

## MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2019  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
PLACE: Blue School  
241 Water Street  
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## A G E N D A

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

#### a. Business Session

- i. Andrew Chang - Borough President Gale Brewer's Office – 407 new applicants for membership across the Community Boards, decisions will be out by end of April. Working on budget and awarding the MCAP grants. Funding Initiative to reach underserved communities – details on website in July. Congestion pricing forum was a success, report on the comments and forum will be sent out. In General, MBP is in favor of “congestion pricing”. MDC is still a hot topic and working on the forums and feedback. Bill introduced in city council to list the vacant storefronts throughout the city. Hearing coming up on city council charter revisions – please join.
- ii. Ranger Jim – National Parks Department – reviewed the three beautiful national parks in CB1. Marvin Gaye event on 5/7 that will unveil new stamp. Walking tours with all of the rangers – this is National Parks Week and come out and take a tour!
- iii. Hannah Weirnerman Congressman Jerrold Nadler – Subpoena to release full Mueller report to the committee. Mr. Mueller has been summoned to appear in congress. Equality Act – markups are happening in committee 9/11 VCF forum next week to answer questions.
- iv. Claudia Zhu – Assembly member Yuh-line Niou' Office – Criminal Justice act has passed. 5/18 is our AAPI event at Pace University Center for the Arts. Please see reports on the back table.
- v. Christopher Marte – Neighbors united below Canal St and Elected State Committees Democratic rep from 65<sup>th</sup> district. Speaking against the MDC.

- vi. Fiona Jung - Senator Kavanagh's Office – Budgets passed in Albany, working on a letter to outline what that means for NYC. This is my last meeting. I have resigned.
- vii. Gigi Li - Council Member Chin's Office – Staffing shifts – Paul is part time now and a Senior Advisor, Gigi is now Chief of Staff, Marion is still legislation and budget and deputy chief of staff. The Councilmember has joined the Sanitation Committee and the Budget Negotiating Team. Working on the budget now and still on the Senior Committee. 5Cent fee on paper bags has passed last week. Will be handing out free reusable bags in the coming months. Re: MDC listening to all. Please check out the packets in the back.
- viii. Graeme Birchall, Downtown Boathouse – Will be opening mid-May; Cleanup day in this Sunday.
- ix. Michael Kramer, Historic Street Extension – Please support this resolution.
- x. Rebecca Behr – North Cove Sailing – Free Community Sailing starts Mid-May. Please join us and the sailing camp; They are offering scholarships to those that cannot afford with a priority for Lower Manhattan.
- xi. Nicholas Sbordone – BPCA – Summer Calendar is out, please join us. A digital design input will be set up by tomorrow – this is specifically for Wagner Park. Please distribute the survey widely and participate. This is important to participate for the future of Wagner Park.
- xii. Re: MDC
  - 1. Jan Lee – Chinatown Core Block Association – Questions that have been asked have not been answered. No plan or location has been identified yet for where the displaced families will go, no plan for how long construction will take, only a feasibility study to be done for what they will do with mental health patients (no plans yet),
  - 2. Nancy Kong – NUBC and President of Chatham Towers - We understand the people who want to close Rikers and we are asking for the same courtesy and respect for our positions. We ask for the CB to vote NO to this plan. There are already 1026 beds but they want to increase the number by an additional 700 beds – that is untenable for the neighborhood.
  - 3. Charlie Lai – Chung PAK – Association of small, businesses and non-profits. We are fighting for smaller and more responsive Jail system – we understand that Rikers Island is way too massive and so is this new building/jail and the city has not been responsive to the community.
  - 4. Paulo Yung – resident of Chinatown. The scale and scope of this building is out of proportion of the community. Concerned 1400 -1700 residents and the chaos of what happens when the elevators are off line or security incidents.

5. Derrick Biney - Amissah – White Street Resident for more than 20 years. His wife has been in the area over 80 years. Community has not been included and the process is being rushed; city is disconnected between morality or their “moral urgency” and the logistics – what is the real reform being done to the process – how does a building solve the moral errors that have been created.
  6. Howard Huie – Resident and Board Member of Chatham Towers – There is no integration into the scope and scale of the community. This building will be larger than the Ghery Building and the City has said they are modeling the Denver facility – but that building is 4 times smaller and significantly smaller. This is an untested concept and I ask that CB1 vote NO to this plan.
  7. Eric Dillenberger – Walker Street Block Association – we have had hundreds of years of jails in our neighborhood. However, this is way off the mark for the scale and scope based on their experience of the City’s mistakes thus far. We have lived with every mistake and experiment and we know this is not the place to try and learn along the way.
  8. Anna Leong – resident of Park Row – The close Rikers concept is not justice or jail reform – it is a logistical and cosmetic change. This is a bait and switch scheme – find the solutions to deal with to create more smaller jails – not this mega jail; how to handle people with mental illness; find transportation solutions; add a courthouse to Rikers; Add more Judges – reform the system now do not build cosmetic fixes.
  9. Joseph Mirabella – Park Row Alliance – The prison is too large for the community. I feel the City Councilperson is now a lame duck and has not supported publically those that elected her. The sessions have been allowed to get out of hand and make me fearful. Global Solutions has been stalking those that speak out against the jails.
  10. Irving Lee – Chinatown Residents- This process is a focus on development and real estate and not focused on the problems with the system nor Justice Reform. The development community is looking for the 47 acres for development.
  11. Carrie Smith – Jails do not serve the local community in any manner nor really the people within it, we cannot fail our communities by building \$10Billion worth of new facilities vs working on the system.
  12. Bruce Ehrman – The city needs to look into whether or not Global Solutions is harassing those that oppose. We need to vote down this resolution due to its lack of merit on the construction.
  13. Dorothy Thom – afraid to speak publically so submitted a note.
- xiii. Caroline Miller – Expansion of the Seaport Historic District – please vote to support the community now so that the resiliency plans that are being developed ensure that the

seaport is still connected to the water and the views remain. We do not want walls of buildings – we want public usage and space.

II. Adoption of March 2019 minutes were adopted as presented.

III. District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds

- a. Tour of Lower Manhattan with a delegation from Haarlem in the Netherlands.
- b. Working with the The Things Network to get small sensors to measure sound and air quality.
- c. Meeting on Aggressive Ticket Sellers in The Battery
- d. NYPD – Staten Island Ferry Terminal will be taken over by a Staten Island Police Department and no longer be part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct. Lucian will try to find out where the defining line will be.
- e. DDC Work – Please make sure that all work concerns are brought to the CB office.
- f. Phones in the offices will be changing to VOIP vs standard lines now.

IV. Treasure's Report – J. Kopel

- a. Increase by about \$6k in personnel; \$15k excess and office will investigate how best to use the money. We are still working on our one time funded grant: looking at updating the IT and other areas. No irregularities.

V. Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro, Jr.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb1/archives/monthly-chairpersons-report.page>

- a. Charter Revision – Important Commission Work – Please look at the meeting KEY DATES!
- b. Rikers Island/MDC
- c. OMNY
- d. Speed Cameras
- e. Office of Waterfront
- f. Pier 40 Task Force
- g. Mayor Announces new Transportation measures
- h. Victims Compensation Fund Event – April 25
- i. Aligning and Tracking Budget Request for Results

- j. Resiliency
- k. Seaport Advisory Group
- l. School Crossing Guards
- m. True Hero's honored by MY – Tricia Joyce and Wendy Chapman
- n. Please see chairperson's report at:

### III. Committee Reports

#### A) Licensing & Permits Committee

J. Ehrlich

- 1) **Financial District area- Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 33 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused**
  - a. 26 Vesey Street, application for liquor license for Neat Food, Inc. d/b/a Stage Door Deli – Resolution
  
- 1) **The following have been taken together: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 35 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused (Paul Hovitz abstained on 401 Broadway, 1 (Marc Ameruso abstained for 33 Vesey, 58 Fulton, Pier 15)**
  - b. 120 Liberty Street, application for liquor license for Liberty Street Phoenix Corp. d/b/a Essex World Café – Resolution
  - c. 33 Vesey Street, application for liquor license for Legends Hospitality, LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution
  - d. 517 Clayton Road, application for liquor license for Threefold Holdings LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution
  - e. 58A Fulton Street, application for liquor license for 58A Fulton Taco Bell LLC d/b/a Taco Bell – Resolution
  - f. 63 Barclay Street, application for liquor license for Jomasa LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution with amended times 5pm to 2am
  - g. **Tribeca area** – 401 Broadway, application for liquor license for AVS International Retail Inc. d/b/a LIVE AXE – Resolution
  - h. **Battery Park City area** - New York Harbor, Vesey Street and North End Avenue, application for liquor license for Manhattan Yacht Club Inc. d/b/a vessel Arabella – Resolution
  - i. **Seaport/Civic Center area** - 252 Front Street, application for liquor license for The Little Shop LLC d/b/a pending – Resolution
  - j. Pier 15 Watermark, application to temporarily extend liquor license hours on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 29<sup>th</sup> 2019 for Stonewall 50 World Pride Weekend – Resolution
  - k. 111 Fulton Street, application for liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle – Resolution
  
- 2) 161-163 Duane Street, application for liquor license for Trybeca LLC, d/b/a TBD – Report

B) **Land Use Zoning & Economic Development Committee** P. Kennell

- 1) 1 West Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application 2019-41-BZ for a special permit for the operation of a physical culture establishment – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Mechanical Voids Zoning Text Amendment Phase 2 – Report
- 3) Borough Based Jail System Plan & Manhattan Detention Complex Uniform Land Use Review Procedure Application – Report
  - a. Marc Ameruso comment: That the EIS and ULURP should be challenged on the basis that the City had no explanation on how they are going to reduce the prison population to 5000. It is a Social Justice Plan, not a City Planning plan.
  - b. Concerns raised that this is more of a blind approval as no real design and architectural plans are ready for review similar to a regular process.
  - c. Designs have not been finalized but there are images of what the type of bulk would be represented in the EIS.
  - d. Audience of board members gasped at the mass and size shown in the photos.
  - e. Looking for more detailed information in May.
  - f. City is not planning to move any of the Chung Pak businesses and thinks they can find a way to make it ok for them.
  - g. Very long meeting – lots of participation.
  - h. Lots of feedback –
    - i. DOC has not already been a good neighbor, too large of an impact on the community; ruin the neighborhood with its impact.
    - ii. Some supporters think this does not go far enough, not enough changes to the processes.
    - iii. Niou suggested denying the application
  - i. This building is 30% over zone.
  - j. Community Give Backs – are they enough?
  - k. Does this solve criminal justice reform?
  - l. This is a LAND USE question and we have to focus in on that. There will be no public input on this at the next committee meeting.
  - m. Concerns were raised about the potential harassing of CB members and the potential for future CB involvement as there were people who felt intimidated at the meeting.

C) **Waterfront, Parks & Cultural Committee** P. Goldstein

- 1) Amendment to Hudson River Park Act – Report
- 2) Governors Island 2019 Season – Report
- 3) Hudson River Park Estuary Lab – Report
- 4) Brooklyn Bridge Esplanade project – Report
- 5) African Burial Ground – Report
- 6) Water-based advertising in New York City – Report

D) **Youth & Education Committee** P. Hovitz

- 1) Taken together: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused
  - a. Initiative addressing teen vaping in our schools – Resolution (Mark A & Anthony N– abstaining)

- b. **New Business** Anti-hate forum and hate crime prevention and education – Resolution (Anthony A Abstained; Mark A opposed)

2) Brooklyn Battery Tunnel exit ramp – Discussion

E) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

R. Byrom

1) **Taken together: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused (Joe – against 195; Mark A -195 and 400 Broadway Opposed) Patrick Abstained on 20 Nolan)**

- a. 20 Nolan Park, application for exterior restoration: full front porch reconstruction to resemble original 1904 Colonial Revival configuration; addition of new ADA compliant ramp; reconfiguration of north floor façade by removing two 1936 vestibules and installation of double doors; new windows and doors installed, and restoration of other miscellaneous architectural details – Resolution with the additional dash added in the 2<sup>nd</sup> to last WHEREAS “age-to”
- b. 195 Broadway, application to permit changes to the interior landmark designated lobby of the “AT&T Building, which would include the installation of bronze security turnstiles along with glass railings as well as allowing for modifications to one of the two building directory boards with internal backlighting to match the other board – Resolution
- c. 70 Lafayette Street (Block 172, Lot 23) application for Brick Masonry Crack repairs (2nd and 3rd floor) – Resolution
- d. 400 Broadway (Block 196, Lot 01) application to legalize existing vinyl signage on the ground level façade windows of the building – Resolution
- e. Expansion of the South Street Seaport Historic District to the Brooklyn Bridge – Resolution

2) Historic lighting and cobblestones – Report

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

P. Moore

1) Reducing Waste in Lower Manhattan Guide – Report

2) Department of Design and Construction Work in Community District 1 – Report

G) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

1) Battery Park City Ballfields Resiliency – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

2) West Thames Bridge and Rector Street Restoration Project – Report

3) Ruth Ohman Memorial – Report

4) Allied Universal Report – Report

5) BPCA Report – Report

H) **Environmental Protection Committee**

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1) Interim Flood Protection Measures for the South Street Seaport – Report

2) Lower Manhattan Climate Resilience Study/Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency – Report

I) **Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee**

R. Thomas

- 1) TD Five Boro Bike Tour; Sunday, May 5, 2019; 7:30AM – 5:30PM – Resolution passed by a Hand vote of 26 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Pedestrian and cyclist safety on Lafayette Street – Report
- 3) Financial District Slow Street proposal – Report
- 4) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – Report

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**

**Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee**

R. Thomas

- 1) Application for newsstand license for Abdur Patwary; South West Corner of Warren Street and Greenwich Street – Report and Resolution passed by a Roll Call vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

VI. **Meeting Adjournment at 9:13pm**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary