

Manhattan Community Board Six
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 12, 2017 – 7:00 PM
NYU Langone Medical Center
550 First Avenue, Alumni Hall A

Board Chair Rick Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:13 pm. He introduced Secretary Kathy Thompson and District Manager for CB6, Jesús Pérez.

The agenda was adopted.

Chair Eggers announced that there will be a short recess between Public Session and Business Session as several committees need to caucus.

The first roll call was conducted by Assistant Secretary Aaron Humphrey.

Chair Eggers announced Public Session, explaining the procedure and reminded all speakers to keep to a time limit of three minutes.

Public Session - Elected Representatives and Agency Reports

Michael Stinson from Comptroller Scott Stringer's office reported that Comptroller Stringer has recently released a report entitled Aging in Dignity: A Blueprint for Serving NYC's Growing Senior Population. He proposes that eligible seniors should automatically be enrolled in the SCRIE program or the Senior Citizens Homeowners Exemption. He has also released a report entitled Culture Shock: The Importance of National Arts Funding to NYC's Cultural Landscape, which highlights the programs that would be cut in the cultural sector should funding to the arts be reduced. Finally, the Greek Community Breakfast will be held in Astoria on April 20th at 8:30 am. For more information please go to: <http://comptroller.nyc.gov/office-of-the-comptroller/about-scott-stringer/>.

Larson Binzer from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office reported that Ms. Maloney has introduced several pieces of legislation recently, which includes a bill to help small businesses grow in developing communities, safety on college campuses and a gun violence bill, which involves a study on firearm safety. Ms. Maloney has condemned the defunding of UNFPA and its family planning programs. She has also been outspoken against the plans for the 2020 census to include questions regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Finally, Ms. Maloney will be holding a joint town hall tomorrow night with Representative Nydia Velasquez from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at P.S. 20 Anna Silver School. For more information please go to: <http://maloney.house.gov/>.

Rebecca Kriegman from State Senator Brad Hoylman's office reported that the state budget was enacted. Included in the budget is raising the age of criminal responsibility to 18 years. There was no ethics reform passed and the 421a real estate tax abatement program was reinstated with minor adjustments from the former version. Mr. Hoylman introduced a bill to ban flavored e-cigarettes in New York State, as well as a bill that can remove guns from people that could harm themselves or have been involved with domestic violence. He is also introducing a bill that would require all presidential candidates to release their tax returns if they wish to appear on the New York State ballot. Several other states are considering similar bills. For more information please go to: <http://bradhoylman.com/>.

Madeline Grunewald from State Senator Liz Krueger's office reported that the state budget passed. She announced that Ms. Krueger will be speaking at the Earth Day rally on April 22nd in Foley Square. She will also be hosting another Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors on May 11th entitled 'Transforming Public Policy: Making Government More Responsive to Older Adults'.

Finally, Ms. Krueger will be hosting a discussion with Attorney General Eric Schneiderman on May 24th entitled 'Fighting for New Yorkers' Fundamental Rights'. For more information please go to: <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>.

Brice Peyre from New York State Assembly Member Dick Gottfried's office reported that the state budget finally passed nine days late. He noted that New York State is the first-in- the- nation free tuition plan for SUNY and CUNY undergraduates; however, there are many caveats attached. He also reported on the \$2.5 billion Clean Water Infrastructure program which will fund efforts to upgrade drinking and waste water treatment infrastructure across New York State. The 'Millionaires' Tax' has been renewed for another two years and a significant wage increase has been achieved for home healthcare workers. Finally, Mr. Peyre announced that their office is moving in May to 214 West 29th Street. For more information please go to: <http://www.dickgottfried.org/>.

Jill Schoenfeld from State Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh's office reported that the state budget included an allocation of \$2.5 to \$3 billion for affordable housing construction and renovation, including major capital support to maintain and help address critical upgrades to NYCHA's housing stock. She also reported that the revised variance application to the Board of Standards and Appeals for 432 East 14th Street has been withdrawn. Finally, Ms. Schoenfeld announced that the bus stop on Third Avenue and 14th Street has been moved from the northeast corner under the building scaffolding to the southeast corner. Signage at the bus shelter on the northeast corner directs people to the new stop location. For information please go to: <http://www.briankavanagh.org/>

Katie O'Hanlon from New York State Assembly Member Dan Quart's office announced that Mr. Quart has been appointed Chair of the Libraries and Education Technology Committee. He has secured \$10M for local libraries. Additionally, Mr. Quart is working to reform outdated gravity knife laws. For more information please go to: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Dan-Quart>

Marianne Vaidman-Stone from Council Member Dan Garodnick's office reported that Borough President Brewer will be issuing her recommendations very soon on Greater East Midtown Rezoning, of which Mr. Garodnick has been deeply involved. The most likely date for the City Planning Commission hearing is April 26th. Ms. Vaidman-Stone also reported that the City Council's Public Safety Committee recently held a hearing on legislation Mr. Garodnick co-sponsored on criminalizing revenge porn. She also announced that Mr. Garodnick is working on legislation to combat predatory practices of used car dealerships. Finally, Ms. Vaidman-Stone introduced Grace Phillip, the new Community Board 6 liaison, who is replacing Howie Levine. For more information please go to: <http://www.garodnick.com/>.

Public Session - Members of the Public

Chair Eggers announced that since there are ten members of the public signed up to speak, and a lengthy business agenda to get through, he is limiting every speaker to two minutes.

Martha Roth Irwin spoke on the closing of Riker's Island. On April 24th there will be a rally at City Hall to illustrate that the ten-year time frame to close Riker's Island is too long. She also provided flyers with details on the rally.

Carol Rinzler thanked CB6 for all of their hard work and resolutions on Greater East Midtown Rezoning.

Karen Meara of the East Rivers Fifties Alliance (ERFA) reported that they have filed plans for rezoning of the area around Sutton Place and have included in the rezoning application requirements placed on developers that would provide more affordable housing. They are hoping to be certified by City Planning Commission soon.

Lisa Mercurio, also from ERFA spoke on the concern the community has that the developer of the super tower on 58th Street and Sutton Place is proceeding rapidly with the establishment of the building

foundation. She noted that this area is the only R10 district in Manhattan that has not been rezoned since 1961. She also reported that there are still residents living on the site.

Michael Ferrari, an attorney for the applicants for a liquor license for an outdoor venue at the East Side Heliport, spoke on the applicants other summer venues on Fulton Street and Governor's Island. Since there is a resolution to be voted on in Business Session, Chair Eggers asked that Mr. Ferrari make himself available for any questions that might arise during discussion of the resolution.

Council Member Rosie Mendez arrived and was recognized during this "members of the public" section of the meeting. Ms. Mendez announced that CB6 Board Member Ellen Imbimbo has been recognized as a 'Super Senior' for her decades-long volunteerism and dedication to the community. She reported that the Landmarks Preservation Commission is proposing to change the deadline on when public testimony can be submitted. The window of time between the posting of information on the LPC website (Friday nights) and the deadline for testimony submission (Mondays at 1 pm) would be shortened to such an extent that allows only four business hours for documents to be reviewed. That is not enough time for the public to give testimony. Last Friday Ms. Mendez toured Bellevue South Park with CB6 member Aaron Humphrey, Friends of Bellevue South Park, Kips Bay Neighborhood Association and other community groups to review the upgrades to the park and discuss an accessible dog run. The DEIS public comment deadline for the proposed emergency ventilation tunnel on Lexington Avenue from 33rd to 42nd Street is April 28th. The construction work at the Washington Irving Campus will continue for four years; work will be done after school hours from 4 pm to midnight on weekdays and from 7 am until 6 pm on Saturdays. The construction permits allow for these work hours; however, some construction work has been reported as starting at 4 or 5 am, which is not permitted. In addition, the street has been closed without notice. Ms. Mendez is asking the School Construction Authority to hold bi-weekly meetings with the public to provide updates on construction activities. Finally, Ms. Mendez is proposing legislation that would allow the City to remove problematic construction sheds (such as on Third Avenue and 14th Street) when the property owner refuses to do so and apply a lien on the building in question to recoup the City's expense for the shed removal. For information please go to: <http://council.nyc.gov/d2/html/members/home.shtml>.

"Members of the public" continued with Barry Shapiro speaking on the 23rd Street bus lane. He reported that there is no benefit to having a bus lane on the street as cars park in the lane and bikers use it as well. He also noted that traffic going east tends to back up.

CB6 Board Member Aaron Humphrey announced 'It's My Park Day' at Bellevue South Park on May 6th from 10 am to 2 pm; sponsored by Friends of BSP, Kips Bay Association and the NYC Parks and Recreation Department. There will be dog training and CPR and defibrillator training. There will also be a dog adoption van on site. For more information please visit www.cbsix.org.

CB6 Board Member Joe Parrish reported that he had attended an emergency response forum for community and religious facilities held last Tuesday in Brooklyn. The forum focused on single individuals that try to do harm in schools and churches. He noted that it is key to know where your exits and escape routes are.

CB6 Board Member Jim Collins announced that he has volunteered to be coordinator for volunteer activities for Cub Scouts BSA Troop 22; and that this group would be willing to volunteer for 'It's My Park' days or other community events that need volunteers.

Michelle Winfield spoke on convictions of minor offenses by those 18 years and younger often prevents them from obtaining basic jobs.

Business Session

The March minutes were adopted.

Chair's Report

Chair Eggers began with an explanation of his vote at Borough Board on the Greater East Midtown Rezoning proposal. He mentioned that Borough President and Council Member Dan Garodnick both went to extraordinary lengths on behalf of CB6 to get some additional assurances from City Planning to address the issues raised in CB6's resolution. Prior to Borough Board, the Chairs of CB6 and CB5 met to discuss their remaining concerns. Both Chairs believed that there were still some outstanding issues that were not addressed to a level needed by the underlying resolutions of CB6 and CB5. Both Chairs abstained on the Borough Board's resolution. In comments made by Chair Eggers during the vote on the resolution, he emphasized that the CB6 resolution remains in force and that all conditions in that resolution should be addressed during the remaining stages in the process. One such condition is calling on the eastern boundary of the special zoning district to be along the center of Third Avenue and not the eastern side of Third Avenue. Furthermore, statements in the Borough Board resolution that City Planning would study certain matters were not sufficient at this stage – we were looking for assurances that the conditions we set out would be met. It is important to note that only community boards affected by the zoning change were permitted to vote (CB6, CB5, and CB8). Other members of Borough Board, including members of the City Council representing Manhattan and the Borough President, cast the remaining votes. The Borough Board resolution, approving the proposal with conditions, passed with a vote of 11 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstentions.

The Chair went on to explain some changes in committee structure. With Nick Smolney, Chair of the Public Safety and Environment Committee, choosing not to reapply for Board membership, Chair Eggers decided to fold issues related to public safety into the Transportation Committee. Concerns related to the environment will be taken by the Parks, Landmarks, and Cultural Affairs Committee. The Chair also explained that while Committee Chair Raj Nayar is term limited, Raj has agreed to continue as Acting Chair of Housing, Homeless and Human Rights committee until a successor can be named.

Several important public meetings were held during the first week of April. Of note was the MTA public hearing on the proposed subway ventilation project that would impact a section of Murray Hill. The comment period continues until April 28th. Other public meetings included a hearing on the East Side Coastal Resiliency project and a public meeting on the transformation of the Mount Sinai Downtown medical system. Board members are urged to keep up to date on these important projects.

The Chair also addressed a few other items including 1) all committee votes and policy discussions must be held at meetings open to the public. The Open Meetings Law applies to committee caucuses held during full board; 2) Board member email addresses are confidential and should be used only for board business, not for personal use unless specifically permitted; 3) the Board should avoid involvement with partisan politics at meetings. The Public Session of full Board meetings may not be used for campaign speeches by candidates or their representatives; 4) while Board meetings are generally suspended for July and August, Board members were alerted that they may be called to a special meeting during the summer hiatus; 5) check the Board website events page for upcoming events in our district; 6) our District Manager has been with us for one year as of last month. We appreciate his dedicated service to the Board.

The Chair then conducted a Special Recognition of members who chose not to renew their membership. In recognition of their service to CB6, the Chair presented certificates of appreciation to Robin Broshi (3 years) and Nick Smolney (5 years). Will Weder (10 years of service to CB6 and 9 years with CB2) received a certificate and a lapel pin bearing the crest of New York City.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Jesús Perez reported that the board office moved on March 20th to the old Police Academy building; and we continue to search for a permanent office space. The Manhattan Borough Board submitted its report of Borough Budget Priorities, and Mr. Perez was happy to see that it advocated for an increase in Community Board budgets. CB6 has historically advocated for a 50% increase in CB budgets. The Borough Board report calls for a 71% increase in CB budgets. We hope our elected officials

advocate vigorously for this budget increase. Finally, Baruch College has invited the community to an information forum on the renovation of their campus on Lexington Avenue between 22nd and 23rd Streets.

Treasurer’s Report

Assistant Treasurer Brian Van Nieuwenhoven reported on behalf of Treasurer Beatrice Disman that the OMB Report from April 3, 2017 shows that of the Personal Services Budget of \$194,628, a balance of \$96,293 remains, with \$98,335 spent or obligated. The current budget for Other Than Personal Services excluding rent is \$129,911. The balance is \$108,356, which includes Street Fair Funds of \$88,128. Without Street Fair Funds the balance is \$41,783, with \$21,555 spent or obligated and \$20,228 remaining. Note that \$10,000 of our total funds have been added to this category and subtracted from Personal Services since the last report. Finally, our rent budget is \$126,009.00 with the balance being \$22,627 and \$103,382 spent or obligated.

Borough President’s Report

Lesley Almanzar from Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer’s office reported that community board interviews have finally been completed. There were 1,026 applications. The Borough President’s office is currently working on final selections and notification letters should be mailed out by the end of the month. The Borough President is coordinating a Mt. Sinai/ Beth Israel working group on the down-sizing of the current campus. The working group includes community boards, elected officials, and community groups. The first meeting date has not been chosen yet. There are a number of events coming up details of which are available on the BP’s website. The Greater East Midtown Rezoning Resolution will be available on the website later this month. Finally, training for community board members begins at the end of May. Parliamentary training and possibly other sessions may be available to a specific board if requested. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>.

Chair Eggers called a recess at 9:02 pm for Land Use and Waterfront, Business Affairs and Street Activities and Transportation Committees to caucus.

Chair Eggers reconvened the meeting at 9:24 pm.

Committee Resolutions & Reports

1. Land Use and Waterfront

Committee Chair Sandro Sherrod presented Resolution 1a, DCP’s application for the extension of a special permit at the East 34th Street heliport. The heliport liquor license applicant that had appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee was a different applicant than those that appeared at the Land Use and Waterfront Committee. The resolution had passed at the Land Use and Waterfront Committee meeting as it is presented at tonight’s full board meeting and as clarified during the open caucus at tonight’s meeting.

Board Member Kathy Thompson moved to amend the resolution to add an additional resolved paragraph to require that someone from the heliport operator be on premises during all activities. The vote was 17 for, 18 against, 1 abstention, 0 for cause. The amendment did not pass.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The final resolution was read aloud, in part, by Chair Sherrod to ensure that all elements of the resolution, including revisions confirmed during the committee caucus, were clear and understood. The resolution passed.

Chair Sherrod waived his report.

1. Land Use & Waterfront – Sandro Sherrod, Chair				
a. DCP app #170158ZSM, 34th St. Heliport – Regarding extension of Special Permit	32	11	0	0

2. Transportation

Committee Chair Sandra McKee presented Resolution 2a, the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the MTA Proposed Emergency Ventilation Plant. The resolution passed. Ms. McKee reported that the Department of Transportation is starting the Second Avenue pedestrian and bike lane improvements with work starting on First Avenue and 48th Street this month. At the June meeting the committee will be hearing from Access-a-ride.

2. Transportation – Sandra McKee, Chair

a. DEIS for Proposed MTA Park Ave Subway Ventilation Plant	42	1	0	0
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3. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

Chair Mark Thompson asked for volunteers from Community Board 6 on April 22nd for a clean-up at Stuyvesant Square Park. He also announced that Board Member Elvy Barroso has joined the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee.

4. Health and Education

A report was waived.

5. Budget and Governmental Affairs

Chair Pedro Carrillo waived his report.

6. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights

Acting Chair Raj Nayar presented Resolution 6a, NYS Home Stability Support Program. Resolution 6a passed. Acting Chair Nayar waived his report.

6. Housing, Homeless & Human Rights – Rajesh Nayar, Acting Chair

a. Support of NYS's Home Stability Support Program	43	0	0	0
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7. Public Safety and Environment

Vice-Chair Fred Arcaro presented Resolution 7a, Intro 1159 (not 1159-2016) on solar energy. Chair Eggers clarified the first Resolved and the resolution passed. Vice-Chair Arcaro waived his report.

7. Public Safety & Environment – Fred Arcaro, Vice Chair

a. Intro 1159-2016 - Installation of solar water heating and thermal energy systems on city-owned buildings.	43	0	0	0
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8. Business Affairs and Street Activities

Chair Keith Powers corrected the committee votes listed on the draft Resolutions 8b, c, and d. In a discussion of Resolution 8a, a resolution for the liquor license at the heliport, it was clarified that they are asking for a 4 am closing, not a 2 am closing. In a show of hands (to be confirmed by written ballots) the resolution did not pass. Board Member Lou Sepersky moved that the board affirmatively reject the application that was the subject of the draft resolution 8a and advise against it. John West seconded the motion. The vote to reject the application of the liquor license in Resolution 8a passed.

Resolution 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e passed after individual consideration. Resolutions 8f, I, j, k, m, n, and o were bundled and passed.

Chair Powers waived his report.

8. Business Affairs & Street Activities – Keith Powers, Chair				
a. New OP Liq. Lic ,William Zafiros & Aristotle Hatzigeorgiou dba TBD, 499 E 34th St. btw 1st Ave & FDR Dr	19	23	1	0
a Negative Reso. New OP Liq. Lic ,William Zafiros & Aristotle Hatzigeorgiou dba TBD, 499 E 34th St. btw 1st Ave & FDR Dr	23	19	1	0
b. Corp Ch OP for Go Nobu Inc dba Sushi Tsushima, 210 E 44th St btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	42	1	0	0
c. Alteration OP for Carra LLC dba Dog & Bone, 338 3rd Ave @ E. 25th St	42	1	0	0
d. New OP Liq. Lic., Blask Group LLC dba Gramercy Kitchen, 184 3rd Ave @ E. 17th St	42	1	0	0
e. Ch in Method of Operation for AWOL Ventures LLC dba AWOL Bar & Grill, 337 3rd ave @ E. 25th St	40	3	0	0
f. New OP Liq Lic.,Village Crown Caterers Inc. dba Esprit Events Caterers, 216 E. 49th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	42	1	0	0
i. New OP Liq. Lic., 23 Lexington Associates LLC; Sydel Host Manager LLC & 3 other entities dba Freehand New York, 23 Lexington Ave btw E. 23rd & 24th Sts	42	1	0	0
j. New OP Liq. Lic., 226 3rd Restaurant LLC dba Sal Anthony's, 226 3rd Ave @ E. 19th St	42	1	0	0
k. New OP Liq. Lic, Turtle Bay Hospitality LLC dba TBD, 244 E 53rd St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	41	2	0	0
m. New DCA App for unenclosed SWC, 4 tables, 8 chairs, for Silo East Inc dba TBD, 953 2nd Ave btw E. 50th & 51st Sts	42	1	0	0
o. New DCA App for unenclosed SWC, 8 tables, 16 chairs, for Barfly NYC Inc dba Barfly, 244 3rd Ave. @ E. 20th St	42	1	0	0

Old/New Business

There was no old or new business.

The second roll call was conducted by Assistant Secretary Aaron Humphrey.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

RESOLUTIONS

Land Use & Waterfront

- a. **Application for a ten (10) year renewal for the operation of the 34th Street Heliport (499 East 34th Street) by the Department of City Planning (DCP 170158ZSM).**

Whereas, the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), jointly, have requested a Special Permit pursuant to ZR74-66 (heliports) for ten (10) years extension so as continue operations of the existing heliport (heliport) at 499 East 34th Street (block 961, part of lot 50), (DCP 170158ZSM) in Community Board Six, Manhattan; and

Whereas, the current contract with the operator runs until August 1, 2017 (with an extension until February, 2018); and

Whereas, EDC plans to issue a Request For Proposal (RFP) for an operator of the facility to run for the duration of the special permit; and

Whereas, the current aviation operations are limited to Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and

Whereas, the operations at the heliport are restricted to business uses (including police and public safety agencies, fire, medical evacuation, print and electronic news media); and

Whereas, the number of operations is limited to a maximum of 28,800 flight operations annually and sightseeing flights have been and are prohibited;

Therefore be it

Resolved, that Manhattan Community Board Six, (CB6) offers no objection to the New York City Department of Small Business Services (SBS) and the Economic Development Corporation (EDC), jointly, for the renewal of a requested a Special Permit (170158ZSM) to ZR74-66 (heliports) for a ten (10) year extension so as to continue operations of the existing heliport at 499 East 34th Street (block 961, part of lot 50); and

be it further

Resolved, that this extension is subject to the same terms and conditions for the operation of the heliport as currently exist, including but not limited to:

- There shall be no weekend operations,
- Flight operations are limited to a maximum of 28,800 a year,
- There are no tour (sightseeing) operations,
- The operator of heliport shall provide good maintenance to the terminal buildings and the environment under the control of the City,
- Noise and other environmental impacts will continue to be observed,
- Any other use that may be considered must address public safety considerations,
- Operations are limited (with exception for emergency medical, public safety, fire, police; and print and electronic news media) to 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday; and

be it further

Resolved, that while the application is for a ten (10) year renewal, Community Board Six asks that at the end of fifth (5) year (consistent with the 2002 City council resolution) the operation, terms and conditions of the agreement be brought to the Board for its review and oversight as to compliance and community impact; and

be it further

Resolved, that the heliport operator shall be required to maintain adequate lighting, visibility and safe access for pedestrians, vehicles and bicycles in cooperation and coordination with the New

York City Economic Development Corporation, New York City Department of Transportation and New York City Police Department outside the perimeter fence in areas covered by the operator's lease.

VOTE: 32 in Favor 11 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Transportation

a. DEIS FOR PROPOSED MTA PARK AVE SUBWAY VENTILATION PLANT

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the ridership of the New York City Transit Authority (NYCT) subway system, part of the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA), is of paramount importance to Manhattan Community Board 6 (CB6); and

WHEREAS, in 1994, MTA undertook an emergency ventilation plant priority study of the entire NYCT subway system and identified priority locations needing corrective action; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this study, MTA proposes constructing a new subway tunnel emergency ventilation plant where none had existed before for the Lexington Avenue (4, 5, 6) subway line between 33rd Street/Park Avenue South Station and Grand Central Terminal/42nd Street Station, a location that MTA identified as its number 5 priority out of 252 segments in the subway system; and

WHEREAS, trains capable of carrying a thousand riders traveling along that section of the Lexington Avenue subway line, are vulnerable to filling with toxic air resulting from fire, or other causes which would subject riders to grave and possibly mortal danger; and

WHEREAS, MTA intends to include this project in its 2020-2024 capital budget, and has examined fifteen possible sites, of which MTA deems two the "least adverse in terms of environmental and engineering impacts" (Alternative 12 under the northbound street bed of Park Avenue, between East 36th and East 38th Streets, and Alternative 11 under the northbound street bed of Park Avenue, between East 37th and East 39th Streets); and

WHEREAS, the community surrounding these potential sites has raised many questions and issues about the plan that the community believes have not been addressed fully in the project's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), including:

- How relevant is the original 1994 MTA report, and should it be revisited to find out if current technology offers better solutions?
- Can the new proposed ventilation system be tied into the under-construction East Side Access tunnel (ESA), thereby eliminating or reducing the need for additional construction?
- Since this neighborhood is already severely disrupted from large-scale MTA-related projects like ESA and the Queens Midtown Tunnel (QMT) rehabilitation, shouldn't any additional MTA projects there be embargoed until those are completed?
- What provisions has MTA made to ensure the health and safety and minimize the disturbance of local residents during and after the proposed construction?
- Is there a possibility to "scrub" the air of pollutants when the emergency ventilation system is evacuating air from the subway tunnel?
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WHEREAS, CB6 has additional issues and suggestions, including that MTA establish a "command center" to coordinate work on and disseminate updated information about all MTA-related projects, as well as other major projects, in this area;

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that CB6 accepts the need to reduce potential dangers to NYCT subway riders by enabling ventilation between E. 42nd Street and E. 34th Street; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that CB6 fully recognizes the community’s concerns, and therefore requests that MTA

- Continue to respond to questions raised by the community after the DEIS comment period has concluded
- Interact more openly and consistently with the community during the project’s review and approval process
- Continue to engage the community during the project’s implementation by providing regular public information sessions; responding in timely fashion to the public’s questions; and seriously considering all public input; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that CB6, recognizing the community’s concerns, asks that MTA address the following issues more completely in the future Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and other relevant documents:

- Why the ESA ventilation system cannot be modified as an alternative to the proposed new project
- Why the underground ESA ventilation location cannot be used as an alternative access point to minimize surface construction on Park Avenue
- How any exhaust, including fire-related smoke, particulates, and chemical or biological agents, vented to street level will be filtered to minimize effects on the health and safety of residents and all others in the area when the emergency exhaust system is triggered
- What warning systems and procedures will be in place under such conditions
- How MTA, before the project is approved, will work with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and NYC Department of Parks and Recreation (NYC Parks) to prepare to mitigate fully any tree loss in the construction area; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that MTA, in conjunction with NYCT, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT), and other relevant city and state agencies, organize a “command center” to oversee, coordinate, and disseminate information about this proposed project, ESA, QMT rehabilitation, and any other major projects affecting this area; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that CB6 asks during any construction of the ventilation system that a moratorium on all additional major MTA-related construction be put into effect in this heavily stressed area until the project is completed and, be it further

RESOLVED, that if and when this proposed project begins, MTA will ensure that throughout the project’s duration:

- It will enforce the maximum mitigation of noise, dirt, fumes, vibrations, and other threats to individuals, property, and structures, and
- It will address any and all additional related concerns as they arise, whether or not they are directly addressed in the EIS, and
- It will minimize the impact on the surrounding community, as well as the tens of thousands of pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists who pass through the area daily.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Housing, Homeless & Human Right

a. Support of New York State’s Home Stability Support Program

Whereas Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) is alarmed by the current number of homeless children and families in New York State, and

Whereas there are 150,000 homeless children and an additional 80,000 families at risk of homelessness in New York State, and

Whereas New York State needs a fiscally sustainable plan to combat homelessness, and

Whereas New York State Assembly member Andrew Hevesi has proposed the Home Stability Support (HSS) program which is intended to combat New York's growing homeless crisis, and

Whereas HSS is a program designed to assist families and individuals facing a loss of housing/ eviction due to hazardous conditions or domestic violence, families currently living doubled up in shelters, or families currently residing in places not meant to serve as homes, and

Whereas HSS is a fiscally sustainable plan in that it creates a new statewide rental supplement for individuals and families who qualify for public assistance who are facing eviction, loss of housing, or homelessness, and

Whereas the potential net savings yielded by implementing HSS in New York City will be \$27,236 per household and \$16,060 per individual, and

Whereas HSS would help families and individuals bridge the gap between the current shelter allowance and the 85% fair market value that Housing Urban Development (HUD) determines

- a. According to the HSS proposal, municipalities will be able to raise the HSS program to 100% of the Fair Market Rent at the expense of the city
- b. The HSS program will include extra funds for families whose rent does not include heat in it, and

Whereas according to a study by the New York City Bar Association, HSS could prevent upwards of 5,237 evictions across New York State, and

Whereas New York State and New York City jointly funded the Advantage New York Program several years ago which was a rent subsidy program designed to provide short term rental assistance to persons residing in shelter to help them secure permanent housing, and

Whereas the Advantage New York Program had proved successful in decreasing the number of homeless in shelters and on the streets until New York State cut funding to the program making it unsustainable for New York City to manage, and

Whereas HSS would replace all current optional rent supplements in New York State and has the ability to be a successor to the Advantage New York Program, now

Therefore be it

Resolved that Community Board Six strongly supports and urges the Governor to establish and implement the Home Stability Support Program.

VOTE: 43 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Public Safety & Environment

a. Intro 1159 - Installation of solar water heating and thermal energy systems on city-owned buildings

Whereas, an amendment has been proposed to the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to the installation of solar water heating and thermal energy systems on city-owned buildings; and

Whereas, the City Of New York has continuing effort to find new ways to make its buildings more energy efficient reducing energy cost and to improve the environment; and

Whereas, Intro. 1159 provides that the City of New York will conduct a feasibility study to find out if it would be cost-effective to install solar water heating and thermal energy systems in its buildings; and

Whereas, to be considered cost-effective, the savings in energy and other costs (net of available subsidies) would be expected to offset installation maintenance costs within 25 years.

Whereas, Intro 1159 provides that if the feasibility study has found such solar water heating and thermal energy systems are cost-effective to install in its buildings, the City will prioritize installation based on expected energy savings and the expected useful life of the currently installed water heating system.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council to pass and the Mayor to approve Intro 1159; and

Be it further resolved, that Community Board Six urges the City Council and the Mayor to repeat feasibility studies at least every five years, including a consideration of new renewable energy technologies and energy-saving measures for its buildings

VOTE: 43 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Business Affairs & Street Activities

b.. Corp Ch OP for Go Nobu Inc dba Sushi Tsushima, 210 E 44th St btw 2nd & 3rd Aves

WHEREAS, the attorney Genki Shiohara appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is undergoing a management change, and

WHEREAS, there are no other changes to the method of operation, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke on this application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. Alteration OP for Carra LLC dba Dog & Bone, 338 3rd Ave @ E. 25th St

WHEREAS, the attorney Robert Callaghan appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment had previously approved by CB6M for 15 tables and 30 seats, and

WHEREAS, the owner is reducing the size to 11 tables and 25 seats, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) required new approval, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke on this application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

d. **New OP Liq. Lic., Blask Group LLc dba Gramercy Kitchen, 184 3rd Ave @ E. 17th St.**

WHEREAS, the representative Andreas Koutsoudakis appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment will be a restaurant operated as a diner, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will replace the Gramercy Café that operated for over 40 years, and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 6 am to 12 am seven days per week, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke on this application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e. **Ch in Method of Operation for AWOL Ventures LLC dba AWOL Bar & Grill, 337 3rd Ave @ E. 25th St.**

WHEREAS, the owner appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is requesting an extension of existing operating hours of operation from 2 am to 4 am, and

WHEREAS, the owner believes that he has operated in good faith and there have been no on-going issues with the establishment, and

WHEREAS, the owner would also like to have occasional live acoustic music, and

WHEREAS, members of the committee spoke against the extension of the hours based on the geographical location of the establishment and on-going issues in this area with the saturation of nightlife, and

WHEREAS, the owner agreed to a limited extension that allowed 4 am on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings with no live music beyond midnight each night, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 40 in Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

f. **New OP Liq Lic., Esprit Events Caterers Inc.dba Village Crown, 216 E. 49th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves.**

WHEREAS, the representatives Marek Schwedt Owens and Jacob Ottensoser appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner has been operating at this location for ten years, and

WHEREAS, the liquor license will allow for them to provide tasting events in a small tasting room that holds 15 people, and

WHEREAS, the hours of operation are 8:30 am to 5 pm, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ

in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan..

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

i. New OP Liq. Lic., 23 Lexington Associates LLC; Sydell Hostel Manager LLC & 3 other entities dba Freehand New York, 23 Lexington Ave btw E. 23rd & 24th Sts

WHEREAS, the representatives Bruno Vergeynst, Phil Hospod, and Donald Bernstein appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the building will become the George Washington Hotel and require a liquor license with relation to liquor service at the hotel, and

WHEREAS, the hotel will feature two restaurants, an inside bar on the mezzanine, room service, and a bar on the rooftop, and

WHEREAS, the building will have 400 rooms with mini-bars and room service, and

WHEREAS, the building is located in a non-residential area, and

WHEREAS, the operator agreed to the following stipulations:

- The two restaurants on the ground floor will close at 2 am;
- The outdoor rooftop will at 12 am;
- The indoor rooftop will close at 4 am but most close doors and windows at 12 am nightly;
- There will be no DJ on the second floor after 2 am, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** "Hours of Operation," that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

j. New OP Liq. Lic., 226 3rd Restaurant LLC dba Sal Anthony's, 226 3rd Ave @ E. 19th St.

WHEREAS, the owner Anthony Macagonone appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is re-opening this restaurant at a new location, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant features Italian cuisine and has a menu similar to the prior establishment, and

WHEREAS, members of the community spoke in support of the application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** “Hours of Operation,” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

k. **New OP Liq. Lic, Turtle Bay Hospitality LLC dba TBD, 244 E 53rd St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves.**

WHEREAS, the owner Brian Owens appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner currently owns and operates Crave Fishbar in the nearby neighborhood, and

WHEREAS, the owner requested a closing time of 4 a.m. based on being an existing operator in good standing with the community, having no residential tenants above the establishment, and the financial constraints of the space, and

WHEREAS, the committee believed that the hours of operation were appropriate based on the owner being an existing operator in the neighborhood with a track record that demonstrated running a successful operation without complaints, and

WHEREAS, public members spoke in favor of the application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** “Hours of Operation,” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 41 in Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

m. **New DCA App for unenclosed SWC, 4 tables, 8 chairs, for Silo East Inc dba TBD, 953 2nd Ave btw E. 50th & 51st Sts.**

WHEREAS, the representative Robert Callaghan appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is undergoing a corporate change, and

WHEREAS, there are no other changes in the method of operation, and

WHEREAS, members of the community spoke in support of the application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** “Hours of Operation,” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

o. **New DCA App for unenclosed SWC, 8 tables, 16 chairs, for Barfly NYC Inc dba Barfly, 244 3rd Ave. @ E. 20th St.**

WHEREAS, the owner Aldo Parisi appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 30, 2017, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is undergoing a corporate change, and

WHEREAS, there are no other changes in the method of operation, and

WHEREAS, members of the community spoke in support of the application, now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on March 30, 2017 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if the SLA application, **however**, contains a different method of operation than has been presented to CB6M as stated in this, **including** “Hours of Operation,” that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6M **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 42 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

ATTENDANCE

NAME	May	Jun	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan'17	Feb	Mar	Apr
Fred Arcaro	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P	P	P
Kyle Athayde	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
Ahsia Badi	P	P	P	P	E	P	E	P	P	A
Martin Barrett	P	P	A	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
Elvy Barroso	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Robin Broshi	P	P	E	P	A	P	P	A	P	A
Pedro Carrillo	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A	P
Jim Collins	E	P	E	P	E	P	E	P	P	P
Colleen Curtis	A	P	P	P	A	A	E	P	P	P
Louise Dankberg	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	A	P	E
Daniel Devine	P	A	A	P	A	P	P	P	P	A
Carole G. Diarra	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			
Beatrice Disman	P	E	P	P	P	P	A	P	A	P
Richard Eggers	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Adam Hartke	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P
Molly Hollister	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Aaron Humphrey	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	A	P	P
Ellen Imbimbo	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Paige Judge	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P
Kathleen Kelly	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Sandra McKee	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Karen Moore	A	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Rajesh Nayar	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P
Terrence O'Neal	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	A
Gary Papush	P	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Joseph Parrish	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Keith Powers	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
David C. Reed	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
Matthew Roberts	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Burton Rubin	P	P	P	P	A	A				
Eugene Santoro	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
Frank Scala	P	A	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Lawrence Scheyer	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	E
Ann Seligman	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Lou Sepersky	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Sarah Shamoon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E
Sandro Sherrod	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mary Silver	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Letty Simon	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
Nicholas Smolney	P	P	A	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
Susan Steinberg	E	E	E	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
Kathy Thompson	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mark Thompson	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
David Tsin	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P	A
Brian Van Nieuwenhoven	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pamela Vassil	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Wilbur Weder	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Pettit West	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ronald White	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Claude L. Winfield	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	E	P	P

RESOLUTION VOTES

