



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 3

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Gigi Li, Board Chair

Susan Stetzer, District Manager

## December 2014 Full Board Minutes

Meeting of Community Board #3 held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 6:30pm at PS 20, 166 Essex Street.

### Public Session:

Katherine Bounds: Speaking for Citizens Committee for New York City, she announced the organization's grant application period had begun and encouraged community-based organizations to apply.

Corinne Erin: Speaking on behalf of the New Museum the promote the Idea City street festival in May.

Vaylateena Jones: Speaking on behalf of LES Power Partnership, she spoke about retrofitting for storm resiliency and the concern that no organization working on these retrofits is addressing the increased costs. She was concerned that the costs would be shouldered by non-NYCHA developments.

Jan Hanvik: Speaking as the chair of the CHARAS Arts Committee, stating that there was an urgent need to restore the CHARAS community center.

### Public Officials:

Mayor Bill de Blasio, Alize Beal: Not Present

Public Advocate Letitia James, Adam Chen: Not Present

Comptroller Scott Stringer, Crystal Feng: The Comptroller's office conducted a technology audit and found that 1800 computers were unaccounted for. The Comptroller release a report the 17% of city households did not have a computer and 21% of Manhattan did not have broadband internet.

Borough President Gale Brewer, Patricia Ceccarelli: The community board applications are on the website. CUNY students tasked with taking on data projects for community boards have begun their work. The Borough President visited all 36 sites in Manhattan of sites that were in the Landmarks Preservation Commission calendar and were removed.

Congressmember Carolyn Maloney, Victor Montesinos: Not present

Congressmember Nydia Velazquez, Iris Quinones: Not present

Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Zach Bommer: Wished the board happy holidays.

Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick: Not present

Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh, Carlos Ortiz: The Assemblymember has been working on gun control legislation.

State Senator Daniel L. Squadron, Mauricio Pazmino: The State Senator had his annual town hall where 80 community members attended. The State Senator attended a ribbon-cutting ceremony at Delancey and Pitt Street.

State Senator Brad M. Hoylman: Legislation was enacted that will protect trans-gender people from discrimination by health care providers. The State Senator will introduce death-with-dignity legislation. The State Senator reported that Santacon was kept out of the district.

Councilmember Margaret Chin, Persephone Tan: The Councilmember was working on legislation to regulate adult day care facilities. The Councilmember was also excited to announce that there are new 25MPH speed limit signs on South Street.

Councilmember Rosie Mendez: The Councilmember has been working on an Article 11 tax break for Mascot Flats where Jimmy Carter worked. The Landmarks Preservation Commission was planning to de-calendar over 100 sites, but after public outcry, they have decided to have a hearing before de-calendar the sites. The Councilmember spoke against installing a Success Academy in Community School District 1 and announced there will be a meeting on January 8 at 6PM in PS20. The Councilmember has condemned the landlord of 210 Rivington Street who is in violation of the lead law.

The Councilmember participated in a "die in" and protest in City Hall in protest of police brutality. The Councilmember was hopeful there would be changes to NYCHA and police policy as a result of this action. The Councilmember asked for people to sign holiday cards to go to the Mayor to support the reconstruction of CHARAS community center. The Councilmember also supported an historic garden district in the district because the Second Council District has the highest number of community gardens in the city. The Councilmember congratulated Richard Ropiak for forty years on Community Board 3. The Councilmember also announced that parts of East 4th St Rehab and Campos Plaza are among the sites that were sold by NYCHA to private developers, which means in 30 years the developers can opt out of the program and convert these units to market-rate rent. The Councilmember was concerned this was a step towards privatization and the loss of public housing. The Councilmember also stated that the Housing Preservation Department stated that all community gardens whose licenses expire at the end of the year could be considered for affordable housing.

Members Present at First Vote:

David Adams	[P]	Anne K. Johnson	[P]	Teresa Pedroza	[A]
Dominic Berg	[P]	Linda Jones	[P]	Carolyn Ratcliffe	[P]
Karen Blatt	[P]	Vaylateena Jones	[P]	Joyce Ravitz	[P]
Lisa Burriss	[P]	Meghan Joye	[P]	Carlina Rivera	[P]
Justin Carroll	[A]	Lisa Kaplan	[P]	James Rogers	[P]
Karlin Chan	[P]	Carol Kostik	[P]	Richard F. Ropiak	[P]
Jimmy Cheng	[A]	Ben Landy	[A]	Christopher Santana	[P]
MyPhuong Chung	[P]	Mae Lee	[P]	Susan Scheer	[P]
David Crane	[P]	John Leo	[P]	Nancy Sparrow-Bartow	[P]
Enrique Cruz	[P]	Alysha Lewis-Coleman	[P]	Julie Ulmet	[A]
Cathy Dang	[P]	Gigi Li	[P]	Josephine Velez	[P]
Morris Fajtelewicz	[P]	William LoSasso	[P]	Rodney Washington	[P]
Flora Ferng	[A]	Chad Marlow	[P]	Kathleen Webster	[P]
Gloria Goldenberg	[P]	Penina Mezei	[A]	Justin Yu	[A]
Jan Hanvik	[P]	Alexandra Militano	[P]	Thomas Yu	[P]
Ayo Harrington	[P]	Chiun Ng	[A]	Zulma Zayas	[P]
Herman F. Hewitt	[P]	Ariel Palitz	[A]		

Minutes:

Minutes of October 2014 were approved, as is.

**37 YES 0 NO 3 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

Alysha Lewis-Coleman announced details for the holiday party

Joyce Ravitz announced her resignation from the board to travel with her wife to France.

Board Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Gigi Li: There will be a waterfront committee meeting. On January 28, at Grand St. Settlement, there will be a comprehensive presentation on the Essex Crossing development.

Bill LoSasso has been appointed Chair of the Economic Development Committee. He will step down from his position as Treasurer, and the Executive Committee will elect a new Treasurer. Nominees can come forward in January and the Executive Committee will hold the election in February.

Starting in January, The Landmarks Subcommittee will become a full committee and be chaired by Linda Jones.

District Manager's Report:

District Manager Susan Stetzer: The Board office will be closed December 26th and January 2nd.

The FDNY wanted to broadcast a holiday safety alert that there is a risk of fires due to candles.

The Borough President has sent the Community Board an intern to work on data-based projects. Chairs and board members suggested data projects.

There is a new commanding officer at PS4 named Captain Jessie Lance. The District Manager informed him of the Board's new NYCHA Subcommittee.

The 7th Precinct has reported that loading and unloading of intercity at assigned stops has improved. The problem now appears to be idling and illegal layovers.

The 5th Precinct has been giving a lot of violations of inter-city buses.

The Rat Reservoir intervention focused on Avenue B has been expanded to extend north to 14th Street and to include SDR Park to the south.

Committee Reports:

**Executive Committee**

No report

- Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To approve November 2014 Executive Committee minutes with edits.

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

**Ethics, By-laws & Procedures Task Force**

The Committee has a draft of new bylaws that will be forthcoming

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To approve previous month's minutes

2. Term limits for committee chairs

no vote necessary

3. Review preliminary draft of by-laws

no vote necessary

4. Discuss organization of by-law sections

no vote necessary

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

**Transportation & Public Safety and Environment Committee**

No report.

There was discussion on the resolution on the criminalization of the K2 ("Spice") drug and the rationale behind the board taking a position. The District Manager reported on the negative impact the drug has had on the community, in particular homeless men, and the need for help from legislators to elevate the criminality of possession with intent to distribute the drug. There was discussion on the impact of criminalization of K2 on communities of color. The Chair clarified that the resolution is asking for legislation to allow prosecution of the dealers and not prosecute the users. Part of the problem with prosecution is that the chemical composition is always being modified to avoid being illegal.

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To approve November minutes.

2. Discussion and updates on Safety Improvements for the South St corridor and its surrounding intersections

**VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution to Request Safety Improvements along the South Street Corridor**

Whereas, in August of 2014 an 82 year old resident was struck by a vehicle along the South Street corridor and later died of her injuries. In response, NYCDOT is conducting a study to implement safety improvements along the South Street corridor. Such safety improvements will include the installation of new traffic signals, speed humps, stop signs and school crossing signs.

Whereas, several community members spoke about the need for traffic calming improvements at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Cherry Street, along Cherry Street between Montgomery Street and Clinton Street.

Whereas, the intersection of Rutgers Slip and Cherry Street has irregular Street Geometry, thereby providing motorists with the ability to make wide, fast turns and providing opportunities for obscured sightlines. Often confused motorists will drive the wrong way through the intersection on Cherry Street. Rutgers Slip is also the location of a senior center, Head Start program and after school program.

Whereas, several nearby arterials are also in need of traffic calming devices, particularly at the crosswalks.

Therefore be it resolved, that NYCDOT should expand the study to include a traffic control device at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Cherry Street, speed humps on Cherry Street between Montgomery Street and Clinton Street, and traffic calming measures Clinton Street. The agency should also install a "Do Not Enter" sign at the intersection to prevent motorists from driving along Cherry Street in the wrong direction. Pavement markings should also be utilized at the intersection of Rutgers Slip and Cherry Street to create an orthogonal appearance and constrict the effective width of the roadway.

Be it further resolved, that NYCDOT should also study the feasibility of installing speed tables or rumble strips at the intersections along high volume arterial streets such as South Street, Canal Street, Bowery and Grand Street.

3. Discussion of school safety concerns on Clinton and Montgomery, at intersections of Cherry and Henry and Water streets, and requests for red light and speed cameras

**VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution of Support for the Installation of a Traffic Control Device and Red Light or Speed Cameras at Montgomery Street and Cherry Street**

Whereas, CB 3 passed a resolution in September 2013 supporting the installation of traffic signals at the intersections of Clinton Street and Cherry Street and Clinton Street and Henry Street. DOT, in response to residents' concerns, opened a study for the Cherry and Clinton Street intersection in June 2013 and found a traffic signal was unwarranted.

Whereas, traffic conditions continue to be of concern to local residents. Over 200 local residents signed a petition asking DOT to install traffic calming measures, including traffic signals at Cherry Street and Clinton Street, and at Henry Street and Clinton Street. Residents and school principals also submitted letters in support of red light and speed cameras in this area.

Whereas, several community members spoke about the need for traffic calming improvements at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Cherry Street, along Cherry Street between Montgomery Street and Clinton Street.

Therefore, be it resolved that CB 3 supports the installation of a traffic control device and a red light or speed camera at the intersection of Montgomery Street and Cherry Street.

4. Consideration of state legislation to address the K2 legal/enforcement problems

**VOTE 1:** To refer the agenda item to the January full board. **THIS MOTION DID NOT PASS**

**VOTE 2:** To refer agenda item back to committee. **THIS MOTION PASSED**

5. LES Power Partnership: Request for support to Maintain Mental Health, World Trade Center of Excellence, ER & Trauma Services at Bellevue Hospital Center  
no vote necessary
6. Follow up analysis of intercity bus mapping and potential recommendations  
no vote necessary

**6 YES 36 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION DID NOT PASS (Transportation item 4 vote 1)**

**29 YES 12 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED (Transportation item 4 vote 2)**

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED (excluding Transportation item 4)**

**SLA & DCA Licensing Committee**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To approve the October 2014 minutes.

**Renewal with Complaint**

2. Double Wide, 503-505 E 12th St btwn Aves A & B (op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

**WHEREAS**, Calab Inc., doing business as Double Wide, is seeking the renewal of its full on-premise liquor license, for the premise located at 503-505 East 12th Street, between Avenue A and Avenue B, New York, New York; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant was originally denied for a full on-premise liquor license by Community Board #3 in March of 2007, unless the applicant agreed to make as conditions of its license a stipulation that 1) it would close its backyard at 10:00 P.M. Sundays through Thursdays and 11:00 P.M. Fridays and Saturdays, 2) it would not have more than sixteen (16) people in the backyard at any time, 3) it would use the backyard for sit down dining only, 4) it

would extend a sound baffling awning over the backyard from 7:00 P.M. to closing, 5) it would operate a full-service restaurant, serving food to within one (1) hour of closing, 6) it would close at 12:00 A.M. Sundays, 2:00 A.M. Mondays through Wednesdays and 3:00 A.M. Thursdays through Saturdays, and 7) it would not have DJs, live music, promoted events or cover fees; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant was then heard as a renewal in December of 2012 with complaints of noisy unruly crowds on the sidewalk, lack of management of the sidewalk, lack of responsiveness to complaints, operating contrary to its method of operation by operating as a sports bar and having a loud backyard and was approved with additional stipulations to 1) employ an additional security guard Wednesdays through Saturdays to address patron crowds and noise on the sidewalk and noise in the backyard, 2) close its backyard at 9:00 P.M., and 3) close its façade at 9:00 P.M; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board #3 has now received new resident complaints of noisy unruly patrons on the sidewalk and noisy patrons in the backyard, noise from people and televised sports events emanating from the business, a violation of the method of operation by operating as a sports bar hosting pub crawls and drink specials, a slow response by security guards to correct the noisy conditions in front of the business and a general lack of response by management, as well as two complaints of an openly hostile response from management to complaints; and

**WHEREAS**, although the applicant stated that it is a full-service restaurant, the number of televisions coupled with frequent advertised loud sporting events, as well as the admission by the applicant that it permits private parties hosting beer pong tournaments, are inconsistent with this method of operation and consistent with a sports bar; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has conceded that it has failed to adhere to its existing stipulations in that is not restricting its use of the backyard to sit down dining; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board #3 moves to deny the application to renew the full on-premise liquor license for Calab Inc., doing business as Double Wide, for the premise located at 503-505 East 12th Street, between Avenue A and Avenue B, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as additional conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food to within one (1) hour of closing,
- 2) it will close no later than 12:00 A.M. Sundays, 2:00 A.M. Mondays through Wednesdays and 3:30 A.M. Thursdays and Fridays,
- 3) it will close its backyard no later than 9:00 P.M. every night and seat patrons in the backyard no later than 8:00 P.M. to adhere to this closing time, it will permit no more than sixteen (16) patrons in the backyard at any time, the backyard will be used for sit down dining only and it will post notices regarding the last seating and closing time of the backyard,
- 4) it will continue to extend a sound baffling awning over its backyard,
- 5) it will employ at least two (2) security guards Wednesdays through Saturdays, one of whose responsibilities will be to be located in front of the business to address patron noise, crowds and behavior on the sidewalk and maintain quiet,
- 6) it will close any façade doors and windows by 10:00 P.M. every night and during any televised sports events,
- 7) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 8) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 9) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 10) it will designate an employee one of whose responsibilities will be to monitor sidewalk crowds and noise in front of its business,
- 11) it will meet with neighboring residents every two (2) months to hear and address complaints and concerns about the operation of its business,
- 12) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 13) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

### **Applications within Saturated Areas**

3. Nadico Hotel LLC, 163 Orchard St btwn E Houston & Stanton Sts (op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny**

**WHEREAS**, the applicant, Nadico Hotel LLC, by its qualified representative or principal, is seeking a full on-premise liquor license for its ground floor and basement in a newly constructed eleven (11) story hotel located at 163 Orchard Street, New York, New York, between East Houston Street and Stanton Street; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant applied for a hotel liquor license before Community Board #3 in September of 2014 and was denied, in pertinent part, because 1) its proposed method of operation as a hotel with a tavern was inconsistent with statutory requirements for a hotel liquor license (see Community Board #3 motion of September 2014), 2) its proposed point of sale for alcohol in its hotel was an open second floor spanning from Orchard Street to Allen Street, 3) its application materials were incomplete and without a description of its proposed public spaces, and 4) it had failed to outreach to the local business improvement district, police precinct, community groups or residents about its proposed plan; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant is now appearing before Community Board #3 having confirmed that it will be unable to obtain a hotel liquor license with its proposed method of operation of a tavern with prep area; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant is again appearing without completed application materials and during a hearing of its application it was established from the applicant directly that the applicant is now proposing to have the following public spaces in its hotel:

- 1) an interior ground floor lobby lounge of twelve hundred (1,200) to thirteen hundred (1,300) square feet, with four (4) tables and sixteen (16) seats, additional lounge and couch seating throughout the ground floor space, recorded background music, hours of operation of 5:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. all days and a prep area serving sandwiches, salads and seasonal soups;
- 2) a ground floor outdoor area on Orchard Street within the property line, consisting of four (4) tables and eight (8) seats and hours of operation of 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. all days; and
- 3) a basement level of twelve hundred (1,200) to thirteen hundred (1,300) square feet, with eleven (11) tables and twenty-seven (27) seats in a recreational area which would also have lounges and couches, hours of operation of 7:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. all days and recorded background music;

**WHEREAS**, this applicant has represented to this community board that it still intends to operate a travelers hotel for the "tech savvy traveler," and anticipates having hotel guests under the age of twenty-one (21) years old given its planned low prices for rooms; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant has failed to articulate a public benefit in the addition of a full on-premise liquor license for essentially a tavern with no kitchen or restaurant and only a prep area, serving salads, sandwiches and seasonal soups, in that the applicant could only state that it was seeking a full on-premise liquor license to "provide an amenity for its guests," which makes little sense given that its targeted population is under the drinking age and in an area where its guests will be more than adequately served by licensed businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, said hotel is located on Orchard Street and Allen Street, between East Houston Street and Stanton Street, with entrances on Orchard Street and Allen Street, in an approximate two (2) block area housing well over sixty (60) liquor licensed premises, forty-three (43) of which are full on-premise liquor licenses, and where there are ten (10) pending full on-premise liquor licenses; and

**WHEREAS**, said hotel is located on a block with a twenty-one (21) story hotel with a hotel liquor license, as well as a twenty-four (24) story hotel with a pending hotel liquor license application, as well as other licensed businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, as a consequence of the numerous licensed businesses within this small geographic area, the area is plagued by late night noise from businesses, from people on the

sidewalks and street and from traffic, as well as from significant vehicular and pedestrian traffic congestion on the streets and sidewalks; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous comparably sized hotels within the area which operate without a hotel liquor or full on-premise liquor license; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant has failed to demonstrate that it has any experience operating a licensed premise and it has no experience operating a business within this community board district; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant furnished no documented support from residents for its application, in that it provided forty-eight (48) signatures in support of its application, an unspecified number of which are from business owners, and furnished no proof that it had made any additional efforts to communicate with the local business improvement district, police precinct, community groups or residents since it was heard by this community board in September of 2014; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board #3 moves to deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for Nadico Hotel LLC, for the premise located at 163 Orchard Street, New York, New York, between East Houston Street and Stanton Street.

4. To be Determined, 137 Ave C (op)  
withdrawn
5. Ethos Meze (167 AA Rest Corp), 167 Ave A btwn E 10th & E 11th Sts (upgrade to op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny**

**WHEREAS**, 167 AA Rest Corp., doing business as Ethos Meze, is seeking a change in class of its existing wine beer license to a full on-premise liquor license, for its wine tapas bar restaurant, located at 167 Avenue A, between East 10th Street and East 11th Street; and

**WHEREAS**, Community Board #3 heard this applicant for a wine beer license application for a proposed restaurant in December of 2013 and denied it, unless it agreed to make as conditions of its license the stipulations that 1) it would operate a full-service Mediterranean Greek restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours, 2) it would have hours of operation of 4:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. all days, 3) it would play recorded background music and not have DJs, live music, promoted events, scheduled performances or events at which a cover fee is charged, 4) it would not commercially use its backyard, 5) it would have a closed façade with no open doors or windows, 6) it would install soundproofing, if needed, 7) it would employ security guards Fridays and Saturdays and, if needed, Thursdays and for private parties which it would have no more than twice a month, 8) it would not apply for an alteration without being heard by this community board, 9) it would not apply for an upgrade without the approval of this community board, 10) it would have happy hours from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. each night, 11) it would not host pub crawls or party buses, and 12) it would have a staff person monitor crowds and noise outside.; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant then applied for and obtained a wine beer license from the SLA, which was granted on June 10, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant has been operating the existing business since the end of June of 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant furnished no documented support for its application, in that it failed to provide any signatures from area residents in support of its application, and there was demonstrated opposition to this application in that the North Avenue A Residents Association, as well as five (5) residents, appeared in opposition to this application and seven (7) residents tendered letters in opposition to this application, each stating that the business had not been open long enough in an area with numerous liquor licensed businesses and numerous wine and tapas bars and that the business appeared to be failing; and

**WHEREAS**, there is no public benefit to the granting of this full on premise liquor license for this wine tapas bar located within close proximity to numerous existing full on-premise liquor licenses and the only benefit stated by the applicant was that it wants to be able to offer its patrons alcohol; now

**WHEREAS**, although denied by the applicant, there are complaints from residents of this street that the business has had its façade open, used DJs and has commercially used its backyard in violation of its stipulations; and

***WHEREAS, there is also a concern that this business is located within two hundred (200) feet of an entire building utilized as a church, in that it is across the street from De Dios Pentecostal Alpha y Omega Church, located at 168 Avenue A (see land and tax documents appended hereto); and***

**WHEREAS**, there are eight (8) full on-premise liquor licenses within five hundred (500) feet of this location and five (5) of the eight (8) storefronts on this block of Avenue A between East 10th Street and East 11th Street have liquor licenses; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Community Board #3 moves to deny the application for a change in class to a full on-premise liquor license for 167 AA Rest Corp., doing business as Ethos Meze, for the premise located at 167 Avenue A, between East 10th Street and East 11th Street.

6. Spitzers 2015 LLC, 126 Ludlow St aka 101 Rivington St (op) withdrawn
7. Los Feliz 2015 LLC, 109 Ludlow St (op) withdrawn

**Cabaret License Application**

8. The Bowery Electric (Bowery Tech Restaurant LLC), 327 Bowery btwn E 2nd & E 3rd Sts

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Letter Of No Comment**

Community Board #3 chooses to make no comment on the cabaret license application for Bowery Tech Restaurant LLC, doing business as Bowery Electric, for the premise located at 327 Bowery, between East 2nd Street and East 3rd Street, but recognizes that this business has been operating since 2001 and has recorded violations with the New York State Liquor Authority, consisting of 1) a January 14, 2008 conditional no contest plea for disorderly premise, unlicensed security and improper conduct on July 13, 2006 and unlicensed cabaret on September 1, 2006, 2) July 17, 2009 sustained charges for a locked emergency exit door, exceeding maximum occupancy and unlicensed cabaret on April 14, 2007 and unlicensed cabaret on October 13, 2007, and 3) a March 8, 2012 settlement for exceeding maximum occupancy, unlicensed cabaret, unlicensed security, unauthorized additional bar and failure to conform to its application on May 21, 2011.

**Alterations**

9. Geturdun LLC, 120 1/2 1st Ave btwn E 7th St & St Marks Pl (op/convert to combination daytime retail fish store/evening seafood restaurant)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To— Stipulations Attached**

To deny the application for an alteration of the full on-premise liquor license for Geturdun LLC, for the premise located at 120½ First Avenue, between East 7th Street and St. Marks Place, to wit changing the method of operation from a tavern to a tavern serving a seafood menu and selling seafood retail, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following additional signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a tavern with a seafood menu, serving food during all hours of operation, and will have a retail component to its business consisting of the retail sale of fresh seafood during its hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 A.M. all days,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will have a closed fixed façade with no open doors or windows and it will close its façade and rear entrance doors by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 5) it may commercially operate in backyard with hours of operation of 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. all days,
- 6) it will not apply for an alteration of its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 8) it may have "happy hours" to 8:00 P.M.,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and



- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

**New Liquor License Applications**

10. To be Determined, 359-361 Grand St @ Essex St (op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

To deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for a corporation to be determined, with principals Nathan Sklar and Dean Tischfeld, for the premise located at 359-361 Grand Street, at the corner of Grand Street and Essex Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service Mediterranean kosher restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food to within one (1) hour of closing,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 7:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Sundays through Thursdays, 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Fridays and 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Saturdays,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged and will have no more than one (1) private party per week, on Saturday or Sunday,
- 4) it will hours of operation for its backyard will be 7:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Sundays through Thursdays, 7:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Fridays and 7:00 P.M. to 1:00 A.M. Saturdays.
- 5) it will close any façade doors or windows by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it may have "happy hours" to 7:00 P.M. each night,
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines outside,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

11. Oyster City LLC, 647 E 11th St btwn Aves C & D (upgrade to op)  
withdrawn

12. Teshigotoya (Kaito Corporation), 432 E 13th St btwn 1st Ave & Ave A(op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

Understanding that this is a sale of assets of an existing full-service restaurant with a full on-premise liquor license, Community Board #3 moves to deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for Kaito Corporation, for the premise located at 432 East 13th Street, between First Avenue and Avenue A, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service Japanese fusion restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 11:30 A.M.. to 12:00 A.M. all days,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas,
- 5) it will have a closed fixed façade with no open doors or windows and will close its façade and rear entrance doors by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not have "happy hours,"
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

13. Parmys Kabob and Grill Inc, 125-127 1st Ave btwn E 7th St & St Marks Pl (upgrade to op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

To deny the application for a change in class of its existing wine beer license to a full on-premise liquor license for Parmy's Kabob & Grill Inc., doing business as Ravagh Persian Grill, for the premise located at 125-127 First Avenue, between East 7th Street and St. Marks Place, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service Persian grill restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 11:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Sundays through Thursdays and 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas,
- 5) it will close any façade doors and windows at 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it may have "happy hours" to 7:00 P.M. every night,
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines outside and designate an employee one of whose responsibilities will be to monitor sidewalk crowds and noise in front of its business,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints

Community Board #3 is approving this application for a full on-premise liquor license although this is a location in an area with numerous full on-premise liquor licenses because 1) this applicant has operated a restaurant at this location since November of 2013 without complaints, 2) the applicant furnished thirty-four (34) signatures from area residents in support of its application and no one appeared in opposition to this application, and 3) this applicant has reduced its closing hours.

14. To be Determined, 245 Eldridge St btwn E Houston & Stanton Sts (op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

Understanding that this is a sale of assets of an existing full-service restaurant with a full on-premise liquor license, that the applicant has agreed to meet with the tenants of 189 Allen Street regarding its proposed method of operation to address any of their concerns before obtaining its license and given that the applicant has entered into a memorandum of understanding regarding its method of operation with the Eldridge Street Block Association (attached hereto), Community Board #3 moves to deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for a corporation to be determined, with principal Kenta Goto, for the premise located at 245 Eldridge Street, between East Houston Street and Stanton Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service Japanese Itzakaya or small plates restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 5:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. Sundays through Thursdays and 5:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M. Fridays and Saturdays,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas,
- 5) it will close any façade doors or windows by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not have "happy hours,"
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines outside and designate an employee to oversee patrons and noise on the sidewalk,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

15. Lost Boy LLC, 161 Bowery (op)

withdrawn

16. Segó (119 Orchard Property Inc), 119 Orchard St (hotel op)  
withdrawn

17. Golden Crepes II, 82 2nd Ave btwn E 5th & E 5th Sts (wb)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

To deny the application for a wine beer license for Golden Crepes II Inc., with a proposed business name of Golden Crepes, for the premise located at 82 Second Avenue, between East 4th Street and East 5th Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a crepe and panini restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. all days,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas at this time,
- 5) it will close any façade doors and windows by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not seek a change in class of its liquor license to a full on-premise liquor license without the approval of Community Board #3,
- 8) it may have "happy hours" to 8:00 P.M. each night,
- 9) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 10) it will insure that there are no wait lines outside and designate an employee to oversee patrons and noise on the sidewalk,
- 11) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 12) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

18. Sam's Spring Roll Inc, 23 Essex St btwn Grand & Canal Sts (wb)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny As Stipulations Were Not Agreed To**

**WHEREAS**, Sam's Spring Roll Inc., is seeking a wine beer license to operate a fast food takeout restaurant, for the premise located at 23 Essex Street, between Grand Street and Canal Street; and

**WHEREAS**, this applicant is proposing to operate a takeout restaurant with a limited menu of spring rolls and sauces, with hours of operation of 12:00 P.M. to 2:00 A.M., in a previously unlicensed location; and

**WHEREAS**, notwithstanding that that the applicant furnished twenty-four (24) signatures from area residents in support of its application, there were sixteen (16) signatures provided in opposition to this proposed application from residents of nearby 7 Essex Street, as well as a letter in opposition from another resident of the same building; and

**WHEREAS**, the Seward Park and Canal East Block Association has also stated that it is opposed to this application because of the small menu and late night hours, as well as because the applicant made no efforts to contact the block association regarding its application and posted a notice of its community board hearing which included an email address which would not accept communications from the block association; and

**WHEREAS**, although Community Board #3 believes that the proposed fast food take out concept would be better sustained with the provision of an eating place beer license; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board #3 moves to deny an application for a wine beer license for Sam's Spring Roll Inc., for the premise located at 23 Essex Street, between Grand Street and Canal Street, because the applicant has not agreed to make as conditions of its license the following stipulations that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service spring roll restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 12:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. all days,

- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas,
- 5) it will have a closed fixed façade with no open doors or windows and will close its façade and rear entrance doors by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not have "happy hours,"
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines,
- 10) it will not seek a change in class of its liquor license to a full on-premise liquor license without the approval of Community Board #3,
- 11) it will keep its garbage indoors to within two (2) hour of pick up,
- 12) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 13) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any.

19. To be Determined, 122 Orchard St (op)  
withdrawn

20. To be Determined, 175-177 E Houston St (op)  
withdrawn

21. Dimes Superette, 49 Canal St btwn Orchard & Ludlow Sts (op)

**VOTE: TITLE: Community Board #3 Recommendation To Deny Unless Stipulations Agreed To—  
Stipulations Attached**

Understanding that this is a sale of assets of an eating establishment with a full on-premise liquor license, that the applicant has operated the proposed business at 143 Division Street since September of 2013 without complaints and that the applicant has entered into a memorandum of understanding regarding its method of operation with the Seward Park and Canal East Block Association, Community Board #3 moves to deny the application for a full on-premise liquor license for a corporation to be determined, with principals Alissa Wagner, Sabrina DeSousa and Caroline Mascolo, with a proposed business name of Dimes Superette, for the premise located at 49 Canal Street, between Orchard Street and Ludlow Street, unless the applicant agrees before the SLA to make as conditions of its license the following signed notarized stipulation that

- 1) it will operate as a full-service New American restaurant, with a kitchen open and serving food during all hours of operation,
- 2) its hours of operation will be 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Sundays, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 A.M. Mondays through Wednesdays, 8:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Thursdays and Fridays and 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Saturdays,
- 3) it will play ambient background music only, consisting of recorded music, and not have live music, DJs, promoted events, scheduled performances or any event at which a cover fee will be charged,
- 4) it will not commercially use any outdoor areas,
- 5) it will have a closed fixed façade with no open doors or windows and will close its façade and rear entrance doors by 10:00 P.M. every night,
- 6) it will not apply for any alteration in its method of operation without first appearing before Community Board #3,
- 7) it will not have "happy hours,"
- 8) it will not host pub crawls or party buses,
- 9) it will insure that there are no wait lines outside and designate an employee to oversee patrons and noise on the sidewalk,
- 10) it will conspicuously post this stipulation form beside its liquor license inside of its business, and
- 11) it will provide a telephone number for residents to call with complaints and immediately address any resident complaints.

22. Various requests to Extend New Year's Eve hours  
withdrawn

**Items not heard at Committee**

23. Nebbiolo (Albatross Restaurant Corp), 110 St Marks Pl (wb)  
no vote necessary

24. Matty's (25 B Group Rest Ave LLC), 25 Ave B (op/corp change)  
no vote necessary

41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

**Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs, Landmarks, & Waterfront Committee**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To Approve the November 2014 Parks Committee minutes.

2. Discussion with Parks Dept re updates on capital projects and clarification of capital budget procedures

**VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution Requesting DPR to Expedite the Approval Process for the Installation of a New Soccer Field at East Side Community High School**

Whereas, there is a Jointly Operated Playground (JOP) adjacent to the East Side Community High School on East 12th Street between Avenue A and First Avenue;

Whereas, in a community with a low open space ratio (0.66 acres/1,000 people), the JOP is a valuable recreational field utilized by the East Side Community High School, the University Settlement Beacon Program, the Lower East Side Girls Prep, and the public for youth soccer and other activities benefiting local, low income youth;

Whereas, the soccer field over time has accumulated dangerous conditions with an uneven plane, rocks, broken glass, litter and tree roots;

Whereas, the U.S. Soccer Foundation, an organization promoting soccer nationwide, pledged to provide a grant to cover the entire cost and installation of a new soccer field, which can be installed in 3 days and removed in the same amount of time should the field need to be repurposed at a future date;

Whereas, the U.S. Soccer Foundation is making an unusual commitment to fully fund 100% of the project, as a testament to their recognition of the importance of this space;

Whereas, the U.S. Soccer Foundation will not dictate programming or usage of the field as a condition of the grant, other than the installation of 3 logos at a size to be negotiated with NYC Parks Department to conform to agency standards;

Whereas, the Beacon Program and East Side Community High School, along with U.S. Soccer Foundation, have initiated this process with NYC Parks weeks ago on October 21st, 2014, in a planning process for the open space dating back to 2012;

Whereas, there is a potential risk of losing the grant funding due to the slow pace and lack of response by NYC Parks Department to the U.S. Soccer Foundation and neighborhood stakeholders in the past seven weeks;

Whereas, the "Change in Use" of the field will also require approval from Public Design Commission, making further delays to the implementation timeline;

Whereas, the NYC Parks Department did not send any representatives to the Community Board 3 Parks Committee meeting to speak on the issue and provide official updates;

Therefore be it resolved, that CB 3 urges NYC Parks Department to expedite the approval process of the soccer field and to provide weekly updates to the CB3 office as not to jeopardize losing the grant money;

Further be it resolved, that CB 3 asks NYC Parks Department to return in January 2015 Parks Committee meeting ready to discuss and present designs for Community Board approval as to not further delay the process of the Public Design Commission approval.

3. Report from Arts Subcommittee  
no vote necessary
4. Report from Landmarks Subcommittee  
no vote necessary

41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

**Land Use, Zoning, Public & Private Housing Committee**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** Motion to approve November 2014 Land Use & Housing Committee minutes as written.

2. Stairwells Zoning Text Amendment, Application No N150167ZRY. Additional safety measures to enhance public safety in particular category of new high rise buildings with additional exiting capacity

**VOTE: Title: Community Board 3 Resolution to approve the Stairwells Zoning Text Amendment, Application No N150167ZRY in order to facilitate better provision of safety in new commercial and mixed-use buildings**

**WHEREAS,** the Department of City Planning (DCP) is proposing the Stairwells Zoning Text Amendment - Application No N150167ZRY – in order to facilitate and make effective additional safety measures that are part of New York City's 2014 Building Code; and

**WHEREAS,** the safety measures are intended to enhance public safety in a particular category of new high rise buildings by providing additional exiting capacity for building occupants during emergency situations that require full building evacuation; and

**WHEREAS,** such measures are required for all new non-residential buildings that are greater than 420 feet in height but do not apply to residential buildings; and

**WHEREAS,** these safety measures may be provided as designated emergency elevators, increased exit stair width, or as an additional exit stairway; and

**WHEREAS,** floor space that is occupied by these additional safety measures is exempt from counting towards zoning floor area , meaning that the reconfiguration of total net floor area could result in slightly bulkier buildings; either with slightly larger floor plates, or slightly increased height; so

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that Community Board 3 approves the Stairwells Zoning Text Amendment - Application No N150167ZRY.

3. Update on status of Essex Crossing development  
no vote necessary
4. CWG review of Subdistrict B –which is NYCHA area rezoning proposal  
no vote necessary
5. 400 Grand Street Update  
no vote necessary

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

#### **Human Services, Health, Disability, & Seniors / Youth & Education**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes  
**VOTE:** To approve previous month's minutes
2. Planning Fellow Presentation/workplan on community accessibility  
no vote necessary
3. Big Brother Big Sister NYC LES Initiative  
no vote necessary
4. CEC 1 Request for support to oppose Success Academy's co-location in CB 3

**VOTE: Title: Resolution in Opposition to the request of Success Academy Charter School to place a new K - 5th grade charter school, NYC 1, in a school building in Community School District One**

**WHEREAS,** Community School District 1 (CSD 1) is located fully in Community Board 3 (CB 3) boundaries and is already the site of 4 co-located charter schools (Girls Prep Elementary Charter School, Girls Prep Middle Charter School, Manhattan Charter School 1 and Manhattan Charter School 2), and one additional charter middle school, Innovate Manhattan, located in private space in CSD 1; and

**WHEREAS,** Success Academy Charter School (SACS) NYC 1 was approved by the SUNY Trustees for Community Board 2 (CB 2)/Community School District 2 (CSD 2), but is now actively seeking space in CSD 1 public schools; and

**WHEREAS,** Existing CSD 1 schools are overcrowded, with 85% of CSD 1 schools already sharing a building with one or more schools and having among the highest rates of rising class sizes in NYC; and

WHEREAS, the Community Education Council (CEC) for CSD 1 has requested that the NYC Department of Education hold a public hearing to justify and obtain approval for SACS to switch the proposed charter school's location from CSD 2 to CSD 1; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 3, Manhattan (CB3) and the CSD 1 community have performed an extensive needs assessment for any new school that might be created in CB3/CSD 1; and

WHEREAS, the SACS model schools do not meet many of the needs described and in many ways are contrary to the stated community needs; and

WHEREAS, CSD 1 is an all-choice district that already offers an array of educational options, with 21 different elementary and middle schools from which parents can choose; and

WHEREAS, charter schools are publicly funded, but are operated by private education corporations, managed by their own corporate boards and subject to different rules, regulations, laws and standards; and

WHEREAS, many CSD 1 schools suffer from huge inequities in terms of inputs (resources and demographics) resulting in disparate outputs (results and impacts) that will only be greatly exacerbated by SACS NYC 1; and

WHEREAS, it is documented that SACS, like many charter schools, under serve high needs students, including students in temporary housing, English language learners and students with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, SACS takes credit for better test score outcomes, when in fact they are not playing on a level playing field by not serving the city's highest needs students; and

WHEREAS, NYC public schools lose resources to charter schools, that not only take in public funds from federal, state and city budgets, but supplement their schools with huge donations from corporate investors; and

WHEREAS, SACS spend large amounts of their extra funding on marketing, PR, lobbying and lavish salaries and offices for their top management, rather than reducing class size and focusing on students;

WHEREAS, SACS schools practice excessive and punitive test preparation to garner high test scores, yet these measures do not pay off in high school admissions or career and college success;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB3 believes that charter schools that play by different rules and negatively impact our community, schools, families and kids; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB3 does not support the approval of SACS NYC 1 in CSD 1 and strongly opposes the colocation of SACS NYC 1 in any existing CSD 1 school building.

5. Introduction to the Manhattan District Attorney's Manhattan South Youth Advocate  
no vote necessary

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED (excluding Human Services item 4)**

**40 YES 1 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED (Human Service item 4)**

#### **Economic Development**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

**VOTE:** To approve November 2014 minutes as written.

2. Discussion concerning public forum/town hall concerning small businesses in CB 3

no vote necessary

3. Discussion concerning possible Special District in East Village

no vote necessary

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

#### **Con Ed Task Force**

1. Approval of previous month's minutes

no vote necessary

2. Initial review of Fall 2014 Funding Cycle applications  
no vote necessary

**Joint CB 2 and CB 3 Astor Place Task Force**

1. Proposal to incorporate mosaic light poles

**VOTE: Title: Approving Incorporation of "Mosaic Trail" Poles into Astor Place/Cooper Square Renovation**

WHEREAS, a proposal for integrating a series of mosaics into the Astor Place/Cooper Square Renovation Project, currently under construction and expected to be completed in late 2015, was reviewed at a special meeting of the Astor Place Task Force on December 9, 2014. In 2005, this Joint Task Force of Community Boards 2 and 3, Manhattan (CB 2 and CB 3) was formed to review an initial proposal for a renovation of Astor Place/Cooper Square by the NYC Dept. of Transportation (DOT) and the NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation (DPR), and has been called upon from time to time since then to review and comment upon various elements and revisions of the project plan as it has progressed in response to community input, as well as to conditions and needs. In July 2008, CB 2 and CB 3 approved street geometry changes and a conceptual design for the new public plazas, with modifications addressing concerns that had been raised at a series of Task Force meetings, and that design was approved by the Arts Commission. In January 2011, CB 2 and CB 3 approved proposed design elements, such as trees and other plantings, seating, paving and lighting, that had been presented to the Task Force; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Jim Power, a public artist known as the "Mosaic Man," began creating a Mosaic Trail of hand-crafted mosaic artwork on the poles of the lampposts along East 8th Street and St. Mark's Place from Broadway east to Avenue A and along the perimeter of Tompkins Square Park. About 80 mosaic poles have been created over the past 30 years, with 12 mosaic poles within or very near the border of the project area for the Astor Place/Cooper Square renovation. The mosaic poles pay tribute to the history of the neighborhood, city and nation, commemorating cultural institutions and events. For example, one mosaic pole within the Astor Place/Cooper Square Renovation project area celebrates The Cooper Union Speech, delivered by Abraham Lincoln on February 27, 1860. Another mosaic pole is a tribute to firefighters who lost their lives on 9/11, emblazoned with the letters "FDNY" and "RIP," as well as a listing of nearby firehouses, surrounded by a sea of broken tiles; and

WHEREAS, In 2013, the Village Alliance BID, the City's maintenance partner for the public plaza where ten of the mosaic poles are located, held public outreach meetings to seek input on programming in the public plaza. Many members of the public expressed their desire that the well-loved mosaics should be preserved on public display in Astor Place. DOT responded to public concerns by preserving the mosaic poles in storage, while design options were developed to incorporate them into the new Astor Place/Cooper Square renovation project; and

WHEREAS, In December 2014, at a public meeting of the Joint CB 2 and CB 3 Astor Place Task Force, DOT presented two options for locating the mosaic poles. Option one would closely maintain the existing Mosaic Trail locations along East 8th Street and St. Mark's Place. Option two would relocate the mosaic poles into a more formal arrangement along the east side of Fourth Ave near the Cooper Union Foundation Building; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that CB 2/CB 3 supports the design amendment presented as option one, which would maintain the approximate historic position of the mosaic poles on this segment of the Mosaic Trail.

2. Updates, including programming and construction  
no vote necessary

**41 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED**

**Members Present at Last Vote:**

David Adams	[P]	Jimmy Cheng	[A]	Flora Ferng	[A]
Dominic Berg	[P]	MyPhuong Chung	[P]	Gloria Goldenberg	[P]
Karen Blatt	[P]	David Crane	[P]	Jan Hanvik	[P]
Lisa Burriss	[P]	Enrique Cruz	[P]	Ayo Harrington	[P]
Justin Carroll	[P]	Cathy Dang	[P]	Herman F. Hewitt	[P]
Karlin Chan	[P]	Morris Fajtelewicz	[P]	Anne K. Johnson	[P]



Linda Jones	[P]	Chad Marlow	[P]	Christopher Santana	[P]
Vaylateena Jones	[P]	Penina Mezei	[A]	Susan Scheer	[P]
Meghan Joye	[A]	Alexandra Militano	[P]	Nancy Sparrow-Bartow	[P]
Lisa Kaplan	[P]	Chiun Ng	[P]	Julie Ulmet	[A]
Carol Kostik	[P]	Ariel Palitz	[A]	Josephine Velez	[P]
Ben Landy	[A]	Teresa Pedroza	[A]	Rodney Washington	[P]
Mae Lee	[P]	Carolyn Ratcliffe	[P]	Kathleen Webster	[P]
John Leo	[P]	Joyce Ravitz	[P]	Justin Yu	[A]
Alysha Lewis-Coleman	[P]	Carlina Rivera	[P]	Thomas Yu	[P]
Gigi Li	[P]	James Rogers	[P]	Zulma Zayas	[P]
William LoSasso	[P]	Richard F. Ropiak	[P]		

Meeting Adjourned