



James A. Stratton
Chairperson

COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK



Paul Goldstein
District Manager

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
OCTOBER 10TH, 1989
SOUTHBRIDGE TOWERS COMMUNITY ROOM
90 BEEKMAN STREET

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

Presentations:

Cindy Karasek, artist - 309 East 10th Street - Presented a proposed art installation for Tribeca Park entitled: "Over Jordan". The sculpture consists of an abandoned fishing boat supported by tree trunks. The piece would be installed for six months, funds for installation and maintenance being supplied by the artist.

Deborah Howes - Greenpeace - Announced that a rally will be held Friday, October 27th from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in Battery Park to protest the killing of whales for scientific purposes.

7 World Trade Center - Andrew Bein of the Public Development Corporation and Any Kates of the Department of City Planning presented a proposal to eliminate the second floor pedestrian easement at 7 World Trade Center and to remove the obligation that developers complete the second level pedestrian system which would connect the Irving Trust building on Barclay Street to the World Trade Center. Instead, the City has negotiated an alternative: to require funding for improvements to Washington Street, including a staircase from the existing plaza at 7 World Trade Center and implementing Lee Weintraub's study for the "greening" of Greenwich Street, from in front of Irving Trust north to Murray Street. Improvements to Greenwich Street would include narrowing the street and widening the sidewalk on the west side of the street.

250 Water Street - Paul Byard of Platt and Byard, architects for Milstein Properties presented the new proposed design for 250 Water Street. Zoning allows 10 FAR, i.e., a 15 story building. Landmarks Preservation Commission approval regarding the appropriateness of design is required because the site is located adjacent the South Street Seaport Historic District. The design includes elements to recreate the 5 story theme of neighboring buildings using a series of set backs, and places the density of the building on the Peck Slip side. Materials will be brick, granite, cast stone and glass in a variety of colors. The loading docks will be on Peck Slip, and 52 parking spaces in an underground facility are proposed.

Public Hearing:

7 World Trade Center, application to eliminate the second floor pedestrian easement - No speakers.

Washington Street Urban Renewal Plan, proposed ULURP amendment to eliminate a pedestrian easement and redesignate the site of PS 234 to Site 5D - No speakers.

Public Session:

The following six people expressed strong opposition to the design proposed for 250 Water Street. Objections included: the scale and density of the building, loss of views of the Brooklyn Bridge, the fact that none of the sites in the South Street Seaport Historic District are built to capacity, reduction of access to sun and air, increase in traffic and inappropriateness in relation to the Historic District.

Joe Baiamonte - Seaport Community Coalition
Israel Chernow - 100 Beekman Street
Ruth Chernow - 100 Beekman Street
Florence Daniels - 49 Fulton Street
Sylvia Leibowitz - 80 Beekman Street
Lolly Sullivan - 90 Gold Street

Arthur Piccolo - Bowling Green Association - Distributed a written statement requesting that the chairperson of the Financial District Committee resign because in his professional capacity he is seeking space midtown for a large downtown corporation.

Note: A letter has been written by the Community Board #1 Chairperson in response. Business members do not have a conflict of interest and must be allowed to participate.

Alvin Dickstein - 137 West Broadway - Spoke in opposition to a recent street fair which was held without prior notice to the community.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held September 14, 1989 were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Miriam Friedlander - City Councilmember - Reported on the following issues:

- 250 Water Street - the design which relates to the buildings outside the historic district is built to the maximum for the site. The design should relate to the community in which it is to be built.
- 105 Duane Street - the construction of the 52 story "as-of-right building" is destroying an adjacent landmark building.
- Block 106, landmark designation - a decision has been deferred twice; a hearing by the Board of Estimate is scheduled for Thursday.

- Charter Revision - the proposed revisions address the U.S. Supreme Court decision that the Board of Estimate is unconstitutional. City Council districts will be smaller, and there will be an enhanced role for Community Boards.
- General Welfare Committee - is discussing postponing limited health care. Limits to Medicaid result from misuse of the system and clinics by doctors.
- Committee on Women - a bill allowing the funding of abortions in cases of rape and incest is being considered.

Meg Reed - Representative of State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein - A conference entitled: "Call for Action/Planning for a Liveable City" will be held on Saturday, October 28th at New York University.

Borough President's Report

Michael Kharfen - Expressed the Borough President's support for landmark designation of Block 106. Renovations will be made to the park at Pearl and Water Streets. The basketball court will be removed and a children's playground will be created. The Borough President will consider the action taken by the Board with regard to 250 Water Street.

District Manager's Report

Paul Goldstein - Reported on the following items:

- Block 106 - the Board is lobbying to gain support for including the block within the Historic District.
- 105 Duane Street - a meeting has been scheduled to assure the protection of fragile neighboring buildings.
- Blue Zone - the Downtown area in which parking regulations are enforced in the absence of signage will be extended.
- 250 Water Street - The Landmarks Preservation will hold a public hearing on October 24th.

Chairperson's Report

James A. Stratton - Announced that the Landmarks and Art and Cultural Affairs Committee will be separated. The Landmarks Committee will be chaired by David Hupert; the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee will be chaired by Jenny Dixon. An Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for October 16th. An additional meeting will be scheduled to discuss the role of the Community Board in view of Charter Revision.

Committee Reports

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES

Civic Center

L. Merrill

Presented a committee resolution opposing the design proposed for 250 Water Street. The Committee is opposed to the design because of its square footage. The design was compared to "an effort to make an elephant look slimmer by dressing it in a striped outfit." The building should contribute to preserving the character of "Old New York". The resolution was approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

Reported on committee discussions on a pedestrian bridge proposed over West Street at Chambers Street. The issues are to assure a safe, at-grade crossing and if there is a bridge, that it be handicap accessible. Discussions continue.

Financial District

P. Goldstein for G. Keller

Gave a brief history of the second floor connection and proposed stairway at 7 World Trade Center. It was called for at the time of construction to ease pedestrian flow. Kathryn Freed reported on the discussion of the proposed removal of the requirement for second level easements during the Washington Market Committee meeting. Joe Ritorto stated his business connection with the owner of the building; he then suggested the committee discuss the issue further. The community would like to see funding for Greenwich Street improvements assured. The resolution was tabled.

Washington Market

K. Freed

Explored the possibility of using funds for Greenwich Street improvements in the area near PS 234 and having a construction schedule established.

She also reported on the West Broadway street fair, and suggested that in the future sponsoring groups be present and have control of their events.

Westside Waterfront (AD-HOC)

K. Freed

Discussions will continue in order to resolve concerns regarding maintenance and the possibility of the interim use of Piers 25 and 26.

Youth

M. Edwards

Reported that a discussion of the proposed design for a "Y"-type facility will be held with the Battery Park City Committee.

Social Services

M. Flatley

Reported that current and prospective users of EasyRide must register with the Department of Transportation for the new program. Details can be obtained from the coordinator at 240-4119. A physician must certify that a person is transportation disabled.

The New York Foundation for Senior Citizens can be contacted at 962-7653 to assist those caring for the frail elderly. Attendants will come and give relief to those caring for elderly who cannot be left alone. Arrangements can also be made for a substitute for a weekend break.

Landmarks, Arts & Cultural Affairs

P. Goldstein for
D. Hupert/J. Dixon

The committee resolution proposing the temporary installation of public art entitled: "Over Jordan" at Tribeca Park was approved by a vote of 12 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

Several Community Board members suggested that the monthly meeting agenda insure that items of particular interest to the Public be considered earlier in the meeting before most people have left.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 10, 1989

PRESENT

IRIS ALEX
LINDA BELFER
HAL BROMM
SIDNEY CORON
CHARLES DELANEY
LOUIS DESALVIO
PATRICIA DILLON
HAROLD DONOHUE
MAFA EDWARDS
MAUREEN FLATLEY
KATHRYN FREED
CHARLES GAINES
SASHA GREENE
KATHLEEN GUPTA
HOWARD HERTZBERG
DAVID HUPERT
JOSEPH LERNER
LLOYD MERRILL
RONNIE MOSKOWITZ
MADELINE PANTZER
RALPH PEPE
ROLAND PERACCA
JOSEPH RITORTO
MARGARET SENTNER
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD
JAMES STRATTON
ROBERT WILLIAMS
MADELYN WILS

EXCUSED

MARGARET CHIN
UNA PERKINS
BARBARA CHRISTEIN

ABSENT

BARRY ABRAMOWITZ
LLOYD CASSON
HOWARD CHAN
ANNE COMPOCCIA
JOSEPH CUSENZA
JENNY DIXON
MARGARET FUNG
MEYER HAGER
ALAN HOWARD
MARTIN JOFFE
GEORGE KELLER
BARBARA MINSKY
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
DONALD RAPPAPORT
MICHAEL REED
BARBARA SHALMAN
RANDY WARSAGER
BARNET SULTZER

GUESTS

HON. D. DINKINS, M. KARFEN
HON. M. FRIEDLANDER, M. SINGER
HON. M. OHRENSTEIN, M. REED
HON. W. PASSANNANTE, S. KARP
GEORGE SORELL, CAU
DEBORAH HOWES

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
10-18-89

PRESENT

JENNY DIXON
BARBARA SAHLMAN
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD

EXCUSED

HAL BROMM
KATHLEEN GUPTA

ABSENT

CHARLES DELANEY
SASHA GREENE
UNA PERKINS

BATTERY PARK CITY
10-4-89

PRESENT

LINDA BELFER
HAL BROMM
KATHRYN FREED
MARGARET SENTNER
BARNET SULTZER

EXCUSED

ABSENT

SIDNEY CORON
HOWARD CHAN
DONALD RAPPAPORT
JAMES STRATTON
MADELYN WILS
JOSEPH RITORTO
BARBARA CHRISTEN

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CIVIC CENTER  
10-2-89

PRESENT

LLOYD MERRILL  
CHARLES GAINES  
IRIS ALEX  
MAUREEN FLATLEY  
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD  
ROBERT WILLIAMS

EXCUSED

ABSENT

LOUIS DESALVIO  
MARGARET FUNG  
HOWARD HERTZBERG  
MARTIN JOFFE

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EXECUTIVE
10-16-89

PRESENT

JAMES STRATTON
ROLAND PERACCA
MAFA EDWARDS
MAUREEN FLATLEY
KATHRYN FREED
DAVID HUPERT

EXCUSED

LINDA BELFER
ANNE COMPOCCIA

ABSENT

JENNY DIXON
HAROLD DONOHUE
GEORGE KELLER
LLOYD MERRILL
MARGARET SENTNER

FINANCIAL DISTRICT
10-5-89

PRESENT

GEORGE KELLER
RALPH PEPE
MARGARET SENTNER
ROBERT WILLIAMS
MARTIN JOFFE

EXCUSED

BARBARA MINSKY

ABSENT

JOSEPH RITORTO
MARGARET CHIN
CHARLES DELANEY
LOUIS DESALVIO
ROLAND PERACCA
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
JOSEPH CUZENZA
BARBARA CHRISTEN

TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES
10-18-89

PRESENT

ANNE COMPOCCIA
MARGARET CHIN
ROBERT WILLIAMS

EXCUSED

HAL BROMM
KATHRYN FREED

ABSENT

BARRY ABRAMOWITZ
SIDNEY CORON
JOSEPH LERNER
DONALD RAPPAPORT
JAMES STRATTON
JOSEPH CUZENZA
BARNET SULTZER
DAVID HUPERT

HOUSING
10-26-89

PRESENT

HAROLD DONOHUE
BARBARA MINSKY

EXCUSED

ABSENT

MARGARET CHIN
CHARLES DELANEY
LOUIS DESALVIO
SASHA GREENE
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
JAMES STRATTON
ROBERT WILLIAMS

WESTSIDE WATERFRONT
(AD-HOC)
10-17-89

PRESENT

KATHRYN FREED
HAL BROMM
PATRICIA DILLON

EXCUSED

LINDA BELFER
MAFA EDWARDS
ROLAND PERACCA

ABSENT

ANNE COMPOCCIA
HAROLD DONOHUE
GEORGE KELLER
MADELYN WILS

WASHINGTON MARKET
10-3-89

PRESENT

KATHRYN FREED
RONNIE MOSKOWITZ
MADELYN PANTZER
PATRICIA DILLON
DAVID HUPERT
HAL BROMM

EXCUSED

HAROLD DONOHUE

ABSENT

MARTIN JOFFE
BARRY ABRAMOWITZ
ANNE COMPOCCIA
ALAN HOWARD
RALPH PEPE

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YOUTH
10-4-89

PRESENT

MAFA EDWARDS
RANDY WARSAGER
HAROLD DONOHUE
KATHLEEN GUPTA

EXCUSED

UNA PERKINS

ABSENT

HOWARD CHAN