

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD # 1
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APRIL 22, 2008

I. Public Session

A)

- Liz Berger, Downtown Alliance
 - Announced Green Around Downtown Community Planting Day, Sunday, May 4th, 10 am – 2 pm at Wall Street Park.

- Lori Bukiwicz – Idle Free NYC
 - Announced that May 6th, 2008 will be an Idle-Free day. Please don't leave your engine running.
www.idle-free.info

- John Ricker (Comptroller Thompson's office) (212)669-3668
 - Submitted 2009 FY budget.
The Comptroller saved the City \$211 million through audits.

- Wendy Prince - PS 234 School Overcrowding Committee
 - Says downtown households increased from 1.6 to 2.19 persons. As a result, 1355 new elementary school seats are needed and short term help is needed now.

- Senator Martin Connor
 - With the continuing growth of Downtown, new schools need to be built.
\$1.9 billion increase in State budget for education.
 - After the defeat of Congestion Pricing, we need to find other ways to mitigate traffic.
The two-way toll needs be restored to the Verrazano Bridge
The City needs to have more taxi stands.
Free bus shuttles.
MTA will have a \$500 million shortfall.

- Kendra Lee – Greater Chinatown Community Association
 - Urged people to register for the medical/health care program.
- Claudia Bogonos PS 89 parent, Overcrowding Committee
 - There has been a 70% increase in kindergarten students.
- Jessica Silver – Borough President Scott Stringer’s office
 - Announced that Greg Kirshenbaum will be the new CB1 liaison.
 - 13 people have died in construction accidents since January.
BP started ‘Construction Watch’
 - Also shares the same concerns about school overcrowding as the previous speakers.
- Matt Viggiano – Councilman Gerson’s office
 - There will be a hearing on April 29th about construction safety.
 - There needs to be a dispatcher at Southbridge location to cut down on bus idling.
 - Park Row still needs to be open.
- Erin Drinkwater – Congressman Nadler’s office
 - Ruling of the 2nd Circuit Court with regard to Christie Whitman, the former EPA head, is unfortunate.
- Andy Neale – Tribeca resident
 - Thanked the Downtown Express for their article and his sit-down interview with them with regard to domestic violence, assault arrests, and his alcoholism, as well as not being reappointed as a CB1 member. He said that he thought that this should not have excluded him from reappointment as a CB1 member and he questioned the criteria the Borough President uses for reappointments. He also said violence against women is unacceptable and noted that he took part in a 35-day program. Julie Menin wished Andy the best of luck.

II. Business Session

A) Adoption of Minutes:

Marc Ameruso had the following correction to the minutes, which Noah Pfefferblit said was accepted by the Secretary:

Marc Ameruso; opposes the Bouley OP application based on the bad history cited by Julie Nadel and says that receiving a liquor license is not a right, but a privilege. He noted that several public speakers in favor of Bouley had some type of relationship with him. Ameruso also wanted to know how David Bouley obtained all CB members email addresses and suggested the BP and CB board office look into it. Ameruso was also concerned that board members were being asked by Bouley and his attorney Warren Pesetsky, to recuse themselves from expressing their opinion.

Vote: 31 - 0 - 5 (new board members required to abstain)

B) Chairperson's Report: J. Menin

- Introduced the new board members;

John Foss
Meghan McHugh
Jeffrey Mihok
Paul Viggiano
Elizabeth Williams
Tiffany Winbush

- LMDC is considering move of Performing Arts Center to Fulton St.
- HRPT received \$21 million from the State that the City will match.
- The Beekman Street school is scheduled to open in 2010.

C) District Manager's Report: N. Pfefferblit

- Welcome to the new members
- Thanked everyone for help with the annual report for BP.
- Also mentioned that he attended the BP's Construction Watch meeting and commended the BP for appointing Catherine McVay Hughes as the Chair. The group is charged with developing recommendations to improve safety at construction sites throughout the borough.

D) Treasurer's report J. Kopel

- City has proposed cuts for most City agencies.
- Handed out CB1 report for FY 2008 as of March 31st.

III. Election of Fifth Member of Nominating Committee

A) With no opposition, the Assist Secretary Marc Ameruso cast a vote for Pat Moore.

IV. Committee Reports

A) Seaport/Civic Center Committee J. Fratta

1) 118 Nassau Street application for transfer of liquor license for 118 Rest On Nassau Inc.-
Resolution

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

2) Proposed sidewalk closure June 12 - June 14, 2008 , Park Row between Beekman and Ann
Street by J & R Music World – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 1 Recused

3) Proposed sidewalk closure August 21 - August 24, 2008, Park Row between Beekman and
Ann Street by J & R Music World – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

E) **Tribeca Committee**

C. DeSaram

1) 443 Greenwich Street , application for Section 74-711 Special Permit for residential (or alternatively residential and hotel use) for existing seven story building with proposed one-story addition – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 90 Chambers Street, application for restaurant wine license for Lekker Stuk LLC – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 183 Duane Street, application for wine and beer license for Tokyo Bay Japanese Restaurant – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 6 York Street, application for beer and wine license for Packard Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a Hilton Garden Inn – Resolution
- Laid Over

5) 85 West Broadway, application for on premises liquor license for Sologne LLC – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Proposed sidewalk closure on Saturday, June 21, 2008 , Church Street between Franklin Street and White Street by The Tank – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Application for license renewal, Wings Inc. d/b/a Atomic Wings at 311 Broadway- Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

F) **Waterfront Committee**

J. Nadel

1) Updates for East River Esplanade and Pier 15

- EDC will return to the committee with an update as per the board’s last resolution.

2) Independent museum/historic ship restoration, public access and education projects in NY Harbor – Update

- Tug Boat Museum needs a temporary space to dock for this summer and permanent space for the future and is working with the Trust; this is an idea that everybody seems to support.

3) Hudson River Park Trust, construction and funding - Update
- Given in Chairperson’s report.

4) Dog Run in Tribeca Section of Hudson River Park – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) WTC Redevelopment Committee

C. McVay Hughes

- 1) World Trade Center Health Registry - Update
 - Deadline May 31st for children.
- 2) Port Authority - Quarterly Construction – Update
 - N. Pfefferblit: there is an emergency resolution requesting that PA abide by NYC building codes.
 - B. Love: use the “standard” in the last TFBIR.
 - P. Braus: DOB website has the new building code.
 - J. Galloway: we need the elected officials to put pressure on the PA to comply.

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center – Update
 - Given in Chairperson’s report.
- 4) Lower Manhattan Development Corporation - Update
 - Mike Murphy, the LMDC Press Secretary, updated the Committee.

H) Quality of Life Committee

P. Moore

- 1) Manhattan Borough Board Resolution in support of the State Senate and Assembly bills expanding temporary disability insurance to cover family and medical leave - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Update
 - The LMCCC made its monthly appearance before the Committee to discuss ongoing construction projects.
- 3) Report on presentation on NYPD Trafficstat program
 - Chief Scagnelli promised to crack down on government placard parking abuse.
 - Resident said that Chief Scagnelli followed up on a complaint he made and took care of the problem.
 - P. Hovitz is concerned that enforcement will not be consistent.
 - M. Ameruso said enforcement needs to be NYPD policy.
 - Scagnelli will return to the committee for updates in the future.
- 4) Report on proposed Greenmarket at Zucotti Park
 - The Committee had a very productive meeting that brought together representatives from the Greenmarket and vendors who have said that the Greenmarket could force them to be displaced from their usual spots. There was a lengthy discussion in which both sides agreed to try to make the situation work so that the Greenmarket could go in but also enable as many of the vendors as possible to use the Park on the same days. It seemed as though this would enable most if not all of the usual vendors to be accommodated. Pauline Yu, the representative from CAU, was pleased with the

meeting and said that as a result of what transpired, she would recommend that the permit for the Greenmarket be approved for the coming season.

5) Report on a planned Citywide single-day Stop-Idling campaign in observation of World Asthma Day

- Was presented in the public session.

I) **Youth & Education Committee** R. Skinner

1) Report on presentation on the New York Harbor School on Governor's Island

- Will open in October 2009 with 432 students.

2) Report on meeting with Forest City Ratner regarding Beekman Place development and school.

- Speaker. Silver has convened a Task Force on school overcrowding.

3) Report on meeting regarding Murray Bergtraum High School

- There will be a meeting the last week in April.

4) Report on Ballfields Task Force

- A report will be sent to Chairman Gill advocating that the fields be replaced with artificial turf.

5) Report on the opening of the Downtown Community Center

- Opened on April 10th with a festive and well-attended community celebration.

6) Task force on School Overcrowding: Update on Zoning and Manhattan Schools Enrollment

- BP sponsored a meeting with DOE. The Committee is reaching out to the DOE to request that someone attend an upcoming meeting to discuss school zoning.
- P. Hovitz said we need to be proactive and should request help from Councilman Gerson. Mr. Hovitz chairs Gerson's Residential Advisory Council.

7) PS 234 Overcrowding Committee - Resolution

- D. Gault: we cannot lose the computer room, and by DOE standards the classrooms are overcrowded.

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

J) **Financial District Committee** R. Sheffe

1) 40 Broad Street , liquor license for 40 Broad Commercial, LLC – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 60 Pearl Street , liquor license application - Possible Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 30 West Street , liquor license for Osteria Casano LLC – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Proposal for newsstand at southeast corner of Beaver Street and Broadway – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Sea Glass Carousel – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Report on the presentation on NYU Trinity Centre

- A new medical clinic at 111 Broadway has opened and will be operated by NYU Medical Center. A representative of the hospital described the facility and the services to be provided there. It is hoped that community residents and workers will visit the facility.

K) **Planning and Community Infrastructure Committee** J. Galloway

- 1) Report on discussion of potential East Side Community Center
 - Changing demographics show that people are moving Downtown. This trend points to the need for a community center.
- 2) Report on discussion of ULURP Comprehensive Protocol Development
 - Identify as-of-right uses and their locations and distinguish them from those required to be subjected to ULURP. Review needs assessments.
- 3) Greenwich Street South Studio Project – Report
 - Will work with the Columbia School of Planning.
- 4) Affordable Housing Mandate - Report
 - The committee has added affordable housing concerns to its mandate

L) **Landmarks Committee** R. Byrom

1) 13 Worth Street , LPC application for rooftop addition – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 95 Franklin Street , LPC application for exterior ramp for handicapped access – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 250 West Street , LPC application for facade restoration, rooftop addition and new cornice – Resolution

- The resolution has both an approval and a rejection in the TFBIRT.
- A. Capsouto suggested that we split this into two resolutions.
- R. Byrom: remove the word “conditionally” from the TFBIRT.

Resolution 1

New Entrance and New Cornice

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Resolution 2

Townhouse Entrances and Rooftop Addition

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Resolution 3

Bulk Modifications

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Building 293 Super 8 Motel within Governors Island Historic District - LPC
Application for demolition of non-contributing structure – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 74 Hudson Street - LPC application for new one story building for retail use –
Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 38-44 Laight Street, LPC application to legalize placement of rooftop equipment -
Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

None

VII. Adjournment

Aprox. 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by: Assistant Secretary Marc Ameruso