



THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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November 2003 Resolutions

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

TITLE: Board of Standards and Appeals Reform

To support City Council Member Avella's attempt to reform the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA), and to note that we would support even more aggressive attempts to dramatically change the way that body functions.

TITLE: Community Use of NYU's Palladium Hall

To support community use of Palladium Hall athletic center facilities.

TITLE: Cultural Entertainment at the Eldridge Street Synagogue

To support cultural entertainment performance at the Eldridge Street Synagogue, located at 12 Eldridge Street, in Manhattan.

TITLE: Project Renewal's License Renewal for Kenton Hall

To support Project Renewal's application to the NYC Department of Homeless Services for renewal of its license to continue to operate the Kenton Hall, located at 333 Bowery, Manhattan.

TITLE: Support the GRACE Resolution to Prohibit the Purchase of Irradiated Foods in Public Schools

To support the resolution by Global Resource Action Center for the Environment (GRACE) to prohibit the purchase of irradiation of foods in public schools.

TITLE: Co-Sponsor Public School District 1 Open Forum

To co-sponsor the January 19th, 2004 Public School District 1 open forum and to ask elected officials in Community Board #3 to co-sponsor the same.

TITLE: Extension of Variance for 20-24 Second Ave / 30-32 East 1st Street

To approve the application by Maxfield Blaufeux and Heywood Blaufeux for a 10-year extension of the variance for the gasoline service station at 20-24 Second Avenue, a/k/a 30-32 East 1st Street, with the proviso that the station make a better effort to keep the sidewalks to which it is adjacent unobstructed.

TITLE: Preserve Affordability of 210 Stanton Street

To support the efforts of the tenants of 210 Stanton Street to preserve their building as affordable housing and thereby to avoid displacement, and to strongly encourage the owners to participate in the mark-up to market program.

TITLE: Security Patrol for 11th Street Construction Site

That, Community Board #3 supports Con Edison and the 9th Precinct in their efforts to coordinate security patrol at the 11th Street construction site from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. This is needed because of lack of visibility due to construction work and the increase in crime that has resulted.

TITLE: Redevelopment of the Seward Park Urban Renewal Area

To support the issuance of an RFP for the redevelopment of the Seward Park Urban Renewal Area under the following conditions:

The end result of the development would be the transformation of this long fallow area into a thriving and affordable mixed-use community where the majority of the square footage provided is for residential development for low and moderate- income housing serving all races, ethnic and income groups in our community.

Besides residential, other uses should include commercial, community facilities and parking, which generate living wage jobs for local residents. Small businesses development that complements the commercial and retail businesses that have historically characterized Clinton, Delancey, Essex and Orchard Streets must be emphasized.

The plan for the area must be developed as an integrated package, comprehensively taking into account the environmental, fully physically accessible traffic and land use considerations as a whole. A piece-meal approach, which might result in an unbalanced and uncompleted final development is not satisfactory.

The RFP must make accommodation for the rights of the former site tenants who were long ago displaced from this land. The current residents of the site (400 Grand Street) must not be displaced.

The City must award development rights according to criteria which guaranty the mixed use and mixed income principals of the plan and not make awards solely on the basis of economic return.

The City must provide a meaningful opportunity for community input throughout the conceptualization and implementation of the plan.

TITLE: Sale of 72 East 4th Street to New York Theatre Workshop

To support the concept of the sale of 72 East 4th Street to the New York Theatre Workshop.

TITLE: 2004 Consolidated Plan

To refrain from taking a position on the 2004 Consolidated Plan based upon the fact that we were not allowed sufficient time to review it. We refer the Department of City Planning to our most recent District Needs Statement and Budget Priorities for a summary of our interests.

TITLE: Alternative Community-Based Uses of Milikin Clubhouse at 135 Pitt Street

To 1) encourage HPD to continue pursuing alternative community-based uses of the Milliken Clubhouse at 135 Pitt Street, (including government uses), 2) thank HPD for the work they have done so far as regards this issue, and 3) encourage HPD to aggressively enforce all of the restrictions on the transfer of the site.

TITLE: Department of Parks and Recreation Renovation of East River Ballfields

To support DPR's proposed renovation of East River Park ballfields.

TITLE: Restore James Madison Plaza (Mother Cabrini Park) to a Public Park

To support the request by the Chatham Towers Board, Civic Center Residents Coalition that the Police Department restore James Madison Plaza (Mother Cabrini Park) to a public park and...

To request that the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) allocate funds for this purpose.

TITLE: Con Edison Blackout Restoration Plan

Pursuant to Freedom of Information Law, to ask OEM to provide Community Board #3 with the Con Edison Blackout Restoration plan and report and to request Con Edison to clarify their position on the reimbursement (for loss expenses) due to the blackout in August.

TITLE: CityRacks Bike Rack Installations North of Delancey Street

To approve DOT's list of 49 proposed CityRacks Bike rack installations in the Community Board #3 area, north of Delancey Street. Community Board #3 looks forward to opportunities for discussing additional bike racks, and hopes future installations can be distributed more widely.

TITLE: Modify July 2003 Resolution Regarding Signage on Bowery Between Dover and Pell Streets

To modify our July 2003 motion regarding "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading" signage on the Bowery between Doyer and Pell Streets, to request that only two (2) parking spaces be so designated. However, we reiterate that we requested that this zone be 7 days a week, instead of Monday-Saturday.

TITLE: Air Quality Bill, Intro 191 A

WHEREAS, Intro 191 A, which requires owners of non-road vehicles under contract with NYC to use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel to reduce diesel emissions, would improve the air quality of lower Manhattan through the use of exhaust filters and ultra low sulfur diesel fuel and the best available technology for reducing the emission of harmful pollutants, and

WHEREAS, increased particulate matter concentrations have been positively linked to increases in the prevalence and severity of asthma, which can lead to increased rates of preventable hospitalization and premature death, and

WHEREAS, non-road diesel equipment is the single largest transportation-based source of particulate air pollution, and

WHEREAS, this legislation would affect the downtown community south of 14th Street---which includes all of Community Board 3,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board 3 supports Intro 191 A, which will have a significant impact on improving the air quality in the area.

TITLE: Meeting of the Manhattan East Side Alternative Study's Public Advisory Committee

To ask NYC Transit to convene a meeting of the Manhattan East Side Alternative Study's Public Advisory Committee (PAC), which has never been disbanded, but has not met in many years. The PAC was formed "to help NYCT set the goals and objectives and criteria to evaluate MESA, define the scope of the problems, and recommend possible solutions." The PAC is comprised of representatives of Community Boards 1, 3, 6, 8 and 11, and local elected officials, as well as public members.

Community Board #3 believes the PAC should reconvene in order to actively involve the communities that will be affected by the full-length Second Avenue Subway project, regarding

the plans for mitigation of construction impacts and potential locations of stations and their ancillary infrastructure.