

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES MARCH 2015

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Pace University
3 Spruce Street, B-Level
Student Union

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

I. Public Session

1) Melissa Gindin (State Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Working to increase funding to the district for damage from Hurricane Sandy.
- Community Convention will be held in April. Call the Senator's office to RSVP.

2) Maryam Aleem (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Working to finalize the budget in Albany.

3) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)

- Worked to get 378 new pre-school seats.
- Working on issues pertaining to the North Cove Marina and the BPC ballfields.
- Please sign up for the Stuyvesant Community Center.
- Cora Fung has joined AM Silver's staff as Community Liaison.

4) Jackie Blank (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Working to support marriage equality.
- No updates on the James Zadroga bill.

5) Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)

- All interviews have been completed for community board appointments. Decisions are expected around April 1.
- Thanked exiting members of CB1.
- A composting grant is available for up to \$750.

- The BP has released a small business report recommending ways to support small businesses.

6) Jessica Lappin (Downtown Alliance)

- Working on hurricane preparedness issues. \$14+ million have been allocated. Credited elected officials including Senator Schumer and CB1 for efforts to secure more funds.

7) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)

- NYC schools are owed money by the state.
- Working to address problem of sexual misconduct on college campuses.
- Paul Hovitz: we have two resolutions on the agenda regarding charter schools and funding issues.

8) Andrew Brokman (NYC Department of Consumer Affairs)

- Many people who are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit do not apply. DCA is increasing outreach to encourage those eligible to apply. There are free clinics that help people prepare their taxes.

9) Councilmember Margaret Chin

- Happy Lunar New Year.
- As chair of Aging Committee she is looking at Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs). NYC is one of the best places to retire. Every social service area got an increase except for aging.
- Glad to hear about increased hurricane preparedness funding.
- Wants to regulate adult social day care programs.
- Introduced legislation to require landlords to provide rent stabilized tenants with information on SCRIE and DRIE programs.
- There is a City Council hearing scheduled on the Zadroga bill.
- Asked School Construction Authority to use eminent domain to site a new school.
- Thanked exiting CB1 members for their service.

10) Andrew DeCurtis (NYC Rescue Mission)

- Thanked CB1 and CM Chin for their support with operations issues at the Mission.
- Join us for an event on May 9.

11) Frank Maham (28 Liberty Street)

- Thanked committee for unanimous approval of LPC applications and hopes the full board will also approve.

12) Leyna Madison (Manhattan Youth)

- Announced summer programs. Encouraged CB1 members to support the resolution regarding ballfields.

13) David Steingard (Laughing Man Coffee)

- Requested support for the Department of Transportation street seats program.

14) Charles Komanoff (Laughing Man)

- Supports the DOT street seats program and the application by Laughing Man.

15) Nick Peterson (NYC Department of Transportation)

- Provided information regarding the DOT street seats program.

16) Signe Nielsen (Laughing Man)

- Lives above Laughing Man and helped with the design for the proposed installation.

17) Lynn Ellsworth (Laughing Man)

- Supports Laughing Man application.

18) Paul Sipos (Laughing Man)

- Opposes the application due to concerns about traffic safety and circulation.

19) Aleisanda Galletti (Laughing Man)

- Supports the application.

20) Allan Tannenbaum (CB1)

- It has been great to work with everyone at CB1.
- Hopes the board will address the need to keep the district affordable for residents and businesses.

21) Crystal Feng (Comptroller Scott Stringer)

- New audit reports are coming out on a variety of topics. Visit the Comptroller's website for more information.

22) Tom Goodkind (Tribattery Pops)

- Encouraged people to listen to the new album by the Pops which he distributed.

Welcome

Uday Sukhatme, Provost, Pace University

- Welcomed CB1 to Pace University.
- Lives and works in CB1.
- Pace serves over 13,000 students.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:10pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of February 2015 minutes

- Passed as adopted

B) Chairperson's Report

- Introduced Roger Byrom who announced that the Personnel Committee will look into how to make the CB1 office as efficient as possible.
- 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/March%202015%20chairs%20report.pdf>.

A few highlights:

- George Calderaro, John Fratta, Sarah Currie-Halpern, Coren Sharples and Allan Tannenbaum will not be seeking reappointment – thank you very much for your volunteer work over the years on behalf of our community
- Sandy Funding – with the State and City working together with the local community, a resiliency plan was worked out, a welcome first of many future steps needed in planning for a resilient future for downtown and all New York; thank you to all elected officials and leaders who assisted.
- 378 Additional Pre-K Seats in CB 1 created by Department of Education – 198 permanent seats in three different locations and another 180 temporary seats.

C) District Manager's Report

- 311 has received over 2 million calls since its inception and Tamar recently attended a tour of their facility in CB1.
- Announced some noteworthy events attended by staff members.

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Youth & Education Committee** – P. Hovitz

1) Special education funding – Report

- Postponed until next meeting.

2) Opposing the lifting of the cap on charter schools statewide or in NYC – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 3 Opposed 4 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Restoring school funding – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

B) **Landmarks Committee** - B. Ehrmann

115 South Street, application for rooftop addition – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 24 In Favor 10 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused

71-73 Franklin Street, application for removal of fire escape, facade restoration and rooftop addition with stair and elevator bulkhead – Resolution *Passed*

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

28 Liberty Street (formerly One Chase Manhattan Plaza) application for alterations to plaza and storefronts including creation of new entrances at sidewalk and plaza levels – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

363 Greenwich Street, application for storefront replacement and new railing – Resolution *Passed*

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

272-274 Canal Street, application for storefront renovation – Resolution *Passed*

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

6) 37 Harrison Street, application for removal of shutters and enlargement of back dormer – Resolution *Passed*

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

C) **Battery Park City Committee** – A. Notaro

1) Parking signage and enforcement – Report

- A new division of NYPD has moved into north BPC and personnel are occupying parking spots. The precinct is working with the community to manage this situation.

- 2) Battery Park City Authority Programs Survey – Report
 - They gave information about this survey which can be accessed on the BPCA website.
- 3) BPCA permit requests, 14th Annual NYPD Memorial 5k Run/Walk, NYPD Running Club, Sunday, May 17, 2015 – Report

- The organizers presented this event and answered questions.

D) **Battery Park City and Youth and Education Committees** – A. Notaro and P. Hovitz

BPC Ballfields Permits – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

E) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** – J. Fratta

- 1) John Fratta thanked CB1 and the staff for its work.

- 2) City Hall Park – Report

- Discussed issues impacting the park. CB1 participated in the recent walkthrough with Commissioner Castro, elected officials and Friends of City Hall Park

Street activity permit for The Association of Indians in America on Sunday, October 4, 2015 from 10am – 7pm, Water St between Fulton St and Fletcher St, John St between Front St and Water St, and Front St. between John Street and Maiden Lane – Resolution *Passed*

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

Street activity permit for The Iron Horse NYC Wounded Warrior Project on Saturday, July 4, 2015 from 10am – 7pm, Cliff St between John and Fulton Streets – Resolution *Passed*

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

Committee caucused at 5:30pm, EDT on March 24, 2015

F) **Planning Committee** J. Galloway

- 1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers North Atlantic Comprehensive Study – Report
 - Studying a large area, including NYC harbor.
- 2) Supplemental U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery and the Governor’s Office of Storm Recovery National Disaster Resilience Competition Public Hearing, Monday, March 16, 2015 – Report

- See Chairperson's Report on website for more details.
- 3) Air Rights Transfer Zoning and Regulations at the South Street Seaport – Report
- South Street Seaport air rights have been transferred by sale to Howard Hughes Corporation. The process was explained by NYC Planning.

National Disaster Resilience Competition, Public Hearing Tuesday, March 10, 2015, 7pm
 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) **Tribeca Committee** – E. Lewinsohn

- 1) The Association of Community Employment (ACE) – Report
- An update was provided on their services.
- 2) 205 Hudson Street, application for a change in liquor license to catering facility for AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC – Report
- Some neighbors appeared at the committee meeting to oppose the application and the applicant deferred it to allow time for a meeting to try to resolve differences.
- 3) Department of Transportation Street Seats application for space in front of Laughing Man Coffee, 84 Duane Street – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 10 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
- There was much discussion about traffic conditions on the block and the impact that the installation would have.
- 4) 285 West Broadway, application for alteration of liquor license to extend operating hours for Haus – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

H) **Financial District Committee** – R. Sheffe

- 1) Staten Island Ferry – Report
- 2) The Battery Conservancy – Report
- 3) Filming plan in FiDi – Report
- 1 World Trade Center, 34th and 35th floor, application for a liquor license for Restaurant Associates, LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

One New York Plaza, application for a liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

11 Park Place, application for a wine and beer license for AAA Pizza Corp. d/b/a Little Italy Pizza – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

185 Greenwich Street, application for a wine and beer liquor license for Greenwich Street Café, d/b/a Epicerie Boulud – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) Street activity permit for Stone Street Pedestrian Mall on Friday, March 13, 2015 to Sunday, November 15, 2015, 11am-11pm on Stone St. between Broad St. and Hanover Square and Mill Lane between South William St. and Stone St. – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 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 Chair concluded the meeting at approx. 9 pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.