

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
NYU MEDICAL CENTER  
550 FIRST AVENUE**

**Hon. Mark Thompson, Chair**

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members answering first roll call:**

Barrett, Bergman, Buchwald, Collins, Dankberg, Disman, Eggers, Friedman, Garodnick, Goldman, Haile, Hollister, Humphrey, Imbimbo, McIntosh, O'Neal, Papush, Parrish, Pellezzi, Reiss, Rubin, Schaeffer, Schwadron, Seligman, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steingberg, Thompson, Weder, West, Winfield

**Members answering second roll call:**

Barrett, Bergman, Buchwald, Collins, Dankberg, Disman, Eggers, Friedman, Garodnick, Goldman, Haile, Hollister, Humphrey, Imbimbo, Lee, McIntosh, Oddo, O'Neal, Papush, Parrish, Pellezzi, Reiss, Rubin, Schaeffer, Schwadron, Seligman, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steingberg, Thompson, Weder, West, Winfield

**Excused:** Dubnoff, Friedman, LaBarbera, Scala

**Absent:** Arcaro, Frank, Garland, Lilien, McGuire, Moses, Williams, Wilson

**Guests signed in:** David Bohm, Jacob Segal, Clark Pena, Bob Bierman, Sean Walters, Michael Sosankin, Micaela Milano, Tony Fangel, Ellen Catini, Paul Schaeffer, Beth Parise, Becca Palmer, Serene Lee, Carmen lee Shue, Ben Dookchita, Kristen Bergen, Lawrence Scheyer

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## Meeting Called to Order

**Mark Thompson**, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call** – Ellen Imbimbo

**Presentation: Department of City Planning updates on City-wide text amendments to clarify revise and introduce new regulations to preserve and enhance the streetscape character of residential neighborhoods: DCP Non- ULURP # N100139ZRY; DCP CEQR # 10DCP013Y.**

Text amendment is initiated to address the concerns raised by various community boards and elected officials pertaining to curb cuts and parking in front yards that disrupt the neighborhood character-residential streetscape. This is a City-wide text amendment that will affect all contextual districts in R3 to R8 districts.

Main areas of concern that are addressed in these goals:

1. Reinforce original intent of zoning regulations affecting residential parking and planting rules and address a court decision that defines, for purposes of curb cut regulations in ZR 25-633, “development” as a new building, not an existing building.
2. Introduce new curb cut rules to preserve streetscape character and on-street parking spaces. Many residential districts have no curb cut rules today.
3. Add streetscape character and pedestrian movement findings for curb cut authorizations.
4. Ensure adequate parking is maintained in pre-1961 buildings city-wide.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

**C/M Dan Garodnick:** **1)** Reiterated a previous statement regarding Tishman Speyer’s impending default on Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village. **2)** When the School Construction Authority cited a school at 616 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, I insisted they meet with Community Board 6 and accept constructive criticism from the board and the City Council. **3)** Congratulated the board on a letter to Seth Pinsky; President of the Economic Development Corporation on Robert Moses Playground, the city needs to understand the importance of this playground to the community. **4)** I have joined Public Advocate Bill De Blasio for the release of the Public Advocate’s comprehensive community outreach proposal that will ensure New Yorkers learn how to use the new optical voting machines.

For a complete report on these and other issues, see the Council Member’s East Side Bulletin or go to [garodnick@council.nyc.gov](mailto:garodnick@council.nyc.gov) to obtain a copy.

**Belinda Cape** representing Senator Duane reported: **1)** she is the Senator’s new liaison to the board. **2)** Mention the defeat of the marriage equality vote in the New York Senate and described it as a “crushing blow”. **3)** Reviewed some legislation that did manage to pass the Senate: a Deficit Reduction Plan that closes nearly \$3 billion in New York’s budget gap. **4)** The legislature approved a new Tier V pension plan that will be implemented for new state and local government employees, in order to save the state and its localities over \$48.5 billion during the next 30-years. **5)** Senator Duane also reaffirmed his commitment to Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village tenants in the wake of Tishman Speyer’s mortgage default.

For information on these and other reports, see the Senator’s Community Report or go to [www.tomduane.org](http://www.tomduane.org).

**Sara Hale-Stern** representing Senator Krueger reported: **1)** Last July the Senate adopted a bipartisan rules reform package that goes into effect at the end of January 2010. Senator Krueger is hopeful that the more open rules we adopt will create new opportunities for building coalitions across party lines. **2)** The New York City Fire Department is offering free bystander CPR training for community organizations and groups. Beginning in February 2010, New York State residents can participate in the Great Appliance Swap-Out, a program designed to boost New York's economy while providing incentives for consumers to reduce their energy consumption.

For more information on this and other reports see the Senator's Community Bulletin or email her at [liz@lizkrueger.com](mailto:liz@lizkrueger.com)

**Cameron Peterson** representing A/M Kavanagh reported: **1)** On January 8<sup>th</sup> A/M Brian Kavanagh and Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer announced receipt of a \$650,000 grant for Manhattan's East Side through the New York State Environmental Protection Fund's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. **2)** A/M Kavanagh reiterated a previous statement regarding Tishman Speyer's impending default on Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village.

**Corey Green** representing A/M Gottfried reported: **1)** announced she was leaving her position at A/M Gottfried office and introduced Danielle Bennett as the board's new liaison for A/M Gottfried.

**Christina Bottego** representing C/M Lappin reported: **1)** The City Council proposed alternatives to the MTA "Doomsday" cuts by proposing that the MTA reallocate \$140 million of capital funds to temporarily close an unexpected gap in its operating budget. **2)** C/M Lappin worked with officers from the 19<sup>th</sup> Precinct to organize a horn honking sting at the intersection of 63<sup>rd</sup> Street and York Ave.

**Barbara Hess** representing the United States Census Bureau requested additional staff for canvassing positions in the district.

**Clark Pena** representing Security USA, Inc. introduced and gave a brief list of services the company offers.

**Paula Schaeffer** speaking on behalf of Bellevue CAB discussed their Legislative Breakfast with details on date and time.

## **BUSINESS SESSION:**

**Adoption of the Full Board minutes: Minutes were adopted by a voice vote.**

### **Chair's Report – Mark Thompson**

Mark provided updates and made a few requests:

1. Susan Steinberg has been named Vice Chair of the Housing Homeless & Human Rights Committee.
2. He was sorry to report that the mother of board member Steve Dubnoff has recently passed away.
3. He reminded committee members, when you abstain from a vote it is considered a non vote and when you abstain for cause, (conflict of interest) you are required to state the conflict before you discuss and vote.
4. He asked that everyone, before speaking to identify themselves, this will make transcribing easier.
5. Thanked the board office for creating an amazingly detailed and clear set of minutes last month.

## **District Manager's Report — Toni Carlina**

1. Toni was pleased to report that the Department of Transportation (DOT) will require the MTA to hire 2 traffic agents at the East Side Access project site on E. 37<sup>th</sup> St and Park Ave.; however, as of today (January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010) NYPD is losing 210 agents. They will be pulling from “here and there” to accommodate the board.
2. Thanks to the due diligence of members of the Business Affairs and Street Activity Committee (BASA), we were able to have an applicant withdraw a liquor license request for a café in the public plaza at Trump Towers for first not filing an application with Dept. of City Planning, to ensure that they would use only 20% of the plaza, as is required by law.
3. Additionally, BASA committee members requested we verify that 261 E. 50<sup>th</sup> St is actually an address before they review their liquor license application, we was confirmed that it was a non-existing address.
4. The Board office received a letter from the organization Women in Need, Inc. informing us that they submitted a proposal to Department of Homeless Services for 85 units for a tier 2 shelter for families at 320 E. 53<sup>rd</sup> St.

## **Treasurer's Report - Bea Disman**

Bea reported on budget cuts and proposed budgets cuts for 2010 through 2013, and stated that we must again join together to fight these proposed cuts.

## **Borough President's Report - Dan Benjoya**

The Borough President agrees with Bea Disman on ensuring that proposed budget cuts are not implemented.

1. Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer recently announced a 6-point rescue plan to help families transition into permanent housing, after 3,000 families whose Section 8 vouchers were retracted in, December without notice.
2. Mentioned Department of Education closing of 20 schools city-wide, the Manhattan Borough President argues against closing schools without an Environmental Impact Statement to make sure there is no other solution.
3. For the next two days, The Borough President office is still accepting applications for community board membership.
4. Announced that he is now the BP's scheduler and will no longer be the liaison to Manhattan Community Board 6. At the present time, he does not know who will be his replacement.

For more information on this and other reports see the Borough President's Report at [www.mbpo.org](http://www.mbpo.org) or call 212-669-7877.

## **Committee Resolutions & Reports**

1. **Waterfront Committee** – Ellen Imbimbo, Chair
  - a. **Report:** Announced that the Waterfront Committee will not be meeting in February and asked everyone to periodically check the agenda on the website for updates.
2. **Health, Seniors & Disability Issues** – Sandro Sherrod, Chair
  - a. **Report:** Referred to two resolution; One was previously brought forward by the Housing, Homeless & Human rights committee. The other resolution is to be handled next month.
3. **Public Safety & Environment** – Fred Arcaro, Chair
  - a. **Report:** Board member, Joe Parrish mentioned items from the agenda for the Committee's upcoming meeting.

**4. Youth & Education – Maxine McIntosh, Chair**

- a. **Report:** Announced upcoming committee meeting, they will be discussing local schools closing.

**5. Housing, Homeless Services & Human Rights Committee – Claude L. Winfield, Chair**

- a. **Report:** Confirmed that all board members were forward information on Hope 2010, an opportunity for volunteering to help the homeless.

**6. Land Use – Ed Rubin, Chair**

- a. **Proposed residential streetscape preservation zoning text amendment.**

**Whereas**, the New York City Department of City Planning has proposed zoning text amendment regarding residential streetscape preservation to clarify, revise, and introduce new regulations to preserve and enhance the streetscape character of residential neighborhoods.

**Whereas**, a recent court decision more specifically defines the word “development” to mean a new building, not an existing building

**Whereas**, if an existing zoning rule applies to “developments,” but the intent was to apply to all buildings, the intent will be clarified in this proposed zoning text amendment

**Whereas**, the proposed regulations will establish curb cut rules in districts, such as R7 and R8 (housing with 4 or more units), where no curb cut rules currently exist

**Whereas**, the proposed new regulations will add streetscape character and pedestrian movement criteria for curb cut authorizations

**Whereas**, the proposed new regulations will amend R7B and R8B rule that prohibits curb cuts for developments on zoning lots less than 40’ wide so that the prohibition applies also to existing buildings less than 40’ wide in “B” districts

**Whereas**, the proposed new regulations state that residential parking spaces provided in pre-1961 buildings city wide cannot be removed if such spaces would be required under current zoning

**Therefore be it resolved**, that CB6 supports the proposed rules specifically for the higher density Manhattan zoning districts.

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

- b. **BSA variance (582-83-BZ) to waiver the Rules of Practice and Procedure for an extension of time to reopen and extend the term of a previously granted variance, pursuant to BSA Cal. No. 582-83-BZ, set to expire on January 10, 2004, for an unlimited term and to allow the use of a portion (in the cellar) of an existing building located on 215 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, for a Use Group 6 commercial use.**

**WHEREAS**, Slater & Beckerman, LLP., on behalf of Torri Associates, c/o LaSeven, Inc. 1775 Broadway, Suite 501, New York, NY 10019, owner of record, presented to the Land Use Committee of CB6 on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 an application for a variance to extend the term of a previously granted variance to allow the use of a portion of an existing building located on 215 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, for a Use Group 6 commercial use; and

**WHEREAS**, The above application is in pursuant to authorizing Section 72-01 and 72-22 of the Zoning Resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, the Building is occupied as offices and showrooms for Use Group 6 retail and designer tenants for the past 25 years and has not had an adverse effect on the surrounding area; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner and operator (Waterworks) of the premises does not propose any changes in the use or manner of operation at the site; and

**WHEREAS**, the variance will allow Waterworks, who leased the area, to operate 5,021 sq. ft. in the cellar as permitted under Group 6 commercial use; and

**THEREFORE, be it**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six has no objection to the application for an extension to a Variance (Calendar #582-83-BZ) under Zoning Resolutions §72-01 and 72-22, to allow the use of a portion (in the cellar) of an existing building located on 215 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Manhattan, for a Use Group 6 commercial use, Manhattan for a period of five years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the extension of the term of variance include all the restrictions included in the BSA's resolution of January 10, 1984.

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

c. **Report:** Informed us of future changes to Land Use and Waterfront Committees.

7. **Budget & Governmental Affairs**– Richard Eggers, Chair

**Joint Resolution w/ Housing, Homeless Services & Human Rights**– Claude Winfield, Chair

a. **Assembly Bill A08479-Provides that the NYC Housing Authority (NYCHA) shall not be required to pay for NYC sanitation services.**

**Whereas**, The New York City Housing Authority, NYCHA, has implemented a Range of actions to reduce its spending, including cutting the budget by over \$527 million since 2003 and reducing its head count by more than 2,000 positions since 2002; and

**Whereas**, The Preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2009 included the elimination of 427 positions through layoffs, attrition and the removal of vacancies as well as the closing of 19 community centers; and

**Whereas**, NYCHA has secured new revenue sources that will help trim the deficit in the long term, including the increase in the New York Shelter Rent Allowance; and

**Whereas**, the overall plan for Section 8 Transition of 8,400 units with NYCHA's City and State developments was approved by HUD in September 2008; and

**Whereas**, five percent, four hundred thousand residents, of New York City's population lives in NYCHA housing; and

**Whereas**, NYCHA is a quasi-government agency of New York City and other New York City buildings do not pay for sanitation services and NYCHA commissioners are appointed by the New York City Mayor; and

**Whereas**, NYCHA is running a deficit of more than \$200 million every year; now

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved** that Community Board Six urges the State Assembly and Senate to pass and Governor Paterson to sign into law legislation, A08479/S3544, to amend the public housing law in relation to sanitation services provided to the New York City Housing Authority.

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

- b. **Report:** if the Mayor's Executive Budget and agency budget documents are available, they will review several budget items, at the next meeting.

**8. Business Affairs & Street Activities – Carol Schachter, Chair**

- a1. **New, DCA application #1293466 for an unenclosed sidewalk café, 11 tables and 22 seats for Vino Five Group LLC d/b/a Vino 313, 201 East 31<sup>st</sup> Street between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenues.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 7, 2010, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee was able to examine the application and blueprints provided; and

**WHEREAS**, this venue has been in operation for about a year and has been well received in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee suggested removing three tables and six chairs as the space appeared to be small and the applicant did not wish to change the configuration; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that CB6M has no objection to this application.

**VOTE: 21 in Favor 11 Opposed 4 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

- a. **New, DCA unenclosed café (#1339224), 11 tables/22 seats for Vino Five Group LLC d/b/a Vino 313, 201 E. 31<sup>st</sup> St. bet. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 7, 2010, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee was able to examine the application and blueprints provided; and

**WHEREAS**, this venue has been in operation for about a year and has been well received in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee suggested removing three tables and six chairs as the space appeared to be small and the applicant did not wish to change the configuration; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that CB6M opposes this application.

**VOTE: 12 in Favor 23 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

d. **New, OP license for JTP Restaurant Corp. d/b/a TBD, 712 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. at E. 45<sup>th</sup> St.**

**WHEREAS**, Paul O'Connor, Owner and Frank Palilo, Attorney, (together "Representative"), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 7, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the applicant is applying for a liquor license for a German-style restaurant and bar; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the hours of operation will be 11 am to 4 am, seven days a week; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this site is in a highly commercial area; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee had concerns over the late closing time, but the location being in a highly commercial area was given great deference; 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; now

**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 for JTP Restaurant Corp., d/b/a TBD, 712 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue at East 45<sup>th</sup> Streets; and,**

**BE IT 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: 35 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

e. **New, OP license for Mapo Tofu Food Corp. d/b/a Mapo Tofu, 338 Lexington Ave. bet. E. 39<sup>th</sup> and E. 40<sup>th</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Kai Lannfrng, Owner and Susan Tan, Attorney, (together "Representative"), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 7, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the applicant is applying for a liquor license for a Chinese Sichuan restaurant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the hours of operation until 10 pm, seven days a week; 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; now,

**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 for Mapo Tofu Food Corp. d/b/a Mapo Tofu, 338 Lexington Avenue, between 39<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> streets, and**

**BE IT 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 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

f. **OP license for Thai Time Corp. d/b/a TBD, 407 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. bet. E. 28<sup>th</sup> & E. 29<sup>th</sup> Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Anthony Caraballo, (“Representative”), appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on January 7, 2009, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the applicant is applying for a liquor license for a Thai restaurant; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative stated the hours of operation will be until midnight seven days a week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Representative signed a change agreement, stating his hours would remain at midnight; and

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

**WHEREAS**, this site is located next to Tonic East and in an area with many late night bars; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee felt that a restaurant like this one, and not a bar would be in the public interest; 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 for Thai Time Corp. d/b/a TBD, 407 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> Streets; and**

**BE IT 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 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

g. **Report:** Waived

**9. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs** – Gary Papush, Chair

a. **LPC-Certificate of Appropriateness for 135 East 19<sup>th</sup> St.**

**WHEREAS**, the owner of 139 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street, an 1840’s row house located in the Gramercy Park Historic District has applied to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness, and

**WHEREAS**, the application as presented to Community Board 6 would modify and align the upper level with the story below creating a consistent façade, adding an elevator bulkhead (hydraulic not electric), a stair bulkhead, original window openings, replace mechanical system on roof with a more efficient and slimmer condenser, and

**WHEREAS**, as presented to us only the upper addition stair bulkhead would be visible from the public way and this additional visibility would not be higher than the heights of the neighboring designated buildings to the east and west, now

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, Community Board 6 supports approval of the application for the Certificate of Appropriateness for 139 East 19<sup>th</sup> Street as application was presented to us.

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

b. **Report:** Next committee meeting will be on Groundhog Day, Feb 2, 2010. Stuyvesant Town Tenant Association commissioned a Oral History Project and will be recording a part of the next committee meeting.

**10. Transportation** – Lou Sepersky, Chair

b. **DOT Revocable Consent Application, Bollards 153 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street Citicorp Center Condominium.**

**Whereas**, Boston Properties which represents the Board of Managers of the Citigroup Center Condominium (CCC), 153 East 53rd Street, has applied for a revocable consent to install 60 bollards at that address, the north side of East 53rd Street, between Third and Lexington Avenues, as described on the Title Sheet in project number 192310030, dated December 1, 2009, and

**Whereas**, the applicant agreed to the Terms of Petition Acceptance (as set out) By (the) Department of Transportation agreeing to a public "hearing are (to be) held pursuant to section 371 of the (New York) City Charter", and

**Whereas**, the applicant has reported that the CCC building, which is within community Board 6, is, and has been, mentioned as a possible target of terrorist activities in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center, and

**Whereas**, the applicant's representative said that various security reviews determined that the design of the CCC building made it vulnerable to a particular kind of attack, and Whereas these security reviews, including those by the New York City Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and others, recommended steps to prevent or minimize the harm of an explosive blast, and

**Whereas**, the placement of bollards in part on the sidewalk and, in part, in the former roadbed of East 53rd Street, is such that the impact of such an explosion would be reduced by, the applicant's representative averred, about 70 percent, and

**Whereas**, the placement of the requested bollards are within the guidelines set by the Community Board Six resolution on bollards, and

**Whereas**, the Manhattan Borough Commissioner of the Department of Transportation said that the loss of the north lane of East 53rd just east of Lexington Avenue, in the mid-block for a distance of about one-half the block, to accommodate the bollards, has not had, nor is it expected to have, a harmful effect on west bound traffic on that street, now

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved**, that Community Board 6, Manhattan, offers no objection to the erection and maintenance of up to 60 bollards on the north side of East 53rd Street, at 153 East 53rd Street, as presented on the Title Sheet (project number 192310030, December 1, 2009).

**VOTE: 28 in Favor 4 Opposed 3 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

- c. **Report: Announced a First Avenue/Second Avenue Select Bus Service Community Advisory meeting. January 14, 2010 at 6:30pm.**

**New Business**

- a. **The Board Chair asked that from now on all board members sit closer to the stage.**
- b. **Carol Schachter is planning a party to honor former Board Chair, Lyle Frank.**

**Second Roll Call – Ellen Imbimbo**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10: 15 pm**