient. No transplant would be performed until at hospital, the next of kin agrees and organs are deemed healthy. The goal is to give everyone who would like to donate, an opportunity to do so.
- Organ preservation gives families time to consider organ donation rather than make a decision at the scene of death or not have the opportunity at all.
- Additionally, preserving organs would allow deceased individuals on organ donor registry to have their wishes respected once they reach hospital. Without preservation the window of opportunity to donate would be lost.

**Kieth Powers representing A/M Bing** reported: **1)** On January 22, A/M Bing will host a public hearing on Mitchell Lama housing. The hearing will focus on ways to address the decrease of Mitchell Lama housing through legislation. **2)** In 2009, the A/M will introduce several pieces of legislation on election reform. The goal is to improve accessibility, online voter registration and assist the Board of Elections in improving accuracy and efficiency. **3)** Internship applications are being accepted for the Winter/Spring semesters in the office of A/M Bing.

For additional information on these and other reports, see the Assembly Member's Community Bulletin or to obtain a copy e-mail [bingi@assmbly.state.ny.us](mailto:bingi@assmbly.state.ny.us)

**Sara Hale-Stern representing State Senator Liz Krueger** reported: **1)** The Senator is busy tackling possible ways to raise revenue for the state. **2)** Commenting on the recently released, Ravitch Commission Proposal, from the Governor's office which offered ways to obtain additional revenues for the MTA and decrease the public burden. **3)** Sen. Krueger is hopeful that the Senate Democrats will come to an agreement about leadership, but at this time, the situation is still developing.

#### **Q&A with Sara Hale-Stern**

- Board member **Ellen Imbimbo**: With all the budget cuts, what will happen to the MTA capital budget?
- **Sarah**: The capital projects are ok since funding is drawn from bonds in addition to Federal funding for certain projects.
- Board member **Ray Knowles**: Any chance in bringing back the commuter tax?
- **Sarah**: Possible, but the suggestions made by the Ravitch commission would raise significantly more revenue.

For additional information on these and other reports, see the Senator's Community Bulletin or to obtain a copy e-mail [liz@lizkrueger.com](mailto:liz@lizkrueger.com).

**Romeo Ymalay representing Sen. Tom Duane** reported that the Senator has pledged to work to repeal vacancy decontrol and preserve rent regulations for the 2009 legislative session.

For more information on the testimonies and other reports, see the Senator's Community Newsletter or go to [www.tomduane.com](http://www.tomduane.com) under News and Issues.

**Nily Rozic representing A/M Kavanagh** reported: **1)** the Governor's budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 will be released on December 16<sup>th</sup>. **2)** At a hearing to discuss Con Edison's Title V permit renewal request for the East River Plant, A/M Kavanagh submitted testimony to the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation requesting that as a condition of permit renewal, they require Con Edison to use natural gas when their infrastructure and supply allow them to.

For additional information on these & other reports, see the Assembly Member's Newsletter or email [kavanaghb@assembly.state.ny.us](mailto:kavanaghb@assembly.state.ny.us)

**Dara Adams representing Cg/M Maloney** reported **1)** the Cg/M is eager to pass an economic stimulus package. **2)** Capital projects currently in place should remain in place. **3)** Currently on the Cg/M's agenda is the bailout plan for the auto industry and its effect on the aggregate economy.

For additional reports, see the Cg/M's newsletter or call 212-860-0606 to obtain a copy.

**Scott Talbot**, announced that due to circumstances beyond his control, this will be his last board meeting, it has become necessary for him to resign from the board. He thanked everyone and promised that he will remain in the community. He will be doing a reality T.V. show for charity.

**Roll Call –Charles Buchwald, Second Vice Chair**

**BUSINESS SESSION**

**Adoption of the amended Nov. 12 Full Board Minutes:** Minutes were adopted by voice vote

**Chair's Report** – Lyle Frank

Lyle thanked former Business and Street Activity Committee Vice Chair Harry Ursillo for all his committee work and departing board member Scott Talbot for all he has done for the board over the years.

He then reported: **1)** A Phipps representative will be at the next Housing and Homeless meeting. **2)** The Board has accomplished a lot this year; a victory with the recent State Liquor Administrative Law Judge ruling on Redemption Bar and Grill; the Judge supported the Board's charge of "bait and switch". **3)** Thanked board member Claude Winfield for testifying at the recent Phipps Public Hearing, board member Ellen Imbimbo on her work with EDC and board members Schaeffer and McIntosh for representing CB 6 at the recent JREC press conference. **4)** Thanked the Board Officers, the board staff and every board member for making 2008 a productive year for.

**District Manager's Report** – Toni Carlina

Toni reported **1)** the first meeting of the public plaza task force held on November 20<sup>th</sup>, was a success. As a result of the meeting, DOB has promised to inspect 10 plazas each month. **2)** On Friday, a meeting on the East Side Access project will be take place with the project contractors and the MTA. Currently the holiday embargo is in place. **3)** Public Member Micky Egeth reported to the board office street light outages along 34<sup>th</sup> Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to Park Avenues, DOT is looking into the matter. **4)** Complaints of dark areas, especially around construction sites, throughout the district are increasing, therefore, the District Manager requested the assistance of the board members in identifying additional dark spots so a list could be compiled and sent to DOT.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bea Disman

There is a 7% cut expected for the board, reducing the office budget to approximately \$167,000, a shortfall of approximately \$30,000. While there are funds from street fair money the board cannot deplete these funds and must think of the long term.

As of November 10, 2008 the board office has spent \$624 in operational costs leaving a balance of over \$12,000.

**Borough President's Report** – Dan Benjoya

Dan reported: **1)** The BP has come out very strongly against the proposed hike in Access-A-Ride fares and has started a petition to call on the MTA to revoke this proposal. **2)** *The Politics of Food* conference was a great success and a lot of momentum has come out of the meeting. The steering committee has already met since the November 19<sup>th</sup> conference and the findings along with additional research will be the basis of a food charter for New York City to be published by the Borough President's office. **3)** Our office will hold an information session for those interested in Community Board membership on December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm at 163 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, Room 8A.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Waterfront**–Ellen Imbimbo, Chair

**a) Report:** Waterfront did not meet this month, and stated that there are several important issues that will be on upcoming agendas.

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

**a) Report:** **1)** The Mayor’s proposal to toll East River bridges has been presented in the past and never received much support. **2)** In January, Transportation and Land Use committees will be reviewing a zoning text amendment to require parking for bicycles. Lyle thanked the Transportation and Public Safety committees and the District Manager for their work on the E. 24<sup>th</sup> and Lexington Ave. traffic issues. The pedestrian interval has successfully been extended by 12 seconds as a result of their work.

**3) Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Gary Papush, Chair**

**a) Report:** **1)** Bellevue South Park has been overrun by the areas homeless population and members of the community feel there is a lack of city oversight. Parks committee will be working with the DM to see that the park is rehabilitated. **2)** Next month the committee will produce two resolutions on land marking the Bellevue Psychiatric and the ACS Children’s Center buildings. **3)** The committee received a proposal from a group that wants to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Henry Hudson Voyage with the erection of a temporary pedestrian bridge over Second Avenue at E. 16<sup>th</sup> Street joining the two halves of Stuyvesant Square Park.

**4) Youth and Education – Maxine McIntosh, Chair**

**a) Report:** **1)** Last month a representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene was on hand to speak on the physical education curriculum in NYC public schools and how they are combating childhood obesity. **2)** Jamie Smarr, Executive Director of the Education Construction Fund is expecting to attend the December committee meeting. **3)** The committee has invited a representative from the Mayor’s office to discuss foreseeable changes to Mayoral control of the schools.

**5) Budget & Governmental Affair – Dan Williams, Chair**

a. Report: Waived, due to the absence of the Committee Chair.

**6) Health, Senior & Disability Issues – Sandro Sherrod, Chair**

**a) Proposed installation of specialized pedestrian crossing indicators**

**Whereas,** many residents of Waterside, Peter Cooper Village and Stuyvesant Town are elderly and visually impaired; and

**Whereas,** the intersections of Avenue C and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, First Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, Second Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Third Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets have multiple and complex pedestrian traffic patterns; and

**Whereas,** the aforementioned intersections are often utilized by visually impaired patients of the Bellevue Hospital, NYU Langone Medical Center or the VA Hospital who are likely less familiar with the traffic patterns at said intersections than those that reside nearby; and

**Whereas,** over 600 residents have signed a petition indicating their concern for the safety of visually impaired pedestrians at these intersections; and

**Whereas**, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority includes Third Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street among the 10 most dangerous intersections in Manhattan for pedestrians in its pamphlet, *Cross with Caution*; and

**Whereas**, the installation of audible Accessible Pedestrian Signals would greatly improve the safety of those visually impaired pedestrians who must navigate these locations; now

**therefore be it**

**Resolved**, that Community Board Six urges the New York City Department of Transportation's Manhattan Borough Commissioner to install audible Accessible Pedestrian Signals and to undertake a thorough, comprehensive pedestrian traffic engineering study at the intersections of Avenue C and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, First Avenue and 18<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Streets, Second Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Third Avenue and 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets so as to determine the suitability of any other changes in the signal timing or signage could be made so as to improve the pedestrian safety at these locations.

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

**b) Report:** 1) Sandro thanked Lou and Molly Hollister for their help in augmenting the resolution. 2) HHC will hold their annual public hearing at Bellevue Hospital Center on Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. 3) the annual legislative breakfast will take place at Bellevue Hospital Center in January.

7) **Land Use** – Edward Rubin, Chair

c) **BSA (276-08BZ) to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment located within portions of the existing building located at 148-150 East 55th Street, Manhattan.**

**WHEREAS**, Alfonso Duarte, P. E. on behalf of Beljanski Wellness Center, Inc. located at 150 East 55th Street, Manhattan, New York, presented to the Land Use Committee of CB6 on Wednesday, December 3, 2008 an application to apply for a Special Permit (Calendar #276-08-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit a Physical Culture Establishment (Beljanski Wellness Center, Inc.) located within a seven-story office use building in a C5-2 district.

**WHEREAS**, the above applications is 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 to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment; and

**WHEREAS**, Beljanski Wellness Center Inc. operator of the physical culture establishment will not adversely impact the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS**, the special permit will permit Beljanski Wellness Center, Inc. to operate the new facility which will contain a total of 3,040 sq. ft. of floor area on the sixth floor within an existing building, now

**THEREFORE, be it**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six has no objection to the application for an a Special Permit (Calendar #276-08-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit a Physical Culture Establishment within portions of the existing building located at 150 East 55th Street, Manhattan, Manhattan for a period of five years.

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

d) **Report:** Waived, due to the absence of the Committee Chair.

**8) Business Affairs and Street Activities – Carol Schacter, Chair**

b) **Renewal On-premises (OP) liquor license for 60 Sweet Thing, Inc., d/b/a Redemption, 1003 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, @ 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.**

**WHEREAS**, William Finneran, principal and Anthony Monticell, Manager, appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 4, 2008, CB6M having jurisdiction on the premises in license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has requested a renewal of its liquor license with no changes or modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law, the applicant must demonstrate to the SLA that the renewal is in the public interest in order for its application for its renewal to be granted; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2006 survey conducted by a CB6M member, there were 30 establishments with active, on-premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of the corner of East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street and Second Avenue – the location of the applicant’s premises; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the determination of Community Board Six that the neighborhood surrounding the applicant’s premises is oversaturated with bars and has suffered a marked deterioration in its quality of life, which has reached crisis proportions; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee gave great deference to the ALJ decision dated June 14, 2008, which concluded in part that applicant, “in connection with the licensee’s original and renewal application, the licensee submitted a false statement or suppressed information concerning The Method of Operation, including, type of establishment and hours or operation of the premises: all cause for revocation, cancellation or suspension of the licensee in accordance with rule 36.1(b) of the Rule of the State Liquor Authority (9NYCRR 53.1(b)). AND that applicant, “in connection with its 2007-2008 renewal application, the licenses failed to provide proper notification to the municipality where the licensee premises is located, in violation of section 109(2) of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Law.”

**WHEREAS**, it is the determination of Community Board Six that applicant engaged in “a bait and switch,” changing the premises from just a restaurant to a bar and restaurant.

**WHEREAS**, two member of the community appeared at the December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee to speak in support of the applicant; and

**WHEREAS**, there were no members of the community present to speak against the Application; and

**WHEREAS**, had applicant initially applied for its liquor license as a bar instead of a restaurant, it is the strong opinion of the current CB6M that the CB6M then would have voted unanimously against the new application; and

**WHEREAS**, if the renewal application were granted despite the finding of “bait and switch,” the message would be sent that that in order to get a liquor license for an establishment in a problematic area from the SLA, an applicant must simply first apply for a liquor license as a restaurant, and then open a bar without taking any further action; and

**WHEREAS**, not only has the applicant not shown the renewal to be in the public interest, but the Committee believes strongly that a renewal is NOT in the public interest; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting, the ALJ decision and all other considerations, CB6M strongly and unequivocally opposes the application for the renewal of the On-premises (OP) liquor license for 60 Sweet Thing, Inc., d/b/a Redemption, 1003 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, @ 53<sup>rd</sup> Street.

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

i) **Proposal by the City of New York to Apply a One Year Moratorium (2009) on New Street Fairs.**

**WHEREAS**, Community Board Six has a relatively short list of major street fairs held by community organizations and deliberately plans these events to avoid overlapping of space use; and

**WHEREAS**, the board automatically consents to street fairs for those organizations which have rendered direct community benefits over the years per guidelines written by its then Street Activities Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, it is understood that traffic and emergency personnel are disrupted during street fairs on a seasonal basis; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that CB6M supports the proposal for a possible one-year moratorium on new street fairs granted by the City of New York for 2009.

**VOTE: 26 in Favor 8 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

j) **Report:** Next month, the regularly scheduled meeting falls on New Year’s Day; therefore, the committee will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

9) **Public Safety, Environmental & Human Rights** - Fred Arcaro, Chair  
In the absence of the Committee Chair, David Garodnick gave the report.

- a) **Report: 1)** the brown water issue will continue to approximately December 15<sup>th</sup>. **2)** The Third Water Tunnel will be completed in December 2009. DEP will start laying the water mains from the tunnel which should take approximately a year and a half (2011 completion). A study is still being done to determine the route.

**10) Housing and Homeless – Claude Winfield, Chair**

- a) City Council Intro 844

**Whereas**, an amendment has been proposed to the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) to maintain an intake center in Manhattan; and

**Whereas**, the Bloomberg administration intends to relocate the Bellevue men’s intake center from East 30<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue to the Bedford-Atlantic Armory in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn next year; and

**Whereas**, the New York City Department of Homeless Services’ 2008 HOPE survey of street homelessness estimated that 58% of homeless people living on the streets were located in Manhattan; and

**Whereas**, the same 2008 HOPE survey estimated that homeless people living on the streets in Brooklyn make up 16% of the total street homeless population in New York City; and

**Whereas**, Intro 844 is intended to mitigate the harmful effects of the proposed relocation of the Bellevue intake center on the homeless population of Manhattan; now

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass Intro 844-2008 without the condition that the Manhattan facility has greater capacity to shelter single homeless men than any other facility in the City.

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

- b) **Report: 1)** Claude gave testimony at City Planning regarding the Phipps Houses proposed infill buildings. After the City Planning Commission has issued their disposition, it will go to City Council for a vote. **2)** Most residents at the East Midtown Plaza Mitchell Lama building, which is the last of its kind in our district, have decided to opt out of the program when it comes to a vote on January 14<sup>th</sup>. **3)** Senior housing is now available at 228 East 46<sup>th</sup> Street. **4)** In January DHS will conduct its night out to count the homeless, all are encouraged to participate. This of course gives us a better idea of how many homeless are actually out on the streets.

**Old/new business**

**Second Roll Call**

**Adjournment: 9:30pm**