



The City of New York

Manhattan Community Board 1

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MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1

JULY 27, 2010

DANCE NEW AMSTERDAM

280 BROADWAY, 2nd Floor

Public Session

- **Catherine Peila** – Executive Director of Dance New Amsterdam
Welcomed the community and spoke about their possible eviction due to rent arrears because of the recession.
- **Robert Hilton Ruiz** – Founding Director of Brothers Helping Brothers
Introduced his organization, which provides books to inmates.
- **Scott Pena** – Deputy Director of the WTC Environmental Health Center
Brought fliers highlighting organization's mission to assist anyone whose health has been affected by 9/11. A health forum will be held at the CUNY Graduate Center on Madison Avenue and 34th Street on September 15th. For additional information, call 1-877-WTC-0107.
- **Pamela Weadick** – Tribeca resident, neighbor of Warren 77
Complained about noise from the establishment and lack of sufficient response from the owner.
- **Jonathan Slaff** –Community Board 2 Member
REPLACING ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. Working to raise private funds to advocate for new facility to replace services lost when St. Vincent's Hospital closed. He is part of a community group that is meeting on August 2nd to pursue these fundraising efforts.
- **Wendy Aibel-Weiss** – Representative from the Tribute World Trade Center Visitor Center
Announced that 170,000 people have taken their walking tours, which are led by people who share their 9/11 experiences. Solicited volunteers to help with these tours.
- **Alec Schierenbeck** – Representative from the **Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer**
BANK ON MANHATTAN. Announced Bank-on Manhattan, an initiative by the Office of the Manhattan Borough President to help people get bank accounts who did not have them previously and improve their financial literacy.

- **Jake Itzkowitz** – Representative from the **Office of Council Member Margaret Chin**
GOVERNORS ISLAND CONSTITUENT DAY. The Council Member participated in this event.

DANCE NEW AMSTERDAM. The Council Member has been working to broker a solution that would prevent Dance New Amsterdam from being evicted.

60 HUDSON. Reported that a complete inspection of 60 Hudson Street led by the FDNY concluded that the building is in compliance with City codes.

CHANGES IN BUS SERVICE. Some residents may have received tickets for parking in spaces on West Street and other locations, which are now designated bus stops but have yet to be marked by signage. Those who believe they got such a ticket should contact the Council Member's office. The Council Member is also working to address cuts to bus service in Battery Park City.
- **John Ricker** – Representative from the **Office of Comptroller John Liu**
Contact the Comptroller's Citizen's Action Center to report waste or fraud by the City by calling (212) 669-3916.
- **Paul Goldstein** – Representative from the **Office of Speaker Silver**
PEDESTRIAN MANAGEMENT. The Speaker has advocated for regular, professional pedestrian management for West Street crossings at Warren Street, Murray Street, and Albany Street.

RATS. The Speaker's Office has been working to address the proliferation of rats in the Seaport area. They organized an inter-agency meeting to tackle the issue, and a plan is being implemented to increase baiting and monitoring

DELURY PARK. Announced that this park is almost complete.

LOFT LAW. Announced that legislation extending and expanding the law governing lofts in the City has been passed by the state legislature.
- **State Senator Daniel Squadron**
RECENT LEGISLATION. Has introduced bills regarding building codes, pedestrian safety, nightlife and improving the State Liquor Authority.

LANDMARKING OF 45-47 PARK PLACE. Expressed support for the Park51 project and opposition to landmarking the building.
- **Yetta Kurland**
REPLACING ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. Spoke about her efforts to organize community support for developing a new hospital on the site of the recently closed St. Vincent's.
- **Eileen Dunn** – Former nurse at St. Vincent's Hospital
REPLACING ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. Spoke in support of building a new hospital on the site of the recently closed St. Vincent's.
- **Molly Bivol** – Representative from the **Office of Assembly Member Deborah Glick**
DANCE NEW AMSTERDAM. The Assembly Member is working to help Dance New

Amsterdam find a solution to its financial problems.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. The Assembly Member is working with small businesses that have been affected by the closing of St. Vincent's.

- **John Delaportas** – Battery Park City Resident
WINTER GARDEN STAIRCASE. Organizing support to protest Brookfield Properties' potential removal of the Winter Garden staircase.
- **Mashi Blech** – Representative from the Visiting Nurses organization and the Battery Park City Time Bank
The Time Bank project has more than 1,500 members.
- **Allan Tannenbaum** – Community Board 1 Member
9/11 HEALTH BILL. Announced an expected vote in the U.S. House on July 28, 2010 on legislation to extend health coverage to first responders and residents whose health was affected by 9/11.
- **Jean Grillo** – District Leader and Community Board 1 Public Member
REPLACING ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. Spoke in support of building a new hospital on the site of the recently closed St. Vincent's.
- **Justine Cuccia** – Battery Park City Resident
WINTER GARDEN STAIRCASE. Spoke in opposition to Brookfield Properties' potential removal of the Winter Garden staircase.
- **Jessica Williams** – ACCESS Community Health Center
Announced that ACCESS offers free blood testing and other care regardless of a patient's ability to pay. The center can be contacted at (212) 895-3410.
- **Paul Newell** – District Leader and Community Board 3 Member
REPLACING ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. Spoke in support of building a new hospital on the site of the recently closed St. Vincent's.

LANDMARKING OF 45-47 PARK PLACE. Expressed support for the Park51 project and opposition to landmarking the building.
- **Matt Abramcyk** – Owner of Warren 77
Introduced himself as the owner of the establishment that has been the subject of recent complaints about late-night noise. Expressed willingness to work with residents to abate noise.
- **Jacque Capsouto**
MEMORIALIZING ALBERT CAPSOUTO. Expressed appreciation to Community Board 1 and members of the community who created the scholarship for a Stuyvesant High School student in honor of his late brother and former Community Board 1 member, Albert Capsouto. He reiterated his hope that the Parks Department will agree to rename Cavala Park as Albert Capsouto Park.

- *The following people spoke on the proposed landmarking of 45-47 Park Place: Andrew Upton, Pamela Atla, Robert Spencer, Joan Romanelli, Helen Freedman, Barbara Palucci, Joyce Boland, June Hurst, Bruce Ehrmann (Community Board 1 member), Vinod Kumar, Satya Dosapati, Lou Comielli, John Press, Joy Brighten, Reverend Samuel Samson, Sharif Adibal, Jeffrey LeFrancoios, Stewart Kaufman, Luis de Amechazurra, Brett Joshpe, Sharif el-Gamal, Nannette Rivera, David Kalik, Roger Blank, Ben Silverman, H. Lowenhar, John Casanovi, Sheila, Larry Savinkin, Susan Cohn, and Stella Martinez*

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 22, 2010 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

MEMORIALIZING ALBERT CAPSOUTO. She has met with Commissioner Castro about renaming CaVaLa Park in memory of Albert Capsouto, late Community Board 1 member.

LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION FUNDS. She has continued to press the LMDC to release the approximately \$285 million in remaining funds for the community. The Request for Proposal should be released as soon as possible.

LAND USE CONFERENCE. Community Board 1 and MAS cosponsored a very successful and well attended daylong conference at Pace University on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 on land use.

IMAGINATION PLAYGROUND AT BURLING SLIP. She attended the groundbreaking along with the Mayor and Speaker Silver.

CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION. Thanked Community Board 1 member Jeff Galloway, who testified on behalf of the Community Board before the Charter Revision Commission.

WINTER GARDEN STAIRCASE. Spoke about how meaningful the staircase is to the community and pledged to fight its destruction. She has exchanged letters with Amanda Burden about this matter. Brookfield Properties has agreed to present its plans to the Battery Park City Committee.

ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL. She has been working with Yetta Kurland, Jean Grillo and others from Community Boards 2 and 3 to fill the void created by the closing of St. Vincent's Hospital. Community Board 2 passed a resolution in support of preserving the site for another hospital, and Community Board 1 will consider a similar resolution during the Quality of Life Committee portion of the meeting.

HELENE STANLEY. Extended condolences on behalf of Community Board 1 to the family of Helene Seeman, a community activist and Battery Park City resident recently killed by a drunk driver.

CRIME TASK FORCE. The Crime Task Force will meet with new 1st Precinct Commanding Officer

Edward Winski on August 10th.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

CITY BUDGET. The City Council has finalized the city budget, and the remaining \$8,000 has been restored to Community Board budgets. The full budgets have now been restored including funds allocated for managerial raises.

COMMUNITY BOARD 1 COMMUNICATION. Community Board 1 is increasing its presence on the internet through Facebook and Twitter. Feedback is welcome.

- **Michael Levine** – Community Board 1 Director of Planning and Land Use
SENIORS' GUIDE FOR LOWER MANHATTAN. Announced the completion of a guide for seniors in Lower Manhattan, put together by a group of volunteers led by CB#1 member **Tom Goodkind**. The guide is available electronically and paper copies can be obtained at the New Amsterdam or Battery Park City branches of the New York Public Library or from the Community Board 1 office at 49-51 Chambers Street, Room 715.

Treasurer's Report

J. Kopel

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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.

Landmarks Committee

R. Byrom

- 1) 45-47 Park Place, proposed landmark and landmark site – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 24 IN FAVOR 11 OPPOSED 2 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED
- 2) 406 Broadway, application for approval of storefront renovation and rear addition – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 38 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 3) 40 Dover Street, application for installation of rooftop bulkhead and rail – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 38 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Quality of Life Committee

P. Moore

- 1) New York State Marriage Equality Bill S440 – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 5 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

2) Manhattan Borough Board Denunciation of Arizona's New Immigration Law – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 10 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

3) Restoration meeting regarding services provided by St. Vincent's Hospital – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Battery Park City Committee

L. Belfer

1) Block Party Application, Harmony on the Hudson for Sunday, September 19, 2010, between 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM limited to Battery Place between Little West Street and First Place – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

2) 21 South End Avenue, restaurant liquor license application for MJK Restaurant Inc d/b/a Kaijou Japanese Cuisine – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

3) MTA Bus Stop on South End Avenue – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

4) Discussion regarding potential removal of the grand staircase in the Wintergarden – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Waterfront

M. Levine

1) East River Esplanade Waterfront Esplanade Package 2 Site Plan – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Street Fair Task Force

B. Love

1) Update on 2010 Community Board One street fairs

2) Sponsorship of Street Fairs for fundraising by Community Board 1 in 2011 - Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee

J. Galloway

1) Water Street: A New Approach – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

2) Formulation of five governance priorities for the Charter Revision Commission – Report
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Tribeca Committee

P. Braus

- 1) Temporary Pedestrian Plaza on Hudson Street between Chambers and Reade Streets at Bogardus Garden – Presentation by The Department of Transportation and Friends of Bogardus Garden – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) Noise complaints related to Warren 77 – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 3) 40 Harrison Street, application for wine and beer license for Josephine deBeauhernaiss, LLC d/b/a Josephine – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 4) 139 Duane Street, application for an alteration of liquor license for Strongfive LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 5) 370-372 Canal Street, application for a liquor license for FC-Canal Operating LLC d/b/a Sheraton Tribeca New York Hotel – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 32 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 5 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 6) 353 Greenwich Street, application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for Maryann’s 353 Mex. Inc d/b/a Maryann’s – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 7) 460 Greenwich Street, application for unenclosed sidewalk café for Tecton Café Inc d/b/a Estancia 460– Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 8) Block Party Application for Sukkot Block Party and Festival from 11am to 4pm, Sunday, September 26, 2010 for Duane Street between West Broadway and Church Street by the Jewish Community Project Downtown – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 9) Block Party Application for 1st Precinct Explorers Block Party (Mardi Gras Festival Productions Ltd.) from 10 am to 7 pm, Friday, September 17, 2010 for Park Place between Broadway and Church Street – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 10) Newsstand application for northeast corner of Broadway and Reade Street – Resolution

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

Tribeca Transportation and Parking Regulations Sub-Committee

P. Braus

- 1) Leonard Street and Hudson Street intersection, request to install 'Do Not Block the Box' sign – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 2) Beach Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets, request to install 'Local Traffic Only' sign to mitigate truck traffic exiting the Holland Tunnel – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 3) Watts Street between Greenwich and Canal, north side; request to change to alternate side parking - street cleaning regulations – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 4) Select new designated area for New York press vehicles – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 IN FAVOR 2 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 5) Requests for installation of ‘don not block the box’ striping – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Youth & Education Committee

A. DeFalco

- 1) Overcrowding at P.S. 89 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 2) Loss of funding for CUNY LEADS program - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

- 1) 229 Front Street, application for a liquor license – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

- 2) 33 Peck Slip, application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for VOX USA, Corp. d/b/a VOX NY – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 2 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Financial District Committee

R. Sheffe

- 1) One Wall Street, 15th Floor, catering facility liquor license application for ARAMARK Corporation d/b/a ARAMARK Corporation@BNY Mellon EDR – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 2) 115 Broadway, restaurant liquor license application for 115 Broadway Corp. d/b/a Panini & Co. Breads – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED
- 3) Opposition to a proposed newsstand at northeast corner of Church and Cortlandt Streets – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

WTC Redevelopment Committee

M. Connolly

- 1) PANYNJ and SPI: from framework to signed contract – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Old Business

New Business

- 1) Drumgoole Park – Resolution
Community Board 1 learned that Drumgoole Park is scheduled to be closed for the duration of work on the Brooklyn Bridge. This closure will last several years, and Pace University objected to the park being closed for work not taking place on the overhead ramp. Community Board 1's resolution supports Pace's request that the park be closed for as short a period of time as possible.
BOARD VOTE: 36 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 0 RECUSED

Adjournment

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Noel Jefferson, Secretary