

MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, March 26, 2019

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Manhattan Youth
120 Warren Street
(Photo ID is required to enter building)

I. Public Session – Meeting called to order at 6:06pm

- a. Hannah Weinerman – Congressman Jerrold Nadler – Working to release Mueller report to public. Will be holding hearing on Equality Act.
- b. Ranger Jim - National Parks – Celebrating Women History Month at the National Parks and at African Burial Grounds. Junior Ranger Program will be starting up next month.
- c. Jumaane Williams – Public Advocate - Introductions and thanks those who supported him. Gabriel Lewenstein is here to also listen to the community. PA is the Ombundman and watch dog for city government and can intro city legislation and is the watch dog for the agencies.
- d. Maryam Abdul – Assembly member Deborah Glick’s Office – Excited speed camera legislation has been passed. Working with CB1 for lower Manhattan resiliency advocacy.
- e. Claudia Zhu – Assembly member Yuh-line Niou’ Office – Budget housing, settlement house programs, census outreach and please see reports on the back table. Thank you for the people who stopped by at the Women’s Month event last Sunday.
- f. Cora Fung - Council Member Chin’s Office – Looking to pass a bill to increase fine from \$25k to \$100k for maritime floating billboards. Shredding day is coming up on the east side – join us and shred! Working for funding for seniors! Come to free screening at IFC about aging people and those that care for them on 4/11.
- g. Andrew Chang - Borough President Gale Brewer’s Office – 400 new applicants for membership across the Community Boards, decisions will be out by mid-April. Congestion pricing forum was a success. If you still want to send feedback

please send your testimony info@manhattan.bp.nyc.gov with the subject “congestion pricing”.

- h. Fiona Jung - Senator Kavanagh’s Office – Working on budgets in Albany, working with State Liquor Authority and the local CB offices to make the process easier and more transparent, looking for interns – please forward the names.
- i. Chris Wieliczko – 250 Water St – very concerned about the airborne containments that will be resulting from any environmental remediation.
- j. James Kaplan – Lower Manhattan Historical Association – Co Naming of South William Street for the Mill St. Synagogue – the 1st Synagogue in North America. Please join everyone on April 8th at 12:30pm for this historic event
- k. Wendy Chapman – April 11 – Manhattan Youth will be having the Downtown Community Awards honoring the save PS 150 Parents, Mona from MY, and CB Member Tricia Joyce plus many of the teen volunteers.
- l. James Marton – Closing Rikers – Member of the ACLU but here on his personal time to say please work with criminal justice advocates that reduces the number of people in the system and lower the size of the towers.
- m. Eric Dillenberger – Walker Street Block Association – Member of the new MDC Neighborhood Advisory Council and generally unsupportive of the size and scope of the project. Looking for better ideas to reform criminal justice than building a huge jail!
- n. Paul Keefer – 250 Water Street/congestion pricing – Supportive of the CB1 resolution asking for a full plan before any remediation is done. Leave the site as it is currently. Not in favor of congestion pricing – suggestion reverse the tolls on the Verazzano Bridge and give a carve out for residents in the zone to not pay.
- o. Warren Green – not in favor of congestion pricing that does not waive fees for those that live here.
- p. All for 250 Water Street: total of 21 speakers signed up to speak but agreed to have the following represent:
 - i. Stacey Shub – Brownfield Remediation Site/250 Water Street – Preserve the historic Seaport! There is no plan for salt or flooding that will spread toxins in the area.
 - ii. Warren Green – not in favor of allowing them to proceed without a fully approved plan.
 - iii. Caroline Miller – Do not allow the site to go into the Brownfield Cleanup Program until approved development plans are filed. There is no

requirement to finish the job or seal the site if they run out of funding or desire to build

- iv. Megan Malvern – Thank you for the outlook on the project, please note there are no confirmed plans on how to safeguard the children walking around the site going to and from the local public schools.
- v. Rebecca Tekola – We support the resolution to not allow the Brownfield Cleanup Program application to proceed until plans are filed and approved. Please remember the Mott Haven cleanup in the Bronx which adversely affected the kids during the cleanup. Blue School parent who will be at Peck Slip next year.
- vi. Emily Hellstrom – PTA Co President from the Peck Slip School and a member of CEC D2. – Please stay vigilant we support the resolution and need to ensure that there are more guidelines to protect the kids.
- vii. Maggie Dallal – Blue School and Peck Slip Parent – Fully supportive of the resolution and concerned based on real history of the Mott Haven Site.
- viii. Morgan Dempsey – Pace University – Environmental Student – looking to be a part of this and providing more information.
- ix. Adrienne Sosin – Grandparent who raised her children here – very concerned about the brownfield site and the health of the kids in the neighborhood around 250 Water.
- x. Elaine Kennedy - South Bridge Tower Board Member – The site is surrounded by some of the most vulnerable (older and youngest members of the community). No development should be allowed before full plans are approved. Supports the resolution.
- q. Adam Meister – Howard Hughes Corporation – Goals are to make the site safe and clean for the community irrespective of the plans for the site. They will be doing the investigative stage to see what is on the site as obligated by law. We are following the process as outlined in the Brownfield Cleanup Program.
- r. Lynn Ellsworth – Tribeca Trust – Lost the appeal on the law suit against Landmarks Preservation Commission. Courts said that we should work through City Legislature and not the courts.
- s. Marc Ameruso – Congestion Pricing – This is a financial grab or tax on the residents who live here, changes need to be made in operations of the MTA!

II. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of February 2019 minutes were adopted as presented.

- B) District Manager’s Report – L. Reynolds
 - a. Jennifer Maldonado has joined the office – working with Ramesh as a Discretionary Approvals Consultant through BetaNYC.
 - b. Keeping watch on the Manhattan Detention Complex and the White Street “public space” that has been taken over as a parking lot.
 - c. Proud to announce that I am this year’s Borough Budget Consultations Coordinator for the Manhattan District Managers
 - d. 60 Hudson Alerts
 - e. AT&T sidewalk sheds are coming down in early May.
 - f. Please get the resolutions from the committee meetings into the office ASAP after your meetings.

- C) Chairperson’s Report – A. Notaro, Jr.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/manhattancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20report%20March%202019.pdf>

III. Committee Reports

- A) Executive Committee A. Notaro, Jr.
 - 1) Strategy for future environmental actions – Report
 - 2) Member Participation & Parliamentary Procedure – Report
 - 3) 2019 Goals and 2018 accomplishments – Report

- B) Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee A. Notaro, Jr.
 - 1) Congestion pricing – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 1 recused
 - 2) Street Co-Naming Task Force – Report

- C) Land Use Zoning & Economic Development Committee P. Kennell
 - 1) 250 Water Street Brownfield Cleanup Program application –
 - a. Amendment to add the following whereas: At the Seaport Advisory Working Group Meeting in March 2019, HHC commented that they hoped to start remediation in 2020 when they also have an approved construction site plans.
 - i. Resolution amendment passed by a roll call vote of 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 8 abstained and 1 recused
 - b. Amendment to add the following whereas: In 2014, the Seaport Working Group also adopted a guideline regarding heights and views for the Historic South Street Seaport that stated buildings should be contextual and not adversely impact neighborhood scale and character
 - c. Full Resolution including the two amendments passed by a hand vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 2 recused
 - 2) Borough Based Jail System Plan & Manhattan Detention Complex – Report

3) Supertalls – Report

D) **Waterfront, Parks & Cultural Committee**

P. Goldstein

- 1) East River Esplanade parking under the FDR Drive current and future use – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Hudson River Park – Report
- 3) Governors Island ball fields – Report
- 4) Future of the New Market Building site – Report

E) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) Request for additional crossing guards or traffic agents at Chambers Street for IS 289 – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Eye to Eye Mentorship Program – Report
- 3) Request for SCA/DOE to acquire the 14th floor of 60 Broad Street for Millennium High School, without adding capacity – Report
- 4) Follow up with DOE/SCA regarding the Safety concerns in the lobby at 81 New Street and finding a new entrance for charter school – Report

F) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

R. Byrom

- 1) 77 White Street, application to replace deteriorated sidewalk vault – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 105-107 Reade Street, (Block 145, Lot 18) application for restoration and metal glass rooftop addition to existing 5-story building constructed in 1860-1861 – Withdrawn

G) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) Museum of Jewish Heritage and Upcoming Museum Events – Report
- 2) Ruth Ohman Memorial – Report
- 3) Warren Street Traffic Control Request – Report
- 4) Crosswalks in North Battery Park City – Report
- 5) Allied Universal Report, Update on SPO – Report
- 6) BPCA Report with Security Updates – Report

H) **Quality of Life & Service Delivery Committee**

P. Moore

- 1) Sidewalk Shed and Scaffolding Reform – Report
- 2) 1st Precinct, Sector C Build The Block – Report

I) **Environmental Protection Committee**

A. Blank

- 1) Clean Air Campaign – Report
- 2) Mayor’s Office of Sustainability – Report

J) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

J. Ehrlich

Seaport/Civic Center area

- 1) 89 South Street, application for liquor license for Pier 17 GR Restaurant LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused

Financial District area

- 1) 65 Broadway, application for liquor license for 74 Parsons Corp d/b/a Pending TBD – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused

Tribeca area

- 1) 241 West Broadway, application for alteration of liquor license for a sidewalk cafe for White Walker LLC d/b/a Frenchette – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 429 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Paisley Restaurant LLC d/b/a Paisley – Resolution passed as amended vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) 385 Broadway, application for liquor license for HC Downtown Inc. d/b/a High Court – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 abstained and 0 recused

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**

VI. **Adjournment**

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, 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

At all meetings, additional items may be raised as "New Business."