

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF**  
**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1**  
**DANCE NEW AMSTERDAM**  
**280 BROADWAY**  
**JULY 31, 2012**

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**Public Session**

John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu's Office)

- The Comptroller sends his wishes for a safe and happy summer.
- Please visit the Comptroller's website to learn more about the City's finances.

Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin's Office)

- The Danny Chen case has ended. Councilmember Chin is upset about the verdict.
- The City budget adopted for the new fiscal year meets many needs in CB1. All schools that had needs were able to get something. Spruce Street School will get new soft-covering for its playground.
- The City's next budget has \$10.3 million allocated for the Seaport Museum.
- August 4, 2012, is family day at Governor's Island. The event will take place at 12:00pm, EDT. Participants should meet at the ferry at 10:00am, EDT.

Sarah Diaz (Assemblyperson Deborah Glick's Office)

- Many efforts over the past few months were focused on the NYU 2031 Plan.
- Assemblyperson Glick was disappointed that the plan passed.
- "Latched On" NYC issue will restrict formula access in hospitals. Glick is opposed to the plan offered by the Bloomberg Administration.
- There will likely be legislation concerning tax abatements for owners of condos and co-ops voted on in the fall, which Assemblyperson Glick supports.

Jacques Capsouto (Public Member)

- They would like to do a festival in November to celebrate the new Beaujolais. They are requesting a street permit at this meeting. It is the 10 year anniversary of the event.

Jessica Silver (Borough President Scott Stringer's Office)

- Hannah Friedman is the new liaison from the Borough President to CB1.
- Jessica Silver discussed the incident at the Munich Olympics 40 years ago. The Borough President has a petition that can be signed at [www.remembermunich.org](http://www.remembermunich.org).

- Brian Cook (BP Scott Stringer's Office): Concern has been raised about the three Civic Center buildings proposed for sale in the ULURP action currently in the review process. The process was initiated despite the concerns of CB1 and the Borough President's Office about lack of public benefit from the proposed sale. The BP wants a new RFP to be issued. The Borough Board may have a veto on this sale since its approval will likely be needed for the disposition of the buildings to the entity that is awarded the RFP.

Catherine Peila (Dance New Amsterdam)

- DNA's rent was renegotiated with help from Senator Daniel Squadron. The rent was lowered to \$43,000 from \$73,000.
- Dance New Amsterdam serves 32,000 people per year.

Arthur Piccolo (Bowling Green Association)

- Mr. Piccolo is opposed to the security barricades located around the Charging Bull statue at Bowling Green.

Jean Grillo (Tribeca CERT)

- Two Tribeca CERT members have been trained to manage emergency facilities.
- NYC has 600 miles of shoreline that is vulnerable to hurricanes. NYC is most vulnerable from August-October. The nearest facility to Lower Manhattan is Seward Park High School. The emergency plan is available in 12 languages. There is a free ½ hour presentation available to community groups.
- August 16 is National Night Out Against Crime.

State Senator Daniel Squadron

- Senator Squadron was in Albany during most CB1 meetings this year.
- Senator Squadron is pleased with the restoration of some MTA bus routes in his district.
- A couple of years ago legislation was passed to create a taskforce on state-owned property. This includes publicly owned buildings in CB1. State buildings are exempt from city fire codes. Squadron is encouraging the state to immediately adopt recommendations endorsed in the report.
- Legislation has been passed so that buses that pass through the City can be regulated by the City. It is expected that the plan will be implemented in a few months.
- Senator Squadron is opposed to fingerprinting of food stamp recipients and is pleased that Governor Cuomo issued an Executive Order ending the practice.
- A domestic violence bill is has been passed into legislation. The bill was dedicated to fallen NYPD Officer Alain Schaberger.
- A bill to protect a tax credit benefiting small New York brewers has passed.
- MTA fare rates are set to go up next year and two years after that. Senator Squadron believes Albany needs a better way to fund the MTA. The MTA payroll tax was reduced without any of the funds replaced to make up for lost revenue.

Elana Hart (NYC Police Museum)

- There is a day camp for 5-10 year olds with lots of activities related to police work and recreation.
- Please visit [www.nycpm.org](http://www.nycpm.org) to learn more about Museum programs. In addition, please visit their Facebook page for regular updates.
- There is currently an exhibit about the NYPD mounted unit.

District Leader Jenifer Rajkumar

- M9 bus service is coming back to the area. Ms. Rajkumar thanked Assemblyperson Sheldon Silver and Senator Daniel Squadron for collaborating to get the bus route back in service. Ms. Rajkumar also thanked Community Board 1 member Jeff Galloway for bringing the issue to her attention.
- Feel free to email issues to [jenifer@jenifernyc.com](mailto:jenifer@jenifernyc.com).

Officer James Rudolph (Transit Police)

- 896,000 riders go through South Ferry and CB1 on a daily basis. Thefts of smartphones and other electronics are increasing. There is a video available about this subject on the First Precinct's website.
- Officer Rudolph recommended that the public attend National Night Out Against Crime.

Liz Williams (National Night Out)

- National Night Out is next Tuesday, August 7, 2012. There will be a safe child car at the event. There are only 4 of these in NYC. Children can be entered into the system in case they get lost. The event is in Battery Park City near the volleyball courts.

Sally Regenhardt (9/11 Parents + Friends of Firefighters + WTC Victims)

- She supports the effort to honor community members who died from 9/11-related illnesses. People should sign the online petition to express their support.
- The organization is trying to get the Governors of NY and NJ to sit down to discuss financing issues delaying work on the 9/11 Memorial. CB1 passed a resolution in 2012 asking for elected officials to resolve these financial issues.
- Supports Senator Squadron's Safe Buildings Report.

Allan Tannenbaum (Community Board 1)

- Mr. Tannenbaum also supports the effort to honor those who died from illnesses related to 9/11.

Rebecca Ramos (Lower East Side Family Union)

- The Lower East Side Family Union covers CB1 and CB2 and works to prevent families from being divided by foster care. They have community advocates that respond to cases who are not involved with the Administration for Children's Services.
- There is an additional service that allows anyone applying for public benefits to receive assistance.

Sergio Acapella (Business Owner)

- Discussed the closing of Hudson Street. The closure is negatively impacting his business.
- Catherine McVay Hughes suggested that Mr. Acapella attend a Tribeca Committee meeting to raise his concerns and suggestions.

Liz McCabe (Resident of Community Board 1)

- Concerned that Asphalt Green has not opened yet, Ms. McCabe would appreciate an update about its status. Ms. McCabe was informed that this would be discussed at the Battery Park City Committee meeting in September.

Mary Erb (Access Community Health Center)

- Free healthcare will be available to the community at an open house at 83 Maiden Lane (6<sup>th</sup> floor) on August 9, 2012.
  - Meet the providers from 4:30-7:00pm
  - Rapid HIV Testing, Blood Pressure, and Cholesterol Screenings from 4:30-7:00pm
  - HIV/AIDS and STD Presentation from 5:30-6:00pm
  - Improve your dental hygiene from 6:00-6:30pm

For more information on their services, contact Mary Erb at 212.780.2575 or [info@accesschc.org](mailto:info@accesschc.org).

## **Business Session**

Catherine McVay Hughes

Adoption of June 2012 Minutes

- The June 2012 minutes were adopted.

Chairperson's Report

- Ms. McVay Hughes thanked each of the departing members of the previous Executive Board.
- Office hours will be established for the chair at the Community Board Office. August 1 from 12-1:30pm, August 2 from 8-9:30am, August 6 from 11:30am-1pm.

- Ms. McVay Hughes is now a member of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Alliance.
- Andrew Brokman has resigned his position at CB1. The Personnel Committee will be convened to select a new Community Liaison.

#### District Manager's Report

- There will be several changes to the CB 1 September schedule due to the number of Holidays that fall within the month.
- Michael Levine thanked Diana Switaj for her services as an Urban Fellow from Columbia's Urban Planning School.
- A new Urban Fellow will join the board in September. The process will be handled by Michael Levine for the Fund for the City of New York
- Diana Switaj discussed some of her projects for CB1, which included: the Senior Guide Update, Small Business Study, Study of Cyclists in CB1, Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS), John Street/Maiden Lane Historic Sites Update. The projects should be uploaded to the CB1 website soon.

#### Treasurer's Report

- Mr. Kopel gave his final report as Treasurer.
- Mr. Fratta presented Mr. Kopel with a lollypop as a token of appreciation for his service.
- This year CB1's budget is \$204,000. There is a balance of \$1,246 that will go back to the City. \$231,000 is in the account for privately raised funds.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Executive Committee**

Changes to CB1 committees, task forces and meeting dates

- Small Business Taskforce and School Rezoning Taskforce have been dissolved. The School Rezoning Taskforce can be reformed as needed.
- The CB1 date for full board meetings will remain the same.
- Each committee chair will submit their top priorities for the next two years.

#### **Combined Tribeca and Waterfront Committees**

Presentation of the Hudson River Park Neighborhood Improvement District Proposal

- A small assessment on property owners is under consideration. The revenue from the fee would be used to support Hudson River Park. The zone starts heading north from Chambers Street and runs the length of the park along the Hudson River.

Hudson River Park State Legislation

- Legislation was introduced in the State Legislature to allow for increased fundraising capability for Hudson River Park. The legislation was not taken up in the session that ended earlier this year. It is expected to be reevaluated in the fall.

## **Tribeca Committee**

### **Bogardus Plaza Update**

- The committee is working with the Department of Transportation to see if they can make the plaza permanent.
  - Sukkot Block Party and Family Festival, application for a Street Activity Permit on Sunday October 7, 2012 at 146 Duane Street between Church Street and West Broadway. Closure of streets from 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM; event to be held from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM - Resolution
  - Rue des Beaujolais, application for a Street Activity Permit on Thursday, November 15, 2012 on West Broadway between Walker and White Streets. Closure of streets from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM; event to be held from 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM – Resolution
  - 57 Murray Street, application for tavern liquor license for Delboys NYC LLC – Resolution
  - 275 Greenwich Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill or Colorado, LLC d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill – Resolution
- The resolutions indicated above passed by a vote of 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.

## **Waterfront Committee**

- Governors Island, application for Beer License for Salmon East Seven Corp - Resolution
  - Route 9A Highway Dividers, Planters and Crosswalks – Resolution
- Both resolutions passed by a vote of 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- The dividers are in disrepair and need to be cleaned more thoroughly. The medians should be maintained better by the New York State Department of Transportation.

## **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

- Pier 17 Update – Report
  - There was an electrical fire at Pier 17. The committee was concerned about how the staff at Pier 17 responded to the emergency.
- Master Plan for Seaport Projects -- Report
  - The Howard Hughes Corporation has said that it does not have a master plan for redevelopment of their properties in the Seaport area. The ULURP application for the rebuilding of Pier 17 should be referred to CB1 in September.
- Proposed sidewalk closure on Sunday, September 30, 2012, Beekman Street between Front Street and Water Street and street closure on Front Street between Peck Slip and Beekman Street by the Taste of the Seaport – Resolution
- 3 Spruce Street, application for a wine and beer license for Pace University d/b/a Michael Schimmel Center for the Arts – Resolution

- 225 Front Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for Barbarini Inc. – Resolution  
The resolutions indicated above passed by a vote of 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.

### **Battery Park City Committee**

- Brookfield's Art Program
- There is a mural that will be replaced during renovations at the World Financial Center.
- Dennis Mehiel has been elected chairman of the Battery Park City Authority.
- Bike Share Program
- The City's bike share program is facing delays.
- Run for Knowledge (PS/IS 89), application for a Street Activity Permit on Saturday October 13, 2012 at 201 Warren Street between North End Avenue and West Street. Closure of streets from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM; event to be held from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM – Resolution
- 102 North End Avenue, new application for unenclosed sidewalk café license for Signature 102 North End Ave LLC d/b/a North End Grill – Resolution  
The resolutions indicated above passed by a vote of 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- The Sphere – Resolution/Report **TABLED**

### **Financial District Committee**

- 140 Fulton Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Ralph Caruso's Pizza – Resolution
- 20 Beaver Street, application for wine and beer license for Manhattan's Best Pizza Inc., d/b/a Giorgio's Pizzeria – Resolution
- 30 Water Street, application for restaurant liquor license for DRT Group LLC – Resolution
- 165 Front Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Aashiya Sushi Corp. – Resolution
- Street activity permit application for Welcome Back Block Party Carnival on September 8, 2012, by Leman Manhattan Preparatory School on Broadway, Beaver Street and Exchange place from 9 AM to 5 PM – Resolution  
The resolutions indicated above passed by a vote of 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- Silverstein Properties and Tishman Construction – Update – Report
- Representatives from Silverstein and Tishman described measures taken to ensure construction safety at the World Trade Center site.
- Presentation on Broadway Reconstruction Project
- The reconstruction will be on Broadway between John and Rector Streets over a four year period, starting 2013 through 2017.
- John Street/Maiden Lane Historic Sites
- The Corbin building rehabilitation is nearing completion. The MTA incorporated the building into its Fulton Transit Center plan.

## **Planning Committee**

- City Bench Program - Report
  - New benches will be installed throughout CB1 (primarily on Water Street).
  - The benches have been designed to function well when exposed to weather such as heat from the sun and moisture from rain.
- Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) in Lower Manhattan
  - Diane Switaj discussed and presented a slide show regarding POPS throughout Community Board 1.
- One Chase Manhattan Plaza – Resolution was withdrawn

## **Landmarks Committee**

- 225 West Broadway, application for storefront renovation – Resolution in opposition passed by a vote of 22 In Favor 6 Opposed 8 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- 100 Broadway, application for new door – Resolution passed by a vote of 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- 246 Front Street / 267 1/2 Water Street, application for new building – Resolution in opposition passed by a vote of 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- John Street/Maiden Lane Historic Sites – Report
  - Other buildings are contemplated for landmarks designation at the present time.

## **Housing Committee**

- Lower Manhattan Seniors – Presentation
  - The presentation was well attended.
- Mr. Goodkind asked for permission to distribute the business plan to the full board of CB1, which was granted.
  - The next step is to find someone to lead this effort and hand it off to an independent entity.
  - The committee will continue to look for viable fundraising possibilities.
- Printing and distributing the updated Seniors Guide
- The Seniors Guide needs to be edited for grammatical and formatting errors.
- There has been strong demand for Senior Guides at distribution locations.
- Independence Plaza Amicus Brief - Resolution passed by a vote of 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- Amendment to note that the office of Borough President Scott Stringer gave approval to CB1 to sign on.

## **Quality of Life Committee**

- Renewal of Contract for West Street Crossing Guards – Resolution passed by a vote of 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.

## **Quality of Life & Financial District Committees**

- One Chase Manhattan Plaza
- Diana Switaj was able to locate historical records that provide evidence that the plaza was intended to be open to the public.
- The Plaza is a privately owned private space and is not subject to the same restrictions as Privately Owned Public Spaces.
- Chase representatives were asked to explain the Plaza's closing and they described the closure as required to make necessary repairs and for maintenance.
- Con Edison Update on John Street
- There have been numerous discussions about the amount of construction taking place all over Lower Manhattan and there are numerous projects underway on John Street.

### **Youth & Education Committee**

- World Trade Center Health Registry
- Pediatric Wave III survey is being released. It is important and should be filled out.
- New York Harbor School
- Nate Dudley is leaving his post as principal of the New York Harbor School.
- A new principal for the school will be selected in September.
- There is no admissions preference granted to students from Lower Manhattan.
- New Principal of Millennium HS
- Colin McEvoy is assuming the role of principal.
- Millennium will still give preference to students from Lower Manhattan.

### **SLA Process Review Task Force**

- Introduction of One-Page Stipulation List
  - Mr. Ameruso proposed that CB 1 adopt a procedure that Community Board 3 uses for Liquor License applications. The process involves getting a one-page stipulation notarized to protect the Community Board and the business owner.

### **Old Business**

No old business to report.

### **New Business**

- Proposed Street Festival closure on Saturday, August 4, 2012, Water Street between Fulton Street and Broad Street – Resolution passed by a vote of 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.
- Restoring the Bicycle “Dismount” Signs in City Hall Park – Resolution passed by a vote of 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained and 0 Recused.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by: Adam Malitz, Secretary