

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 29, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: NYC Rescue Mission
90 Lafayette Street

Vice Chairperson Anthony Notaro called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, EDT.

Public Session

1. Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
 - Success Academy Charter Schools sent a letter stating their intent to open a school in School District 2.
 - Dognapping is up in New York City.
2. Bill Bialosky (CB1 Resident)
 - Upset about persistent drunken vagrancy on Walker Street.
 - Supports the Rescue Mission.
3. Eric Dillenberger (Walker Street Block Association)
 - Concerned about homeless population on Walker Street creating quality of life issues.
 - Requesting more support from the City to monitor these issues.
4. Doug Jaeger (CB1 Business Owner)
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5. Mary Cooley (State Senator Daniel Squadron)
 - Hope you enjoyed the fireworks on the East River.
 - Worked with Governor's Island Trust to offer some free ferry rides.
6. Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
 - Opposed to separate doors at affordable housing sites.

- Sent a letter to several New York City commissioners requesting a meeting regarding double-decker tour buses.
 - John Fratta mentioned issues at Independence Plaza North involving different treatment for market and subsidized tenants.
7. Michael Fosina (New York Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital)
- The hospital systems merged one year ago.
 - There has been an increase in the number of patients. There are community outreach efforts in place.
 - Renovations are underway. New equipment is being brought in. Efforts are being made to improve patient experience.
 - Paul Hovitz: Are you cutting physical therapy staff? Answer: no.
8. Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)
- Sam Spokony is the Council Member's new Communications Director.
 - The City budget has been passed.
 - Was able to obtain an increase in the budget for services for the aging.
9. Timothy Hsu (Youth Program)
- Spoke about youth services at the High School for Economics and Finance.
10. Graeme Birchall (Downtown Boathouse)
- Please take advantage of their free programs.
11. Margaret Flanagan (Seaport Uplands)
- The Seaport Museum supports preservation.
12. Frederick Becker (BFX 30 Broad LLC)
- This is a subsidiary of New York Sports Club. Please approve the application for a physical culture establishment permit.
13. Michael Nacmius (Eric Potalnik P.C.)
- Please approve physical culture establishment special permit application.
14. Crystal Feng (Comptroller Scott Stringer)
- Gave overview of the Comptroller's Claimstat initiative.
15. Doug Hasserbroek (Governors Island Building 301)

- Looking to turn the building into a visual and performing arts space.
- Was rejected by the Landmarks Committee.

Welcome

Andrew DeCurtis, Developer of Strategic Partnerships, NYC Rescue Mission

- Welcomed CB1 and provided an overview of issues facing the homeless.
- Needs help with the Mission's application before the Department of Buildings to expand the facility.

Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:00pm, EDT.

- The minutes of the monthly meeting held in June 2014 were adopted unanimously as presented

Vice Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro

- 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.

Highlights:

- CB1 has recommended to the Bellevue Hospital Community Advisory Board that Frances Curtis replaces Susan Cole as CB1's representative
- Welcome Calli Lerner who started her CB1 membership on July 1, 2014 and joined both the Seaport/Civic Center and Financial District Committees; Una Perkins will be her mentor

District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- The Mayor has asked community boards to provide voter registration forms at meetings. Tamar Hovsepian will attend a training session to learn more details about how community boards can increase voter registration.
- There was a serious computer system failure in the office and much data was unfortunately lost. Some important documents will be retrieved from other locations including the CB1 website and email archives.

Treasurer's Report – J. Fratta

- Was emailed prior to the meeting - no comments.

Committee Reports

Youth & Education Committee

- 1) Universal Pre-Kindergarten for NYC's 4-Year-Olds – Report
 - There will be new pre-K sites in CB1.
- 2) New York Road Runners (NYRR) Youth Programs – Report
 - The program is free and available to all schools.
- 3) Request to Amend Fiscal Year 2015 Capital Budget to Restore School Seats as Promised by the Department of Education – Resolution urges the DOE/SCA to amend the 2015-2019 Capital Budget to include additional seats to fulfill the 1,000-seat commitment to CB1.

Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Battery Park City Committee

- 1) 212 North End Avenue, application for catering liquor license for Asphalt Green – Resolution opposes the granting of a catering liquor license for Asphalt Green unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 225 Liberty Street a/k/a World Financial Center, Store #251, application for beer license for Skinny Pizza WFC LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a restaurant beer and wine license for SkinnyPizza WFC LLC d/b/a Skinny Pizza unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Northern Tiger, Hudson Eats – Resolution opposes the granting of a restaurant beer and wine license for Province One, LLC d/b/a Northern Tiger unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol – Update by Sergeant Phuchong Srisuro
 - regularly comes to meetings to provide updates on PEP activity;
 - kids were robbed of scooters in West Thames Park; there is now increased surveillance
 - reckless skateboarders, alcohol and pot in the parks

- Asked about bicyclists on the sidewalk; officers do stop and ticket bicyclists; if delivery people, it is important that witnesses get the name of the restaurant and report violations to 311 and the CB office
 - Asked about drones in response to community complaints; there is no FAA or NYPD policy at this time, but they can question operators who seem to be operating cameras on drones
- 5) Update on the impact of ferry operations, especially ferry horn noise; this was originally on our agenda, but we postponed the discussion until September at the request of Congressman Nadler's office, which is organizing a meeting with ferry operators.
- 6) Battery Park City Authority Updates
- Also regularly coming to meetings
 - Provided update on capital projects, mostly repairs and renovations
 - Discussed status of Route 9A bike Lane needed to relieve bike congestion on Brookfield Place Plaza; will discuss with DOT

Taxi Stand near World Trade Center Memorials

- Need expressed for a taxi stand and signage on West Street due to visitors hailing cabs on Route 9A; thought that this was a planning /WTC issue

Affordable Housing

- Tom Goodkind is drafting a resolution for review by the Planning and Battery Park City Committees. The BPC Committee will focus on the decline in affordable housing units in BPC, specifically buildings that are converting from rentals to condos and expiration of affordable housing subsidies in BPC and Lower Manhattan generally.

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

- 1) Pier 17 construction, Fulton Market Building and Seaport uplands – Report
- Seaport Market Building will open fall 2015.
 - Pier 17 will be open October 2016.
 - Tin Building will undergo Landmarks Committee review in September.
- 2) Seaport Working Group – Report
- Evaluating feedback.
- 3) Peck Slip Plaza – Report

- NYC DOT is using East Side of Peck Slip as a staging area for the Broadway project. NYC DOT will move.
- 4) Peck Slip Plaza Bike Share Station – Resolution
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
 - 5) New Amsterdam Market
 - Asking the new director to come by the Seaport.

Planning Committee

- 1) Move NY – Report
 - Discussed transportation issues in NYC. Wanted a resolution, but there was not time. Will come back in the fall.
- 2) Unit Owner’s, Affordable Housing & Stabilization Guide Updates – Report
 - CB1 Community Planning Fellow is working on it.
- 3) Strengthening rent stabilization laws – Report
 - Will be discussed in the fall.
- 4) New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (NYMTC) Transportation Planning Certification Review – Report
 - Testimony was submitted by Chairperson McVay Hughes at a NYMTC hearing
- 5) Accessibility at the World Trade Center Memorial – Resolution urges the 9/11 Memorial and Museum to remove all temporary after-hours barriers to allow access for north-south-east-west crossing 24/7 which will fully restore connectivity to the level originally expected, which was experienced and positively received during the 9/11 Memorial and Museum preview week.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) Proposed bill permitting interested parties to receive notification of items published in the City Record – Resolution strongly supports the bill introduced by New York City Council Members Daniel Garodnick and Margaret Chin, which is a first step towards a full ULURP-like notification procedure that we believe will greatly improve the usefulness of the publication, increase transparency and help ensure true public notice of many City actions.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) Community Room at 346 Broadway – Resolution invites representatives from the New York City Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) and the Mayor's Office to attend our Planning Committee meeting on September 8, 2014 for an update on the community space at 346 Broadway; and additionally requests an update from DCAS on the relocation of the Summons Court from 346 Broadway.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) 54-56 Fulton Street, Inclusionary Housing Program – Resolution supports this proposed project which will help meet its goal. The chairperson of Community Board 1 is authorized to send a letter to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development's Inclusionary Housing Program in support of this project of providing affordable housing to residents of the community.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) Summary of security devices in Lower Manhattan made by Pace University Students. Resolutions 1 urges the New York City Police Department to investigate modern alternative security devices that can be used to reduce the overwhelming presence of existing security devices and personnel in the area of One Police Plaza.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) World Trade Center Taxi Stand – Resolution calls on experts from the New York State Department of Transportation, the New York City Department of Transportation, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and the New York City Police Department to determine a location for a dedicated taxi stand around the World Trade Center Site, and to specifically examine the potential for a taxi stand at the northwest corner of West Street and Liberty Street.
Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee

- 1) 33 Peck Slip, application for storefront renovation – Resolution
Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 233-235 Water Street, application for façade alternation – Resolution
Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Governors Island Bldg 301 facade alteration – Resolution
Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 319 Broadway, application to amend previous LPC approval of awning – Resolution
Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 62 Beach Street, application for penthouse alteration – Resolution
Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 35 Walker Street, application for facade renovation – Resolution

Passed: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Quality of Life Committee

1) General Vendor Regulations – Report

- The Department of Consumer Affairs presented about street vending.
- There is a 20 year waiting list for general vendors. Disabled veterans can sell anywhere vending is permitted.

2) Construction update – Report

- There are a lot of projects going on throughout CB1.

3) Drone operation regulations – Report

- The Committee will request a presentation regarding drones by the FAA and will reach out to Rep. Nadler’s office for assistance.

4) Continuation of funding for Lower Manhattan DOT – Resolution

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Relocation of the Greenmarket – Resolution

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) NYC Coalition to Stop Credit Checks in Employment – Resolution

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Committee

1) Tribeca Committee sidewalk cafe guidelines – Report

2) 349 Greenwich Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Greenwich Rest. LLC – Report

- The item was postponed until October so the applicant can post the surrounding area adequately.

3) 429-435 Greenwich Street a/k/a 62 Laight Street, application for alteration of liquor license for Dylan Prime – Resolution does not object to the alteration of the on premises restaurant liquor license for Dylan Prime.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 429 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk cafe for Dylan Prime – Resolution does not object to the sidewalk café license for Laight Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Dylan Prime at 429 Greenwich Street with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) 205 Hudson Street, application for sidewalk cafe for AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC – Resolution does not object to the sidewalk café license for AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) 59 Reade Street, application for alteration of liquor license to permit sidewalk café for 59 MACT Corp. d/b/a Maxwells – Resolution opposes the granting of a restaurant beer and wine license for 59 MACT Corp. d/b/a Maxwells unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) 79 Chambers Street, application for liquor license for Boris Lidukhover, on behalf of entity to be formed – Resolution opposes the granting of a restaurant beer and wine license for Boris Lidukhover, on behalf of an entity to be formed at 79 Chambers unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) 353 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of sidewalk cafe for MaryAnn’s 353 Mex, Inc. – Resolution approves the renewal of the sidewalk café license for MaryAnn’s 353 Mex Inc. located at 353 Greenwich Street.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) 85 Worth Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution recommends approval of a special permit to allow a physical culture establishment at 85 Worth Street for T. Kang Tae Kwon Do.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District Committee

- 1) 99 Church Street – Report

- They want to do night work. They have noise mitigation procedures.

- 2) 103 Washington Street, application for liquor license for SMG Hotel, LLC and Amazon Restaurant & Bar Inc. as Manager – Resolution opposes the granting of liquor license for SMG Hotel LLC, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions and stipulations signed by the applicant/manager.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) 88 Fulton Street, application for beer license for A Spice Route Inc., d/b/a Tandoor Palace – Resolution opposes the granting of liquor license for Tandoor Palace, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 108 John Street, application for liquor license for Thai Sliders & Co. LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of liquor license for Thai Sliders & Co. LLC, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions and the stipulations sheet signed by the applicant.
Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Traffic and Pedestrian Safety in CB1 – Resolution requests to minimize vehicular violations that threaten pedestrian safety.
Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VII. **New Business**

1) 30 Broad Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution recommends approval of a special permit to allow a physical culture establishment at 30 Broad Street for The New York Sports Club d/b/a BFX Studio.
Passed: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Vice Chairperson concluded the meeting at 8:35pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.