

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 - MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2003

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 14 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

TABLED VOTE: 18 In Favor 8 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Reburying victim remains at the WTC site

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 supports the creation of an appropriate memorial to honor the many victims of the horrendous events of September 11th, and

WHEREAS: It is critical that the memorial play a key part in the redevelopment of the WTC site but we do not believe that it should overwhelm and dominate the site and turn it into an entirely somber environment, and

WHEREAS: Certain groups have recently come forward and suggested that the remains of the many victims of 9/11 be returned to the site and reinterred at this location, and

WHEREAS: Members of this community and Community Board #1 have made clear that we do not support turning the WTC site into a cemetery which we believe would greatly harm efforts to retain and attract businesses and residents to Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: The WTC site must be redeveloped in manner that recognizes its central location and importance in bringing many critical services and facilities back to this major commercial and fast growing residential district, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 favors the establishment of an appropriate memorial at the WTC site which includes only a symbolic element along the lines of the tomb of the unknown soldier, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 categorically opposes any plan to bring back any more than a symbolic amount of remains of the September 11th attack victims to the WTC site for reburial.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 4 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 17 In Favor 9 Opposed 6 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: Designation of 92nd Street Y as Community Center Operator

WHEREAS: CB #1 issued a RFP last summer seeking qualified applicants to operate a future large-scale Recreation and Cultural Center in Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: We have indicated that such a facility be at least 100,000 s.f. with programs and activities geared towards both residents (children, adults, seniors) and workers, should be open everyday except major holidays and should provide programming such as lectures, performing arts and literary events, education, health and fitness, kids and teen activities, and programs for seniors and the disabled, and

WHEREAS: We were most fortunate to have two well qualified and very experienced organizations, the YMCA of Greater NY and the 92nd Street Y, respond to the RFP and present us with their vision and plans for such a facility, and

WHEREAS: In the past six months the Community Board has met frequently with these organizations which have spent considerable time and effort responding to the RFP and our follow-up questions and comments and refining their proposals, and

WHEREAS: Each of these organizations have unique attributes which they would bring to our community; the YMCA provides excellent recreation programs particularly geared toward youth and has a long and distinguished track record of building new facilities throughout the City; the 92nd Street Y offers a wide assortment of high quality and interesting recreational and cultural programs and is particularly renowned for their superb series of dance and musical offerings as well as their lectures, discussions and poetry readings, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Weighing all the many considerations such as quality and variety of programs offered, experience, ability to raise funds, projected impact on existing programs and organizations, and which would be best for the future of Lower Manhattan, CB #1 recommends the 92nd Street Y to be the future operator of our Lower Manhattan Recreation and Cultural Center, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 wishes to reiterate several concerns raised throughout this selection process and agreed to by the 92nd Street Y:

- This center will be fully open to all and no one will be turned away even if they cannot afford to pay.
- In developing this facility, every effort will be made to coordinate with, and do no harm to, existing local recreation and cultural programs which currently serve our area.
- The Community Board and local residents/workers (of all faiths) will play a substantial and collaborative role in the planning and governance of this new facility.
- The center will be open seven days per week.
- The Y will create interim programs and/or facilities in Lower Manhattan prior to opening of the permanent community center, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: There has been considerable discussion about the desirability of having both of these excellent organizations come to Lower Manhattan. We encourage the 92nd Street Y and the YMCA to continue to explore this possibility, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly recommends that Governor Pataki, Mayor Bloomberg, the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, the Port Authority of NY and NJ and all our local elected officials join the Community Board and the 92nd Street Y to fully support this most important project which we believe would make Lower Manhattan a far more desirable location for residents and businesses and would generate the type of excitement about the future of Lower Manhattan that is needed to rebuild this community.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Schematic design for segment 3 of the Hudson River Park

WHEREAS: The Hudson River Park Trust (HRPT) design team, headed by landscape architects Sasaki Associates, has prepared a Concept Design for Segment 3 of the Hudson River Park (Chambers Street north to Clarkson Street – Pier 40), and

WHEREAS: A task force of several Community Board members met four times with Sasaki Associates prior to the preparation of this Concept Plan, and

WHEREAS: In addition to this task force, CB #1 has had a long history (over ten years) of reviewing and recommending program and design concepts for the proposed park in conjunction with the Hudson River Park Trust and the former Hudson River Park Conservancy (HRPC) and their design consultant, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board is pleased that HRPT has moved ahead with the proposed park, and the designers accommodated many of the program uses desired by the community, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 fully supports the schematic design for Segment 3 of the Hudson River Park, and appreciates the on-going collaboration the HRPT has afforded CB #1, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports the HRPT's request for funding from the LMDC in order to complete Segment 3.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Block 97 Project, application for Liberty Bond financing

WHEREAS: CB #1 has been instrumental in the reconstruction and preservation of the South Street Seaport Historic District which is presently at risk, and

WHEREAS: The community has required that development be limited to C6-2A in keeping with the size of buildings presently in the district, and

WHEREAS: The Yarrow development team and architect Richard Cook have developed a comprehensive, carefully crafted plan which will preserve the character, authenticity and scale of the Seaport, and

WHEREAS: This project, which will be no greater than 5 FAR, will be small in scope and thus limited in its ability to offer a larger than the required 5% component for moderate income housing, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 approves this application for Liberty Bond financing with a 5% set-aside for moderate income housing as proposed.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 24 and 26 Water Street, application to install a barrier free access ramp in front of both buildings

WHEREAS: The applicant, Sons of the Revolution, owns five buildings bordered by Broad, Water and Pearl Streets and Coenties Slip, including Fraunce's Tavern, and

WHEREAS: The necessity exists for a handicapped-accessible entrance to be created for both the Tavern and other contiguous interior spaces, such as clubrooms, and

WHEREAS: The applicant obviously has a long history of maintaining this block of very historic buildings, and has kept the ancient Fraunce's Tavern in good stead through hell and high water, and

WHEREAS: Care was taken to locate this proposed entrance appropriately – on the south side of the block – and create a sensitive ramp design, and

WHEREAS: The proposal calls for an access ramp that zigzags across 24 and 26 Water Street, its platform reaching up to the current second floor Tavern rear entrance, and

WHEREAS: The new landing is to be faced in brick to match the existing masonry, which is, in fact, a difficult color to locate, the ramp's skirt will be of the same brick, and the ramp's underlying steps are of granite, with harmoniously colored 1½ inch steel-tube railings, and

WHEREAS: The only unfortunate note is that the plan calls for the ramp and landing to be capped with concrete, specified primarily for cost reasons, a jarring substance in the context of all the other materials, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 understands the difficulty of the applicant's task, applauds the care with which a solution has been fashioned, and recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this request, WITH THE EXCEPTION that at least the landing, and ideally, the landing and ramp bed entirely be capped in granite.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 203-204 Front St., application to install a bracket sign at the second floor

WHEREAS: The scheduled applicant did not appear before the committee, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: The Landmarks Preservation Commission hold over this application until the applicant makes its presentation before the Landmarks Committee of Community Board #1.

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BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 111-115 Broadway, application to install light fixtures

WHEREAS: This innocuous-sounding application calls for the installation of light fixtures, and

WHEREAS: In fact, the project involves the installation of 14 large exterior lamps – of four- and five feet each on Cedar Street and Trinity Place, and of 6 feet each on Broadway, and

WHEREAS: They are to appear on the enormously important U.S. Realty Building and Trinity Building, sister structures spanning the block from Trinity Place to Broadway, and of great visual prominence and architectural significance, and

WHEREAS: The proposed fixtures are of antique bronze and milky white glass, but refer more to the abstracted fixtures added to the buildings in the last decade than to the beautiful Gothic-influenced originals, and

WHEREAS: Based on what the applicant presented, the committee members want more information, and request to see:

- A full-scale mock-up,
- The mock-up illuminated at night,
- The bulb and light color intended, and

WHEREAS: In any case, the committee believes the fixtures should have some inflection of Gothic style, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 asks the Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold over this matter until the requested mock-ups and visuals can be inspected.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 161 Duane Street, application to construct a five-story rooftop addition and install storefront infill and signage

RE: 36-38 Hudson Street, application to demolish a portion of the rear façade, construct a roof top addition, install mechanical equipment and water tank and to install storefront infill and a painted wall sign

WHEREAS: The concept for these prominent corner buildings was complicated, and

WHEREAS: There were highly visible components shown by the mock-up which had only been put up a few days before the meeting, and

WHEREAS: The Committee wanted to make a site visit before full consideration of the application, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission hold over any decisions on these applications until a site visit can be made and a resolution presented by CB #1.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 113 Chambers Street, application to install storefront infill

WHEREAS: The applicant did not appear, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission hold over consideration until the committee is given the opportunity to review the proposal.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

PUBLIC VOTE: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 313 Church Street, liquor license application for Zenana Inc.

WHEREAS: The applicant will operate a restaurant for 73 people, with 23 tables and 60 seats which will include a bar not to exceed 13 seats, and

WHEREAS: The hours of operation will be noon until 11:30 PM, Sunday-Thursday and noon until 12:30 AM on Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The restaurant will have background music only and agrees to add adequate sound proofing, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not be seeking a sidewalk café permit or a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to have an indoor refrigerated garbage area, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to make the Con Edison meters, which are only accessible through the restaurant, accessible, and

WHEREAS: The applicant is in the process of filing their plans for a correct C of O which they will send to the Community Board, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to install a ceiling to address the issues a adequate fire proofing and noise abatement, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to add these conditions to the SLA application, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the SLA approve liquor license for Zenana Inc. at 313 Church Street for two years with the above agreed upon conditions of operation to be included in the application.

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PUBLIC VOTE: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 301 Church Street, liquor license application for Bread in Tribeca, LLC

WHEREAS: The applicant will operate a restaurant for 74 people, with 20 tables and 45 seats which will include a bar not to exceed 8 seats, and

WHEREAS: The hours of operation will be 11:30 AM until 12:30 AM, Sunday-Thursday and 11:30 AM until 2:00 AM on Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The restaurant will have background music only and agrees to add adequate sound proofing, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not be seeking a sidewalk café permit or a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to have an indoor refrigerated garbage area, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to add these conditions to the SLA application, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the SLA approve liquor license for Bread in Tribeca, LLC at 301 Church Street for two years with the above agreed upon conditions of operation to be included in the application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: South Street Seaport rezoning

WHEREAS: The City Planning Commission appears to be moving toward approving a height ceiling of 170 feet in the historic district of the South Street Seaport, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has initiated, developed and sheperded a proposal for the rezoning of the historic area of the Seaport to C6-2A, and

WHEREAS: The maximum building height of this proposal has always been 120 feet, and

WHEREAS: Community support, including from Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, Councilmember Alan Gerson, Speaker Sheldon Silver, Senator Martin Connor, the Alliance for Downtown NY, the Seaport North Business Association, and the South Street Seaport Museum to name but a few, has been overwhelmingly positive and strongly in favor of this proposal, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 strongly favors restricting the building height in the Seaport Historic District to 120 feet.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

BOARD VOTE: 26 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: NYC's 350th Anniversary Celebration

WHEREAS: Our history is our birthright, and when we are ignorant of it we are diminished as citizens and our City has less meaning to its citizens, and

WHEREAS: We can and should learn from our past to create an even better future for our City and ourselves, and

WHEREAS: This year is New York City's 350th Anniversary, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 compliments and encourages the work of the Committee for NYC's 350th Anniversary Celebration, Inc. to celebrate our City's rich history and to highlight the creation of NYC and the City Council 350 years ago, February 2, 1653, here within what is today the boundaries of CB #1, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 encourages Mayor Bloomberg, the entire City Council and our other elected officials to participate in celebrating our rich New York City history and to work closely with the Committee. Likewise we recommend the same to our fellow Community Boards throughout the five boroughs.