



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
FEBRUARY 14TH, 1989
DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
22 READE STREET

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James Stratton at 5:50 PM.

Public Hearing:

FY 1990 Preliminary Budget - No Speakers

Public Session:

No Speakers

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held January 10, 1989 were adopted as presented.

Elected Public Officials-Reports:

Miriam Friedlander - City Council Member - Discussed the following issues:

- Proposed resolution relating to "Environmental Impact Statements" - expressed support.
- Sites 5B/5C - suggested a campaign so that the sites become available as open public space rather than as a tax abatement offered by the City to developers.
- Police - Proposed budget reductions will force a cutback in police protection by placing a freeze on the number of recruits to be trained. At the same time, the budget allows funding the Public Development Corporation to study development at East River Landing.
- Youth - A bill has been proposed which would create a separate city agency for Youth in order to improve the development of programs. Youth Coordinators should continue to be appointed by Community Boards. The agency would be responsible to the City Council and have its own budget.

Cary Hoyt - Representative of Congressman Ted Weiss - Announced that a public hearing on the Foley Square development is scheduled for February 22nd. She distributed literature and a statement on congressional pay raises.

Stephanie Pinto - Representative of Comptroller Harrison Goldin - Discussed the New York Times editorial which criticizes the Comptroller for not signing the "Memo of Understanding" for the Westway replacement highway. The Comptroller has serious reservations regarding current plans. However, he believes that planning for the esplanade should continue simultaneously with plans for highway design.

Borough President's Report

Michael Kharfen - Representative of Borough President David Dinkins - Distributed the monthly "By-Line" pointing out that lead article discusses recommendations of the Borough President's Task Force on Education. The Borough President testified at the hearing on the proposed floating ferry terminal at Battery Park City. He commended actions taken by Community Board #1. The next Borough Board meeting will discuss budget priorities.

District Manager's Report

Paul Goldstein - Reported on the following items:

- Police and security - there is an apparent increase in crime in the district with recent incidents at Battery Park City, Southbridge Towers, Tribeca, restaurant robberies and the subway rapist. Discussions are being held with the 1st Precinct.
- 105 Duane Street - a walking tour with the developer was arranged by the Board at the request of residents. Seismographic readings on vibrations caused by piledriving are well within acceptable limits.
- 250 Water Street - The developer withdrew the application on the day of the scheduled January public hearing at the Landmarks Preservation Commission. Minor changes are to be made and the application will be resubmitted for public hearing on February 28th.
- The Community Board is meeting with the Mayor's Office of Operations seeking increased enforcement against retailers who illegally extend their selling space outdoors and obstruct the sidewalks on Canal Street.
- 44 Hudson Street - The City Law Department is exploring a new means to effect closing down the illegal prostitution establishment.
- 200th Anniversary of George Washington's Inauguration - Planning is underway for a series of events the week of April 23rd through the 30th; details will be forthcoming.

Chairperson's Report

James Stratton - Reported on the discussion of the Executive Committee regarding committee structure; modifications will be made. Issues currently under the jurisdiction of various ad-hoc committees will be re-assigned to an appropriate standing committee; members interested in participating will be allowed to do so as voting members of the committee.

The Waterfront Committee will remain a separate ad-hoc committee to deal with development of the Westside Highway replacement. Committee agendas will be distributed with the monthly calendar. Board members wishing to change their committee assignments should contact the Board office.

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES

Committee Reports

Executive

J. Stratton

Three committee resolutions were approved by full Board:

- **Buildings Department Process** for easier access by Community Boards to buildings application files was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- **Public Development Corporation:** a request for revised procedures was approved by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- **Environmental Impact Statements** proposed modifications were approved by a vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

With regard to the FY 1990 Preliminary Budget, the Community Board still has an opportunity to respond to the Mayor's proposed cuts.

Parks & Environment

R. Peracca

A presentation of the schematic design for the renovation of Battery Park was given by Elizabeth Goldstein of the Parks Department and Ehrenkrantz Group and Eckstat, architects. Design goals include:

- A town green in front of Castle Clinton
- A monument-walk to create a border along the city edge
- North/south walkways improving movement within the park
- A second level esplanade allowing a continuous walkway with shade trees along the water's edge
- A new, improved children's playground

The Parks Department is the lead agency for the project and will be responsible for maintenance. The Public Development Corporation is responsible for restaurants proposed for Pier A. An RFP will be issued for the new food concession. A resolution approving the design with certain reservations was adopted by a vote of 17 in favor, 4 opposed and 5 abstentions.

The Committee endorses the concept of a floating swimming pool barge as presented at a meeting with James Sanders. No resolution is proposed because a specific site has not been identified.

Battery Park City North Park Design

R. Peracca

At a recent committee meeting members raised objections to a large scale sculpture proposed to be installed adjacent to ballfields. A letter was written to David Emil requesting a meeting to discuss safety and scale of the design so that no green space is lost and the playing fields are not limited.

Washington Market

K. Freed

A committee resolution recommending the continued operation of an enclosed sidewalk cafe at the Delphi Restaurant was approved by the Board by a vote of 24 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. A resolution opposing the installation of a sidewalk newsstand at Murray Street and Broadway was approved by a vote of 23 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions. The Board recommended that the Board of Standards and Appeals approve the application for a health club at 311 Greenwich Street by a vote of 22 in favor, 2 opposed and 0 abstained.

Status reports concerning district issues:

- Sites 5B/5C - a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15th to continue discussions and negotiations.
- Rezoning - 92 pages of documentation were submitted to the Department of City Planning for review several months ago. The Department will present its own proposal which might include expanding the area to be rezoned.
- 105 Duane Street - The committee took a walking tour of the site and requested that the developer expand to additional buildings devices which monitor the impact of construction activities.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

The Board approved a committee resolution endorsing the proposed Ferry Terminal at North Cove. No adverse environmental issues were raised at the public hearing was approved by a vote of 15 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstained.

Transportation & Uniformed Services

A. Compocchia

Reported that a letter has been written to the Mayor's office regarding security problems in the district. A meeting is scheduled with the Police Department. A hearing is scheduled for proposed changes in subway stations. Discussions are underway concerning Con Edison's plans to install a gas pipeline from Washington Square to Battery Park City under Greenwich Street.

Social Services

M. Flatley

Representatives from Heuss House reported that a high degree of success has already been achieved at the drop-in-center for the homeless. The Port Authority recently conducted a successful clothing drive. The committee is continuing its discussions on needs of senior citizens.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 14, 1989

PRESENT

Iris Alex
Linda Belfer
Howard Chan
Margaret Chin
Anne Compocchia
Sidney Coron
Charles Delaney
Louis DeSalvio
Patricia Dillon
Harold Donohue
Mafa Edwards
Maureen Flatley
Kathryn Freed
Charles Gaines
Sasha Greene
Meyer Hager
Howard Hertzberg
Alan Howard
David Hupert
George Keller
Joseph Lerner
Barbara Minsky
Ronnie Moskowitz
Madeline Pantzer
Ralph Pepe
Roland Peracca
Barbara Sahlman
Margaret Sentner
Jo Ellen Sheffield
James Stratton
Barnet Sultzer
Randy Warsager
Robert Williams
Madelyn Wils

EXCUSED

Hal Bromm
Kathleen Gupta
Lloyd Merrill
Joseph Ritorto

ABSENT

Fred Teng
Barry Abramowitz
Joseph Cusenza
Canon Casson
Michael Reed
Donald Rappaport
Christopher Poussaint
Jenny Dixon
Margaret Fung
Martin Joffe
Una Perkins

GUESTS

Hon. D. Dinkins, Michael Kharfen
Hon. M. Ohrenstein, Meg Reed
Hon. W. Passannante, Ben Green
Hon. T. Weiss, Cary Hoyt
George Sorell, Comm. Asst. Unit

COMMITTEE MEETINGS
ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

BATTERY PARK CITY
2-1-89

PRESENT

Linda Belfer
Hal Bromm
Kathryn Freed
Joseph Ritorto
Barnet Sultzer

EXCUSED

Margaret Sentner

ABSENT

Sidney Coron
Donald Rappaport
Howard Chan
James Stratton
Madelyn Wils

EXECUTIVE
2-8-89

PRESENT

James Stratton
Roland Peracca
Linda Belfer
Hal Bromm
Anne Compocchia
Harold Donohue
Maureen Flatley
Kathryn Freed
Margaret Sentner

EXCUSED

Mafa Edwards

ABSENT

Jenny Dixon
George Keller
Lloyd Merrill

BPC/NORTH PARK DESIGN
2-26-89

PRESENT

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

EXCUSED

Mafa Edwards

ABSENT

Howard Chan
Sidney Coron
Kathryn Freed
Jo Ellen Sheffield

HOUSING
2-9-89

PRESENT

Harold Donohue
Barbara Minsky
Christopher Poussaint

EXCUSED

Margaret Chin

ABSENT

Charles Delaney
Louis DeSalvio
Sasha Greene
James Stratton

SITES 5B/5C (ad-hoc)
2-1-89

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed
Hal Bromm
Anne Compocchia
Harold Donohue
Martin Joffe
Madeline Pantzer
Jo Ellen Sheffield
Patricia Dillon

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Mafa Edwards
Alan Howard
Roland Peracca
James Stratton
Madelyn Wils

SOCIAL SERVICES
2-8-89

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley
Randy Warsager
Sasha Greene
Meyer Hager
Madley Wils
Joseph Cuzensa

EXCUSED

ABSENT

SITES 5B/5C (ad-hoc)
2-15-89

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed
Alan Howard
James Stratton
Patiricia Dillon
David Hupert

EXCUSED

Hal Bromm
Mafa Edwards

ABSENT

Anne Compocchia
Harold Donohue
Martin Joffe
Madeline Pantzer
Roland Peracca
Jo Ellen Sheffield
Madelyn Wils

SOCIAL SERVICES
2-22-89

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley
Randy Warsager
Madelyn Wils

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Sasha Greene
Meyer Hager
Joseph Cuzensa

WASHINGTON MARKET

2-1-89

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed
Martin Joffe
Anne Compocchia
Harold Donohue
Ronnie Moskowitz
Madeline Pantzer
Patricia Dillon

EXCUSED

Ralph Pepe

ABSENT

Barray Abramowitz
Alan Howard

WASHINGTON MARKET

2-15-89

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed
Alan Howard
Ralph Pepe
Patricia Dillon
David Hupert

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Martin Joffe
Barry Abramowitz
Anne Compocchia
Harold Donohue
Ronnie Moskowitz
Madeline Pantzer

YOUTH

2-21-89

PRESENT

Mafa Edwards
Randy Warsager
Harold Donohue

EXCUSED

Howard Chan
Kathleen Gupta
Una Perkins

ABSENT

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