

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2013

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Borough of Manhattan Community College, Fiterman Hall
345 Greenwich Street

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

I. **Public Session**

1) Marvia Craig (BMCC)

- Welcomed CB1 back to Fiterman Hall.

2) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- It has been a busy month. Please read the monthly newsletter.
- Working on bills to improve quality of life.
- Encouraging DOE to study charter school costs.
- Working on student privacy issues.
- CM Chin wrote a letter opposing the closure of the Stuyvesant High School Community Center.
- There will be a job fair on Saturday, December 7 at Murry Bergtraum High School. 10am-3pm.

3) Hannah Friedman (Borough President Scott Stringer)

- CB applications will be reviewed by the next Manhattan Borough President, Gale Brewer.

4) Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- A Mitchell-Lama bill was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. Income caps have been raised and composition of families has been redefined. There will be issues with implementation; however, the bill is effective immediately.
- The senator has no position on privatization of Mitchell-Lama buildings.

5) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- AM Glick is preparing suggestions for Mayor-elect Bill de Blasio.
- AM Glick submitted testimony opposing a building proposed for 100 Franklin Street.
- AM Glick wrote to the Governor and Mayor asking them to extend LMCCC funding.
- Concerned about DOE sharing student data.

6) John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu)

- Please visit the comptroller's website at www.comptroller.nyc.gov.
- Any update on the audits concerning the Seaport? Unsure.

7) Andrew Zelter (Stuyvesant Community Center)

- Representing Downtown Little League.
- Opposed to closing the center.
- They would like to utilize the space for their programs.
- Other sports programs for youth might be interested in utilizing the space.

8) John Borbieri, Michael DeMaria, Thomas Coruso, Jonathan Sondella (Stuyvesant Community Center)

- Opposed to closing the center.

9) Bob Townley (Stuyvesant Community Center)

- Opposed to closing the center.

10) Assemblymember/Speaker Sheldon Silver

- Discussed opening of 4 World Trade Center.
- Opposed to closing the Stuyvesant Community Center.
- Urged the Howard Hughes Corporation to work with Community Board 1 and ensure that there is community input in regard to the Seaport development project.
- Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes thanked AM Silver for writing a letter regarding the relocation of criminal justice functions from 346 Broadway.

11) Patrick Kenner (66 John Street Probation Office)

- Opposed to relocating the probation office to 66 John Street.
- There is an online petition and paper petition with a combined 1500+ signatures opposed to the proposed relocation.

12) Stasia Harris (Stuyvesant Community Center)

- Opposed to closing the Stuyvesant Community Center.

13) Jill Tafrate (66 John Street Probation Office)

- Opposed to relocating the probation office to 66 John Street.

14) Gregory Nardello (Eleven Food & Beverage Inc.)

- Would like the board to approve a liquor license for the restaurant.

15) Jake Auerbach (11 6th Avenue SLA application)

- Supports the liquor license.

16) Lisa Schiller

- Opposed to extending Sazon liquor license hours to 4am

17) Bradford Gonzalez-Sussman (Spring Studios)

- Thanked Evan Lacher for his service to the board.
- There was a small disturbance at one event because of a mishap. It will not happen in the future.

18) Mike Marriott (The Gelsey Kirkland Academy of Classical Ballet)

- Please come to the Nutcracker.

19) John Fratta (66 John Street Probation Office)

- Opposed to relocating the probation office.

20) Paul Hovitz (66 John Street Probation Office)

- Opposed to relocating the probation office.
- Opposed to the Howard Hughes plan for the Seaport.

21) Lynn Ellsworth, Lizbeth Marano, Mel Bochner, Brad Lindenbaum, David Schoonmaker (100 Franklin Street)

- Spoke on behalf of many who are opposed to the building proposed for 100 Franklin.
- Discussed the architectural history and reasons for her opposition.
- Submitted a petition opposing the proposed plans.
- Pictures of the site were distributed.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:00pm, EST.

A) Adoption of October 2013 minutes

- Passed unanimously.

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml. A few highlights:
 - DOE's Capital Plan includes funding for two schools with 456 seats each in Subdistrict 2, which includes Tribeca, the West Village and Battery Park City; one school will be located in CB1 and the other will be located right outside the CB1 catchment area just north of Canal Street in the Trinity Development.
 - HHC's preliminary presentation was the first step in a long public review process that CB1 will lead on Howard Hughes Corporation's plan for further revitalization of the historic Seaport area.
 - Vesey Street Bridge Removal almost complete; cross Route 9A at grade.
 - Departure of Evan Lacher, Community Liaison – We thank him for his hard work and tremendous commitment to CB1 – and wish him the best of luck.
 - Job posted for Community Liaison. Please contact office if you have any questions.
 - NY Rising Lower Manhattan Public Meeting #2 - come share ideas for projects and strategies to make our community more resilient this December 2.

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Thanked Evan Lacher for his service to CB1. The current staff of CB1 will be taking over Evan's responsibilities until a new Community Liaison is hired.
- The next CB1 meeting will be on December 19 – please note change of date.
- Committee Co-Chairs should please submit everything early because of the upcoming holidays.
- There will be a CB1 holiday party with a cost of \$35 per person.

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Executive Committee**

1) Superstorm Sandy – One Year After – Report

- The MTA, Port Authority, Con Edison and Verizon presented on the status of their storm repairs and preparation initiatives. Informative slide presentations were submitted to CB1.

2) New York City Department of Small Business Services programs for businesses – Report

- Business owners can access free assistance with their needs. For more information, please visit www.nyc.gov/nycbusiness.

3) Evan Lacher (Goodbye CB1)

- Thanked everyone involved with CB1.
- Looks forward to seeing everyone around the neighborhood.

B) **Personnel Committee**

1) Community Liaison position – Report

- The entire staff will be sharing Community Liaison responsibilities until a new person is hired.
- The application has been posted and over 150 applications have been received. The job must be posted for 4 weeks.
- The Personnel Committee has scheduled several meetings to interview and screen applicants.

C) **Financial District Committee**

1) NYC Police Museum temporary reopening at 45 Wall Street – Report

- The museum has reopened at a temporary location on 45 Wall Street.

2) Proposed move of probation facility from 346 Broadway to 66 John Street – Resolution strongly opposing the decision to relocate the Department of Probation Facility to 66 John Street. *Passed Board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

3) Construction projects at 100 and 133 Greenwich Street – Report

- There will be between 200-300 hotel rooms at these buildings.

4) 23 Park Place, application for liquor license for Eamon Donnelly or entity to be formed, d/b/a to be determined – Resolution opposes granting a tavern liquor license for Murray Place Inc., d/b/a The New Yorker at 23 Park Place, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

D) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) Community Center at Stuyvesant High School – Resolution urging the BPCA to engage in a process with elected officials to review the center’s operation, potential partners and operating models so as to ensure the continued existence of this vital community asset. This must be an open and transparent process and the membership charge should be maintained at current levels, with possible cost-of-living adjustments. *Passed Board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 2) BPCA Contributions and Charitable Donations – Resolution urges the BPCA to, not only reconsider its current position on contributions and support of local community organizations, but to work with all interested parties to develop alternatives and positive processes to continue vital support. *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 3) PS-IS 276: traffic light warrant study – Report
 - There is a need for a traffic light at this school.
- 4) Neighborhood Slow Zone application – Report
 - The effort to secure a slow zone was not successful.
- 5) West Thames Street Bridge – Report
 - The funding is now in place for this project.

E) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

- 1) Autumn/Winter Programming, and the future of the South Street Seaport – Resolution *Passed Board vote 29 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained and 1 Recused*
 - The Howard Hughes Corp. presented its proposed development for the Seaport. Over 200 people attended and many were opposed. In January, CB1 will host a Town Hall meeting to hear residents’ concerns.
- 2) Peck Slip Park – Report
 - More information was presented about the new park. The project should be completed by October 2015.
- 3) 33 Beekman Construction – Report

- Union members are protesting the construction project because the developer is using non-union labor. The protests have disturbed the nearby school.
- 4) 261 Water Street, application for assignment of consent for an unenclosed sidewalk café for Mark Joseph Steakhouse – Report
- 5) 213 Front Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for TBD – Resolution *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 6) 5 Beekman Street, application for a hotel liquor license for 5 Beekman – Resolution *Passed Board vote 30 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 7) 42 Peck Slip, application for a tavern liquor license for Paris Café LLC – Resolution *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

F) **Planning Committee**

- 1) Feasibility study for multi-purpose levee concept at “Seaport City” – Report
 - There will be a study to determine recommendations that will be presented in early 2014.
- 2) Community Planning Urban Fellow housing projects – Report
 - Community Planning Fellow Juliann-Pierre A Schmitz will be working on housing projects for CB1.
- 3) United States Army Corps Of Engineers – Report
 - In 2014 there will be visioning sessions. CB1 is inquiring how to be involved.

G) **Tribeca Committee**

- 1) The Washington Market School Block Party street activity application for Duane Street between Church Street and West Broadway on Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m. – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by The Washington Market School Block Party for a street activity permit for Saturday, May 3, 2014 subject to conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 2) 350-370 Canal Street, BSA application to permit a physical culture or health establishment – Resolution offering no objection to the granting of a special permit to allow a physical culture establishment at 350-370 Church Street. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 3) 404 - 406 Broadway, BSA application to permit a physical culture or health establishment – Resolution has no objection to granting a special permit to allow a

physical culture establishment at 404-406 Broadway. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

- 4) 136 West Broadway, application for a renewal of a sidewalk café license for Edward's – Resolution approves the renewal of the sidewalk cafe license for 136 West Broadway Inc. at 136 West Broadway. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 5) 241 West Broadway, application for a renewal of a sidewalk café license for Cercle Rouge – Resolution approves the renewal of the sidewalk cafe license for 241W B Way Café Inc. at 136 241 West Broadway. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 6) 31 Walker Street, application for a liquor license for Anejo – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license alteration to an entity to be formed by Anejo Diehl at 31 Walker Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*
- 7) 221-223 West Broadway aka 5-7 White Street, application for a liquor license for an entity to be formed by Robert Collins – Resolution opposes granting a liquor license alteration to an entity to be formed by Robert Collins at 221-223 West Broadway aka 5-7 White Street unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions. *Passed Board vote 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 8) 11 Avenue of the Americas, application for a liquor license for Eleven Food and Beverage Inc. – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license for Eleven Food and Beverage Inc. at 11 Avenue of the Americas. *Passed to motion by a vote of 5 In Favor, 30 Opposed, 2 Abstained and 1 Recused*
- 9) Codification of committee liquor and sidewalk café license standards – Report
 - This matter is still under discussion by the committee.
- 10) Governor Cuomo signed legislation to allow Hudson River Park Trust to sell air rights from certain waterfront properties.

H) **Landmarks Committee**

- 1) 100 Franklin Street, application for approval to construct two new buildings on a vacant parking lot – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission hold-over any decision on the application at the November 12, 2013 public hearing and encourages the applicant to work with the Community to find a proposal that is contextual, appropriate, and has the Community's support, and that the Landmarks Preservation Commission specifically reject the proposed roofs and bulkheads as presented in the application and require the applicant to work with Community to find a better overall solution. *Passed to deny application board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

2) Association of Brick Mason Contractors of Greater New York – Report

- A presentation was given on the use of brick in historic preservation.

3) 115 West Broadway, application for legalization of previously approved vault restoration project – Resolution not included. *Passed Board vote 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained and 0 Recused*

D) **Youth & Education Committee**

1) World Trade Center Pediatric Study – Resolution supporting CB1 sponsorship of the World Trade Center Pediatric Study “Early Identification of WTC Conditions in Adolescents” *Passed*

2) Department of Education 2014 Capital Budget submission – Report

- Four projects were listed. One is in CB1 and one is near Hudson Square. The others are not near CB1.

3) Local school crossing guards and crosswalks – Report

- AM Deborah Glick has been working on this. No CB1 schools have crossing guards. Only 2 positions have been filled out of 4. The First Precinct has agreed to provide a crossing guard for PS 234.

IV. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

V. **New Business**

1) 11 Avenue of the Americas, application for a liquor license for Eleven Food and Beverage Inc. – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license for Eleven Food and Beverage Inc. at 11 Avenue of the Americas unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions . *Passed Board vote 28 In Favor, 3 Opposed, 1 Abstained and 0 Recused*

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.

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.