

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Milstein building safety plan delay

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 members are dismayed that Milstein Properties' has failed for the last three months to come before the committee while at the same time continuing to conduct work on the site, and

WHEREAS: The CB #1 Battery Park City committee has written a letter to urgently request that representatives of Milstein make a firm commitment to attend the January 6th Battery Park City committee meeting to present a safety plan for the Milstein project, and

WHEREAS: The committee learned at the December meeting that that there was already an accident on the site in which a worker fell and was injured, and

WHEREAS: We also understand that representatives of Milstein have already met with the Department of Buildings and that Acting Assistant Commissioner for Engineering and Safety Operations, Christopher Santulli, asked the company to make some adjustments to the plan. These facts make it even more compelling that they be willing to present at least a preliminary working plan to the board, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is concerned about the safety of the children and adults who will be on the field in the spring. If Milstein waits until February to come before the committee and the committee has to wait another month after submitting our input about the plan, it will be March before it is finalized and people could potentially be at risk. We do not want another near miss like the May 17 incident on the Goldman site when a piece of steel plate fell from the eighteenth floor of that building and landed within twenty feet of children playing soccer, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 asks that the Milstein Company make a firm commitment to attend this next meeting on January 6th and present at least the safety plan in place now and hopefully the one going forward, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 expects this safety plan to be modeled on the Goldman plan, which we are willing to provide the company with, if necessary, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 feels that these delays cannot continue. Therefore, if Milstein does not comply with our request, we will request that DOB issue a stop-work order because such a measure is necessary to ensure the safety of our community, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 strongly urges the Milstein Company to do the right thing for our community and present a safety plan for the Milstein project to the committee in January.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 20 Maiden Lane, application for on-premise liquor license for Maiden Hotel LLC d/b/a Hotel Reserve

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-premise liquor license for Maiden Hotel LLC d/b/a Hotel Reserve at 20 Maiden Lane, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation for bar service in the restaurant are 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 12 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The establishment will have background music, and

WHEREAS: The restaurant will have a total square footage of 1,373 with a dining area of 883 square feet, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that the hotel will not seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that the hotel will not seek a sidewalk café license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches or synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are other establishments with some type of liquor license within 500 feet of this location, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application for Maiden Hotel LLC d/b/a Hotel Reserve at 20 Maiden Lane

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 195 Broadway, application for on-premise liquor license for Omnicom Media Group

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-premise liquor license for Omnicom Media Group at 195 Broadway, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation for bar service in the restaurant are 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and

WHEREAS: The establishment will have recorded music, and

WHEREAS: The restaurant will have a total square footage of 802 with a dining area of 401 square feet, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that the hotel will not seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that the hotel will not seek a sidewalk café license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches or synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no other establishments with some type of liquor license within 500 feet of this location, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application for Omnicom Media Group at 195 Broadway

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RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	4 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Street permit application by the Downtown Independent Democrats

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit for Friday, April 24, 2009, for an event on Maiden Lane between Water Street and South Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by Clearview Festival Productions on behalf of the Downtown Independent Democrats for Friday, April 24, 2009. Closure of street during the hours of 8 AM to 7 PM; event will take place during the hours of 11 AM – 6 PM, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Street permit application by the Downtown Visiting Neighbors

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit for Friday, September 25, 2009, for an event on Murray Street between Broadway and Church Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by Clearview Festival Productions on behalf of the Downtown Visiting Neighbors for Friday, September, 2009. Closure of street during the hours of 8 AM to 7 PM; event will take place during the hours of 11 AM – 6 PM, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 27-A Harrison Street, LPC application for modification of shutters

WHEREAS: This application calls for the legalization of a violation issued to the owner of 27-A Harrison Street, an individual New York City landmark, because of the removal of exterior window shutters during renovations, and

WHEREAS: This Federal house, now part of a Federal townhouse row along Harrison Street and a cobbled remnant of Washington Street in Tribeca, was located originally at 314 Washington Street, and was moved to the present site – along with other houses of similar vintage scattered throughout the Washington Market Urban Renewal District -- in 1972, and rebuilt, in a bold initiative by the New York City Landmarks Preservation District and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

WHEREAS: Of the group, this and its immediate neighbor are likely the most important, having been designed by John Macomb, arguably one of New York's most important early 19th century architects, and

WHEREAS: While the one extant photograph of the house after reconstruction in the mid-1970s shows shutters, convincing and impressive evidence was presented indicating that Macomb rarely if ever utilized shutters on his house designs, and

WHEREAS: The Landmarks Committee co-Chair of Community Board #1 took the liberty of contacting both the chief architect of the 1970s project, Herbert Oppenheimer, and the chief researcher, Allen Trousdale, a member of Columbia University's first graduating class of architectural preservation under James Mars ton Fitch, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Oppenheimer said, "There was no real study of this detail," and

WHEREAS: Mr. Trousdale, a wonderful resource, said that while "I would be surprised if [Macomb] didn't use [shutters], it would be hard to say. The truth to tell, we did not have [sufficient] research.... We didn't have the means."

As a footnote, he was surprised and pleased to be told that so much Macomb documentation has been catalogued in the last four decades, and

WHEREAS: Two conflicting directives at the Landmarks Preservation Commission seem to be at work, one saying that these row houses need to be kept to the original 1800s designs and one suggesting that they be kept to the 1970s standard, and

WHEREAS: It needs to be noted that the case of the Washington Street houses is a very special one, whose genesis was unique and whose conditions occurred before the reification of landmarks tenets, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application for the removal of shutters on this property.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 137 Duane Street, LPC application for alterations to windows on sixth floor

WHEREAS: This is an application to change the windows and expand the window penetrations in a relatively new stucco rooftop extension of 137 Duane Street, a beautiful loft building in the Tribeca South Historic District, and

WHEREAS: While the existing condition has wood-frame windows, and the application calls for metal, and while the proposal is very visible from the southwest, the proposal as presented changes the visible bulk, size, massing and facing material of the extension only slightly, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	1 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	5 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 78-80 Leonard Street, LPC application for two story rooftop addition to existing six-story building

WHEREAS: This is an application for a two-story rooftop addition to a significant building in the Tribeca East Historic District, and

WHEREAS: 78 and 80 Leonard Street's interiors are now interconnected, although the exterior architecture is quite different, with one having notable sperm candle columns, and

WHEREAS: The proposal, already reduced in height from three to two stories at the directive of Landmarks Preservation Commission staff, would not be visible from the street, but comes before the Community Board at the direction of the Landmarks Preservation Commission because, although represented to be within zoning limits, is nevertheless a two-story addition proposal to a low building in a landmarks district, a situation the LPC now discourages, and which the Community Board #1 has discouraged generally, especially if visible, and

WHEREAS: The addition is utterly contemporary and quite brilliant in and of itself, drawn by the notable architectural firm of Smith-Miller Hawkins, and

WHEREAS: The biomorphic and "free-floating" addition would be made of tin with wire glass, and

WHEREAS: Many legitimate precedents were cited, from Herzog and de Meuron to Jean Nouvel to Coop Himmelblau to SHoP, and

WHEREAS: An awful array of mechanicals are proposed to surmount this otherwise arresting and aesthetically breathtaking construction, and

WHEREAS: The Landmarks Committee was divided in its take on this project, now

THEREFORE
BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application but that the mechanicals be removed, which the applicant agreed to do.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 48 Wall Street, LPC application for installation of exterior banner for Museum of American Finance

WHEREAS: This is an application to add two 7-foot 9-inch banners to the front of the magnificent 1927 Bank of New York building, for the newly-minted Museum of American Finance, and

WHEREAS: The museum, a Smithsonian affiliate, has been awarded a grant by the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, and

WHEREAS: The two proposed banners are of an extremely brassy green with white gill-sans typeface, and

WHEREAS: While the banners themselves are not objectionable – especially for the purposes of a museum – the color is, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the banner installations, but reject the garish green color and work with the applicant to find a better color solution.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	3 Opposed	4 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Citywide Zoning Text Amendment: Zoning for Bicycle Parking

WHEREAS: The Department of City Planning is proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution to require enclosed and secure bicycle parking in new multi-family residential, community facility, and commercial buildings in all zoning districts, and

WHEREAS: The proposed text amendment would provide for bicycle parking and storage both at home and in the workplace, with standards intended to serve the needs of cyclists while providing flexibility to accommodate the needs of development, and

WHEREAS: In order to offset the cost to developers of the provision of bicycle parking, the proposed text amendment would provide that the area dedicated to enclosed bicycle parking spaces be excluded from FAR calculation, in essence, trading increased bulk for increased bicycle parking, and

WHEREAS: Although the enclosed bicycle parking to be provided as a result of this zoning text amendment will likely be situated in a building's basement, which is already excluded from FAR calculation, CB#1 in general has reservations regarding the concept of trading bulk for new regulation that itself is unrelated to bulk issues, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 supports the encouragement of increased use of environment-friendly means of transportation, including bicycling, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 has been, and remains concerned, that enforcement of traffic regulations applicable to bicycling has been lax in the CB#1 District, and remains concerned that further encouragement of bicycling without concomitant devotion of resources to traffic enforcement and to planning for increased bicycle traffic generally would be unwise, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 supports with proposed text amendment, provided that it be modified to eliminate the exclusion of the enclosed bicycle parking spaces from the FAR calculation, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: In order to address the anticipated increased bicycle traffic that would result from this text change, CB#1 requests that the City devote sufficient resources to study and plan for this increased bicycle traffic, including increased enforcement of traffic regulations and study of likely vehicular and pedestrian traffic impacts.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 32 Cliff Street, application for liquor license for The Iron Horse NYC

WHEREAS: The applicant, The Iron Horse Inc, d/b/a The Iron Horse NYC, has applied for an on-premises liquor license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a restaurant with bar, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the restaurant is 1300 sq. ft, with 600 sq. ft. for the dining area and bar, and the public assembly capacity is 63, and the number of tables is 8 with 42 seats, and the square footage of the bar is 400 square feet with 9 bar stools, and

WHEREAS: There will be recorded background music and an occasional guitar player on weekends, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will maintain security personnel on weekend, and

WHEREAS: The applicant proposes to operate the bar from 11:00 am to 4:00 am on weekdays and weekends, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is opposed to operating hours until 4:00 am on weekdays, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes the liquor license application unless the applicant agrees to close the bar at 2:00 am on weekdays.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 22 Peck Slip, application for renewal of unenclosed side café for Peck Slip Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Meades

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk cafe license for 5 tables and 20 seats, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to operate the proposed sidewalk café no later than midnight on weekdays and 1:00 am on weekends, and

WHEREAS: There will no changes in the method of operation, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 has no objection to the application for a renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café license for Peck Slip Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Meades at 22 Peck Slip.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Street permit application by the Association of Indians in America

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for a street activity permit for Sunday, October 4, 2009, for an event on John Street from South Street to Water Street, and Water Street from Fulton Street to Fletcher Street, and Front Street from John Street to Fletcher Street, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will provide security and cleanup services, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the Association of Indians in America for Sunday, October 4, 2009. Closure of street during the hours of 5:00 am to 11:00 pm; event will take place during the hours of 7:00 am, to 10:00 pm, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center reviews the application and determines that it is compatible with nearby construction activity that is expected to be simultaneously underway.
2. Traffic control agents are deployed as needed to ensure that there is no significant adverse impact from the event on traffic flow.
3. There are no other street closures at the same time in the immediate vicinity.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Chinatown Working Group

WHEREAS: The Chinatown Working Group is a community-based planning initiative on the future of Chinatown whose goal is to support the community's residents, businesses and visitors, and

WHEREAS: The Chinatown Working Group members include Chinatown's stakeholders, representatives of community groups, Community Boards #1, 2 & 3, which contain portions of Chinatown within their boundaries, and interested parties whose focus is on issues of shared concern throughout Chinatown including but not limited to affordability, preservation, revitalization and the social and economic well being of families and youths, and

WHEREAS: The Chinatown Working Group objective is to articulate common goals for Chinatown's future and work with City agencies to formulate and implement a community-based plan, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1, Manhattan, supports the Chinatown Work Group and its community-based initiative, which is as inclusionary as possible, as a participating member with CB #s 2 and 3, and community stakeholders.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Chatham Square Redesign

WHEREAS: The City of New York Department of Design and Construction has commenced preparation of a Final Design Contract for the Reconstruction of the Chatham Square Park Row Area, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the project is to improve vehicular and pedestrian safety, enhance public space and lessen the impact of security devices, and

WHEREAS: The project will include new roadway pavement, curbs and sidewalk, and new water mains, sewer work and upgrading of traffic signals, street lighting and street signage, and

WHEREAS: The project will include upgrading of police security devices and posts, but will not re-open Park Row to vehicular traffic, and

WHEREAS: The project is scheduled for commencement of construction in the spring of 2009, and

WHEREAS: Community opposition to the project was strongly stated at a public hearing jointly sponsored by CB# 's 1, 2 and 3 and by community members at a Seaport/Civic Center Committee meeting and by Councilmember Alan Gerson, Speaker of the Assembly Sheldon Silver and State Senator-Elect Daniel Squadron, and

WHEREAS: The opposition is based upon concern for the economic impact of roadway disruption on business in the area during a financial crisis and during the shutdown of Fulton Street and the reconstruction of the Brooklyn Bridge, upon inadequate time for community input on the details of the roadway reconfiguration plan and on the failure of the plan to re-open Park Row to vehicular traffic, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the Chatham Square/Park Row Redesign Project until there is adequate time allowed for community input on the roadway configuration plan and the impact of the project on business and a plan to re-open Park Row.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Referral from the New York City Economic Development Corporation of the East River Waterfront Esplanade Phase I Site Plan

WHEREAS: In May 2005, after more than 70 public meetings, The City of New York released “Transforming the East River Waterfront,” a concept plan for the revitalization of the East River between the Battery Maritime Building and Pier 42, and

WHEREAS: The concept plan seeks to improve access to the waterfront, enhance pedestrian connectivity, and create waterfront amenities for public and community use and enjoyment, namely by creating:

- Open space amenities for lower Manhattan communities currently underserved by the City’s parks
- Basic infrastructure improvements to support new waterfront and community activities
- New public uses on Piers 15 and 35,
- Space under the FDR Drive for community, cultural, and limited commercial development
- A continuous bikeway/walkway along the waterfront connecting to the Manhattan Greenway, and

WHEREAS: Implementation of the East River Waterfront Esplanade plan necessitated a change to Waterfront Zoning that was approved by the Community Board on May 27, 2008, and

WHEREAS: The revised Waterfront Zoning stipulated that NYC EDC refer a Site Plan of each project phase to the affected Community Board and Council Member prior to Waterfront Certification, and

WHEREAS: NYC EDC presented the Phase 1 design to the Waterfront Committee and members of the Council Member’s staff at the July 21, 2008 meeting, and

WHEREAS: The Site Plan was referred on December 2, 2008 to the Community Board and Council Member for joint review, and

WHEREAS: NYC EDC will prepare a maintenance plan for the Phase One area, and

WHEREAS: NYC EDC will work with the New York City Department of Transportation to repair areas under the FDR Drive that have peeling paint and dust, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 and Council Member Gerson support the design for Phase One of the East River Waterfront Esplanade.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: World Trade Center Medical Programs

WHEREAS: CB#1 has worked very hard since September 11, 2001 with elected officials, government agencies and numerous stakeholders to establish and maintain adequate funding for the Centers of Excellence, which provide extensive and reliable physical and mental health services for rescue and which recovery workers and area residents and workers whose health has been damaged by their exposures in the aftermath of the WTC terrorist attack, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 has received a copy of the letter to Secretary of Health and Human Services Michael O. Leavitt from Congress Members Jerrold Nadler and Carolyn B. Malony dated December 11, 2008 that states, “Last week we were dismayed to hear of a new solicitation about to be issued by your [Department of Health and Human Services] department that would apparently replace all current arrangements with Mount Sinai Medical Center, the NYC Fire Department, and all of the other institutions [such as at Bellevue Hospital & Gouverneur’s] currently providing medical care for those enrolled in the WTC medical programs”, and

WHEREAS: This same letter also highlights that, “Given your [HHS’s] department’s past reluctance and failures to provide the health care called for in several Congressional appropriations for the WTC medical program this information on the new solicitation concerned us not only with regard to the potential damage to the current program, but also regarding the apparent attempt to covertly announce this contract solicitation in the last days of the Bush Administration, without even informing our [Nadler & Maloney] offices as you [Leavitt] had previously promised”, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 is outraged that HHS would even consider soliciting a contract in the final days of the Bush Administration that would threaten the existence of the WTC Centers of Excellence. CB#1 reaffirms its belief that WTC related medical services for those in the New York metropolitan area are best provided by knowledgeable and experienced practitioners in the existing Centers of Excellence (FDNY, Mt Sinai, WTC EHC). CB#1 calls on HHS to withdraw its proposal for removing funding from the existing Centers of Excellence and bidding WTC related health services to outsourced contractors. CB#1 calls on the incoming federal administration and President-elect Obama to address September 11th health related services.

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DATE: DECEMBER 16, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

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

RE: Department of Education Capital Plan

WHEREAS: The New York City Department of Education has proposed a new five-year capital plan that contains only 25,000 new seats, 40% fewer than are in the current capital plan, and far below what is needed with a future capital plan due to the as of right residential building and despite the ongoing crisis of overcrowding in our schools, and

WHEREAS: Speaker Sheldon Silver, Borough President Stringer, Councilmember Gerson, and CB 1 are on record requesting the Department of Education and the City Administration to qualify school seat allocation and need by neighborhood as opposed to district, and

WHEREAS: The two “new” CB1 schools mentioned in this report, The Beekman St School and PS 276 Green School, are in fact carryovers from the previous Capital Plan and already in process. The new 2009 Capital Plan does not include any new seats for CB1, save the relocation of an existing school, and

WHEREAS: A record amount of residential building has created record income, mansion and real estate taxes flooding into downtown, as a result and yet the plan proposes smaller spending and no new school construction, and

WHEREAS: The proposed capital plan has 3046 new seats planned for District 2, which according to the analysis cited above found that 2,900 seats are needed just to alleviate existing overcrowding and reduce class size in the district’s elementary and middle schools, based on 2006-7 figures; In Tribeca, Seaport, the Financial District and Battery Park City alone, the population has gone from 28,000 units in 2002 to 65,000 to date with another 11,000 units closing by 2010. Using the City Environmental Quality Review standard, this conservatively creates the need for at least 1892 additional elementary seats, of which only 143 have been added to date with only another estimated 945 being added by 2011. This leaves 804 additional elementary seats needed and for which no plan has been made, and

WHEREAS: With the population bubble downtown creating the need for 1892 elementary seats, the middle school issue has not been addressed. The 2 new schools that are due to open by 2011 will only provide 435 middle school seats leaving the rest unaccounted for in the new plan, and

WHEREAS: According to state law, the city is required to align its capital plan with its state-mandated class size reduction plan, which calls for the city to lower class sizes over the next four years to 20 students per class in grades K-3 and 23 students in all other grades, and

WHEREAS: Given the current economic downturn, building more schools would provide a critical stimulus to the city's economy – especially given the fact that 50% of the funds for school construction are reimbursed by the state and financed by bonds, repaid over thirty years; to say nothing for the fact that families make neighborhoods safe and more stable and are the largest consumer of goods, and

WHEREAS: The percent of city capital funding invested in our schools is at a long-term low, and

WHEREAS: Eliminating overcrowding and reducing class size should be regarded as a important economic strategy to improve the educational outcomes and future job success of NYC students, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board#1 Objects That The Department Of Education And The City Administration ignored elected officials and CB1 by continuing to address the need for additional school seats by district rather than by neighborhood thus failing to serve the extreme need for additional seats in CB#1 created by our neighborhood residential and population explosion, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The CB1 raises its voice in objection to the proposed five-year capital plan, and urges Chancellor Klein, the Mayor, and the City Council to significantly expand elementary and more importantly middle school building projects in CB1, to meet present and future need. Community schools serve communities, and CB1 is one of Manhattan's strongest communities, with 100% of the schools sited and curriculums developed by the parents and teachers of the community.