

**Manhattan Community Board Six**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**October 8, 2014 – 7:00 PM**  
**NYU Medical Center, 550 First Ave., Alumni Hall B**

**Public Session**

Board Chair Sandro Sherrod called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. The agenda was adopted and the roll was called.

Land Use & Waterfront Committee Chair Terry O'Neal presented an update from the East Midtown Steering Committee. The steering committee discussed the general areas to be covered by the committee: Landmarks & Preservation, Public Realm, Density & Built form, and Implementation. It also discussed strengths & weaknesses of the first version of East Midtown Rezoning, and defined the study area as E. 39 to E. 57 Streets and 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

**Elected Officials**

Assemblymember Dan Quart has asked Dept. of Design and Construction to mitigate the noise from overnight construction of the E. 34th St. Transitway and held a senior health fair. He has called for MTA to move directly into phases 3 and 4 of the 2nd Avenue Subway from the current 2nd phase to maintain momentum, institutional knowledge and to take advantage of low interest rates. Mere possession of gravity knives is considered illegal, resulting in the incarceration of many just for using ordinary hardware and tools. His bill would change the law to require proof of criminal intent.

RJ Jordan said the Office of Comptroller Scott Stringer has released a report measuring how much City agencies purchase from minority and women-owned businesses.  
<http://comptroller.nyc.gov/reports/making-the-grade/>

Max Markham from the Office of Senator Brad Hoylman discussed a bill that would tax non-primary residences in Manhattan worth over \$5 million owned by non-city residents as recommended by a Fiscal Policy Institute report. Sen. Hoylman found that NYPD lacks infrastructure to track and audit bias and hate crimes.

Andrew Hendrickson from the Office of Assemblymember Brian Kavanagh said the AM walked with other legislators in the recent climate march and debated climate deniers on Fox News.

Brice Peyre from the Office of Assemblymember Richard Gottfried discussed his bill about single payer healthcare, a loophole affecting pharmacies, and the AM's work against AirBnB.

Shayla Mars from the Office of Councilmember Dan Garodnick reported he has allocated \$1.5 million for Stuyvesant Cove improvements and seeks public guidance on kayak locations. He supports the improved DOT proposal for the E. 37th St. Connector. He is monitoring rat infestation at local parks, changes in Stuyvesant Town management, and more accountability for NYC EDC on financial incentives for large companies.

Dario Quinsac, Office of Councilmember Rosie Mendez, reported that DOT and DDC have agreed to end overnight construction on the E. 34th St. Transitway project and work only during the day. The office has secured funding for extra Saturday trash pickups.

Joseph Strong from the Office of Councilmember Ben Kallos reported on a 10/29 Town Hall meeting, complaints about bikes, and participatory budgeting.

### **Members of the Public**

Jasmine Vargas from the Dept. of Parks 54th St. Center mentioned programs for new young adult members and seasonal offerings including football, hockey and swimming.

Rachel Tenney, Detta Ahl & Albert Ahronheim supported the E. 37th St. Greenway Connector.

Scott Baker, Peter Eddy and Scott Rifkin, representing the Board of the Crescent Building, complained about noise from trailers linked to NYU and Verizon near the Midtown Tunnel. They were concerned that Verizon might want to keep the trailers until spring, well past their permit date. Lisa Treitman also complained about the noise.

## **Business Session**

The minutes of the September Full Board meeting were adopted.

### **Board Chair's Report**

Chair Sherrod reported that Jules Vigh has resigned from the Board but will remain a public member.

### **District Manager's Report**

DM Miner reported that because it is a major transit pathway, DOT required DDC to carry out overnight construction for the full length of the project until 2016, resulting in many noise complaints from residents. Councilmember Mendez got agency staff to end overnight work. Despite a long history of resident complaints and legal problems, the formerly closed ABDO Discount store on 3rd Ave. around 30th St. paid off a \$7500 fine and was allowed to reopen. Dept. of Environmental Protection handles many types of noise complaints, such as building construction and air handling equipment as well as loud music and noise from bars and restaurants. Residents troubled by chronic noise from a bar past legal levels and hours can request a DEP inspector to measure decibel levels in their apartments, which can result in fines of over \$3,000. The CB6 office invited bars and restaurants to a DEP presentation about best practices to minimize commercial noise. BASA will be asked to suggest other services to support bars & restaurants, and other small independent businesses. Board members were invited to the first ever CB6 business to business networking night. Rat abatement efforts have succeeded on E. 49th St. but are still needed in MacArthur Park, St. Vartan and Asser Levy Parks. A November forum on rats is planned.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Disman reported that the starting total 2015 PS budget amount as of July 1, 2014, \$186,421.00, is now down to \$140,081.44. \$7,000 was shifted from the personnel surplus holding code 053 to OTPS code 622 to pay for the salary of our temporary consultant. The original total OTPS figure of \$110,717 was raised to \$117,717 and available OTPS is now down

to \$107,859.32. Most of OTPS is the street fair fund of \$87,743. Total OTPS without the street fair fund would be \$20,116.32. Rent is \$112,863. The total for PS, OTPS and rent is \$410,001.

**Borough President's Report**

Jesus Perez from the Office of Manhattan BP Gail Brewer reported the Deputy BP spoke at a Murray Hill NA town hall on bicycles. At Open House NY, the BP's Office will display maps from the early 1800s. Trainings are offered for community board members. The new .NYC website domain names are now available.

**Committee Resolutions & Reports**

**1. Elections – Special Committee**

Chair Hollister directed Board members to complete ballots. Jim Collins and Charles Buchwald were both candidates for the new Assistant Treasurer position, and Joe Parish and Kathy Thompson both ran for the new Assistant Secretary position. 42 ballots were collected. Mr. Buchwald and Ms. Thompson prevailed. The other seats were not contested.

**2. Police Academy Repurpose - Special Committee**

Chair Badi waived her report.

**3. Transportation Committee**

Chair Hollister waived her report.

<b>3. Transportation – Molly Hollister, Chair</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT ENTITLED</b>
a. E 37th Street Connection to East River Greenway	35	3	3	0
b. Request 150 East 42nd Street Bus Stop for Dartmouth Transportation	39	1	1	1

**4. Land Use/Waterfront Committee**

The Skyport reso sent back to the committee last month passed as amended. BFJ Planning presented a preliminary plan at the last committee meeting and is moving ahead with their report on alternative uses for the Brookdale site. At the request of Councilmember Garodnick, the committee is exploring a potential Kayak launch at Stuyvesant Cove Park. The ULURP application for the Vanderbilt Corridor rezoning is expected to be certified and sent to CB6 on 10/22/2014.

<b>Land Use/Waterfront – Terrence O’Neal, Chair</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT ENTITLED</b>
a. Proposed renovations to the Skyport Marina and Garage	38	1	2	0

### 5. Budget & Governmental Affairs Committee

Both 5A and 5B carried. Chair Rick Eggers reported that no committee meeting is planned for next month. He is term limited, so this was his last meeting as committee chair.

<b>Budget &amp; Governmental Affairs Committee – Rick Eggers, Chair</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT ENTITLED</b>
a. Capital Budget Priorities for NYC FY 2016 Budget	40	0	0	1
b. Expense Budget Priorities for NYC FY 2016 Budget	40	0	0	1

### 6. Health & Education Committee

Chair Badi reported that the CB6 senior forum was successful, with over 100 attendees, and thanked Genevieve Cervera for her central role. A survey distributed at the forum revealed strong interest in more events of this kind.

### 7. Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs Committee

Chair Thompson reported that Parks has a new tracking system, Asser Levy Parks is on track for opening, and the sand at Sutton Park Place is expected to be replaced.

<b>Parks, Landmarks, and Cultural Affairs – Mark Thompson, Chair</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT ENTITLED</b>
a. DPR app for placement of temporary bronze sculptures by Juan Soriano in Dag Hammerskjold Plaza on E 47th St btw 1st & 2nd Aves.	41	0	0	0

### 8. Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee

All resos were bundled and passed except for 8D and 8E, which were discussed and passed individually. Promenade Bar was discussed. Members are encouraged to send ads of bars hosting pub crawls to Chair Paikoff and the office.

<b>Business Affairs &amp; Street Activities – Nicole Paikoff, Chair</b>				
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	<b>FOR</b>	<b>AGAINST</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>NOT ENTITLED</b>
a. Corp. Ch. For Diamondrock NY Lex Tenant LLC & Highgate Hotels LP dba The Lexington NYC, 511-515 Lexington Ave, btw E 47th & E 48th Sts.	41	0	0	0
b. Corp Ch. For RJL III Doubletree Metropolitan Lessee LLC & Highgate Hotels LP dba Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel NYC, 569-573 Lexington Ave. @ E 51st St	41	0	0	0
c. Method of Operation change for M T Muggs LLC dba Blackwell's Restaurant & Pub, 150 E 47th St btw Lex & 3rd Aves.	41	0	0	0
d. New OP Liq. Lic, 143 E 47th Street LLC dba TBD, 143 E 47th St. btw 3rd & Lex Aves.	41	0	0	0
e. New OP Liq., Lic. app & Method of Operation Ch for 344 Restaurant Group dba Promenade, 344 Third Ave, btw E 25th & 26th Sts.	41	0	0	0
f. New OP Liq. Lic, RAA NYC LLC dba Chote Nawabe, 115 Lexington Ave @ E 28th St.	41	0	0	0
h. Renewal OP Liq. Lic for PMC Corp dba Vertigo, 354 3rd Ave @ E. 26th St. Reso.	41	0	0	0
i. New OP Liq. Lic, 6th TOT Corp dba Amata, 209 E 56th St btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	41	0	0	0
j. New OP Liq. Lic, RAA NYC LLC dba Chola, 232 E 58th St. btw 2nd & 3rd Aves	41	0	0	0

## **9. Housing, Homeless & Human Rights Committee**

Vice Chair Susan Steinberg reported a Community Advisory Board meeting is planned for the 30th Street Shelter on October 23.

## **10. Public Safety & Environment Committee**

Chair Smolney waived his report.

# Appendices

## 3a - Re: E. 37<sup>th</sup> Street Connection to East River Greenway

**Whereas**, Community Board 6 has identified increasing river access for our community whenever possible as a high priority;

**Whereas**, DOT has identified E. 37<sup>th</sup> St as a conduit for growing pedestrian and cyclist traffic to connect to the East River, Glick Park, and the ferry terminal at E. 35<sup>th</sup> St., whose ridership has exceeded expectations by 23%, with its heavily used Citibike docking station;

**Whereas**, DOT has determined this will also aid cyclists to avoid the dangerous 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. entrance to the Midtown Tunnel;

**Whereas**, DOT has proposed a comprehensive plan with the following elements:

- the existing eastbound bike sharrow on E. 38<sup>th</sup> St. between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> Aves. will connect with a new two-way bike path on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. between E. 38<sup>th</sup> and E. 37<sup>th</sup> Sts., replacing the one-way-northbound bike path and allowing cyclists to travel southbound on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. for one block;
- a bicycle crossing in parallel with the pedestrian crosswalk on the north intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. will feed directly into a protected two-way bike lane, buffered by parked vehicles, on the north side of E. 37<sup>th</sup> St.;
- DOT shall appropriately restrict parking in front of Horizon Condominiums at 410 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St, the medical offices at 406 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St., and the Rivergate veterinary clinic at 405 E. 37<sup>th</sup> St, to allow residents and patients to load and unload from temporarily parked vehicles;
- DOT shall ensure that these building entrances are clearly visible across the bike path, with appropriate signage and pavement markings to alert pedestrians and vehicles exiting the Horizon driveway to look both ways before attempting to cross the bike path between vehicles and sidewalk;
- at the intersection of the southbound FDR Drive service road and E. 37<sup>th</sup> St., the pedestrian crossing buttons for the traffic light will be repaired; a sidewalk extension (“bulb”) marked by reflective bollards will be installed at the northwest corner to protect cyclists and pedestrians from tight-turning vehicles; and convex mirrors will be installed at both east and west FDR Drive underpass entrances to allow pedestrians and cyclists to see traffic flows more easily;
- signage and street markings will be installed along the southbound FDR Drive service road between E. 39<sup>th</sup> and E. 37<sup>th</sup> Sts. to slow traffic and warn drivers of the heavily used crossing to the FDR Drive underpass; and the underpass and its lighting will be cleaned and renovated;
- the path between the northbound FDR Drive service road and Glick Park will be resurfaced to create a two-way bike path connecting the east side of the underpass with the ferry terminal and bike path at E. 35<sup>th</sup> St.; additional lighting along the new bike path will be installed;
- signage and Jersey barricades will be installed at E. 35<sup>th</sup> St. in the roadway adjacent to the ferry terminal leading to Glick Park and the bike path, to prevent cars from mistaking it for the northbound FDR Drive service road;

- a bicycle crossing in parallel with the pedestrian crosswalk on the north intersection of 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. will feed directly into a protected two-way bike lane, buffered by parked vehicles, on the north side of E. 37<sup>th</sup> St. between 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and the FDR Drive service road;

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Community Board 6, Manhattan, supports the DOT plan to connect the East River Greenway with 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue via E. 37<sup>th</sup> St.

**And be it further resolved,**

that the DOT formally include in its final design plan the elements recited in the third and fourth bulleted paragraphs in the fifth whereas clause that were proposed by CB6's Transportation Committee and orally agreed to by DOT's representative in connection with DOT's presentation at the Committee's October 6, 2014 meeting. In addition, NYPD need to improve its enforcement of the parking rules.

**Votes - For: 35; Against: 3; Abstain: 3; Abstain for Cause: 0**

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**3b - RE: Request 150 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Bus Stop for Dartmouth Transportation**

**Whereas**, the proposed bus stop location is in front of 150 East 42nd Street south side of the street between Lexington Avenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue for the tour bus operator, Dartmouth Transportation Company, Inc.; and

**Whereas**, the location is currently a bus stop length of 86' for Academy & Coach USA and the companies will share the stop; and

**Whereas**, there will be an average of 3 pick-ups and 3 drop-offs daily between the hours of 8:30 am and 9:30 pm, seven days a week; and

**Whereas**, the bus will travel from New York City to Hanover, NH (Dartmouth College) and Lebanon, NH; and

**Whereas**, Dartmouth Transportation has been using the bus stop at 150 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street since May 2014; now

**Therefore be it,**

**Resolved**, that Community Board 6 has no objections to the Dartmouth Transportation bus stop at 150 East 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

**Votes - For: 39; Against: 1; Abstain: 1; Abstain for Cause: 0**

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**4a. - RE: Proposed renovations to the Skyport Marina and Garage**

Dear Mr. Kimball,

At the October 8<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting of Community Board 6, the Board adopted the following resolution:

**Whereas**, the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) presented plans to the Land Use & Waterfront Committee of Community Board 6 (CB6) in September 2014, to rehabilitate and make improvements to the Skyport Garage & Marina, located at 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and FDR Drive, and

**Whereas**, the EDC is seeking CB6 approval in advance of presenting the plans to the New York City Public Design Commission, and

**Whereas**, the EDC proposes \$11 million in improvements to the Skyport facility including infrastructure repairs, bulkhead repairs, new floating docks, new security fencing, new gates to the pier, and new security cameras, and

**Whereas**, proposed improvements also include resurfacing of the existing pier, expanded outdoor plaza north and west of the garage, new bollards, and a new auto drop off area, and

**Whereas**, the proposed increase in marina capacity would include addition of a sea plane dock, and a plan for 2-3 commuter flights departing the marina each day, and

**Whereas**, improvements included in the Blueway Plan, such as a ferry dock, and improvements supported by CB6, such as programming the garage roof for outdoor activities, and use of the area south of the garage for recreational boating purposes, are not included in the plans at this time, and

**Whereas**, members of the Community Board expressed frustration that none of the activities requested with community input have been included, and

**Whereas**, a representative from the Waterside Tenants Association (“WTA”) expressed concern about WTA not being included in the process and commented that WTA has a 99-year lease on parts of the property on which EDC is proposing improvements, and WTA has not been consulted despite numerous communications requesting information from EDC, now

**Therefore be it**

**Resolved**, that CB6 supports the infrastructure repairs, namely: necessary repairs to the electrical, plumbing, and water systems; bulkhead repairs; replacement of storefront doors; and encapsulation (paint coating) of the existing exterior walls of the garage; and,

Be it further

**Resolved**, that CB6 does **not** support the remaining proposed renovations including but not limited to new floating docks, new security fencing, new gates to the pier, new security cameras,

new lighting, plaza resurfacing, expanded plaza, floating docks, bollards, drop-off area, and sea plane docks, and,

Be it further

**Resolved**, that CB6 requests a breakdown of the estimated costs associated with each item included in the proposed renovations, and

Be it further

**Resolved**, that EDC, in its plans for the marina, take into account proposed plans for enhancing access to the River at Stuyvesant Cove Park, such as plumbing supply lines, etc. should a kayak launch be installed there.

Be it further

**Resolved**, that CB6 requests that EDC work with CB6 and the community to develop a renovation project supported by the community.

**VOTE: 38 in Favor; 1 Opposed; 2 Abstention; 0 Not Entitled**

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## **5a – RE: Capital Budget Priorities for NYC FY 2016 Budget**

**Fiscal Year 2016 - DRAFT**

**Manhattan Community Board Six**

**Capital Budget Priorities and Requests**

**Priority**

**Project Information**

**New    Old**

**01    01    Request: Construct Continuous Esplanade and Bikeway Along Waterfront from 14th Street to 59th Street**

Explanation: Community Board 6 has been advocating for an esplanade along the east river for over 20 years. A Memorandum of Understanding between New York State and New York City is now in place detailing the funding sources for construction of the esplanade from East 38th Street to East 59th Street. However uncertainties remain about the proposed arrangements. The construction of the esplanade will remain a top priority of CB6 and the Board will insist that the City continue its commitment to its realization.

Responsible Agency: Economic Development Corporation

Council Districts: 4, 5

**02 02 Request: Develop an Adult Day Care Center and Community Lounge/ Life Long Learning Senior Center of Community District 6**

Explanation: The Community Board recognizes the importance of additional federal and state funds, but asks DFTA to aggressively advocate for such funds and seek city funds, perhaps in conjunction with other agencies, to ensure adequate services to our aging population. In the entire CB6 District, we now only have the Stein Center and the center at St. Peter's church, which is a satellite location of Lenox Hill Houses in CB8. CB6 also takes note of DFTA's stated objective to provide innovative senior centers and the life-long learning concept clearly fits within the innovative approach. If an additional physical location is not feasible at this time, we ask that the senior centers in our District have these enhanced programs and that the Agency use funds to support programs for seniors in other spaces such as through colleges and schools. City support for senior centers should not be funded solely through the reimbursement for meals provided.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**03 03 Request: Replace windows at Asser Levy Recreation Center as Necessary**

Explanation: The Asser Levy Recreation Center sustained severe damage from Superstorm Sandy. Much of the storm damage is being addressed. However, this request predates the storm and was a priority in our requests for FY 2015, FY 2014 and before. Some windows are still in urgent need of repair or replacement.

Council District: 2, 4

**04 04 Request: Preserve Existing and Develop Additional Low and Moderate Income Housing in Community District 6**

Explanation: Due to loss of Mitchell-Lama and Section 8 housing and loss of rent controlled and rent regulated housing, areas in Community District 6 are becoming increasingly income segregated. This segregation is aggravated when 421a related construction transfers the affordable housing units to areas outside of Community District 6. In order to support and retain population and economic diversity, Community Board 6 calls on the city to commit \$20 million to provide new or reclaimed low and moderate-income housing within Community District 6 in the forthcoming year.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**05 05 Request: Install Accessible Crossing Signals in at Least 10 Heavily Traveled Intersections in Community District 6**

Explanation: In December 2009, Community Board 6 passed a resolution requesting more audible crossing signals (now more appropriately referred to as accessible signals) in the District. The "medical corridor" along First Avenue is of primary importance including the intersections at 18th, 20th, 23rd, 28th, 30th, 31st, 33rd and 34th Streets. We also identified Avenue C and 23rd Street, Second Avenue and 23rd Street and Third Avenue and 23rd, 24th and 25th Streets. These intersections are part of the access to Mount Sinai Beth Israel Medical Center, NYU Hospital for Joint Diseases, VA Medical Center, Bellevue

Medical Center, and NYU Langone Medical Center as well as numerous medical offices. We also point out that the Stein Senior Center is located on 23rd Street between Second and Third Avenues and seniors attending the Center would benefit from accessible signals in the immediate area.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

Council Districts: 2, 4, 3, 5

**06 06 Request: Install an Irrigation System at Stuyvesant Cove Park**

Explanation: Solar One conducts numerous educational programs in the Park using indigenous and exogenous varieties of plants as part of its instruction for responsible environmental practices. An irrigation system is essential for survival of the plants used throughout the Park. It is anticipated that this project will cost less than \$100,000.

Responsible Agency: Economic Development Corporation

Council Districts: 4

**07 07 Request: Replace or install New Fiber Optic Cabling in all Schools in the District**

Explanation: Our schools need to be equipped with up to date computers with internet access including Wi-Fi access. Cabling for the computers is currently inadequate or nonexistent. Classroom connectivity for PS40 and M475 has been added to the DOE Capital Fiscal Plan and we ask that these efforts be comprehensive and extended to other schools in our community district.

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**08 07 Request: Upgrade Electrical Wiring in all Schools in the District**

Explanation: Our schools need electrical wiring upgrades to meet current requirements, such as computer use, as well as to expand multipurpose use of the school buildings such as providing air conditioning that would provide for more effective year-round utilization of school facilities.

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**09 08 Request: Develop Additional Housing for the Homeless Mentally ill Population in Community District 6 as Per New York New York III and any Successor Program**

Explanation: Too many mentally ill people are on the streets, in shelters or in jails where they do not receive support and medications. For these individuals, supportive housing will sharply reduce shelter recidivism and greatly improve our quality of life. More NY/NYII (NY/NYIII) apartment units developed by HPD contracts with SOMH are needed citywide. Our community seeks its fair share of these units.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**10 09 Request: Develop Additional Permanent Housing for Homeless Families in Community District 6**

Explanation: There is an insufficient supply of housing for homeless families. HPD needs to allocate to homeless families just five percent more of the vacant units that become available annually from the City's existing affordable housing resources. These resources include public housing, Section 8 rent

subsidies and units developed by HPD (i.e. The New Market Place) and inclusionary zoning on rezoned manufacturing and Brownfield sites. This community seeks its fair share of these units in order to meet our needs.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**11 New Request: Upgrade Playground Equipment in MacArthur Park**

Explanation: The park is seeing significantly increased use and requires up to date playground equipment.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks

Council Districts: 5

**12 10 Request: Replace or Repair Stairs that Lead Up to the Pedestrian Overpass at Peter Detmold Park**

Explanation: Community Board 6 requests repair of the stairs for the pedestrian overpass at Peter Detmold Park. The Board has the understanding that these stairs have deteriorated to the point of being dangerous.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks

Council Districts: 5

**13 11 Request: Rehabilitate Cement and Asphalt Medians Along the FDR Service Road (Ave C,) Between 34th and 42nd Streets**

Explanation: Community Board 6 requests rehabilitation of medians along the FDR service road in Community District 6. Some rehabilitation has been completed along some portions of the Service Road but the area between 34th and 42d streets has not been addressed.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

Council Districts: 4, 5

**14 12 Request: Reconstruct Ralph J. Bunche Park With Special Attention to the Isaiah Wall**

Explanation: Reconstruct the park including replacement of pavement, benches and fencing as well as refurbish the landscape. Restore the Isaiah Wall, clean artwork and stone markers. Install water service for plants.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 4

**15 15 Request: Purchase a Toolcat Vehicle to be used In CD6 Parks**

Explanation: The Parks Department uses this type of vehicle to clean debris in our parks. Proper maintenance of our parks is essential. We are pleased to support the Parks Department's identification of

the need for this equipment. Should the Parks Department identify alternate equipment that would achieve the same objective, we would support funding for that equipment.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council District: 2, 3, 4, 5

**16      16      Request: Purchase Additional Basket Truck for Sanitation Pickups for Community District 6**

Explanation: CB6 supports increased activity in the district to address the problem of overflowing trash baskets and the prompt removal of trash generated by high rise apartment buildings and other residential buildings. An additional basket truck would help respond to this concern.

Responsible Agency: Department of Sanitation

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4

**17      17      Request: Build a Pedestrian Overpass Between Murphy Park and Stuyvesant Cove Park**

Explanation: Due to the heavy and fast traffic coming off the FDR, the access to Stuyvesant Cove Park is dangerous to pedestrians. The Community Board requests an overpass access between Murphy Park and Stuyvesant Cove Park.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**18      New      Request: Repair Fountains in Dag Hammarskjold Park**

Explanation: Most of the fountain equipment has been under water for more than a decade and is hopelessly corroded. This includes both plumbing and electrical wiring. The pumps in two of the six fountains are burned out and require replacement. The extent of the problem was brought to the attention of the Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Park in June 2014 and as of August 2014 some of the fountains were brought to a repair level that would allow water turn-on. These were rudimentary repairs awaiting an appropriate budget to conduct thorough repairs and replacements. The Friends of Dag Hammarskjold Plaza takes a custodial interest in the Plaza and will do what it can, but Dag Hammarskjold Plaza should be a world-class park and outstanding neighborhood amenity worthy of funding by the City.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council District: 4

**19      19      Request: Restore Fountains in East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park)**

Explanation: Restoration of function to the fountains by replacing the pumps for water recirculation and the electrical systems would add considerably to the attractiveness and use of the Park. Although some of the restoration may occur during reconstruction of the 38th Street pier, that project will not be completed for several years. CB 6 has been urging that the agency address this renovation and continues to advocate for the restoration of Glick Park.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 4

**20 18 Request: Rehabilitate the Stuyvesant Square Park Comfort Station to Provide Full ADA Compliance and Address ADA Compliance for all Comfort Stations Within the District**

Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that all park comfort stations be made ADA compliant. In Stuyvesant Square Park, this requires complete rehabilitation of the comfort station. We believe that all our parks, including the comfort stations in those parks, should comply with both the requirements of and the spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act even in instances where the City is not legally required to update certain facilities at this time.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 2

**21 New Request: Restore Lighting in East River Esplanade Park (Glick Park)**

Explanation: The lighting in the park was damaged in SuperStorm Sandy and has not been repaired. The lighting is essential to full enjoyment of the park and as a safety measure.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council District: 4

**22 New Request: Expand Children's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) Waiting Room and Family Meeting and Interview Area at Bellevue Hospital**

Explanation: The Children's Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) at Bellevue Hospital is the only psychiatric emergency care environment in New York State, and one of three in the world, dedicated solely to the care of children and adolescents. The Children's CPEP census doubled from 2011 to 2012 and almost doubled again in 2013. With the significant growth in volume, it is essential that Bellevue expand the physical space dedicated to these services. Space has been identified to enlarge the waiting area, to add four consultation rooms for emergency evaluations and Interim Crisis Clinic visits, and to add a multi-desk office to accommodate a growing clinical staff. All that is lacking is the funding to make this expansion possible.

Responsible Agency: Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

Council District: 4

**23 20 Request: Undertake a Partial Interior Renovation of the Epiphany Branch Library**

Explanation: It is time for a renovation of interior spaces, including meeting ADA compliance, and replacement of windows. Of first priority is window replacement.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

Council Districts: 2, 4

**24 21 Request: Undertake a Full Interior Renovation of the Kips Bay Library**

Explanation: The Kips Bay Library is in need of a complete renovation including replacement of HVAC and boiler and radiators. Renovation of interior spaces (including ADA compliance), replacement of

elevator, as well as addressing water infiltration in the basement and façade restoration are also required. Of first priority are the following: HVAC (33 tons), radiators, and boiler and elevator replacement.

Responsible Agency: NYPL

Council Districts: 2, 4

**25 22 Request: Provide Back-up Generators at Firehouses in Community District Six**

Explanation: Superstorm Sandy reminded us all that our first responders and the communities they serve need access to all the necessary tools to deal with emergency situations. FDNY has identified firehouses that need backup generators and has begun installing them. The houses in our district have not been addressed and are not on the FY 2015 priorities. The facilities in our community district include: Engine 021, Engine 016/Ladder 007, Engine 023.

Responsible Agency: FDNY

Council Districts: 2, 4, 5

**26 23 Request: Fund the Solution for the “Choke Point” in the Riverfront Esplanade between 13th Street and 15th Street as Outlined in the Blueway Plan**

Explanation: From 13th to 15th Street, which includes a portion in CB 3, the esplanade heads north of East River Park past the Con Edison pier. While this section has been reconstructed to allow a wider path for bikers and pedestrians, there is a section of the path that remains narrow. A simple widening of the path has been determined to be unfeasible, yet some solution must be found.

Responsible Agency: Department of City Administrative Services

Council Districts: 2, 4

**27 New Request: Make Enhancements to St. Vartan Park**

Explanation: Under the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) related to the replacement of Robert Moses Playground, the parties agreed that St. Vartan Park would be upgraded.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council District: 4

**28 New Request: Replace Outdated Radiology Ultrasound Machines at Bellevue Hospital**

Explanation: This equipment will replace existing but outdated machines to help with the diagnosis and treatment of various conditions. The new machines will provide higher image quality and faster processing speed to improve the diagnostic quality of exams and eliminate the need to rescan patients, thus improving department efficiency. CB6 supports this request from Bellevue Hospital.

Responsible Agency: Health and Hospitals Corporation (HHC)

Council District: 4

**29 New Request: Purchase Video Electroencephalogram (EEG) System for Bellevue Hospital**

Explanation: Carefusion Video EEG is used in Neurology for testing the electrical activity of the brain. It is one of the main diagnostic tests for epilepsy and can play a role in diagnosing and treating various other brain disorders, such as brain tumors, sleep disorders, and strokes. CB6 supports this request from Bellevue Hospital.

Responsible Agency: HHC

Council District: 4

**30 CS Request: Provide Robot for the Outpatient Department Pharmacy at Bellevue Hospital**

Explanation: The OPD Pharmacy is making efforts to address the high volume of prescriptions filled, which is around 1,000/day, double the amount filled by local pharmacies. The Robot will allow for prescriptions to be filled in a timelier manner, which will decrease patient wait time and improve the overall performance of the OPD Pharmacy. CB6 supports this request.

Responsible Agency: HHC

Council District: 4

**CS CS Request: Build a Full Length 2nd Avenue Subway**

Explanation: The East Side of Manhattan is underserved by the subway system. The Lexington Avenue lines are grossly over-crowded; many Eastside residents and commuters walk over a half-mile to already over-crowded trains. Phases 3 and 4 of the 2nd Avenue Subway are expected to benefit Community District 6. We eagerly await the completion of this work and ask the City to block any efforts to further delay work.

Responsible Agency: Transit Authority

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**CS CS Request: Complete the Third Water Tunnel**

Explanation: This remains a board priority.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

Council Districts: 2, 3, 4, 5

**CS CS Request: Reconstruct Trygve Lie Plaza Including Installing Water Service for Plants**

Explanation: Reconstruct pavement and refurbish the landscape. Install watering service for plants

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council District: 4

**CS CS Request: Convert the Roof Into Outdoor Passive Recreation Space at the 54th Street Recreation Center**

Explanation: Community Board 6 supports the Department of Parks proposal to convert the roof of the 54th Street Recreation Center into a passive recreation space. Work has begun on this project but was not completed at the time these requests were prepared.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 5

**CS CS Request: Repair bathrooms in PS 116 and PS 40**

Explanation: The bathrooms at these two schools needed complete rehabilitation including floors, walls, and fixtures. We understand that some repairs have been made at PS 116 but there are remaining issues at PS 40.

Council Districts: 2, 4

**CS CS Request: Improve the 25th St Bridge Over The FDR for Handicap Accessibility and Safety Concerns**

Explanation: Waterside has an existing pedestrian bridge at 25th Street that should be modified to allow handicap access at its western end. The agency should also work with Waterside to make sure that resident concerns are addressed including the installation of safer surfaces that reduce problems in snow and rain, improved lighting and other safety concerns. It is our understanding that the project is in the Ten-Year Plan but we want to ensure that the funds remain and that the project is completed.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation.

Council District: 4

**CS CS Request: Restore Stuyvesant Square East Park Fence and Restore Bluestone Sidewalk**

Explanation: The Stuyvesant Square Park East fence has been a top priority of the Board for many years. We now have substantial work being done and the promise that the work will be completed. Many individuals including our elected officials, Community Board members, and concerned citizens have worked together to get the project completed to this point. We will continue to review progress to ensure that the project is completed. As of Fall, 2014, substantial work remains to be done.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

Council Districts: 2

**CS CS Request: Repair and Renovate Auditorium in PS 116**

Explanation: We have been informed that funds directed to the project by Council Member Christine Quinn should allow for renovation of the auditorium in PS 116. Other schools continue to need renovations and these remain as the Board's priority number 15 and 16.

Responsible Agency: Department of Education

Council Districts: 2, 4

**CS CS Request: Install a new boiler for Asser Levy Recreation Center**

Explanation: The existing boiler is beyond its useful life and should be replaced

Council Districts: 2, 4

**CS CS Request: Raise Roadbed of De-Mapped Street at Asser Levy Place**

Explanation: Asser Levy Place has been de-mapped and as of Fall 2014 some of the work has been done toward converting the space to an active public playground. \$1.5 million is appropriated for this first phase of the work. DPR has future plans to raise the roadbed completely and money for that phase needs to be appropriated.

Council District: 2, 4

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

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**5b – RE: Expense Budget Priorities for NYC FY 2016 Budget**

**CB6 Expense Budget Priorities**

**Fiscal Year 2016 Budget Request**

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**Expense Budget Priorities and Requests**

**Priority Project Information**

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**01 01 Request: Increase Patrol Staffing Levels for 13th and 17th Precincts**

Explanation: Police precincts must be adequately staffed to perform basic public policing protecting residents from physical harm and economic loss. We understand that both the 13th and the 17th precinct staffing are still down. Some enforcement issues, particularly those related to the safety of the aging population in the District, to pedestrian safety, and to quality of life issues cannot be aggressively pursued at current staff levels. We would like to see staffing increased in both precincts to 1) Increase police presence and enforcement against illegal and/or dangerous bike riding and similar threats to pedestrian safety, 2) expand enforcement of traffic and noise violations, 3) expand the number of bicycle-equipped police officers, 4) provide greater vigilance on issues arising from an increase in the homeless population on the streets and in and around the 30th Street shelter and other shelters, 5) address the public nuisance and destruction of property related to pub crawls and similar circumstances.

Responsible Agency: New York Police Department

**02 02 Request: Hire Additional Parks Maintenance and Operations Personnel and Maintain a District Gardener dedicated solely to CD6**

Explanation: Current levels of maintenance and operations staff are not adequate to maintain the parks in Community District 6. There should always be a dedicated District Gardener focusing solely on the needs of the District. It should be noted that non-governmental funding is not available for any parks in the District; they rely solely on City funding.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

**03 03 Request: Fund Full-Service Hours At Kips Bay, Epiphany And Grand Central Libraries And Protect Six-Day Service In 2016**

Explanation: Community Board 6 asks that all previous library service cuts be restored and baselined in the 2016 budget. The City must maintain a minimum of six-day service and increase the number of hours the libraries are open each day. In these challenging economic times it is particularly important that the libraries' resources, including computer resources, are available to all members of our community when needed. The libraries must have strong collections, diverse programming, and sufficient appropriately trained staff to support their functions.

Responsible Agency: New York Public Library

**04 12 Request: Upgrade Security Measures at Schools Including Lighting, Panic Bars, and Other Measures**

Explanation: The security of our school children is of paramount concern. We understand that the schools need these security upgrades and are of particular interest at PS 116 and a first priority for The American Sign Language School (M347)

Responsible Agency: Department of Education

**05 05 Request: Increase Operating Funds for Each Community Board to \$300,000**

Explanation: The 2015 Adopted Budget maintained the previous year's allocation for Community Boards. However, that action does not protect the funding from PEG cuts, does not restore cuts from previous years nor take into account the fact that Community Boards have not had a budget increase in over 20 years. Inflation alone has eroded the purchasing power of the budgets and despite efforts to reduce expenditures wherever possible, the Boards face ever-increasing costs. The Board Office is already understaffed and current funding will not address the anticipated increases in complexity and diversity of skill sets needed in the Board Office.

Responsible Agency: Office of Management and Budget

**06 06 Request: Increase Funding for Parks Enforcement Patrol**

Explanation: Increased presence of patrols in parks reduces illegal or inappropriate behavior in parks and increases the opportunity for peaceful and safe enjoyment of the parks by children and adult park users. Community Board 6 would like more frequent patrols in our District. Current levels of "roving" enforcement are not sufficient to address quality of life issues in our parks; more fixed patrols are needed.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

**07 07 Request: Increase/Protect Funding for a Diverse Range of Youth Services and After-School Youth Programs**

Explanation: The Board requests the development of youth services targeted at children in Community District 6. The overcrowded conditions in our schools require that we provide every opportunity possible to focus on the needs of our school-age children. We recognize that federal and state funding are critical components for financing such projects but we ask that the City take greater responsibility for providing youth services and increase efforts to procure the necessary funding from, state, federal and private sources.

Responsible Agency: Department of Youth & Community Development

**08 08 Request: Expand the Number of Traffic and Parking Enforcement Agents**

Explanation: We have elsewhere requested an increase in staffing at the 13th and 17th precincts. This request is specifically directed at the need for increased enforcement of parking and traffic violations, which is under a separate command in the Police Department. Residents are pedestrians and view traffic as a nuisance. Vehicles in pedestrian crosswalks or traveling in a dangerous manner are a threat to all residents but particularly our aging population. In addition, drivers who cause a nuisance through noise from horns or unmuffled exhausts should be penalized. As a recent development, the new bike and bus lanes are not being respected. Additional enforcement is necessary to prevent illegal parking in the bus and bike lanes.

Responsible Agency: Police Department

**09 09 Request: Allocate Additional Funding for Home Assistance Programs for the Elderly in CD6.**

Explanation: 15.6% of the population of Community District 6 is over age 65 and the mean age in the district is the oldest in the city. The Community Board requests a higher level of attention to its elderly population. Increased availability of home assistance may become particularly important after the cutbacks in financial support for senior centers throughout the area. We appreciate the Agency's stated commitment to advocating for federal and state funds and to work with other city agencies.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

**10 New Request: Increase Funding for Rat Abatement Activity in Community District Six**

Explanation: Reports of rats increased significantly in 2014 and, despite a multi-agency effort, rat control is still a problem. Increased construction planned in the District in the next few years will only exacerbate the problem. We also take note of the need to coordinate rat abatement activities through adequate park maintenance (see request 02), enforcement of littering and quality of life issues (requests 22), and increased sanitation pickups (request 18).

Responsible Agency: Department of Health and Department of Parks and Recreation

**11 10 Request: Add another Paving Crew (10 people) for Work in CD6**

Explanation: We have been informed that additional staffing is necessary to meet the needs of maintenance and repair of streets in our District.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

**12 11 Request: Provide Additional Computers and Instructional Technology in Schools Throughout the District and Provide Teachers with the Training to Use that Technology Effectively**

Explanation: Our schools have not kept up with the technology that could improve classroom instruction. Additional computers and modern technology such as smart boards will assist teachers and students in the learning process. Training on how to use the technology is, of course, essential.

Responsible Agency: Department of Education

**13 New Request: Install at Least One Video Camera in Bellevue South Park**

Explanation: A video camera would increase security for people using the park and help identify and deter criminal activity.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks and Recreation

**14 13 Request: Increase Staff for the Landmarks Preservation Commission to Aid and Expand Enforcement and Operations in Community District 6.**

Explanation: There are currently 6 designated Historic Districts within the Community District that need to be monitored and additional areas should be considered for designation.

Responsible Agency: Landmarks Preservation Commission

**15 New Request: Conduct a District-wide Traffic Study**

Explanation: Traffic accidents and traffic congestion are major concerns in the District and include automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian safety. The intersection at 23rd Street and Second Avenue has had a substantial history of pedestrian-automobile incidents while at 23rd Street and Third Avenue as well as Second Avenue near the midtown tunnel traffic back up and clog streets. 57th Street and Second Avenue has had one of the highest number of accidents in Manhattan. The area near the ferry terminal at 34th Street and the FDR Service Road also consistently has one of the highest accident rates in the district. Pedestrian-bicycle incidents must also be addressed. Bus circulation patterns must be evaluated. Addressing dangerous or bothersome situations in such a diverse geographic region on a piece-meal basis leads to merely shifting problematic conditions from one specific region to another. Only a thorough and comprehensive study will effectively address our issues. A district wide study also is consistent with the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative to eliminate traffic fatalities and injuries and improve safety for all. Should funding in the 2016 budget not be available for a single comprehensive District-wide study, we urge the City not to dismiss this request but rather apply additional resources to address the individual concerns, ever-mindful of the impact on the District as a whole.

Responsibility: Department of Transportation

**16 14 Request: Add Air and Noise Pollution Control Inspectors for Community District 6**

Explanation: 311 records and other City reports indicate that noise is the #1 complaint in the District. In addition to late night noise from bars and other establishments, we are experiencing an increase in noise related to traffic congestion due, in part, to the reduction in traffic lanes when bike lanes and bus lanes were implemented. The result has been slower traffic, more noise, and more pollution. We ask for additional air and noise pollution control inspectors to ensure that the agency can be

proactive in addressing violations 24 hours a day. Relying solely on a complaint-based system means that investigations may not provide for a timely response to address on-going violations.

Responsible Agency: Department of Environmental Protection

**17 16 Request: Allocate Additional Funding for Respite Care for Caregivers of Seniors in Community District 6**

Explanation: The provision of respite care encourages people to continue to care for aging spouses and parents in their homes rather than resorting to disruptive, impersonal, and expensive alternatives. This is a request for city-funded services, not for an expansion of Medicaid services. We appreciate the agency's assertion that they will continue to advocate for federal and state funds and to work with other city agencies.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

**18 20 Request: Fund a Shopping and Companion Service for the Frail and Homebound**

Explanation: Sometimes the simplest of services can add significantly to a senior's quality of life. We recognize that city services to the elderly have been impacted by reduction in federal and state funding. A service to assist individuals in taking care of basic activities of daily life in the community is a necessary and low-cost response to the needs of our elderly neighbors. If city funds are not available to provide these services directly, we ask that the City expend funds to partner with community organizations to provide the services and at least partially reimburse costs incurred by volunteer programs currently operated through the senior centers.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

**19 New Request: Increase Recycling Pickups to Two Times a Week**

Explanation: Increased recycling requirements have become challenging for medium and small multi-unit residential buildings. Such buildings have limited space to store recyclables. It would be more effective and encourage greater compliance with recycling regulations if the City increased pick ups to twice weekly.

Responsible Agency: Sanitation

**20 15 Request: Provide Additional Highway Inspection and Quality Assurance (HIQA) Inspectors to be Deployed in Community District 6**

Explanation: HIQA is charged with enforcing the laws and rules that govern the way work is performed on the City's sidewalks, roadways and highways. Inspectors also review work sites for compliance with permit stipulations. Community Board 6 asks that the DOT provide a sufficient number of full-time HIQA inspectors to provide all these services and in particular to verify that all street openings in the District are properly overseen and that final resurfacing meet regulatory requirements to restore the street to good condition.

Responsible Agency: Department of Transportation

**21 18 Request: Increase Funding for Housing Preservation Inspectors**

Explanation: The Board asks for additional inspections to ensure that properties are up to Code and are being maintained to provide a safe, secure, and healthy environment for all residents.

Responsible Agency: Department of Housing Preservation & Development

**22 19 Request: Expand TLC Enforcement by Adding Additional Inspectors for CD 6**

Explanation: Community Board 6 requests that TLC increase its number of inspections of illegal idling, pickup, parking and other practices within the District. The District includes the UN area and several corporate headquarters. Regulated for-hire vehicles (“Black cars”) appear to be disregarding traffic and parking regulations and drivers appear to be contributing to litter problems and public health concerns.

Responsible Agency: Taxi and Limousine Commission

**23 22 Request: Restore Funding for Intergenerational Programs at Senior Centers**

Explanation: Funding for intergenerational programs was eliminated from the City budget a few years ago through PEG cuts. These programs are beneficial to both youth and senior populations and should be supported. Some programming is available on a volunteer basis and, in other districts, through ad hoc coordination with schools, but the City should actively encourage intergenerational activities and fund, at a minimum, administrative costs and the assistance of paid experts.

Responsible Agency: Department for the Aging

**24 New Request: Install Video Camera in the Garden Area of Dag Hammarskjold Park**

Explanation: District residents have reported criminal or offensive public behavior in the Park but PEP officers and law enforcement are hindered by the need to actually observe the behavior when it occurs. Surveillance by video camera(s) would be a cost effective means to identify incidents and deter future illegal activity.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks

**25 21 Request: Install Additional Benches for St. Vartan Park**

Explanation: Benches are needed for adults who accompany children playing in the Park.

Responsible Agency: Department of Parks

**26 17 Request: Extend Funding of the FDNY CPR Initiative**

Explanation: Community Board 6 endorses this borough-wide initiative. We understand that funding constraints have, in the past, limited the full implementation of this important community program. While some non-governmental funds are available, the City should be responsible for any short-fall in funding.

Responsible Agency: FDNY

**VOTE: 40 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 1 Not Entitled**

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**7a - RE: DPR Application for placement of temporary Bronze Sculptures by Juan Soriano in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on East 47<sup>th</sup> Street Between First & Second Avenues.**

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2014, Jennifer Lantzas, the Public Art Coordinator for New York City Parks and Renee Nino of Nino de Rivera Communications, Inc. and curator of the installation, made a presentation on behalf of The Mexican Cultural Institute of New York and The Juan Soriano and Marek Keller Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nino discussed the artist, Juan Soriano's, early life, participation in Mexico City's circles of progressive intellectuals and artists in the 1930's, interacting with such artists as Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Jose Clemente Orozco, amongst others; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Nino went on to review Juan Soriano's time in Europe in his 30's, especially Italy and Greece, which determined the classical and mythical themes that became central to his work; and

**WHEREAS**, while Juan Soriano explored painting, ceramic, and stage and costume design, in the mid-1980's he shifted to monumental sculptures of abstract representations of animals and birds that are found today in plazas around the world, including Mexico, Germany, Poland, and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, Juan Soriano has enjoyed both temporary and permanent exhibitions in galleries, museums and institutes around the world including Paris, Rome, Madrid, Hong Kong, Seoul, Cuba, Mexico and the U.S. from the 1940's to the present day; and

**WHEREAS**, Juan Soriano's list of awards and recognitions span from the 1940's and include Mexico's National Art Prize in 1987, France's Legion of Honour in 2004, and Spain's Velazquez Plastic Arts Prize from King Juan Carlos in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, since his death in 2006 Juan Soriano's art has been in continual demand around the world; and

**WHEREAS**, Dag Hammarskjold Plaza is the gateway to the United Nations and has a long history of successful public art installations; and

**WHEREAS**, three bronze sculptures are proposed for Dag Hammarskjold Plaza from mid-October, 2014 until April 30, 2015;

**WHEREAS**, the first bronze sculpture is entitled *Bird With Two Faces* with dimensions of 156.29 inches by 37.55 inches by 39.37 inches, weighing 1,984.16 pounds and being installed on the platform near the Second Avenue side of the Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the second bronze sculpture is entitled *Bird III* with dimensions of 114.567 inches by 40.9449 inches by 106.299 inches, weighing 1,102.31 pounds and being installed near the midway point of the Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the third bronze sculpture is entitled *Bronze Dove* with dimensions of 100.39 inches by 66.929 inches by 90.55 inches, weighing 1,543 pounds and being stalled near the First Avenue side of the Plaza; and

**WHEREAS**, the NYC Parks Department will be coordinating the installation and removal of the sculptures with Renee Nino; **now**

**THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six supports the DPR Application for placement of temporary Bronze Sculptures by Juan Soriano in Dag Hammarskjold Plaza on East 47<sup>th</sup> Street Between First & Second Avenues.

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

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**8a – RE: Corp. Ch. For Diamondrock NY Lex Tenant LLC & Highgate Hotels LP dba The Lexington NYC, 511-515 Lexington Ave, btw E 47th & E 48th Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Donald Bernstein and General Managers, John Tarvato and Merev Segev appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of the Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this is just a restructuring of the business with the same principals, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no changes in the applicant’s method of operation, 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8b – RE: Corp Ch. For RJL III Doubletree Metropolitan Lessee LLC & Highgate Hotels LP dba Doubletree Metropolitan Hotel NYC, 569-573 Lexington Ave. @ E 51st St**

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Donald Bernstein and General Managers, John Tarvato and Merev Segev appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of the Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this is just a restructuring of the business with the same principals, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no changes in the applicant's method of operation, 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8c – RE: Method of Operation change for M T Muggs LLC dba Blackwell's Restaurant & Pub, 150 E 47th St btw Lex & 3rd Aves.**

**WHEREAS**, Owner Michael Columb appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is looking to add live music to this venue from 8PM until midnight Saturday evenings only, and

**WHEREAS**, the music ensemble will consist of solo performers, duets and a maximum of 3-4 musicians, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant said soundproofing measures will be implemented and all windows will remain closed when musicians are performing, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no other changes to the establishment other than the addition of live music, 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**8d – RE: New Op Liquor License for 143 East 47<sup>th</sup> Street LLC d/b/a Foxy John’s, 143 E. 47<sup>th</sup> Street btw Third and Lexington Avenues**

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Terry Flynn and Principal Eamonn Maher appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is looking to open a restaurant/bar, and

**WHEREAS**, the three owners are experienced operators who have previously owned, Eamonn’s Bar and Grill on East 45<sup>th</sup> Street, PJ Murphy’s at East 48<sup>th</sup> Street and Langan’s on West 47<sup>th</sup> Street, and

**WHEREAS**, this is a fairly commercial area with a hotel being built directly next door, and

**WHEREAS**, this establishment will close at 2AM nightly with windows and doors closing at 11PM weeknights and midnight on weekends, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants will have a Public Assembly permit in place prior to opening, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no congregating outside and the applicant agreed to appear before Community Board Six again if there are any further changes to their name or method of operation, 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8e – RE: New OP Liq., Lic. app & Method of Operation Ch for 344 Restaurant Group dba Promenade, 344 Third Ave, btw E 25th & 26th Sts.**

**WHEREAS**, Attorney Terry Flynn, Principal Jeffrey Hardoon and Manager Eddie Fahmy appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is re-applying for a full OP liquor license as the SLA has cancelled their initial license and they are operating on a stay issued by the state Supreme Court. The SLA cancelled their license for multiple reasons including serious misrepresentation to CB6 Manhattan and their case is still proceeding where it will soon be heard by the Appellate Court, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the applicant's best interest to have a positive resolution as it will likely help with their court case, and

**WHEREAS**, the same Principal and attorney appeared before Community Board Six last year explaining they were going to open a high-end American Restaurant with a chef that previously worked in a Michelin Star restaurant at this same location, and

**WHEREAS**, at that meeting it was expressed that the board was concerned considering this is a problematic area within CB Six due to its extensive amount of bars, nightlife scene and its close proximity to Colleges and College dorms. The committee wanted to make sure, especially considering this was previously a large restaurant able to accommodate well over 140 seats, that this would not be just 'another large bar', and

**WHEREAS**, the owner and attorney assured the committee that this was not the case and the full board voted to not object to this license via a resolution sent to the SLA and a full OP liquor license was granted, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant that came before us opened as Bottomz Up a Sports bar with 45 TV screens inside, two large beer jugs as door handles and a menu according to the establishments' own website inspired by the tradition of 'tailgating', additionally there were three other partners added to the license (not disclosed to the board) that were associated with a bar Bottomz Up in Long Island which was a Sports bar laid out exactly the same way with the only difference being this bar did not have waitresses in 'Hooters' type attire, and

**WHEREAS**, between 23 and 35<sup>th</sup> Street on Third Avenue there are at least 27 On Premises Liquor Licenses, and on Third Avenue between 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and 30<sup>th</sup> Street *not including* the applicant there are 9 other sports bars, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is subject to the 500 ft rule where it is the responsibility of the applicant to prove their proposed establishment is in the best interest of the community, and

**WHEREAS**, there have been consistent community complaints about the diminishing quality of life for residents in the area due to the high saturation of bars on Third Avenue in the East 20s and 30s and many neighborhood concerns due to this area continually evolving into a nightlife strip, and

**WHEREAS**, the advisory capacity of the Community Board when licensees first apply with the SLA is the only opportunity the Community Board has to contend with potentially problematic operators that can have a negative impact on the Community for years to come, and

**WHEREAS**, an applicant who misrepresents themselves in front of the Community board entirely negates the board's ability to weigh in on the impact of that operator in our area, and

**WHEREAS**, Bottomz Up has since changed their name to Promenade, and according to the applicant has not had any 311 complaints, and had several people in the audience who said it was a great place to watch sports, and

**WHEREAS**, members of the community said the misrepresentation was a serious issue as well as having another large Sports bar in the area that likely would not have initially been approved by the board if they were upfront of what the establishment was really to be, and

**WHEREAS**, a member of the community stressed the oversaturation of bars in the area and how it is diminishing quality of life in our community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Gramercy Park Block Association, representing over 2000 members, felt strongly that to re-issue a license to an operator that blatantly misrepresented themselves and that now came back to the board when it is in *their* best interest was not in the best interest of the community, sets a terrible precedent to operators that try to open under false pretenses and will in turn have a negative impact on our area for years to come, now

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to the presentation made by the Representative at the meeting of the Business Affairs and Street Activities committee held on October 2, 2014 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M **opposes** this application.

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

**Committee Vote: 5 in Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8f – RE: New OP Liquor License application for RAA NYC LLC d/b/a Chote Nawabe, 115 Lexington Avenue, @ East 28<sup>th</sup> Street**

**WHEREAS**, Representative Elliot Pollack appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this location is an Indian Restaurant looking to add an OP liquor license, and

**WHEREAS**, it was recently purchased by investor Rajiv Garg, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant closes on weeknights at 11PM and at 1AM on weekends, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant agreed that they will come before CB6 for any further change in ownership or change in method of operation; 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8h – RE: Renewal of OP Liquor License, for PMC Corp d/b/a Vertigo, 354 Third Avenue @ East 26<sup>th</sup> Street**

**WHEREAS**, Operators Jones Harrison Banks, Brendan Strew and Kathleen Reilly appeared before the Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the Renewal License was brought before the Committee because of several noise concerns coming from the establishment's wide open windows and multiple television screens; and

**WHEREAS**, the operators agreed to close windows at 11pm on weeknights, midnight on weekends and whenever the television volume is on; 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 October 2, 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 7 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8i – RE: New OP Liquor License application for 6<sup>th</sup> TOT Corp d/b/a/ Amata, 209 East 56<sup>th</sup> Street btw. Second and Third Avenues**

**WHEREAS**, Principal Christopher Dorrian appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this establishment will be an upscale Italian restaurant, and

**WHEREAS**, the head chef was previously at Enzo's on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant will close weeknights at 11PM and midnight on weekends, windows and French doors will close nightly by 11PM, 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 October 2, 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 7 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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**8j – RE: New OP Liquor License application for RAA NYC LLC d/b/a Chola, 232 E. 58<sup>th</sup> Street, btw. Second and Third Avenues**

**WHEREAS**, Representative Elliot Pollack appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on October 2, 2014, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this location is an Indian Restaurant looking to add an OP liquor license, and

**WHEREAS**, it was recently purchased by investor Rajiv Garg, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant closes on weeknights at 11PM and at 1AM on weekends, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant agreed that they will come before CB6 for any further change in ownership or change in method of operation; 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 October 2, 2014 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 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Committee Vote: 6 in Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

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Letty Simon	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Nicholas Smolney	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	E
Susan Steinberg	P	P	E	P	A	P	P	P
Kathy Thompson	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P
Mark Thompson	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Brian Van Nieuwenhoven							P	P
Jules Vigh-Lebowitz								
Wilbur Weder	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
John Pettit West	P	A	P	P	P	P	P	P
Ronald White	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	A
Claude L. Winfield	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P