

FULL BOARD MINUTES

DATE: December 20, 2001
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: St. Vincent's Hospital, 170 W. 12th Street
Cronin Auditorium, 10th Floor

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ann Arlen, Steve Ashkinazy, Tobi Bergman, Glenn Bristow, Charle Cafiero, Keith Crandell, Anthony Dapolito, Doris Diether, Carol Feinman, Alan Jay Gerson, Elizabeth Gilmore, Edward Gold, Arnold L. Goren, Jo Hamilton, Anne Hearn, Honi Klein, Lisa LaFrieda, Don Lee, Aubrey Lees, Chair, Community Board #2, Manhattan (CB#2, Man.) Edward Ma, Don MacPherson, Rosemary McGrath, Doris Nash, T. Marc Newell, Judy Paul, David Reck, Robert Rinaolo, Ann Robinson, Rocio Sanz, Arthur Z. Schwartz, John Short, Melissa Sklarz, James Smith, Sean Sweeney, Lora Tenenbaum, Martin Tessler, Wilbur Weder, Betty Williams.

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED: Helene Burgess, Noam Dworman, Rev. Keith Fennessy, Harriet Fields, Brad Hoylman, Shirley Secunda, Ruth Sherlip, Verna Small, Jeanne Wilcke, Carol Yankay

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Carol Reichman

BOARD STAFF PRESENT: Arthur Strickler, District Manager

GUESTS: Daryl Cochrane, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office; Scott Melvin, Senator Tom Duane's office; Meg Reed, Senator Martin Connor's office; Yvonne Morrow, Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver's office; Gary Parker, Assemblymember Deborah Glick's office; Councilmember Kathryn Freed, Tom Castele, Councilmember Kathryn Freed's office; Andree Tenemas, Councilmember Margarita Lopez' office; Karen Maurer, Councilmember Christne Quinn's office, Blane Roberts, Man. Borough President's office; David Schaffer, Marilyn Stults, Donna Perillo, Marilyn Dorato, Christopher Gains, Dennis De Forge, Tom Lunke, Meta Brunzemo, Jose Caraballo, Betsy Mickel, Lin Di Li, Zhang, Jin Ren, Rocky Chin, Sharon Woolums.

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Date December 20, 2001
Board Members Present – 38
Board Members Excused– 10
Board Members Absent - 1

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II. PUBLIC SESSION

Non-Agenda Items

Christopher St. PATH Station

Betsy Mickel spoke against the surveying for a 2nd entrance at the train station.

Landmarks

Marilyn Dorato spoke.

Environment Items

Test Wells at Washington Square Park

Sharon Woolums and Marilyn Stults both spoke in favor of monitoring test wells at the park.

Business Items

MM 130 Bowery, 130 Bowery

Ling Di Li, Zhang Jin Ren, and Rocky Chin spoke against the proposed liquor license application.

Von, 3 Beecker St.

Christopher Gains and Dennis De Forge both spoke against the proposed liquor license upgrade.

Parks, Recreation & Open Space items

Gansevoort Area

Tom Lunke spoke in favor of a park in the Gansevoort Market area.

III. Adoption of Agenda

IV. Elected Officials Present and Reporting

Daryl Cochrane, of Congressman Jerrold Nadler’s office

Scott Melvin, Senator Tom Duane’s office

Yvonne Morrow, of Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver’s office

Gary Parker, of Assemblymember Deborah Glick's office

Councilmember Kathryn Freed

Andree Tenemas, Councilmember Margarita Lopez’ office,

Karen Maurer, of Councilmember Christine Quinn's office

V. Adoption of Minutes

Adoption and Distribution of November minutes.

VI. Executive Session

1. **Chair’s Report** Aubrey Lees reported

2. **District Manager’s Report** Arthur Strickler reported.

3A. Lisa La Frieda – Holiday Party

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. had its holiday party on December 10th at La Belle Époque Restaurant and it was a fabulous, fun, and successful party and;

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. member LISA LAFRIEDA organized the event and through her efforts made the party fun, fabulous and successful;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. thanks LISA LAFRIEDA for all of her hard work in ensuring that this year's holiday party was the most FUN ever.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

3B. Street Prostitution

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. is resolved as encouraging continued work by all interested parties in alleviating the problem of street prostitution in our area (see our earlier resolution dated November 19, 2001; and

WHEREAS enhanced enforcement alone will only result, at best, in the transfer of our problems to other areas; and

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. encourages humane, creative approaches to civic issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., without preference at this time for any specific plan of action, strongly urges all parties of interest on the issue of street prostitution, including our public officials, to discuss and explore a variety of possible solutions to the problem of street prostitution including, without limitation, decriminalization and/or legalization.

Vote: Passed, with 37 Board members in favor, and 1 abstention

3C. Distribution of the Remaining Archives Funds

WHEREAS CB#2, Man. solicited applications for proposals to be funded by the monies remaining in the Federal Archives Fund; and

WHEREAS fifteen applications were received and reviewed by the Archives Executive Committee Task Force, and eight applicants were invited for interviews;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., after due deliberation, recommends that the remaining Archives funds be distributed as follows:

1. **Organization:** Gilda's Club, 195 W. Houston St., New York, NY 10014
Contact: Bonnie Minger, Business Manager **Tel. #:** (212) 647-9700 ext. 238
Committee Recommendation: \$5,350.00
2. **Organization:** Village Care of New York, 154 Christopher St., New York, NY 10014
Contact: James Higgins **Tel. #:** (212) 337-5867
Committee Recommendation: \$7,250.00
3. **Organization:** Visiting Neighbors, 611 Broadway, Suite 510, New York, NY 10012
Contact: Laura Scharf, Director, Community Development **Tel. #:** (212) 260-6200
Committee Recommendation: \$5,300.00
4. **Organization:** The Lesbian and Gay Community Services Center, Inc., d/b/a the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Community Center (the Center), 208 W. 13th St., New York, NY 10011
Contact: Robert Woodworth, Director, Institutional Services **Tel. #:** (212) 620-7310
Committee Recommendation: \$5,250.00 (Deferred)
5. **Organization:** HERE, 145 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10013
Contact: Kristin Marting, Executive Director **Tel. #:** (212) 647-0202 ext. 310
Committee Recommendation: \$5,250.00
6. **Organization:** GREENWICH VILLAGE YOUTH COUNCIL, 437 W. 16th St., New York, NY 10011
Contact: David A. Kaplan **Tel. #:** (212) 414-4742
Committee Recommendation: \$5,100.00
7. **Organization:** Lesbian and Gay Law Association Foundation of Greater New York, Inc. (LeGaL)
799 Broadway, #340, New York, NY 10003
Contact: Thomas F. Hickey **Tel. #:** (212) 374-8590
Committee Recommendation: \$5,000.00
8. **Organization:** The West Village Chorale, 487 Hudson St., New York, NY 10014

Contact: Cindy Beal, President

Tel. #: (212) 929-8603

Committee Recommendation: \$917.00

Vote: Passed, with 33 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition, 3 in abstention and 1 recusal (K. Crandell).

3D. Proposal By Consolidated Edison To Build An Electric Power Substation At The Corner Of 24th Street & Sixth Avenue (BSA Cal. #261-01-BZ)

WHEREAS, Consolidated Edison is seeking a variance from the Board of Standards and Appeals in order to build an electric power substation at the corner of 24th Street and Sixth Avenue, in an area zoned for residential use; and

WHEREAS, the Chelsea Alliance, a group of residents and businesses in the area, opposes Con Ed's plan on the grounds that Con Ed has not met the BSA requirement that they demonstrate that they have been unable to find an as-of-right site, and that finding such a site is important because the health hazards of living so close to a substation, a source of high electromagnetic radiation, are well known; and

WHEREAS, the substation would be contiguous to buildings in which there is residential use and 24 hour live/work use, and would be very close to buildings where young children live; and

WHEREAS, Community Board #4, Manhattan (CB#4, Man.), in whose district the site is located, stated in a letter of resolution to the BSA dated December 7, 2001, that they do not approve the use of this site while Con Ed has failed to show that that they are unable to secure an appropriate site or use their site at 30th Street and Route 9A, a large, unimproved site in a manufacturing zone; and

WHEREAS, CB#4, Man. further urges that controlled studies of possible health effects of electromagnetic fields on persons living or working near substations in New York City be done;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, CB#2 Man. welcomes the opportunity to again support the positions of CB#4, Man. and the Chelsea Alliance in stressing the importance of securing an appropriate site for this substation, one with the least health effects on residents and workers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. supports CB#4, Man. in specifying that shielding be done and other measures taken to minimize chronic exposure to electromagnetic radiation from the substation, wherever it is sited, with CB#2's recommendation being for an upward limit of 2 milligauss (mG), based on the findings of Britain's National Radiation Protection Board, in a study led by Dr. Richard Doll and released on March 6, 2001, in which they state that many recent "large and well-conducted" studies provide "better evidence than was available in the past" and "suggest that relatively heavy exposures of 4mG or more are associated with a doubling of the risk of leukemia in children under 15 years of age" doubling of the risk of leukemia in children under 15 years of age" [NRPB, 2001]; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. urges Consolidated Edison to reconsider using its West Side site, since it is in a relatively undeveloped area, and would therefore avoid the chronic exposure of residents, workers and children to the health effects of electromagnetic radiation from the substation, which Con Ed has acknowledged would be quite high in contiguous buildings.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

3E. "Month of Sundays" holiday from metered parking

WHEREAS; DowntownNYC!, a coalition of theaters, restaurants, galleries and retail businesses in Lower Manhattan, has requested that CB#2, Man. consider a holiday from metered parking on the six Sundays between Thanksgiving and New CB#2, Man. Year's Day for the area south of 14th Street; and;

WHEREAS; Downtown Manhattan has been cut off by shock, fear and curtailed transportation access following the quarantine resulting from the 9/11 attack. Shoppers, theater and restaurant-goers, gallery browsers, etc. have not returned, causing a crisis-level business downturn in the district; and

WHEREAS; DowntownNYC!, is in process of launching a massive holiday campaign to bring people back to the vital neighborhoods of Downtown east and west of which this request will be an important part; and

WHEREAS; Free Sunday parking will multiply the success and profitability of every event and promotional strategy that will help revive the businesses of Downtown;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2-Man. supports the “Month of Sundays” as requested by DowntownNYC! and we ask that NYC DOT declare a holiday from metered parking on the Sundays between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS

1. Bowlmor Lanes LLC, 110 University Place, New York, NY 10003

WHEREAS, the applicant’s attorney appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is to change to licensee from one LLC to another LLC, and to move a bar from the third floor to the fifth floor, and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that there would be no change in the principals or management or the method of operation, and

WHEREAS, the area having been posted, no one from the community appeared at the committee meeting in opposition to this application; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an on premise license for Bowlmor Lanes, LLC., 110 University Place, NYC 10003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of the alteration to move a bar from the third floor to the fifth floor.

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition, and 1 abstention.

2. Valdino West Inc., d/b/a Valdino West, 581 Hudson Street, NYC 10014

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an upgrade from beer and wine to a full liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has been operating for almost two years at this location without any complaints; and

WHEREAS, there will not be any change in the method of operation of this premise;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application for an on premise license for Valdino West Inc., d/b/a Valdino West, 581 Hudson Street, NYC 10014

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

3. The 7th Avenue Hospitality Group, LLC., d/b/a Chateau, 133 Seventh Avenue South, NYC 10014

WHEREAS, the applicants and their attorney appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for the location formerly known as Moomba; and

WHEREAS the applicants are operating under a temporary license; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until 1AM weekdays and until 2:30 weekends; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the only music will be background CD’s; and

WHEREAS, one member of the public appeared in favor of this application and none appeared in opposition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application for an on premise license to The 7th Avenue Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a Chateau, 133 Seventh Avenue South, NYC 10014.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

4. BJ One West 3rd Inc., d/b/a Pamelita's, 1 West 3rd Street, NYC 10012

WHEREAS the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS this application is for an on premise license in the former Cactus Café location; and

WHEREAS the applicant formerly operated the Pamela's Café on Broadway adjacent to this space; and

WHEREAS the applicant stated that the operation and menu will be similar to Pamela's; and

WHEREAS no one from the community appeared in opposition to this application;

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application for an on premise license for BJ One West 3rd Inc., d/b/a Pamelita's, 1 West 3rd Street, NYC 10012.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

5. Perry 117 Restaurant, Ltd., d/b/a Voyage, 117 Perry Street, NYC 10014

WHEREAS the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS this application is for a transfer from the Caribe restaurant that has operated at this location for many years; and

WHEREAS the applicant stated that the hours of operation will be until Midnight 7 days a week; and

WHEREAS the applicant stated that there would be no live music; and

WHEREAS no one from the community appeared in opposition of this application;

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an on premise license for Perry 117 Restaurant Ltd., d/b/a Voyage, 117 Perry Street, NYC 10014

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

6. Flexible Fish Corp., d/b/a Blue Ribbon Sushi, 119 Sullivan Street, NYC 10014

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is to legalize the fact that the applicant has moved their kitchen into the adjacent building; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that there would be no change to the hours of operation or to the menu;

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this alteration application for Flexible Fish Corp., d/b/a Blue Ribbon Sushi, 119 Sullivan Street, NYC 10014

Vote: Passed, with 36 Board members in favor, and 2 in opposition.

7. Two Thousand Daisies, LLC, d/b/a Greenwich Café, 75 Greenwich Avenue, NYC 10014

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this applicant is the former owner of this location who had sold his interest two years ago and has had to repossess the location becoming the licensee once again; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that the hours of operation will no longer be 24 hours, but will be until 1AM weekdays and 3 AM weekends; and

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of an on premise license for Two Thousand Daisies, LLC., d/b/a Greenwich Cafe, 75 Greenwich Avenue, NYC 10014.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

8A. VON Design Ltd., d/b/a VON, 3 Bleecker Street, NYC 10012

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an upgrade from beer and wine to a full on premise license; and

WHEREAS, the committee encourages businesses and residents to cooperate and coexist amicably; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to comply to mutually agreeable sound limits to the satisfaction of the residents above this location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to make every effort to resolve any current or future sound problems at this location, including but not limited to the installation of limiters and/or soundproofing; and

WHEREAS, although the applicant has agreed to coexist as outlined above, to date the applicant has made minimal efforts to address the sound problems that the applicant's own sound engineer's report has described as being above the lawful limits, and

WHEREAS, the applicant has asserted that he cannot afford to install the necessary soundproofing unless and until he receives approval of this application and is allowed to operate for a period of time to accumulate the funds necessary to begin the soundproofing, and

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man, feels that the soundproofing must be completed before the approval is given and not the other way around, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of the upgrade from beer and wine to a full on premise license for VON Design Ltd., d/b/a VON, 3 Bleecker Street, NYC 10012

Vote: Passed, with 31 Board members in favor, 2 in opposition and 5 in abstention.

8B. VON Design Ltd., d/b/a VON, 3 Bleecker Street, NYC 10012

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for an upgrade from beer and wine to a full on premise license; and

WHEREAS, the committee encourages businesses and residents to cooperate and coexist amicably; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to comply to mutually agreeable sound limits to the satisfaction of the residents above this location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to make every effort to resolve any current or future sound problems at this location, including but not limited to the installation of limiters and/or soundproofing; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB2 recommends approval of the upgrade from beer and wine to a full on premise license for VON Design Ltd., d/b/a VON, 3 Bleecker Street, NYC 10012

Vote: Failed: 6 in favor, and 29 in opposition. See following resolution.

9. Astor Bar, 316 Bowery, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, this application is for a renewal of the on premise license at this location; and

WHEREAS, the applicant recently closed the restaurant at this location, however, the basement lounge continues to operate; and

WHEREAS, the applicant assured the committee that the restaurant operation will resume during the latter half of January 2002; and

WHEREAS, the applicant recently has been issued violations for not having a PA Permit, for overcrowding, and for operating as an unlicensed cabaret; and

WHEREAS, The applicant would not agree to cease the illegal and possibly dangerous operation of the basement lounge, and

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends denial of the renewal of the on premise license for Astor Bar, 316 Bowery, NYC 10012.

Vote: passed, with 36 Board members in favor, 1 in opposition, and 1 in abstention.

10. MM 130 Bowery Rest. Corp., d/b/a Capitol, 130 Bowery, NYC

WHEREAS, the applicant's attorney, architect, chef, banquet manager, and security chief as well as the applicant appeared before the committee; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is applying for an on premise license in the former Bowery Savings Bank building, which is a designated landmark both inside and outside; and

WHEREAS, the applicant stated that this location will be operated as a restaurant and catering hall; and

WHEREAS, the sole principal of the applicant corporation is known to the Board as the manager of the disco, Spa also located in CB#2, Man.; and

WHEREAS the applicant principal stated that she would not be leaving her job as the manager of Spa; and

WHEREAS, the architect stated that they would be applying for a Catering Cabaret license that permits dancing at "private parties" under use group 9; and

WHEREAS, the security chief presented the committee with a detailed security plan that calls for multiple security personnel as well as an elaborate array of camera and video and computer equipment to monitor every aspect of this restaurant/catering facility; and

WHEREAS, members of the community testified both for and against this application, with those in opposition citing the overcrowded nature of the neighborhood and extreme traffic conditions and the lack of any parking as some of the reasons why they feel that this application should not be approved; and

WHEREAS, the applicant claims that there are no other licenses within 500 feet of this location, however, members of both CB#2 and CB#3 have identified approximately 15 licensed premises believed to be within 500 feet of this location; and

THEFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that CB#2, Man. feels that this application lacks credibility and in all likelihood will turn out to be a nightclub with dancing with ownership similar to that of Spa and will not operate as a restaurant or catering hall; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly recommends denial of this application for an on premise license for MM 130 Bowery Rest. Corp., d/b/a Capitol, 130 Bowery, NYC; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. calls upon the SLA to carefully re-examine every aspect of this application prior to acting and to hold a 500 foot hearing in order that the views of the public may be heard.

Vote: passed with 34 Board members in favor, and 4 in abstention.

ENVIRONMENT

A Plan To Place Monitoring Wells (Borings) In Washington Square Park to Learn Whether Or Not The Park's Water Table Is Lowered During De-Watering For Construction Of New York University's New Law School Building

WHEREAS, New York University (NYU) will soon commence construction on their new law school building 170 feet away from Washington Square Park; and

WHEREAS, Washington Square Park Environmental Committee (WSEC) have stated their concerns that de-watering for the construction could lower the water table in Washington Square Park (WSP), as they believe that de-watering for the Kimmel building caused a lowering of the water table in the Park, possibly contributing to the ill health of 40% of the trees in the Park and the death of a large, historic elm; and

WHEREAS, New York University denies that de-watering for the Kimmel harmed the trees in the Park, and a representative for Langan Engineering stated that the site for the new law school building is too far from the park to cause a lowering of the park's water table; and

WHEREAS, NYU and Langan Engineering have agreed to place two monitoring wells in the park, under the direction of a representative of the New York City Parks Department, in order to learn the level of the water table in the park before and during de-watering for the new law school building;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. thanks the members of the Washington Square Environmental Committee for their health survey of the 340 trees in Washington Square Park and for bringing to this Board's attention their concerns that many of the trees are in ill health and that de-watering for the new law school building might lead to their further decline or death by lowering the park's water table, as they believe may have been the case in the de-watering for the nearby Kimmel building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. thanks New York University, their engineering firm, Langan Engineering, and the NYC Parks Department for undertaking the placement of two monitoring wells (borings of about 2 to 3 inches in diameter) in the park, one further from the construction site than the other, in order to determine the level of the water table in the park before and during the de-watering process, with the understanding that, if the water table is lowered, the trees will be watered; and

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

LANDMARKS AND PUBLIC AESTHETICS

PUBLIC HEARING: LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION, December 18, 2001

1. LPC Item: 4 – 96 Spring Street (s.e. corner Mercer) A store and loft building built in 1900, designed by Clinton & Russel. Application is to request that the LPC issue a report to CPC relating to a Modification of Use pursuant to Section 74-711 of the ZR.

WHEREAS, in addition to the standard 5-year façade inspection program, there is also a substantial amount of work undertaken that justifies the LPC to issue a report to CPC;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

2 LPC Item: 7 – 80 Greene Street (Broome/Grand))

An Italianate style store and loft building built in 1872 designed by Griffith Thomas. Application is to extend the fire escape at the third floor.

WHEREAS, in the process of changing the C of O, a second means of egress is mandated by the Department of Buildings; and

WHEREAS, the most practical solution is to extend the existing fire escape, which unfortunately would cause penetration of the cast iron and further asymmetry in the fire escape's proportions;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Passed, with 28 Board members in favor, 8 in opposition, and 2 abstentions..

3. LPC Item: 11 – 801 Greenwich Street (Little W 12th St) A warehouse built in 1890. Application is to legalize the installation of the storefront infill without LPC permits.

WHEREAS, the style, treatment, and elements of the proposed storefront are characteristic of industrial buildings in this area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

4. LPC Item: 14 – 719 Greenwich Street (Charles/Perry)

A warehouse built in 1909. Application is to replace the entrance doors.

WHEREAS, the style, treatment, and elements of the proposed storefront are characteristic of industrial buildings in this area;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

5. 611 Broadway - The Cable Building (n. w. corner Houston)

A Beaux-Arts style powerhouse and office building built in 1892 designed by M^cKim, Mead & White. Application is to install storefront infill and signage.

WHEREAS, the current mutilated storefront will be somewhat restored and the elements of scale will be returned;

WHEREAS, the materials and treatment are appropriate for this building;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. recommends approval of this application.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Consideration Of Proposal By Cb#4 To Cb#2 To Build A Park On A Site Bounded By Gansevoort St., West 13th St., Hudson And Ninth Ave.

WHEREAS: Water Tunnel #3 is being built and is scheduled to come through our Community Board area; and

WHEREAS: Hudson Street, Gansevoort St., West 13th St., and Ninth Ave., is one of the sites where a shaft will be located.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2-Man. recommends that upon completion of the shaft at the above location, a park be built on the site.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION

Comprehensive Mitigation and Communication Programs for the Chinatown Community

WHEREAS, the mass transit system is vital to Chinatown commerce and the community as a whole, which is suffering grim economic hardship from the combined impact of the September 11th disaster, the downturn of the economy as a whole, and the virtual closing of the Grand Street Subway Station, one of the city's busiest stations bringing (pre-closing) 27,000 riders to Chinatown daily; and

WHEREAS, loss of service to tens of thousands of riders -- workers, tourists, residents, in one of New York's most thickly populated neighborhoods is damaging thousands of small businesses, many run by immigrants struggling for success in their new home, and.

WHEREAS, steps promised to the community by the MTA to mitigate the impact of the closing of Grand Street have been badly mishandled, including:

- * Abandonment of the Dekalb - Canal Street bus shuttle after September 11, a service which was established to help mitigate the loss of service, especially for workers coming to Manhattan;
- * Failure to provide complete signage on service changes for Chinese- speaking and Spanish speaking customers;
- * Infrequent service on the subway shuttle from Grand Street to Broadway-Lafayette (and now to West 4th Street) (four times an hour maximum)
- * The charging of fares on the shuttle bus from Grand Street to Canal Street, In contravention of the free-bus precedent established in the 1990s when the Williamsburg Bridge was down for repairs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. demands that the MTA undertake a comprehensive effort to mitigate the virtual closing of the Grand Street Station and the adoption of a thorough multi-lingual communications programs for passengers served by this station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. insists on the following steps:

Reinstate the shuttle bus service between Dekalb Avenue in Brooklyn and Canal Street in Chinatown, this service having been established to help mitigate the loss of service, especially for workers coming to Manhattan;

Install information signage in Chinese and Spanish at affected stations (Grand Street, Canal Street, Broadway-Lafayette, West 4th Street. DeKalb Avenue)

Double the frequency of shuttle trains from Grand Street to Broadway-Lafayette and West 4th Street and post schedules indicating the times of service;

Stop charging passengers for the shuttle bus between Grand Street and Canal Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#2, Man. strongly urges the support of the incoming and outgoing mayors, the Public Advocate, the Borough President and all public officials to encourage the MTA to put its strongest efforts toward providing the best possible interim service to Chinatown.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

ZONING AND HOUSING

1. 30 & 60 & 90 East 9th St. Extension of Parking Garage Variance to Allow Continued Uses of Surplus Spaces for Transient Parking. BSA # 91-60-BZ

WHEREAS no one in the community spoke against the application;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CB#2, Man., approves the application for the extension of the variance of the parking garage to allow continued uses of surplus spaces for transient parking subject to evidence in the leases and coop prospectus that the occupants in the building have the right to recapture spaces for their own use and that the same conditions be stated as in previous renewals that there will be no double parking in the street or parking on the sidewalk.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

2. High Line

WHEREAS Mayor Guiliani is about to sign an order to demolish the High Line and thereby sidestepping the ULURP process of review; and

WHEREAS Friends of the High Line, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, and City Council Speaker Peter Vallone have filed an Article 78 against the demolition order, and CB#4, Manhattan, supports the ULURP process for the High Line;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED we support the CB#4 position and the Article 78 suit requesting that the ULURP process be adhered to and that demolition of the High Line not proceed before this important step; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we have not come out for or against keeping the High Line, but the ULURP process would at least give us the opportunity to evaluate the best use of this interesting structure.

Vote: Unanimous, with 38 Board members in favor.

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Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rinaolo, Secretary,
Community Board #2, Manhattan