

THE CITY OF NEW YORK MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 3

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OCTOBER 2004

Meeting of Community Board #3 held October 26, 2004 at 6:42PM, PS 20, 166 Essex Street.

MEMBERS PRESENT AT TIME OF ROLL CALL:

David Adams [P] Michael Auerbach [P] Rev. Joan Brightharp [P] Mayra Cappas [P] David Crane [E] Elizabeth Cruse [P] Andrea Diaz [P] David Diaz {E] George Diaz [P] Harvey Epstein [E] Morris Faitelewicz [A] Anthony Feliciano [P] Rabbi Y.S. Ginzberg [P] Carlos Juan Gonzalez [P] Herman Hewitt [P] Carolyn Jeffers [P]

Barbara Jeter [P] Anne Johnson [P] Joel Kaplan [E] Lisa Kaplan [P] Doreen Leon [A] Bernice McCallum [P] David McWater [P] Alexandra Militano [P] Katrina Monzon [P] Lillian Moy [P] Jason Nagel [P]

Roberto Ortiz-Arroyo [P]

Barden Prisant [P]

Joyce Ravitz [P]

Sara Weinstein [P]

Harry Wieder [P]

Samuel Wilkenfeld [P] Joyce Ravitz [P] Lois Regan [P]

Richard Ropiak [P] Estelle Rubin [E]
Eunice Samuels [P] Deborah Simon [E] Pia Simpson [P] Arlene Soberman [P] Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P] Mark Stein [P] Harold Stelter [P] David Weinberger [E]

David McWater, the Community Board #3 Manhattan Chairperson announced a policy for public session, based on the experience of Manhattan Community Board #2: There would be three categories of speech that could not be used during public speaking time:

- 1. Open Campaigning
- 2. Speeches for Commercial Gain
- 3. Religious proselytizing

but matters such as announcement of bake sales and street fairs would be okay.

Verina Reich [P]

PUBLIC SESSION:

- Ian L. Polow, Esquire, OTFOTEOC, noted in his sign-in sheet that at the previous community board meeting, due to insufficient documentation, the corporation owning the 21 Essex Street Restaurant was not heard, yet was told that if were to have all the required documents and put in an early request, it would be considered. Mr. Polow noted at the session that the restaurant was currently open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. He then gave the microphone to Danny Molon, the restaurant owner, who said that he believed that the establishment would have a positive influence in the area and had the support of the local merchants, although he knew of opposition to the establishment. Nancy Linn of the Essex Street Block Association expressed opposition to 21 Essex Street due to concerns of smells emanating from the establishment, traffic congestion and the fact that the establishment was across the street from the Seward Park Playground. She also stated that not presenting the proper documents in the appropriate time disregarded the community.
- Raul Mojica, Jr., a tenant near Lavagna Restaurant, complained about the smoke from the establishment coming out to his and other people's apartments in the block, and that Lavagna broke its promise not to start the chimney again. Mark Stein specified that the SLA committee told Lavagna not to use the oven. Susan Stetzer, the District Manager, called EEP, but the agency had not returned her call and did not come out to inspect Lavagna.
- Marion Horosko from O'Donnell/Green Foundation was seeking a co-naming of East 7th Street between Avenues C and D May O'Donnell Way, whom she cited was dancer well-known to the dance community, if not the general public, including being a choreographer from the Martha Graham Dance Company between 1937 and 1988, was a teacher at the High School of Performing Arts, and had as her students Ben Vereen, Dudley Williams and Arthur Mitchell. A biography of May O'Donnell to be published next year would have a foreword from New York Times Critic Jennifer Duning. Board members wanted to know why the community as a whole had not heard of her. Ms. Horosko replied that the O'Donnell/Green foundation gave grants to the neighborhood, including selling two of her five houses on East 7th Street to the poor.
- Barbara Caporale, Rebuild with a Spotlight on the Poor, asked the Community Board to place on one of this month's committee agendas (i.e. Public Safety or Health and Human Services) consideration of a 7 point letter or any resolution emanating from it, regarding demanding that the neglecting United States Environmental Protection Agency fully test and decontaminate an area broader than what was designated by the federal government as being affected by the 9/11 disaster so that all of Community Board #3's concerns and needs would be included in the process, and in this way add its name at the next full board meeting as part of a large community coalition's concerted effort to force the EPA to resolve an immediate large-scale environmental hazard.
- Judith Zaborowsky, 9th A-I Block Association, thanked Alexandra Militano and the SLA Committee itself for denial of beer and wine license to Performance Space 122.

- 6. Jose Acosta, El Patio Café, said that he had not received notification to attend the last meeting of the SLA Committee, where they denied liquor license request due to non-appearance.
- 7. Bob David, developer of the building at 83 East 3rd Street, opposed the motion of the Housing Committee, urging revocation of building permits unless stated stipulations were met, and said that it did not make sense to leave the unfinished building open to the winter elements.
- 8. Israel Perez announced that he was falsely arrested for alleged assault on Roberto Caballero and felt that he was set-up so that he would be removed from Baruch Houses.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- 1. State Senator Steven Sanders, Dolores Hernandez, rep. Mentioned about the Town Hall Meeting on October 12th regarding the fate of CHARAS/El Bohio and stated that the State Senator was opposed to any developmental proposal in that area unless it met with the approval of Community Board #3.
- 2. Congressperson Nydia Velazquez, Melissa Maldonado introduced herself.
- 3. State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Jessica Aschenberg, rep. There was a small victory in the Park Row lawsuit against the closing of Park Row to all vehicular traffic when a judge in the case denied the claim via an Environmental Assessment Study (EAS) of the New York Police Department (NYPD) that the closure did not affect the city and ordered a full Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) be made whereby the area outside the immediate frozen zone was also to be included. The judge also removed all elected officials from the suit for lack of standing, leaving only those who live on Park Row plaintiff status in the lawsuit. She also mentioned the Speaker's memorializing Firefighter Robert Foti in the co-naming ceremony at Cherry Street and the FDR Drive as Firefighter Robert Joseph Foti Way. She said that Firefighter Foti, who risked his life on September 11th was a lifelong resident of the Lower East Side. She also mentioned the resolution of Land's End's concern, a rental Mitchell-Lama project whose purpose was about to expire. A deal was made for about 87% of the tenants who would qualify to stay in their apartments under Section 8, while the rest would be allowed to stay for an indeterminate period of time.
- Assemblymember Deborah Glick, Kyra Holland, rep. (Filling in for Gregory Brender). She updated the board on the Assemblyperson's continued support for protecting rentstabilized tenants from being evicted from their homes where landlords were claiming demolition upon evidence that such claims were pretexts to renovation for landlords' use, i.e. expanding a restaurant/bar, as in one case in Tribeca. She also mentioned that the Assemblyperson spoke with the Postmaster General opposing the cutbacks in mail pickup at boxes in the area. Harry Wieder noted that members of a postal workers union came to the Transportation/Public Safety Committee and mentioned the removal of mailboxes in certain locations as well as the ultimate goal once privatization of the postal services were to occur of eliminating all mailboxes in the area and requiring persons to mail their items only in post offices; Mr. Wieder noted that this could violate the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) because it would severely impact persons with disabilities and the frail elderly. Ms. Holland responded that the Assemblyperson would look into the ADA angle. Ms. Holland also expressed the Assemblyperson's pleasure in the Landmark Preservation Commission's designation of 4 Saint Marks Place as a city landmark because it was identified as one of only 13 extant row houses in the city built in 1832 with its particular architectural style.
- State Senator Thomas K. Duane, Aliya Feldman, representative. First Ms. Feldman introduced herself and told the audience that she was replacing Cecile Scott as Community Board #3 liaison. She then reported that Joseph Bruno, the Majority Leader of the State Senate said that he would propose a legislative reform task force composed exclusively of all Republicans. State Senator Duane, at a press conference, requested that what the Majority Leader needed to do was just to implement all the 25 point recommendations of NYU's Brennan Center for reform of the system, which it noted was 50th or last of all the state legislative body in productivity and effectiveness. She also announced that on November 9th a forum is to be held at Beth Israel Hospital/Downtown regarding, among other things, expanding SCRIE to include the disabled, Medicare and the flu shot shortage in the area, and that the Senator also participated in the celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Saint Mark's Church Historic Landmark Fund.
- 6. Congressperson Carolyn Maloney, Victor Montessino, representative. He announced that on October 25th, the Congressperson joined the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in establishing a fair housing center, sponsored by the National Fair Housing Alliance, with a \$1.05 million HUD grant, which would provide education and outreach services to the community as well as enforcement of federal and local fair housing laws.
- 7. State Senator Thomas K. Duane spoke to the full board himself, supplementing Ms. Feldman's report (see #5, above) by mentioning that an identical forum on SCRIE/Medicare/Flu Shot shortage and other matters will be had the day after the Board meeting in the West Village at Our Lady of Pompeii Church. He also mentioned that a parallel effort at state legislative reform is being spearheaded by Assemblymember Scott Stringer and others.
- 8. US Congressmember Jerrold Nadler, Michael Kay, representative. He mentioned that the Congressmember drafted a Dear Colleague letter to his fellow Congresspersons seeking support and asking for signatures regarding mail delivery reform. Mr. Kay also noted that he would let the Congressperson know of Mr. Wieder's concern that he expressed to Ms. Holland (see #4, above) regarding possible ADA violation in the mail delivery cutbacks. The Congressperson with three others wrote a letter to US Attorney General John Ashcroft demanding that the Department of Justice (DOJ) investigate charges that, Voters Outreach of America, GOP-funded organization destroyed voter registration forms of citizens who registered as Democrats in Nevada, Oregon, West Virginia and

Pennsylvania, which Mr. Kay reported violated the Voting Rights Act. The Congressperson's initiative in the Senate Homeland Security Appropriation bill helping high-risk non-profits take security measures to defend themselves form terrorist attacks was awarded \$50 million.

Councilmember Alan Gerson appeared himself and stated that he had passed around flyers at the full board meeting from NYC Department of Health letting people know who should get flu shots and who should not, and why. He noted that in Manhattan only the Chelsea Center had the flu vaccine and that it was oversubscribed, but that he also expected many more to be available in November. He also mentioned that the City Council was to hold hearings Thursday, October 28th at City Hall regarding Intro 186, The Tenant Empowerment Act which would allow tenants of affordable housing to purchase their development as a whole, if and when an owner decided to remove the development from the affordability program. A rally was also scheduled for October 27th in front of City Hall in support of the measure. He also mentioned that an agreement was made with NASA to open model aerospace labs in the city, which would enrich the science program in education. One such model would be the combined PS20/Martha Valles School educational program. He noted that, along with over 150 community leaders across the district, he submitted to the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) a proposal calling for a more proper public process for allocation of the Community Block Development Grant (CDFG) funding of \$800 million dollars to the improvement of the neighborhood, i.e. the Bathhouse or East River Park, or the Avenue of the Immigrants (Allen Street/Pike Street/Pike Slip corridor) as well as affordable housing, cultural development, small business and other needs. He expressed concern that all the allocated money would go to the Train-to-the-Plane Connection, which he said should be refunded under the Regional Transportation Fund. He also recognized board member Bob Ortiz for returning back to the board after his stint at physical rehabilitation and wished board member Deborah Simon well in her tour of duty in Iraq. Board member Barden Prisant complained to the Councilmember about the short period of time given to the community to comment regarding the CBDG funding, and board member Lisa Kaplan asked the Councilmember whether special appropriation of federal CDFG money had to be used in low- to moderate-income census tract as did all regular CDBG money, and the Councilmember said it did not.

MINUTES OF 6-22-04 AND 7-28-04 Approved as is.

BOARD VOTE:

28 YES 0 NO 2 ABS 0 PNV

4 ABS (JULY MINUTES)

MOTION PASSED

ELECTED OFFICIALS (continued)

- 10. Councilmember Margarita Lopez, Eric Lugo, representative. He mentioned that October 12th Town Hall meeting on the future of CHARAS/El Bohio. He noted that Margarita Lopez was to receive a Lifetime Achievement Award on Thursday, October 28th by the Lower Eastside Center (LESC), an organization dealing with people with chemical dependency and mental illness. From her Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Disability Services Council Committee she proposed three legislations, all of which were voted out of committee: 1. A resolution calling upon the federal enactment of legislation promoting greater parity in the provision of mental health services; 2. Another resolution urging Governor George Pataki and the NYS Office of Mental Health to request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reopen the Project Liberty Program, which provided counseling program to those seriously traumatized by the 9/11 attacks in NYC.; 3. A Resolution declaring October National Disability Employment Awareness Month in New York City. He also reported that Mayor Bloomberg signed the Councilmember's legislation that would ensure public safety in New York City by mandating the manner in which Consolidated Edison would operate and maintain any piece of electrical-related infrastructure in New York City and would require Con Ed to provide annual written reports on all record of inspections and repairs that year.
- 11. No representatives for State Senator Martin Connor, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum or Mayor Bloomberg's Community Action Unit were present to report.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

He congratulated Harvey Epstein, the former Community Board #3 Chairperson and his wife Anita for their eight ounce baby boy Joshua, who was delivered the night before the meeting. He also joined Councilmember Alan Gerson in welcoming back Community Board Member Bob Ortiz to the meetings, after a long stay at a physical rehabilitation center. He also announced that Deborah Simon wrote a letter to the Community Board with pictures of herself attached, which was being passed around the auditorium, stating that she completed her army training and was preparing to go overseas; he expressed best wishes for her. Regarding the Technical Grant, DCAS was willing essentially to forward the money allocated by City Council to the board. The board was only allowed to purchase hardware with it from its designated warehouse. As to the search for a new board office, DCAS would be the one finding us new office space, yet the board would have a lot of input as to where it should be. DCAS tried again to get us to use Avalon Chrystie, but the board refused because it wanted a larger, visible space, about 15,000 square feet, like an office at Grand and Essex, which was recently discovered to be unavailable. He mentioned a meeting a few weeks ago that the Waterfront Task Force had, and indicated that full changes to the area may be made within three to five years. With regard to absenteeism, he directed board members to contact ahead of time individual committee chairs for committee absences and to Lois Regan, Secretary, for full board absences.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

The lack of vaccine for flu shots is an urgent community concern. Babies from 6 to 23 months and seniors over 64 should get flu shots as well as others in high-risk groups.

The Dept. of Health has one clinic in Manhattan—Chelsea Health Center at 303 Ninth Ave at 27 St. There are also many senior centers in the area with limited allocations of vaccine. The centers are on line at DFTA website—or you can stop by the CB office to look at locations. However, call first, shots are being reserved over the phone and lists are closed when vaccine is used up.

On Nov. 1 Local Law 7 takes affect. This requires carbon monoxide detectors in residential buildings that use fossil fuels in a furnace, boiler, water heater, or fire place.

The MTA is proposing to close token booth sites at 5 locations in our Board: Union Square; 3rd Ave. L line, 2nd Ave. F line, Delancey St. F, East Broadway F line. Fare increases for Metrocards are also proposed. Our Board has already taken a position against closing of token booths and fare increases. If you would like to speak out against the token booth closings and fare increases, there is a public hearing on Tues, Nov. 9 at 1230 Fifth Ave—El Museo del Barrio at 103rd Street. Last year when token booths were closed, public outcry saved some of the more heavily used booths.

Park Row residents won another victory in their battle to reopen Park Row. They won a lawsuit to force the City to conduct a full Environmental Impact Study. The City immediately declared that they will appeal.

Note that next month the meetings are not on usual schedule because of holidays—the exec is on a Tuesday and full board is on Thurs., Nov. 18.

First distribution of September minutes are being distributed tonight.

We hope to start posting minutes and resolutions on our website this month.

After the report, Barden Prisant noted that Housing Committee meetings over the past three months have been meeting on three different days, which the District Manager said was due to navigating the various religious and secular fall holidays.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT:

REPORT: Concerning committee votes.

1. Expense District Need Priorities for FY'06

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve Expense Budget Priorities document.

2. Capital District Need Priorities for FY'06

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve Capital Budget Priorities document.

DISCUSSION: Full scale discussion of the Capital and then the Expense Priorities of the District Needs Statement was had. With the Capital Priorities, all felt that any construction of sidewalk on Forsyth Street should be met with a concomitant sidewalk construction of Chrystie Street, alleviating identical parking hazards found on both sides of Sara Roosevelt Park, where this concern was being raised. There was also discussion as to park and library renovation priorities, where board members wondered why libraries, which were recently renovated, were requested to be given higher status for possible improvement than those which have not been renovated in recent years; the same concern was expressed regarding park renovations. This lead to a reshuffling of priorities presented to the board. Herman Hewitt made a motion to accept the now adopted order for the Capital Priorities. With regard to Expense Priorities, a board member persuaded the majority of the board to place funding of the RFP for Seward Park Renewal Area from slot #5 to slot #2, stating that requesting affordable day care was too vague to be given such high priority. Andrea Diaz made a motion to accept the now adopted order for Expense Priorities.

BOARD VOTE (CAPITAL):

37 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV MOTION PASSED

BOARD VOTE (EXPENSE):

35 YES 1 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

SLA COMMITTEE:

REPORT: Regarding committee votes.

Complaints:

1. Flat Club, 16 1st Ave

COMMITTEE MOTION: That the SLA revoke this license because this licensee has operated in violation of its stipulated agreement with the community and Community Board 3 by employing DJs, has had persistent complaints of noise and has had been summonsed within the past year for illegal sale of alcohol to minors (see attached stipulation, summonses and complaint letters).

2. Anatomy Bar, 511 E 5th St

COMMITTEE MOTION: That Community Board 3 denied this license application when it first appeared because this Board believed that a lounge/club was not an appropriate venue for this tenement building on a residential side street given the history of complaints against

the prior bar at the same location, that there have been persistent complaints of noise from residents since this establishment has opened (see attached complaints and summonses), and that, as a result, Community Board 3 is asking that this licensee now be revoked.

Liquor License Renewals w/Complaints:

Salt Bar, 29 Clinton St

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve. 4. Caffe Della, 48 E 7th St

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

5. Mr Tang of Mott St, 50 Mott St

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

6. Proton Saga, 11 Allen St COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

7. 219 Flamingo, 219 2nd Ave

COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny renewal because within the last year Community Board 3 asked that this license be revoked based on history of complaints that license has been illegally operating as a dance club (see prior motion attached hereto).

8. Quhnia, 45 E 1st St

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

Alterations/Transfers/Upgrades:

9. Jason MacQueen, 165 Allen St (trans/op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny due to nonappearance.

10. ADARP, 244 E Houston St (trans/op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will serve food for the life of the license, 2) it will promptly address any resident complaints, 3) it will never use its backyard, and 4) it will never apply for a cabaret license.

11. Territory 99, 99 Stanton St (alt)
COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will have no promoters or outside DJs, 2) it will never use its roof, 3) it will always serve food, 4) it will install additional soundproofing as needed, and 5) it will never apply for a cabaret license

12. Second on Second Café, 27 2nd Ave (alt/add)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve. 13. El Patio Café, 141 Attorney St (alt)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To postpone for one (1) month.

14. Steve Matthews, 309 E 5th St (trans/op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To inform the SLA that applicant has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3.

15. DMD, 159 E Houston St (trans/op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will immediately remove upstairs DJ booth if Community Board 3 receives even one complaint of noise as a result of loud music, 2) it will serve food for the life of the license, and 3) it will install additional soundproofing as needed and that if stipulations are violated, a letter will be written to the SLA asking that license be revoked.

New Liquor License Applications:

16. Performance Space 122, 150 1st Ave (rw)
COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny due to nonappearance, failure to tender an application to Community Board 3 to review and because the granting of any liquor license, restaurant/wine or otherwise, is inappropriate for this location which shares its space with a daycare center (see letter from daycare center attached hereto).

17. Yi Feng, 60 E B'way (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

18. Kebab House, 144 Orchard St (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

19. 3rd St Productions, 195 E 3rd St (op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To inform the SLA that applicant has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3.

20. 329 Broome Tavern, 329 Broome St (op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To inform SLA that applicant has withdrawn its application before Community Board 3.

21. King's Seafood, 39-41 E B'way (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

22. King Size, 21 Essex St (op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To postpone for one (1) month as applicant has agreed not to apply to SLA until after the Full Board meeting on Nov. 18th.

23. Shanghai Duplicate, 9 Pell St (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve based on longstanding good history.

24. Variety Ent, 189 Chrystie St (op/add)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will maintain its operation as a full service dinner theatre, 2) it will provide doormen or security as needed, 3) it will not have any dancing that is not a part of any staged production, and 4) it will install soundproofing as needed.

25. Rocket Joe, 61 Delancey St (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

26. Marco Polo, 246 Broome St (op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny for failure to furnish resident petitions for location and adjacent buildings and, further, because this Community Board believes that location may be within 200 feet of a school.

27. Cozy Café, 43 E 1st St (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve provided applicant furnish a signed notarized stipulation that 1) it will enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the First Street Block Association (signed Memorandum attached hereto).

28. Cecyel, 82 2nd Ave (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

29. Sweet Ranger, 42 Rivington St (op)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny due to nonappearance.

30. Ludlow Café, 87 Ludlow St (rw)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To deny due to nonappearance.

DISCUSSION: Alexandra Militano, the committee chair, requested that #13 on the agenda be pulled out entirely, so that the owner of El Patio be given the opportunity to come to the SLA committee next month after not showing this month. The owner claimed that he did not receive proper notification of the this month's committee meeting. The District Manager said every person on the agenda was called, including someone from his establishment, notifying them of this meeting. He requested the notification in writing. The motion in #13 was changed from deny due to non-appearance to postponed. Another board member asked that #22 be pulled and made a motion to postpone until next month after the owners of King Size agreed that it would not apply to the SLA board until the determination by the next Community Board meeting on November 18th.

BOARD VOTE (EXCLUDING ITEMS 13 & 22):

32 YES 1 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

MOTION PASSED

BOARD VOTE (ITEMS 13 & 22)

36 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV (ITEM 13) 31 YES 1 NO 4 ABS 0 PNV (ITEM 22)

MOTION PASSED

PARKS/TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY:

REPORT: Concerning committee votes.

Parks & Recreation Committee

Street Activity Permit Application:

1. Good World Bar & Grill/Lost Block Assoc, 12/19, Orchard St (btwn Canal & Division Sts), Block Party

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

2. Bowery Mission, 11/24-11/26, Bowery (btwn Rivington & Prince Sts), Annual Thanksgiving Day Dinner for Homeless

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve.

Transportation Committee

1. TLC: LES C/S Corp, 380 E 10th St (new)

COMMITTEE MOTION: To support the TLC base station renewal application from LES C/S Corp located at $380\ E$ 10th St.

2. DOT: Co-Naming E 7th St btwn Aves C & D as May O'Donnell Way

COMMITTEE MOTION: That CB3 does not recommend co-naming E 7th St between Aves C & D as May O'Donnell Way at this time, because we feel that a suitable connection to our community has not been demonstrated.

3. DOT: Convert Forsyth St btwn Grand & Delancey to One-Way

 $\hbox{{\tt COMMITTEE MOTION:}} \quad \hbox{{\tt To support the conversion of Forsyth St between Grand \& Delancey St to one-way traffic.} \\$

4. MTA NYCT: M9 Stop at E 14 St & 4th Ave Removed Without Notice

COMMITTEE MOTION: That CB3 objects that NYCT has stopped providing bus stop service at the M9 bus terminal located at E 14th St and 4th Ave, without prior notification to the Community Board. This location is still used as a bus layover, and is indicated as an actual bus stop in the signage posted at this location and on the published bus map and schedule. This is an unnecessary inconvenience for the customers who line up at E 14th St and 4th Ave, who are eventually told to walk around the corner to the next bus stop — on E 14th St at Irving Place, about 500 feet distance. Therefore, CB3 insists that this bus service be restored.

5. TLC: CB3 Policy for Base Station Renewal Applications COMMITTEE MOTION:

That CB3 policy for TLC base station applications will be as follows:

- (1) New applicants will be required to appear before the Transportation Committee to address concerns about the possible adverse effect of a base station including, but not limited to, traffic congestion, sidewalk congestion and noise.
- (2) Renewal applicants will only be required to appear if the CB3 office has a complaint on file against the company, or can determine that there is a complaint lodged with 311 or the TLC. Otherwise, renewal applicants will not be on the Transportation agenda, and no comments will be submitted to the TLC.
- 6. Request for "No Standing" signage at The Red Apple Day Care at 25 Market St COMMITTEE MOTION: To postpone until December, asking the applicant to bring pictures of the situation, and support from other parents, the day care enter, and from the public. Public Safety & Sanitation Committee
- 1. Post Office Service Cuts

COMMITTEE MOTION: To write a letter to the United States Postal Service requesting that they restore the regularly scheduled pick-up service within CB3.

Letter should read as follows:

WHEREAS, the Post Office has been reducing the service in our Community Board Area, by removing collection boxes from the streets; and

WHEREAS, they have also cut back on the number of collection pick-ups from the remaining boxes, from 4 pick-ups (7am, 1pm, 4pm, 5pm), to only 1 pick-up per day (1pm); and

WHEREAS, any mail dropped in the box after 1pm, would be left overnight to be pickedup the next day; and

WHEREAS, by removing collection boxes from the streets, the frail, the elderly and persons with disabilities are put at risk by having to walk to the Post Office; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Community Board #3 feels that these drastic service cuts within our community board are unwarranted and we demand that the Post Office replace those boxes that were removed, and that the mail pick-up times be returned to the 4 pick-ups per day. The Post Office should provide the public with the first class service that Manhattan Community District #3 is entitled to.

BOARD VOTE (PARKS/TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC SAFETY):

36 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV

0 PNV (TRANPORTATION ITEMS 2 & 3)

MOTION PASSED

HOUSING

REPORT: Concerning committee votes.

- 5 E 3rd St: request for accelerated approval for HPD sale to residents as condos COMMITTEE MOTION: Whereas the tenants of 5 East Third Street have appeared before the Housing Committee in support of the terms of the proposed HPD Sale and there having been no opposition expressed thereto, it is hereby decided that Community Board Three supports HPD's proposed sale of the subject building to its residents.
- 2. 135 Orchard St: application for BSA variance to legalize non-conforming multiple dwelling apartments

COMMITTEE MOTION: To approve applicant's request for BSA variance to legalize nonconforming multiple dwelling apartments at 135 Orchard Street.

- 3. 81-83 E 3rd St: community use facility & related zoning variance COMMITTEE MOTION:
 - To write to DOB expressing our dismay for its prior lax enforcement of the 1) Community Facility requirement.
 - The Department of Buildings (DOB) is urged to revoke permit(s) issued for this building unless developer produces a long-term lease for dormitory. The Board further requests that DOB not re-issue any permit(s) in this matter prior to the imposition of appropriate sanctions.
 - The Board shall also write local elected officials and the NYC Planning 3) Commission urging a change in zoning regulations to remove the community facility "bonus."
- 4 E 3rd St: community use facility: open DOB objections, no approval of 20-story building

COMMITTEE MOTION: Whereas it has become apparent that DOB's policy of allowing selfcertification by developers of large-scale buildings has proved ineffective, DOB is urged to review such certifications with increased scrutiny, especially in instances where a community facility is proposed. DOB is further urged to implement procedures that would minimize DOB reliance on self-certification.

The Board also requests that both DOB and the developer of 4 East 3rd Street appear before the next housing committee meeting to address any outstanding violations.

BOARD VOTE:

36 YES 0 NO 0 ABS 0 PNV 1 ABS (ITEM 3)

MOTION PASSED

MEMBERS PRESENT AT LAST VOTE:

David Adams [P] Michael Auerbach [A] Rev. Joan Brightharp [P] Mayra Cappas [P] David Crane [E] Elizabeth Cruse [P] Andrea Diaz [P] David Diaz [E] George Diaz [P] Harvey Epstein [E] Morris Faitelewicz [A] Anthony Feliciano [P] Rabbi Y.S. Ginzberg [P] Carlos Juan Gonzalez [P] Herman Hewitt [P] Carolyn Jeffers [P]

Barbara Jeter [P] Anne Johnson [P] Joel Kaplan [E] Lisa Kaplan [P] Doreen Leon [A] Bernice McCallum [P] David McWater [P] Alexandra Militano [P] Katrina Monzon [P] Lillian Moy [P] Jason Nagel [P] Roberto Ortiz-Arroyo [P] Harry Wieder [P]
Barden Prisant [P] Samuel Wilkenfeld [P]
Joyce Ravitz [P] Echo Waisan Wong [P] Barden Prisant [P] Joyce Ravitz [P] Lois Regan [P] Verina Reich [P]

Estelle Rubin [E] Eunice Samuels [P] Deborah Simon [P] Pia Simpson [P] Arlene Soberman [P] Nancy Rose Sparrow-Bartow [P]
Mark Stein [P] Harold Stelter [P] David Weinberger [E] Sara Weinstein [P] Echo Waisan Wong [P]

Richard Ropiak [P]

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:26.