

**COMMUNITY BOARD 1-MANHATTAN  
FEBRUARY 2021 MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2021

TIME: 6:00 PM

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

A G E N D A

**Public Session**

Comments by members of the public (6 PM – 7 PM)  
(1-2 minutes per speaker)

**Christopher Marte**

Informed that oral arguments will be before court tomorrow at 2pm for Borough Based Jail case. Also informed that there will be a rally against anti-Asian violence this weekend.

**Sidney Clarkson**

Battery park city for BLM. NYC must protect those targeted by police and violence. Urged MCB1 to submit a letter against the institution of the police and their racism against people of color.

**Pat Gray**

Also speaking on behalf of Battery Park for BLM CCRB CB1 must write letter in Strong objection to the CCRB plan.

**Taylor Banning**

Black history month event this Saturday regarding history of white violence against people of color. Event is meant to be a conversation for all of us as to the role of all of us.

**Susan Peters**

Calling with concern to antennas for wireless phones in NYC and the health hazards associated with radiation coming with them. Must set exposure limits and move antennas away from children and schools.

**Justine Cuccia - Democracy for Battery Park City**

Spoke about affordability in Lower Manhattan and taxation discrepancy between class 1 and class 2 homes.

### **Susan Ainsworth - Clarity Med Health**

3 mobile rapid testing sites in Battery Park City. Part of the NY forward program which the state announced last Friday. Working to help reengage the economy.

### **Hannah Weinerman, Congressman Nadler**

Tax filing resources and assistance is available via the congressman's website.

PPP program will now be restricted to small businesses > 20 employees. Application starts tomorrow at 9am. Focused on HR1 / budget and voting rights act as well as pregnancy fairness act. COVID relief bill will hopefully be passed in the coming weeks.

### **Luke Wolf, Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office**

This month the comptroller launched a program to combat hunger across the city. Create \$25M food program for undocumented New Yorkers. Leverage agencies to increase snap outreach. Also launched a plan. Community safety - working to develop a plan for a more comprehensive plan on community safety and moving some of the work away from police and with community orgs. Sent letter to DOE secretary Caranza to hold schools harmless for drop in enrollment.

### **Lizzie Lee, Senator Brian Kavanaugh**

Working to distribute rent relief programs. Senator Kavanaugh sponsoring CREP: New Yorkers will be eligible regardless of immigration status and if income is below 80% of medium. Up to one year will be paid. Urged anyone to call with unemployment or eviction issues.

### **Cora Fung, Councilmember Chin's office**

CM Chin has co-sponsored 2 hearings on vaccine rollout - wanting the government to liaise with the city more and want to be sure seniors have access. Calling on the city for a comprehensive plan for vaccination. Working on a bill to increase translators for city agencies. Now illegal to discard E-vapes in the trash. CM chin is hosting an event this Thursday to honor community members for black history month.

### **Claudia Zhu - Assemblymember Niou's office**

Budget submissions for NYCHA and other important issues. Held legislative town hall in February. Feel free to reach out with any concerns or questions.

### **Business Session**

A) Adoption of January 2021 minutes; motion to adopt was passed unanimously as presented by voice vote.

B) Updates from Elected Officials

### **Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President**

Governors Island - we did not support the proposal. Also wanted to discuss vaccination issues - heard from providers that all people have to do is sign up. It's a race against time between the vaccine and variants. Still challenges with those who are undocumented. Working on housing issues and how we can turn vacant hotels into shelters. On April 1 - Mayor will be giving a report to the governor on community / police relations - hope to influence that report.

**C) District Manager’s Report – L. Reynolds**

- Joined on a walking tour surrounding 105 Washington Street.
- Newsletter readership continues to grow.
- Would welcome suggestions from board members and the public on newsletter.

**D) Chairperson’s Report – T. Meltzer**

Report can be accessed from our website:

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

**Committee Reports**

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**Committee Reports**

**A) Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) Food Bank Volunteers Needed for EV Loves NYC - Report
- 2) Harbor School Pool Funding and Siting - Report
- 3) NYC Middle & High School Admissions Deadline Change - Report

**B) Quality of Life & Delivery Services Committee**

P. Moore

- 1) Hotel Conversions in Lower Manhattan - Resolution  
Passed by a roll call vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused

Friendly amendment proposed and accepted Whereas: Additional residential units in a community are beneficial if there is sufficient infrastructure (e.g., schools, green space, emergency services, retail, libraries, community centers, transportation, etc.) either in place or in process that can accommodate additional residential population;

- 2) Gaps in COVID-19 Recovery Relief for Owner-Occupied Housing - Report
- 3) DDC Oversight - Report
- 4) Water Street Reconstruction - Report

**C) Health & Human Services Sub-Committee**

F. Curtis

- 1) State of the City’s Response to COVID-19 - Report

D) **Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee** B. Kay

- 1) Access & Safety for Pedestrian Ramp Users - Resolution  
Passed by a voice vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Street Use Priorities - Report
- 3) Citibike & Other DOT Updates - Report
- 4) Congestion Pricing Working Group - Back In Action - Report

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

- 1) 42 Walker Street, application (C200251ZSM) by AMK Holdings LLC for a special permit to modify the maximum building height, the minimum rear yard requirements; and the minimum distance between legally required windows and a rear lot line to allow a one-story enlargement - Resolution  
Passed by a vote of 40 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Planning Together: A New Comprehensive Planning Framework for New York City – Report
- 3) Borough Based Jails/Manhattan Detention Complex – Report

F) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee** J. Friedman

- 1) Tin Building, application for relocation of originally proposed John Street snack bar and concession - Resolution  
Three friendly amendments proposed by Goldstein: First to add new clause (“WHEREAS; While the City is proposing that licensing fees from HHC resulting from this concession go to the Parks Department and the CB recognizes their need for funds, we do feel that a much more urgent need at this time is operating revenue for the South Street Seaport Museum so that this vital cultural institution at the Seaport can remain in existence and operational; and”) second to remove language from 4th clause (“...and licensing feed from HHC would go directly to the Parks Department for maintenance of parklands; and”) third to add (“BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; Community Board #1, Manhattan recommends that the revenue received by the City from HHC from this concession be given to the South Street Seaport Museum for their operational needs”) accepted by Friedman  
Amendment passed by a roll call vote of 32 in favor, 2 opposed 6 abstained 0 recused  
Amended resolution passed by a voice vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstained and 0 recused

G) **Licensing & Permits Committee** S. Cole

- 1) Response to the Mayoral Executive Order and City Council Int 2127-2020 - Resolution  
Passed by a vote of 39 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused

**Tribeca area**

- 1) 181 Duane Street, application for liquor license for Vasil Stefanidhi d/b/a Paping Corporation - Resolution  
Passed by a voice vote of 0 in favor, 41 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

- 2) 456 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for CBCS Washington Street LP, 456 F&B LLC and Hotel Barriere Management USA Company LLC d/b/a TBD - Report

H) **Large Venue Working Group** M. James

- 1) Development of guidelines for Licensing & Permits Committee for Large Scale Venue Applicants - Report

I) **Battery Park City Committee** J. Cuccia

- 1) Esplanade Pedestrian Management Plan For The Proposed Citywide Ferry Service to Battery Park City - Report
- 2) Proposed Signage for Oval Park/Pumphouse Park - Report
- 3) Culmination of the West Thames Street & Gardens Restoration - Report
- 4) Brookdale Updates - Report
- 5) BPCA Report – Report
- 6) BPC Security Update – Report

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

- 1) Gateways to Chinatown - Report
- 2) St. Andrew’s Plaza, Franchise and Concession Review Committee and Department of Transportation intent to award kiosk concession - Report
- 3) Duane Park Bikeshare Expansion - Report
- 4) African Burial Ground - Report
- 5) Black Gotham Experience - Report

K) **Environmental Protection Committee** A. Blank

- 1) 250 Water Street Brownfield Cleanup Program - Resolution  
Passed by a vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Lower Manhattan Quarterly Resiliency - Report

L) **Executive Committee** T. Meltzer

- 1) 2021 Municipal Elections and Polling Site Taskforce - Report
- 2) Composting in Lower Manhattan - Report
- 3) Budget Cuts for Community Boards FY 2022 - Resolution  
Passed by a voice vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 4) COVID-19 Pandemic Memorial - Resolution

Amended language: While we are receptive and thankful for the suggestion that battery park city should host a memorial to the victims of the pandemic, there are so many other NYC communities that were more deeply affected and impacted and we believe that should be reflected in the selection of a site for any memorial.

Passed by a roll call vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**Adjournment**

At 9:18 PM respectfully submitted by our Secretary, Colin Mahoney

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