

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL
185 WEST BROADWAY
JUNE 26, 2012

Candidates Forum

Each candidate had up to 5 minutes to present and then Board members had the opportunity to ask questions.

Board Chair:

Catherine McVay Hughes spoke first as the uncontested candidate for Chair and read recited the wording of a citation presented to Julie Menin. Julie Menin was asked to come up and address all in attendance. She thanked Board Members for all their hard work and noted the major accomplishments during her tenure.

Borough President Stringer joined the meeting to deliver a proclamation honoring Julie's service and accomplishments and pronounced June 26, 2012 to be Julie Menin Appreciation Day in Manhattan.

Personal statements by candidates continued in the following order:

Vice Chair:

Paul Hovitz
Anthony Notaro

Secretary:

Marc Ameruso
Adam Malitz

Treasurer:

John Fratta
Thomas Goodkind

Assistant Secretary (uncontested):

Dennis Gault

Ballots were distributed and the balloting remained open for the next hour. Since the position of Chair was uncontested, the Secretary cast one vote for Catherine.

Public Session

Rabbi Darren Levine

Commended Julie for her seven years of service and mentioned the biblical significance of that number. Spoke about the new congregation he has founded that is worshipping at St. Paul's Church.

Celine Mizrahi - Congressman Nadler's rep

Thanked Julie. Gave update on the 9/11 bill and other illnesses that should be incorporated, particularly cancer. This must be done by petition to the CDC which triggers an involved process.

Bruce Ehrmann - CB#1 Member

Thanked Julie for her wonderful term and hopes to see her in public service in another position.

Discussed the issue of the Fresh Direct delivery truck inappropriately occupying parking spaces in Tribeca.

Tricia Joyce - CB#1 Member

Thanked Julie for her leadership and her inspirational approach.

Spoke about the population growth in Lower Manhattan and the burden it has put on our schools and housing. Supports the resolution on the ULURP application for the sale of properties owned by the City in the Civic Center and asked that statistics on overcrowding be incorporated.

Karolina Hall - BP Stringer

Spoke about the resolution on the sale of City buildings in the Civic Center which will go next to the Manhattan Borough President for review.

Sarah Diaz - Assemblymember Glick

Honored Julie for her service. Provided an update and spoke about proposed bill in the state legislation to amend enabling legislation for HRPT. Community residents must be involved in efforts to ensure sufficient funding for the park. Several Board members expressed concern about whether the Assembly Member supported the legislation that was introduced in Albany.

John Ricker - Comptroller John Liu

Offered thanks to Julie and directed people to the Comptroller's website for review of his recent activities.

Paul Goldstein - Assembly Speaker Silver

Joined Julie at the topping-off ceremony for 4 WTC. This is a sign of progress. The Speaker is also involved in efforts to improve pedestrian safety around the Spruce Street School. NYCDOT recently made improvements to safety and signage there and more are planned. Millennium H.S. wants to convert some of their class space to a gym and the

Speaker helped with the funding. The Speaker's office is proud of Julie's accomplishments.

Yume Kitasei – Councilmember Chin

Also thanked Julie for her service and leadership. The Council Member arranged a tour of the Civic Center buildings that the City has proposed to sell. Yesterday, the Council and Mayor reached an agreement on a budget for the coming fiscal year. After-school funding was protected. School programs shouldn't even be on the table for cuts. This matter elicited a lot of discussion.

Thomas Hall - NYC Rescue Mission

Thanked Julie for her great leadership and for volunteering at the mission. As of June, their Executive Director has left. The new director is Dr. Craig Hughes.

David Kupferberg

Discussed Manhattan bus service cuts since 2011 and his proposal to improve service.

Arthur Piccolo - Bowling Green Association

Discussed NYPD barricading of the northern section of Bowling Green Park for 284 days. As of last week, the cost for the police presence there has reached \$1,000,000.

Thomas Goodkind - CB#1 Member

Urged everyone to come out July 4th to Wagner Park for Tribattery Pops concert.

Marc Ameruso - CB#1 Member

Thanked Julie for her service. Spoke about Congressman Nadler's comments from last month's meeting.

Business Session

Adoption of April and May 2012 Minutes

Motion approved to amend the May minutes to add additional comments by Rep. Nadler and then the modified Minutes were adopted.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

Julie deferred since she spoke about her years as Chairperson at the start of the meeting.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

A volunteer has offered to help at CB1 during the summer and will help T. Goodkind with housing issues. Staff also toured Civic Center buildings. They are also working with DCAS about CB#1 space needs.

Treasurer's Report

J. Kopel

- Election of Officers M. Connolly
- Report
Votes were counted and the results are:

Chair

Catherine McVay Hughes (1)

Vice Chair:

Anthony Notaro (24)

Paul Hovitz (23)

Abstain (1)

Secretary:

Adam Malitz (36)

Marc Ameruso (10)

Abstain (1)

No Vote (1)

Treasurer:

John Fratta (25)

Thomas Goodkind (21)

Abstain (1)

Assistant Secretary (uncontested):

Dennis Gault (1)

Committee Reports

A) Seaport/Civic Center Committee

- 1) Brooklyn Bridge Project Noise – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) Maritime Crafts Center - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

**B) Seaport/Civic Center Committee
and Youth & Education Committees**

- 1) Master Plan for Howard Hughes Properties in Seaport Area – Report

The committee will discuss a Master Plan for the Seaport area in more detail at its July meeting.

C) Battery Park City Committee

1) Statement of Needs and Priorities for the BPCA – Report

The Committee began an ongoing discussion about developing a needs assessment to guide the new BPCA Board.

2) Pier A Update from the Battery Park City Authority – Report

Update on exterior portion (Plaza). There is concern about uses and even party boats using the south side of the Pier. We created a working group to help the BPCA with these issues.

3) Proposal to shift Jersey City - WFC ferry docking location from north side of terminal to south side – Report

There are still concerns about impacts and we will now shift some of the north side landings to the south side to achieve balance and revisit the matter in 6 months.

4) 2 World Financial Center, application for restaurant outdoor kiosk wine and beer license for 225 Liberty LLC d/b/a Oaxaza Express – Resolution

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

5) Harmony on the Hudson, application for a Street Activity Permit on Sunday October 14, 2012 at Battery Place between Little West Street and 1 Place. Closure of streets from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM; event to be held from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM – Resolution

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

D) Financial District Committee

1) The Bosque Area in Battery Park, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for the Cleaver Company – Resolution

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

2) Barricades surrounding Charging Bull sculpture in Bowling Green – Resolution

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

3) Application by Go Green Ride for taxi parking facility at 201 Pearl Street – Resolution

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

E) Planning and Infrastructure Committee

1) East Bowery Preservation Plan - Resolution

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

F) **Planning and Infrastructure Committee**
Seaport/Civic Center Committee
Youth & Education Committee
Housing Committee
Arts & Entertainment Task Force

- 1) Civic Center Consolidation and Disposition Plan – Resolution
Friendly amendment by T. Joyce was accepted

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) **WTC Redevelopment Committee**

- 1) MTA update including progress on Corbin Building - Report
- 2) Port Authority Update - Report
- 3) Update on Conditions Covered by the Zadroga Act - Celine Mizrahi from Congressman Nadler's office - Report

H) **Landmarks Committee**

- 1) 1 Centre Street, application to install rooftop HVAC unit – Resolution

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

- 2) 125 Watts Street, application for rooftop pavilion and glass railing – Resolution

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

- 3) 104, 105, 106 South Street, application for façade alteration, new storefronts and rooftop addition – Resolution

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

- 4) 225 West Broadway, application for storefront renovation – Resolution

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

- 5) Corbin Building Update - Report

I) **Housing Committee**

1) Manhattan Seniors – Report

This concept is still in development. The next committee meeting will be devoted to it. The vision is to allow seniors to age in place and have social workers to increase awareness of services available to seniors and how to access them.

2) Protection for CB1 apartment owners – Report

There are owners in our community who are concerned about burdens such as taxes, which could force them to move.

3) Printing and distributing the updated Seniors Guide – Report

Ruth Ohman has been invaluable in editing but CB1 needs funds to print the guide and make it more available. R. Townley offered to help.

4) Update on IPN – Report

Diane Lapson gave an update but nothing new has happened.

5) New York City Council Resolution on Rent Guidelines Board - Resolution

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

J) **Quality of Life Committee**

1) Update by Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) – Report

This is a monthly session and Pat encourages everyone to bring concerns about construction there.

2) Lower Manhattan Rodent Control Project – Report

A team from the Department of Health came to the committee to discuss concerns about rats and the committee is gathering information about “hot spots.”

3) 9/11 Memorial Event for the Lower Manhattan Community – Resolution

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

K) **Quality of Life Committee
and Youth & Education Committees**

1) Traffic Issues on Beekman Street – Report

L) Youth & Education Committee

- 1) Battery Park Day Nursery's 25th Anniversary – Resolution

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

- 2) High Stakes Testing – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) GED Program Accountability Act (A.2969) – Resolution

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

- 4) Millennium High School – Report

M) Tribeca Committee

- 1) 276 Canal Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Om Sai Canal LLC d/b/a Tribeca Blue Hotel – Resolution

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

- 2) 78 Leonard Street, application for restaurant liquor license for TriMasa Restaurant Partners LLC d/b/a Tetsu – Resolution

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

- 3) 73 Warren Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Yummy Meep LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution

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

- 4) 181 Duane Street, application for unenclosed sidewalk café license for 181 Ristorante Inc, d/b/a Max Restaurant – Resolution

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

- 5) 325 Broadway, transfer application for restaurant wine and beer license for Veniamin Osiashuili or Entity to be Formed d/b/a Sushein - Resolution in Opposition

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

- 6) S/E/C Chambers Street & Greenwich Street, proposed newsstand - Resolution

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

Old Business

New Business

- 1) Request for the NYC Department of Design and Construction to install cobble stones on Collister Street – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

Approx. 9 pm.

Respectfully amended and submitted by Secretary Anthony Notaro

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