

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 2013

DATE: Thursday, December 19, 2013
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Southbridge Towers – Community Room
90 Beekman Street

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, EST.

I. Public Session

- 1) Terese Loeb Kreuzer (Downtown Post NYC)
 - Has written about the downtown community for 10 years. This publication is available free through email subscription. Visit www.downtownpostnyc.com to sign up.
- 2) Hannah Friedman (Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer)
 - Community Board 1 applications are available.
 - Hannah will be leaving the BP's office to apply for law school.
- 3) John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu)
 - The Comptroller sends best wishes for the holiday season.
 - Please visit the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.nyc.gov
- 4) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
 - AM Glick sends best wishes for the holiday season.
 - AM Glick was relieved to learn about the settlement of the lawsuit regarding the proposed move of the summons arraignment part.
 - Pleased with how Santacon was handled this year and wants to continue to make the event less impactful on the community.
 - Paul Hovitz: thanked AM Glick for supporting crossing guards at local schools.
- 5) Captain Brendan Timoney (NYPD)
 - Crime is down significantly throughout the First Precinct.
 - Protect yourself from identity theft. There were 60 incidences of identity theft in the First Precinct this year.

- NYPD has a unit which investigates identity theft.
- Concerns were raised regarding protesters outside of the Spruce Street School. The NYPD is closely monitoring these protests and doing everything that can be done to control adverse impacts while respecting the legal rights of protesters.

6) Jean Grillo (Tribeca CERT and Democratic District Leader)

- Thanked community members for their support over the year.
- The Tribeca CERT covers the Financial District as well.
- Does not believe the proposed Howard Hughes tower will be approved.
- Presented a mug to Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes in acknowledgment of her work on Superstorm Sandy.

7) Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- Speaker Silver is working on the Stuyvesant Community Center issue.
- Speaker Silver is working to help the LMCCC remain in operation and will be holding a meeting on Christmas Eve to try to save the organization.
- Speaker Silver is opposed to relocating Department of Probation offices to 66 John Street.
- Speaker Silver is looking at the 5-year capital plan for building new schools. The DOE Chancellor promised 1000 new school seats for lower Manhattan, however, only 400 have been proposed. A new administration could mean changes.
- Speaker Silver discussed Universal Pre-K with Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio.
- Speaker Silver is monitoring the State Education Department's plans to share private student data with a private entity.
- Diane Lapon: The former 92Y Tribeca space could be used as a school.

8) Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Rep. Nadler is working on federal budget issues and looking at sequestration's impact on the district.
- A letter was written by Rep. Nadler and other elected officials regarding noise from helicopters and their impact on the community. The Federal Aviation Administration has been contacted to request assistance. The FAA is working on this issue in New Jersey.
- A letter was written by Rep. Nadler and other elected officials to the Coast Guard asking them to look into noise from ferry operators.
- Rep. Nadler is opposed to the proposed probation office at 66 John Street.
- In communication with the Army Corps of Engineers to keep track of progress regarding storm protection.
- The 9/11 Victims Compensation fund has not disbursed many funds. Rep. Nadler is working with the fund's administrator to understand why.

9) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- CM Chin was sworn in today.
- A City Council hearing was held on the Fulton Transit Center. CB1 submitted testimony

- See the newsletter for other community updates.
- The polystyrene ban passed in the City Council.
- In response to a question, it was noted that CM Chin is supporting CM Melissa Mark-Viverito for Council Speaker.

10) Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Working with elected officials on some previously mentioned issues including schools.
- Wrote a letter to the Lefrak Organization about improving energy efficiency at Gateway Plaza.
- NYCHA will allow applicants to apply for SNAP benefits on their website in addition to housing.

11) Larry Silber (The Perfect Home Care)

- Offering companion care services for seniors.

12) Louis Feinman (Save Our Seaport)

- Wished everyone a happy and transparent 2014
- Encouraged members to attend the town hall.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 6:50 pm, EST.

A) Adoption of November 2013 minutes

- Passed unanimously.

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml. A few highlights:
- NYC Parks Department Renamed Edgar Plaza in Honor of Late Downtown Alliance President Liz Berger with installation of plaque.
- The lawsuit opposing the proposed move of the Summons Arraignment Part was settled and it will not move to 71 Thomas Street for at least five years (12/11/2013).
- Chase Plaza has reopened to the public (November 2013).
- Concerned Citizens and Business Owners of the Financial District have engaged legal counsel to file a petition under Article 78 of the Civil Practice Law and Rules to request an injunction against the move of the Department of Probation from 346 Broadway to 66 John Street (12/2013)
- Borough President-elect Gale Brewer will be attending January Executive Committee meeting on January 22, 2014.

- Happy Holidays to you, your family, and to your loved ones!

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Thanked everyone for being patient while CB1 looked for a new community liaison.
- There will be staff vacations for the holidays, but someone will be in the office during all business days to respond to the public.
- The holiday party will take place after the next CB1 meeting in January. It is being organized once again by Pat Moore.

D) Sadye Campomaor (Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio)

- Discussed plans for the inauguration of the incoming Mayor, which will take place in CB1. There will be street closures in effect. Email sadye@transition2013.com.

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Personnel Committee**

- 1) Hiring of Community Associate – Resolution authorizes the hiring of Tamar Gasparian as Community Associate with a start date of December 30, 2013. *Passed Board vote 29 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 2) Kimeran Daley, public member applicant – Report
 - Approved as a public member for the Youth and Education Committee.

B) **Youth & Education Committee**

- 1) 2014 Capital Budget as it affects CB 1 – Report
 - See PowerPoint presentation.
- 2) Speaker's Overcrowding Task Force – Report
 - DOE said that the Hudson Square school would serve CB1, however that school is being built by a developer and should not have been included in their capital budget.
 - There will be a huge waitlist for school seats downtown.
 - Send comments on DOE Capital Budget to sites@nycsca.org.
 - Thanked Paul Goldstein and other elected officials' staff members for efforts to remove New York State from the InBloom program.
- 3) 71 Thomas Street and 66 John Street issues – Report
 - 71 Thomas Street will not have a summons court for at least five years.

- 66 John Street is still an issue.
- 4) Intro No 732-A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the installation of speed humps on roadways adjacent to schools – Report
 - The committee discussed the possibility of speed bumps in the district.
- 5) Report of meeting at Deborah Glick’s office with Regent Bendit – Report
 - Discussed InBloom, Common Core, and high-stakes testing. The committee was pleased that AM Glick was able to organize the meeting.
- 6) School crossing guards – Resolution requests that school crossing guards be assigned to each of the above schools for the safety of children, parents, school staff and community.
Passed Board vote 30 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused

C) Financial District Committee

- 1) Fulton Center – Report
 - Representatives of the operator selected for the retail portion of the station will come to the committee to discuss their plans.
 - The project is on schedule to be completed in June, 2014.
- 2) Relocate Human Resources Administration Business Link to 123 William Street – Report
 - HRA will relocate the office to the Financial District and there will be 60+ visitors per day.
- 3) Sanitation issues in the Financial District – Report
 - 12 local schools have composting programs. This can be expanded to residential buildings that are interested.
 - Rolling out e-waste sites throughout New York City. See list of schools.
- 4) 112-118 Fulton Street – Update
 - New 61 story residential building is planned.
- 5) Green Ivy School – Report
 - A detailed presentation about this new private school was made by the founder who already operates a school in Battery Park City.

- 6) Board of Standards and Appeals application by Fulton Street LLC pursuant to Section 35 of the General City Law and Section 72-01(g) of the Zoning Resolution to facilitate the construction of a mixed-use development at 120 Fulton Street partially located within the bed of a mapped but un-built portion of Fulton Street *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 7) 150 Water Gourmet Inc., application for beer license for 150 Water Gourmet Inc., d/b/a The Best of NY Food – Resolution opposes the granting of a grocery/deli beer license for 150 Water Gourmet Inc., d/b/a The Best of NY Food, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 8) 9-11 Maiden Lane, application for liquor license for MaidenEire LLC d/b/a Malt House – Resolution opposes the granting of a grocery/deli beer license for 150 Water Gourmet Inc., d/b/a The Best of NY Food, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 9) Street permit application by the Council on the Environment Inc. on Tuesdays starting January 7, 2014 – December 30, 2014, West Broadway, Barclay Street and Park Place – Resolution does not oppose the proposed street activity permit as submitted above by the Council on the Environment Inc., subject to conditions. *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

D) Battery Park City Committee

- 1) West Thames Pedestrian Bridge – Resolution approves the design and construction of the new West Thames Bridge with conditions and requires that a regular reporting process be put in place during the construction, and that any changes to the plan before construction be reviewed by CB#1 before any changes be implemented. *Passed Board vote 29 In Favor, 2 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 2) Mission of Battery Park City Authority – Report
 - There have been five presidents of BPCA since Anthony Notaro has been with BPC Committee. Working to revise the mission of BPCA to focus on CB1/community as stakeholders. The committee is considering whether to support the elimination of BPCA.

E) Seaport/Civic Center Committee

- 1) Community Board 1 Town Hall meeting on the Howard Hughes Corporation’s proposed development for the South Street Seaport Area – Monday, January 13th, 6:00-8:00pm – Update
 - Pace University in the student union.

- A resolution has already been passed against the tower.
 - The ULURP application will not come until the fall.
 - There may be a landmark application for the Tin Building as early as February.
- 2) Youthmarket on Fulton Street – Report
 - They typically staff their markets with local youth. This season was put together very quickly, so they staffed the market with youth from other areas. They hope to get another market planned for the next season, staffed with local youth.
 - 3) South Street Seaport/Uplands Area, application for liquor license for Supercraft Group LLC – Resolution opposes granting a liquor license to Supercraft Group LLC at the South Street Seaport/Uplands Area unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
 - 4) 277 Water Street, application for liquor license for Lukakila Café Corp. – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to Lukakila Café Corp. at 277 Water Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
 - 5) Save Our Seaport Vision for Tin and New Market Buildings – Report
 - An alternative plan for the buildings was proposed at the meeting. They will present at the town hall meeting in January.
 - 6) Community Board #1 requests that the Department of Transportation and Citi Bike examine the usage of Citi Bike stations in our district in order to relocate a station from an underutilized area to the South Street Seaport, on South Street between Fulton Street and Peck Slip. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
 - 7) Resolution urges the Howard Hughes Corporation to make its ice skating rink free to the public, as originally promised; and further requests that it be notified in the future of any such programmatic changes that take place after initial disclosure to the community. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

F) Planning Committee

- 1) NY Rising interactive OpenPlans map – Report
 - Introduced committee to the new map and provided information about NY Rising.
- 2) The Big U protective system for Manhattan – Report
 - Presentation on long-range planning protective system around the perimeter of lower Manhattan and up to 54th Street.

- 3) Pedestrian Plaza Concession – Request for Letter of Support by Dan Ackerman, Downtown Alliance – Resolution supports the request by the Downtown Alliance to be granted approval by the Franchise and Concession Review Committee for the operation, management and maintenance of a pedestrian plaza consisting of two separate pedestrian areas at Water Street and Whitehall Street and Water Street and Coenties Slip. *Passed Board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 4) Water Street Upgrade Initiative – Report
 - The current condition of POPS plazas and arcades is poor. Proposed ideas to help improve the quality of the area. Anything built would be done by private builders. DCP and EDC currently meeting with building owners.
- 5) Post-Sandy analysis of vulnerable populations – Report
 - Columbia University urban planning graduate students presented their analysis of vulnerable populations during Super Storm Sandy. Presentation will be available on the CB1 website.

G) Tribeca Committee

- 1) The Flea Theater – Report
 - Moving to a new space.
 - Bruce Ehrmann: CB1 has lost a lot of cultural institutions over the years.
- 2) 285 West Broadway, application for a liquor license for Haus – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to an entity to be formed by Haus at 285 West Broadway unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 3) 18 Murray Street, application for a liquor license for Lilly O’Briens – Resolution opposes the transfer of a liquor license to an entity to be formed by Tipp One LLC at 18 Murray Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 4) 279 Church Street, application for a beer and wine license for Baked – Resolution opposes the granting of a beer and wine license to an entity to be formed by Baked at 279 Church Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 5) 222 West Broadway, application for unenclosed sidewalk café license for Terra – Resolution approves the unenclosed sidewalk cafe license for Terra located at 222 West Broadway. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

- 6) 249 West Broadway, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for Anotherroom – Resolution approves the unenclosed sidewalk cafe license for Anotherroom located at 249 West Broadway. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 7) Street permit application by Taste of Tribeca on Saturday May 17, 2014, Duane Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets – Resolution does not oppose the proposed street activity permit as submitted above by the Taste of Tribeca subject to conditions. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 8) Guidelines for liquor licenses – Report
 - Guidelines will be posted on CB1’s website.
 - A discussion ensued about board-wide standards. This will be discussed at Executive Committee.

H) **Landmarks Committee**

- 1) 77 Reade Street, application for approval of rooftop security fence installation – Resolution recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application as long as it is not visible from the street. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 2) 100 Broadway, application for approval of new signage – Resolution recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application as long as the signage is inside the building. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 3) 40 Peck Slip, application for storefront repair, facade restoration, window replacement and rooftop addition – Resolution recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission reject the application. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 4) 372 Broadway/6 Cortland Alley, application for penthouse addition – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the proposed 2-story plus bulkhead addition to 372 Broadway/ 6 Cortlandt Alley. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 5) 42 Lispenard Street, application for lowering first floor, storefront renovation, window replacement, restoration of cast iron steps, new skylight and new stairs and elevator – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this very positive application, while considering the upper window situation, and requiring the preservation of the rear shutters. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

- 6) 57 Laight Street, application window replacement – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application, and keep this window program for future replacement applications at 57 Laight Street. *Passed Board vote 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

I) **Quality of Life Committee**

- 1) Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Report
 - LMCCC may be dissolved. Efforts are underway to extend their operations.
- 2) MillionTreesNYC – Report
 - 806,000 trees have been planted. If one is requested, there is a 1.5 year waiting list. www.milliontrees.nyc.gov
- 3) Downtown Alliance transition to Big Belly trash compactors – Report
 - They are located throughout lower Manhattan. Trying to get 153 more units. They currently have 116 south of Murray Street.
- 4) The Enforcement Gap report by Transportation Alternative – Report
 - A lack of traffic enforcement is creating safety hazards for bikers.
- 5) New York RoadRunners Half-Marathon – Report
 - The half-marathon is scheduled for March 15, 2014. There will be 14,000 runners. There have been issues with this event in the past. The previous sound operator was eliminated after doing a sound-check in the middle of the night. They said that they are making efforts to mitigate noise.
 - Tammy Meltzer: they should send advanced notice of proposed street closures.

IV. **Old Business**

No Old Business to Report

V. **New Business**

CB1 Holiday Party Update

- The cost of the party is \$35 per person and will be held at Manhattan Youth.
- Pat Moore was applauded for organizing the event.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.

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.