

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 14, 1989

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 24 In Favor	7 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: **The River Project**

WHEREAS: The River Project has operated an environmental testing program at Pier 26 in the Community Board #1 area for the past two years, and

WHEREAS: The River Project has asked the State for \$15,000 in "local initiative funds" to do the following:

1. Re-position existing rocks and rubble along the shoreline to enhance the environment as a habitat for birds, fish, and marine invertebrates;
2. Seed the shallows with wetland grasses to see whether a hardy variety can take hold in this inhospitable area;
3. Monitor the fish and bird population that results from this improved environment, and to record the rate at which silt collects along the shoreline; and

WHEREAS: The intent of this program is to help the river ecosystem to rebuild and restore viable life to the shore of Manhattan, and to investigate the natural processes which occur in an urban "wetland", and

WHEREAS: This program would focus attention upon the natural uses of the shoreline for the people of the city, and would be a strong argument against both outboard development and the dumping of wastes in the river, and

WHEREAS: This program would be carried out over a period of two years, but would be closely monitored and could be immediately ended in the event a situation dangerous to river ecology began to develop, and

WHEREAS: There is no other project competing for the funds asked by the River Project, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the purposes to which the River Project funding would be put, and urges that the project be funded, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: This endorsement is restricted to this single scientific project, and that it NOT be construed as support for any project which would provided mitigation for landfill, which this community board continues to oppose.

PG/lma
(resoluti.mar2-3/7)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SOCIAL SERVICES

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **John Heuss House Drop-in Center for the Homeless**

WHEREAS: The John Heuss House Drop-in Center for the Homeless was established in December 1988 with substantial support from the community and public agencies to serve the homeless population of downtown Manhattan on a 24-hour basis, and

WHEREAS: Heuss House has been operating successfully since its opening, now serving an average population of 80 clients a day, meanwhile gaining the support of the neighboring community, and

WHEREAS: The New York City Human Resources Administration, which originally mandated a 24-hour a day schedule for the operation of Heuss House, has now issued a directive to close all drop-in centers for the homeless in the City between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.; to remove all clients from the centers during this time, forcibly, by the police, if necessary, and

WHEREAS: This directive will severely jeopardize the services of Heuss House in providing the mentally ill, frail and chronically homeless who are its clients with opportunities for reorientation and eventual permanent housing, and

WHEREAS: This directive will endanger the homeless clients themselves; the majority of whom are incapable of negotiating city shelters and/or refuse to return to them; in addition, more than 700 Partnership for the Homeless church/synagogue beds will close during the summer months, possibly leaving Heuss House with a pool of but 20 beds. The homeless downtown will have no option but the streets, South Ferry Terminal, doorways and the subways, and

WHEREAS: Enforcing this directive may have an adverse effect on the surrounding community and place an extra burden on the police, and

WHEREAS: This policy is shortsighted, pointless and intentionally cruel and serves to further demonstrate the City administration's attitude toward the less fortunate, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 urges the Human Resources Administration to immediately withdraw its directive to close NYC drop-in centers for the homeless from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 AM. daily, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The Human Resources Administration reaffirm its original support of the concept of drop-in centers operating on a 24-hour a day basis and to allow clients not sent to a Partnership bed to remain throughout the night at the Center, if clients so desire.

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(resoluti.mar8-9/7)

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DATE: MARCH 14, 1989

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Budget Cuts

- WHEREAS:** Bills S.2454 and A.3654 have been introduced in the NY State Legislature which will drastically cut state youth services funding from \$41.5 million statewide to approximately \$11 million, and
- WHEREAS:** It is estimated that Manhattan will receive a 71% cut in Youth Development Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) funds which currently provide the most basic, generic programming for youth in this State, and
- WHEREAS:** In Community Board #1, these State funds provide nearly all the funding for the Puppet Loft afterschool program and The Lower Manhattan Youth Program sponsored by Trinity Church which runs karate, arts & crafts, basketball, soccer, dance and game room programs, all of which will close if S.2454 and A.3654 pass, and
- WHEREAS:** Afterschool, evening and weekend recreation, educational enrichment, private match, and other youth programs will no longer be eligible for State funding, and
- WHEREAS:** State funds for youth services will be redirected to high risk youth ("youth likely to enter the criminal justice system"), and it is estimated that these funds will go to only 6 community boards in Manhattan and Community Board #1 will not be among them, and
- WHEREAS:** Community Board #1 believes that high risk youth deserve more funds and attention but to weaken prevention efforts would be short-sighted and dangerous; that the YDDP funded programs have provided excellent role models, guidance, self confidence and vital opportunities for our city's youth, and without such programs, and even without increases in these programs, we will only be ensuring that we have high risk delinquency in the future, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has increased its population significantly since the 1980 census, particularly its youth population, and was looking to the 1990 census to increase its share of youth services funds and instead these cuts would all but eliminate youth services in our community, and

WHEREAS: The current State funded youth programs are open and free to any youth and successfully integrates low to high risk youth, low to high income families, etc. and to limit State funds to only high risk youth in specific communities would result in segregating our City's youth and further dividing our City along economic lines, and

WHEREAS: President Bush has stated that the fight against drugs must include prevention; Governor Cuomo declared this the decade of the child; and the drug problem in this country and in this City is getting out of control, affecting younger and younger aged children, so that it is unconscionable to cut youth services funding, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 calls on Governor Cuomo and all State legislators to give urgent attention to defeating bills S.2454 and A.3654.

(budget.ots1-2/sb2)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	24 In Favor	1 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: **Front Street Redevelopment**

WHEREAS: The Metropolis Group has submitted a proposal to rehabilitate and restore 12 existing historic buildings and build two new structures on Front Street between Beekman Street and Peck Slip, and

WHEREAS: The architect and developer have made a sincere effort to maintain the scale and character of the district in their design, and

WHEREAS: Although rooftop additions to existing buildings are not desirable we do recognize the need to create a sufficient critical mass of space to make this project economically viable, and

WHEREAS: The height of the buildings in this project will not exceed that of the tallest building in the South Street Seaport Historic District, and

WHEREAS: There is concern that the 171,000 square feet minimum floor area demanded by the Public Development Corporation (PDC) may impose too great a burden, both financially and structurally, upon the character of the landmark district and there is a sense of trust in the good faith of the project architect to address this problem, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that a certificate of appropriateness be granted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the Front Street proposal, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The developer take extraordinary efforts to insure the safety and structural viability of all adjacent and nearby buildings in the South Street Seaport Historic District during construction of the project.

PG/lma
(resoluti.mar1/7)

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 - MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: March 14, 1989

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
FULL BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

Re: Community Sailing Facility

WHEREAS: The Community Board #1 district continues to be very poorly served in terms of recreational activities and facilities, and

WHEREAS: Utilizing the waterfront for active and passive recreation is a very sensible and worthwhile planning goal, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the concept of establishing a community sailing facility at Battery Park City.

(resolution.mar/jc3)

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 20 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: **Sites 5B/5C**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is extremely concerned that the Public Development Corporation's (PDC) current development proposals for sites 5B/5C of the Washington Street Urban Renewal Area will further strain the infrastructure and municipal services to the community, increase traffic, and reduce future livability of the area, which is already suffering from severe congestion and pollution, shortage of essential services such as police, fire and traffic enforcement, open space and recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS: These are the last two remaining vacant City-owned sites in our fast growing district able to accommodate the many additional public facilities (ie., schools, police precinct, parks etc.) which are needed, and

WHEREAS: Our elected officials: U.S. Representative Weiss, State Senator Ohrenstein, State Assemblyman Passannante and Councilwomen Friedlander share these concerns and believe with us that development of sites 5B and 5C should be compatible with the character and needs of our growing residential community and student population, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

1. We oppose PDC's current development plans for sites 5B and 5C.
2. Alternate land-use plans be developed for these city-owned sites to reflect the character and needs of the growing residential and student population.

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Where there may be a contradiction between this resolution and any earlier resolutions on this subject, this resolution takes precedence and reflects our current position on this issue.

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DATE: MARCH 14, 1989

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 18 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained

RE: Drexel Burnham Lambert

WHEREAS: City and State agencies have refused to use Drexel Burnham Lambert for bonding purposes due to their recent felony convictions, and

WHEREAS: The City's proposal to provide Drexel with a package of valuable incentives including a \$65 million tax abatement and low-cost electricity sets a bad ethical precedent and sends the wrong message regarding the City's attitude toward criminal activities, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 urges the City not enter into any "sweetheart" deal with Drexel Burnham Lambert and in essence use NYC taxpayer's dollars to pay the hefty fine imposed on Drexel by the federal government for its illegal activity.

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(resoluti.mar5/7)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 21 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Hudson/Chambers Street Rezoning

WHEREAS: The proposed rezoning from M1-5 to C 6-3 would allow 10 FAR on this site and permit the transfer of unused air rights to and from adjacent low-rise sites, and

WHEREAS: The proposed height of the building proposed for this site - 142 feet - exceeds that of adjacent buildings and certainly does not reflect City Planning's policy of a "stepdown" in height of buildings from the high density WSURA to the five - FAR of the Lower Manhattan Mixed-use District, and

WHEREAS: The proposed lot sits in the middle of what will likely be an important historic district and the proposed development would be anathema to landmarking possibilities, and

WHEREAS: The proposed rezoning from an A-1 to an A-2 district will result in much more pedestrian traffic on already busy streets since there is no restriction on ground floor retail use, and

WHEREAS: The potential loss of these sites for manufacturing, office or back-office use appears to conflict with the City's policy of encouraging such uses in this area, and

WHEREAS: The proposed rezoning affects only this one lot and therefore appears to be a clear case of illegal "spot zoning", and

WHEREAS: The environmental data collected to date is insufficient, outdated, fails to assess the projects's impact on subway, sewer, and water service, does not analyze subsurface conditions, and does not cover a full Environmental Impact Statement, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 opposes the granting of a conditional negative declaration for the Hudson/Chambers Street proposal for the reasons stated above, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the Department of City Planning to reject "spot-zoning" efforts and insist that this proposal be considered with the overall Tribeca zoning review (aka Lower Broadway Corridor Study) which is already underway and promises to be a much more complete and comprehensive analysis of current conditions and assessment of the need for zoning changes in the area.

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