



Anne Compocchia  
Chairperson

# COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK



Paul Goldstein  
District Manager

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD #1**  
**HELD**  
**MAY 14, 1991**  
**ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE**  
**49 FULTON STREET**

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

**Public Session:**

**Stefen H. Ensler** - Tax Payers for an Affordable New York - Requested support for his organization's campaign to oppose excessive increases proposed in real estate taxes.

**Virginia Swift** - Chatham Square Library - Requested that CB #1 join in campaign to counteract 33% proposed decrease in funding to local libraries, including New Amsterdam Library.

**Arthur Piccolo** - Bowling Green Association - Reported that he had learned that June 17 was date slated by BPCA to begin work at South Garden site and suggested that an alternative use as an open field, which could be leased by businesses and organizations for entertainment events, would prove better use for the community.

**Executive Session:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held April 9, 1991 were adopted as presented.

**Reports of Elected Officials:**

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

- Impact of proposed budget cuts--where cuts are going to be depends on passage of NYS budget. Funding gap can be made up in two ways: cutting services and/or types of progressive tax increases.
- Council redistricting--present lines for Lower Manhattan districts may result in disenfranchising Asians/Hispanics. Time remains to register concerns before final lines are announced in June.
- Stuyvesant High School Pedestrian Bridge--continues to work to get full use of bridge by community.

**Maureen Casey, Representative of Assemblywoman Deborah Glick** - Reported on the following issues:

- District office--located at 853 Broadway, 21st Floor.
- Assemblywoman Glick is working with the Department of Environmental Protection on traffic congestion and environmental issues resulting from one-way toll collection on the Verrazano Bridge.

#### District Manager's Report:

Paul Goldstein - Reported on the following issues:

- LPC designated Tribeca West Historic District as proposed by CB #1, with exception of one small lot. City Council must sustain the designation.
- Milstein Development (250 Water St.)--Did not garner the number of votes needed for approval by LPC. Chair, Laurie Beckelman, abstained. Board met with Deputy Mayor Barbara Fife and Chairwoman Beckelman who urged that Board negotiate with Milstein Organization regarding future proposals, but efforts to do so were futile.
- Pearl St. Park--Park is now closed. Funds no longer in budget. Board is trying to restore funding.
- Brooklyn Bridge--a site adjacent to the Brooklyn Bridge which a community group has cleared for use as a park is endangered. The Department of General Services - DRP is evicting group as it hopes to dispose of property. The Community Assistance Unit and the Board are working to allow the group to continue to occupy the site pending sale of the property.
- Newsstand application at Trinity and Liberty St. rejected as per Board policy to turn down all newsstand applications in district.
- Sites 15/24 BPC--Board unsuccessful in setting up meeting with BPCA regarding community use of these sites.

#### Chairperson's Report:

Anne Compocchia - Reported on the following issues:

- Welcomed new members:

Jonathan Chodosh  
Kathleen Davis  
Kay Oppenheimer  
Lolly Sullivan  
Andrew Schwab  
Patricia Tobin

- Board Committees: announced that people may attend Board committee meetings to speak on issues which are relevant to the Committee's responsibilities even though they are not agenda items and suggested that Chairs may wish to hold "mini" public sessions.

- Requested that members volunteer to serve on new committees; Publicity and Communications, Chaired by Joseph Ritorto, and sub-committee on Business Relations, Chaired by Rocco D'Amato.
- Stuyvesant High School Bridge: The board continues to hold position that bridge be open to entire community at all times. Deputy Mayor Barbara Fife met with Board representatives and her position is that keeping the bridge open involves too much money at a time of financial crisis.
- Pearl St. Park: There are no parks on the East Side of district and the Board is fighting for return of the \$200,000 grant so that Pearl St. Park may be reopened.
- Corporation Counsel: Responded to Chairperson's letter requesting conflict of interest ruling on Chair of LPC voting on Milstein development at 250 Water St. because of former relationship with that organization. Counsel ruled that Chairperson Beckelman not in conflict of interest. She, however, abstained in vote on the matter.
- Board sent letter to Counsel requesting ruling on secret ballot for Board election of officers. Chair announced that signed secret ballots will be employed at Board election at June 11th meeting pending response on this matter.
- Announced that Board softball game will be held on June 6 at Rector and West Streets in BPC.

**Committee Reports:**

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

**Nominating**

L. Merrill

**Committee Report:**

Chair announced slate of CB #1 officers for FY '92:

Anne Compocchia, Chairperson  
 Roland Peracca, Vice-Chairperson  
 Margaret Sentner, Secretary  
 Linda Belfer, Treasurer (incumbent James Stratton declined)  
 Maureen Flatley, Assistant Secretary  
 Patricia Dillon, Assistant Treasurer

In response to a question by Hal Bromm, L. Merrill pointed out that the By-Laws were changed several years ago to impose no limitation on number of terms for CB #1 officers.

Being none made from the floor, the nominations were closed.

Elections will be held at June 11th meeting.

Executive

A. Compocchia

Committee Report:

Board has had no official acknowledgment regarding the status of the Commodity Exchanges (COMEX) plan for site 5B in Washington Market from PDC, City officials and COMEX despite inquiries regarding concerns about height, density financial data and community needs. The Board agrees that COMEX is important to the City's financial structure and should remain. However, the Board represents the local community and must take part in discussions regarding the future of site 5B. James Stratton, Chair, Washington Market Committee, is preparing a position paper on this issue to be submitted to PDC and other interested parties.

Washington Market

J. Stratton

Public Session:

John Griefer - 57 Laight St. - Requested that committee resolution, urging that Club Shelter make improvements and adjustments to assure that its sound/noise do not disturb the neighborhood, be supported.

Lawrence Divine - 57 Laight St. - Likewise urged that committee resolution be supported.

Jack Hansen - Soup's on Cafe & Restaurant - Requested that Board act favorably on application for a license for a sidewalk cafe at his establishment.

Committee Report:

The Board approved a committee resolution, in support of withdrawing the cabaret license already issued to Club Shelter by the Department of Consumer Affairs until the club complies with work necessary to remedy existing problems which disturb neighborhood, by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

The Board approved a committee resolution, supporting renewal of five-year license for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe by Buffalo Roadhouse, by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board approved a committee resolution supporting granting a one-year license to Soups on Cafe & Restaurant for a sidewalk cafe by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board approved a committee resolution, asking the Department of Consumer Affairs to withhold approval of application by Talk About for a cabaret license until more information is available and board has opportunity to re-hear this question, by a vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Transportation & Uniformed Services

S. Coron

Public Session:

Norman Siegel - New York Civil Liberties Union/Campaign for Real Civilian Complaint Review Board - Spoke in support of NYCLU's eight-point plan to form an independent, all-civilian review board to hear complaints from public regarding

conduct of police. The current Civilian Complaint Review Board includes six high-ranking civilian employees of the NYC Police Department among its twelve members. He mentioned that six Community Boards already support this plan and that several cities now have all-civilian review boards.

**Committee Report:**

The Chair reported that the committee supported, in principle, the formation of a Civilian Complaint Review Board rather than endorsement of the 8-point plan, at this time, because the committee lacked the opportunity to review the complex plan and to examine view points of all parties involved. A motion to table was defeated by a vote of 17 in favor, 14 opposed and 3 abstentions. The Board approved the committee resolution by a vote of 24 in favor, 7 opposed and 3 abstentions.

**Waterfront & Environment**

K. Freed

**Committee Report:**

The Chair reported that the operators of the Amazon Village restaurant had met four times with the Committee regarding community concerns about excessive noise and public access to the pier. Board approved a committee resolution to give conditional six-month approval to operate the Amazon Village by a vote of 27 in favor, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions.

**Joint Housing & Social Services**

H. Donohue/M. Flatley

The Board approved a committee resolution supporting full-funding of the AIDS Housing Opportunity Program (AHOP) by a vote of 28 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board approved a committee resolution supporting the passage of the Emergency Tenant Protection Act by the State Legislature by a vote of 18 in favor, 10 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**Social Services**

M. Flatley

**Committee Report:**

Chair reported that funding for the drop-in-center network, including John Heuss House, has been restored to the City budget. This was largely due to the groundswell of support for the centers, including that of CB #1.

The Board approved a committee resolution to fund the Health Systems Agency regional network in the NY State budget for FY '92 by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**Landmarks**

D. Hupert

**Committee Report:**

Board approved a committee resolution to oppose proposed landmarks hardship review panel providing special jurisdiction over not-for-profit organizations in landmarking issues by a vote of 14 in favor, 0 opposed and 2

abstentions.

**Battery Park City:**

L. Belfer

**Committee Report:**

Chair reported on meetings with Bowling Green and Church Street Post Office station managers on problems with mail delivery in BPC. Outcome does not seem hopeful on a quick resolution of existing problems. The Committee plans to contact legislative officials to seek assistance.

Chair reported that BPCA representatives did not attend committee meeting called to discuss financial status to BPCA in light of recent auction sales of apartments.

Board passed committee resolution, calling on BPCA to hold regular member meetings with sufficient notice, published agenda and opportunity for public to speak, in keeping with its role as a New York State public authority, by a vote of 19 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

**Youth**

R. Townley

**Committee Report:**

Chair reported that proposed cuts in State and City budgets would seriously affect Board's youth programs. The Committee is now considering a fund-raising campaign to enable youth programs to continue to operate at current levels.

The meeting was adjourned.