



The City of New York

Manhattan Community Board 1

Julie Menin CHAIRPERSON | Noah Pfefferblit DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD # 1
HELD
OCTOBER 26, 2010
NEW YORK CITY POLICE MUSEUM
100 OLD SLIP

Public Session

- ***Manhattan Commissioner Bill Castro, Department of Parks and Recreation***
OFF-LEASH DOGS IN BATTERY PARK. The Department of Parks requested that we table discussion on the scheduled resolution on off-leash dogs in Battery Park until after a special meeting scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2010.
- ***Warrie Price*** – Founder and President of the Battery Conservancy
9/11 HEALTH BILL. Encouraged everyone to urge U.S. Senators to pass the Zadroga 9/11 Health Bill.
- ***State Senator Daniel Squadron***
OFF-LEASH DOGS IN BATTERY PARK. His office will host the special meeting scheduled with the Parks Department, the Downtown Dog Owners, the Battery Conservancy and CB1 regarding off-leash dogs in Battery Park.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. \$100 million has been awarded to the Performing Arts Center, thanks to Julie Menin and Catherine McVay Hughes.
- ***Tricia Joyce*** – Community Board #1 Board Member
SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. Spoke about the severity of school overcrowding in Lower Manhattan, saying that Community Board #1 is in dire need of more schools and that two schools have been incubated for more students than they can support.
- ***Congressman Jerrold Nadler***
9/11 HEALTH BILL. Announced that the 9/11 Health Bill has finally been passed by the House of Representatives, and now needs to be passed by the Senate.

FEDERAL LEGISLATION. Gave a rundown on important matters currently before Congress and was critical of the Governor of New Jersey for blocking the proposed new Hudson River Tunnel which would have received federal funding.
- ***Lee Hoppszallern*** – Representative from Citizens Committee for New York City
Spoke about the “Love Your Block Grant Award.”

- ***Alec Schierenbeck*** – Representative from the Office of **Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer**
 NEW YORK CITY BICYCLE LANES. The MBPO surveyed 11 bike lanes throughout the city and found issues with many of them.
 NYCHA. On November 15th, there will be a town hall meeting at Taino Towers in East Harlem regarding issues that affect the disabled in NYCHA buildings.
- ***Sarah Molloy-Good*** – Representative from the Office of **State Assembly Member Deborah Glick**
 NYC CHILD NUTRITION. The Assembly Member supports banning sweet beverages in schools and increasing exercise programs.
 ANTI-BULLYING. The Assembly Member has been working on improving the city’s anti-bullying policies.
- ***Paul Goldstein*** – Representative from the Office of **State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver**
 PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Congratulated all who worked to secure \$100 million for the creation of a Performing Arts Center (PAC) downtown.
 OTHER ISSUES. The Speaker has been working to improve safety on West Street and open new parks downtown.
- ***John Ricker*** – Representative from the Office of **Comptroller John Liu**
 Website of the Office of the Comptroller: <http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov/>. All are encouraged to contact the Comptroller’s Action Center at 212- 669-3916 to report waste or fraud by the City government.
- ***Marc Ameruso*** – Community Board #1 Board Member
 9/11 HEALTH BILL. Reported on experience lobbying for the bill as a first responder.
- ***Elizabeth Whelan, Katherine Yee, Marcello Di Paralta, Jesse Wickenhouse and Kathleen Daily*** – Members of Downtown Dog Owners Association
 Advocated for implementation of a policy permitting off-leash dogs in the early morning on the Battery Park lawn. Argued that responsible dog owners enhance a community, and that an off-leash policy would lead to calmer dogs.
- ***Danielle Elder*** –President of the P.S. 397 PTA
 SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. Called for a 6th grade class at the Spruce Street school.
- ***Jake Itzkowitz*** – Representative from the Office of **Council Member Margaret Chin**
 SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. The Council Member is fighting against school overcrowding.
 MTA SERVICE CUTS. The Council Member has been advocating for the restoration of bus service to Battery Park City.

- **Jim Fouratt**
Participated in a rally last Saturday calling for the restoration of services lost when St. Vincent's Hospital closed.
- **Allen Tannenbaum** – Community Board #1 Board Member
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Spoke on the importance of building a PAC downtown.
- **Bob Townley** – Community Board #1 Board Member, Executive Director of the Downtown Community Center
Announced that the Downtown Community Center is offering free karate program for teens and free swimming and daily yoga for seniors. Go to the website for more information:
www.downtowncommunitycenter.com
- **Trevor Summer** – Representative from Nearsay
Introduced his organization as a new web-based community news organization. His contact information is Trevor@nearsay.com.
- **Julie Bose** – Director of the Police Museum
Announced that the “Artist as Witness” exhibit will be exhibited at the Senate building in Washington D.C., as called for in a resolution passed by CB1. A special event will be held on Nov. 20th and a holiday party for the Museum will be held on December 4th.
- **Council Member Margaret Chin**
TASTE OF THE SEAPORT. Attended the “Taste of the Seaport” event to benefit P.S. 397.
DOWNTOWN ALLIANCE COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY. Attended the planting at Bowling Green.
OFF-LEASH IN BATTERY PARK. Supports a policy permitting off-leash dogs at certain times on the Battery Park lawn.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes held on September 28, 2010 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

ALBERT CAPSOUTO PARK. Met with Manhattan Commissioner Castro of the Parks Department, who approved the renaming of CaVaLa Park in honor of the late CB1 member, Albert Capsouto. All are invited to attend the renaming ceremony on Thursday, October 28 at 10:30 AM.

PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Funding from the private sector is needed to create a PAC venue comparable to Lincoln Center.

LMDC FUNDS. Menin fought for \$200 million of unspent Con Ed funds to be reallocated for Lower Manhattan needs. Some of these funds have now been released for grants by LMDC and eligible organizations are encouraged to apply. The funds will be applied toward affordable housing, education, small business, community and cultural enhancement, and the 9/11 Memorial.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

ALBERT CAPSOUTO PARK. All who plan to attend the renaming ceremony for Albert Capsouto Park should RSVP.

DELURY PARK. The ribbon cutting for this new park is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 8th.

- **Michael Levine** – Community Board #1 Director of Land Use and Planning Introduced Community Board #1's new Urban Fellow, Heather Anderson, who will be working with us during the 2010-2011 school year. Heather is a first year urban planning student at Columbia University, and will be concentrating on affordable housing and continuing the work of the previous Urban Fellow, Matt Viggiano.

Treasurer's Report

J. Kopel

The Community Board recently spent \$1,400 on a copier and a desktop and net book for the office.

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.

Executive Committee

J. Menin

- 1) Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2012 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Quality of Life Committee

P. Moore

- 1) Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan
- 2) Presentation on bedbugs by Edgar Butts, New York City Department of Health – Report
- 3) Presentation on New York City Council Resolution 14 by the Department of Peace - Report

Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee

J. Galloway

- 1) “Key Terms” Zoning Text Amendment – Report
Will be addressed and voted on at the next meeting.

- 2) New York State Incentives for Energy Efficient Developments and Build-Outs – Report
- 3) Inventory and Analysis of Green Space Resources in the CB1 District – Report

Battery Park City Committee

L. Belfer

- 1) Presentation on plans for the Winter Garden by Brookfield Properties – Report
Brookfield presented plans to remove the so-called grand staircase in the Winter Garden in order to open up pedestrian space to accommodate pedestrian flow resulting from the creation of the sub-grade east-west connector linking with the WTC PATH station. Brookfield will work with a Committee task force to develop plans to renovate World Financial Center retail space.
- 2) Presentation on changes to the Battery Park City bikeway by Glenn Guzi, Port Authority - Report
Liberty Street and Vesey Street will be off-limits to bikes and pedestrians.
- 3) Consideration of adjustments to BPC Ballfields lighting schedule
The Community Board will send a letter to the Battery Park City Authority, asking that lights be kept on for an extra hour in the evenings to allow for extended use of the Battery Park City ballfields.
- 4) RE: 102 North End Avenue a.k.a. 251 Vesey Street 1st Floor, application for tavern-restaurant liquor license for Blue Smoke 102 North End Ave LLC d/b/a Blue Smoke - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 5) RE: 102 North End Avenue 1st Floor, application for tavern-restaurant liquor license for Signature 102 North End Ave LLC – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

Waterfront Committee

B. Townley

- 1) Interim Environmental Program Proposal on Pier 26, Presentation by the NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation, CUNY and HRPT - Report
- 2) Rivers Alive Pier 15 Proposal, Presentation by David Rocco – Report
- 3) Trans Elect Inc’s project to build Wind Farms Review - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Youth & Education Committee

A. DeFalco

- 1) Update on federal and state funding for youth and community programs by May Chin, Department for Youth and Community Development – Report
- 2) Discussion regarding Southbridge public school bus drop-off and pick-up – Report
- 3) One Nation Working Together – Report
Board Member, Dennis Gault recently went to Washington, D.C. to advocate for education with One Nation Working Together.
- 4) Enforcement of bike-path between Tweed Courthouse and City Hall Park – Resolution*
The P.S. 397 PTA has complained that bicyclists going through City Hall Park do not dismount and pose a threat to children travelling to and from the school. The resolution by the board asks for safety measures to ensure pedestrians are not hit - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) Anti-bullying – Resolution

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BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

*Passed jointly with the Seaport/Civic Center Committee

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

- 1) Pearl Street/Franklin Square Pedestrian Safety Improvements – Department of Transportation – Report
- 2) Enforcement of bike-path between Tweed Courthouse and City Hall Park – Resolution*

*Passed jointly with the Youth & Education Committee

Tribeca Committee

P. Braus

- 1) Discussion with the owner of the Patriot Saloon at 110 Chambers Street regarding liquor license application renewal – Report
- 2) One White Street, application for a new restaurant liquor license for LLC to be formed d/b/a to be determined – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) 6 York Street a.k.a. 268 West Broadway, application for an alteration of a liquor license for 268 West Broadway LLC d/b/a Bar Artisanal – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) 33 Leonard Street, renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for TK Rest. Corp – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) Proposal for newsstand on southeast corner of Canal Street and Broadway - Resolution in Opposition

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) Proposal for newsstand on the northwest corner of Greenwich Street and Murray Street - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca and Transportation and Parking Regulations Sub-Committee *M. Ameruso*

- 1) Traffic back-ups and grid-lock at Canal Street intersections of Greenwich and Washington Streets resulting from the closure of the Holland Tunnel entrance/Hudson Street construction and re-routing – Report

The Hudson Street Reconstruction Project has exacerbated traffic problems. Community Board 1 has requested a permanent traffic guard for late nights and weekends in that area.

- 2) Placard government and personal vehicles taking parking spots reserved for 'Trucks Loading and Unloading'. Government vehicles are crowding our streets by double parking or parking at otherwise illegal spots. “No Permit Zone” is being requested to fight this illegal parking – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District Committee *R. Sheffe*

- 1) 11 Rector Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Rector Street Food Enterprises Ltd., d/b/a George’s – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) Discussion of off-leash regulations in Battery Park
Manhattan Parks Commissioner Castro has requested that we table this issue until a special meeting on Friday regarding the issue.

BOARD VOTE: TABLED

- 3) Update on New M15 Select Bus Service by NYC Department of Transportation and NYC Transit – Report

- 4) Update Regarding LMDC Small Business Assistance Program by John DeLibero, Program Manager – Report
The size of grants has increased, eligibility has been expanded, and some applicants can apply for multiple grants. The program deadline has also been extended.
- 5) Presentation on the Hall of Heroes Exhibit by Julie Bose, Executive Director, New York City Police Museum – Report

WTC Redevelopment Committee

C. McVay Hughes

- 1) Christopher Ward, Executive Director, Port Authority and Janno Lieber, Executive Team Member, Silverstein Properties Inc. – Update
The Port Authority is finalizing negotiations with Westfield Group, an Australian shopping mall operator, to create approximately 500,000 square feet of retail space. They are also working with the Greek Orthodox Church to develop an agreement regarding the space the Church used to occupy. Preliminary plans are in place for Liberty Park to be built over the VSC. One World Trade Center is now over 40 floors and will reach 90 floors by 10th anniversary.
- 2) Update on east-west corridor by Brookfield Properties – Report
Brookfield presented a rendering of the future sub-grade east-west corridor.
- 3) LMDC Update on 130 Liberty
Community Board 1 has requested more information on when the site will be transferred from LMDC to Port Authority.
- 4) Update on WTC Health Issues by Jeffery Hon, WTC Health Coordinator, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Affordable Housing Task Force

T. Goodkind

- 1) Discussion with elected officials representatives of regarding affordable housing initiatives – Report
Representatives from local elected officials came and reported on efforts by their offices to increase the supply of affordable housing.
- 2) Discussion on recommendations for affordable housing to LMDC – Report
- 3) Expiring rent stabilization laws – Report
- 4) NYC Department for the Aging - 2012 Budget Meeting with Manhattan Community Boards - Report

Landmarks Committee

R. Byrom

- 1) 137 Duane Street, application for revision of previously approved sixth floor addition – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) 346 Broadway, application for rooftop restoration – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) 187 Franklin Street, application for addition of two stories to existing three story residential building – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Old Business

No Business was conducted.

New Business

- 1) Cancellation of 6th grade class for PS 397 in 2011 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by: Noel E. Jefferson, Community Board #1 Secretary