

March 10, 2003

Mildred Duran, Director
Street Activity Permit Office
100 Gold Street, 2nd floor
New York, NY 10038

Re: Street Activity Permit Application for West 39th Street (b. 9th/10th)

Applicant: Hell's Kitchen Market
Location: West 39th Street (b. 9th/10th)
Date: Saturday & Sunday, Year Round
Time: 4:00 a.m. Saturday to 8:00 p.m. Sunday

At a special meeting on February 27, 2003, the Transportation Planning Committee of Manhattan Community Board No. 4 heard the above Street Activity Permit application. The applicant described the plan for a weekend antique/flea market to be held year round and presented a lengthy set of written stipulations governing the manner in which the market would operate. The stipulations, a copy of which is attached to this letter, would become part of the City permit if issued.

While the ultimate impact of the market on the block and the surrounding neighborhood cannot be adequately judged until it takes place, it does appear from the terms of the stipulation that considerable effort has been taken to consider the small number of residents and businesses on the block. No vendors will operate in front of occupied premises and residents and business will be allowed vehicle access to the block. The block is vacant except for a small portion near 9th Avenue. SAPO has indicated that the permit is in essence issued on a monthly basis and can be revoked if problems result.

A large number of individuals attended the meeting but only 7 spoke. Comments were mixed, with speakers in opposition as well as support of the proposal roughly equal in number.

The Committee did not vote on the matter for lack of a quorum. At its meeting on March 5, 2003, the full Board approved this application.

Sincerely,



Simone Sindin

Chair

Manhattan Community Board No. 4

Encl.

cc: Elected Officials
M. Forgione, DOT
10th PP
Applicant
J. Capalino