

COMMUNITY BOARD 1
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2014

DATE: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Hunter College MFA building
205 Hudson Street (entrance on Canal between Hudson and Greenwich)

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, EST. She welcomed back board member Marc Ameruso from his leave of absence. Ameruso explained that he in the U.S. Navy reserve and was deployed in Afghanistan for the last 7 months.

Public Hearing

Mayor's Preliminary Budget for CB1 for FY 2015

- No comments

Welcome

Jennifer J. Raab, 13th President of Hunter College, the largest college of the City University of New York

Public Session

1. Kimberly Flynn (9/11 Environmental Action)
 - The World Trade Center Health Program will now cover additional cancers.
2. Michael Capafferri, Stacey Weiss, Richard Rosen (Denny's)
 - Presented plan to be responsible community members.
3. Joanne Gorman (CB1 Resident)
 - Opposed to Howard Hughes Corporation's plans for the Seaport area.
4. Michael G. Yamin (Save Our Seaport)
 - Opposed to Howard Hughes Corporation's plans for the Seaport area.

5. Gina Gibney (Dance Center)

- Wants to integrate the community into their center.

6. Jonathan Viguers (Office of the Mayor)

- Please support the Mayor's Universal Pre-K Proposal.

7. Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- See monthly update.

8. Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Working on several issues in Washington. Disappointed with budget reductions affecting food stamp program and Section 8 housing program.
- Invited all high school students to submit art projects for a contest.

9. Chairperson McVay Hughes, Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Margaret Chin and Chris Curry of Howard Hughes Corporation announced the formation of the Seaport Working Group which will focus on redevelopment plans for the Seaport area. It will include other elected officials and stakeholders.

10. Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- Speaker Silver is proud to host the first Seaport Taskforce meeting on Thursday, February 27.
- Working to include tax incentives for lower Manhattan in the NY State budget.
- Pleased about a new stop sign in Battery Park City.
- Met with NYPD Commissioner Bratton to raise concerns about WTC security plan.
- Concerned with roll out of Common Core.
- Continuing efforts on school overcrowding taskforce.
- Governor's Island ball fields have been completed.

11. Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Proud to be on the Seaport Task Force.
- Concerned with complaints about maintenance issues at Independence Plaza.
- Still pursuing the possibility of making the Lunar New Year a public school holiday.
- The next Community Convention will take place on April 27.

12. Councilmember Margaret Chin

- Proud to sponsor legislation for paid sick leave for employees of businesses with 5 or more employees.

- PS 276 is finally getting a needed stop sign.
- Met with the new schools chancellor about overcrowding in lower Manhattan schools.
- There will be a City Council Lunar New Year celebration tomorrow at 5:30.
- Chairing the Committee on Aging, which will assess elder abuse and other important matters.
- Discussed efforts to increase notification to the public about proposals for facilities that dispense methadone.

13. Jesse Bodine (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Looking into traffic safety issues.
- Community board interviews will take place in March.

14. Andrew DeCurtis (NYC Rescue Mission)

- Homelessness is a growing problem.

15. David Pfeffer (Attorney for 150 Nassau Condo)

- Claims Denny's broke their agreement with the condominium board about limits the restaurant would seek on their liquor license application.

16. Eric Greenleaf (CB1 Resident)

- Opposed to a liquor license for Denny's.

Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:15pm, EST.

Adoption of January 2014 minutes

- Adopted as presented

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:
 - Asked for nominations of CB1 members to serve on the five member Nominating Committee; at our upcoming monthly March meeting there will be elections for the five members of the Nominating Committee in accordance with CB1 bylaws; please note that if you are selected as a member of the nominating committee you cannot run for office.

- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey opened the first platform of the Calatrava-designed WTC PATH station.
- WTC Performing Arts Center – announced its artistic leadership and released a preliminary sketch; additional funding required and hoped-for opening in four to five years.
- Introduced report about projects being done by CB1's Community Planning Fellows and Pace students.
- BPCA's new President Shari C. Hyman – we have spoken and we look forward to working together.
- NYC's new Planning Commissioner is Carl Weisbrod – we have spoken and we look forward to working together on many issues from South Street Seaport to resiliency.
- NY Rising Lower Manhattan Public Meeting #3 (3 Open Houses throughout Lower Manhattan March 1-2).

District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- The Mayor's budget for 2015 was released. There were no proposed cuts to Community Boards.
- Thanked people who reported problems during recent snowstorms. The Sanitation Department Superintendent for the district was very responsive.

Committee Reports

Copies of the resolutions are on our website:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/resolutions.shtml>

Executive Committee

- 1) New York City Council Int. No. 28 to require that all community board full board meetings be webcast – Resolution supports the principles of transparency and accessibility to government data and proceedings that would be advanced by webcasting and archiving full board meetings on community board websites.
Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) NYC Department of Buildings task force for extreme weather best practices – Resolution calls upon the New York City Department of Buildings to meet with relevant partners and stakeholders to develop best practices for handling falling ice and snow from skyscrapers.
Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Con Edison cost analysis and discussion on the use of non-corrosive sidewalk salt – Resolution
Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) City Council hearing on best practices for recruitment and appointments to community boards – Discussion

- There will be a hearing on this topic next week. CB1 will testify.
- 5) Downtown Alliance – Report
 - New Downtown Alliance President Jessica Lappin presented to the Executive Committee.
 - 6) Commissioner Marco A. Carrión, Mayor’s Community Assistance Unit – Report
 - Wants to increase community engagement. Focusing on pre-k and traffic safety.
 - 7) CB1 Monthly Meetings for 2014 – Report
 - Meeting dates for the second half of 2014 have been selected and will be distributed.

Quality of Life Committee

- 1) NYC DOT – Report
 - Lower Manhattan DOT Commissioner Luis Sanchez came to the meeting to discuss how his office will take over responsibilities formerly handled by the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center.
- 2) Bus parking and idling policy enforcement – Report
 - Any bus can stop at any bus stop in NYC.
- 3) RoadRunners Half Marathon – Report
 - The RoadRunners have been working with the BPC and QOL Committees to prepare for the upcoming half marathon on March 16th.
- 4) Community District 1 subway station survey by Pace University students – Report
 - 30 students surveyed subway stations around CB1 and issued a report. CB1’s subway stations are in good shape. They might do it again.
- 5) Police misconduct and citizen rights – Report
 - A representative from the Civilian Complaint Review Board described the process for filing complaints about conduct by police officers.
- 6) Rodent Academy – Report

- Quality of Life Committee will be organizing a Rodent Academy in April to educate and inform property owners and the community about ways to reduce rodent problems.

7) Fire Safety Forum – Report

- Quality of Life Committee will be organizing a Fire Safety Forum

8) Concerns regarding radon levels in gas delivered to NYC homes – Report

Tribeca Committee

1) Spring Studios – Report

- There were complaints about a Superbowl party. The committee will have a representative from Spring Studios at its next meeting to discuss actions that the establishment will take to address complaints by neighbors.

2) Bogardus Capital Project – Report

- There will be a public comment meeting about the project on Thursday at the Manhattan Youth Community Center.

3) Conversion of 1st Police Precinct stable into temporary WTC Security Command Center – Resolution urges the NYPD to identify a new location for the Command and expedite the review process so that the Command can be moved out of Troop A Barn and the Mounted Unit Troop A restored to its historic home in that building adjacent to the 1st Precinct as soon as possible.

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 5 White Street, application for transfer of liquor license to entity to be formed by Dan Abrams – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to an entity to be formed by Dan Abrams unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Passed:*

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Tribeca Family Festival activity permit application for Greenwich Street between Hubert Street and Chambers Street; Beach Street between Hudson Street and Greenwich Street; North Moore Street between West Street and Hudson Street; Franklin Street between Hudson Street and Greenwich Street; Harrison Street between West Street and Hudson Street; Jay Street between Hudson Street and Greenwich Street, Duane Street between Hudson Street and Greenwich Street; Reade Street between Hudson Street and Greenwich Street, Saturday, April 26, 2014 10:00 am to 11:59 p.m. – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by the Tribeca Family Festival for a street activity permit on April 26 subject to conditions.

Passed: 37 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) 175 Franklin Street, application for liquor license for 175 Franklin LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to 175 Franklin LLC unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above; and asks that the applicant take special and all measures necessary to maintain safety and access for tenants at all times.

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) 190A Duane Street, sidewalk café renewal application for Nonna Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Roc – Resolution approves the renewal of the sidewalk café license for Nonna Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Roc Restaurant located at 190A Duane Street.

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) Bastille Day 2014 Street Activity Permit application for West Broadway between White Street and Walker Street, Thursday, July 10, 2014, 11:00 am to 7:00 pm – Resolution does not oppose the proposed extension of a street activity permit submitted by Bastille Day 2014 for a street activity permit Thursday, July 10, 2014 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., subject to conditions.

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Youth & Education Committee

- 1) Speaker Silver, Council member Chin and CEC D2 letters to Chancellor Farina regarding the restoration of seats to the Capital Plan and loss of Pre-K seats downtown – Report

- Letters have been sent to the new schools chancellor about the DOE budget for 2015.

- 2) Parks free mobile event units – Report

- These units will be available for activities. Minimum of 25 kids or more.

- 3) CB1's Educational Priorities – Resolution firmly requests that no resources or attention be diverted from the pressing overcrowding and budgetary needs downtown and citywide before implementing UPK in NYC and that the Mayor's office implement all remedies necessary to meet these needs and necessary funding.

Passed: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District Committee **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** **Financial District Committee**

1) 30 Park Place – Report

- Silverstein Properties is building a 71 story hotel with 185 rooms.

2) LMCCC – Update by Joseph Simenic, Executive Director

- 11 more hotels with 2,200 new rooms planned in the next year. Expecting 2,800 new residential units by 2017.

3) 66 John Street – Report

- The Department of Probation is proceeding to move their facilities into this building.

4) 133 Greenwich Street – Report

- This project has received variances from the Department of Buildings but the late hours will no longer be needed soon.

5) Proposal for canopy at the Pier 11 waiting area – Resolution approves and supports the proposed plans for the two new canopies and seating for Pier 11 with the condition that the canopies will be transparent and there will be no advertising signage on the canopies.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 123 William Street – Resolution urges the City Planning Commission to ask the Department of Citywide Administrative Services, when relocating social service facilities from another community board to CB1, to consider factors, such as the concentration of other social service facilities that have been moved to CB1’s densely populated residential neighborhoods in the past few months.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) 66 Pearl Street, application for wine and beer license for Pachanga Inc., b/d/a Fika – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license for 25 Broadway Ballroom, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) Street permit application by Chabad of Wall Street (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Monday, May 26, 2014, Liberty, Broadway and Trinity Place – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by Chabad of Wall Street for a street activity permit on Monday, May 26, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) Street permit application by NYC Police Museum Fair (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, June 6, 2014, Broad Street, South Street and Water Street – Resolution opposes the application submitted by the NYC Police Museum for a street activity permit Friday, June 6, 2014 unless the street activity is moved to a weekend with conditions:

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Street permit application by ZIUA (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Sunday, June 22, 2014, Broadway, Liberty Street and Battery Place – Resolution opposes the application submitted by ZIUA for a street activity permit on Sunday, June 6, 2014 unless the street activity is moved from Broadway to a different street with conditions.

Passed: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) Street permit application by Sons of Italy Freedom (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, August 1, 2014, Liberty Street, Broadway and Trinity Place – Resolution opposes the application submitted by the Sons of Italy Freedom Block Party for a street activity permit on Friday, August 1, 2014 unless the street activity takes place on a weekend with conditions.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused

- 11) Street permit application by the 1st Pct (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, August 30, 2014, Liberty, Broadway and Trinity Place – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by the First Police Precinct Explores Club for a street activity permit on Saturday, August 30, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 12) Street permit application by Bowling Green Association (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Sunday, October 13, 2014, Whitehall, Stone, Water, Morris, Liberty Streets, Battery Place and Broadway – Resolution opposes the application submitted by the Bowling Green Association for a street activity permit on Monday, October 13, 2014 unless the street activity is moved from Broadway to a different street with conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 13) Street permit application by IPTA (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Monday, November 11, 2014, Broadway, Liberty Street and Battery Place – Resolution opposes the application submitted by the Veteran’s Day Festival, IND. Plaza Tenants association for a street activity permit on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 unless the activity is moved from Broadway to a different street with conditions.

Passed: 33 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District Committee and Seaport/Civic Center Committees

- 1) Street permit application by CB 1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, June 27, 2014, Fulton, Water and Gold Streets – Resolution opposes the application submitted by Community Board 1 for a street activity permit on Friday, June 27, 2014 unless the street activity is moved to a weekend with conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) Street permit application by CB1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, July 18, 2014, Fulton Street, Water Street and William Street – Resolution opposes the application submitted by Community Board 1 for a street activity permit on Friday, July 18, 2014 unless the street activity is moved to a weekend with conditions.

Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) Street permit application by Seaport Community Coalition (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Saturday, August 2, 2014, Water Street, Fulton Street and Broad Street – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by the Seaport Community Coalition for a street activity permit on Saturday, August 2, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) Street Activity Permit Application by Deepavali Festival (Association of Indians in America, promoter), Sunday, October 5, 2014, Water, Fulton, Fletcher, John, Front Streets and Maiden Lane – Resolution opposes the application submitted by the Deepavali Festival for a street activity permit Friday, October 5, 2014 unless the street activity is moved to a weekend with conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

Battery Park City Committee

- 1) RoadRunners Half Marathon – Report

- The RoadRunners have worked on issues raised at prior meetings. There will be one lane left open. The Downtown Alliance bus will still run.

- 2) BPC Homeowners' Coalition – Report

- There are 14 buildings in the coalition.

- 3) Parks Enforcement Patrol – Report

- A relationship is being built. Discussed what they do and do not do.

4) Battery Park City Committee Report – Report

- A position paper was developed by the committee, which will be presented to the BPCA, which will be asked for a response.

5) 225 Liberty Street, application for liquor license for The Little Kitchen Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Little Muenster – Resolution opposes granting a liquor license to The Little Kitchen Restaurant Group LLC unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

1) Peck Slip School – Report

- An update was presented to the committee.

2) Street Co-Naming: Peck Slip to Harold Reed Way – Report

- Currently tabled.

3) Old Seaport Alliance – Report

- A new Executive Director has been hired by the Old Seaport Alliance.

4) Brooklyn Bridge public space project by Pace University students – Report

- The area under the bridge is in deplorable condition but has great potential for new uses.

5) 230 Canal Street, application for a new liquor license for 230 Canal Rest. Inc. – Report

- Approved in July 2013. Applicant was delayed applying to the SLA until now and the former resolution will stand as CBI's recommendation.

6) Change in traffic direction on Peck Slip – Resolution urges the New York City Department of Transportation to conduct a traffic study to reinstate Peck Slip as a two-way street and install a traffic light at Water Street & Peck Slip once construction of the Peck Slip School is completed.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Street Activity Permit, application by Dushahra festival, Thursday, September 18 – Monday September 22, 2014, South Street between John and Beekman – Resolution does

not oppose the application submitted by Indo American Festivals Inc. for a street activity permit on Thursday, September 18, 2014 – Monday, September 22, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) Street Activity Permit, application by Downtown Independent Democrats Festival, Sunday, April 20, 2014, Lafayette Street between Canal and Leonard – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted by the Downtown Independent Democrats for a street activity permit on Sunday, April 20, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 9) 150 Nassau Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for Nassau 8793 LLC d/b/a/ Denny's – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to Nassau 8793 LLC at 150 Nassau Street unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

Passed: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) 225 Front Street, application for a liquor license alteration for Dona Gallo Inc. d/b/a Barbalu – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to Dona Gallo Inc. at 225 Front Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 11) 111 Fulton Street, application for a new wine and beer license for 111 Fulton LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license to MS 111 Fulton, LLC at 111 Fulton Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 12) 27 Cliff Street, reconsideration of an application for a restaurant liquor license for Dalglish 7 Inc. – The motion to reconsider the 6-month trial period for the 27 Cliff Street was turned down by a vote of 5-2.

- 13) Passed: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

Planning Committee

- 1) Proposed signage for East River Esplanade, New York City Economic Development Corporation – Resolution recommends approval of the proposed signage and logo plan for East River Esplanade Logo and Signage.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Route 9 A – Report

- An update was provided and discussed.

Landmarks Committee

1) 44 Lispenard Street, application for one story plus penthouse addition.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 105 Hudson Street, application for reconstruction of platform and installation of new handicap lift.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Governors Island, application for historic monument relocation.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 32 Avenue of the Americas, application for installation of emergency generator on setback roof at 22nd floor.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Old Business

No further business conducted

New Business

No further business conducted

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.