

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 6
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 14 2009
NYU MEDICAL CENTER
550 FIRST AVENUE**

Hon. Lyle Frank, Chair

ATTENDANCE

Members answering first roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bergman, Buchwald, Curtis, Disman, Eggers, Frank, Friedman, Garland, Goldman, Haile, Hollister, Humphrey, Imbimbo, Judge, McGuire, McIntosh, O'Neal, Papush, Parrish, Pellezzi, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schaeffer, Schwadron, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steinberg, Thompson, Ursillo, Weder, West, Winfield

Members answering second roll call:

Arcaro, Barrett, Bergman, Buchwald, Curtis, Disman, Eggers, Frank, Friedman, Garland, Goldman, Haile, Hollister, Humphrey, Imbimbo, Judge, McGuire, McIntosh, Oddo, O'Neal, Papush, Parrish, Pellezzi, Rubin, Scala, Schachter, Schaeffer, Schwadron, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steinberg, Thompson, Ursillo, Weder, West, Williams, Winfield

Excused:, Collins Reiss,

Absent: Dankberg, Garodnick, LaBarbera, Lee, Lilien, Moses, Wilson

Guests signed in: C/M Jessica Lappin; Adam Brickman representing A/M Jonathan Bing; Tim Laughlin representing C/M Dan Garodnick; Sarra Hale-Stern representing Sen. Liz Krueger; Sarah Meier-Zimblar representing Sen. Tom Daune; Dara Adams representing Cg/M Carolyn Maloney; Corey Green representing A/M Dick Gottfried; A/M Brian Kavanagh; Christina Bottego, David Casavis, Ashor Chandra, Dr. Daniel Roses, Sandy Stevens;

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Meeting Called to Order

Lyle Frank, Chair, called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC SESSION

Cameron Peterson representing Assembly Member (A/M) Kavanagh reported **1)** the A/M and two of his colleagues on the Environmental Conservation committee held a hearing in Albany to examine measures to reduce mercury exposure in NYS. Witnesses testified about steps that could be taken to reduce mercury's adverse effects on human health and natural habitats around the State. A/M Kavanagh had previously introduced legislation, Bill A00707 which aims to lessen the public's exposure to mercury. He will continue to work with his colleagues and various interested parties and advocates to pass this legislation. **2)** A/M Kavanagh will attend a hearing with officials from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation to discuss the issue of stopping the drilling around the Marcellus Shale formation in upstate NY. He is very concerned about both environmental issues and is working tirelessly on resolving them.

For the complete report on these and other issues see the Assemblyman's Report or go to <http://www.assembly.state.ny.us> to obtain a copy.

Corey Green representing A/M Gottfried reported: **1)** A/M Gottfried co-sponsored with Sen. Duane 2 new bills that the Governor signed into law in September. The first is the Prison Health Bill (A903) that would require the Dept. of Health (DOH) to oversee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C treatment in state and local correctional facilities; the other is the Nursing Care Quality Bill (A1752-A) which would require hospitals to disclose a number of quality indicators, including the numbers of RN's and LPN's providing direct care and the number of unlicensed personnel doing similar work. **2)** The Assembly Members office has \$500 grant applications from the Citizens Committee for NYC to support 50 resident-led block beautification projects. Organizations interested can download the application at www.citizensnyc.org or call their office at 212-807-7900. The deadline to apply is November 30th

For a complete report on these and other issues, see the Assembly Member's Community Update or go to gottfr@assembly.state.ny.us to obtain a copy.

C/M Jessica Lappin reported: **1.** On October 5th she co-hosted a Ferry Town Hall with Spkr. Quinn, it was a resounding success. The town hall was part of a citywide ferry initiative announced in the spring by the City Council and the Mayor. Ten possible commuter landing locations in Manhattan have been proposed as part of a comprehensive ferry study and the meeting provided an opportunity for the public to give their opinion on where this ferry service should or should not be located. The one thing that everyone was united on was their support for ferry service in Manhattan. C/M Lappin has written a letter to DOT and to the Economic Development Corporation expressing the public's sentiments and concerns and how she looks forward to working with them in finding acceptable locations for ferry service on the East Side as well as Roosevelt Island. **2)** On October 8th the City Council Transportation committee held a hearing on her bill, Intro 624, which would shift the liability for fines incurred by dangerous bicycle riding from the riders to the businesses that employ them.

For a complete report on these and other issues, see the Council Member's Community Bulletin or go to lappin@council.nyc.ny.us to obtain a copy.

Tim Laughlin representing C/M Dan Garodnick reported: **1)** The City Council voted 47-0 to pass a bill authored by C/M Garodnick that will improve safety at stalled construction sites across the city. C/M Garodnick's bill which he drafted in response to concerns raised by CB6, allows developers to keep their building permits active in return for meeting a plan to keep their job sites safe and secure. Developers also must pay any outstanding fines and violations.

For a complete report on these and other issues, see the Council Member's East Side Bulletin or go to garodnick@council.nyc.gov to obtain a copy.

Dara Adams representing Cg/M Maloney reported **1.** Cg/M Maloney thanks everyone for the sympathy cards and words of encouragement and support during her time of bereavement for her husband; she deeply appreciates your kind support. **2)** Dara stated that this was her first year working with CB6 and we have truly made her experience with us an enjoyable one.

For additional information on these and other reports, see the Congress Member's Report or go to www.house.gov/maloney/press.html to obtain a copy.

Sarah Meier-Zimblar representing Sen. Duane reported: **1.** Sen. Duane was pleased that the Governor signed into law three important bills he sponsored. **a.** The Dept. of Health (DOH) HIV/Hepatitis C Oversight bill that would require DOH to oversee HIV/Hepatitis C treatment in state and local correctional facilities where healthcare is currently being overseen by the NYS Dept. of Correctional Services; **b.** the Nursing Care Quality Protection Act which requires healthcare facilities disclose information about nursing staff to state regulators and the public; **c.** The NYC Biotechnology Tax Credit Authorization bill which enables the City to give \$3 million in tax credits to biotechnology firms wishing to bring their jobs, innovation and new technology to the five boroughs. **2)** The Senator is working very hard to ensure National Healthcare Reform is fair for all New Yorker's. He has been avidly following the national healthcare proposals under consideration in Washington. **3)** On October 19th Sen. Duane and A/M Gottfried will hold a joint Health Committee hearing on Patient Safety in hospitals throughout the State. The focus of the hearing is to understand and improve the current NY Patient Occurrence and Tracking System. **4)** For more than a year Sen. Duane, other elected officials and environmental advocates have demanded that the Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) ban high volume drilling in proximity to municipal and local water supply. DEC released its draft Supplemental Generic Environmental Impact Statement (DSGEIS) on natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale on September 30th, but, while this DSGEIS demonstrates that the agency has studied the catastrophes caused by the natural gas drilling around the nation, the proposed mitigation measures do not go far enough. He is asking his constituents in and around CB6 to weigh in on this critical issue during the agency's comment period, which ends November 30th. Comments may be e-mailed to dmnsgeis@gw.dec.state.ny.us or by mail to Attn: DSGEIS Comments, Bureau of Oil and Gas Regulation, NYSDEC Division of Mineral Resources, 625 Broadway, 3rd Fl., Albany, NY 12233-6500.

For additional information on these and other reports, see the Senator's Community Newsletter or go to www.tomduane.com to obtain a copy.

Adam Brickman representing A/M Bing announced: **1)** A/M Bing has a couple of events he will be hosting: Thursday, October 15th, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm he will host his annual Senior Health Fair in the community room at Knickerbocker Plaza, 1751 Second Ave. btw E. 91st and 92nd Streets. On Thursday, November 12th at 11:00 am he will host a ceremony honoring veterans on the flight deck of the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum.

For additional information on these and other reports, see the Assembly Member's Community Bulletin or go to bingj@assmbly.state.ny.us to obtain a copy.

David Casavis announced that he would be running for the Borough President's Office.

Dr. Daniel Roses representing the Farber Family came to speak in favor of supporting the Dr. Farber street co-naming resolution.

Ashor Chandra announced that he would be running for a City Council seat in this district on the Republican ticket.

Roll Call – Mark Thompson

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee, Dan Williams, Chair

1. Capital & Expense Budget Priorities 2011

Rick Eggers presented the budget to the board with a few changes to the list of priorities.

No one else signed up to speak, Chair, Lyle Frank declared the hearings closed.

BUSINESS SESSION:

Adoption of the September 9th Full Board minutes.

Election of Officers – Linda Goldman, Chair

Lyle Frank conducted the nominations for all the offices except Chair of the Board. He started the elections by reading the Boards By-Law rules on when two or more candidates run for the same office so that all members had clarification on what to do.

New Officers:

Mark Thompson - Chair, Ellen Imbimbo -1st Vice Chair, Charles Buchwald-2nd Vice Chair, Claude Winfield-Vice Chair, Letty Simon-Vice Chair, Beatrice Disman-Treasurer, Tom LaBarbera-Secretary

Chair's Report: Lyle Frank

- 1)** Congratulated the Board on their choice for new Board Chair, Mark Thompson. **2)** He stated that for the past 3-years it has been a wonderful being the Chair of CB6 and that this Board has accomplished so much. He thanked the Executive Board for all of their teamwork and support and stated that it has been truly an honor working with them. He encouraged the Board to keep up good fight.

District Manager's Report — Toni Carlina

Toni stated that it has been an incredible pleasure working with Lyle; he has been a fantastic Board Chair.

Treasurer's Report — Bea Disman

Bea reported: **1)** the only expenditure this month was for the office copy machine, the office OTPS budget was sitting at \$11,468. **2)** The Board made a contribution to Princeton University in honor of Cg/M Carolyn Maloney's husband who recently passed away.

Borough President's Report — Dan Benjoya

Dan announced the Borough President's priority right now was the "Kill the Drill" campaign and that a meeting has been schedule Thursday, October 15th @3:15 pm at the BP's Office to kick off the campaign and organize our efforts to stop the drilling in NYC's Watershed. He asks that everyone come and participate in this meeting. We need to really make sure we get the word out to the public by the November 10th hearing at Stuyvesant H.S, so that we can get our point across to DEC to Kill the Drill. He will provide us the information as soon as possible.

For more information on this and other reports see the Borough President's Report at www.mbpo.org or call 212-669-7877.

COMMITTEE REPORTS & RESOLUTIONS

1. Land Use – Edward Rubin, Chair

- a. **Report:** Ed reported that EDC has once again brought up the possibility of utilizing the Robert Moses Park site for use by the United Nations. A draft letter has been written to the president of EDC to express Community Board 6's views and concerns regarding the retention of the ODR caissons at E. 59th St. for use as part of a new continuous pedestrian esplanade along the East River and the alienation of Robert Moses Park and its replacement in size and kind with a suitable park in the immediate vicinity. We are pleased that they are considering our recommendations of connecting the two projects together to create one continuous pedestrian esplanade along the East River.

2. Health, Senior & Disabilities Issues – Sandro Sherrod, Chair

- a. **Report:** Report was waived.

3. Youth & Education – Maxine McIntosh, Chair

- a. **Report:** Maxine reported: **1)** there is a proposal for a new school at 616 First Ave. that will be discussed at the November committee meeting. **2)** The ground breaking ceremony for P.S. 59 will be held in January 2010. **3)** The JREC project no longer exists; students will not be moved into the E. 25th St. site.

4. Waterfront Committee – Ellen Imbimbo, Chair

- a. **Report:** Report was waived.

5. Transportation – Lou Sepersky, Chair

- a. **Application for a news stand on the east side of the service road on the east side of Second Avenue south of E. 33rd Street.**

Whereas, an application has been filed (1332795) for the installation of a news stand on the east side of the service road on the east side of Second Avenue, estimated to be 77' 6' south of the corner property line of E. 33rd Street, in Community Board 6 (CB6), and

Whereas, the sidewalk is sufficiently wide to accommodate the 6' wide and 12' long structure and allow the necessary 8' pedestrian clearance mandated by the Department of Consumer Affairs and likewise would accommodate CB6's preferred pedestrian clearance of no less than 10' , and

Whereas, preferred location is in the vicinity of a weekly farmer's market whose creation was previously approved by CB6, and

Whereas, the Council on the Environment's Director of Greenmarkets has inspected the location and the plans submitted by the application for the proposed location, and a representative of the Murray Hill Neighborhood Association (the original sponsor) similarly inspected the location and neither has found reason for objection, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 6 has no objection to Department of Consumer Affairs application (1332795) for the placement of as news stand on the south east corner of the service road, south of E. 33rd Street on the east side of Second Avenue, provided that Council on the Environment confirms there will be no interference with the existing Farmer's Market.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Application for a newsstand on the east side of First Avenue south of E. 33rd Street (extended).

Whereas, an application (#1330554) has been filed with the Department of Consumer Affairs for the establishment of a news stand on the east side of First Avenue, south of E. 33rd extended, in Community Board 6 and close to a pedestrian entrance to the New York University Langone Medical Center's (LMC), (for location identification, this is directly across First Avenue from the entrance to the Kips Bay Garage. It is about midway between the driveway at 550 First Avenue and the ambulance receiving area for the emergency room) and

Whereas, the diagram and drawings submitted in support of the application show sufficient sidewalk clearance and appear to be otherwise correct, and

Whereas, this sidewalk is fully in front of the LMC, and

Whereas, LMC has stated that it is their view that the sidewalk in front of the Emergency Room should be as free of obstructions as is possible to insure triaging activities in the event of a public health emergency, and

Whereas, the addition of a newsstand in this area could interfere with the activities of emergency medical personnel, and

Whereas, the placement of a newsstand at this location could reasonably be expected to interfere with the construction of the planned (within 24 months) expansion of LMC's emergency department, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 6 objects to the application (1330554) for a news stand on the east side of First Avenue as it would:

- Interfere with the operations of the New York University Langone Medical Center's (LMC) emergency room ambulance operations
- Offer the potential for obstruction of pedestrian movement to the emergency room in the event of public health emergency
- Apparently be an obstruction to the planned expansion of the LMC emergency room.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d Amendment to October 2007 resolution adopted by Community Board 6 with regard to co-naming the east side of E. 30th Street at First Avenue

Whereas, at its October, 2007 meeting Community Board 6 adopted a resolution urging, in the First Resolved, the co-naming of the southeast corner of E. 30th Street and First Avenue as Saul J. Farber Place, and

Whereas, this has proven to be infeasible, and

Whereas, an alternative has been proposed and found acceptable to the sponsors of the original suggestion and to the members of the City Council for both the Second and Fourth Council Districts, and

Whereas, the northwest corner of E. 30th Street and First Avenue has been found suitable, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that the First Resolved, only, of the Proposed Co-naming Resolution of October, 2007 is rescinded, but all other Resolves are affirmed, and

Be it further

Resolved, that Community Board 6 urges the co-naming of the northwest corner of E. 30th Street and First Avenue as Dr. Saul. J. Farber Place.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

e. Objecting to the planned removal of subway station agents within Community Board 6, and elsewhere.

Whereas, Metropolitan Transportation Authority - New York City Transit (MTA-NYCT) subway station agents are the direct line of contact between customers and NYCT, and

Whereas, passengers with disabilities and using walkers, with strollers or oversized packages may need to be buzzed in to platforms at many stations, and

Whereas, NYCT plans to phase out agents at many subway stations leaving passengers with special service needs fewer options to enter the subway system, and

Whereas, the safety and security of a rising subway ridership maybe compromised by the elimination of the agents and so increasing the potential of incidents of fare evasion and other, more serious, forms of crime, and

Whereas, the station wholly within (53rd Street on the E and V line) and those whose stations are partially within Community Board 6 (14th and 1st, 14th and 3rd on the "L"; the 4, 5, 6, lines at 42nd Street, 51st Street and 59th Street and Lexington Avenue, will be impacted by these changes, now

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Community Board 6 (Manhattan) strongly opposes the removal of stations agents as anti-consumer and anti-passenger safety, and which jeopardizes the passengers with disabilities, and others, and strongly urges the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to abandon this penny-wise and pound-foolish action.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. Report

Lou reported that at the Ferry Town Hall meeting many East Side Elected officials; members of CB8 and community residents were in attendance to give their point of view on possible new ferry landing locations along the eastern waterfront. Most of the proposed locations focused mainly on locations north of E. 59th St., essentially there were no new locations proposed south of E. 59th St. He has discussed with Lyle drafting a letter reflecting our continued interest for active ferry usage and facilities available at E. 23rd St., for adequate passenger amenities at E. 35th St.

6. Budget & Governmental Affairs – Dan Williams, Chair
Rick Eggers, committee Vice Chair presented the resolutions.

a. Capital Budget Priorities

Fiscal Year 2011

Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
01	01	<p>Request: Construct Continuous Esplanade and Bikeway Along Waterfront from 14th Street to 59th Street. Emphasis on Area Around U.N. and 51st to 59th Streets.</p> <p>Explanation: Multiple uses currently exist on the waterfront. Some sections of the Esplanade have been constructed. Additional parcels (e.g. at the Con Edison Waterside Plant) must be claimed and incorporated into the plan as they become available. The Community Board specifically requests that the Outerbridge Detour Roadway (ODR) be preserved and included in this project.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Economic Development Corporation</p> <p>Council Districts: 4, 5</p>
02	02	<p>Request: Develop an Adult Day Care Center and Community Lounge/ Life Long Learning Senior Center in Community District 6 for the Northern Area of Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: In the 2000 Census, Community District 6 had 20,300 residents aged 65 or older, 15% of the entire district. The median age in the district was 39.4 and the mean age was 42, fifth oldest and oldest, respectively, for the city. The Community District is growing with over 2000 new housing units since 2000. Community District 6 needs services for the elderly. The city has provided few new resources for the elderly in this district in the past decade. With such a growing aging population, the district needs these services.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
03	03	<p>Request: Build an Adequate Number of Schools at the Appropriate Grade Levels from Pre-K to 12 to Meet the Needs of Community District 6. Explanation: The Community Board requests a comprehensive education construction plan throughout Community District 6. PS 116 is reported to be above 100% capacity, and other schools are near or above capacity. This condition is unacceptable. The anticipated school at the Solow property will only meet the increased demand created by the Solow units, so the current overcrowding will not be addressed. The Community District continues to add hundreds of housing units each year without the addition of school space for the increased number of residents. When residents find it necessary to relocate to find appropriate</p>

Fiscal Year 2011

Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
		<p>schools, property values fall. The city can no longer neglect the education needs of Community District 6.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Education Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
04	04	<p>Request: Preserve Existing and Develop Additional Low and Moderate Income Housing in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Due to loss of Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 housing and loss of rent controlled and rent regulated housing, areas in Community District 6 are becoming increasingly income segregated. This segregation is aggravated when 421a related construction transfers the affordable housing units to areas outside of Community District 6. In order to retain population diversity and avoid income segregation,</p>
		<p>Community Board 6 calls on the city to commit \$20 million to provide new or reclaimed low and moderate income housing within Community District 6 in the forthcoming year.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
05	06	<p>Request: Resurface Robert Moses Park - Last Done in 1993.</p> <p>Explanation: The surface is in disrepair and poses a serious threat to recreational users and potential liability for the City.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation Council Districts: 4</p>
06	05	<p>Request: Restore Stuyvesant Square Park Fence and Restore Bluestone Sidewalk; East Side Phase, Work Over More Than One Fiscal Year.</p> <p>Explanation: The Stuyvesant Square Park fence has been a top priority of the Board for many years. Due to the large area of the park, the Board accepts that the fence may not be fully funded in one year. While we understand that some funds may be available through the efforts of our elected officials, the Board asks that these funds are protected for their intended use and that additional funds are available to complete the project. The fence is in severe disrepair.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation Council Districts: 2</p>
07	07	<p>Request: Install an Irrigation System at Stuyvesant Cove Park.</p> <p>Explanation: Irrigation is an absolute must for the survival of the plants used throughout Solar One's environmental programs. It is anticipated that this project will cost less than \$100,000.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Economic Development Corporation Council Districts: 4</p>
08	08	<p>Request: Allocate Funding for Catch Basins that Need Replacing in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Additional funding is needed to replace defective catch basins that create hazardous conditions at street corners.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
9	09	<p>Request: Develop Additional Housing for the Homeless Mentally ill Population in Community District 6 as Per New York New York III.</p> <p>Explanation: Too many mentally ill people are on the streets, in shelters or in jails where they do not receive support and medications. For these individuals, supportive housing will sharply reduce shelter recidivism and greatly improve our quality of life. More NY/NYM (NY/NYIM) apartment units developed by HPD contracts with SOMH are needed citywide. Our community seeks its fair share of these units.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Dept. of Housing Preservation & Dev. - Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
10	10	<p>Request: Repair Stairs that Lead Up to the Pedestrian Overpass at Peter Detmold Park.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests repair of the stairs for the pedestrian overpass at Peter Detmold Park. The Board has the understanding that these stairs have deteriorated to the point of being dangerous.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation Council Districts: 5</p>

11		<p>Request: Create a park on the pier at 38th St</p> <p>Explanation: Con Edison is relinquishing its use of a pier at 38th Street as a parking lot. Community Board 6 asks that DCAS turn over the property to the Parks Department for conversion into a park – an idea which we believe the Parks Department supports. It would be a natural extension of Glick Park and part of the Greenway/Blue Highway which CB-6 strongly endorses</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Parks Department</p> <p>Council District: 4</p>
12	13	<p>Request: Evaluate All Intersections in Major Cross-town Streets in CD6 and Install, As Appropriate, More Clearly Marked Crosswalks, Pedestrian Ramps, Crossing Signals and Corner Curb Cuts.</p> <p>Explanation: Community District 6 has numerous intersection problems such as poorly designed curb cuts that collect water after storms, missing curb cuts, poorly designed signaling that leads to pedestrian/vehicle incidents and similar problems. While not universal, some members of the neighborhood consider pedestrian safety and convenience far more important than traffic flow. It is not clear that intersection design in Community District 6 gives adequate attention to pedestrian concerns. This request is to address these concerns beginning with the intersections on major cross-town streets.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4,, 3, 5</p>
13	11	<p>Request: Restore Fountains in East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park).</p> <p>Explanation: Water recirculating & electrical systems need to be replaced.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Council Districts: 4</p>
14	12	<p>Request: Rehabilitate All Cement and Asphalt Medians Along the FDR Service Road (Ave C.) Throughout the District.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests rehabilitation of all mediums along the FDR service road in Community District 6. Some rehabilitation has been completed but we request a complete review with particular attention to the section between 34th and 42d streets</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p> <p>Council Districts: 4, 5</p>
15		<p>Request: Widen the Riverfront Esplanade at 14th and 15th St (at the Con Ed Pumping Station).</p> <p>Explanation: From 13th to 15th Street, the esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path and improved connection between the East River Park and the esplanade, sections of the path still remain narrow. The City would have to work with Con Edison and perhaps the New York State Department of Transportation to accomplish this.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4</p>
16	15	<p>Request: Develop Additional Permanent Housing for Homeless Families in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: There is an insufficient supply of housing for homeless families. HPD needs to allocate to homeless families just five percent more of the vacant units that become available annually from the City's existing affordable housing resources. These resources include public housing, Section 8 rent subsidies and units developed by HPD (i.e. The New Market Place) and inclusionary zoning on rezoned manufacturing and Brownfield sites. This community seeks its fair share of these units in order to meet our needs.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
17	16	<p>Request: Reconstruct Ralph J. Bunche Park Including Isaiah's Wall.</p> <p>Explanation: Reconstruct the park including replacement of pavement, benches and fencing as well as refurbish the landscape. Restore Isaiah's Wall, clean art work and stone markers. Install water service for plant material.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Council Districts: 4</p>

18	19	<p>Request: Install Audible Crossing Signals in 10 Heavily Traveled Intersections in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests more audible crossing signals in Community District 6.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4, 3, 5</p>
19	20	<p>Request: Convert the Roof Into Outdoor Passive Recreation Space at the 54th Street Recreation Center.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 supports the Department of Parks proposal to convert the roof of the 54th Street Recreation Center into a passive recreation space.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Council Districts: 5</p>
20	17	<p>Request: Build an Overpass Between Murphy Park and Stuyvesant Cove Park.</p> <p>Explanation: Due to the heavy and fast traffic coming off the FDR, the access to Stuyvesant Cove Park is dangerous to pedestrians. The Community Board requests an overpass access between Murphy Park and Stuyvesant Cove Park.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
21	18	<p>Request: Implement ADA Compliance for all Comfort Stations Within the District to Include Rehabilitation of Stuyvesant Square Park Comfort Station.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that all park comfort stations be made ADA compliant. In Stuyvesant Square Park, this requires complete rehabilitation of the comfort station.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation Council Districts: 2</p>
22	21	<p>Request: Provide an Off-Road Layover Facility to Remove Commuter Buses from Idling in Community District 6 Neighborhoods. Explanation: Frequently commuter and tour buses layover on the streets of Community District 6. This usually creates street congestion and all too often the buses idle. So in addition to illegal parking, these buses create noise and air pollution. Having a suitable sited bus layover facility would be a significant step in reducing traffic congestion as well as air and noise pollution caused by these buses.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4, 3, 5</p>
23	22	<p>Request: Increase Funding for a Computer Initiative, So that All City Agencies, FDNY and 311 Can Communicate in Compatible Formats.</p> <p>Explanation: The Community Board strongly supports the use of modern technology to deliver government services to Community District 6 in the most effective way possible.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Dept of Information Technology & Telecommunication</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4, 3, 5</p>
24		<p>Request: Complete Street Modifications to Reopen the 28th St Access to Bellevue.</p> <p>Explanations: The FDNY brings to the CB's attention that the 28th Street ambulance access is still not open</p> <p>Responsible Agency: FDNY EMS</p> <p>Council District: 2, 4</p>
25		<p>Request: Provide a New Front Desk for the 13th Precinct</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 supports this NYPD request to improve efficiency and productivity in police services.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Police Department</p> <p>Council District: 2, 3, 4</p>
26		<p>Request: Provide a Surveillance System for the 21st Street side of the 13th Precinct</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 supports the precinct's request for new equipment that will help provide better community service and security.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Police Department</p> <p>Council District: 2, 3, 4</p>

27		<p>Request: Improve the 25th St Bridge Over The FDR for Handicap Accessibility</p> <p>Explanation: Waterside has an existing pedestrian bridge at 25th Street which should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation. It is our understanding that funding may have already been allocated to this project but we want to ensure that the funds remain and that the project is completed.</p> <p>Council District : 4</p>
CS	CS	<p>Request: Build a Full Length 2nd Avenue Subway.</p> <p>Explanation: The East Side of Manhattan is underserved by the subway system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half mile to already over-crowded trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the 2nd Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to block any efforts to further delay work.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Transit Authority</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 4, 5, 3</p>
CS	CS	<p>Request: Complete the Third Water Tunnel.</p> <p>Explanation: This remains a board priority.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection</p> <p>Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5</p>
CS	CS	<p>Request: Reconstruct Trygve Lie Plaza Including Installing Water Service for Plants.</p> <p>Explanation: Reconstruct pavement and refurbish the landscape. Install water service for plant material.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p> <p>Council District: 4</p>

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Expense Budget Priorities

Fiscal Year 2011

Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
01	02	<p>Request: Restore Funds for Six Day Service at Kips Bay, Epiphany and Grand Central Libraries.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that all library service cuts in the 2009 and 2010 budgets be restored and base lined in the 2011 budget. We recognize that some cuts were restored in the last stages of negotiation for the 2010 budget, but we want the library services budget protected and previous cuts restored and base lined.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: New York Public Library</p>
02	03	<p>Request: Expand TLC Enforcement by Adding Additional Inspectors for CD 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that TLC increase its number of inspections of illegal idling, pickup, parking and other practices within Community District 6.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Taxi and Limousine Commission</p>
03	04	<p>Request: Increase Funding for Youth Services and After-School Youth Programs in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: The Board requests the development of youth services targeted at children in Community District 6. Current reliance on the RFP process has not been successful. We ask that the City take direct responsibility for providing youth services within the District and provide all the necessary planning and service delivery.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Youth & Community Development</p>
04	05	<p>Request: Hire Additional Parks Maintenance and Operations Personnel and a District Gardener dedicated solely to Community District 6</p> <p>Explanation: Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain the parks in Community District 6. The District Gardener is currently shared with the Union Square Partnership.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p>
05	01	<p>Request: Restore Operating Funds for the CB6 District Office.</p> <p>Explanation: The Community Board requests that the City reinstate the funding level for community board offices to \$200,000 each, restoring all recent budget cuts.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Office of Management and Budget</p>

Fiscal Year 2011

Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
06	06	<p>Request: Expand Enforcement Against Illegal Bike Riding and Similar Threats to Pedestrian Safety.</p> <p>Explanation: CB6 requests increased staffing for precincts 13 and 17 to the level necessary to give adequate attention to enforce all bicycle regulations related to inappropriate vehicles on sidewalks, such as bicycles, skateboards, segues, motor scooters (parked or moving) or parked cars. These obstructions and threats to public safety are intolerable and every violation should be ticketed. We need full enforcement of penalties for bicycles traveling through intersections or pedestrian crosswalks against the light and traveling against traffic either in the lane or on one way streets. (Please note that this request is in addition to our request item 12, which calls for adequate staffing for basic police protection.)</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Police Department</p>
07	07	<p>Request: Increase Funding for Parks Enforcement Patrol in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: There are increased complaints re: inappropriate behavior in parks by adult males and by dog owners, which deter legitimate park users.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p>
08	09	<p>Request: Procure Computers for the Kips Bay, Epiphany, and Grand Central Libraries.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that all computers at Kips Bay, Epiphany and Grand Central libraries be modernized.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: New York Public Library</p>
09	10	<p>Request: Expand Traffic and Parking Enforcement Agents for Community District 6 and Improve the Quality of Training.</p> <p>Explanation: The Community asks for stepped up enforcement against traffic and parking violations in CD 6. Residents are pedestrians and view traffic as a nuisance. Vehicles in pedestrian crosswalks travelling in a dangerous manner or frightening pedestrians, or causing a nuisance by adding unnecessary noise particularly with horns or un-muffled exhausts should be penalized. Public employee vehicles should not be exempt.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Police Department</p>
10	11	<p>Request: Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly Served by Agencies for Seniors in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Fifteen percent of the population of Community District 6 is over age 65 and the median age of the district in the last census was 39.4, the fifth oldest in the city. The mean age in the district is 42, the oldest in the city. The Community District requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging</p>
11	12	<p>Request: Establish Full Day Pre-Kindergarten in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: According to recent news reports, the population of children under 6 in areas of Community District 6 has increased by 30% since the last census. The need for pre-Kindergarten intensifies.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Education</p>
12	13	<p>Request: Increase Patrol Staffing Levels of the 13th and 17th Precincts.</p> <p>Explanation: Since the 2000 U.S. Census, this district has experienced a building boom that continues; creating almost 2.5 million square feet of residential space, nearly 2 million square feet of commercial office space, and over 100,000 square feet of new retail space. The Board supports requests for additional staff for precincts, so that basic public policing can be fully performed. It is our understanding that 2 new Sergeants and 16 Police Officers are required in Precinct 13 alone. The needs of Precinct 17 should be met as well.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: New York Police Department</p>
13	14	<p>Request: Increase Number of Health and Mental Hygiene Inspectors in Community District 6 for Rat Control & Abatement and Other Efforts</p> <p>Explanation: There is increased concern over the rat presence in Community District 6. The Community Board wants greater rat control with more rat abatement work in Community District 6. More inspectors will allow the City to be more proactive. The Community Board wants more visible resources dedicated to resolving rat problems and conducting other inspections, such as those for mobile food carts, specifically in Community District 6.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</p>

Fiscal Year 2011

Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
14	16	<p>Request: Clean all Catch Basins in Community District 6 at least twice a year for ordinary conditions and four times a year where there is construction.</p> <p>Explanation: Numerous intersections throughout the district are impassible for pedestrians during and following rainstorms. Community Board 6 has been advised that every catch basin should be cleaned at minimum two times a year and wherever there is construction, which is throughout the District, the schedule should be four times a year. Clogged catch basins provide no benefit.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection</p>
15	15	<p>Request: Provide Additional Street Paving Inspectors to Review the Paving and Repaving of Streets in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that the Department of Transportation provide a sufficient number of full-time inspectors to verify that all street openings in Community District 6 are properly overseen and that final resurfacing meet regulatory requirements to restore the street to its prior condition.</p>
16	17	<p>Request: Fund a Shopping and Escort Service for the Frail and Homebound.</p> <p>Explanation: To improve the seniors' quality of life.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging</p>
17	20	<p>Request: Increase Staff for the Landmarks Preservation Commission as Recommended by the Municipal Art Society to Aid in Enforcement in Community District 6 with 6 Historic Districts.</p> <p>Explanation: There are 6 designated Historic Districts within the Community District 6 area.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Landmarks Preservation Commission</p>
18	22	<p>Request: Add Air and Noise Pollution Control Inspectors - Bureau of Air Resources for Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Additional air and noise pollution control inspectors are needed.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection</p>
19	08	<p>Request: Expand the Number of Bicycle Equipped Police Officers and Lengthen Hours of Operation in 17th Precinct & the Community District 6 Portion of the 13th Precinct.</p> <p>Explanation: The Community Board requests conversion of some foot patrols to bicycle patrols for each precinct. The Board believes that the bicycle patrols are more effective in providing police coverage to a wider area. Police coverage discourages the presence of undesirable individuals and undesirable activity. The Board also believes that bicycle patrols are able to more rapidly respond to emergency events as compared with foot patrols and, during periods of high congestion, perhaps even as compared with motor vehicles. Conversion from foot to bicycle units will have minimum cost of a bicycle and helmet; under \$2,000 for each conversion.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Police Department</p>
20	23	<p>Request: Provide Additional Funding in Community District 6 for Home Assistance Programs for People with Disabilities and Other Debilitating Conditions.</p> <p>Explanation: This will help people to maintain their independence as long as possible and reduce the cost for caring for them in alternative settings. This is a request for city funded services, not for an expansion of Medicaid services.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Human Resources Administration</p>
21	24	<p>Request: Allocate Additional Funding for Respite Care for Seniors in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: The provision of respite care encourages people to continue to care for aging spouses or parents in their homes. This is a request for city funded services, not for an expansion of Medicaid services.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging</p>
22	25	<p>Request: Increase Funding for Housing Preservation Inspectors for Affected Properties in Community District 6.</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 continues to be concerned about the loss of affordable housing. Newer units are predominantly luxury apartments and older units are often converted to luxury or high end apartments. The Board requests an increased effort in preservation of affordable housing.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development</p>

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Priority		Project Information
New	Old	
23		<p>Request: Install Pedestrian Ramps on Corners as Needed in Community District 6</p> <p>Explanation: Community District 6 has many intersections that still impose barriers to full mobility. Of particular importance is the southwest corner of Second Avenue and 24th Street. Many individuals with wheelchairs visit ICD, Bellevue, and the Veterans Hospital and cross the avenue at this intersection.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation</p>
24		<p>Request: Provide 5 new computers for the Asser Levy Recreation Center</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 values highly the services provided by the Asser Levy Recreation Center and supports its request to have up to date computers.</p> <p>Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation</p>
25		<p>Request: Fully fund the FDNY CPR initiative</p> <p>Explanation: Community Board 6 endorses this borough-wide initiative</p> <p>Responsible Agency: FDNY.</p>

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

7. Public Safety, Environmental & Human Rights – Fred Arcaro, Chair

a. Sidewalk Shed Duration Procedures

Whereas, the Rules of the City of New York, Chapter 27, § 27-03 Signs on any Sidewalk Shed, does not include the duration of time that sidewalk sheds may stand, and

Whereas, the Rules of the City of New York, Chapter 27, §27-129 imposes time tables and fines to ensure timely completion of work on declared unsafe building conditions for exterior walls and appurtenances on all buildings which are six stories or greater, and

Whereas, Chapter 27, §27-129 also does not include any mention of sidewalk shed duration, and

Whereas, at the present time the Department of Buildings (DOB) does not impose time constraints on sidewalk sheds, as presently all that is needed for sidewalk sheds to stand for an indefinite period is an active permit, and

Whereas, while sidewalk sheds have proven to protect the public at risk from falling debris and or construction related equipment, they also can be a hindrance for pedestrians, and

Whereas, DOB does not have a procedure that requires periodic job filings to ensure timely completion of work requiring a sidewalk shed, and

Whereas, without guidelines and guidance from DOB, sidewalk sheds stay in place for indefinite time periods, even stretching into years, now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Manhattan Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass legislation with the following provisions:

- ❖ Require developers or property owners to submit the following along with their application for a sidewalk shed permit:
 - Time line for construction or alteration plans;
 - Submit justification for sidewalk shed during construction;

- Require periodic job filing to ensure work is proceeding;
- Direct DOB to set rules to develop a work time line for various job filings (e.g., 6-months to point a 12-story building, if work is not completed in 6-months the job is subject for review and one additional 6-month renewal of sidewalk shed permit may be issued as appropriate.)
- Give DOB authority to order the removal of a sidewalk shed where DOB determines the sidewalk shed no longer served the purpose for which it is intended.

VOTE: 37 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. Sub-surface Infrastructure

Whereas, New York City has a vast and complex public and private sub-surface infrastructure in public areas that is the envy of the world; and

Whereas, public and private sub-surface infrastructure affects the safety and security of businesses, workplaces, schools, places of worship, hospitals, cultural institution, property, homes and the daily quality of life of all New Yorkers; and

Whereas, public and private sub-surface infrastructure also affects millions of visitors to the city annually; and

Whereas, there is currently no coordinated collecting data of inventory and mapping of sub-surface infrastructures, such as:

- steam, water, sewage and gas pipe lines
- distribution voltage electric feeder cables
- high voltage cables
- underground transformers
- various communication cables (fiber optics, telephone lines, and TV coaxial cables); and

Whereas, this lack of coordination of data gathering does not enable responsible entities to develop preventive maintenance program for their sub-surface infrastructure; and

Whereas, this lack of coordination results in premature funding commitments to expensive projects, without appropriate justification through Engineering Life Cycle Cost Analyses, Risk Assessment and Alternative Recommendations; and

Whereas, this lack of coordination results in inability to commit funds on a rational schedule to provide for timely renewal of public and privately owned capital assets; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six recommends legislation requiring city a agency such as Department of Environmental Protection or Department of Buildings to undertake the collecting data of inventory and mapping of sub-surface infrastructures in public areas with the following purpose:

- Coordinate Life Cycle Cost Analyses of all public and private sub-surface infrastructure
- Develop preventive maintenance programs
- Develop budget priorities for preventive maintenance for vital infrastructures
- Coordinate street openings to coincide with preventive maintenance programs of public and private sub-surface infrastructure

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. Intro 1042-in relation to the abatement of graffiti on commercial and residential buildings

Whereas, an amendment has been proposed to the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the abatement of graffiti on commercial and residential buildings and repealing subdivisions d, e and f of section 10-117.3 of the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the failure to remove graffiti from commercial and residential buildings and the city's removal of such graffiti through nuisance abatement proceedings; and

Whereas, graffiti is a public nuisance, one that can degrade the quality of life in neighborhoods and communities across the city; and

Whereas, graffiti also has a negative effect on the aesthetic quality of New York's neighborhoods, graffiti vandalism presents a significant economic burden by decreasing property values, frustrating local businesses, and forcing private citizens and the city to spend significant resources restoring vandalized surfaces; and

Whereas, the city has a number of initiatives and programs to address graffiti vandalism such as the "Mayor's Paint Program", for instance, provides paint and supplies to community groups and neighborhood organizations in order to assist them in neighborhood improvement has been very successful in graffiti removal; and

Whereas, this amendment makes the original graffiti bill even easier to enforce and will allow for a greater number of graffiti-free spaces in our neighborhood; and

Whereas, this amendment would further ease the process of removing graffiti by removing the need for owners to complete a written consent forms after being notified of graffiti by the city. Instead, it would provide that, if an owner fails to either abate the graffiti nuisance within thirty-five days of the date of the notice, that the city may enter or access the property identified in the notice and abate the nuisance by removing or concealing the graffiti; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass Intro 1042, and the Mayor to sign it into law as soon as possible.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. Intro 476-A - in relation to benchmarking the energy and water efficiency of buildings.

Whereas, an amendment has been proposed to the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to benchmarking the energy and water efficiency of buildings; and

Whereas, in order to manage energy and water consumption, one has to have means to measure such energy consumption; and

Whereas, this Intro 476-A would requires all City buildings of over 10,000 square feet and all non City buildings of over 50,000 square feet to obtain from the United States Environmental Protection Agency a free, online tool to conduct an annual analysis of energy and water consumption being used in their buildings; and

Whereas, this Intro. 476-A is intended to give a simple and effective tool for building owners and potential purchasers alike to compare buildings' energy and water consumption with similar buildings, to start to understand how efficiently it is running. Benchmarking is such a tool; and

Whereas, benchmarking with enable building owners and managers a starting point, with respect to energy and water usage of their buildings, with a view towards reducing their energy use; and

Whereas, benchmarking and environmental disclosure will enhance the value of property managed and will encourage property owners to improve energy efficiency and water conservation in their properties; and

Whereas, all energy and water usage data are to be posted on New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) website which also post explanation of the economic and environmental benefits of energy efficiency and water conservation; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass Intro 476-A, and the Mayor to sign it into law as soon as possible.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

i. **Intro 973 - in relation to upgrading lighting systems in existing buildings greater than 50,000 gross square feet.**

Whereas, an amendment has been proposed to the administrative code of the city of New York, that would require upgrading lighting systems in existing buildings greater than 50,000 gross square feet; and

Whereas, this Intro 973 is intended to reduce substantially energy consumption over the next twelve years; and

Whereas, about twenty percent of all New York City's energy used is for lighting; and

Whereas, this Intro 973 provide that all large buildings in the City of New York over 50,000 gross square feet to upgrade all of their lighting with more efficient ones over the next 12 years; and

Whereas, routinely these light upgrade pay for themselves in a year or two; and

Whereas, this Intro 973 provide that all renovation buildings must have an lighting control management component to it that would reduce energy consumption; now

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass Intro 973 and the Mayor to sign it into law as soon as possible.

VOTE: 37 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

k. **Report**

Fred reported that in November one of the discussions would be on SGEIS for drilling for natural gas under the shale surrounding NYC's reservoirs.

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

a. Bellevue South Park

WHEREAS, Bellevue South Park is a public park under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks & Recreation and is located between East 26th and East 28th Streets and between 1st and 2nd Avenues, and

WHEREAS, its location does not render the park great visibility from the major public ways which is a major factor in the many social problems in that park, and

WHEREAS, East 27th Street between 1st Avenue and Mt. Carmel Place is a paved over pedestrian way under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS, we believe that this pedestrian way if turned over to the Parks Department could be turned into an attractive and inviting entrance to Bellevue South Park, now

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Community Board 6 urges the Department of Parks & Recreation and the Department of Transportation to enter into an agreement allowing the Parks Department to maintain this area and provide programming and other types of support to improve both Bellevue South Park and the surrounding area, and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, we would welcome a meeting at the site with representatives of both agencies.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. Intro 1084-in relations to the location of Concessions in Public Parks

WHEREAS, Community Board 6 in May 2009 adopted a resolution urging the City of New York to adopt regulations mandating specific boundaries for concessions located in parks operated by the Department of Parks & Recreation, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced into the City Council to amend Chapter 1 of title 18 of the administrative code to add a new section 18-136 which would require all concessions operated on city parkland to have specific boundaries which would be indicated on a map of the park with the precise location indicated to the nearest foot with such maps and locations publicly accessible on the city website and no concession extending beyond these boundaries, now

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Community Board 6 supports adoption of this intro. 1084, and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED, we recommend the following additions:

1. Requiring RFP's issued by the Parks Department for concessions to contain the language in the new section 18-136

2. The required boundary be made of durable material to last the term of the concession replenished periodically to maintain its visibility
3. If a vendor seeks permission from a vendor to increase their presence in the park, the Department of Parks & Recreation must refer such request to the local community board before acting on it.

VOTE: 37 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

e. Rules on Pedicabs in City Parks

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation is holding a public hearing for the purpose of amending Section 1-02 and Section 1-05(i) of Title 56 of the Rules of the City of New York to regulate the operation of pedicabs on parks property, and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments would define pedicabs as a bicycle that is designed and constructed to carry or transport passengers, that is solely propelled by human power, and that is operated to transport passengers for hire, and

WHEREAS, it would require pedicabs to carry a registration plate and are authorized as a pedicab business and possesses a valid pedicab business license, and

WHEREAS, the amendments would essentially place pedicabs under the same rules and regulations now required of bicycle's on city parkland, now

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, Community Board 6 supports adoption of the proposed amendments.

VOTE: 35 in Favor 2 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. **Report:** was waived

9. Housing & Homeless Services – Claude Winfield, Chair

a. NYC Council Int. 0995, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to disclosure of tenant screening reports.

Whereas, Speaker Christine C. Quinn, together with Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick and Consumer Affairs Committee Chair Leroy Comrie, introduced the Tenant Fair Chance Act, legislation designed to assist renters in ensuring their tenant history is accurately reflected in reports that landlords use to determine whether or not an applicant is accepted, and

Whereas, currently screening companies purchase data from housing court that landlords use to vet prospective tenants, and

Whereas, these screening reports often lack meaningful details regarding why the tenant was in court or the final decision in the case, and

Whereas, often the reported information may not even be about the prospective tenant but relate to another tenant with the same or similar name, and

Whereas, in order to add a measure of clarity to the reports and give prospective renters the chance to ensure that any information a landlord receives about their tenancy is accurate and complete, the Tenant Fair Chance will require:

- Disclosure on the part of any landlord, management company or broker who uses a tenant screening report, of the name of the reporting agency giving the tenant an opportunity to dispute any inaccuracies directly with the agency;
- Signage posted by all users of such reports informing tenants that under federal law they are entitled to one free copy per year of their report from each tenant screening agency they use;
- Violations in the form of an initial fine of \$250 - \$500 and subsequent fines of \$500 - \$750 to any user of tenant screening reports caught violating this policy; and
- Hearing Authority on the part of the Department of Consumer Affairs that shall have jurisdiction over implementation of this law and its oversight; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED that Community Board 6 supports New York City Council Int. 0995 – 2009 introduced on May 20, 2009.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. Report: Claude reported that they are continuing to work on the formulation of a Community Advisory Council at Phipps Houses.

10. Business Affairs & Street Activities – Carol Schachter, Chair

a. New, OP License, Zengo NYC LLC d/b/a Zengo, 622 3rd Avenue between East 40th and East 41st Streets

WHEREAS, Tom Dillon, President, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated they are opening an upscale restaurant at the venue; and

WHEREAS, the owners, including Placido Domingo, own and operate 10 other restaurants around the U.S. and world; and

WHEREAS, this new OP License requires a 500-foot rule public interest analysis; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public were present to speak for or against the applicant; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **supports** the **New, OP License, Zengo NYC LLC d/b/a Zengo, 622 3rd Avenue between East 40th and East 41st Streets**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e **Alteration, OP License Fiasco Group LLC d/b/a Bar Milano, 323 3rd Avenue between East 24th and East 25th Streets**

WHEREAS, Joe Denton, Owner, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated he wanted to add a service bar to the downstairs area of the venue; and

WHEREAS, there were questions about whether the applicant also wanted patrons to sit at and be served at the bar; and

WHEREAS, it was pointed out that a use by patrons would require a new liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the Representative subsequently stated on the record that the new service bar would be used only has a service bar; and

WHEREAS, in reliance on the bar being only used a service bar, CB6M did not object to this plan; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public spoke for or against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, as this application if for an alteration the 500 foot rule’s public interest analysis does not apply; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **does not object** to the **Alteration, OP License Fiasco Group LLC d/b/a Bar Milano, 323 3rd Avenue between East 24th and East 25th Streets**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

g. Alteration, OP License 301 East 47th Street Rest Corp. d/b/a Nino's Positano, 301 East 47th Street at 2nd Avenue

WHEREAS, Avelino Fernandes, Manager, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated he wanted to extend the liquor license to cover the outdoor area café; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public spoke for or against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, as this application is for an alteration the 500 foot rule’s public interest analysis does not apply; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **does not object** to the **Alteration, OP License 301 East 47th Street Rest Corp. d/b/a Nino's Positano, 301 East 47th Street at 2nd Avenue**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

h. Transfer, OP License 924 Second Avenue Corp. d/b/a tdb (Formerly Smorgas Chef), 924 2nd Avenue bet. East 49th and East 50th Streets

WHEREAS, Frederick Le Sort, Owner, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated they are opening a French bistro; and

WHEREAS, the establishment will be open from 11 am to 1:30 am daily; and

WHEREAS, this new OP License requires a 500-foot rule public interest analysis; and

WHEREAS, the location in question is the former site of Smorgas Chef; and

WHEREAS, no members of the public were present to speak for or against the applicant; and

WHEREAS, this transfer requires a 500-foot rule public interest analysis; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented, the committee believes this application is in the best interest of the community; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **supports** the **Transfer, OP License 924 Second Avenue Corp. d/b/a tdb (Formerly Smorgas Chef), 924 2nd Avenue bet. East 49th and East 50th Streets**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

i. **New, OP License Dion Corp. d/b/a Rafina, 630 1st Avenue between East 36th and East 37th Streets**

WHEREAS, Dennis Spitios, President, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated they are opening very large Greek restaurant in the large residential building Manhattan Place; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated he intended to have a bandstand for live musicians, but no dancing; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated he has spent thousands of dollars soundproofing the establishment; and

WHEREAS, some members of the committee expressed concern of such a large venue in a residential area that currently has no other nightlife in the area; and

WHEREAS, the committee expressed concern about a proposed 4 am closing time on the weekend nights; and

WHEREAS, the applicant signed a change agreement wherei he agreed to stop serving liquor at 2 am on Friday and Saturday nights; and

WHEREAS, the applicant would not close at 11 pm from Sunday to Thursday and would stop serving liquor at 2 am on Friday and Saturday nights; and

WHEREAS, the establishment will be open from 11 am to 1:30 am daily; and

WHEREAS, there are not 3 or more establishments serving alcohol within 500 feet and therefore the 500 foot rule does not apply; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **does not object** to the **New, OP License Dion Corp. d/b/a Rafina, 630 1st Avenue between East 36th and East 37th Streets**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 37 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

j. New, OP license Gramercy Restaurant Inc. d/b/a tbd 256 3rd Avenue between East 20th and East 21st Streets

WHEREAS, Damian Bae, President and Thomas McCallem, Attorney, (together “Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 1, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the Representative stated they are opening a bar/restaurant at the former site of Pete’s Place; and

WHEREAS, the committee expressed concern of another bar closing at 3:30 am nightly in an already overpopulated bar area; and

WHEREAS, in an attempt to persuade the committee that another licensed premise would be in the public interest, the Representative agreed to close all windows and French doors nightly at 11 pm and to stop serving alcohol at 2 a.m. nightly.

WHEREAS, this application requires a 500-foot rule public interest analysis; and

WHEREAS, based on the facts presented and in reliance on the change agreement, the committee felt this establishment was in the public interest; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation by the Representative at this meeting and all other considerations, CB6M **does not object** to the **New, OP license Gramercy Restaurant Inc. d/b/a tbd 256 3rd Avenue between East 20th and East 21st Streets**

FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this Resolution, **including** “Hours of Operation” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

l. Renewal, OP license Bogart’s on Park, Inc. d/b/a Bogart, 99 Park Avenue between East 38th and East 39th streets

WHEREAS, the applicants did not appear before us to answer any concerns regarding this license; and

WHEREAS, the committee had important questions and concerns stemming from many complaints the establishment has had against it; and

WHEREAS, a member of the community spoke against the establishment and presented a letter of from the 17th police precinct which confirmed “numerous altercations and disturbances necessitating police response; and

WHEREAS, failure to appear rendered the committee unable to make a determination to whether application was in the public interest or to determine the “bona fides” of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six objects to the application for a transfer license for this café at this time.

VOTE: 37 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

m. Transfer OP License Banot Corp. d/b/a Gusto Va Mare, 237 East 53rd Street between 2nd and 3rd Avenues

WHEREAS, the applicants did not appear before us to answer any concerns regarding this license; and

WHEREAS, this establishment is subject to the 500 foot rule and, as such, the committee is required to determine if this application is in the public interest; and

WHEREAS, failure to appear rendered the committee unable to make a determination to whether application was in the public interest or to determine the “bona fides” of the application; and

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six objects to the application for a transfer license for this café at this time.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

n. Report: was waived.

Old/new business

Second Roll Call – Carol A Schachter

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 pm