

Manhattan Community Board Six
Full Board Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2014
NYU Medical Center, 550 First Avenue, NY, NY

Board Chair Sandro Sherrod called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. The agenda was adopted and the roll called.

Public Session

Elected Officials

Council Member Ben Kallos invited Board members to his inauguration on Sunday, January 26, noon, at the 9nd St. Y. He stated that he is especially concerned about the water tunnel and waterfront parks, education, and senior services.

<http://council.nyc.gov/d5/html/members/home.shtml>

Liz Brown, representing the Office of NYS Senator Liz Krueger, said that the third event in their series about senior issues will take place on the morning of January 23, concerning the link between aging and mental illness. <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>

Robert Atterbury, representing the Office of NYS Senator Brad Hoylman, said that the Senator has introduced a bill banning legislators from having additional part time employment. <http://www.nysenate.gov/news/new-york-daily-news-kill-moonlight-state-sen-brad-hoylman-says-pols-working-side>

He pointed out the importance of knowing the fire escape plan of one's building. http://www.fdnfirezone.org/your_house/plan/escape_plan/ In high rise buildings, elevators may stop working in fires. Check your building's plan to see if it recommends using the stairs or sheltering in place. He introduced Max Markham, who will be the new liaison to CB6. <http://www.nysenate.gov/senator/brad-hoylman>

Briana Paolicelli, representing the Office of Assembly Member Richard Gottfried, spoke about his medical marijuana bill.

http://assembly.state.ny.us/member_files/075/20131122/.

AM Gottfried is seeking a grant that would make Broadway from Union Square up to 72nd Street a "complete street." Previous improvements in that area were temporary. Complete Streets is a transportation policy that requires streets to be designed for safe, efficient travel for all users and modes of transit.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Complete_streets

Matt Walsh, representing the Office of Assembly Member Dan Quart, spoke about A08246, a bill which would enable sanitation enforcement inspectors to issue summonses to businesses for commercial waste if there is no reasonable doubt rather than requiring eyewitness evidence. Retailers are responsible for keeping their sidewalks clean. <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Dan-Quart>

Anna Pycior from the Office of Assemblymember Brian Kavanaugh spoke of his new bill to new bill banning the sale of children's products containing the carcinogen formaldehyde by manufacturers, wholesalers, and retailers in New York State.

www.nysenate.gov/press-release/serrano-kavanagh-keep-carcinogens-out-childrens-products He also has a new bill to ban the use of antibiotics in animals sold for food in

New York, as well as stronger federal regulations. www.briankavanagh.org/;
<http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Brian-Kavanagh/story/45728/>

Bob Qu, representing the Office of Council Member Dan Garodnick, conveyed the Council Member's thanks to Board and community members for their collaboration on a variety of issues, and his plans for a close focus on district issues. Mr. Qu is moving on to other opportunities and Chairman Sherrod conveyed thanks from the Board for his service. <http://www.garodnick.com/>

Members of the Public

Nadia Ghattas, representing Shen Yun Promotions, spoke about Chinese cultural performances and classes.

Business Session

Claude Winfield asked if the full Board minutes from November had been adopted and Chairman Sherrod replied that they had been. A motion to approve the full Board minutes from December was unanimously approved. Chairman Sherrod stated that in 2014 CB6 would roll out more new features and services to improve community engagement. There was no report from Treasurer Bea Disman, as she was absent. Jessica Mates, Chief of Staff for Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, arrived later and did not present a report. District Manager Miner reported that the hiring process for an additional Community Associate was moving forward.

Committee Resolutions & Reports

By-Laws Ad-hoc Committee

Chair Rick Eggers stated that the Committee will meet on Monday, January 13 and will focus on the roles and duties of officers.

Police Academy Repurpose Exploration Special Committee

There was no report from members of the committee.

Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee

Chair Rick Eggers reported that the Committee will meet on Monday, January 13 to discuss preliminary agenda for the year, and capital expenditures that relate to the experience and process of voting in NYC. With 30 days to comment after expected release of the preliminary City budget, a public meeting will be scheduled on this topic for February.

Housing, Homeless & Human Rights Committee

Chair Rajesh Nayar reported that the next meeting would address the 25th Street project.

Health & Education Committee

Chair Ahsia Badi reported that they will discuss how Dept. of Buildings funds schools, and the effect of overcrowding on students. PS 116 is asking its PTA to raise operating funds for the school, which is an increasingly common trend. They will discuss Sen. Krueger's marijuana bill; and hear a presentation from DOHMH's Take Care NY program. There may be a resolution about medical marijuana.

Transportation Committee

Chair Molly Hollister reported that out of three bills regarding electric vehicles, two passed and one was moved to a task force so the resolutions were withdrawn. There was a lively discussion with an MTA representative at their meeting.

Public Safety & Environment Committee

Chair Nicholas Smolney reported the committee will meet on the third Monday of each month. At the next meeting they will discuss plastic bags and the NYC Block Watcher program.

Park, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Mark Thompson waived his report.

There being no further old or new business, the second roll was called and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Land Use/Waterfront

a. Reiteration of the Community Board 6 position for conversion of the current Police Academy Building 235 East 20th Street to school use (Joint with Health and Education)

Whereas, the current New York City Police Academy (PAB), 235 East 20th Street, in Manhattan Community Board 6, (CB6) is to be replaced by a new police training campus in College Point, Queens, in 2014, and

Whereas, CB6 called for the conversion, or re-use, of the existing PAB site for a school in its resolution of May, 2008 (the full resolution is appended),

Now therefore be it

Resolved, that Manhattan Community Board 6 (CB6) calls on the Mayor, and all Mayoral agencies, to insure that the current Police Academy (PAB) building, 235 East 20th Street, is retained by the City, and be it further

Resolved that the future use (uses) of this property be fully disclosed and discussed with CB6 and that a general, free public school such as public pre-k, elementary, middle and/or high school be given priority in the review of the planning for use of the PAB, and be it further

Resolved, that if after an exhaustive review of the PAB site, the venue is found to be unsuitable for educational use, this space is kept for community use and benefit, be it further

Resolved that we request all the members of the New York City Council representing CB6 and, similarly, all the members the New York State Legislature representing CB6, ensure that the PAB is used in a way consistent with this Resolution.

VOTE: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Report: Chair Terrence O'Neal presented a resolution reiterating CB6 support for conversion of the current Police Academy Building 235 East 20th Street to school use. NYC EDC gave a presentation to the Committee about their waterfront project.

Business Affairs and Street Activities

a. New BW Liquor License, Peak Thai Inc., d/b/a TBD, 301 E. 49th St., btw 1st & 2nd Avenues

WHEREAS, Chef Jakri Ravangral appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 19, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, this establishment will be a Thai restaurant that has 40 seats, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will be open Monday through Thursday 11a.m. to 11p.m, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 a.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 10 p.m., and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; 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 December 19, 2013 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: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

b. New DCA application and liquor license application for cafe #1364-2013, unenclosed sidewalk café, Munster Café LLC d/b/a Pig N Whistle, 497 3rd Ave., btw 33rd and 34th Streets

WHEREAS, Owner Ken McCoy and expeditor Marc Glazer came before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 19, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant plans to open an unenclosed sidewalk café and is seeking a license to serve alcohol in the sidewalk café which will have 5 tables and 10 seats, and

WHEREAS, several members of the committee had serious concerns about a sidewalk café at this location due to the heavy proliferation of bars and quality of life complaints in

this area as well as its proximity to a bus stop however there have been no issues with this particular applicant, and

WHEREAS, there will be the required 8 foot of clearance between the sidewalk to the end of the café, and

WHEREAS, the café will be closed nightly at midnight, and

WHEREAS, there will be a phone number of a person of authority posted in the window to deal swiftly with any problems that might arise from the outdoor cafe, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; 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 December 19, 2013 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 and/or DCA 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 and/or DCA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Community Board 6 Manhattan.

VOTE: 10 in Favor 26 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

c. New BW Liquor License, Ramen USA Inc. d/b/a TBD, 302 E 49th St. btw 1st & 2nd Avenues

WHEREAS, Expeditor Marc Glazer appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 19, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, this location will be a Japanese Restaurant, and

WHEREAS, this establishment will close at 2AM nightly, and

WHEREAS, the restaurant will have 5 tables, 10 seats, and a bar with 7 seats, and

WHEREAS, the owner has 3 other small restaurants in New York City, and

WHEREAS, no members of the community had any comments for or against; 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 December 19, 2013 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: 36 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

e. New DCA application #1364-2013 ASWC for unenclosed sidewalk café, Munster Café LLC d/b/a Pig N Whistle Murray Hill, 497 3rd Avenue, btw 33rd and 34th Sts. and liquor license application for the café.

WHEREAS, Owner Ken McCoy and expeditor Marc Glazer came before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on December 19, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

WHEREAS, the applicant plans to open an unenclosed sidewalk café and is seeking a license to serve alcohol in the sidewalk café which will have 5 tables and 10 seats, and

WHEREAS, the café will be closed nightly at midnight, and

WHEREAS, there will be a phone number of a person of authority posted in the window to deal swiftly with any problems that might arise from the outdoor cafe, and

WHEREAS, there were serious concerns expressed by the Community Board about a sidewalk café at this location due to the heavy proliferation of bars and quality of life complaints in this area, and

WHEREAS, there were also major questions regarding the café's proximity to a highly trafficked bus stop, particularly on this already very congested block, and

WHEREAS, there are still questions whether there is even the required 8 ft. of clearance between the sidewalk and the edge of the café which is required, 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 December 19, 2013 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M **OBJECTS** to this application

VOTE: 27 in Favor 8 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled

Report: Florence Friedman reported on behalf of Chair Nicole Paikoff. Resolutions 9a, c & d were bundled and approved. 9b, the application for Pig & Whistle's sidewalk cafe, triggered a lengthy discussion. Many Board members asserted that its location on 3rd Avenue, between 33rd and 34th Streets was already very crowded, even if minimal requirements of sidewalk clearance were met. A motion to revise the resolution to specifically oppose sidewalk cafe tables at this location passed.

Votes at this meeting

Name	7a	9a	9b	9c	9d	9e
Fred Arcaro	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Ahsia Badi	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Martin Barrett	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Charles Buchwald	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Jim Collins	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Colleen Curtis	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Louise Dankberg	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Daniel Devine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Beatrice Disman						
Richard Eggers	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Yuvie Figueroa						
Lyle Frank	NE	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Florence Friedman	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Joy Garland						
Jose Gonzalez						
Ernest Griggs	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Molly Hollister	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Aaron Humphrey						
Ellen Imbimbo	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	A
Paige Judge	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Jennifer Keane	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Maxine McIntosh	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Sandra McKee	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Debra Millman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Richard Moses	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Rajesh Nayar	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Terrence O'Neal	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Nicole Paikoff						
Gary Papush	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Beth Parise						
Joseph Parrish	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Keith Powers						
Clara Reiss						
Frank Scala	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Paula Schaeffer						
Lawrence Scheyer						
Ann Seligman	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Lou Sepersky	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Sandro Sherrod	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Letty Simon	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Nick Smolney	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y
Susan Steinberg	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

