

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 2014

DATE: Tuesday, January 28, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Downtown Community Center
120 Warren Street

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

Public Session

1) Bob Townley (CB1/Manhattan Youth)

- Welcomed CB1 back to the Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center.
- Honored folk singer Pete Seeger who passed away.

2) Eli Kornreich (Jewish Community Project)

- Discussed the role of JCP in the community and their need for additional space for their programs.

3) Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- Held a meeting regarding Gateway Plaza windows. All parties agree that the issue needs to be resolved. The Battery Park City Authority is going to look into the issue.
- Speaker Silver is continuing to monitor the plans for the redevelopment of the South Street Seaport. The City has agreed to a more community-based process. Catherine McVay Hughes will provide an update.
- The Assembly is back in session. Looking into proposed expansion of pre-k.
- Speaker Silver is looking into increasing the minimum wage.
- Looking into the planned relocation of a Department of Probation facility to 66 John Street.
- Concerned about NYPD plans to restrict access to the World Trade Center.

4) Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Rep. Nadler was elevated to ranking Democrat on the Judiciary Committee's intellectual property sub-committee.
- Rep. Nadler is looking into privacy concerns raised in connection with surveillance activity by the National Security Agency.

- Working on the issue of noise caused by ferry horns.

5) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Office has moved has moved to the 20th floor of the same building. Apologies for any disruption in communication because of the move.
- AM Glick is looking into Common Core. AM Glick is concerned about the program.
- Looking for people interested in serving on the Community Education Council.

6) Jessie Bodine (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- BP Brewer attended the CB1 Executive Committee meeting this month.
- CB applications are due February 1, 2014.
- The first Borough Board meeting was this week. The agenda focused on open data and open data tools.
- The next meeting will focus on transportation issues.
- The budget process is ramping up and the BP will provide funding to worthy organizations.
- Getting up to speed on plans for the future of the South Street Seaport. Confident that slowing down the process will be beneficial.
- Wants to increase funding for community boards.

7) Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Looking into ferry noise issue.
- It is a new legislative year and Senator Squadron has introduced a bill that will allocate funds for prostate cancer research.
- Urged School Construction Authority to build another school south of Canal Street.

8) Matthew Viggiano (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- CM Chin is now chair of the Committee on Aging.
- Budget season is ramping up.
- See written update report.
- CM Chin has introduced legislation to expand paid sick leave to businesses with more than 5 employees.
- Participated in the CB1 town hall meeting on the future of the South Street Seaport.

9) Jaclyn Sachs (HR&A/New York Rising)

- Working on projects regarding storm damage prevention in lower Manhattan.

10) Jay Goldstein (Flywheel)

- Representing applicant for Flywheel establishment seeking special permit for a physical culture establishment.

11) Matt McGowen and Christian Kohls

- Opposed to Flywheel special permit

12) Alessandra Medigo (Protestors at Spruce Street School)

- Concerned with public safety at the Beekman and Spruce Street intersection and noise due to demonstrators protesting a non-union construction project.

13) Julien (CB1 Urban Fellow)

- Creating guides for residents related to housing issues.
- Needs volunteers to assist.

14) Ashley Duncan (PTA Spruce Street School)

- Concerned with public safety at the Beekman and Spruce Street intersection and noise due to demonstrators protesting a non-union construction project.

15) Terese Loeb Kreuzer (Downtown Post)

- Please subscribe to Downtown Post, a new news source for lower Manhattan.

16) Lisa Paige (CB1 Resident)

- Opposed to Exponents, a proposed facility for substance abuse treatment relocating to 2 Washington Street.
- Volunteers have collected petitions with over 1000 signatures from people opposed to the plan for Exponents.

17) Adain Smith (Gibney Dance)

- They have moved into the old Dance New Amsterdam space on Chambers Street and they are excited to be part of the community.

18) David Korngut (Liquor License)

- Please support his client's application for a license from the State Liquor Authority.

19) Yeju Choi (Catch and Release)

- An installation at the seaport regarding Superstorm Sandy.

20) Barbara Mensch (Seaport)

- Supports Downtown Post.
- Apologized for behavior at last Seaport Committee meeting.
- Supports New Amsterdam Market.

II. Business Session

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

1) Adoption of December 2013 minutes

- Passed as presented

2) 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:
- Borough President Brewer attended CB1's Executive Committee meeting – the first time a Borough President has come to share their vision and participate in an hour-long discussion about the district and its needs.
- Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) Chairman Dennis Mehiel called to say that BPCA would be announcing a new President and Chief Operating Officer (Shari C. Hyman) shortly and has hired Robin Forst as new Vice President for External Relations.
- South Street Seaport – CB1 continues to collaborate with the offices of local elected officials and the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC) to create a community-driven South Street Seaport Task Force.
- CB1 held a Town Hall meeting on the Howard Hughes Corporation's proposed development plans for the South Street Seaport including the Tin Building, New Market Building and surrounding area – 50 groups and members of the public spoke and submitted testimony, over 200 people attended (01/13/2014)
- Community Planning Fellow Julien Pierre A. Schmitz is heading CB1's housing projects which will result in a report
- A big thank you to Pat Moore and Tammy Meltzer and others for organizing this year's annual holiday party

3) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- The preliminary budget has been postponed until February 12.
- 9/11 Memorial Passes are available.

4) Roger Byrom updated the board on plans to memorialize Harold Reed.

5) Treasurer's Report – J. Fratta

- See report

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Executive Committee**

1) Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer – Report

- Attended Executive Committee, shared her vision for the Manhattan Borough President's Office and learned about CB1 goals for 2014 and accomplishments for 2013.

2) Accomplishments for 2013 and Goals for 2014 for CB1 – Report

- See PowerPoint presentation at the following link:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/board_meeting_presentations.shtml

B) **Personnel Committee**

1) Office staff – Report

The Personnel Committee is beginning the process of reviews for CB1 staff members.

C) **Quality of Life Committee**

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

- There is a possibility that LMCCC will be discontinued at the end of February 2014.
- QOL is planning to hold a forum on fire safety.

D) **Youth & Education Committee**

1) Kindergarten Waitlists for September 2014 – Report

2) See PowerPoint presentation

- New schools are still needed.

2) Community Education Council District 2 – FY2015-2019 Five Year Capital Plan – Report

- There is still an insufficient number of school seats proposed for lower Manhattan in coming years.
- Please come to the committee with any issues.

E) **Financial District Committee**

1) Exponents – relocation from 151 West 26th Street to 2 Washington Street – Resolution strongly urges NYS Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse to withhold a decision on granting certification to serve patients with a history of substance abuse at the 2 Washington Street

location until a public hearing can be held and unless certain other conditions are met. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 5 Abstained, 0 Recused*

2) 25 Broadway, application for catering facility liquor license for 25 Broadway Ballroom – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license for 25 Broadway Ballroom, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

3) 27 Park Place, request for reconsideration of application for cabaret license for MXK Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Remix – Resolution approves the application by MXK Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Remix, for a Cabaret License for 27 Park Place a/k/a 24 Murray Street with the conditions that the applicant complies with commitments made in the letter from Matthew Leone, dated December 23, 2013. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 4 Abstained, 0 Recused*

4) Department of Probations – relocation from 346 Broadway to 66 John Street – Report

- CB has opposed this proposed relocation.

5) HRA Business Link – Relocation from 348 West 34th Street to 123 William Street – Report

- A hearing about this proposal is expected at the City Planning Commission pursuant to Section 195 of the New York City Charter.

6) The committee received a presentation about a new school called the Green Ivy School.

F) **Battery Park City Committee**

1) Greening of Gateway – Report

- Problems with windows are exposing residents to the elements. A meeting was held to discuss this issue.

2) Brookfield Place construction – Report

- There have been some issues with noise from the construction at the Winter Garden. Brookfield has taken action to ensure that noise is mitigated.

3) Mission of Battery Park City Authority – Report

- The relationship is problematic and needs to be improved. A position paper will be created to discuss the community's feelings regarding the BPCA.

4) RoadRunners Half Marathon – Report

- This will take place in March. It will take place from 7am-12pm. Representatives will be back at the committee in February.

5) 225 Liberty Street, application for a wine and beer license for Tartinery Liberty LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a wine and beer license to Tartinery Liberty LLC at 225 Liberty Street unless the applicant complies limitations and conditions. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

6) 225 Liberty Street, Store 242, application for a beer license for Downtown Tacos LLC – Resolution Community Board 1 opposes the granting of a of a beer license to Dos Toros at 225 Liberty Street, Store 242 unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, 0 Recused*

7) Resolution urges the BPCA and our elected officials to continue their support of the Gateway residents and the GPTA in the effort to secure a safe and energy efficient living space. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

G) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

1) Community Board 1 Town Hall meeting on the Howard Hughes Corporation’s proposed development for the South Street Seaport Area – Report

- The town hall meeting was held. There was significant opposition to the proposed tower. Thanked elected officials for slowing down the proposed redevelopment project.

2) 4 Fulton Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for Supercraft Group LLC – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 2 Abstained, 1 Recused*

3) 27 Cliff Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for DalGLISH 7 Inc. – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 3 Opposed, 2 Abstained, 0 Recused*

H) **Planning Committee**

1) World Trade Center Quarterly Progress Report – Report

- See PowerPoint.

2) World Trade Center Performing Arts Center – Report

- Progress is being made in setting up the board and mission statement.

3) Greening of Greenwich Street – Resolution supports the Downtown Alliance’s greening plan for Greenwich Street and requests that, if the program is successful, it expands both north and south along Greenwich Street. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 1 Recused*

4) Chinatown Working Group – Resolution stating Community Board 1 will remain a voting member in the Chinatown Working Group and its Zoning Action Group. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

I) **Tribeca Committee**

1) Hudson River Park Act Amendments – Report

- An update was given on changes adopted by the state legislature. There will be a lengthy review process before changes involving air rights transfers are adopted

2) Jewish Community Project Downtown – Report

- See public comments. An overview of JCP was given in committee.

3) Rat Control – Report

- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is working on rat abatement on trouble spots in Tribeca. A course is offered on rat prevention. A walking tour is being organized to assess areas where remediation is needed.

4) Gimhongsok Sculpture Temporary Art Installation in Tribeca Park at Beach Street – Report

- A new sculpture will be added to the park.

5) 66 Leonard Street, application for liquor license for Global Point for TBD – Report

- The same application was approved by the committee several months ago and then got delayed

6) 415 Greenwich Street, application for approval of special permit for Physical Culture Establishment for Flywheel Sports, Inc. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused**

7) 339 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café for Sarabeth's – Resolution does not oppose the renewal of the unenclosed sidewalk café license for Sarabeth's Tribeca LLC d/b/a Sarabeth's located at 339 Greenwich Street subject to compliance by the applicant with limitations and conditions. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

8) 105 Reade Street, application for renewal of restaurant liquor license for Sazon Resolution respectfully requests that the SLA rescind the license for Sazon, #1220846, at 105 Reade Street. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 1 Recused*

***A caucus for item #6 at 5:30 p.m., was held prior to the meeting**

J) **Landmarks Committee**

- 1) 209 Broadway, application for approval of restoration plan for the churchyard at St Paul's Chapel – Resolution enthusiastically recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approves the application. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*
- 2) 105 Chambers Street, application for approval of louvers – Resolution recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*
- 3) 117 Beekman Street, application for approval of sidewalk and curb replacement – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application subject to the replacement of arcade bluestone in kind. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*
- 4) 111 Franklin St, application for facade restoration and new storefront infill – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the street front alterations as described herein, reject the blade sign and save the fire escape baskets if they are original historic fabric. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*
- 5) 195 Broadway, application for approval of ADA lift/door, fire-alarm pull station and reconfiguration of bronze-clad subway stair enclosure – Resolution recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission reject the removal of any bronze panels or other historic material and approve the installation of the stanchions. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*
- 6) 140 West Street, application for signage within storefront windows, new light fixtures, interior alterations, installation of louvers, removal of rooftop equipment, modification of window openings and building lighting program – Resolution recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the application with the amendment of providing a more appropriate screen design for the lobby and to restrict the multi-media screens in the Vesey Street arcade to only appropriate arts and cultural content. *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, 0 Recused*

IV. **Old Business**

No Old Business conducted

V. **New Business**

No New Business conducted.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30pm, EST.

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.