



# COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

James A. Stratton  
Chairperson

CITY OF NEW YORK

Paul Goldstein  
District Manager

MINUTES  
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF  
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1  
HELD  
NOVEMBER 17, 1988  
NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
125 WORTH STREET

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James Stratton.

Public Hearing:

253-256 Broadway (ULURP #880735 PSM); no speakers

Public Session:

**Virginia Millhiser** - 55 White Street Associates - Introduced the project and architects who in turn, described the revised project design and plans.

**Janna Mandel Townsend** - Tribeca Task Force - Is not opposed to responsible development. Urged passage of the Committee resolution re: Sites 5B and 5C.

**Art Piccolo** - Bowling Green Association - Spoke about the Lower Manhattan Historical Anniversary; a wreath will be placed Wednesday at 9 AM. The Bowling Green Christmas tree lighting will be on December 8th. It is expected that the front of the U.S. Custom House will soon be permanently illuminated.

**Carole DeSaram** - Tribeca Community Association - Sites 5B and 5C represent the last open space in the area. Drexel should scale down its proposed building. There should be open space so shadows don't fall on Washington Market Park. The City should build affordable housing.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held October 11th, 1988 were adopted as presented.

District Manager's Report:

P. Goldstein

- The controversial "free needles" program is operating out of 125 Worth Street; to date only 11 people are participating.
- The Department of City Planning has begun a study to determine the number of express bus routes in the City. The study will seek to determine whether there are sufficient, too many or too few express routes.

- There have been a number of complaints regarding after-hours construction at the Shearson site. The Board has requested that the Department of Buildings not approve "after hours" and weekend permits at this site.
- As per the agreement with Community School Board #2, the school yard at P.S. 234 will be closed after school hours from November 15 to March 15th. There were no incidents reported while the area remained open prior to November 15th.
- The Departments of Parks and Recreation and Sanitation will reportedly share responsibility for the maintenance of the area surrounding the Brooklyn Bridge Arches. Meanwhile negotiations continue between the City and a developer for the restoration and lease of the arches.
- There will be a meeting of the South Ferry Plaza (ad-hoc) Committee. The Public Development Corporation is again trying to secure "enabling legislation" for Peter Minuit Plaza through the State Legislature. Committee members will represent the Board's ongoing concerns at this meeting.
- The 1st Precinct is recruiting candidates for Auxiliary Police Officers; contact Off. Joe Fontana (334-0640).

**Chairperson Report:**

J. Stratton

- Reported the recent death of Board member, Miriam Behrstock. A moment of silence was observed.
- Pier 25 - 100 year old tugboat, owned by Jim Gallagher, is a landmark. Community Board #1 protected it from previous eviction by the State. Two days ago a eviction notice was served. The State DOT may agree to save the situation again.

**NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES**

**Committee Reports:**

**Parks & Environment**

P. Goldstein for R. Peracca

The presentation on the reconstruction of Battery Park was well received by the Committee. Plans call for the creation of a town green in front of Castle Clinton. Paths will be redone. Monuments will be moved into a widened promenade closer to the State Street side of the park. The playground will remain at its current location, enlarged, modernized; totally renovated. Concession space will be modernized and expanded. Project will cost \$30 million; private funds will be sought.

Landmarks, Art & Cultural Affairs

H. Bromm/J. Dixon

Community Board #1 and DOT Commissioner Ross Sandler have received letters of complaint re: "Curb your Animal Instincts" installations. The Committee has decided to write a letter thanking groups for their concern and indicating this work will be removed at end of February. At the same time, the letters will reiterate support for the installations.

Community Board #1 was not extended the courtesy of notification when the cultural user was named for the Battery Maritime Building. A letter voicing the Board's concern will be sent to PDC.

Chuck Delaney voiced his concern about the excessive influence of PDC. He recommended that the Community Board and others take steps to study the Corporation's role in development and pursue measures to diminish this power to control many significant development decisions made in NYC.

A committee resolution recommending that birdhouses, currently at Hudson Triangle, remain on at least a semi-permanent basis was approved 28 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained.

The Board approved a 6 months extension of sculpture by artist, Andrew Weythe, at Morris Street by a vote of 28-0-0.

In a resolution regarding 317-319 Greenwich Street, the Board recommended that steps be taken to allow current residents to remain in their units. Approved 28-0-0.

Washington Market

K. Freed

The Community Board approved an application (ULURP #880735 PSM) by DGS, Real Property to acquire portions of 253-256 Broadway. The vote was 25 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained.

Financial District

G. Keller

A committee resolution re: 100 Old Slip was withdrawn at the request of the applicant.

Sites 5B and 5C (Ad-hoc)

K. Freed

A committee resolution stating community concerns and setting forth recommendations on how the Public Development Corporation and Drexel Burnham Lambert should proceed with the development of Sites 5B and 5C was approved 27 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

Reported on recent meetings with David Emil, President and CEO of the BPCA.

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**New Business:**

A Youth Committee resolution endorsing a child-safety workshop for the Lower Manhattan community was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned.

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING**  
**ATTENDANCE, NOVEMBER 17, 1988**

**PRESENT**

Barry Abramowitz  
Iris Alex  
Linda Belfer  
Hal Bromm  
Margaret Chin  
Charles Delaney  
Louis DeSalvio  
Jenny Dixon  
Harold Donohue  
Mafa Edwards  
Maureen Flatley  
Kathryn Freed  
Charles Gaines  
Kathleen Gupta  
Meyer Hager  
Howard Hertzberg  
Alan Howard  
Martin Joffe  
Joseph Lerner  
Joseph Lofaso  
Lloyd Merrill  
Barbara Minsky  
Ronnie Moskowitz  
Madeline Pantzer  
Ralph Pepe  
Joseph Ritorto  
Jo Ellen Sheffield  
James Stratton  
Randy Warsager  
Madelyn Wils

**EXCUSED**

Anne Compocchia  
Sasha Greene  
George Keller  
Roland Peracca  
Barbara Sahlman  
Margaret Sentner

**ABSENT**

Howard Chan  
Sidney Coron  
Margaret Fung  
Joel Gibson  
Una Perkins  
Christopher Poussaint  
Donald Rappaport  
Fred Teng  
Michael Reed

**GUESTS**

George Sorell, CAU  
Hon. M. Ohrenstein, M. Reed  
Hon. W. Passannante, B. Green  
Hon. T. Weiss, C. Hoyt  
Patricia Dillon, Public Member

COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
ATTENDANCE FOR NOVEMBER

LANDMARKS, ART & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
11-16-88

PRESENT

Hal Bromm  
Jenny Dixon  
Barbara Shalman  
Kathleen Gupta

EXCUSED

Ronnie Moskowitz  
Una Perkins

ABSENT

Iris Alex  
Charles Delaney  
Sasha Greene  
Jo Ellen Sheffield  
Fred Teng  
Anne Compoccia

FINANCIAL DISTRICT  
11-3-88

PRESENT

George Keller

EXCUSED

Barbara Minsky  
Ralph Pepe  
Christopher Poussaint

ABSENT

Joseph Ritorto  
Margaret Chin  
Charles Delaney  
Martin Joffe  
Roland Peracca  
Margaret Sentner  
Fred Teng  
Kathryn Freed

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PARKS & ENVIRONMENT  
11-21-88

PRESENT

Roland Peracca  
Kathryn Freed  
Madeline Pantzer  
Barbara Sahlman  
Margaret Sentner

EXCUSED

Madelyn Wils

ABSENT

Hal Bromm  
Mafa Edwards  
Jo Ellen Sheffield  
James Stratton

SOCIAL SERVICES  
11-30-88

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley  
Randy Warsager

EXCUSED

Sasha Greene  
Madelyn Wils

ABSENT

Joel Gibson  
Meyer Hager

WASHINGTON MARKET  
11-1-88

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed  
Harold Donohue  
Alan Howard  
Ralph Pepe

EXCUSED

Hal Bromm  
Ronnie Moskowitz  
Madeline Pantzer  
Anne Compocchia

ABSENT

Martin Joffe  
Barry Abramowitz

SITES 5B & 5C (AD-HOC)  
11-10-88

PRESENT

Anne Compocchia  
Harold Donohue  
Mafa Edwards  
Roland Peracca  
James Stratton  
Madelyn Wils

EXCUSED

Hal Bromm  
Madeline Pantzer

ABSENT

Kathryn Freed  
Alan Howard  
Martin Joffe  
Jo Ellen Sheffield

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55 WHITE STREET (AD-HOC)  
11-28-88

PRESENT

Hal Bromm  
Kathryn Freed  
Martin Joffe  
Ronnie Moskowitz  
Ralph Pepe

EXCUSED

Barry Abramowitz  
Iris Alex  
Madeline Pantzer

ABSENT

YOUTH  
10-19-88

PRESENT

Mafa Edwards  
Randy Warsager  
Howard Chan  
Harold Donohue

EXCUSED

Una Perkins

ABSENT

Joel Gibson  
Kathleen Gupta

NON-YOUTH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

PRESENT

Judy Pierce  
Ruthie Pincus  
John Scott  
Nancy Taiani  
Robert Townely

EXCUSED

Robbie Donaldson  
Linda Roche

ABSENT

Bruce Adgate  
Horace Brown  
Elizabeth Kruger  
Anne McDonald  
Susan Sonz

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