



COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK

Anne Compocchia
Chairperson

Paul Goldstein
District Manager

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
HELD
MAY 10TH, 1988
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Anne Compocchia.

Public Session:

Ferry Service - Charles Maikish, Director of Ferry Service for the Port Authority, and Gary Deane of Battery Park City Authority briefly discussed the final plans for ferry service between Hoboken, New Jersey and Battery Park City. The original site selected for the terminal was at the south end of the North Cove. At the request of Community Board #1 the Port Authority conducted new studies to determine the possibility of locating the terminal north of the North Cove. View corridors and pedestrian flows were analyzed and a new design for the terminal was drawn. The site for the proposed terminal will be moved to the north section of the North Cove.

Play yard at P.S. 234 - Eight residents spoke with regard to the play yard being open for use by the community when the school is closed. Ideally, the residents would like funding for supervision to insure safety and to see the closing of the area at night so that homeless and drug abusers will not ruin it. Those who spoke were:

- Dennis Pantzer - 80 N. Moore Street
- Judith Caden - Puppet Loft
- Janna Mandel Townsend - Tribeca Task Force
- Gary Tanenbaum - Department of Parks and Recreation
- Susan Sonz - 158 Franklin Street
- Dennis Masback - 6 Varick Street
- Shiela Kavanagh - PTA, P.S. 234
- Minna Shulman - 12 Harrison Street

Judith Caden of the Puppet Loft discussed the Neighborhood Watch Patrol's role in safety at the play area.

Tom Weiss - 190 Duane Street - Requested that the Board support an investigation of violations in construction of the residential tower at 105-107 Duane Street.

Joe Baiamonte - Seaport Community Coalition - Talked about the 29-33 Peck Slip development. Development should preserve a sense of history in the district.

Arthur Piccolo - Bowling Green Association - Requested that a public hearing be held on the drop-in center now that the Board of Estimate has delayed its vote.

~~29-33 Peck Slip~~ -- Arpad Baksa and David Feinberg gave a brief presentation on renovations to be made at 29-33 Peck Slip and requested support and approval to proceed with refurbishing of the building.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the April meeting were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials

Miriam Friedlander - City Council Member - commented on the following items:

- 1) Ferry Service - considers the shift of the site of the terminal an achievement
- 2) Play yard at P.S. 234 - the play area should be supervised in order to insure that there is no vandalism
- 3) Barge housing prisoners is scheduled to be moved from the East River to Pier 40 in August
- 4) Budget - more funds are needed for police and fire services and additional housing for those of low income and the homeless. Funds for the library have been cut. Public officials will work to have these funds restored.

Manfred Ohrenstein - State Senator - Discussed the creation of the continuous esplanade along the Hudson River and the construction of the highway on the west side. The Westside Task Force specifically recommended that funds be provided by the City or the State for the esplanade. The Governor opposes a roadway which includes underpasses costing \$300 to \$400 million dollars. These savings alone would cover the costs of building the esplanade. An entity will be established to consider the issue of further development along the replacement highway. Community review will be part of this process. He is opposed to an advisory board which will bypass the Board of Estimate and ULURP procedures.

Cary Hoyt - Representative of Congressman Ted Weiss - Expressed pleasure at the decision of the Port Authority to move the site of the proposed ferry terminal. A newsletter was distributed.

David McClusky - Representative of State Senator Martin Connor - Reported the Senator's opposition to raising the surcharge set forth in the Mitchell-Lama Bill. Efforts are underway to guarantee funding for EasyRide.

Stephanie Pinto - Representative of Comptroller Harrison Goldin - Distributed copies of a letter written to Mayor Koch requesting that funds for the purchase of books for the library be released by the Office of Management and Budget. The Comptroller supports the opening of a library in Lower Manhattan.

Barbara Kloberdanz - Representative of City Council President Andrew Stein - Announced a hearing scheduled for May 17th, 1988 in the Board of Estimate Chambers on "Drugs in our Neighborhood". A number of community groups are fighting drugs and beginning to accomplish this goal through these efforts.

Borough President's Report - Michael Kharfen - Congratulated the Community Board on its achievement in convincing the Port Authority and the Battery Park City Authority to change the site for the ferry terminal. He reported the Borough President laid over the vote on the drop-in center by the Board of Estimate in order to give concerned residents an opportunity to identify another site. The rent for the library has been allocated but the funds for staffing the branch have been cut from the budget. Hearings on the budget are scheduled. Community residents should take this opportunity to testify and request that these funds be reinstated.

District Manager's Report - Paul Goldstein - A "Padlock Hearing" is scheduled for May 26th at Police Headquarters on the closing of the brothel at 44 Hudson Street. Anyone may testify. Complaints have been filed against expansion of a parking lot on Dover Street. Complaints have also been made about drinking in the street and rowdiness at Jeremy's Ale House. Task forces have been set up to discuss development at South Ferry Plaza and Sites 5B/5C as well as the narrowing of Greenwich Street.

Chairperson's Report - Anne Compocchia - Reported representatives of 20 community groups attended the community meeting held April 28th. A "Statement of Fact" will be written and submitted to City officials and agencies outlining the community's views on development and district issues. A meeting to study and possibly revise the By-laws is scheduled for May 19th. The Borough President has been requested to fill three vacancies on the Board.

Committee Reports

Please find Resolutions at end of minutes.

Nominating Committee - Joe Lofaso announced the following nominations for Board officers:

Chairperson - Anne Compocchia
Vice Chairperson - Roland Peracca
Secretary - Margaret Sentner
Treasurer - Kathryn Freed
Assistant Secretary - Linda Belfer

Anne Compocchia withdrew her name from nomination.

The following nominations were made from the floor and seconded:

Chairperson - Jim Stratton
Vice Chairperson - Harold Donohue
Treasurer - Hal Bromm
Assistant Treasurer - Anne Compocchia

Nominations were closed.

Battery Park City Committee - Kathryn Freed - Thanked the Port Authority, Battery Park City Authority and the Gateway Tenants Association for resolving the ferry issue.

A resolution disapproving an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA 822-87-BZ) to convert an existing private health club to a public facility in the Gateway Plaza complex was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Landmarks/Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee - Hal Bromm - A resolution approving the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 29-33 Peck Slip was approved by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 6 abstentions. Hal also reported on the following items:

- 1) Repairs have been made on the clock of the Sun Building at the corner of Broadway and Chambers Street.
- 2) 87 and 97 Chambers Street will be refurbished for residential use.
- 3) The Board of Estimate will be voting on 55 White Street on May 20th.

Social Services Committee - Maureen Flatley - Reported the committee will continue discussion of service needs for senior citizens residing in the district. She also reported the vote on the drop-in center was held over by the Board of Estimate until May. A resolution to request uninterrupted funding of Easyride was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Youth Committee - Kathleen Gupta - A committee resolution regarding recommendations for Youth Bureau, City Initiative Funds was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. A resolution on the play yard at P.S. 234 was tabled by a vote of 19 in favor, 12 opposed, 0 abstentions. Kathleen also reported on a seminar on child abuse for educators and care givers. A new playground will be opened next week at Battery Park City.

The meeting was adjourned.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, MAY 10TH, 1988

PRESENT

BARRY ABRAMOWITZ
IRIS ALEX
LINDA BELFER
HAL BROMM
HOWARD CHAN
MARGARET CHIN
ANNE COMPOCCIA
SID CORON
LOUIS DESALVIO
HAROLD DONOHUE
MAFA EDWARDS
MAUREEN FLATLEY
KATHRYN E. FREED
CHARLES GAINES
SASHA GREENE
KATHLEEN GUPTA
MEYER HAGER
ALAN HOWARD
MARTIN JOFFE
JOSEPH O. LOFASO
LLOYD N. MERRILL
RONNIE MOSKOWITZ
MADELYN PANTZER
RALPH PEPE
ROLAND PERACCA
UNA PERKINS
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
DONALD RAPPAPORT
MICHAEL J. REED
JOSEPH RITORIO
BERT ROVICS
BARBARA SAHLMAN
MARGARET SENTNER
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD
JAMES STRATTON
FRED S. TENG
RANDOLF WARSAGER
MADELYN WILS

EXCUSED

MIRIAM BEHRSTOCK
CHARLES DELANEY
MARGARET FUNG
REV. JOEL GIBSON
GEORGE KELLER
BARBARA MINSKY
JENNY DIXON

ABSENT

HOWARD HERTZBERG
JOSEPH LERNER

GUESTS

D. MCCLUSKY, HON. M. CONNOR
M. KHARFEN, HON. D. DINKINS
HON. MIRIAM FRIEDLANDER
M. REED, HON. M. OHRENSTEIN
B. KLOBERDANZ, HON. A. STEIN
C. HOYT, HON. T. WEISS
P. DILLON, PUBLIC MEMBER
S. SONZ, PUBLIC MEMBER
GEORGE SORELL, CAU
STEPHANIE PINTO, OFF. OF THE COMP.

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS/LANDMARKS
5-3-88

PRESENT

Hal Bromm
Una Perkins
Barbara Sahlman

ABSENT

Jenny Dixon
Iris Alex
Ronnie Moskowitz
Bert Rovics
Jo Ellen Sheffield
James Stratton
Madelyn Wils
Fred S. Teng
Sasha Greene

EXCUSED

Charles Delaney

COMMUNITY SUB-COMMITTEE
5-16-88

PRESENT

Hal Bromm
Jenny Dixon
Randolf Warsager
James Stratton

LIBRARY COMMITTEE
5-17-88

PRESENT

Roland Peracca
Randolf Warsager
Jo Ellen Sheffield

ABSENT

Iris Alex
Jenny Dixon

SOCIAL SERVICES
5-23-88

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley
Madelyn Wils
Randy Warsager
Rev. Joel Gibson
Sasha Greene

ABSENT

Miriam Behrstock
Margaret Fung
Meyer Hager

CHARTER REVISION
5-31-88

PRESENT

Harold Donohue
James Stratton

EXCUSED

Charles Delaney
Maureen Flatley
Joseph Ritorto

ABSENT

Joseph Lofaso
Barbara Minsky

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