

**CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 2015**

DATE: Tuesday, May 26, 2015

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Gibney Dance  
280 Broadway

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

**I. Public Session**

1) Representative Jerrold Nadler

- Discussed national security issues

2) Melissa Gindin (State Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Arrest of State Senate leader Dean Skelos reminds us of the importance of addressing ethics reform.
- Glad to see boats back in the North Cove Marina.

3) Maryam Aleem (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Sponsoring legislation to delay teacher evaluation system.
- Advocating for school crossing guards at lower Manhattan schools where they are needed.
- Wrote a letter to City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito about establishing a bail fund.

4) Sam Spokony (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- CM Chin is pleased about the arrest of the driver involved in Beekman Street hit and run.
- Working on construction noise issues in the Financial District.
- City Council working on legislation to study bike safety along truck routes.
- Working on hepatitis policy issues.

5) Dan Campanelli (Comptroller Scott Stinger)

- Some important audits are being conducted, with some focusing on NYCHA.

- Looking into physical education in NYC schools.
- 6) TK Zellers (Greenmarket Farmers Markets)
- Represents Greenmarkets.
  - There are 5 markets in CB1.
- 7) Lynn Ellsworth (Tribeca Trust)
- They have hired two preservation consultants.
  - Consultants will create reports on Tribeca zoning
  - Need help with petition to protect Tribeca landmark buildings
- 8) Tricia Joyce (CB1)
- Helicopter noise is a serious problem on Governor's Island.
- 9) Christopher Jackson
- Wants to increase social justice in the banking system.
- 10) Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
- BP Brewer planned to attend the meeting but was unable to make it.
  - New CB leadership classes are available and will be held during the spring
  - There will be a reception for Manhattan community board members in June.
  - Thanked Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes for issuing awards at Fire Department facilities in CB1.
  - Working on affordable housing issues.

#### Guest Speaker

A) Sam Miller, President, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council

- Was rescheduled for the June meeting.

## II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 6:55pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of April 2015 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/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/MAY%202015%20chairs%20report.pdf>. A few highlights:
- South Street Seaport Walkabout at Pier 17 – with CB1 staff members and representatives from NYC Economic Development Corporation, Department of Transportation and representatives of all elected officials with Seaport/Civic Center and Landmarks Committee leadership to discuss emergency demolition of Cooler Areas of Tin Building and New Market Building (05/19/15)
- Two-way traffic (east and westbound) to be returned soon to Chambers Street between Broadway and West Broadway
- WTC Liberty Park Tree Planting – joined PANYNJ Executive Director Foye and Director of WTC Construction Steve Plate to plant the first trees on WTC Liberty Park, 1 1/2 acres of public open space which is anticipated to open in spring 2016 (05/18/15)
- New granite bike lane on Varick Street (south of Canal) – is now open for riders. Happy cycling! (05/08/15)
- Hermione Lafayette – will be docked at the South Street Seaport from July 1 – July 4; [parade.hermione2015.com](http://parade.hermione2015.com)
- Appointed Deron Charkoudian as Chair of Street Fair Task Force

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Move to new CB1 office still expected in mid-July. Working on access issues. Costs are rising for the move and we are trying to reduce or get help with them. There does not appear to be a viable space in the building for full board meetings.

D) Treasurer's Report – Move will cost \$55,000. The board is responsible for \$20,000-\$30,000. CB1 plans to buy new technology.

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Tribeca Committee - E. Lewinsohn**

- 1) 52 Duane Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Fika 52 Duane Street LLC – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 2) 251 Church St., application for restaurant liquor license for Two Hands Tribeca LLC d/b/a Two Hands – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 3) 329 Greenwich Street, application for wine and beer license for Muse Tribeca, LLC d/b/a Muse Paintbar – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 4) Proposed bus stop for Straight Bus, Inc. in front of 100 Lafayette Street – Report

- *Tabled so that DOT can be invited to following meeting to explain more about the process and the specific proposal.*
- 5) Citi building and plaza renovations – Report
  - Citi is renovating its building and adjacent plaza. Citi is interested in helping Hudson River Park Trust with infrastructure needs.
- 6) Heritage of Pride Events on Pier 26 – Report
  - The event will take place in a similar manner to last year. Noise issues were mitigated successfully last year. Crowd management measures will once again impact circulation in the area on the day of the parade and dance on the pier.
- 7) Upcoming events at Pier 26 – Report
  - See the Hudson River Park events schedule. The events planned in CB1 will be smaller and quieter than those in other areas where there are fewer residents in close proximity to the venues.
- 8) Temporary Public Plaza on West Broadway between Franklin and Leonard Streets – Report
  - The Tribeca Trust will be invited to present plans along with DOT.

B) **Financial District Committee - R. Sheffe**

- 1) 75 Wall Street, application for liquor license for KTG Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Wall Street Grill – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 2) 200 Broadway, application for wine and beer license for Shake Shack Fulton Center LLC – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 3) 85 Broad Street, application for liquor license for LQ Holdings, LLC – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 4) 109 Washington Street, application for a liquor license for 109 Washington Restaurant LLC – Resolution *Passed: BOARD VOTE*  
*BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 5) Governors Island, application for a liquor license for Governors Garden LLC – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

6) 28 Liberty Street (formerly One Chase Manhattan Plaza) – Report

Retail will be added. Glass will be added.

7) Governors Island – Report

There are events and activities planned. They are constructing hills on the island.

8) 8-12 Maiden Lane Hotel Project – Report

There will be no large, lit-up façade as rumored.

9) Metropolitan College of New York’s New Financial District Campus Coming in 2016 – Report

There will be a campus in the Financial District one year from now.

10) American Heart Association Walk/Run, Thursday, May 28, 2015 – Report

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

1) Crossing guards for CB1 schools – Report

- More are needed. The process for hiring crossing guards is not working as efficiently as it should and it is difficult to get guards assigned to new locations where they are needed.

2) Peck Slip School traffic safety issues – Report

- A group photographed the crossings. They are going to advocate for proactive safety measures.

3) Trinity kids charette at St. Paul’s Chapel on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at 10:15am – Report

- This is an event for kids that will be social.

D) **Landmarks Committee – R. Byrom**

1) Historic Districts in Lower Manhattan – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

2) Catholic Churches in Lower Manhattan – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

- 3) 65 Broadway, application for storefront renovation – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 4) 249 Church Street, application for storefront renovation and installation of handicapped access ramp – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 5) Building 555, Governors Island, application for window replacement, new rear entrance and new chiller and enclosure – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 6) 11 John Street, Corbin Building, proposed landmark site designation – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 7) New Market Building and Tin Building – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

E) **Battery Park City Committee - N. Segarra**

- 1) 251 Vesey Street, application for sidewalk cafe for Pick A Bagel – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*
- 2) Brookfield Place retail and North Cove Marina – Report

Representatives of Brookfield and the new operator that was selected for the Marina were present at the committee to discuss the future of the marina. Brookfield plans to expand programs over time if possible.

- 3) Mascot Run, application for BPCA permit for Saturday, September 12, 2015 – Report

The committee is not comfortable with organizations that do not have non-profit status and did not approve this application.

- 4) Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Walkathon, application for BPCA permit for May 31, 2015 – Report

Approved

- 5) The New Agenda, application for BPCA permit for October (date to be determined) – Report

Approved but they need to return to the committee for further discussions about specific plans.

- 6) Parking signage and enforcement – Report

Tabled

- 7) BPC ballfields – Report

Tabled

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

- 1) NYC Department of Transportation Construction update – Report

- Construction is creating noise issues.

- 2) Five Boro Bike Tour Complaints – Report

- No one showed up to discuss.

- 3) Right at Home – Report

- For-profit age assistance service. You can sign up for their newsletter.

- 4) Grow NYC – Report

- Link to be posted on website.

- 5) Id NYC – Report

Sign up at 66 John Street. You get free access to a lot of places.

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

- 1) South Street Seaport letter to Mayor de Blasio – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused*

- 2) New Market & Tin Buildings – Report

- EDC is planning to remove the cooler areas of these buildings as they have deteriorated and are structurally unsound. An evaluation of the remaining portions of the buildings will be conducted and results will be reported to CB1.

- 3) Taste of the Seaport – Report

- Back October 17.

- 4) Seaport/Civic Center construction projects – Report

- Getting more updates.

5) Committee priorities – Report

- To be discussed more at another time.

H) **Planning Committee - J. Galloway**

1) Billion Oyster Project – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

2) 195 Notice of Intent to Acquire Office Space – Resolutions *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused*

- a. NYPD, 375 Pearl Street, Federal Monitor and Inspector General & supporting staff

- b. NYPD, 90 West Street, Relocation of World Trade Center Command Substation

3) Housing New York, A Five-Borough, Ten-Year Plan – Report

- Plan is looking to build and preserve units.

4) Move NY – Report

- Congestion pricing is being discussed.

5) Zoning for Quality and Affordability – Report

- Look at item 3. No real impact on CB1.

IV. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

V. **New Business**

No New Business to report.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Chair concluded the meeting at 8:45pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.