



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

59 East 4th Street - New York, NY 10003

Phone (212) 533-5300

www.cb3manhattan.org - info@cb3manhattan.org

June 2003 Resolutions

At its June 2003 monthly meeting, Community Board #3 passed the following motions:

TITLE: Limit Medicaid Cuts

WHEREAS, the Medicaid program currently provides healthcare to the neediest members of our community including adult men and women, children, seniors, the disabled and the mentally ill; and

WHEREAS, the \$2 billion in proposed cuts to the Medicaid program in the proposed State budget would most likely result in decreased quality of care, decreased access to primary care, longer waits for medical attention, decreased services to the disabled, and create further understaffing in hospitals and nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, the Federal government's proposed use of block grants would cap federal reimbursement to New York State and would result in decreased benefits to Medicaid recipients and less funding to New York State; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would have a long-term economic impact to New York City by causing layoffs for health care workers and reducing funding to important health facilities and providers in New York City and the Community Board Three area; and

WHEREAS, these cuts would impact on the quality of care New Yorkers receive and increase health care costs by delaying disease detection and early intervention, and cause people to seek treatment for routine illnesses in emergency rooms rather than at primary care providers; and

WHEREAS, these proposed cutbacks significantly hurt hospitals and other health care institutions that are already in a financial crisis; and

WHEREAS, Community Board Three recognizes that the budget deficit presents difficult choices;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Board Three urges:

The governor and legislature reduce, to every extent possible, the proposed Medicaid cuts and review all options for Medicaid funding.

The governor and legislature ensure any Medicaid cutbacks do not disproportionately impact one sector of the population.

Congress not to use block grants as part of Medicaid reform and instead look for other options to improve Medicaid.

TITLE: 421-a Tax Abatement for 19-23 St. Marks Place

To oppose the application by 19-23 St. Marks Associates, LLC, c/o Cape Advisors, Inc. for a 421-a tax abatement for the property at 19-23 Saint Marks Place: 1) based upon the city's fiscal crisis and the need for tax revenue, and 2) because the plan includes no affordable units; also Community Board #3 reiterates its concern that the 421-a exclusion zone be extended to our entire area.

TITLE: Lower East Side Coalition Housing Development's Senior Housing Project, Block # 379, Lots 53, 54 and 56

To state our conceptual support for this 202 project being located on these lots and to request that the Lower East Side Coalition Housing Development, Inc. (LESCHD) be given sufficient time to secure another site, if necessary, to retain the HUD funding. Further, to support the Coalition Housing Development Corp's site control of these lots for use of this HUD 202 discretion only.

TITLE: NYPD to Vacate Block #379, Lots 53, 54 and 56

To ask the NYPD to provide Community Board #3 with a letter setting the timeline for vacating the above listed lots, and to state strongly our interest in NYPD turning the lots over to HPD as quickly as possible so that \$8.5 million of HUD funding for a senior citizen housing project on that site is not lost.

TITLE: Lead Poison Protection Bill

To support bringing Intro 101 to a vote in the City Council. This bill will give needed greater protection against lead poisoning in children.

TITLE: "Total Collapse" Report

To endorse the report "Total Collapse," by NYSA Scott Stringer, on the problems in the NYCDOB and...

To support his recommendation for reform and...

To ask the Community Board #3 councilmembers to hold hearings on the issues raised in the report.

TITLE: Review Process for Closure of Publicly Mapped Streets

To support City Council Intro. 465A, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to creation of a review process in the event of the closure of a publicly mapped street. We ask the City Council to add to the

legislation enforcement of mitigation for the community, and to incorporate community input into their studies of the community impact finding.

TITLE: Co-Name Cherry Street between the FDR Drive and Jackson Street to Firefighter Robert Joseph Foti Way

To co-name Cherry Street between the FDR Drive and Jackson Street to Firefighter Robert Joseph Foti Way.

Robert Joseph Foti was born on August 19, 1959. Soon after his birth, his parents moved back to the newly built East River Housing complex, located on the FDR and Grand Street. Robert attended PS 110, LaSalle High School and Pace University.

Robert Joseph Foti served as a New York City Firefighter for 13 years, most recently Ladder 7, Engine 16. On September 11, 2001, responding to the World Trade Center attack, Robert Foti was killed in the line of duty.

But responding to the World Trade Center attack was not the only heroic event in Firefighter Foti's life.

While he was a camp counselor, he jumped into the lake to save a drowning boy. As a father relaxing at the Jersey shore, he saved many people from the rip-tides in the ocean. He even saved a bus full of children on Grand Street, when their bus caught on fire. As a firefighter, he jumped into the East River to save a man.

The rationale for renaming Cherry St., from FDR Drive to Jackson St. (one block), is that Robert was born and raised at 455 FDR Drive, which is the building on the corner of FDR Drive and Cherry St. His children Alycia and Robert Foti live in the building across the street (473 FDR Drive). He walked his dog, Rescue, every day on Cherry St.

The Foti family will always remember their hero and are thankful that others will too.

TITLE: Public Phone Removal at 57 Stanton Street

To support the Fifth Precinct's request to improve a quality of life condition at 57 Stanton Street by removing the public telephone at that location.

TITLE: Dual-Use Signage on 4th Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets

To support a 90 day trial period for dual-use signage in front of the Walgreen on 4th Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets. The location would be for truck loading and unloading between the hours of midnight and 6 a.m., and would remain as a bus layover during operational hours.

TITLE: Safety Issues for Williamsburg Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Path

To state our appreciation for the new Williamsburg Bridge bicycle and pedestrian path, but to bring a couple of safety concerns to the attention of DOT:

(1) Despite the spacious 18-foot width of the new path, its bicycle and pedestrian stencils direct cyclists and pedestrians to travel head-on into each other. This is dangerous and confusing and will cause head-on collisions between path users. The DOT should remove the existing bicycle and pedestrian stencils and lane markings from the Williamsburg Bridge path and replace them with safer lane designations that clearly separate bicycle and pedestrian traffic.

(2) Unfortunately, bicyclists and pedestrians crossing the Williamsburg Bridge are at a high risk of injury due to the twenty-six 2-inch high metal bumps that span the width of the bicycle and pedestrian path. The bumps are dangerous and are barriers to disabled persons, can cause bicyclists to lose control of their bikes and crash, and cause pedestrians to trip. Though some bicyclists ride fast down the path, the bumps are not an effective means to slow them down. To slow fast bicyclists, the DOT should install a row of plastic bollards (small posts) at the top and the bottom of the path. Cyclists will have to slow down to negotiate the bollards.

TITLE: Comments on Second Avenue Subway Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

To submit the following comments regarding the "Second Avenue Subway – Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement."

(1) Shaft sites for the removal of spoils (dirt and rocks) should be located only at each end of the system -- Pier 6 at the south and 126th Street at the north – to minimize disruptions by locating shafts in mainly residential neighborhoods.

(2) Residents and businesses whose buildings are acquired for ancillary structures must be fully compensated and relocated in the same community if they choose. They must also be informed of all consequences, including tax consequences, of buyouts. This includes the future impact on

businesses, which are forced to close temporarily. These notifications must be made in a timely manner.

(3) Ancillary structures at stations should be combined wherever possible to minimize the onerous impact on residents, businesses and institutions.

(4) ADA entrances and elevators should be located at consistent ends of the station (i.e., north or south). Also, at the 14th Street station, the ADA elevators for the L and 2nd Avenue lines should be conveniently situated in the same area.