

MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, March 25, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Borough of Manhattan Community College (BMCC)
199 Chambers Street (Between West Side Highway and Greenwich Street)

Public Session

Crystal Feng (Comptroller Scott Stringer)

- Introduced herself as new representative to CB1.

Hank Iori (Belle Harbor Property Owners Association)

- Would like ferry service between lower Manhattan and the Rockaways to be increased. Hopes people from CB1 will use the service. There is an online petition with 1200 signatures.

Jean Grillo (CB1 Resident)

- Thanked the Tribeca Committee for working on the Megu issue.
- Discussed Tribeca Film Festival Family Day
- CERT team demonstrations/trainings will be taking place soon.

Michael Ketring (Downtown Alliance)

- The barrier surrounding the Wall Street bull sculpture has been removed by NYPD.

David Moser (Nextdoor Neighborhood Networking)

- Introduced an app that allows social networking within neighborhoods.

Sharon Pope (5 Boro Bike Tour)

- Presented information about safe biking and events that Bike NY is hosting.

Kim Landman (22 River Terrace Condo Conversion Plan)

- Discussed issues that residents are facing due to the conversion of this building in Battery Park City. Many residents are moving out and such conversions negatively impact the area.

John Jiler (67 Vestry St. Landmark)

- Please help landmark 67 Vestry St.

Kate Godici + 2 (PS 276 Bus)

- The DOE should allow Financial District kids to ride an almost empty school bus to PS 276 rather than walk an unsafe route.

Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember/Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- It is budget season in Albany. Everyone is working to make sure the budget comes in on time. Speaker Silver is focusing on universal Pre-Kindergarten and also on after-school funds and trying to keep public universities affordable. \$40 million was restored to the MTA budget.
- Thanked outgoing CB1 members Ruth Ohman, Paul Viggiano, and Mark Costello for their service.

Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Wrote to the mayor in support of more crossing guards for lower Manhattan.
- Working to preserve affordable housing for longtime residents.
- A school at 75 Morton will serve children from CB1 and CB2.

Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Disappointed that the Dream Act did not pass.
- There were some budget victories.
- Working with the NYC Department of Transportation to maintain the level of service formerly provided by the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center.
- The Senator's Community Convention for 2014 will be held on April 7.

Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerold Nadler)

- Asked FAA to address impacts from noise and other helicopter issues.
- Continuing to work on problems involving noise from ferry horns.
- A bill has been introduced to protect artists' intellectual property.

Aldrin Bonilla (Deputy Manhattan Borough President)

- Community Board appointments will be announced very soon.
- Working on school issues and affordable housing.

- A Vision Zero townhall will be held tomorrow.
- There will be a solidarity rally to show support after the recent gas line explosion in East Harlem.

Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Working on aging issues as new chair of City Council Committee on Aging.
- Introducing a bill to protect tenants from harassment.
- Working with Assembly Member Glick on the 22 River Terrace conversion issue. Asked NYS Attorney General Schneiderman to review the situation.

Deborah Riegel (Legal Counsel for 22 River Terrace)

- Owner intends to stick to the legal requirements governing condo conversions.

Graeme Birchall (Downtown Boathouse)

- Come down for free boating.

Tom Goodkind (CB1)

- Released the new Tribattery Pops album. They will be leading several events in the community in the near future.

Maureen McNeil (Josephine Herrick Project)

- Hosting an exhibit in Soho on April 1. Hopes to work with the community.

Caroline Harris (18 Broad Street)

- Asked for support for the plan for the NY Stock Exchange security doors.

Francis Asprec (ShapeUp NYC)

- A NYC Parks Department initiative to get people more active. Trying to get more people active in lower Manhattan.

James Sanders (35 Lispenard Street)

- Here to answer any questions.

Lynn Ellsworth (Tribeca Trust)

- Working with DOT on Finn Square plaza.
- Working on many preservation issues. There is a petition with 1500 names for preserving 67 Vestry.

Paul Klein (67 Vestry Street)

- Please protect the building with landmark status.

Jacqueline Miro (67 Vestry Street)

- Building should be landmarked.

Jaime Vinas (67 Vestry Street)

- Please landmark this building.

Andrew DeCurtis (NYC Rescue Mission)

- Thanked CB1 for its past support.
- Needs assistance with parking vehicle used by the Mission.

Aline Reynolds (Goodbye)

- Aline will no longer cover lower Manhattan as a journalist. Aline will be heading to graduate school to study urban planning.
- Thanked CB1 for the experience and all of the memories.
- Shared several stories about covering lower Manhattan.

Guest Speakers

Joe Daniels, President and Alice Greenwald, Executive Vice President for Programs and Director of Memorial Museum, National September 11 Memorial & Museum

- Thanked CB1 for its support.
- The museum will open May 21.
- Invited the community to a 5K event on April 27.
- From Thursday, May 15 to Tuesday May 20, there will be a special time for the lower Manhattan community to visit the special dedication preview of the museum. Reservations will be required. Visit their website for more information.
- Tomorrow at 9am, the new ticketing system will be launched for the opening in May.
- Putting the final touches on exhibits.
- Construction has been completed for the museum pavilion.
- Mark Ameruso thanked them for allowing the community a special opportunity to visit. Asked if volunteers will be included on the website as a category of affiliation. Answer: yes.
- Terese Loeb Kreuzer: will lower Manhattan residents get a discount when admission is charged? Answer: looking into this possibility.
- Diane Lapson: will people still be able to record their 9/11 experiences? Answer: yes.
- Paul Hovitz: will all of lower Manhattan be featured in the museum? Answer: yes.
- Tammy Meltzer: can you add multiple selections for affiliations? Answer: yes.

- Ruth Ohman: can you explain the lottery for a spot at the dedication ceremony? Answer: there is limited availability. Please sign up.
- Terese Loeb Kreuzer: how many people can be accommodated per year? Answer: around 2.5 million.
- Jean Grillo: will there be bathrooms? Answer: yes.

Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:22pm, EST.

- Adoption of February 2014 minutes, adopted as presented

Chairperson's Report

- 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:
 - Seaport Working Group (SWG) – continues its weekly meetings to develop guidelines on the important issues to consider in the development of the South Street Seaport area.
 - FAA Helicopter Symposium Meeting with elected officials to follow-up on ongoing noise and safety issues; requested an update from NYC Economic Development Corporation.
 - Election for the Nominating Committee for the Election of CB1 officers is tonight – they will meet and report at the regular May meeting of the Board and put forward one or more members for each position: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. The committee will actively encourage Board members to become candidates.
 - Thank you to Ruth Ohman, Mark Costello and Paul Viggiano for their contributions to CB1.

District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- There are a few passes left for the 9/11 memorial.
- There is a meeting with the State Liquor Authority coming up.
- Apologized for scheduling changes with upcoming holidays.
- A full budget is likely for community boards in the FY 2015 budget.

Election of Nominating Committee

Distribution of ballots and voting (ballot box to remain open until 7:30 PM sharp)

- The secretary cast a unanimous vote for the following people to be elected to the Nominating Committee: Susan Cole, Michael Connolly, Mariama James, Michael Ketrung and Joel Kopel. As there were no nominations from the floor, the election was uncontested.

Committee Reports

Copies of the resolutions are on our website:

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

Executive Committee

- 1) 311 Service – Report
 - The City cannot register a problem unless people contact 311.
 - There has been an increase in 311 complaints.
- 2) NY Rising – Report
 - A six month process that has involved numerous meetings.
 - There are four categories of projects (see presentation).
- 3) Manhattan Borough Board Budget Priorities Report – Report
 - Looking to expand the budget for important services after years of proposed cuts.
- 4) Potential affordable housing sites in CB1 – Report
 - The Deputy Borough President came to request potential sites for affordable housing in CB1 and CB1 suggested some locations.
- 5) Community Boards 1,2 and 3 Joint Forum with the State Liquor Authority on Procedures and Enforcement, Tuesday, May 6, 2014 – Report
 - The meeting is coming up and is an opportunity to raise questions and get clarifications.
- 6) The After-Hours Variance Bill, A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York, in relation to after-hours work authorization
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

B) Landmarks Committee

- 1) 18 Broad Street, application for installation of new door – Resolution recommends that the LPC reject the request to make the temporary C of A permanent. It further recommends that instead, LPC should grant a 1 year extension to the temporary C of A and have the applicant come back with a more appropriate permanent solution.
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 35 Lispenard Street, application for storefront alteration – Resolution recommends that Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application.

Passed: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Designation Request: 380-384 Canal Street (aka 285 West Broadway)

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Designation Request: 67 Vestry Street

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Designation Request: 84 Walker Street

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

C) **Quality of Life Committee**

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

- The gas is potentially carcinogenic. There is a bill in the Assembly to limit the amount of radon in natural gas pipelines.

2) Lower Manhattan Construction – Report

- Chambers Street is almost done.
- Broadway Phase 1 is ahead of schedule.

3) Coalition for the Homeless – Report

- The organization is located in the Financial District.
- There has been an increase in the city's homeless population.
- Supportive housing is \$10,000 cheaper than shelters for families.

4) Rodent Academy, April 17, 2014, 6:00-8:00PM – Report

- Will teach people about ways to reduce rodent population.

5) Fire Safety Forum – Report

- Please report possible gas leaks.

D) **Tribeca Committee**

1) Pier 26 Boathouse – Report

- It will be free and open for the summer.

2) Hudson River Park Advisory Council – Report

- The presentation and proposed resolution were postponed until the following month.

3) Megu, 62-66 Thomas Street – Report

- There have been complaints from neighbors about quality of life impacts from special parties organized by outside promoters. The owners said that they will address this issue.

4) Chambers Street Reconstruction Project – Report

- See Quality of Life Committee.

5) Hudson Street Water Main Project – Report

- See Quality of Life Committee.

6) 56 Leonard Street – Report

- Skipped.

7) Spring Studios – Report

- Spring Studios apologized for problems in recent months as the facility has undergone construction. The committee felt the apology was satisfactory.

8) 85 West Broadway, application for alteration of hotel liquor license for 85 West Broadway Owner LLC & Engolos LLC d/b/a Smyth Tribeca – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with imitations and conditions.

9) 305 Church Street, application for renewal of sidewalk cafe for Los Americanos – Resolution does not oppose the granting of an unenclosed sidewalk café license for Mexma LLC d/b/a Los Americanos located at 305 Church Street subject to compliance by the applicant with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

10) 65 West Broadway, application for alteration of operating hours for 65 West Broadway Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Saleya – Resolution does not object to the extension of operating hours for 65 West Broadway Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Saleya at 65 West Broadway to 1 a.m. on weekdays and 2 a.m. on weekends.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

11) Heritage of Pride June 2014 events on Pier 26, Hudson River Park – Update by Chris Frederick, Managing Director – Postponed

E) **Financial District Committee**
and Youth and Education Committee

- 1) Traffic safety issues and bus service for P.S. 276 – Resolution urges the DOE to allow pupils of all ages who live east of Broadway and more than half a mile away from PS276 to ride the school bus until the hazardous walking conditions are eliminated. In addition, CB1 urges all responsible agencies to work together and place crossing guards in front of the school and at the West Side Highway and West Thames Street intersection.
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

F) **Financial District Committee**

- 1) The National Parks of New York Harbor – Report
 - There are many National Parks in lower Manhattan.
- 2) Broadway Reconstruction Project – Report
 - See Quality of Life.
- 3) 50 West Street – Report
 - There will be an open space that will make walking through the site more appealing.
- 4) 2nd Annual 9/11 Memorial 5K and Family Day – Report
 - See Public Session.
- 5) Hampton Jitney Bus – Report
 - They asked for support for proposed bus stops.
- 6) February 28, 2014 City Council hearing on Int. No. 36 – Report
 - Postponed
- 7) Governor’s Island, King Road, application for liquor license for Salmon East Seven Corp d/b/a Little Eva’s – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with imitations and conditions above.
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) 8 Liberty Place, application for wine and beer license for 8 Liberty Place INC d/b/a/ Asia Saigon – Resolution opposes the granting of a wine and beer license unless the applicant complies with imitations and conditions above.
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) Street permit application by Oysterfest on Saturday, September 20, 2014, on Stone Street between Hanover and Broad Streets, on Mill Lane between South William and Stone

Streets, on Hanover Street between Pearl and Williams Streets – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted for a street activity permit on Saturday, September 20, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) Street permit applications by Lead Dog Marketing Group Inc. (911 Memorial Family Day Block Party) on Saturday, April 27, 2014, on Greenwich Street between Cortlandt and Liberty Streets – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted for a street activity permit on Saturday, April 27, 2014 subject to conditions.

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) **Youth & Education Committee**

- 1) CD1 Child Demographics – Report

- Diana Switaj created a detailed presentation with an updated demographic analysis. See presentation on CB1 website. The Department of Education is not providing enough school seats to accommodate residential growth.

- 2) Speaker Silver's 2/27 School Overcrowding Task Force meeting – Report

- Skipped

- 3) PS343 Manhattan, 1-19 Peck Slip – Report

- On schedule.

- 4) After-School Program Expansion – Resolution supports and applauds Mayor de Blasio's after-school expansion plan for prioritizing programs that improve attendance, school culture, and students' positive developmental and academic outcomes during the middle school years.

Passed: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

H) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) Battery Park City Authority – Report

- Robin Forst is the new VP for External Affairs for BPCA and will provide regular updates at the committee.

- 2) Route 9A – Report

- The possibility of a left turn at Albany Street was discussed at a recent meeting.

- 3) Noise from ferries in Battery Park City – Report

- See Public Session comments.

4) Battery Park City Committee Report – Resolution requests that the BPCA respond to the Report at the meeting of the Committee that is scheduled to take place on May 6, 2014.
Passed: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 22 Battery Place, application for liquor license for Pier A Battery Park Associates LLC – Resolution opposes granting of a liquor license to Pier A Battery Park Associates LLC for 22 Battery Place unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. Following a discussion, a special provision was included in the resolution calling for the applicant to return after six months of operation to request permanent closing at 4 a.m. to make sure that facility operations are causing no adverse impacts to neighbors by staying open until that time.

Passed: 28 In Favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Downtown Little League 2014 Opening Day street activity permit application for Warren Street between North End Ave. and West Side Highway Saturday, April 5, 2014, 7:00 am to 12:00 pm – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted for Downtown Little League street activity permit for Saturday, April 5 subject to conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Muscular Dystrophy Association street activity permit application for Vesey Street between West Street and North End Avenue, Sunday, July 13, 2014, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted for Muscular Dystrophy Association street activity permit for Saturday, April 5 subject to following conditions.

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

I) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

1) Pier 17 construction schedule & Seaport area Uplands – Report

- Expecting completion in late 2015.

2) South Street Seaport Task Force – Report

- The taskforce has many participants contributing and many principles to discuss.

3) Fulton Street Phase 2 – Report

- Skipped.

4) Gibney Dance – Report

- Looking to add upgrades.

5) Brooklyn Bridge Beach Clean Up – Report

- Skipped.

6) Seaport/Civic Center Committee Liquor License Application Guidelines – Report

- Discussed guidelines for opening times.

7) 36 Peck Slip, renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café for Goat Fifty LLC d/b/a Nelson Blue – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with imitations and conditions.

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) 15 Ann Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for 15 NNA ST. LLC d/b/a Pita Express – Resolution opposes the granting of a wine and beet license unless the applicant complies with imitations and conditions.

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

J) **Planning Committee**

1) Senior population update – Report

- See presentation on CB 1 website

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report

VII. **New Business**

No New Business to report

VIII. **Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary