

CBI MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2015

DATE: Thursday, November 19, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: PS 343 – Peck Slip School
1 Peck Slip

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

Welcome:

- 1) Francesca Weiss, Peck Slip School
 - Welcomed everyone to the new school.

I. **Public Session**

- 1) Lynn Ellsworth – Tribeca Trust (Zoning for Quality and Affordability + Mandatory Inclusionary Housing proposals)
 - Against rezoning proposal.
- 2) Karen Stancan (ZQA, MIH)
 - Against rezoning proposal.
- 3) Craig Muyes (NYC Rescue Mission)
 - Provided an update on NYC Rescue Mission expansion and efforts to assist homeless and hungry people.
- 4) Ranger Jim (National Parks Service)
 - Please visit the nearby national parks.
- 5) Lyn Goswick (Trinity Wall Street)
 - Please share your thoughts about our plans for the future.

6) Wanda Williams (DC 37)

- We represent PEP Officers. They should not be replaced with private security guards.

7) Hank Wisner (PEP Officers)

- Please keep PEP Officers on patrol in Battery Park City and not private security guards.
- PEP Officers have invaluable training.

8) Graeme Birchall (Downtown Boathouse)

- Please support sending letter supporting the Boathouse's grant application.

9) Lance Pilgrim, Jeffrey Pease, Janet Ford, Scott Link, Cyndi Cadna, Gustavo Suarez (in support of dogs off-leash in the Battery)

- All support proposed resolution and hours for off-leash dogs in the Battery.

10) Cathy Drew (Pier 26)

- Thank you for including support for the River Project in the resolution approved by the Tribeca Committee. Please support it.

11) Vincent Fang (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Yumei Kitasei is now with the Mayor's Office. New personnel to be announced soon.

12) Eric Mayo (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Introduced himself as new representative at CB1.
- We need more crossing guards.

13) Lucille Songhai (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- CB member application and renewal process has begun. You can now apply online.

14) Maryam Aleem (Assemblymember Debra Glick)

- Organized a meeting addressing the need for more crossing guards in Lower Manhattan including representatives from Mayor's office, NYPD, DOT, and other elected officials.
- Wrote a letter supporting an affordable market to serve Independence Plaza residents.
- Testified to preserve the fabric of our neighborhoods.

15) Joanna Williams (River Project)

- Please include this in plans for Pier 26.

16) Mary Perillo (Water Street Bike Lane)

- Requesting a bike lane in Water Street plan.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 6:42pm, EST.

A) Adoption of October 2015 minutes

- Adopted as presented

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- Please see the Chairperson's Report at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20report%20November%202015.pdf>. A few highlights:
- Performing Arts Center at the World Trade Center (PACWTC) Project Team was just announced: architectural firm REX to design, Davis Brody Bond as Executive Architect and Charcoalblue as Theater Consultant and DBI Projects as Construction Manager
- Expansion of City's resiliency target area for implementation to include both Battery Park City and Tribeca
- Spoke at press conference supporting legislation to regulate tourist helicopter noise
- Crossing Guards at Spruce Street and Peck Slip elementary schools – until permanent crossing guards can be hired, NYPD has placed NYPD traffic agents at both Peck Slip and Spruce Street Schools (to be moved from Spruce Street to Beekman/Williams Street corner) and we have requested that several other safety measures be taken by NYC DOT to make streets safer
- West Thames Street Bridge – Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) authorized additional funding to the Battery Park City Authority (BPCA) for the construction
- Linda Gerstman has resigned from CB1; we thank her for her volunteer work (11/01/15)

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Tamar Hovsepian is on maternity leave and expected to return in December unless she requests extended childcare leave.
- Work is almost finished on the CB1 office but final punch-list items remain.
- Still glitches in the security protocol at 1 Centre Street especially when two meetings are held on the same night. We are trying to resolve these issues.

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Personnel Committee**

S. Cole

- 1) Update on new office procedures – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

B) **Landmarks Committee** B. Ehrmann

- 1) 304 Canal Street, application for elevator and stair bulkhead, rooftop mechanical equipment and new storefronts – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 39 Lispenard Street, application to alter roof, raise parapets and add mechanical equipment – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Landmarks Preservation Commission Designation Backlog Hearing – Report

- Hoping for good things.

C) **Youth & Education Committee** T. Joyce

- 1) Street Crossing Guards – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) School Site Locations – Report

D) **Youth & Education Committee** T. Joyce
Tribeca Committee E. Lewinsohn

- 1) HRPT Pier 26 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

E) **Battery Park City Committee** A. Notaro

- 1) Allied Barton Security Services – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused
- There was an unusually large turn-out at the meeting as many community residents and other stakeholders are concerned about the proposal by the Battery Park City Authority to replace some or all PEP officers with private security guards.
- 2) Op-Ed piece about the future of the BPCA – Report
- State Senator Daniel Squadron spoke and answered questions about his proposal to have the city assume responsibility for governing Battery Park City rather than an authority.

F) **Quality of Life Committee** P. Moore

- 1) CBI's subway stations – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Legislation to limit the number of active license plates the Department of Consumer Affairs can issue to sight-seeing buses – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Discussion of rules and regulations on commercial and residential disposal, street corner litter baskets – Report
 - A presentation was given by Iggy Terranova of the Sanitation Department. There was discussion about conditions in the Financial District where garbage is often piled up for many hours on narrow sidewalks. Mr. Terranova described circumstances limiting DSNY's ability to significantly improve this situation. He said that new laws are needed.

G) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** C. Lerner

- 1) 5 Beekman – Report
 - Hotel and condos coming online soon.
- 2) Howard Hughes Corporation holiday programming – Report
 - Will take place on December 1.
- 3) Neighborhood quality of life hot-spots – Report
 - Different streets and spots are not good.

H) **Planning Committee** P. Kennell

- 1) Proposed zoning text change: Mandatory Inclusionary Zoning – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Proposed zoning text change: Zoning for Quality and Affordability – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Original resolutions adopted by Planning Committee in favor of MIH and ZQA tabled at full board meeting. New resolutions #1 and #2 above proposed and adopted at full board, in opposition to MIH and ZQA unless certain changes are made.

- 3) Manhattan Borough Board resolution regarding right to counsel at housing court – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) Water Street Streetscape Project – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) in Community District 1 – Report

I) **Tribeca Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

- 1) 78 Leonard Street, application for restaurant liquor license for TriMasa Restaurant Partners LLC & Takayama Management LLC – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) 156 Chambers Street, application to transfer liquor license from 61 Warren Street to 156 Chambers Street, Mariachi’s Restaurant Corp. – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) 413 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk cafe for Sweetgreen New York LLC, d/b/a Sweetgreen Tribeca – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) The Flea Theater – Report

- A brief update was given about their building project in Tribeca.

- 5) Citi building and plaza renovations – Report

- An updated was provided about this project to renovate the Citi building and plaza at 388 Greenwich Street.

- 6) Tribeca Meet & Greet – Report

- David Cleaver convenes these networking events for the Tribeca community and he invited people to attend them.

- 7) Temporary public art project in Finn Square – Report

- Images were presented of a sculpture to be installed in Finn Square. No vote was taken as the installation is temporary.

- 8) Downtown Boathouse – Report

- Graeme Birchall returned to the committee to provide a brief update and request a letter of support for a grant application. The committee voted unanimously to send the letter.

J) **Financial District Committee**
Quality of Life Committee

S. Cole

P. Moore

- 1) City Council Environmental Protection Committee Hearing for Int. 858 and Int. 859 – Reducing noise caused by sightseeing helicopters that meet federal noise reduction standards – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

K) **Financial District Committee** S. Cole

- 1) 4 World Trade Center, application for a liquor license for Eataly NY FIDI LLC – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) 133 Greenwich Street, application for a tavern wine & beer license for 133 Greenwich Street Associates LLC d/b/a Table 1333 – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) Dog off-leash rules at The Battery – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) Governors Island – Report

- 5) Bowling Green and South Ferry subway station resiliency upgrades – Report

- 6) 105 Washington Street Women’s Shelter proposal – Report

IV. **Old Business**

No old business to report.

V. **New Business**

No new business to report.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:00pm, EST.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, secretary.