

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES MAY 2014

DATE: Tuesday, May 27, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Asphalt Green
212 North End Avenue

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

I. **Public Session**

1) Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- Gateway Plaza dispute over energy costs and insulation has been resolved.
- Stuyvesant High School recreation center is open and seeking new members. There will be an open house this Sunday from 2-5pm.
- Speaker Silver visited the 9/11 Museum during its opening ceremonies.
- Working with Manhattan BP Gale Brewer to get a monument for 9/11 first responders.
- Working on getting additional schools in lower Manhattan.
- Governor's Island is open. Please visit; open 7 days per week.
- There will be mobile district offices available soon.

2) Crystal Feng (NYC Comptroller's Office)

- There are Sandy hearings planned including one on June 16 on the LES. Details will be determined.

3) Niki Culma (Department of Consumer Affairs – Paid Sick Leave)

- Discussed provisions of the new paid sick leave legislation. Please reach out with any questions.

4) Shari Glickman and Neil Garey (NYC DOT/CityBench)

- There are still funds available for more benches.
- 22 of the benches have been sited in CB1.

5) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Please visit the Stuyvesant Community Center open house.
- Continuing to call on HPD to stop downsizing tenants in Section 8 housing.
- Not pleased about the existence of a Hudson River Parks air rights MOU. More community input is needed in the process.

6) Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Pleased with the agreement reached at Gateway Plaza.
- Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center has been dissolved. NYC DOT has taken over responsibility. The website with construction updates has been revived and will be improved.
- The State Senate has voted in support of making The Lunar New Year a school holiday.
- There have been issues with Sandy-related loan programs.
- Upset about the lack of transparency with the Hudson River Park air rights process.

7) Matt Viggiano (Leaving Councilmember Margaret Chin's Office)

- Leaving to join the office of New York City Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito.

8) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Sam Spokony will be joining as communications director.
- CM Chin and the council have approved higher income levels for the SCRIE program.
- There is a summary of the Mayor's Affordable Housing Plan and how it impacts CD1.

9) Laura Fernandez (Liberty Street Clean Up)

- There will be a meeting to discuss issues around the 9/11 Memorial. Tour buses are coming down Liberty Street adding to quality of life concerns.

10) Andrew DeCurtis (NYC Rescue Mission)

- Facility expansion opened last week. The Women's Shelter will be opening in 2 weeks.
- Working on outreach within CB1.

11) Sullen Epstein (23 Park Place)

- Thanked the Financial District Committee for resolving issues related to use of Murray Street entrance.

12) David Moser (Nextdoor.com)

- Social media site for discussing issues with neighbors.

13) David Sheldon (South Street Seaport)

- Encountering access issues with the site/museum.

14) Bridget Schuy (South Street Seaport)

- Does not like the food trucks located in the Seaport.

15) Morris Chan (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Feel free to register for the BP's event for community board members at the Museum of Natural History.
- Will be doing training sessions in June for CB members.
- There is a community grant program available. The deadline is June 6.
- Last week there was a walking tour of community issues. Looking into these issues.

16) Buxton Midyette (Build Schools Now)

- Group wants to get more schools built downtown to address the overcrowding problem.

17) Mary Perillo (World Trade Center Health Program)

- Please encourage people to join the program.

18) Matthew Abramcyk (Smith and Mills)

- Would like CB1 approval of a sidewalk café renewal at No. Moore Oysters at 71 North Moore Street.

II. **Guest Speakers**

1) Carol Tweedy, Executive Director, Asphalt Green

- Welcomed CB1 to Asphalt Green. It has almost been one year since the BPC facility was opened.
- There are almost 2,600 members.
- Taking feedback and suggestions from members to ensure that AG responds to their needs.
- Running a program to teach NYC schoolchildren how to swim. There are over 300 students involved in the free program.
- Paul Hovitz: why are more local students not involved; the schools do not meet income requirements.

2) Shari C. Hyman, President and Chief Operating Officer, Battery Park City Authority

- Pleased to be part of Battery Park City.
- Looking to add community amenities. There will be numerous summer programs.
- Please follow BPCA on social media.

III. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:08pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of April 2014 minutes

- Adopted as presented

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website:
http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml. A few highlights:
- Lower Manhattan NY Rising Final Community Reconstruction Program Meeting – proposed and featured projects and implementation; much still needs to be done at the federal, state and city levels to protect downtown from extreme climate change
- New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps – co-sponsored with other elected officials; NYS is offering courses for residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to pre-disaster conditions.
- Walking meeting with representative from multiple agencies and elected official representatives to address impact of changed pedestrian and vehicular flow due to fence removal around WTC Memorial and Museum.
- Seaport Working Group – Continue to work on guidelines to revitalize area.

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Thanked CB1 members who attended the Community Board-sponsored State Liquor Authority forum.
- Beginning the budget process for the City budget.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Nominating Committee**

1) Report on Candidates for CB1 Officer Positions

- The Committee met and nominations have been submitted for all CB1 officer positions.

B) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

1) Seaport Working Group – Report

11) 9-11 Fulton Street/Seaport uplands area, application for a seasonal liquor license for B and T Fulton LLC d/b/a Ambrose Beer Garden/Ambrose Surf Club – Resolution *Passed*:
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained
0 Recused

12) 150 Centre Street, application for change of method & operation for a restaurant liquor license for Mika Japanese Cuisine Bar & Inc. – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE:*
38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0
Recused

13) 78 South Street, request for one-time alteration of hours for Watermark South Street –
Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0*
Abstained 0 Recused

14) 49-53 Ann Street, application for a hotel liquor license for Ann Street Hotel, LLC d/b/a Aloft Manhattan Downtown-Financial District hotel – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0*
Recused

C) **Planning Committee**

1) Energy Vision – Report

- A program to turn food waste into fuel.

2) Seaport Working Group – Report

- See reports above.

3) Parks and Open Space Report – Report

- Report on work by Urban Planning Fellows.

4) Waterfront Edge Design Guidelines (WEDG) – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE:*
36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0
Recused

5) New York City notification procedures – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE: 36*
In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Possible reallocation of Superstorm Sandy aid – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE:*
38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0
Recused

D) **Landmarks Committee**

1) Seaport Working Group – Report

- See report above.

2) 97 Chambers Street, application for roof top metal security fence – Resolution *Passed*:

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
0 Recused

3) 125 Chambers Street, application for facade alteration – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD*

VOTE: 34 In Favor 3 Opposed 0 Abstained 1
Recused

4) 138 Beekman Street, application for penthouse addition – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD*

VOTE: 37 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0
Recused

5) 77 Chambers Street, application for replacement of windows – Resolution *Passed*:

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained
0 Recused

E) **Quality of Life Committee**

1) Construction update by Frank Hrubes Director of Construction Coordination, NYC DOT

- Gave monthly DOT report on construction projects.

2) Vision Zero – Report

- See report.

3) Heritage of Pride June 2014 events on Pier 26, Hudson River Park – Report

- Went to Tribeca Committee. They came back to QOL to follow up.

4) Bellevue Hospital Center – Report

- There will be a continued discussion. A group is looking into sending a resolution to the Mayor about protecting the hospital.

5) Fire Safety Forum – Report

- There will be a continued discussion.

6) Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal’s radon bill – Resolution *Passed*: *BOARD VOTE*:

38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0
Recused

F) **Tribeca Committee**

- 1) Report on presentation on sidewalk cafe application approval process by Michael Levine, CB1 Land Use Consultant
 - Sidewalk Cafes will be approved by the City Council in most circumstances.
- 2) Bogardus Garden public design workshop – Report
 - There will be forums and information sessions.
- 3) 60 Hudson Street – Report
 - There have been many issues with this building that have affected quality of life in the area
- 4) Hudson River Park safety – Report
 - There needs to be more focus on public safety.
- 5) Tribeca Trust Plaza for a Day Program in Finn Square on Saturday, June 14, 2014 – Report
 - This will be a trial for a new pedestrian plaza.
- 6) 353 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Dahlia’s Mexican Restaurant Inc. – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 7) 179 West Broadway, renewal application for a sidewalk café license for West Broadway Management, LLC d/b/a Landmarc – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 8) 78 Reade Street, application for a sidewalk café license for Balcony Café Inc. – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 9) 71 North Moore Street, application for renewal of sidewalk cafe for No Moore Oysters LLC d/b/a Smith & Mills – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 7 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 10) 396 Broadway, application for hotel restaurant liquor license for Bridgeton 396 Broadway Fee LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution *Tabled*

11) 61 Reade Street, application for alteration of liquor license to add sidewalk cafe for 61 Reade Pizza Inc. d/b/a Tre Sorelle – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

12) 61 Reade Street, application for sidewalk cafe for 61 Reade Pizza Inc. d/b/a Tre Sorelle – Resolution *Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

13) 59 Reade Street, new sidewalk café application for 59 MACT Corp., d/b/a Maxwells – Resolution *Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

14) 325 Church St., application for renewal of sidewalk café license for 325 Church St. Company LLC d/b/a Saluggi’s – Resolution *Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

15) 130 West Broadway, new sidewalk café application for WB Duane Japan Partners Inc. d/b/a Sushi of Gari Tribec – Resolution *Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

16) 31 Walker Street, new sidewalk cafe application for Anejo Tribeca LLC – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused*

G) **Financial District Committee**

1) Governors Island – Report

- Now open 7 days per week. It costs \$2 round trip. It’s free before noon on weekends. 85% of visitors are NYC residents. May 24-September 28.

2) July 4 Festival Celebrating Lower Manhattan’s History – Report

- Plans for holiday event were discussed.

3) 23 Park Place/20 Murray Street reconsideration of application for tavern liquor license for Murray Place Inc., d/b/a The New Yorker – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

- 4) Governors Island, Liggett Terrace, application for a restaurant liquor license for Salmon East Seven Corp, d/b/a Little Eva's – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 5) 1 NY Plaza, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a Physical Culture Establishment – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 6) 161 Front Street, application for a hotel restaurant liquor license for Seaport Heights LLC, d/b/a Fairfield Inn & Suites – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 7) 4-10 Platt Street, application for a hotel restaurant liquor license for Lam Platt Street Hotel LLC., d/b/a Four Points by Sheraton Downtown – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 8) 55 Water Street, exterior south side, application for a tavern (outdoor patio) liquor license for Masterpiece Caterers Corp. – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 9) 55 Water Street, exterior rear, application for a tavern (outdoor patio) liquor license for Masterpiece Caterers Corp. – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 10) Southeast corner of Dey Street and Broadway, application for a newsstand license for MD Shahinur Islam Newsstand – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

H) **Youth & Education Committee**

- 1) Community Center at Stuyvesant High School – Report
 - The community center is up and running.
- 2) Support for Community Education Council District 2 resolution regarding the 2014 New York State Standardized Test in English Language Arts – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 3) Changes affecting charter schools in the NY State budget for fiscal year 2014-2015 and support for Community Education Council District 2 resolution – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 4) Support for Community Education Council District 2 resolution regarding the need for more public school seats in Lower Manhattan – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE:*

35 *In Favor* 0 *Opposed* 0 *Abstained* 0
Recused

I) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) American Heart Association/NYC LeadDog Marketing Group, Inc., application for Battery Park City Authority permit for Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – Report
 - The race will impact all of CB1. The organizers returned to the committee to address outstanding issues.
- 2) Pilot program for six weekends of ferry service between World Financial Center and Jersey City – Report
 - They are testing the service and will gauge interest.
- 3) West Thames Street Bridge – Report
 - The project is progress and the design is being reviewed.
- 4) Maintenance of Promenade South area adjacent to West Street – Report
 - The BPCA intends to assume responsibility for the area and it is being maintained by Doe Fund workers in the interim.
- 5) Cellular tower on roof of building at Albany Street and South End Avenue – Report
 - In progress.

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VII. **New Business**

- 1) Food trucks at the South Street Seaport – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor*
0 *Opposed* 0 *Abstained* 0 *Recused*

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:30pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.