

MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Live Remote
<https://live.mcb1.nyc>

AGENDA

I. Public Session

- Deborah Glick, New York State Assembly Member – get absentee ballot applications in; managing student loan debt during COVID-19; small businesses can go to the Pace Center for small businesses; working with food banks to help people
- Brian Kavanagh, New York State Senator – virtual town hall on 5/28 on reopening of NYC; food and meals and groceries provided for people; sign up for the census; pushing for increased COVID-19 testing, there is mobile testing center in Chinatown; 250 Water Street ongoing; Gateway Plaza ongoing; working to restructure, reduce or remove property taxes; working on bill on mortgage forbearance; working on plans for rental assistance; bill mandating telemedicine service; 30+ other bills
- Mark Levine, New York City Councilmember – launching NYC’s contact tracing program next week in order to open NYC safely; to succeed, this program needs wide public participation and confidence as well as adequate funding
- Hannah Weinerman, Office of U.S. Congressman Jerrold Nadler – explained provisions of Heroes Act
- Cora Fung, Office of New York City Councilmember Margaret Chin – letter from Chin to Mayor related to NY Stock Exchange decision to partially reopen asking for clarity on policies; stands with Women’s Caucus to support female elected officials of color; improving food programs
- Luke Wolf, Community Liaison, Office of New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer – launched an investigation into NYC’s handling of COVID-19 and whether done in a timely/untimely manner; food access remains an issue and trying to improve it; construction of schools and roads should be done now while residents are sheltering in place
- John Wang, Housing Judge – running for civil court judge in CB1 district
- Sharon Pope Marshall, Bike NY – virtual hub on Bike NY website that teaches people how to bike safely and confidently in an urban environment
- Shivani Gonzalez, Office of New York State Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou – office has been doing food services and helping with unemployment insurance
- Lindsey Farina and Robert Skene, Representatives of Saks and Company – responding to Liquor License Committee questions: quiet cafe/bar will replace the Saks men’s store; license application is only for café/bar and not retail area; intending to have private

events for up to 230 guests but they don't believe it will affect traffic flow because building can accommodate 1300 people; deliveries at 7am that are small scale deliveries

- Jason Chen, Department of Sanitation – Spoke about impacts of COVID-19 on sanitation services.
- Mark Donnenfeld – supports landmarking of Vanderbilt building at 15-19 Beekman
- Brett Hirschenfeld, Managing Director of SL Green – project to redevelop of 126-132 Nassau Street and 15 Beekman Street for Pace University; disappointed that they were not notified by Landmarks Committee of resolution and asking for issue to be tabled until they can be a part of the discussion
- Vanessa Harmon, Pace University – redeveloping 126-132 Nassau Street and 15 Beekman Street is vital to future of Pace University; asking for resolution to be tabled until they can be part of discussion
- Speakers on proposed relocation of Charging Bull statute – residents are against it; do not think relocation is being driven by public safety and terrorism concerns and asking the City to be transparent about this; plaza should be redesigned for aesthetic reasons; City has not provided good information or justification for the relocation
- Roger Byrom, former CB1 Board member and new CB1 public member – honored to have been part of CB1; thankful to everyone
- Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President – what the community wants to see for big stores; what archives and oral history will look like for this pandemic; food insecurity; more testing coming; contact tracing coming; more money available for small businesses

II. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of April 2020 minutes as presented unanimously passed
- B) District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds
 - a. Graph of attendance at CB1 committee meetings
 - b. Regional COVID-19 Metrics: Where Regions Currently Stand
- C) Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro, Jr.
 - a. What's Happening
 - i. five new members and two new chairs
 - 1. Rosa Chang
 - 2. Taylen Mongiovi
 - 3. Bill Koulementas
 - 4. Jeff Galloway
 - 5. Sara Cassell
 - 6. New Landmarks and Preservation Chairs
 - a. Bruce Ehrmann, Chair and Jason Friedman, Co-Chair
 - b. Roger Byrom, Public Member of Landmarks
 - ii. Heroes and Losses of the Pandemic
 - iii. Open Streets
 - 1. Pearl Street and Front Street
 - 2. Work with Downtown Alliance
 - 3. Set Metrics for success
 - iv. Expansion of Street Seats
 - 1. Allow small businesses to come back

- v. Perelman PAC work Progresses
- vi. Trinity School opening delayed?
- vii. Masks and surveys
 - 1. MTA
 - a. https://nyctcovidsurvey.questionpro.com/?ext_ref=409645
 - 2. NYC
 - a. <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/node/2871>
- viii. Absentee Ballots
 - 1. <https://vote.nyc/page/absentee-voting>
- ix. Charging Bull Relocation
 - 1. Resolution later
- b. Priorities
 - i. Working Groups
 - 1. Event Spaces – commences
 - 2. Congestion Pricing Guidelines – commences
 - 3. Budget Input & District Needs Statement – Possible New Group
 - 4. Small Business
 - 5. Technology Strategy & Tools – Possible New Group
 - ii. HRPT
 - 1. Pier 40 issue
 - 2. Weekly meetings
 - a. Paul Goldstein
 - b. Andrew Zelter
 - iii. Post Pandemic World
 - 1. Transportation
 - 2. Education
 - 3. Health & Mental Health
 - 4. Businesses
 - 5. Budget
 - iv. Focus on 250 Water Street Remedial Investigation Plan
 - v. Focus on Seaport Development Plans by HHC
 - vi. Downtown Alliance Small Business Rental Grants
 - 1. <https://alliancefordowntownnewyork.cmail20.com/t/j-l-qtihye-jryuulkjdh-j/>
 - vii. 2020 Census
 - 1. 42-52% response rate
 - 2. <https://my2020census.gov>
 - viii. Workers traveling back to work
 - 1. NYSE example?
 - ix. <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>
 - x. Charging Bull Relocation

See the full report: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancbl/archives/monthly-chairpersons-report.page>

III. Committee Reports

A) Nominating Committee

M. James

1. Final candidates for Chairperson, Vice–Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer – Request and report

B) Executive Committee

A. Notaro, Jr.

1. Hudson River Park-Related Changes to West Street During the Pandemic – [1st Friendly Amendment from Jeff Galloway - First resolved: after “supports” insert words “evaluation of”, Second resolved: insert “would” after “CB1” and change “supports” to “support”, Third resolved: After “together,” delete “to make this change effective” and replace with “to evaluate this proposal”] [2nd Friendly Amendment from Tammy – instead of “CB1 Requests that NYS DOT work with NYC DOT regarding the differences in NYC Bicycle Laws as they vary from NYS Laws” better wording: “CB 1 recognizes that New York State law differs from the traffic laws of New York City in terms of how the law treats pedestrians and operators of vehicles that are not characterized as motor vehicles; now”] – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 41 in favor, 3 opposed, 2 abstained and 1 recused
2. New Member Appointments – Report

C) Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee

B. Kay

1. Creating a Framework for Social Distancing on the Streets of CB1 – [Friendly Amendment from Marc Ameruso – “in WHEREAS change to: “Workers and residents need to be able to safely walk and bicycle around our district, a demand that will increase as re-opening occurs; and”] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 45 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
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D) Quality of Life & Service Delivery Committee

P. Moore

1. Request for Public COVID-19 Testing Site in CB 1 – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 42 in favor, 4 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
2. Large Multi-Family Residential Waste Storage Rule Change – [Friendly Amendment to change size to 100-unit buildings instead of 300-unit] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
3. DC Street Reconstruction Oversight – Report
4. Metropolitan Transportation Authority Subway Cleaning Program – Report
5. COVID-19 Update – Report

E) Land Use, Zoning & Economic Development Committee

P. Kennell

1. 100 William Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application for special permit to allow the operation of a physical culture establishment (Orangetheory Gym) – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
2. Small Business Working Group Mandate and Objectives – Report

3. Short-term business assistance and relief – Report
4. Long-term economic recovery – Report

F) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

S. Cole

Battery Park City area

1. 250 Vesey Street, 2nd Floor, application for liquor license for Saks and Company, LLC d/b/a TBD – [Friendly Amendment - update space from 201 to 202] – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 33 in favor, 5 opposed, 9 abstained and 0 recused

Tribeca area

1. 130 Duane Street, application for corporate change for liquor license for Hersha Hospitality Management L.P. d/b/a The Duane Street Hotel and Graffiti Earth – Report
2. 39 Avenue of the Americas, application for corporate change for liquor license for Hersha Hospitality Management L.P. d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn Tribeca – Report

Financial District area

1. 102 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Fathelbab, Inc. d/b/a TBD – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 48 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. 20 Maiden Lane, application for corporate change for liquor license for Hersha Hospitality Management L.P. d/b/a Holiday Inn Wall Street; Emilio’s Fine Foods – Report

G) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

1. Rector Place Sidewalk Restoration & West Thames Punch List Items [Friendly Amendment from Jeff Galloway - 5th whereas: change “maneuvers” to “measures”, 7th whereas: delete “After significant pressure from the City Council and Governor”; insert “has” after DeBlasio] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 48 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. South Battery Park City Resiliency Project – Report
3. BPC Wayfinding Signage Update – Report
4. Brookfield Place - Covid19 Changes – Report
5. BPCA Report – Report
6. BPC Security Update – Report

H) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

B. Ehrmann

1. 74 Leonard Street, extension of existing elevator bulkhead to provide 6th Floor elevator access – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. 75 Broadway, application for glass window replacement – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
3. Pearl Street, application for restoration and development of the existing Seaport District memorial light tower – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

4. LMCC's Arts Center at Governors Island, application to install signage – [Friendly Amendment from Tammy – In BE IT RESOLVED THAT: “Community Board 1 recommends approval of the proposed signage proposal except the neon and respectfully requests that Landmarks Preservation Commission work with the applicant on eliminating the neon signage from the proposal.”] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
5. 15 Beekman Street/126-132 Nassau Street, neighborhood request for landmark status – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 29 in favor, 5 opposed, 12 abstained and 0 recused

I) **Environmental Protection Committee**

A. Blank

1. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Harbor and Tributaries Study Federal Funding – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 46 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. Lower Manhattan Resiliency Projects – Report
3. Battery Park City Authority Resiliency Deployables – Report
4. Review of Decorative Elements for BPC Ball Fields Resiliency Project – Report
5. Climate, Sustainability & COVID19 – Report
6. 250 Water Street Brownfield Cleanup Program – Report

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

P. Goldstein

1. Proposed Relocation of Charging Bull statue from Bowling Green to Broad St north of Exchange Place – [Friendly Amendment from Paul and Marc – in WHEREAS: “The Charging Bull is located within the metes and bounds of Bowling Green Park, not a traffic island, and”] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
2. Face Masks in Parks and Open Spaces – [Friendly Amendment – remove second to last WHEREAS] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused

K) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

1. After-school funding for calendar year 2021-22 – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 41 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. Funding for elementary schools and childcare – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
3. Proposed legislation on H.R. 6563 (116) bill to create \$2 billion fund for providing remote learning resources – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 42 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
4. Learning and Planning for Fall 2020 – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 42 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**

VI. **Meeting Adjournment at 10:47pm**