

**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 6  
FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, March 13, 2013  
NYU Medical Center  
550 First Avenue**

*Hon. Sandro Sherrod, Chair*

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members answering first roll call:**

Arcaro, Badi, Buchwald, Curtis, Dankberg, Devine, Disman, Eggers, Figueroa, Friedman, Grigg, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Keane, Marton, McIntosh, McKee, Moses, Nayar, O'Neal, Paikoff, Papush, Parrish, Reiss, Scala, Schaeffer, Scheyer, Seligman, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steinberg, K. Thompson, M. Thompson, Vigh-Lebowitz, Weder, West, Winfield

**Members answering second roll call:**

Arcaro, Badi, Buchwald, Curtis, Dankberg, Devine, Disman, Eggers, Figueroa, Friedman, Grigg, Hollister, Imbimbo, Judge, Keane, Marton, McIntosh, McKee, Moses, Nayar, O'Neal, Paikoff, Papush, Parrish, Reiss, Scala, Schaeffer, Scheyer, Seligman, Sepersky, Sherrod, Simon, Steinberg, K. Thompson, M. Thompson, Vigh-Lebowitz, Weder, West, Winfield

**Excused:** Barrett, Collins, Humphrey, Parise

**Absent:** Frank, Garland, Gonzalez, Nariani, Powers, Smolney

**Guests signed in:** C/M Dan Garodnick; Liz Brown - Sen. Liz Krueger; Robert Atterbury - A/M Brad Hoylman; Chris LeBarge - C/M Rosie Mendez; Brice Peyre - Rep. Carolyn Maloney; Anna Pycior – A/M Brian Kavanagh; Brianna Paolicelli – A/M Gottfried; Matt Walsh – A/M Dan Quart; Cullen Barrie – C/M Lappin; Dick Briglia, J. Clair, Nadia Ghattas, Jeanne Park, Teresa Ton, Brian Van.

## Meeting Called to Order

**Adoption of the Agenda**, agenda was adopted

**Roll Call** – Sandro Sherrod

### **PUBLIC SESSION:**

**C/M Dan Garodnick:** 1) stated that he co-wrote a letter with other local elected officials to Deputy Mayor Steel for Economic Development to clear up a few fundamental points that will be critical to us before we even consider the proposed East Midtown rezoning plan. The letter noted we not only need a commitment on the infrastructure improvements for East Midtown, but that we also need a comprehensive public realm plan which would address the area's needs block by block; there needs to be much more predictability for the public about the benefits of this rezoning. In light of the short timeframe we are operating under, in the letter we strongly recommended that he conduct the broadest possible environmental review especially since a great deal of this plan includes a large part of the CB6 area.

To read the entire letter and see other reports, go to <http://www.garodnick.com/>

**Brice Pierce** representing **Cg/M Carolyn Maloney:** 1) Brice introduced Artis Sapati, the new CB6 liaison. 2) Cg/M Maloney attended the Presidential signing ceremony of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). The bill long delayed in both houses finally passed last month by an overwhelming margin. As an original cosponsor of this bill, the Cg/M is especially proud that this version of VAWA includes two bills she authored, the Safer Act, which will help reduce the nation's untested DNA rape kit backlog and the Campus SAVE Act, which will aid colleges in reducing sexual violence on campuses and help victims obtain needed services. The fundamental obligation of government is keeping its citizens safe.

For information on this and other reports, go to <http://maloney.house.gov/>

**Liz Brown** representing **Sen. Liz Krueger:** Invites all to attend a Public forum " Why Should You Care about Campaign Finance Reform" sponsored and moderated by Sen. Krueger. It will be held on Thursday, April 11th, 6:30pm at Lighthouse International, 111 E. 59th St. btw Lexington & Park Aves.

For information on this and other reports, go to [www.lizkrueger.com](http://www.lizkrueger.com)

**Robert Atterbury** representing **Sen. Brad Hoylman:** 1) earlier this week the Senate passed its one-house budget resolution for FY 2013-2014. The Senator joined 15 of his colleagues in voting NO on the GOP/IDC budget resolution and its devastating cuts to the NYC Public School system. The reason he opposes the budget resolution was because of the unfair and inequitable way it treats NYC school children. The Senator stated that NYC stands to lose \$240 million a year in devastating cuts to our school system. Not only does this cut shortchange NYC's 1.1 million public school children, but also threatens to undermine the future of our state. 2) Sen. Hoylman expressed his dismay over the Senate vote to legalize and permit mixed Martial Arts in NYS. He spoke out on the Senate floor in opposition to this brutal sport whose primary aim is to cause harm to opponents, and joined 13 of his colleagues in voting against the bill. He stated there are a multitude of arguments on why, we as a legislative body, should not sanction or glorify this type of violence, especially given the impact it would have on our children.

For information on these and other reports, go to: <http://bradhoylman.com/>

**Brianna Paolicelli** representing **A/M Dick Gottfried: 1)** introduced herself as our new liaison. **2)** Last week A/M Gottfried introduced the New York Health bill, which would provide comprehensive healthcare to all New Yorkers. This single payer universal health care bill builds off the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare). A/ M Gottfried has stated that like other basic services such as education, police, fire protection, and roads, paying for health care should be a public responsibility. We should not be at the mercy of insurance companies and their ever-increasing premiums. Health care should be a basic right, not a privilege or a commodity. Instead of paying premiums or co-pays, we will be assessed based on the ability to pay. **3)** A/M Gottfried is Chair of the Assembly Health Committee and is negotiating the health budget. He is fighting hard to make sure the budget includes specific funding for child services, care for our seniors and for the needs of the LGBT community. **4)** Last week the Assembly passed a two-year moratorium on fracking that specifically includes the Utica and Marcellus Shale regions. The Assembly passed a similar moratorium a year ago, and the governor has also further delayed the decision of whether to allow fracking within New York. Delays on issues like this can be frustrating, but in this case, delays are helping, not hurting the cause.

For information on this and other reports, go to: [http://w.kbhawco.com/gottfried/public\\_html/](http://w.kbhawco.com/gottfried/public_html/)

**Matt Walsh** representing **A/M Dan Quart: 1)** A/M Quart is working on a bill to amend the traffic laws at the MTA as it pertains to the use of the blue lights on buses.

For information on this and other reports, go to: <http://danquart.com/>

**Cullen Barrie** representing **C/M Jessica Lappin: 1)** Introduced Maya Kurien the new CB6 liaison. **2)** C/M Lappin led a coalition of aging advocates in calling on Congress to avoid sequestration, which could lead to devastating federal budget cuts to home-delivered and senior center meals which are a lifeline for many of our older New Yorkers. Unfortunately they failed to reach a budget by the March 1 deadline triggering across the board federal budget cuts which could result in a \$1 million cut to Meals on Wheels and 136,000 fewer meals for homebound seniors. Last year the Council Member successfully fought to restore city funding for the Meals on Wheels program and she'll continue working to protect this vital program again. **3)** Our office has analyzed calls from 311 and found an uptick in rodent complaints in several waterfront zip codes since Sandy hit. C/M Lappin called on the city to crackdown on the rat infestation by hiring more pest control aides to conduct a six month baiting and cleanup program, at no additional cost to property owners. Rats are a serious public health threat and the city should dedicate more resources to getting rid of them.

For information on these and other reports, go to <http://www.jessicalappin.com>

**Chris LeBarge** representing **C/M Rosie Mendez: 1)** C/M Mendez continues to monitor the Micro Unit project planned for 335 E. 27th St. She attended the CB6 Joint Land Use/Waterfront and Housing, Homeless & Human Rights committee meeting where the developers of the project gave an overview. Earlier that day she had a meeting with the Housing Preservation & Development, Monadnock Development LLC and the Actors Fund Housing Development Corporation concerning the plan. The project will be subject to the full ULURP process, which includes CB6, Dept. of City Planning and City Council review. C/M Mendez will be counting on CB6 to help guide and shape this project to maximize a range of positive impacts throughout the community.

For information on these and other reports, go to [www.rosiemendez.com](http://www.rosiemendez.com)

**Marie Bierne** a Peter Cooper Village resident announced to celebrate Charles V. Bagli's new book about the sale of Stuyvesant Town/Peter Cooper Village, they would be holding a brief preview and discussion on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm at the Stuyvesant Town Community Center. They invite all to attend.

**Nadia Ghattas** invited the community to attend an educational seminar being given by Shen Yun Promotions. She stated that this program is a chance to introduce the public to the authentic Chinese experience.

## **BUSINESS SESSION:**

Adoption of the Full Board Minutes for February 13, 2013.

### **Chair's Report – Sandro Sherrod**

1. I am happy to announce that Nicole Paikoff has been appointed Chair of the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee. Please join me in congratulating her in this new role.
2. Recently the United States Postal Service informed the Borough President's Office that the lease for the Peter Stuyvesant Station Post Office will be ending in February of 2014 and they will be vacating the space. As a result they will be moving their carrier services currently covered by that station to the Madison Square station on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. between 3<sup>rd</sup> & Lexington Aves, though they will retain all of the current retail window services at Madison Square, they are going to make every effort to find a 5,000 sq. foot space in the immediate vicinity of the Peter Stuyvesant Station. While this Post Office is actually located in Community Board 3 district, it services Stuyvesant Town & Peter Cooper Village so it will have a significant impact on our district. We are inviting the US Postal Service to our April 10<sup>th</sup> Full Board meeting to present their plan for this change and how they will provide a continuance of service during their relocation efforts. The official comment period for this will end on April 20th.
3. Thanks to the generous support of C/M Lappin, who has secured funding for us; in the next month or two we will begin streaming the Full Board meetings from our website for those members for the community who can't make it here. This will not only allow for greater transparency into how the board transacts the public's business, but also provide greater insight into the reasoning and overall process of how it is done. The public having a clear understanding of how all layers of government work is truly key to a healthy democratic process.

### **District Manager's Report – Toni Carlina**

1. Rick Eggers has volunteered to attend the City Council Community Board budget hearing tomorrow. The Boards are facing a \$15,000 budget cut for FY 2014. Rick is going to go fight for us, thank you Rick!

### **Treasurer's Report - Bea Disman**

1. We are still basically fine for this particular month. We still have enough finances to make it to the end of the year. I must say that Rick gives very comprehensive testimony when he fights for our budget, Thank you.

### **Borough President's Report – Kristen Ellis**

1. The Borough President's Office is seeking qualified and community oriented individuals with an interest and background in education to serve on the Community Education Council. For additional information and an application contact Sally Frank at 212-669-3539 or [sfrank@manhattanbp.org](mailto:sfrank@manhattanbp.org). 2) In a new report issued by the Borough President, " Start-Up City: Growing New York City's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for All," BP Stringer offered concrete proposals to make this a reality. Our city needs to streamline the way entrepreneurs start and expand their businesses, so that government is an ally, not an obstacle.

For more information on these or other reports go to [www.mbp.org](http://www.mbp.org)

**Committee Resolutions & Reports:**

**1. Youth & Education – Maxine McIntosh, Chair**

**Report:** Waived

**2. Budget & Governmental Affairs– Richard Eggers, Chair**

**Report:** Waived

**3. Housing, Homeless & Human Rights Committee – Rajesh Nayar, Chair**

**Report:** Rajesh & Terrence gave a brief overview of their joint committee meeting. There were many issues & concerns relayed to the developer & HPD by the community as it pertained to the Proposed Micro-Units for 335 E. 27<sup>th</sup> St. See committee minutes for full report.

**4. Health, Seniors & Disability Issues – Ahsia Badi, Chair**

**Report:** Ahsia briefly reported on last month's committee meeting. They discussed the closing of the Community Lounge Senior Center and the ways they could encourage new senior centers within CB6. See committee minutes for complete report.

**5. Business Affairs & Street Activities Committee - Nicole Paikoff, Chair**

**g. New OP Liquor License Application for 243 East 14th Café, LLC , d/b/a TBD, 243 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street, between Second and Third Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, Owners Mark Tafga, Jeffery Winslow, Aiden Fogerty and attorney David Korngut appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on February 28, 2013, having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this premises is currently operating as Bishops and Barons, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicants are experienced operators having owned operated and managed Hibernia at 401 West 50<sup>th</sup> Street for approximately five years, and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed establishment will be a neighborhood café and bar offering a full menu of English specialty foods as well as traditional American food, and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will be open every day from 11AM to 2AM, and

**WHEREAS**, there will be no live music or entertainment or outdoor seating, and

**WHEREAS**, no one from the community spoke in favor of or against the applicant; 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 February 28, 2013 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee including the signed and notarized Agreement (copy attached).

**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 Resolution and the signed and notarized Agreement, **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 38 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

i. **New OP Liquor License Application for MMW Café, LLC. d/b/a Blooms 208 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street between Second Avenue and Third Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, Owner Eugene Wilson and attorney Alan Gardner appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on February 28, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will be a tavern with a full menu, and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant is an experienced operator who currently owns the Pig ‘N’ Whistle at 58 w. 48<sup>th</sup> Street, and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will close every evening at 2AM, and

**WHEREAS**, no one from the community spoke in favor of or against the applicant; 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 February 28, 2013 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee.

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

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

1. **New OP Liquor License Application for 212 Steakhouse, Inc , d/b/a TBD 316 East 53<sup>rd</sup> Street between First Avenue and Second Avenue**

**WHEREAS**, Prinicpal/President Nikolay Volper and representative Elliot Pollack appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on February 28, 2013, CB6M having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will be a steakhouse occupying the location’s first floor, and

**WHEREAS**, the restaurant will be closing at midnight Sunday through Wednesday and 2AM on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and

**WHEREAS**, the establishment will close its’ French doors and windows at 11PM Sunday through Thursday and 12AM on Friday and Saturday, and

**WHEREAS**, no one from the community spoke in favor of or against the applicant; 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 February 28, 2013 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee, and

**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 38 in Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**m. Renewal OP Liquor License Application for LM Restaurant Group, LLC , d/b/a Sidebar, 120 East 15<sup>th</sup> Street at Irving Place**

**WHEREAS**, Owner Michael Sinewsky, and managers Zach Israel and Joe Abbruzzese appeared before the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on February 28, 2013, having jurisdiction of the premises in the license application process; and

**WHEREAS**, this establishment appeared before the committee due to many neighborhood complaints including consistent sidewalk/street congestion, noise, etc., and

**WHEREAS**, several members of the community including a Pastor from a nearby church spoke against the applicant, commenting on the constant noise from the establishment and inappropriate behavior from its Patrons, and

**WHEREAS**, several members of the community wrote letters against the applicant citing issues such as “loud and boisterous patrons congregating on the sidewalk”, “noise and screams from the interior of the bar that can be heard inside the apartments in our building half a block away”, ‘the blockage of by large crowds of Side Bar patrons congregating on the sidewalk’ and claiming that “they are totally oblivious to community,” and

**WHEREAS**, the owner and manager said they were unaware the issues were this serious, and

**WHEREAS**, they signed an agreement that they would: Post contact information for a manager in the front window, monitor the outside crowd and escort them off the block if necessary, Revisit and fix outstanding Department of Buildings Violations, Control volume (of music and/or Television) when doors or windows are open, Not actively participate in pub crawls and have double security on days where there are pub crawls throughout the city, 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 February 28, 2013 and pursuant to all other considerations, CB6M has **no objection** to the application so long as the Applicant adheres to all the Representations made by the Representative to the Committee including the signed and notarized Agreement (copy attached).

**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 Resolution and the signed and notarized Agreement, **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 29 in Favor 10 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**p. Review of Liquor License Stipulations for “Good Neighbors”**

**WHEREAS**, the New York State Alcoholic Beverage Law requires that applicants of certain types of on premises licenses are required to notify local Community Boards that an application is being submitted in order to allow for community review of an individual application’s appropriateness; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past several years there has been an increased density of liquor licenses issued by the State Liquor Authority (SLA) within the Community Board Six (CB6) district; and

**WHEREAS**, the board office, the Business Affairs and Street Activities Committee and other agencies regularly receive complaints from residents, community based organizations and other businesses surrounding many of these licensed establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, the quality of life of those who live, work and pass through our district is of paramount importance to CB6; and

**WHEREAS**, CB6 may adopt resolutions of no objection to new or renewal SLA license requests that may include stipulations agreed to by the applicants that limit a SLA licensed establishment’s methods of operation to ensure that the establishment is a “good neighbor” and takes reasonable efforts to not impair the quality of life for those in the district; and

**WHEREAS**, these stipulations may include, but are not limited to, noise containment, excessive use of the public realm for private enterprise, methods for public notification of individual establishment’s management, cessation of music or modifying the hours of operation for the licensee; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that after a period of not less than one year after the entering into of a stipulation, CB6 will entertain requests for review and possible modification or removal of one or more of these stipulations to those SLA licensed establishments that have demonstrated themselves to be “good neighbors” by means, including but not limited to, of not having any documented complaints or violations or resolving any and all complaints and violations against them in a timely fashion.

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

**Report:** Waived

**6. Land Use/Waterfront – Terrence O’Neal, Chair**

**b. BSA (Board of Standard and Appeals) variance (341-02-BZ) application to extend the term of variance to permit Use Group 6 retail for the premises at 231 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**WHEREAS**, Sheldon Lobel, on behalf of 231 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street Associates LLC, owner of record of the property at 231 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street, Block: 1332, Lot 16 in the borough Manhattan, New York, presented to the Land Use and Waterfront committee of Community Board 6 Manhattan (CB6M) on March 6, 2013, an application to extend the term of variance for the premises; and

**WHEREAS**, the subject property is in a R-8 zoning district, where retail Use Group 6 is not permitted; and

**WHEREAS**, the variance was initially granted by the BSA in 1967, under BSA Calendar No. 633-66-BZ, to permit a Use Group 6 retail store on the first floor existing 5-story residential building at the site for a term of 15 years; and

**Whereas**, the variance was reinstated and amended to permit two separate Use Group 6 retail stores in 2002 for a term of 10 years; and

**Whereas**, the current variance term is scheduled to expire on April 8, 2013; and

**Whereas**, the site is currently occupied by two Use Group 6 tenants, a lighting store and a hair salon; and

**Whereas**, Mr. Lobel stated that the operation of the two retail stores has remained unchanged,

**WHEREAS**, Community Board Six is not aware of any complaints against the applicant at the aforementioned location; and

**WHEREAS**, the neighborhood will not be adversely affected by the continuation of the variance for the premises; now

**THEREFORE**, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Community Board Six has no objection to the BSA application (341-02-BZ) to extend the term of variance to permit Use Group 6 on the first floor of the premises at 231 East 58<sup>th</sup> Street in Manhattan, for a period of five years, as long as the premises does not include an eating and drinking establishment.

**VOTE 39 in Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Report:** Terrence gave a brief report on the Tri-Board Task Force meeting he attended. See joint committee minutes.

## **7. Parks, Landmarks & Cultural Affairs – Gary Papush, Chair**

### **a. Certificate of Appropriateness for 31 Gramercy Park South - a new rooftop bulkhead**

**Whereas**, the top floor tenant at 31 Gramercy Park S., a brownstone residential building in the Gramercy Park Historic District, has applied to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness to create an access to her roof deck by creating a new bulkhead not to exceed 10' and to add greenery to the roof deck, and

**Whereas**, this application was presented to and reviewed by Community Board 6, and

**Whereas**, there are several similar structures in this historic district, now

**Therefore Be It**

**Resolved**, based on the designs presented to us, Community Board 6 has no objection to the approval of this application.

**VOTE: 35 in Favor 3 Opposed 1 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Report:** Gary reported he was in the process of sending out two letters; one to the Commissioner of DPR requesting an update on the construction at 1 Sutton Pl. S and the other to the LPC Chair in regards to some of the buildings in the proposed East Midtown rezoning plan. The committee is requesting that some of the buildings be landmarked.

**8. Public Safety, Environment & Transportation – Fred Arcaro. Chair \**

**a. Request Department of Transportation (DOT) to improve pedestrian safety on E. 49<sup>th</sup> Street btw 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. and the FDR Drive.**

**Whereas**, members of the Turtle Bay community came to the March 4 Public Safety, Environment and Transportation Committee to express concern over many pedestrian safety issues at 49<sup>th</sup> Street between First Avenue and FDR Drive; and

**Whereas**, a petition with 185 signatures supporting the efforts to improve pedestrian safety in the area was presented to the committee; and

**Whereas**, the area has a growing population of frail and elderly, many of whom use canes and walkers; and

**Whereas**, the neighborhood also has many children who heavily utilize the Douglas MacArthur Playground adjacent to the FDR Drive, especially during the warmer months; and

**Whereas**, the following pedestrian safety concerns were cited at the meeting by many neighborhood residents:

- The traffic light at the intersection of 49<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue with a 36 second cycle upon a green light, is not enough time to cross this six lane roadway.
- The cut in the concrete pedestrian refuge island, on the south side of 49<sup>th</sup> Street and First Ave. is too small to accommodate the heavy pedestrian traffic.
- The “STOP” line which precedes the pedestrian walkway is too short, frequently cars stop too close to the pedestrian walkway
- Vehicles coming from Mitchell Place frequently do not obey the one-way right turning arrow, instead veer left and cut into the through traffic lane coming from 49<sup>th</sup> Street east of First Ave.
- Vehicles exiting the FDR Drive onto 49<sup>th</sup> St. move too fast, creating a risk to seniors and children who use the Douglas MacArthur playground; and

**Whereas**, New York State Assembly Member Dan Quart as well as City Council Members Jessica Lappin and Dan Garodnick are in support of the efforts to improve pedestrian safety as listed above; now

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved, that** Manhattan Community Board Six requests that DOT consider the following solutions to improve pedestrian safety:

**Intersection of 49<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue**

- Increase the traffic light timing cycle by 6 seconds to 42 seconds to allow more time for seniors with disabilities to cross the street
- Install countdown signal to inform pedestrians' time left to cross the street
- Widen the pedestrian refuge island concrete gap (on the south side of the intersection), to correspond with the existing width of the pedestrian walkway, this will allow for more pedestrians using wheel chairs and walkers to cross more freely.
- Move the existing white “STOP” line which precedes the pedestrian walkway by an additional 10 feet to 20 feet
- Install a “Right Turn Only” sign on Mitchell Place.

**49th Street near Douglas MacArthur Playground**

- Install “Caution Children Playground ahead” sign at the FDR Drive exit ramp.
- Provide a pedestrian crosswalk with stop sign facing east on 49<sup>th</sup> Street west of the Douglas MacArthur Playground.

**VOTE: 37 in Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

- b. **The Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Parks and Recreation (DPR) proposal to close Asser Levy Place (between E. 23<sup>rd</sup> and E. 25<sup>th</sup> Streets) and to convert E. 25 between First Avenue and Asser Levy Place a two way street.**

**Whereas**, the Departments of Transportation (DOT) and Parks and Recreation (DPR) presented to PSE&T Committee a proposal to close Asser Levy Place (between E. 23<sup>rd</sup> and E. 25<sup>th</sup> Streets) to make way for the expansion of Asser Levy Playground; and

**Whereas**, the expanded Asser Levy Playground is the replacement for the alienation of Robert Moses Playground located between 41st and 42<sup>nd</sup> Streets and First Avenue as is required by the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) as part of the United Nations Development Corp. plan for the United Nation office space consolidation; and

**Whereas**, E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street between First Avenue and Asser Levy Place is currently one way west bound; and

**Whereas**, when Asser Levy Place is closed for the playground expansion, delivery and maintenance trucks only access can to E. 25<sup>th</sup> Street is from FDR Drive; and

**Whereas**, since truck traffic is prohibited on FDR Drive, DOT plans to make 25<sup>th</sup> Street between First Avenue and Asser Levy Place a two-way street making it accessible to trucks; and

**Whereas**, DOT plans to have a dedicated right-turn lane to be marked at First Avenue, while the center lane would be marked for through traffic; and

**Whereas**, DOT will also install a new crosswalk on the west side of Asser Levy Place and 25<sup>th</sup> Street and will install stops signs in both directions, providing safe crossing for pedestrians; and

**Whereas**, as part of the playground expansion, DEP and DDC in the spring of 2013, will replace an old water main in Asser Levy Place before the street closure planned for the summer of 2013; and

**Whereas**, the project is to be completed and open to the public by the winter of 2014; now

**Therefore, be it**

**Resolved**, that Manhattan Community Board Six supports the Departments of Transportation and Parks and Recreation proposal to close Asser Levy Place (between East 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Streets) and to convert East 25<sup>th</sup> Street between First Avenue and FDR Drive Service Road into a two-way street

**VOTE: 29 in Favor 10 Opposed 0 Abstention 0 Not Entitled**

**Report:** Fred reported that at the April committee meeting there will be a discussion on the blue lights on MTA buses.

**Old/New Business**

**Second Roll Call – Sandro Sherrod**

**Meeting Adjourned 9:30pm**

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| 1  | Fred Arcaro         | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | E   | P   |
| 2  | Ahsia Badi          | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | E   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 3  | Martin Barrett      | P   | E   | A   | P    | P   | A   | P   | P      | P   | E   |
| 4  | Charles Buchwald    | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | P   | E   | P      | P   | P   |
| 5  | Jim Collins         | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | P   | P   | E      | E   | E   |
| 6  | Colleen Curtis      | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | P   | P   | P      | A   | P   |
| 7  | Louise Dankberg     | A   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | A   | P   |
| 8  | Daniel Devine       |     |     |     |      |     | P   | P   | A      | P   | P   |
| 9  | Beatrice Disman     | P   | E   | P   | E    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 10 | Richard Eggers      | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 11 | Yuvie Figueroa      | P   | E   | P   | A    | P   | P   | A   | P      | A   | P   |
| 12 | Lyle Frank          | P   | E   | P   | P    | P   | P   | E   | P      | P   | A   |
| 13 | Florence Friedman   | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | P   | A   | A      | P   | P   |
| 14 | Joy Garland         | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | A   | E   | E      | A   | A   |
| 15 | Jose Gonzalez       | P   | A   | A   | P    | P   | E   | E   | P      | A   | A   |
| 16 | Ernest Grigg        |     |     |     | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 17 | Molly Hollister     | E   | P   | P   | P    | P   | A   | P   | E      | P   | P   |
| 18 | Aaron Humphrey      | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | E   |
| 19 | Ellen Imbimbo       | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 20 | Paige Judge         | P   | P   | P   | A    | P   | E   | A   | P      | P   | P   |
| 21 | Jennifer Keane      | A   | P   | A   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 22 | Janos Marton        | P   | P   | P   | P    | E   | P   | E   | A      | P   | P   |
| 23 | Maxine McIntosh     | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | E      | P   | P   |
| 24 | Sandra McKee        | P   | P   | A   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 25 | Richard Moses       | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | A   | P   | P      | A   | P   |
| 26 | Rajesh Nayar        | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | E   | P      | P   | P   |
| 27 | Monisha Nariani     | E   | P   | P   | E    | P   | A   | A   | P      | A   | A   |
| 28 | Terrence O'Neal     | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 29 | Nicole Paikoff      | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 30 | Gary Papush         | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 31 | Beth Parise         | P   | P   | P   | A    | A   | A   | P   | A      | E   | E   |
| 32 | Joseph Parrish      | P   | P   | P   | P    | A   | P   | P   | P      | A   | P   |
| 33 | Keith Powers        | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | A   | P   | P      | P   | A   |
| 34 | Clara Reiss         | P   | P   | E   | P    | P   | E   | P   | E      | P   | P   |
| 35 | Frank Scala         | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | A   | P      | P   | P   |
| 36 | Carol A. Schachter  | P   | E   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   |        |     |     |
| 37 | Paula Schaeffer     | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 38 | Lawrence Scheyer    | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 39 | Ann Seligman        | P   | E   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 40 | Lou Sepersky        | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 41 | Sandro Sherrod      | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 42 | Letty Simon         | P   | P   | P   | E    | P   | P   | E   | P      | P   | P   |
| 43 | Nicholas Smolney    |     |     |     | P    | P   | A   | P   | P      | A   | A   |
| 44 | Susan Steinberg     | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | A   | P   | E      | P   | P   |
| 45 | Kathy Thompson      | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 46 | Mark Thompson       | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | E   | E      | P   | P   |
| 47 | Jules Vigh-Lebowitz | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | E   | A      | A   | P   |
| 48 | Wilbur Weder        | E   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 49 | John Pettit West    | P   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
| 52 | Claude L. Winfield  | A   | P   | P   | P    | P   | P   | P   | P      | P   | P   |
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| Fred Arcaro       | N  | N  | N  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Ahsia Badi        | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Martin Barrett    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Charles Buchwald  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Jim Collins       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Colleen Curtis    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Louise Dankberg   | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Daniel Devine     | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Beatrice Disman   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Richard Eggers    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Yuvie Figueroa    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |
| Lyle Frank        |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Florence Friedman | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |
| Joy Garland       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Jose Gonzalez     |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Ernest Griggs     | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Molly Hollister   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Aaron Humphrey    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Ellen Imbimbo     | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Paige Judge       | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |
| Jennifer Keane    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Janos Marton      | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Maxine McIntosh   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |
| Sandra McKee      | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Richard Moses     | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  |
| Monisha Nariani   |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Rajesh Nayar      | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |
| Terrence O'Neal   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Nicole Paikoff    | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Gary Papush       | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Beth Parise       |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Joseph Parrish    | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Keith Powers      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Clara Reiss       | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Frank Scala       | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Paula Schaeffer   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Lawrence Scheyer  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | A  | Y  |
| Ann Seligman      | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Lou Sepersky      | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | N  |
| Sandro Sherrod    | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | A  | Y  | Y  |
| Letty Simon       | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Nick Smolney      |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Susan Steinberg   | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  |
| Kathy Thompson    | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  | Y  | Y  | Y  | Y  | N  |

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| <b>Mark Thompson</b>       | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> |
| <b>Jules Vigh-Lebowitz</b> | <b>Y</b> |
| <b>Wilbur Weder</b>        | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
| <b>John Pettit West</b>    | <b>Y</b> | <b>N</b> |
| <b>Claude L. Winfield</b>  | <b>Y</b> | <b>A</b> | <b>N</b> |