MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1 DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION CENTER/FIREHOUSE 87 LAFAYETTE STREET APRIL 24, 2012

Public Session

John Ricker – NYC Comptroller Representative

Encouraged the community to look at his website: www.comptroller.com to view NYC's finances

Ranger Jim -National Park Service

National Park Week announcements about activities at Federal Hall and Castle Clinton

Blakely Braniff -Blue School Hosting an open house this Sunday

Krista Manrique – Poets House

Community breakfast this Thursday 4/25 at 8:30 AM

Linda Gertsman – CB#1 member

Spoke about OWS activities in Financial District and asked for the National Parks Service to enforce their rules

John Johnson – CB#1 resident

Rabbi Darren Levine – New Downtown Synagogue They will be based out of St. Paul's Chapel starting May 5th

Matt Gordon – Assemblymember Glick Representative

Spoke about DOE and the wait list situation. This Friday there is a hearing about illegal hotels. She participated in the 800-person march against NYU expansion plans. Working with IPN tenants to keep rents affordable

Catherine McVay Hughes – CB#1 vice Chair

Spoke about the process of listing cancers as covered categories under the Zadroga Bill and the issue of life insurance pay-outs.

Michael Lee – Pine St Resident

Complained about garbage being collected from buildings in the Financial District between 2-3AM.

Celine Mizrahi – Congressman Nadler's Representative

It is budget time in DC. The proposals are more drastic then last year. Spoke to the inclusion of cancers in the Zagroda Bill and the NYU expansion plans.

Jennifer Ashley – BP Stringer Representative

Welcomed the new CB1 members. Announced an event tomorrow called Denim Day against sexual violence. Organized meeting with SLA yesterday to clarify nightlife regulations. BP spoke out about fare hikes for MTA in coming years and proposed new ways to prevent fares from increasing, such as a commuter tax.

Paul Goldstein – Speaker Silver's Representative

Discussed school wait-lists. Supports tonight's resolution about pre-K. The search for new school sites must be a priority. The Speaker is also trying to address the problem of noise from construction projects on evening and weekends. The City must understand and adapt to the new population growth and residential environment in Lower Manhattan.

Yume Kitasei – Councilmember Chin's Representative

Spoke about school wait-lists and focused on 22 Reade Street Building as a possible site for a new school as part of the ULURP action to sell that and other city-owned buildings in CB1. Thanked CB members for attending LMCCC rally. The many construction projects on John Street are an example of the need for LMCCC. Downtown is suffering due to the many afterhours construction variances being issued by the city. Southbridge is experiencing noise due to late-night work on the Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Mary Cooley – State Senator Squadron's Representative

Thanked everyone who came to the Senator's Community Convention this past Sunday, which was the most successful yet. Working with Speaker Silver and Councilmember Chin on permitting, fines and regulations for inter-city buses. The Senator introduced legislation about appointments to the Rent Guidelines Board. He is disappointed in DOE's response to the shortage of school seats for the coming school year.

Mark and Wendy Lee – Financial District Residents

Thanked CB1 for efforts in regard to the shortage of school seats. They came to speak about their experiences for the last two weeks with noise caused by protestors on the steps of Federal Hall. They hear drum beating through double-paned windows. Their children are frightened. They made a decision to move to the Financial District in 2005 hoping it would develop as a family community. They would support a resolution asking the NPS to better enforce rules.

Eileen McCrehan – John Street Resident

Owners and residents of 170 John Street spoke about their opposition to a liquor license for the establishment proposed for the retail space in their building.

Lisa Cannistrasi – Benefit for Ali Forney Center at Beekman Beer Garden Lives and owns a bar in CB#2 and is an active fundraiser. Is organizing a fund-raiser for the LGBT Homeless Center and requested extended hours at this venue for the event planned for June 23, 2011.

Liz Williams – CB#1 Resident

Thanked her former colleagues on the board for their work and said she is honored that she will receive an award at the Downtown Community Center benefit on May 17th.

Laura Fernandez – Liberty Street Resident

Lived through September 11th and went through the OWS occupation of Zuccotti Park which affected her children. Now a similar situation is developing on Wall and Broad. Drumming is taking place again. Also, spoke about large crowds milling around the 9/11 memorial. Also, garbage around the WTC Site is a problem; there are no receptacles.

Trisha Joyce – CB#1 Member

Asked for questions from parents about school wait-lists. Spoke about the need to address the situation.

Roger Byrom – CB#1 Member

Noted that we are less than 6 months away from September 11th anniversary and raised the possibility of commemorating it with another Hands Across Lower Manhattan event. Chairperson Menin mentioned that it was a lot of work that required many partnering organizations that contributed their services pro bono for the 10th anniversary. She is not sure if they would do so again.

Jeff Mihok – CB#1 Member

Spoke about the sphere in Battery Park that does not have a permanent home. He feels this is more powerful in its current setting. However plans call for it to be moved in coming weeks.

Business Session

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on March 27, 2012 were adopted unanimously as presented.

Chairperson's Report

Welcomed the 3 new members: Tammy Meltzer, Linda Gertsman and Adam Malitz. Testified with Vice Chair Hughes and attended a press conference on cuts to the LMCCC. Voted against the LMDC's proposed budget but in favor of the LMCCC budget. Participated in Speaker Silver's Task Force to deal with school overcrowding. Presented citation to Robert Rhodes, leaving as founding principal of Millennium High School along with a plaque from the school's PTA.

District Manager's Report

Welcomed new members. ULURP action for the three city-owned buildings will be taken up in the Planning and Infrastructure Committee in May. Thanked BP for putting the SLA meeting together. It was attended by CB1 board and staff members. The office participated in Earth Day event at 7 WFC last week. Finally, wanted to be sure all members got the email about Tribeca Film Festival screenings.

Treasurer's Report

Distributed his quarterly report; no questions.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee

Michael Connolly was elected as committee Chair. Please contact committee via Noah for any nominations.

Financial District Committee Update on Capital Projects in Battery Park by The Battery Conservancy – Resolution Discussion of emergency access on John Street and other construction sites – Report 54 Pine Street, application for a beer and wine license for Pine Gourmet Café Inc., d/b/a Taz – Resolution **BOARD VOTE:** 42 In Favor 0 Abstained 0 Recused 0 Opposed 84 William Street, application for a beer and wine license for 84 William Street Café Inc., d/b/a Taz – Resolution **BOARD VOTE:** 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused 83-85 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk cafe for Tajin Restaurant Corp. – Resolution **BOARD VOTE:** 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused 6 Murray Street, application for transfer of tavern liquor license and request for support for extension of hours of service for Manhattan Proper Concepts LLC, d/b/a The Manhattan Proper Resolution 0 Opposed **BOARD VOTE:** 42 In Favor 0 Recused 0 Abstained

123 Washington Street, application for alteration of hotel restaurant liquor license for BLT Grill NYC LLC – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

All resolutions taken together by roll call.

Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Bike Share Program Workshop Update by Department of Transportation – Report

Status report in Lower Manhattan and Brooklyn. Soon there will be bike rental stations to get from point A and point B to supplement public transit. DOT is currently evaluating where to locate these stations and is consulting community boards for input. They will come back with specific recommendations. Jeff was asked about liability and he said the question has been raised but the answer is not clear at this point. Questions about the behavior of cyclists and potential dangers were raised. The laws must be enforced. Discussion about registering cyclists. Bikes in this program will be identified by number so they should be easy to track.

Chinatown Working Group Request for Planning Consultant Services – Report

We are involved because a small portion is in CB#1. Michael Levine represents us at this group.

Request for Mayor Bloomberg to release the review of the revised 911 system – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Redevelopment Committee

Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – Update April is Earth Month and they highlighted some of the green features of the WTC. Only 75% of the Memorial is finished, work has halted due to an impasse in financial discussions.

Victims Compensation Fund – Update Special Master Sheila Birnbaum presented at the meeting.

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation – Update

We requested a thorough audit of remaining funds and have not received that information.

Landmarks Committee

8 Franklin Street, application for new entry door and ADA ramp – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	O Recused		
105 Chambers Street, application for replacement of windows and façade restoration – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
11-15 Leonard Street, application for seven story building and two story bulkhead – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		

46 Laight Street, application for new storefront – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			
464 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk platform restoration and alteration – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			
28 Water Street, application for existing flagpole – Report							
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			
All Resolutions were taken to	All Resolutions were taken together.						
Housing Committee							
Judge's ruling against stabilization of Independence Plaza North – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	40 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			
CB1 Senior Guide – Update							
Ruth Ohman is the senior editor. Available on the CB#1 website.							
Manhattan Seniors - Business Plan Review - Department for the Aging - Report							
Affordable Housing Downtown - Results of letter from Board Chair – Report							
Stabilization of FiDi - presentation by Paul Newell, District Leader – Report							
Quality of Life Committee							
New York State Dream Act Legislation – Manhattan Borough Board Resolution – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	2 Opposed	4 Abstained	0 Recused			
Tribeca Committee							
78 Franklin Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit under section 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution for a new health club known as Aqua – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			
84-86 White Street, application for special permit under section 13-561 of the Zoning Resolution to permit attended accessory parking garage with 22 spaces – Resolution							
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	3 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused			

36 Laight Street between Varick Street and Hudson Street – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
353 Greenwich Street, renewal application for a sidewalk café license for Maryann's 353 Mex Inc. d/b/a Mary Ann's – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
$102\ Franklin\ Street,\ application\ for\ a\ restaurant\ liquor\ license\ for\ Eating\ and\ Drinking\ LLC\ d/b/a$ All Good\ Things – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
450 Washington Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for Pachanga, Inc. d/b/a Fika – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
313 Church Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for 313 Restaurant LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
43 Murray Street, alteration application for a tavern liquor license for Woodrows Management LLC d/b/a Woodrows - Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
325 Broadway, application for a beer only liquor license for 325 Broadway Café, LLC d/b/a Arome Café – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		
20 Warren Street, 20/20 Restaurant and Club – Report						
Youth & Education Committee						
Including Schools in New Development Projects – Report						
Mayor Bloomberg's Proposed Cuts to Daycare and After-school Programs – Resolution						
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused		

Governor Cuomo's NY Youth Works Program – Report

Request that the NYC Council Lower the Age for Compulsory Education – Resolution BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 6 Abstained 0 Recused Request that the Department of Education establish a stand-alone Pre-K in District 2 – Resolution BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** Street permit application for Summerfest on Park Row by J & R Music World on Thursday June 14, 2012 to Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Park Row sidewalk between Ann Street and Beekman Street – Resolution BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused Street permit application for Musicfest on Park Row by J & R Music World on Thursday, August 23, 2012 to Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Park Row sidewalk between Ann Street and Beekman Street – Resolution BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused Request for the NYC Economic Development Corporation to provide the South Street Seaport Museum with a metes and bounds determination – Resolution **BOARD VOTE:** 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused Peck Slip and Pearl Street Playground – Update **Battery Park City Committee** 255 Vesey Street, new application for a sidewalk café license for Blue Smoke 102 North End Ave LLC, d/b/a Blue Smoke – Resolution **BOARD VOTE:** 0 Abstained 0 Recused 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 255 Vesey Street, alteration application for a liquor license for Blue Smoke 102 North End Ave LLC, d/b/a Blue Smoke – Resolution 32 In Favor BOARD VOTE: 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused Liberty Science Center – Report Senator Squadron's Proposal for a Re-organization of the BPCA Structure – Report

Old Business

No business conducted

New Business

No business conducted

Adjournment

Approx. 9 pm.

All documents relating to the above agenda items are on file at the Community Board 1 office and are available for viewing by the public upon written request to man01@cb.nyc.gov

Respectfully amended and submitted by Secretary Anthony Notaro