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Manhattan Community Board 1

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MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2010
NEW DANCE AMSTERDAM
53 CHAMBERS STREET, 2ND FLOOR

Public Session

- **Tom Hall** – Director of the New York City Rescue Mission
Reported on recent NYC Rescue Mission Thanksgiving event, at which Julie Menin, Community Board 1 Chairperson, and Peter Braus, Community Board 1 Tribeca Committee Chair, served more than 1,000 homeless people. The Rescue Mission is still in the midst of a multi-million dollar capital campaign to raise funds for an emergency shelter for woman, education programs, and building improvements. The state has committed \$6 million, which they hope to supplement by raising \$5 from the Lower Manhattan community.
- **Maxine Ames** – New York Public Health Services
New York Public Health Services has a facility that includes a dental clinic and a rehabilitation clinic. The clinic currently offers free HIV testing at the center.
- **Mary Cooley** – Representative from the Office of **State Senator Squadron**
Announced a community discussion with the State Senator on Thursday, December 9 at the Downtown Community Center. Thanked Julie Menin for joining Senator Schumer and State Senator Squadron at a press conference to call for funding from LMDC to develop Pier 42 and the surrounding waterfront.
- **OFF-LEASH DOGS IN BATTERY PARK.** The following people spoke in favor of an off-leash policy for dogs on the lawn in Battery Park: **Jesse Glictenhaus, Mr. Daily, Cathy Yee, Marcello de Peralter, Amanda Glictenhaus, Alison Simko, Karen Shoot, Anthony Di Pietro, Stephannie Weiss, Elizabeth Whelan**
- **Sarah Chu** – Member of **Community Education Council District 2**
Spoke against a waiver for Cathleen Black to serve as New York City Chancellor.
- **Jake Itzkowitz** – Representative from the Office of **Council Member Chin**
9/11 HEALTH BILL. Council Member Chin attended a First Responders Rally in D.C. to urge passage of the 9/11 Health Bill. She urges everyone to join her in lobbying the Senate to pass the bill.

RECENT LEGISLATION. The Council recently introduced a bill to significantly expand the criteria for the City's Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP), which identifies and

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improves residential housing conditions in some of the city's worst buildings. The Council Member has also introduced a bill to encourage the planting of trees emitting low levels of pollen in New York City.

MILLENNIUM HIGH SCHOOL. The Council Member supports Principal Rhode's proposal for an additional campus at 26 Broadway.

NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. The Council Member is opposed to a waiver for Cathleen Black to be appointed chancellor without an education background.

- **Matt Borden** – Representative from the Office of **Assemblymember Glick**
NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. The Assembly Member is against the appointment of Cathleen Black as New York City Schools Chancellor.
SEXUAL HARASSMENT ON SUBWAYS. The Assembly Member is in favor of expansion of the MTA's "If you see something, say something" program.
- **Alec Schierenbeck** – Representative from the Office of **Manhattan Borough President Stringer**
NEW YORK CITY SCHOOLS CHANCELLOR. The Borough President has called for a vote by the city's Parent Panel for Educational Policy on the proposal for a waiver to enable Cathleen Black to become New York City Schools Chancellor.
TAX ABATEMENTS FOR STRIP CLUBS. The Borough President is against tax abatements for strip clubs.
COMMUNITY BOARD 1 MEMBER APPLICATIONS. Applications by current board members for reappointment are due on December 31, 2010 and can be downloaded from either the Borough President's or Community Board 1's websites.
- **Trevor Sumner** – Representative from Newsay, a new online local news organization
Contact Trevor@newsay.com.
- **Allen Tannenbaum** - Community Board 1 Member
Joined Community Board 1 members Catherine McVay Hughes and Marc Ameruso in travelling to DC to lobby in favor of the 9/11 Health Bill.
- **Suellen Epstein** – Spoke in favor of standardizing Community Board 1 review of liquor licenses.
- **John Ricker** – Representative from the Office of **New York City Comptroller Liu**
HOUSING FORECLOSURE EVENT. The Comptroller will hold a discussion on housing foreclosure on Monday, November 29 at E. 59th St.
REPORTING CITY WASTE. To report waste in city government, please call the comptroller's office. For more information, please go to his website:
www.comptroller.nyc.gov.
- **Catherine Peila** – Executive Director of **Dance New Amsterdam**
Welcomed the Community Board to Dance New Amsterdam. Encouraged members to

support the center by registering for dance classes.

- **Marc Ameruso** – Community Board 1 Member
Reported on trip to DC to lobby for 9/11 Health bill.
- **New York State Assembly Speaker Silver**
DE LURY PARK. Described the opening of this park as a great accomplishment.
PERFORMING ARTS CENTER. Pleased that LMDC has allocated funds, but more money is needed for the project.
WEST THAMES BRIDGE. Pleased that the LMDC will provide funding for the construction of a pedestrian bridge across West Street. A bridge at this location will serve the new school in southern Battery Park City, residents, and workers.
SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. The Speaker continues to work on alleviating school overcrowding.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 26, 2010 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. At the most recent LMDC board meeting, the directors voted to allocate \$17 million to the east side waterfront, \$20 million for a pedestrian bridge in southern Battery Park City, and \$100 million to the PAC. There will be a public comment period. The LMDC will have a committee to review all applications.

NEW COMMUNITY BOARD 1 MEMBER. Jana Friedman has been appointed by Council Member Chin.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

COMMUNITY BOARD 1 BUDGET. It is not certain whether Community Board 1 will still receive the \$8,000 originally promised by the City to cover raises for staff members in managerial positions.

CHANGE IN DECEMBER MEETING DATE. Due to the holidays, the next full board meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday, December 16. Members who cannot attend will be excused.

DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT. The draft CB1 District Needs statement has been circulated to committee chairs. Comments must be submitted to the Community Board 1 office by noon tomorrow.

Committee Reports

Quality of Life Committee

P. Moore

1. Hudson Street Reconstruction – Resolution
Residents have asked agencies to address various concerns, including the location for storage of construction materials, loading and unloading access for buildings, early morning noise from construction, and loss of a bus stop.

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. Presentation by Ashley Voroba, New York City Coalition for a Smoke-free City – Report
The Committee heard a presentation regarding New York City Council legislation to ban smoking in outdoor public areas. Committee decided to gather more information before deciding whether or not to support the bill.

Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee

J. Galloway

1. Department of Transportation Car Sharing Pilot Program – Report
The Department of Transportation is planning to implement a program to replace approximately 50 placards with Zipcars parked in garages.
2. Inventory and Analysis of Green Space Resources in CB 1 District – Report
Pace University students have been working to catalogue all of the green spaces in Lower Manhattan.

3. Presentation of Chinatown Working Group Parks, Recreation, and Open Preliminary Action Plan – Resolution In Support

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. “Key Terms” Zoning Text Amendment – Resolution in Support

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Battery Park City Committee

L. Belfer

1. Battery Park City Authority
The new President of the Battery Park City Authority, Gayle Horwitz, introduced herself to the Committee and addressed some of the points raised in the Inspector General’s report.
2. Discussion regarding general traffic and pedestrian issues – Report
Lower Manhattan Borough Commissioner Luis Sanchez came and discussed some ongoing traffic and pedestrian issues along South and North End Avenues. A four-way stop sign will be installed at the intersection of North End Avenue and Murray Street.
3. Presentation regarding Route 9A – Report

Work has begun on the frontage of the World Financial Center facing West Street. The bike lane has been rerouted, taking into account input from Community Board 1.

4. Presentation on plans for the Winter Garden – Report
Brookfield has promised to return for further presentations on their plans for changes to the Winter Garden.

Youth & Education Committee

A. DeFalco

1. Half-fare student Metrocards – Report
Community Board 1 met with Robert Carney, a representative from DOE Pupil Transportation to discuss half-fare cards. Community Board 1 requested data on the potential impact of providing full-fare student Metrocards to all students.
2. Manhattan Youth Karate program and programs for middle school students – Report
3. Speaker Silver’s Overcrowding Taskforce – Report
4. Follow-up to last month’s resolutions on enforcement of bicycles in City Hall Park, anti-bullying, and the cancellation of PS397’s 6th grade class for the 2011-2012 school year - Report
5. Installation of bike racks in front of the Tweed Courthouse – Letter
6. Presentation on Chinatown Working Group Youth and Education Plan – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
7. Maintaining public school seats at the Tweed Courthouse – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
8. Opposition to Waiver for Cathleen Black as New York City Schools Chancellor - Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 2 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

1. Pearl Street Playground and Delury Square Park – Report
The expanded and renovated Delury Square Park has opened. Pearl Street playground will reopen next year.
2. Discussion on Foley Square Signage – Report
Community Board 1 Member, Liz Williams, has proposed the installation of way-finding signage in the vicinity of Foley Square. The office staff is exploring whether this can be done as part of the LMDC initiative to fund signage in areas affected by construction.
3. Discussion of Temporary Pedestrian Street and Pop-Up Café Programs – Report
The committee is not inclined to pursue pop-up cafes in the Seaport at the present time.

4. 125 Fulton Street, application for wine and beer license – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
5. 27 Cliff Street, application for liquor license for Richard Rubino (Corp. to be named later) – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
6. 28 Cliff Street, application for alteration of liquor license for Ryans Cliff Street Corp. d/b/a Ryan Maguires Ale House – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Arts & Entertainment Task Force

H. Reed

1. “Broadway: 1,000 Steps” proposed public art project by Mary Miss – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Committee

P. Braus

1. 75 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Men of Invention, LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
2. Proposed Street Festival on Saturday, May 21, 2011, Duane Street between Greenwich Street and Hudson Street by Taste of Tribeca – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
3. Proposed Street Closure on Thursday, July 14, 2011, West Broadway between Beach Street and White Street by Bastille Day Tribeca – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
4. 54-56 Franklin Street, application for liquor license for Dans Le Noir– Report
Application was withdrawn.

Tribeca and Transportation and Parking Regulations Sub-Committee

M. Ameruso

1. Request for a right turn from Laight Street onto Hudson Street – Report
2. Request for increased safety measures for pedestrians on the northwest and southwest corners of Hudson Street and Laight Street - Report
3. Request for stop sign at the intersection of Greenwich Street and Franklin Street - Report
4. Traffic issues at the intersection of Beach Street and West Broadway - Report
5. Install 'no idling' signage along the south side of Beach Street between Greenwich and Hudson – Report

Financial Committee**Ro Sheffe**

1. 90 John Street, tavern-restaurant liquor license application for Earl's Court, LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
2. 10/16 Wall Street, BSA application for an extension of term of a special permit to allow the continued operation of a physical culture and health establishment (Equinox) – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
3. Proposal for newsstand at northeast corner of Church and Cortlandt Streets – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
4. New York Plaza, application for Section 13-561 special permit for a 42-car accessory garage on the ground floor – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
5. NYC and NYS DOT Analysis of Proposed Left Turn at Albany Street on Route 9A by Luis Sanchez, Lower Manhattan Commission, NYC DOT – Report
Lower Manhattan Commissioner Sanchez explained at the Financial District Committee meeting that the left-turn cannot be restored at this time due to construction in the area that has limited the number of lanes available. Commissioner Sanchez said that the matter can be reevaluated in another six months when some of the construction activity is expected to be completed.
6. Pearl Street Pop-Up Café Pilot Program conclusions by Nina Haiman, DOT – Report
Community Board 1 will write a favorable letter regarding the pilot program sponsored by two restaurants in the Financial District. The initiative was successful and the committee would favor additional locations in CBI as long as they are brought to CBI for approval prior to implementation.
7. Report about meeting at Senator Squadron's office regarding proposed use of Battery Park lawn by off-leash dogs by Ro Sheffe

Financial District Subcommittee to Review Battery Park Off-Leash Dogs Resolution**B. Love**

1. Review Battery Park Off-Leash Dogs Resolution – Resolution

Street Fair Task Force**B. Love**

1. Discussion of 2011 street fair proposal from Mardi Gras Productions – Report
Community Board 1 has decided to renew its relationship with Mardi Gras Productions for 2011.
2. Decision on whether to solicit proposals from other producers for 2011 street fairs – Report

WTC Redevelopment Committee**C. McVay Hughes**

1. Metropolitan Transportation Authority Quarterly Construction Update – Report
Currently, this project is on schedule.
2. LMDC Update on 130 Liberty Street – Report
LMDC has announced that the Small Firm Assistance Program will be expanded. The deconstruction of 130 Liberty Street is expected to be complete in January 2011.
3. 9/11 Health and Compensation Act – Resolution
Resolution urges the Senate to pass this legislation before the end of the current congressional session.
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee

B. Ehrmann

1. 187 Franklin Street, application for addition of two stories to existing three story residential building – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 6 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
2. 259 Front Street, application for sign – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
3. 175 West Broadway, application for sign – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
4. Battery Maritime Building, application to remove Bow Truss Lift Bridge System – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
5. 460 Greenwich Street, application to legalize storefront renovation – Report

Old Business

No business conducted

New Business

1. Discussion of procedures for CB1 review of liquor licenses
Marc Ameruso will chair a task force to review various issues related to the review of liquor licenses.
2. Thanking Jim Solomon and Thomas Yu for their outstanding service to Chinatown Working Group (CWG) – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

Respectively Submitted by: Noel E. Jefferson, Secretary