

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
MAY 25, 2010
THREE LEGGED DOG
80 GREENWICH STREET

The following minutes were adopted by the full board on June 22, 2010.

Public Session

- ***Kevin Cunningham, Shay Gives and Jonathan Hollander*** – Three Legged Dog (3LD), one of the largest performance spaces in Lower Manhattan, is in a dispute with its landlord, the MTA. They are meeting with the MTA to discuss issues involved. They appreciate the support they have received from Senator Daniel Squadron, Councilmember Margaret Chin, CB1 and all others. The Three Legged Dog is seeking public support for the continuation of their 23-year lease.

- ***Councilmember Margaret Chin***
TASTE OF TRIBECA. Attended the Taste of Tribeca event in support of arts and enrichment programs at P.S. 234 and P.S. 150.
THREE LEGGED DOG. Sent a letter on behalf of the 3LD.
BUDGET CUTS. Encourages all to attend the June 7th Budget Public Hearing, beginning at 4:00 PM.
CORDOBA. Spoke in support of the proposal.

- ***Mary Cooley*** – Representative from the **Office of State Senator Daniel Squadron**
CORDOBA. The State Senator also supports the Cordoba Initiative proposal.
9/11 HEALTH. The State Senator supports health legislation introduced by Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Congressman Jerrold Nadler to provide medical benefits to people affected by 9/11 related health issues.

- ***Paul Hovitz*** – Community Board 1 Member and Chair of the CB1 Youth Committee
Spoke about Charter schools.

- ***Liz Williams*** – Community Board 1 Member
Thanked all for making the recent Celebrate Downtown event at the Downtown Community Center a success.

- ***Molly Bidol*** – Representative from the **Office of Assembly Member Deborah Glick**

IMPROVING THE 311 EXPERIENCE. The Assembly Member has been working to improve the 311 experience with regard to noise complaints. She sent a letter to the Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications encouraging them to look into why late-night 311 calls about noise are often not properly addressed.

CLOSING OF ST. VINCENT'S. The Assembly Member has written a letter to Robert Walsh, Commissioner of Small Business Services asking for help for local businesses affected by the closure of St. Vincent's Hospital.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. The Assembly Member has written to express concerns to Chancellor Joel Klein about rising population downtown and school overcrowding.

CHARGING HOMELESS FAMILIES FOR SHELTER. The Assembly Member has written a letter to Linda Gibbs, the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services, expressing outrage about the City's plan to charge homeless families for shelter.

CHARTER REVISION. The Assembly Member has written a letter to Matthew Goldstein, Chair of the Charter Revision commission, expressing concerns that the Charter Revision process is not transparent or open enough.

BP OIL SPILL. The Assembly Member wrote a letter to Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, regarding the oil leak and the need for more renewable energy sources.

- ***Greg Kirschenbaum*** – Representative from the **Office of Borough President Scott Stringer**

Announced that he is leaving his position at the Borough President's Office to go to law school in the fall.

PINACLE CLASS ACTION SUIT. The Manhattan Borough President co-hosted a forum highlighting the class action suit against Pinnacle Realty Associates, LLC, which owns residential buildings in CB1 and elsewhere in the City.

CORDOBA. The Manhattan Borough President also supports the Cordoba Initiative.

- ***Pamela Geller*** – Outreach Against Cordoba.
Announced that a protest against the mosque will be held on June 6th.
- ***Celine Mizrahi*** – Representative from the Office of Congressman Jerrold Nadler
9/11 HEALTH LEGISLATION. Congressman Nadler has sponsored the WTC First Responders Health Bill amendment that is intended to help people living and working in Lower Manhattan who worked at the WTC site following the September 11th attacks. The amendment has been passed.
CORDOBA. Congressman Nadler supports the Cordoba Initiative proposal.
- ***Mitchell Bass*** – Mt. Sinai Hospital
Announced that 9/11 WTC Responder Day will be held on June 5th at St. Paul's Chapel on Broadway at Fulton Street. The community is invited to attend.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on April 27, 2010 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report J.

Menin

BUDGET CUTS. \$8,000 has been restored to Community Board budgets. There will be a Budget Hearing on Monday, June 7th.

CRIME. CB1 will initiate a Crime Task Force as a result of a recent increase in crime. The Crime Task Force will be chaired by John Fratta. There was an incident at Southbridge involving students from Murry Bergtraum High School and other recent incidents at Battery Park City involving high school students. The first meeting of the Task Force will be held on June 14th at the District Office and all are welcome to attend.

UNALLOCATED LMDC FUNDS. The unallocated \$200 million should be allocated immediately for education, affordable housing and other important needs in Lower Manhattan. Julie met with Chris Ward regarding the WTC site and also attended another meeting with Speaker Silver and Sen. Squadron. It was said that the PAC could be built on the T-5 site, but it is still unclear as to how this site will be used.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. We desperately need a new school Downtown and are looking at the site of the Peck Slip Post Office. More discussion will be reported in the Youth & Education Committee's update.

CLOSING OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. The closure of St. Vincent's Hospital has created a real crisis in our community. We now have no pediatric emergency health care in the Downtown area. Downtown Hospital has taken 70 former physicians from St. Vincent's Hospital. Five doctors were added in obstetrics as the birth rate is expected to increase over the coming years. Julie met with Community Boards 2 and 3 regarding this severe situation and has suggested a joint task force to address critical health needs of our communities.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

LMCCC SPECIAL FORUM. Community Board 1's World Trade Center Redevelopment Committee is having a special LMCCC construction forum to be held on June 7 at 6PM at One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor. All are encouraged to attend.

SENIOR GUIDE. Tom Goodkind has led a group of Community Board 1 members to create a guide to senior services in Community Board 1. The guide should be available soon.

Committee Reports

Note: If you wish to obtain a copy of a resolution summarized in the minutes, please visit our website at www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1.

Financial District Committee R.

Sheffe

- 1) Cordoba House at 45 Park Place – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 29 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 10 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

The Cordoba House is an as-of-right project and does not need the approval of the Community Board.

A clause was added to the resolution regarding the sensitivities of those who lost family members on 9/11.

- **Paul Hovitz** – Community Board 1 Member
*Made a motion to table the resolution.
The motion did not pass.*
- **John Fratta** reiterated the as-of-right issue.
- **Anthony Williams** - construction worker and representative of a construction workers union
Implored the community to ensure that only union workers are permitted to work on the Cordoba Initiative Project.

The following people spoke on the resolution regarding the Cordoba House:

Rev. Kevin Madigan, Rev. Canon Anne Mallonee, Rev. William Grant, Bruce Wallace Jo Polett, Yehezkel Landau, Talai G. Hamdani, Ranna Idliby, T. Kenjitsu Nakagaki, Rev. Chloe Breyer, Rev. James Ford, Sammy El-Gamal, Khalid Rehman, Paul Newell, Samir Selmanovic, Ameena Meer, Dalia Mahmoud, Marya Chishti, Jean Grillo (C.B. 1 Public Member and District Leader), Walter Ruby, Rebekah El-Gamel, Michael Burke, Tim Brown, Shahid Comrade, Asim Renman, Esq., Charles Wolf, Manny Badillo, Jesse Cameron Glikenhau, Rev. Leeds Jean, Denise LoFredo, Allison El-Gamal, C. Lee and Eunice A. Hanson, Andy Sullivan, Lou Comwale, Marc Ameruso (Community Board 1 Member), Dr. Marvin Belsky, Muzaffar Chishti, Rosemary Cain, Maureen Santora, Al Santora, Jeff Serkin, Debora Bollingame, Desiree Bernstein, Valery Gesin, Sevi Regis, James W. Sherwood, Arish Samanj, Sean Sweeney, Zead Ramadan, Satya Dodapati, Robert Spencer, Margaret Donovan, John Galt, Eilene Lugano, Dr. John Press

Committee Reports (continued)

Financial District Committee R.

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- 1) Support the funding of The Battery *Playspace* – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) NYC Department of Parks & Recreation Proposed Rule for “Expressive Matter” Vendors at The Battery – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 38 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 3) Cultural Center at Castle Clinton – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 5) Removal of Security Tents Blocking View of the Statue of Liberty at the Historic Battery – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 6) 52 William Street, application for tavern-restaurant hotel liquor license for RCQ Hotel FD LLC, d/b/a to be determined – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 7) 201 Pearl Street, application for new liquor license for Herbs & Spices LLC, d/b/a the Clay Oven – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Nominating Committee

L. Belfer

- 1) Candidates for CB1 offices: Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer – Report

Vera Sung – Community Board 1 Member
Nominated Noel Jefferson for Secretary.

Michael Connolly – Community Board 1 Member
Seconded the nomination.

Marc Ameruso – Removed himself from contention for the Secretary position and nominated himself for the position of Assistant Secretary.

Candidates for CB1 offices are the following:

Chair – Julie Menin

Vice-Chair – Catherine McVay Hughes

Treasurer – Joel Kopel

Secretary – Noel Jefferson

Assistant Secretary – Marc Ameruso and Nadine Bosson

Only the election for Assistant Secretary has multiple candidates and will require a vote.

WTC Redevelopment Committee M.

Connolly

- 1) Proposed Legislation to Regulate Environmental Sampling – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 38 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) Unallocated and allocated LMDC funds – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 39 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 3) Legislation to close the "terror gap" (S.1317/H.R.2159) – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 34 IN FAVOR 4 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Youth & Education Committee A.

DeFalco

- 1) Maintaining and increasing space at Tweed – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee

M. Levine

- 1) NYC Charter Revision Commission to Forgo Placing Proposals on the 2010 Ballot – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) City-wide text amendment to allow car share vehicles to park in off street parking facilities (ULURP N 100284 ZRY) – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

- 1) Information Map in Foley Square – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) Incident involving Southbridge Towers resident and high school students – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 3) 1 Centre Street, application for liquor license for Open Air Café, Inc. d/b/a Choza – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 4) 1 Centre Street, application for wine and beer license for Open Air Café, Inc. d/b/a Sauced – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 5) 146 Beekman Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café for Fresh Salt – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 6) 259 Front Street, request for unenclosed sidewalk café for Cowgirl Seahorse – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Landmarks Committee

R. Byrom

- 1) City Hall, application for introduction of fire protection in Rotunda and installation of rooftop mechanical equipment – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: *WITHDRAWN*
- 2) 179 Franklin Street, application for legalization of storefront renovation – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED
- 3) 85 South Street, application for new sign – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 4) South Street Seaport Historic District Extension – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Tribeca Committee

M. Connolly

- 1) 79 Worth Street and 78-80 Leonard Street, application for extension of term of BSA Special Permit for Eastern Athletic Clubs, LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) 365 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Nicholas McKeon or a Corp. to be formed – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 3) 159 Duane Street, application for liquor license for Alfred Merrin or Entity to be formed – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 4) 325 Church Street, application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for 325 Church Company LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 5) Application for newsstand at the southwest corner of N. Moore Street and Greenwich Street – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 29 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 7 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 6) Thanking NYPD 1st Pct. C.O. Deputy Inspector Anthony Bologna – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Old Business

No business was conducted

New Business

1) Salary Adjustment for Yume Kitasei – Resolution

A merit raise was proposed for CBI staff member Yume Kitasei. This increase has been made possible by the restoration of community board budgets in the Mayor's proposed budget. Yume Kitasei has been so productive that we're no longer considering hiring an additional staffer.

BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 7 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by: Noel E. Jefferson, Secretary