

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES APRIL 2015

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Southbridge Towers
90 Beekman Street, Community Room

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, EDT.

I. Public Session

- 1) Jackie Blank (Representative Jerrold Nadler)
 - Working for a reauthorization of the Zadroga Act that would remain in effect indefinitely.
 - Working on Fair Play and Fair Pay Act which was introduced to improve compensation for musicians for use of their work.
- 2) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)
 - Hosted the School Overcrowding Taskforce last week. Peck Slip School is on schedule. Concerned about the serious accident near Spruce Street School in which a pedestrian was hit by a vehicle.
- 3) Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
 - Welcomed new community board members.
 - The Borough President is convening a small business panel.
 - The BP is also working to improve the city's landmarking process.
 - There are cultural tourism grants available from the MBPO.
- 4) Maryam Aleem (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
 - Working to help secure new school crossing guards where they are needed.
- 5) Crystal Feng (Comptroller Scott Stringer)
 - Released a report in support of raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2019.
 - May is Asian Pacific Islander Month. The Comptroller will host an event.

- 6) Melissa Gindin (Senator Daniel Squadron)
 - Over 400 people attended the Senator's annual Community Convention.
 - The New York State budget was passed on time.
- 7) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)
 - The Council Member is hosting a town hall meeting to promote her aging-friendly initiative and working on a variety of issues on behalf of the senior community.
 - Working on legislation to improve the City's hepatitis policies.
 - A resolution was passed in support of the reauthorization of the Zadroga Act.
- 8) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)
 - The Public Advocate is calling for a pilot program for police officers to wear body cameras.
 - Also pushing for stronger rent regulations for tenants.
- 9) Andrew DeCurtis (NYC Rescue Mission)
 - Please support the NYC Rescue Mission.
- 10) Vinton Thompson (Metropolitan College)
 - Moving the College's Manhattan campus to Rector Street.
 - Lives in Battery Park City.
- 11) Paul Hovitz (CB1)
 - Spoke about the accident on Spruce Street and the need for safety improvements.
- 12) Graeme Birchall (Downtown Boathouse)
 - Please come boating over the summer.
- 13) Katy Siegel (Hudson River Park Trust)
 - Looking for volunteers for I Love My Park Day and other opportunities. Register online.
 - There is another event scheduled on May 16 for mulching.
- 14) Ivan Martinez (Hotel on 8 Maiden Lane)
 - Concerned about light pollution from the planned building.
- 15) Diana Scibera (American Heart Association Run)

- Working to make sure the event runs smoothly. It will take place on May 28th and the organizers are visiting CB1 committees to discuss plans.
- 16) Kara Araiyo (Trinity Wall Street)
- Working on making their new space community-friendly. This Saturday another charrette is planned.
 - Considering a school at the site.
- 17) Tom Gialamboukis (Issue with Landlord)
- Would like a sidewalk café at his restaurant, the Greek on Greenwich Street, but the landlord is unwilling to permit it.
- 18) James Sukoplum (Lower Manhattan Historical Society)
- Boat will be docked for July 1-3 weekend.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:00pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of March 2015 minutes

- Passed as presented

B) Chairperson's Report

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/April%20Chairs%20Report.pdf>. A few highlights:
 - Welcomed our seven new Board Members – Elizabeth Avila, Thomas Berton, Wendy Chapman, Fern Cunningham, Patrick Kennell, Tiffany Winbush and Susan Wu.
 - Announced a mentorship program for the new members.
 - A traffic light signal has been installed at Beekman and Nassau Street and is operational. Thanked the NYC Department of Transportation and NYPD for this improvement.
 - Sidewalk Café Working Group – culminated in a plan to request that the City Planning Department undertake a study in Tribeca, the Department of Consumer Affairs revise their regulations to require a consideration of factors and Sidewalk Cafe Guidelines to be posted on the CB1 website; thank you Co-Chairs Alice Blank and Jeff Ehrlich, Diana Switaj, Michael Levine and Evgeny Namsaraev, a planning fellow funded by Borough President Brewer's Office.
 - James Zadroga NYC Council Resolution – joined NYC Council Member Chin, Mariama James and others to celebrate vote on resolution calling on Congress to reauthorize the

James Zadroga 9/11 Act which provides vital health treatment and compensation to 9/11 survivors and first responders (City Hall Steps, 04/16/15)

- Thanked Peter Braus for his years of service as Community Board 1 member and Tribeca Committee Chair.

C) District Manager's Report

- Welcomed new members.
- Office move is on track for early July. Will move to 22nd floor on the north side of the Municipal Meeting.

D) Treasurer's Report – J. Kopel (Postponed until May 2015)

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Financial District Committee - Ro Sheffe**

1) South Street and Battery Park Underpass – Report

- Exit 3 will have the speed limit reduced. Exit 2 will also have its speed limit reduced. The lane will be narrowed south of Exit 3.

2) Placard Parking in Financial District – Report

- There are problems with NYC DOT cars and those of other agencies.
- It will help when parking spaces for some of these vehicles are restored under the Brooklyn Bridge following the completion of work there.

3) 28 Liberty Street (formerly One Chase Manhattan Plaza) – Report

- Postponed.
- The owner's representatives said they would look into the possibility of a Trader Joe's in the building's retail space.

4) 8-12 Maiden Lane Hotel Project – Report

- There will be some illumination on the top 12 floors.

5) Need for more grocery stores in the Financial District – Report

- More are needed.

6) 88 Fulton Street, BSA application special permit for physical culture establishment – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) Street activity permit for Dushahra festival on Sunday, September 13, 2015, 12pm-7pm on Maiden Lane between Front St. and South St. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) Street activity permit for Oysterfest on Saturday, September 19, 2015, 11am-10pm on Stone Street between Hanover Square and Coenties Alley, Mill Lane between South William St. and Stone St. and Hanover Square between Pearl St. and South William St. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) Governors Island, application for a wine and beer license for El Paso Taqueria 1643 Corp, d/b/a El Paso Restaurant Mexicano – Resolution *TABLED*

B) **Youth & Education Committee - T. Joyce**

- 1) Manhattan Youth summer programs – Report
 - Discussed their programs.
- 2) Project Pay It Forward – Report
 - Program is about getting people into community service.
- 3) Anti-Bullying Leadership Network – Report
 - There was a conference in March.
- 4) Implications of the new education budget – Report
 - Problems with funding stream.
- 5) CB2 Schools and Education Committee and Community Education Council District 2 meeting, 75 Morton Middle School: presenting plans for the new school; Monday, May 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m., LGBT Center, Assembly Room, 208 West 13th St. – Report
 - The new school is on schedule for 2017.
- 6) Teacher evaluations – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused

C) **Landmarks Committee – R. Byrom**

- 1) Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendment – Report

- Will enter the ULURP process. Intended to be corrective and relax regulations on parking requirements, senior housing and contextual zoning to encourage affordable and senior housing. Public review process begins in spring and ends in fall 2015.
- 2) Guidelines for Applicant Presentation to Landmarks Committee – Report
 - Guidelines have been updated.
 - 3) Landmarks Preservation Commission Calendar Backlog Items – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
 - 315 Broadway (1989)
 - 143 Chambers Street (1989)
 - Excelsior Power Company Building, 33-43 Gold Street (1977)
 - 4) Landmarks Preservation Commission 50th Anniversary – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

D) **Battery Park City Committee – N. Segarra**

- 1) American Heart Association/NYC LeadDog Marketing Group, Inc., application for Battery Park City Authority permit for Thursday, May 28, 2015 – Report
 - See public session comments. Asked them to visit Financial District Committee since the race goes through that area.
- 2) Parking signage and enforcement – Report
 - Facing issues with placards in the vicinity of 250 Vesey Street. The police precinct is working with the committee to manage impacts and the number of complaints to the office is dropping significantly.
- 3) BPC ballfields – Report
 - Monitoring the process for permits. Elected officials and leaders met with the Battery Park City Authority leadership and they seemed responsive. Follow-through is needed.
- 4) 250 Vesey Street, application for liquor license for GRGNY1, LLC d/b/a Amada – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 4 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 325 South End Avenue, application for liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill #1836 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) North Cove Marina – Report

- Brookfield Properties is coming to the May BPC meeting to update the committee on developments at the Marina.

7) Maintenance of West Street median – Resolution Passed

- The resolution passed by the committee was tabled and a substitute resolution was introduced and passed which included some important clarifications.

E) **Quality of Life Committee - P. Moore**

1) Rodent issues in CB1 – Report

- There have been a significant number of rat complaints in the district and the board is working with a rodent specialist at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to identify problem areas.

2) Construction update by NYC Department of Transportation – Report

- Please report issues to CB1.

3) Construction site safety during high winds – Report

- The committee is considering holding a construction forum.

4) Drone regulations – Report

- A representative from the Federal Aviation Administration discussed regulations that the agency is working on. Written comments were submitted by the committee.

5) Police and the public – Report

- Discussed “broken windows” policing strategies.

6) Update on World Trade Center Health Registry progress and accomplishments – Report

- A new survey of people enrolled in the registry is in progress.

7) United States Postal Service – Report

- A representative was present to hear concerns regarding the facility on Church Street.

8) Aging-Friendly Neighborhood Initiative in Lower Manhattan – Report

- Council Member Chin’s office is organizing a forum as noted in the public session comments.

9) Organizing a construction forum – Report

- The committee discussed the idea of holding a construction forum.

F) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee - M. Pasanella**

1) South Street Seaport Museum Opening Day on Pier 16 on Saturday, April 25, 2015 – Report

- Great event. Was well received by community.

2) Hermione July 4th weekend departure from France and arrival at Seaport – Report

- See public comments.

3) City Hall Park Facilitated Discussion – Report

- This may be scheduled so community members and stakeholders can participate in a discussion about issues in the park and what improvements are needed.

4) Accident on Beekman St. between William St. and Nassau St. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Seaport/Civic Center Update & Priorities – Report

6) South Street Seaport Museum – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) East River Esplanade – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) 111 Fulton Street, BSA application special permit for physical culture establishment – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) Street activity permit for River To River: Living Room on Sunday, June 28, 2015, 12pm-8pm on Front St. between Beekman St. and Peck Slip – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

10) 24 Peck Slip, application for new sidewalk café license for Suteishi Japanese Restaurant – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

11) 33 Peck Slip, application for hotel liquor license for an entity to be formed by Bob Ghassemieh – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

12) 207A Front Street, application for wine and beer license for LLC to be formed – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

13) 89 South Street, application for a wine and beer license for Pier 16 Holdings LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

14) 78 South Street, Pier 15 request for one-time alteration of hours for Watermark – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) **Planning Committee - R. Sheffe**

1) World Trade Center – Report

- The rebuilding and incorporation of the WTC into the surrounding community continue.

2) Silverstein Properties – Report

3) Route 9A – Report

- Hope to complete security center soon.

4) Zoning for Quality and Affordability text amendment – Report

- See Landmarks Committee report.

5) FY 2016 Manhattan Borough Board Budget Priorities Report – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Resiliency Implications of the Exxon Settlement for the Newark Bay Bi-state Estuary – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Public Hearing on Int. 0732-2015 to require dedicated urban planner for each of the City’s 59 community boards, April 30, 2015 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

H) **Tribeca Committee – P. Braus**

1) I Love My Park Day at Hudson River Park, Saturday, May 2nd – Report

- See public session comments regarding announcement by Hudson River Park Trust representative.
- 2) 285 West Broadway, application for cabaret license for Haus – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Street activity permit for Church Street School, Sunday, May 17, 2015, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Warren Street between West Broadway and Greenwich – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) Sidewalk Café Working Group – Report and resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 5 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

V. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VI. **New Business**

No New Business to report.

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chairperson concluded the meeting at 9:00pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.