

Manhattan Community Board Six
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 – 7:00 PM
Hospital for Joint Diseases
301 East 17th Street
Podell Hall

Board Chair Rick Eggers called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. He introduced Secretary Kathy Thompson and District Manager for CB6, Jesús Pérez.

Chair Eggers requested that the Business Affairs and Street Activities report be moved to the first position of Committee Resolutions and Reports on the agenda. There was no objection to the amendment to the agenda and it was adopted as amended. The first roll call was conducted by Assistant Secretary Aaron S. Humphrey.

Chair Eggers announced Public Session.

Public Session - Elected Representative and Agency Reports

Brice Peyre from the office of New York State Assembly Member Richard Gottfried announced that AM Gottfried was re-elected with approximately 80% of the votes. He also reported that earlier in the month Mr. Gottfried participated in a rally at City Hall in support of a new law that bars advertising illegal, Airbnb-style apartment rentals that violate the law and reduce the stock of affordable housing for New Yorkers. AM Gottfried was also recently honored by the Hudson River Park Trust. For more information please go to: <http://www.dickgottfried.org/>.

Genevieve Marcy from the office of New York State Assembly Member Dan Quart announced that AM Quart was re-elected. For more information please go to: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Dan-Quart>.

Howie Levine from the office of Council Member Dan Garodnick reported that the Queens Midtown Tunnel work has been an on-going problem with gridlock, noise and safety concerns. Mr. Garodnick has asked for additional traffic enforcement officers for the surrounding streets. CM Garodnick is currently reviewing the street vendor laws. He also attended hearings last month on the proposed changes to the Street Fair regulations and noted that SAPO needs more time to incorporate the communities' feedback. For more information please go to: <http://www.garodnick.com/>.

Brad Usher from the office of State Senator Liz Krueger thanked everyone for her re-election. She'll be hosting another Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors on November 14th and a forum entitled 'Making Change in Your Neighborhood: How to Work with Your Government to Improve Your Community' on November 29th. For more information please go to: <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>.

Jill Shoenfeld from the office of State Assembly Member Brian Kavanagh was acknowledged as present, but did not present a report. For information please go to: <http://www.briankavanagh.org/>.

Carlina Rivera from the office of Council Member Rosie Mendez was acknowledged as present, but did not present a report. For information please go to: <http://council.nyc.gov/d2/html/members/home.shtml>.

Public Session - Members of the Public

There were no members of the public to speak.

Business Session

The October minutes were laid over until December.

Chair's Report

Chair Eggers reported offered thanks on behalf of all the newly elected officers, as well as himself, for trusting them with another year of service to the board. He also welcomed Brian Van Nieuwenhoven as Assistant Treasurer, who will be working with Treasurer Bea Disman as a member of the Executive Committee.

Mr. Eggers announced that Terrence O'Neal has completed the maximum five-year service as Chair of the Land Use and Waterfront Committee. Terry served the board with distinction and shepherded the Board through some complex Land Use issues. Mr. Eggers offered Mr. O'Neal sincere thanks from the entire board for his service.

Chair Eggers announced the appointment of Sandro Sherrod as the new Chair of the Land Use and Waterfront Committee beginning December 1. Sandro is familiar with all the major projects facing the committee in the coming year and beyond. He has been actively involved with the Steering Committee of East Midtown Rezoning, on the joint CB6/CB3 task force on East Side Coastal Resilience, and is fully familiar with the Sanitation garage project. Chair Eggers welcomed Mr. Sherrod as Chair of the Land Use and Waterfront Committee and as a member of the Executive Committee. Mr. O'Neal will continue on the committee, and has already started working with Sandro to provide a transition.

Mr. Eggers reported that he and Keith Powers, Chair of the Business and Street Activities Committee, sent a letter to the Street Activity Permit Office (SAPO) passing along the comments the board has heard from the community. Since the board did not have a resolution on the topic, the letter did not state any policy of the Board, but did mention the unrealistic 50% participation level, timing concerns, and consideration of denying community organizations the opportunity to raise funds for beneficial projects in the community. It has since been announced that the proposed rules will not go into effect and the moratorium will continue for the 2017 calendar year. Much can be done to improve street fairs and we don't expect this issue to be dropped entirely. We will have to pay close attention to future discussions on any further proposals.

With thanks to Board Member Matt Roberts acting in his capacity as Vice President of Murray Hill Neighborhood Association, the Chair provided an update on the schedule for the MTA ventilation project affecting Murray Hill. The first public comment period for the scoping process was open between May 18 and July 1 of this year, but the public will have an additional opportunity to comment on this project during the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) phase of the SEQRA process. The final Scoping document is expected in mid-December 2016 with the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) expected in mid-January 2017. The DEIS will be followed by a public hearing and official comment period. The project will be reviewed at the Transportation committee. Information will be posted on the CB6 website as it becomes available.

Chair Eggers also thanked Matt Roberts for his work with the 17th precinct to address the horrendous traffic and noise problems deriving from the rehabilitation of the Midtown Tunnel. Mr. Eggers thanked Howie Levine from Council Member Dan Garodnick's office and Chris Consalvo from State Senator Liz Krueger's office for their assistance. The board office is also working with the MTA and the DOT on this matter and the project has been discussed several times at the Transportation committee. Some additional signage has been placed, and the past weekend saw some improvement in noise, though largely because work was suspended due to the New York City Marathon. The board is grateful for the letter sent from elected officials to the MTA, as described in Howie Levine's report from Council Member Dan Garodnick, on this issue.

A special Holiday Construction Embargo shall be in effect for the period of Friday, November 18, 2016 from 6:00 am to 11:59 pm and again from 6:00 am Monday, November 21, 2016 through 11:59 pm Monday, January 2, 2017. As a result, all routine work shall be suspended during the embargo period unless approval for the work is granted by the Department's Office of Construction Mitigation and Coordination (OCMC). Such suspension shall not apply to emergency work for which an emergency number is obtained by the permittee pursuant to the provisions of section 2-11 of the Department's Highway Rules.

A map of the affected locations is available on the Department's website at: <http://gis.nyc.gov/doitt/nycitymap/template?applicationName=DOT>.

Chair Eggers reported that the board is making good progress on a construction projects portal that maps out the location of DOB approved projects in our district. Mr. Eggers thanked Second Vice Chair Molly Hollister for spearheading the effort as well as First Vice Chair Claude L. Winfield, Ahmed Tigani and Iwanka Kultschycky from the Borough President's Office, and our District Manager Jesús Pérez for their efforts to date.

Mr. Eggers mentioned that new legislation has been proposed to expand the number of street vendors throughout the City. There has been considerable concern from the business community and from residents on the proposed expansion. To address the issues as they apply to our district, Mr. Eggers has appointed a task force of board members consisting of: Ann Seligman, Chair (and representing Transportation), Joe Parrish (Transportation), Paige Judge (BASA), Kyle Athayde (BASA), Pedro Carrillo, Pamela Vassil, and Adam Hartke.

The Mayor's Office on Resiliency is moving forward with a plan for the coastal region part of our district. A CB3/CB6 task force has been reviewing the plans for well over a year now. Members of the community have had a chance to weigh in on the project. Planning continues and a formal ULURP is expected sometime in early to mid 2017. Some community-based outreach is coming up and everyone is urged to take advantage of the opportunity to weigh in on projects including the redesign of Asser Levy and Murphy Brothers Parks, and the design in total as it applies to the coastal east side from 25th street and south. The Community Input Session was announced for November 14 and a Community Design Update will be held November 28. Details will be on the Events Page of the CB6 website.

Board member applications, including renewals are coming up. Lesly Almanzar from the office of Manhattan Borough President will be providing further details. Mr. Eggers encouraged all board members to take advantage of training opportunities provided through the Borough President's Office and asked that they advise him if there has been a potential problem with attendance or if the member is not currently assigned to two committees.

Mr. Eggers reported we may forego a holiday party this year. The board office is in a moving-transition period at present and is not in a good position to host a gathering. Furthermore, traditionally the party is held on the night of the Executive Committee meeting but that date is later in the month this year making it difficult timing for many members. The Executive Committee will determine whether we should skip the holiday party this year and instead have an open house when the Board has moved into the new office space in the spring. However, Mr. Eggers asked anyone who is interested in pursuing options to contact him.

Finally, Chair Eggers announced that Murray Hill will be having their tree lighting on December 4th. Further information will be in the CB6 newsletter.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Jesús Pérez reported that on October 7, 2016, CB6 moved into a new office suite on the same floor as the previous office. It is a temporary accommodation until March 31, 2017. The Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) is working with brokerage firm CBRE to prepare a new office for the board at 605 Third Avenue. Mr. Pérez has recently signed the Scope of Work Documents and CBRE is working on the cost estimations. Both DCAS and CB6 are awaiting word on the estimations. Mr. Pérez is also working with DCAS on another administrative aspect of the move. Under Section 195 of the City Charter, which governs the acquisition of office space by the City, DCAS must submit, on CB6's behalf, a Notice of Intent to Acquire Office Space. After it's filed, City Planning distributes it to all five borough presidents and the community board in question for their comment; similar to a ULURP application. A hearing takes place at the City Planning Commission about three weeks after filing. DCAS and CB6 are expected to testify at the hearing – or at least to sign up to answer questions. Approximately two weeks later, the application is voted on. DM Pérez will be diligent in following up with both DCAS and CBRE to ensure that the process moves along swiftly.

Mr. Pérez introduced Courtney Loiacano, the district office's new Community Planning Fellow, who comes to the office by way of the NYC Community Planning Fellowship Program. Community Board Six has welcomed Community Planning Fellows before. The excellent POPS report prepared for the board last year was a project of a Community Planning Fellow. Courtney will be with CB6 until April and will be working on community planning issues in our district, working closely with the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee and the Land Use and Waterfront Committee. She will be in the office once a week and will conduct additional work outside the office. Although she is under DM Pérez' supervision, he will ask her to confer occasionally with the chairs of relevant committees so that she may benefit from their expertise.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Bea Disman reported that she had introduced Assistant Treasurer Brian Van Nieuwenhoven to the budget and budget procedures. The OMB report from November 9, 2016 shows that of the Personal Services Budget of \$213,437.00, a figure of \$45,214.66 was committed, leaving a balance of \$168,222.34, which pays for salaries. The current budget for Other Than Personal Services excluding rent is \$111,102.00. Of this amount \$90,628.00 is Street Fair Funds. The Other Than Personal Services balance without Street Fair Funds is \$20,474.00, of which \$9,821.96 is committed. After deducting annual rent of \$126,007.00 and an additional \$64,501.15 that is committed, the remaining balance of \$61,507.85 will cover the office expenses for the fiscal year.

Borough President's Report

Lesly Almanzar from the office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer reported that they're working with CB6 and CitiSense to provide a construction activity mapping application. The office has received a response from the MTA regarding the letter sent by Ms. Brewer on behalf of constituents. The response letter is attached to the monthly newsletter that is available today, along with Borough President Brewer's SAPO testimony. Ms. Brewer recently moderated a homelessness forum organized by Community Board Five. Ms. Almanzar reports that a report has been published on the process and frequency of commercial garbage removal. She asks that CB6 review the plan to determine the impact on the community, followed by a meeting with DOT. BP Brewer's testimony on street vendors is also attached to the newsletter. The newsletter also includes a detailed description of community board training for the fall and spring. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>.

Committee Resolutions & Reports

Chair Eggers announced that the Transportation Committee will caucus after the Business Affairs and Street Activities Report.

6. Business Affairs and Street Activities

Chair Keith Powers presented three resolutions. Mr. Powers was reminded to include, when appropriate, 'No members of the community spoke in favor of or in opposition to the change'. Mr. Powers agreed that this phrase will be included in resolutions going forward. Resolutions 6c, e and f were bundled and passed unanimously. Chair Powers waived his report.

6. Business Affairs & Street Activities – Keith Powers, Chair				
c. New BW Lic., Li's Suzu Sushi Inc dba TBD, 1075 1st Ave @ E. 59 th St	40	0	0	0
e. New OP Liq. Lic. Lukasz Smolarczyk dba Shadmoor, 1066 2 nd Ave @ E. 56 th St	40	0	0	0
f. New OP Liq. Lic., Sachi Asian Thai Inc dba Sachi Asian Thai, 713 2 nd Ave btw E. 38 th & 39 th Sts	40	0	0	0

The Transportation Committee took five minutes to caucus from 8:00 to 8:05 pm. The rest of the board remained in their seats.

1. Health and Education

No report.

2. Public Safety and Environment

Chair Nick Smolney reported that CERT had attended the last committee meeting and invited everyone to review the website for the agenda of the next committee meeting.

3. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights

Chair Raj Nayar reported that the next committee meeting will be on Tuesday, November 15th. He also reported that at the recent Samaritan Village CAB meeting there were no complaints from the community or the 17th Precinct. He also reported that Samaritan Village is on target to meet their 160 placement goal this year. Finally, there is a forum on November 12th entitled NYC Hunger Homeless Awareness. Please check the CB6 website for details.

4. Budget and Governmental Affairs

Vice-Chair Marty Barrett reported on behalf of Chair Pédro Carrillo. He announced that the Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee will be meeting on November 14th with representatives from the NYC Comptroller's Office on budgetary issues.

5. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

Chair Mark Thompson presented Resolution 5a passed, which passed unanimously. He reported on the November 14th and 28th hearings on Murphy Brothers and Asser Levy Parks. Finally, he reported that due to a recent incident in a district park, all yew bushes were being removed from parks around the city.

5. Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Mark Thompson, Chair				
a. Support for Designation: Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby, United Nations Plaza Hotel	39	0	1	0

7. Land Use and Waterfront

Chair Terrence O'Neal made his last report as chair of the committee. He presented Resolution 7a, which passed unanimously. He reported that Courtney Loiacano, the district office's new Community Planning Fellow, attended the last committee meeting and will be working with the committee, as well as the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee, on open space in the district. EDC will be attending the December committee meeting. Incoming Chair Sandro Sherrod has the agenda for November. Lastly, he noted that he was happy with his time as chair and welcomed incoming Chair Sherrod.

7. Land Use & Waterfront – Terrence O'Neal, Chair				
b. BSA app, #2016-4226-BZ for 330 E 59 th St. – Special permit for a Physical Culture Establishment on a portion of the ground floor	40	0	0	0

8. Transportation

Chair Sandra McKee noted changes to Resolution 8e made during the caucus. Resolution 8e passed. Ms. McKee reported on the recent presentations from the MTA and the DOT. She noted that next month the committee will see more proposals on the 14th Street L train shutdown, along with another presentation on the MRI plans at NYU Langone.

8. Transportation – Sandra McKee, Chair				
e. Assembly bill #A09633 - Move NY Plan for fair tolling and improved transit	38	1	0	1

Old/New Business

There was no old business.

Under new business, board member Paige Judge reported that a charitable organization from Turkey that had recently purchased a large parcel of land on 41st Street and Second Avenue for Turkish students is being met with resistance by residents of Tudor City. Chair Eggers referred the matter to the Land Use and Waterfront Committee for additional examination.

Lesly Almanzar from the office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer added to her previous report that community board applications will be on the BP website November 15th. The deadline for applications will be around the end of January.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

RESOLUTIONS

6. Business Affairs and Street Activities

c. New BW Lic., Li's Suzu Sushi Inc dba TBD, 1075 1st Ave @ E. 59th St.

WHEREAS, a representative James Wang appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 27, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the establishment is a sushi restaurant that has been in operation for 15 years, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is undergoing a change in corporate ownership, and

WHEREAS, there is no change in method of operation, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke in favor of or in opposition to the change; 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 October 27, 2016 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e. New OP Liq. Lic., Lukasz Smolarczyk dba Shadmoor, 1066 2nd Ave @ E. 56th St.

WHEREAS, applicant Lukasz Smolarczyk appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 27, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the owner is applying for a full liquor license for a new restaurant at this location, and

WHEREAS, the establishment is replacing a diner-restaurant that previously operated at this location, and

WHEREAS, the operating hours will be 8 am to 11 pm, seven days a week, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke in favor of or in opposition to the change; 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 October 27, 2016 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.

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

f. New OP Liq. Lic., Sachi Asian Thai Inc dba Sachi Asian Thai, 713 2nd Ave btw E. 38th & 39th Sts.

WHEREAS, representative James Wang appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 27, 2016, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the restaurant is currently operating as a restaurant serving Asian cuisine, and

WHEREAS, the owner is seeking a corporate change to the liquor license, and

WHEREAS, there is no change in method of operation, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community spoke in favor of or in opposition to the change; 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 October 27, 2016 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.

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

5. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

a. Support for Designation: Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby, United Nations Plaza Hotel

WHEREAS, the architecture preservation group ‘Documentation and Conservation of Buildings, Sites and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement’ (“Docomomo US”) filed a Request for Evaluation (RFE) with the city’s Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC). The RFE called for the designation of the Ambassador Grill & Lounge and Hotel Lobby within the United Nations Plaza Hotel as a New York City Interior Landmark; and

WHEREAS, Docomomo made a presentation to the Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee of Manhattan Community Board Six, when its representative expressed concern that the space, which is now vacant, would be demolished; and

WHEREAS, the iconic spaces mirrored modern masterpieces designed by Kevin Roche John Dinkeloo and Associates <<http://www.krjda.com/>> in the late 1970s and early 1980s, and are still intact spaces; and

WHEREAS, architects and critics who have voiced support with statements of preservation include: Robert Stern (Robert A.M. Stern Architects), Kyle Johnson (Guest Curator of “Kevin Roche: Architecture as Environment”), Felix Burcher (PinUp Magazine founder and curator), Alexandra Lange (critic), and the Historic Districts Council; and

WHEREAS, In 1976, Ada Louise Huxtable wrote for the New York Times that the ceiling “which appears complex, is simple design ingenuity,” noting how a “kind of greenhouse roof is set into it, and above the glass are pentagonal mirrors and myriad small lights that make a fantasy of reflection and illumination;” and

WHEREAS, A documentary on Roche’s work called “The Quiet Architect” is slated for release, creating an opportunity for the architect (now in his 90s) to receive more attention for his lifetime of work, which spans from the 2012 New American Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art to his vital contributions in completing Eero Saarinen’s final posthumous work in 1961. This documentary will increase interest in his

work including the Ambassador Grill; and

WHEREAS, the LPC has now calendared a public hearing

THEREFORE, Be It RESOLVED, Community Board Six supports the designation of this space by the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).

VOTE: 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

7. Land Use and Waterfront

b. BSA (169-15-BZ) to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment (PCE) located within portions of the ground floor and cellar of 330 East 59th Street, Manhattan.

WHEREAS, Francis R. Angelina, Esq. on behalf of Brause 59th Co. located at 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, Manhattan, New York, presented to the Land Use Committee of CB6 on Wednesday, November 2, 2016 an application to apply for a Special Permit (Calendar #169-15-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit a Physical Culture Establishment, which is known as ICE NYC, located within portions of the ground floor plus cellar space of an existing 8-story commercial building located at 330 East 59th Street in a C2-5 (R8) zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the above application is pursuant to Section 73-36 New York City Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, applicant has filed all papers necessary with the Board of Standards and Appeals to apply for a Special Permit to permit a Physical Culture Establishment (PCE); and

Whereas, ICE NYC, a new PCE, will occupy approximately 2,867 square feet (SF) on the ground floor and 2,420 SF of space in the cellar; and

WHEREAS, ICE NYC will open from 6 AM to 9 PM Monday to Thursday, 6 AM to 7 PM on Friday, and 8 AM to Noon on Saturday and Sunday. The average class size will be 12 patrons; the maximum class size will be 25 patrons; and

WHEREAS, the entire PCE space is ADA accessible. ADA access is provided by lobby elevator service at the ground floor lobby directly into the PCE in the cellar, and

WHEREAS, PCE space will comply with the latest NYC Fire Department Fire Code, Local Law 58/87, and be complied with an approved by the Department of Buildings (DOB) automatic sprinkler system; now

THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that Community Board Six has no objection to the application for a Special Permit (Calendar #169-15-BZ) under Zoning Resolution §73-36, to permit a Physical Culture Establishment within portions of the existing building located at 300 East 59th Street, Manhattan, Manhattan for a period of five years.

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

8. Transportation

e. Assembly bill #A09633 – In support of Move NY plan for fair tolling and improved transit

Whereas, the Move NY Fair Plan NY Assembly bill #A09633 proposes to: reduce traffic congestion in and around New York City's Central Business District (CBD); raise revenue to help fill the remaining gap in the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA's) 2015-2019 Capital Plan and future capital programs; extend toll relief to drivers using the MTA's non-CBD crossings who tend to have fewer transit options; add new transit options to better serve the City's so-called "transit deserts"; provide targeted fare relief for the City's outer borough transit users, and

Whereas, by reducing tolls in less congested areas with few or no transit alternatives, and adding tolls and a moderate taxi and for-hire vehicle surcharge to the heavily congested and transit-rich Manhattan Central Business District, the Move NY Fair Plan will create a sustainable funding system that will ward off the need for drastic toll increases while simultaneously offering much needed toll relief on outer-borough bridges and sharply reducing congestion in the region's economic core; and

Whereas, the bill addresses New York's ailing transportation system, including: Tolls on the currently free East River Bridges to more equitably balance the costs of driving into the CBD by apportioning bridge and tunnel charges, and to lessen the incursion of excessive motor vehicular traffic into our congestion-filled neighborhoods and its harmful impacts (such as air pollution, unsafe streets, and noise disturbance) by removing the incentive for motorists (more than a million a day crossing in either direction) to use the free bridges to avoid paying passage which cause traffic jams and overload local streets . • Reduction of tolls on certain bridge and tunnel crossings to more fairly share the toll burden and rationalize the current haphazard tolling system. • Dedication of all moneys collected from the tolls (estimated to bring in \$1.5 billion in net revenue annually) to transportation improvements, with 75 percent going to mass transit and 25 percent to roads and bridges, to go directly to and be distributed by a Move NY Highway and Transit Authority. • Electronic toll collection, to speed toll payments and facilitate traffic flow; and

Whereas, the MTA has been severely underfunded for many years, with federal support decreasing dramatically, and with State and City support declining from 25% in the 1980s to about 6% today, resulting in deep service cuts and steep increases in fares as well as negligence in the system's upkeep; and

Whereas, the Move NY plan proposes to generate revenues that will restore service cuts such as bus service eliminated in 2010, incorporate new computerized technology that would enable more subway trains to be run per hour with increased on-time reliability, expand transit service to underserved locations, add more pedestrian countdown boxes, increase ADA accessibility, replace Metrocard with easier entry technology, add more ferry service, increase station rehabilitations, upgrade tracks and signals, and bring about myriad other needed improvements and modernization; and

Whereas, to help cover MTA debt incurred, roadway tolls have increased several times in recent years, and are expected to increase to as much as \$50 by 2030 in the absence of relief, while road improvements and service are reduced; and

Whereas, the Move NY plan promises to generate revenues and a more equitable toll structure to improve and maintain our road network and bridges, as well as our pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and that will offset the need for excessive toll increases; and

Whereas, by capping commercial vehicles' Central Business District tolls to one roundtrip toll per day, and including time-of-day pricing whereby central business district tolls will be lower during off-peak hours, the Move NY Fair Plan will impose a minimal toll burden on businesses that depend on vehicles, while sharply reducing those businesses' time lost to delays and congestion; and

Whereas, by allocating \$375 million annually in PAYGO money (pay as you go- funds typically used for recurring operating expense projects) to the New York City Department of Transportation, the Move NY Fair Plan creates the first-ever dedicated revenue stream for the City's roads and bridges, which have critical repair needs comparable to those of the transit network; and

Whereas, under the Move NY plan, it is estimated that 15% less vehicular traffic will be entering Manhattan each day with 100,000 fewer auto entries, translating to reduced air and noise pollution with concomitant health benefits, more traffic safety, and more efficient traffic movement in our downtown localities that currently suffer grinding congestion with constant and chaotic vehicular flows (impacted communities in Brooklyn and Queens are also expected to benefit from traffic reductions). Gained traffic efficiencies also will provide economic efficiencies; and

Whereas, The Move NY Fair Plan will provide fare relief and service improvements to residents of the City's underserved, outer-lying neighborhoods on Express Buses and intracity commuter rail; and

Whereas, the Move NY plan includes a strong recommendation to eventually adapt the toll rates to a "time of day" or peak/off-peak" schedule with tolls being linked to public transit improvement; and

Whereas, despite some concerns about the impacts on some residents within our underserved transit neighborhoods, with possible types of discounts discussed, the committee supported the plan, particularly because of the relief it would bring to our community that is overwhelmed by vehicular traffic, causing unacceptable levels of air and noise pollution and dangerous traffic conditions, as well as because of the capital and service improvements it would bring to our public transit system; and

Whereas, Assembly Members Brian Kavanagh and Dan Quart, representing CB6, have sponsored this legislation; now

Therefore be it Resolved, that Manhattan Community Board 6 urges the New York State Assembly to include in the bill provision for the New York State Comptroller and the New York City Comptroller to undertake periodic audits of the expenditures to ensure accountability of the funds, to include in the bill a provision that ensures government funding for New York City transportation is not reduced due to new funding streams, and to include a provision that the funding streams for New York City transportation be expended in a timely and efficient fashion within three years following the revenue gains in each year, and to complete passage of the bill, and the New York State Senate to pass a corresponding bill, and Governor Cuomo to sign the legislation into law.

VOTE: 38 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled

