

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
NOVEMBER 15, 2006
PS. 234
292 GREENWICH STREET

PUBLIC SESSION

Glen Corbett, from Energy Management

It would be important for NYC to use JPAC (Joint POW/MIA Account Command) for the recovery of human remains at the WTC site. The City using a vacuum to scope up remains is not compassionate.

Barbara Chapman

Spoke against approval of liquor license application for 375 Broadway.
There are noise, security, and quality of life issues.

Jillian Youngblood (Representing Congressman Nadler)

Bring in JPAC to help with the search for human remains at the WTC site.
The City has not done its job properly for the last 5 years.

Diatia Heller

Spoke against beer and wine application for 253 West Broadway, citing noise in the past and quality of life problems.

Chanis Copper

Concerned that Beekman Plaza would be open 24 hours a day, citing lack of security at night.

Darren Levine

Announced that the Jewish Community Project signed a 10 year lease at 146 Duane Street. There will be family and adult education programs.
Wants CB#1 support.

John Ricker (Representing NYC Comptroller Thompson)

The Comptroller will be fighting to protect Mitchell Lama housing.
Announced consumer banking day.

Jim Wintner, Seaport District Cultural Assoc.
Announced photo exhibit of people who lived and worked in the Seaport area.

Adam Riff (Representing Senator Tom Duane)
Introduced himself.

Liz Berger
Is representing Mercy Corps - World Hunger Action Center, which is taking space in Battery Park City. They are working in 35 countries to end world hunger.

NYC Councilman Alan Gerson

- Welcomed new board member Alan Tanenbaum.
- Spoke about the need for classroom space in lower Manhattan due to growing residential population.
- Once CB has begun a comprehensive re-zoning application with Department of City Planning, a developer like Parker should not be able to circumvent the process to spot zone.
- New SLA criteria should include different liquor licenses for bars, clubs, and restaurants.
- 213 Pearl Street, a 183 year old building, should have vibration monitoring during construction.
- Implored CB#1 to vote in favor of and join him and other elected officials in requesting that JPAC help the City in searching for human remains in the around the WTC. The presence of JPAC would expedite the search. If the search is not done properly now it could lead to delays and legal action in the future.
- There is a Hawk nesting somewhere in BPC attacking pigeons.

Alan Tanenbaum
Will place invitations at the sign-in table for his photo exhibit.

Steven Westphal
Is against the beer and wine license for 235 West Broadway. That part of the neighborhood is overburdened with restaurants and there are concerns about the noise and quality of life.

Bruce Erhman
50 people showed up at the SLA to oppose Busters at a hearing.

BUSINESS SESSION

A) Adoption of Minutes
The board unanimously adopted the October 2006 minutes.

B) Chairperson's Report - Julie Menin

- Left hand turn on Warren Street. Assembly Member Glick and Borough President Scott Stringer had a meeting with NYS DOT. DOT will get back to the CB.
- There will be a community advisory panel on how to take down Fiterman Hall safely.
- CB1 holiday party will be January 18 at South Bridge Towers.

C) District Manager's Report - Noah Pfefferblit

- Noah Pfefferblit said it was nice to be here and he would like to talk to all board members individually.
- Michael Levine will start on Nov. 27
- Anne Dworakivsky will be leaving on Dec.1

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

A) Executive Committee - Julie Menin

- Volume of liquor licenses, particularly in the Tribeca committee, is using quality time not spent dealing with other issues.
- Should there be subject matter committees vs. geographic committees?
The District Manager is going to gather more information on both issues.

B) WTC Redevelopment Committee - C. McVay Hughes

- 1) 130 Cedar Street – Could convert to a hotel like 52 William Street
- 2) Fiterman Hall demolition - resolution passed.
- 3) Port Authority NY & NJ letter

In the 5th whereas add the word 'qualified' before 'forensic.'

Pat Moore was concerned about 10 hour construction shifts and noise on nights and weekends. Resolution passed

4) Vehicular Security Center and Tour Bus Parking Facility

Paul Sipos was concerned about the underground parking. Resolution passed

5) Search for Human Remains at WTC Site and Surrounding Areas

- Sally Regenhard (Skyscraper Safety)

Supports the use of JPAC to help the City search for human remains. Urges CB#1 to pass a resolution requesting that City use JPAC to help with the search for human remains at the WTC site. Lost son on 9/11 who was with FDNY. Says that the victims' families want construction to continue. Say the City has done a terrible job searching and there needs to be a comprehensive search. It is time for NYC to do the right thing.

- Peter Gleason (former FDNY / U.S. Coast Guard)

Worked with JPAC when with U.S. Coast Guard. Says JPAC's expertise will augment the City. The great work of JPAC world-wide precedes them. Asked CB#1 to pass a resolution to have JPAC help the City.

- C. McVay Hughes

Mayor's Office came to the committee meeting saying that they do not need additional help with search for human remains. Marc Ameruso presented a resolution asking the

City to use JPAC to help with the search with human remains. It was rejected by the committee. Michael Connolly presented a second resolution that says JPAC is not needed to help with the search for human remains, stating that there would be a loss in construction time. This is the resolution before the board.

- George Olsen said the CB had no business debating this issue.
 - Bill Love disagreed saying this affects all of us.
 - Joe Lerner supported the use of JPAC to leave no stone unturned.
 - Albert Capsouto reminded the board that the Deputy Mayor said the City did not need the help of JPAC. The Mayor's office was invited to this meeting.
 - Ray O'Keefe said this is a public meeting and the Mayor's office decided not come.
 - Andy Neale said some board members are making this political. Says JPAC would not delay construction and asked board to reject the current resolution and pass Marc Ameruso's original resolution for the City use JAPC to help.
 - Marc Ameruso said he asked for the JPAC issue to be put on the agenda, saying that it is important to have a comprehensive search plan. It is the right thing to do. He is astounded by the opposition to help from JPAC. He urged the board to reject the current resolution and pass the original resolution that requests that JPAC help the City with the human remains search.
 - George Olsen made a motion to table the resolution.
- The motion was passed to table.

C) New Schools Task Force - R. Skinner

- 1) CB#1 district school building capacity
- 2) Community demographics survey

There is a need for more schools; there will be 20,000 more new residents.

There is a community grant effort to find funding for a demographic survey to predict population of youth in the future.

D) West Street Task Force - B. Townley

- 1) Petition campaign and next steps.
- Said issue was covered in the Chairperson's report.

E) Battery Park City Committee - L. Belfer

- 1) Mercy Corps World Hunger Education Center at Site 16 / 17.

Mercy Corps will pay \$1 a year for space at site 16 / 17.

- 2) Route 9A, West Thames Park and Rector Street bridge.

Bridge could remain in place and there will be repairs to the chair lift. There will be a public hearing at next month's committee meeting.

- 3) One River Terrace, special permit application for parking garage.

Add word 'approval' to Therefore Be It Resolved That.

Bill Love says the parking will be needed. Jeff Galloway says we should discourage cars from coming downtown.

- 4) Montessori Children's School in BPC.

No action taken

F) Seaport / Civic Center Committee - M. Donnenfeld

1) Plaza design of Beekman Street Forest City Ratner project.

Letter will be sent to Department of City Planning expressing CB1's concerns about the plaza design.

G) Quality of Life Committee - P. Moore

1) New York Downtown Hospital

LMDC funds

2) Harrison's Tavern and community concerns.

The owner has made misrepresentations to the community

3) Bicycle safety issues.

1st pct. will take names of residents who are hit.

H) Waterfront Committee - J. Nadel

1) CB1 will form a working group to review existing plans for Pier 26, assess current community needs (including those of the paddling community for the boathouse and the scientific community for the estuarium), and determine what CB1 wants programmatically at this site.

2) Downtown Little League, and its needs in Hudson River Park.

3) NY Trapeze School

I) Youth and Education Committee - R. Skinner

1) Ballfields Task Force

2) New Schools Task Force

The Task Force has questions about the Department of Education capital plan that was recently provided to the Community Board and will be meeting at an upcoming meeting with the School Construction Authority.

3) Youth Fair Committee

The Committee is looking at different possible ways to conduct youth fair in 2007 and boost attendance. It is considering venue and format.

4) Cell phone / DOE issue

5) Youth directory

Committee would like to update the Youth Directory that was published in 2005. The office will pursue trying to get an intern to assist with this project.

J) Financial District Committee - R. Sheffe

1) 15 William Street

New building design

2) Illegal advertisements on construction sidewalk sheds

Resolution passed

3) Improved street cleaning measures

4) Replacement of removed mailboxes in the Fin. Dist.

Resolution passed

K) TriBeCa Committee - R. Landman

1) North TriBeCa Re-Zoning

Committee will continue discussions.

2) 300 Canal Street application for minor modification to permit joint living work quarters for artists below third floor.

The resolution passed.

3) Liquor License Applications

- 253 West Broadway - Beer and Wine

Patricia Belfanti, a resident against license, cited noise and quality of life problems in the past. Asked the CB to vote against the license.

Janna Townsend, resident, represents 6 building opposed to a beer and wine license at this location. Cited noise and quality of life problems in the past.

Peter Townsend, resident, has the same Quality of Life concerns and is worried about a future sidewalk café.

Andy Neale says it is not a bar.

David, owner, says he wants to be part of the community and it will be mostly a coffee shop.

Marc Ameruso said he will side with the residents who live there and vote against it.

The resolution passed.

- 311 Broadway - Beer and Wine

Resolution passed

- 375 Broadway - Liquor License

Resolution passed

Amendments: last whereas add ‘...did not agree...’

Therefore Be It Resolved take out ‘does not’ and ‘with the limitations and conditions set fourth above’

Liquor License Renewals; All Renewals Passed

- 250 West Broadway - Della Rouere

- 211 A West Broadway - TriBeCa Enoteca

- 311 Church Street - Tangier

- 249 West Broadway - Anotherroom

- 385 Greenwich Street - Ivy Bistro

L) Landmarks - R. Byrom

1) 140 Nassau Street

2) 26 Broadway

3) 46 White Street

4) 55 Wall Street

5) 111 South Street

6) 63 Nassau Street

7) 166 Duane Street

All 7 resolutions passed.

M) Street Fairs Task Force - B. Love

1) CB #1 2007 street fair events.

Committee is working to assess two other promoters and is meeting with them and getting their best offers. He will visit with Financial District and Seaport/Civic Center committees to discuss changing mix of locations for 07 fairs.

N) Arts and Entertainment Task Force

1) Temporary two month Public Art project "Waste Management Project" proposed in BPC.

Resolution passed with one objection.

Barry Skolnick said it was the worst art he has ever seen.

2) Temporary public art project "The Fortunate Island" in Thomas Paine Park.

The resolution passed.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no old or new business, the Chair adjourned the meeting at approx. 9:15 pm.