

**Manhattan Community Board Six**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM**  
**NYU-Langone Medical Center**  
**550 First Avenue, Alumni Hall B**

Board Chair Molly Hollister called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. She asked all board members to sit in the first three rows so that they can be better identified. She introduced Secretary Kathy Thompson, Vice-Chair Claude L. Winfield and District Manager for CB6, Jesús Pérez.

The agenda was adopted.

The first roll call was conducted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

**Public Session - Elected Representatives and Agency Reports**

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

Assembly Member Dan Quart reported that the new legislative session had started on Monday in Albany. He noted that it will be a very contentious year as the Assembly will be dealing with the federal tax plan's negative effects on New York City and New York State. The state budget is required to be adopted by April 1<sup>st</sup>. There are a number of problems in the budget involving transportation and MTA capital requirements. Mr. Quart will be co-sponsoring legislation involving tolling cars entering Manhattan. He has also written legislation with numerous cosponsors that would end cash bail.

For more information please go to: <http://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Dan-Quart>

Senator Brad Hoylman congratulated new Board Chair Molly Hollister and reported that the legislative session is in full swing. He noted that the state is facing a budget shortfall of \$2B, with the new federal tax plan pushing that number even higher. He reported that he is working on legislation that would void employer contracts with non-disclosure agreements that potentially protect criminal behavior. Finally, Mr. Holyman announced a vision screening event on January 29<sup>th</sup>, a Town Hall covering tax resistance on February 1<sup>st</sup>, and a SCRIE and DRIE Workshop to be held on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

For more information please go to: <http://bradhoylman.com/>

Jennifer Greer from Public Advocate Letitia James' office reported that Ms. James was just sworn in for a second term. She noted an alarming rise in heating complaints this winter season. For more information please go to: <https://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/>.

Newly installed Council Member Keith Powers thanked everyone on Community Board Six for their support over the years as a fellow board member. He announced that he has officially resigned from the board. He also announced that he has a new staffer,

Ben Jacobs, who will be the new CB6 liaison. Mr. Powers will be keeping former Council Member Dan Garodnick's office and phone number for the time being. He invited everyone to his inauguration on January 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at the CUNY Graduate Center. He closed by congratulating new Board Chair Molly Hollister. For more information please go to: <https://council.nyc.gov/keith-powers/>

Newly installed Council Member Carlina Rivera introduced herself to the board. She was elected to the seat formerly held by Rosie Mendez. She introduced her new liaison for CB6, John Blasco. Ms. Rivera recited a long list of topics she will be focusing on during her term such as homelessness, noise complaints, unruly bars, traffic congestion, small businesses, parks, and the budget. She announced that she has kept former Council Member Rosie Mendez' office and phone number. She congratulated new Board Chair Molly Hollister and thanked former Chair Rick Eggers for his assistance. Ms. Rivera's inauguration is also on January 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 pm at Middle Collegiate Church. For more information please go to: <https://council.nyc.gov/carlina-rivera/>

Jeremy Crimm from Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney's office announced that there will be a forum on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the Lenox Hill Neighborhood House on how the new federal tax bill will affect New Yorkers. For more information please go to: <http://maloney.house.gov/>.

Madeline Grunwald from State Senator Liz Krueger's office reminded everyone that the deadline for kindergarten applications is January 12<sup>th</sup>. The next Roundtable for Boomers and Seniors will be held on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Lenox Hill Neighborhood House. For more information please go to: <http://www.lizkrueger.com/>.

Brice Peyre from New York State Assembly Member Dick Gottfried's office reported that while paid family leave is currently for 8 weeks, it will increase to 12 weeks in 2021. Mr. Gottfried was concerned about Attorney General Sessions' efforts to recriminalize marijuana and the effect it may have on the sale of medical marijuana. There will be a hearing on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 250 Broadway of the Assembly Codes Committee, Health Committee, and Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Committee to examine regulated adult sale and possession of marijuana and how it would affect New York's public health and the criminal justice systems. For more information please go to: <http://www.dickgottfried.org/>.

Kevin Jean Baptiste of District Attorney Cyrus Vance's office announced that the DA's office is changing the way they ask for bail on minor violations and misdemeanor cases. Violent and repeat offenders, domestic violence, pending felony cases, and parole and probation offenders will continue to require bail. He also announced that they are launching their high school intern program. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanda.org/meet-cy-vance>

Michelle D. Winfield of the State Committee 74<sup>th</sup> Assembly welcomed new Board Chair Molly Hollister and congratulated former Acting Chair Claude L. Winfield on all of his hard work as Acting Chair.

### **Public Session - Members of the Public**

Carol Rinzler congratulated new Board Chair Molly Hollister on behalf of the Turtle Bay Association. She also thanked the entire board for all of their efforts during the Greater East Midtown Rezoning negotiations.

### **Business Session**

The December minutes were adopted.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Molly Hollister thanked former Chair Rick Eggers and former Acting Chair Claude L. Winfield for all of their assistance during her transition. She also thanked District Manager Jesus Perez, and Community Associates Cody Osterman and Sam Carrigan. Ms. Hollister announced that there is a vacancy for Second Vice-Chair. At the February full board meeting nominations will be accepted from the floor and a vote will immediately follow. A separate paper ballot will accompany the vote. This process is being conducted in accordance with Bylaws Article 3, Part D, Items 1 and 4.

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

District Manager Pérez reported that we continue to make progress in the long saga of our office space. He reminded everyone that the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) had found us an office space last summer. This past fall, it was 99% ready for move in. Thanks to much advocacy on our part, and on the part of our elected officials, on December 20th, the City's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approved our lease abstract (which is an outline of the lease).

DCAS is now in the process of drafting the actual lease and reviewing it with our prospective landlord. Mr. Pérez spoke with OMB and DCAS a few days ago to make sure that our lease wasn't languishing on someone's desk. From what he's learned, our case has been marked a priority; and he will continue actively following up with DCAS and OMB to see that they keep on task. This lease drafting stage is projected to take three months, but Council Member Kallos has been advocating for us directly to the DCAS Commissioner and she has told him that she doesn't anticipate needing the entire 90 days.

On January 16th, Mr. Pérez has a meeting with DCAS to review the details of the new office. On January 17th, we have a hearing before the City Planning Commission where DCAS will present our notice of intent to acquire office space.

There are a few more steps, which will be updated as we make more progress.

Mr. Pérez announced that there will be staff presence at committee meetings. Now that the CB6 office is staffing up, he is having an office staff member attend every committee meeting. This will be a great help to the committees and will help the office keep abreast of the committees' activities. A CB6 staff member will arrive 30 minutes early to all committees and will set up the room and the Audio/Visuals, bring the sign in sheet and any other materials that the committee chair might need. In order to help Mr. Pérez assign the work to the appropriate staff member, please use our general office email: [office@cbsix.org](mailto:office@cbsix.org) when communicating with the office. That email is automatically redirected to all of the office staff. The Transportation Committee, the Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee, the Land Use and Waterfront Committee, and the Health and Education Committee will see Sam Carrigan. The Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee, the Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs Committee, the Housing Homeless and Human Rights Committee and the Public Safety and Environment Committee will see Cody Osterman.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Brian Van Nieuwenhoven reported that OMB's Budget Summary report for the board from January 2, 2018 shows that our Personal Services Budget for FY18 remains \$195,435.00, and we have a remaining balance of \$147,449.06 with \$47,985.94 spent or obligated.

The current budget for Other Than Personal Services excluding rent is \$141,933.00, including \$98,457.00 of our Street Fair money. The Other Than Personal Services budget without the Street Fair money is now \$43,476.00, with a remaining balance of \$5,690.40 with \$37,785.60 spent or obligated.

Finally, thanks to our borrowed office space deep in the ground under 20<sup>th</sup> Street our rent budget AND rent balance for the year remains at \$126,007.00.

### **Borough President's Report**

Lucille Songhai from Manhattan Borough President Gayle Brewer's office announced that Ms. Brewer will be coming soon to give her report directly. In the interim, Ms. Songhai reminded everyone to get their CB applications and renewals in to her office. She reported that the Borough President will be holding a youth event on January 19<sup>th</sup> to encourage youth participation in community boards. She noted that former board member Sarah Shamoon is in the audience, visiting during a break from her Harvard classes. For more information please go to: <http://manhattanbp.nyc.gov/html/home/home.shtml>.

Chair Hollister called a recess at 8:02 pm for the Budget and Governmental Affairs Committee to caucus.

Ms. Hollister reconvened the meeting at 8:10 pm.

## Committee Resolutions & Reports

### 1. Business Affairs and Street Activities

Chair Kyle Athayde presented Resolution 1a: New OP Lic. for Dera Restaurant NYC Inc., dba Dera Restaurant, 103 Lexington Ave btw E 27th & 28th Streets. An address correction was pointed out on the back of the resolution; and the resolution passed unanimously.

1. Business Affairs & Street Activities – Kyle Athayde, Chair				
a. Resolution: No Objection to New OP Lic. for Dera Restaurant NYC Inc dba Dera Restaurant, 103 Lexington Ave btw 27th & 28th Streets	36	0	1	0

Chair Athayde thanked the committee for attending the committee meeting two weeks earlier than the regularly scheduled meeting date. He reported that the committee wants to maximize the potential of the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee by addressing community concerns such as vacant store fronts and Santa Con. He asked all board members to send him suggestions of any other issues the committee should be looking into.

### 2. Parks, Landmarks and Cultural Affairs

Chair Mark Thompson waived his report.

### 3. Transportation

Chair Sandra McKee reported that there was no committee meeting last month due to a snow event. She announced that the Transportation Committee, in partnership with CB5, are hosting a DOT presentation on public realm improvement projects on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm at 1 Penn Plaza. The monthly committee meeting will be held on February 5<sup>th</sup>, where the committee will be discussing new crosstown bus lanes, bike lanes and speed bumps.

### 4. Budget and Governmental Affairs

Acting Chair Marty Barrett reported that Chair Pedro Carrillo is on leave for the next two months; Mr. Barrett will be Acting Chair in the interim. The committee met on Monday of this week to review Resolution 4a, regarding City Council Intro 1494 and 1495. He introduced Committee Member Jim Collins, who had written the resolution. Mr. Collins explained the two bills, how they affect our community, and the importance of transparency. Vice-Chair Winfield expanded on the importance of the two bills. He also asked that the committee take up the review of Intro 1491, which covers the over concentration of facilities in the district.

Resolution 4a: Regarding City Council Legislation (Intro: 1494 and Intro: 1495) relating to the equitable siting of city facilities in neighborhoods was presented and passed unanimously.

<b>4. Budget &amp; Governmental Affairs – Martin Barrett, Acting Chair</b>				
a. Resolution: Recommending New York City Council Pass and Mayor Sign into Law Intro.1494 and Intro.1495 Expanding Transparency in the Siting of Public Facilities	<b>36</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Mr. Barrett reported that at the next committee meeting on February 12<sup>th</sup> the committee will indeed be reviewing Intro 1491. At the last meeting they had heard from Mariana Alexander from the Citizens Budget Commission, who explained the budget for the next 4-5 years.

**5. Housing, Homeless and Human Rights**

Acting Chair Raj Nayar waived his report.

**6. Health and Education**

Chair Ahsia Badi waived her report.

**7. Land Use and Waterfront**

Chair Sandro Sherrod thanked former Chair Rick Eggers and former Acting Chair Claude L. Winfield for all of their hard work, as well as congratulating new Board Chair Molly Hollister. He reported that Solar II/EDC may be coming to the next committee meeting to discuss the future plans for Stuyvesant Cove Park.

**8. Public Safety and Environment**

Chair Ronnie White thanked everyone for the sympathy card from the board. She waived her report.

Michael Stinson from Comptroller Scott Stringer’s office reported that the Comptroller will be hosting a Trailblazer event on February 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information please go to: <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/>

Lucille Songhai from Borough President Gale Brewer’s office returned to the podium to report on behalf of Ms. Brewer. She noted that there had been 106 ULURP’s in Manhattan this past year and thanked the community boards for their diligence through the ULURP processes. She updated the board on City Planning’s efforts to go paperless in their filing processes. This will have a big impact on community boards. The Department of City Planning will hold a meeting on this topic on January 15<sup>th</sup>. She encouraged the Land Use and Waterfront Chair to attend. Ms. Songhai reported that Ms. Brewer was sworn in for another term last week. She announced that there will be a rally in front of Coogan’s Restaurant in Washington Heights on Sunday at noon to

protest the rising rents which are causing the neighborhood restaurant to close. Finally, please save the date of February 25<sup>th</sup> for Ms. Brewer's State of the Borough address.

There was no old or new business.

The second roll call was conducted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Minutes submitted by Secretary Kathy Thompson.

**Resolution of No Objection for New OP License for Dera Restaurant NYC Inc. dba Dera Restaurant, 103 Lexington Avenue between East 27th and 28th Streets**

**WHEREAS**, Mr. San Park (Legal Representative) appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Manhattan Community Board Six (CB6) on December 14, 2017, CB6 having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process;

**WHEREAS**, the representative completed a change agreement establishing that operating hours will be 10 AM – 12 AM Sunday – Thursday, and 10 AM – 2 AM Fridays and Saturdays;

**WHEREAS**, the owner has operated a similar establishment in Jackson Heights, Queens for 10 years with no complaints;

**WHEREAS**, no members of the community had any comments for or against;

**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 14, 2017, and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6 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 CB6 as stated in this, **including** “Hours of Operation”, that differ in **any way** from those described above, then CB6 **opposes** the application and **urges** the SLA to deny the application based on such misrepresentation to Manhattan Community Board Six.

**VOTE: 36 in Favor   0 Opposed   1 Abstention   0 Not Entitled**



**Resolution Recommending New York City Council Pass and Mayor Sign into Law Intro. 1494 and Intro. 1495 Expanding Transparency in the Siting of Public Facilities**

**WHEREAS**, there has been a movement to improve the transparency of governmental decision-making;

**WHEREAS**, the fair and equitable siting of city facilities is a critical element of good governance, administration and the “fair share” requirement of §203 of the *New York City Charter*, which requires, among other things, “the fair distribution among communities of the burdens and benefits associated with city facilities, consistent with community needs for services and efficient and cost effective delivery of services and with due regard for the social and economic impacts of such facilities upon the areas surrounding the sites”;

**WHEREAS**, facilities located in a given community district can be clustered with facilities in adjoining districts in a particular neighborhood so as to create a disproportionate burden on the neighborhood but still appear “equitable”, on their face, for each such Community Board;

**WHEREAS**, the best means to recognize a cluster of community facilities in a single neighborhood, but among two or more community districts, is to map them;

**WHEREAS**, Intro. 1494 would require the Mayor to add an appendix to the Statement of Needs the Mayor must produce each year, which would consist of a list and explanation of proposed capital projects anticipated for the next two fiscal years, including things such as property acquisitions and investments in streets, bridges and tunnels;

**WHEREAS**, Intro. 1495 would create an online mapping tool of city facilities subject to Fair Share as well as other facilities of interest to communities, including 1) federal and state health and social services facilities; and 2) private transportation and waste management facilities;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Manhattan Community Board Six hereby supports the passage of Intro. 1494 and Intro. 1495 without reservation.

**VOTE: 36 in Favor   0 Opposed   1 Abstention   0 Not Entitled**

<b>Board Member</b>	<b>1A</b>	<b>4A</b>
Amelia Acosta	Y	Y
Fred Arcaro	Y	Y
Kyle Athayde	Y	Y
Ahsia Badi	Y	Y
Martin Barrett	Y	Y
Elvy Barroso		
Aissata Camara	Y	Y
Jim Collins	Y	Y
Colleen Curtis		
Louise Dankberg	Y	Y
Daniel Devine		
Beatrice Disman	Y	Y
Richard Eggers	Y	Y
Ava Goldman	Y	Y
Andrew Gross	Y	Y
Adam Hartke	Y	Y
Molly Hollister	Y	Y
Aaron Humphrey		
Ellen Imbimbo		
Paige Judge	Y	Y
John Keller	Y	Y
Kathleen Kelly	Y	Y
Sandra McKee	Y	Y
Karen Moore		
Rajesh Nayar	Y	Y
Terrence O'Neal	Y	Y
Gary Papush	Y	Y
Joseph Parrish	Y	Y
David C. Reed		
Matt Roberts		
Gene Santoro	Y	Y
Frank Scala		
Lawrence Scheyer	Y	Y
Anne Seligman	Y	Y
Lou Sepersky	Y	Y
Sandro Sherrod	<b>Abs</b>	<b>Abs</b>
Mary Silver		
Letty Simon		

Susan Steinberg	Y	Y
Kathy Thompson	Y	Y
Mark Thompson	Y	Y
David Tsin	Y	Y
Carin van der Donk	Y	Y
Brian Van Nieuwenhoven	Y	Y
Pamila Vassil	Y	Y
Ronnie White	Y	Y
Claude L. Winfield	Y	Y



