

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY TELEVISION CENTER/FIREHOUSE
87 LAFAYETTE STREET
APRIL 24, 2012

Public Session

John Ricker – NYC Comptroller Representative
Encouraged the community to look at his website: www.comptroller.com to view NYC's finances

Ranger Jim -National Park Service
National Park Week announcements about activities at Federal Hall and Castle Clinton

Blakely Braniff -Blue School
Hosting an open house this Sunday

Krista Manrique – Poets House
Community breakfast this Thursday 4/25 at 8:30 AM

Linda Gertsman – CB#1 member
Spoke about OWS activities in Financial District and asked for the National Parks Service to enforce their rules

John Johnson – CB#1 resident

Rabbi Darren Levine – New Downtown Synagogue
They will be based out of St. Paul's Chapel starting May 5th

Matt Gordon – Assemblymember Glick Representative
Spoke about DOE and the wait list situation. This Friday there is a hearing about illegal hotels. She participated in the 800-person march against NYU expansion plans. Working with IPN tenants to keep rents affordable

Catherine McVay Hughes – CB#1 vice Chair
Spoke about the process of listing cancers as covered categories under the Zadroga Bill and the issue of life insurance pay-outs.

Michael Lee – Pine St Resident
Complained about garbage being collected from buildings in the Financial District between 2-3AM.

Celine Mizrahi – Congressman Nadler's Representative

It is budget time in DC. The proposals are more drastic than last year. Spoke to the inclusion of canyons in the Zagroda Bill and the NYU expansion plans.

Jennifer Ashley – BP Stringer Representative

Welcomed the new CB1 members. Announced an event tomorrow called Denim Day against sexual violence. Organized meeting with SLA yesterday to clarify nightlife regulations. BP spoke out about fare hikes for MTA in coming years and proposed new ways to prevent fares from increasing, such as a commuter tax.

Paul Goldstein – Speaker Silver's Representative

Discussed school wait-lists. Supports tonight's resolution about pre-K. The search for new school sites must be a priority. The Speaker is also trying to address the problem of noise from construction projects on evenings and weekends. The City must understand and adapt to the new population growth and residential environment in Lower Manhattan.

Yume Kitasei – Councilmember Chin's Representative

Spoke about school wait-lists and focused on 22 Reade Street Building as a possible site for a new school as part of the ULURP action to sell that and other city-owned buildings in CB1. Thanked CB members for attending LMCCC rally. The many construction projects on John Street are an example of the need for LMCCC. Downtown is suffering due to the many after-hours construction variances being issued by the city. Southbridge is experiencing noise due to late-night work on the Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation Project.

Mary Cooley – State Senator Squadron's Representative

Thanked everyone who came to the Senator's Community Convention this past Sunday, which was the most successful yet. Working with Speaker Silver and Councilmember Chin on permitting, fines and regulations for inter-city buses. The Senator introduced legislation about appointments to the Rent Guidelines Board. He is disappointed in DOE's response to the shortage of school seats for the coming school year.

Mark and Wendy Lee – Financial District Residents

Thanked CB1 for efforts in regard to the shortage of school seats. They came to speak about their experiences for the last two weeks with noise caused by protestors on the steps of Federal Hall. They hear drum beating through double-paned windows. Their children are frightened. They made a decision to move to the Financial District in 2005 hoping it would develop as a family community. They would support a resolution asking the NPS to better enforce rules.

Eileen McCrehan – John Street Resident

Owners and residents of 170 John Street spoke about their opposition to a liquor license for the establishment proposed for the retail space in their building.

Lisa Cannistrasi – Benefit for Ali Forney Center at Beekman Beer Garden

Lives and owns a bar in CB#2 and is an active fundraiser. Is organizing a fund-raiser for the LGBT Homeless Center and requested extended hours at this venue for the event planned for June 23, 2011.

Liz Williams – CB#1 Resident

Thanked her former colleagues on the board for their work and said she is honored that she will receive an award at the Downtown Community Center benefit on May 17th.

Laura Fernandez – Liberty Street Resident

Lived through September 11th and went through the OWS occupation of Zuccotti Park which affected her children. Now a similar situation is developing on Wall and Broad. Drumming is taking place again. Also, spoke about large crowds milling around the 9/11 memorial. Also, garbage around the WTC Site is a problem; there are no receptacles.

Trisha Joyce – CB#1 Member

Asked for questions from parents about school wait-lists. Spoke about the need to address the situation.

Roger Byrom – CB#1 Member

Noted that we are less than 6 months away from September 11th anniversary and raised the possibility of commemorating it with another Hands Across Lower Manhattan event. Chairperson Menin mentioned that it was a lot of work that required many partnering organizations that contributed their services pro bono for the 10th anniversary. She is not sure if they would do so again.

Jeff Mihok – CB#1 Member

Spoke about the sphere in Battery Park that does not have a permanent home. He feels this is more powerful in its current setting. However plans call for it to be moved in coming weeks.

Business Session

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on March 27, 2012 were adopted unanimously as presented.

Chairperson's Report

Welcomed the 3 new members: Tammy Meltzer, Linda Gertsman and Adam Malitz. Testified with Vice Chair Hughes and attended a press conference on cuts to the LMCCC. Voted against the LMDC's proposed budget but in favor of the LMCCC budget. Participated in Speaker Silver's Task Force to deal with school overcrowding. Presented citation to Robert Rhodes, leaving as founding principal of Millennium High School along with a plaque from the school's PTA.

District Manager's Report

Welcomed new members. ULURP action for the three city-owned buildings will be taken up in the Planning and Infrastructure Committee in May. Thanked BP for putting the SLA meeting together. It was attended by CB1 board and staff members. The office participated in Earth Day event at 7 WFC last week. Finally, wanted to be sure all members got the email about Tribeca Film Festival screenings.

46 Laight Street, application for new storefront – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

464 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk platform restoration and alteration – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

28 Water Street, application for existing flagpole – Report

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

All Resolutions were taken together.

Housing Committee

Judge’s ruling against stabilization of Independence Plaza North – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

CB1 Senior Guide – Update

Ruth Ohman is the senior editor. Available on the CB#1 website.

Manhattan Seniors - Business Plan Review – Department for the Aging – Report

Affordable Housing Downtown - Results of letter from Board Chair – Report

Stabilization of FiDi - presentation by Paul Newell, District Leader – Report

Quality of Life Committee

New York State Dream Act Legislation – Manhattan Borough Board Resolution – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 4 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Committee

78 Franklin Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit under section 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution for a new health club known as Aqua – Resolution

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

84-86 White Street, application for special permit under section 13-561 of the Zoning Resolution to permit attended accessory parking garage with 22 spaces – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Street Activity Permit application by Real Stories Gallery Foundation, Sunday, July 1, 2012, F/O
36 Laight Street between Varick Street and Hudson Street – Resolution

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

353 Greenwich Street, renewal application for a sidewalk café license for Maryann’s 353 Mex
Inc. d/b/a Mary Ann’s – Resolution

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

102 Franklin Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for Eating and Drinking LLC d/b/a
All Good Things – Resolution

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

450 Washington Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for Pachanga, Inc.
d/b/a Fika – Resolution

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

313 Church Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for 313 Restaurant LLC d/b/a TBD
– Resolution

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

43 Murray Street, alteration application for a tavern liquor license for Woodrows Management
LLC d/b/a Woodrows - Resolution

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

325 Broadway, application for a beer only liquor license for 325 Broadway Café, LLC d/b/a
Arome Café – Resolution

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

20 Warren Street, 20/20 Restaurant and Club – Report

Youth & Education Committee

Including Schools in New Development Projects – Report

Mayor Bloomberg’s Proposed Cuts to Daycare and After-school Programs – Resolution

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

Governor Cuomo’s NY Youth Works Program – Report

Request that the NYC Council Lower the Age for Compulsory Education – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 6 Abstained 0 Recused

Request that the Department of Education establish a stand-alone Pre-K in District 2 – Resolution

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

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

Street permit application for Summerfest on Park Row by J & R Music World on Thursday June 14, 2012 to Saturday, June 16, 2012 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm on Park Row sidewalk between Ann Street and Beekman Street – Resolution

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

Street permit application for Musicfest on Park Row by J & R Music World on Thursday, August 23, 2012 to Saturday, August 25, 2012 from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm on Park Row sidewalk between Ann Street and Beekman Street – Resolution

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

Request for the NYC Economic Development Corporation to provide the South Street Seaport Museum with a metes and bounds determination – Resolution

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

Peck Slip and Pearl Street Playground – Update

Battery Park City Committee

255 Vesey Street, new application for a sidewalk café license for Blue Smoke 102 North End Ave LLC, d/b/a Blue Smoke – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

255 Vesey Street, alteration application for a liquor license for Blue Smoke 102 North End Ave LLC, d/b/a Blue Smoke – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Liberty Science Center – Report

Senator Squadron’s Proposal for a Re-organization of the BPCA Structure – Report

Old Business

No business conducted

New Business

No business conducted

Adjournment

Approx. 9 pm.

All documents relating to the above agenda items are on file at the Community Board 1 office and are available for viewing by the public upon written request to man01@cb.nyc.gov

Respectfully amended and submitted by Secretary Anthony Notaro