



James A. Stratton
Chairperson

Paul Goldstein
District Manager

COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK
MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
JANUARY 10TH, 1989
SOUTHBIDGE TOWERS COMMUNITY ROOM

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

Public Session:

Joe Baiamonte - Seaport Community Coalition - Spoke in opposition to the proposal for 250 Water Street. The proposed building, both in height and scale, is incompatible with the Seaport District. The Coalition will pursue a zoning change request for Block 106.

Jean Grillo - President, Duane/Thomas Neighborhood Association - Submitted a written statement in opposition to the proposed tower on Duane Street. The street presently has 5 story buildings with fragile foundations. Additional monitoring devices should be placed around the site. Shadow studies, which have been promised, would show the impact of the towers on the neighborhood.

Lester Chance - Resident, 100 Beekman Street - Spoke in opposition to the proposal for 250 Water Street quoting an article which stated the neighborhood "should remain an historic low-density place". Maintenance of the sense-of-scale is required to protect the character of the district. He requested that the developer donate the site to the City.

Maria Weisbin - 115 Broadway - Discussed development of Lots 5B/5C and urged the community to work aggressively to fight the current plans. She expressed concern that the Washington Market Committee's monthly meeting had been cancelled.

Lillian Woogen - 90 Gold Street - Expressed opposition to privileged parking for the police while residents receive parking tickets. Urged police to either use public transportation or a parking garage. The crossing time for the traffic light at Park Row should be lengthened.

John Stobaueus - Duane/Thomas Neighborhood Association - Spoke in opposition to the proposed 51 story tower on Duane Street; it will destroy the character of the neighborhood.

Frances Lero - 333 Pearl Street - Expressed opposition to the proposal for 250 Water Street and urged the developer to donate the site to the City for appropriate development.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held December 13, 1988 were adopted as presented.

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- Canal Street - Complaints recieved from residents are being pursued.
- Library - A \$500.00 donation was recieved from Herb Rosenfield. This is the largest private donation so far. The library is scheduled to open in April, 1989.
- A bus stop shelter is to be installed shortly at Fulton Street and Pearl Street.
- Public art in Battery Park City - Concern has been expressed about the size of a proposed installation in the North Park.
- 105 Duane Street - Permits have been issued for pile-driving and foundations.

Chairperson's Report

James Stratton - Welcomed and introduced newly appointed Board members. Discussed community meetings. Community groups discussing issues also being discussed and researched by the Community Board sometime results in residents being misinformed. Issues should be discussed with Board members so that accuracy of information can be verified.

An Executive Committee meeting is scheduled to discuss committee structure. Issues of "down zoning" will be handled by the committee in which the proposal is located.

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES

Committee Reports

Civic Center

Lloyd Merrill

Raymond Levitt, an attorney with Brown and Wood which represents the developer, gave a presentation on the building proposed for 250 Water Street. The 14 story office building contains 544,000 square feet. This is the lowest that a building can be constructed and still obtain this maximum of square footage. Since the site borders on an historic district, the Landmarks Commission stipulates that certain design requirements be met to maintain and protect the character of the South Street Seaport Historic District. Board members discussed design elements and the impact of this fourth proposal by the developer for the site. A resolution opposing the proposed structure was approved by the Board by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

A resolution with regard to signage for the store at 191 Front Street was approved by the Board by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

Financial District

G. Keller

Paul Goldstein - presented a committee resolution to convert 100 Old Slip into a physical culture establishment. The building originally housed the 1st police precinct and has been vacant since it was used by the Downtown Whitney Museum and Creative Time as a cultural facility. The resolution was approved by a vote of 15 in favor, 6 opposed and 7 abstentions.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

Representatives of the Port Authority of NY & NJ gave an update on the ferry terminal proposed for Battery Park City. The terminal is to be of minimal possible size and located on the North of the North Cove. Its installation requires permits from the Army Corps of Engineers. The Port Authority requested the Board's support at a public hearing scheduled February 9, 1989 at 1 WTC.

Social Services

M. Flatley

Presented a committee resolution endorsing the efforts of the Citizens Commission on AIDS as set forth in its goals. The resolution was approved by a vote of 26 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The drop-in-center has been accommodating 70 people on very cold days. Only one call to the 1st Pct. has been necessary. The business community has been very cooperative. Edward Huber, owner of Delmonico's Restaurant, has arranged the delivery of extra food from his and nearby restaurants.

A survey is being conducted to determine service needs of senior citizens. The committee is exploring the creation of a visiting service for lonely, isolated seniors.

Youth

M. Edwards

Invited everyone to attend a "Child Safety Workshop" from 7-9 PM on January 30th. It will attempt to target potential child abuse.

A resolution regarding the inclusion of a specialized swimming pool to be installed in the new Stuyvesant High School was tabled in order to allow time to obtain more information. Four members were opposed to tabling the resolution.

Housing

H. Donohue

Presented five committee resolutions:

Three resolutions were approved by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention. These resolutions concerning loft dwellings relate to:

- Utility metering in residential lofts
- Variances for living lofts
- Lot-line windows

The resolution endorsing a "Housing Bill of Rights" was approved by a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

A resolution opposing changes in regulations governing underoccupancy in City sponsored Mitchell-Lamas was approved by a vote of 16 in favor, 1 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Landmarks, Arts & Cultural Affairs

H. Bromm/J. Dixon

Hal Bromm - The Board approved a resolution to honor James Bogardus, an inventor and architect who built cast iron structures, by proposing the naming of the public space at West Broadway, Hudson Street and Chambers Street "James Bogardus Triangle." The vote was 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 10, 1989

PRESENT

Iris Alex
Hal Bromm
Margaret Chin
Anne Compocchia
Sidney Coron
Joseph Cusenza
Louis DeSalvio
Harold Donohue
Mafa Edwards
Maureen Flatley
Charles Gaines
Kathleen Gupta
Meyer Hager
Howard Hertzberg
Alan Howard
David Hupert
Martin Joffe
Joseph Lerner
Lloyd Merrill
Ralph Pepe
Una Perkins
Donald Rappaport
Margaret Sentner
Jo Ellen Sheffield
James Stratton
Barnet Sultzer
Randy Warsager
Robert Williams

EXCUSED

Linda Belfer
Patricia Dillon
Margaret Fung
Sasha Greene
George Keller
Barbara Minsky
Ronnie Moskowitz
Madeline Pantzer
Ronald Peracca
Christopher Poussaint
Madelyn Wils

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz
Howard Chan
Charles Delaney
Jenny Dixon
Kathryn Freed
Michael Reed
Joseph Ritorto
Barbara Sahlman
Fred Teng

GUESTS

Hon. M. Connor, Jonathan Gittin
Hon. D. Dinkins, Michael Kharfen
Hon. M. Ohrenstein, Meg Reed
Hon. T. Weiss, Cary Hoyt
George Sorell, Comm. Asst. Unit
George Gaines

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY

CIVIC CENTER/250 WATER STREET AD-HOC
1-5-89

PRESENT

Lloyd Merrill
Charles Gaines
Iris Alex
Marueen Flatley
Jo Ellen Sheffield
Hal Bromm
Margaret Chin

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Louis DeSalvio
Margaret Fung
Howard Hertzberg
Martin Joffe
Charles Delaney
Joseph Lerner

HOUSING
1-5-89

PRESENT

Harold Donohue
Margaret Chin
Barbara Minsky

EXCUSED

Christopher Poussaint

ABSENT

Charles Delaney
Louis DeSalvio
Sasha Greene
James Stratton

LANDMARKS, ART & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
1-9-89

PRESENT

Hal Bromm
Jenny Dixon
Barbara Sahlman
Jo Ellen Sheffield

EXCUSED

Sasha Greene
Ronnie Moskowitz
Una Perkins

ABSENT

Iris Alex
Anne Compocchia
Charles Delaney
Kathleen Gupta

YOUTH
1-23-89

PRESENT

Mafa Edwards
Randy Warsager
Howard Chan
Harold Donohue
Una Perkins

EXCUSED

Kathleen Gupta

ABSENT

SOCIAL SERVICES
1-25-89

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley
Randy Warsager
Sasha Greene
Madelyn Wils
Joseph Cuzensa

EXCUSED

Meyer Hager

ABSENT

BPC/NORTH PARK DESIGN AD-HOC
1-26-89

PRESENT

Roland Peracca
Linda Belfer
Hal Bromm
Joseph Ritorto
Madeline Pantzer
Margaret Sentner
Madelyn Wils

EXCUSED

Mafa Edwards
Randy Warsager

ABSENT

Howard Chan
Sidney Coron
Kathryn Freed
Jo Ellen Sheffield

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TRANSPORTATION/UNIFORMED SERVICES
1-31-89

PRESENT

Anne Compocchia
Hal Bromm
Margaret Chin
Sidney Coron
James Stratton
Barnet Sultzer

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz
Kathryn Freed
Joseph Lerner
Donald Rappaport
Joseph Cuzensa

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