

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

February 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER

NOTE: TABLED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION IN COMMITTEE

RE: Proposal "Msgr. John J. Kowsky Walk"

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the request by New York's Finest Foundation, Inc. to the City Council to name a portion of the walk from Centre Street to the NYPD headquarters (1 Police Plaza) "Monsignor John J. Kowsky Walk"

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **311 Greenwich Street Health and Fitness Club**

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) approve an application for an amendment by Town Squash, Inc. to allow the expansion the existing Greenwich Street Health and Fitness Club at 311 Greenwich Street.

NOTE: On 2/14/90 Community Board #1 adopted a resolution recommending BSA approval of an application to operate the club.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: HOUSING

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 17 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Landlord Recapture of Space

WHEREAS: Landlords of IMDs have requested of the Loft Board the right to recapture space for personal or business use prior to bringing their buildings up to Code, and

WHEREAS: This issue has monopolized the Loft Board's calendar since the beginning of the year, and

WHEREAS: In the meantime, little progress has been made in bringing IMDs up to Code, with the result that many hundreds of lofts have serious safety and fire hazards, which leave them open to the disasterous fires which swept two IMDs late last year, and

WHEREAS: By current judicial rulings, the right to recapture is not limited to one space, but can encompass a whole building, and

WHEREAS: The ability to recapture is part of a constellation of balancing privileges and obligations granted to compliant landlords of rent-stabilized apartments, and of dubious legality when granted in isolation, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the Loft Board not to grant unilaterally to the landlord the ability to recapture space prior to bringing buildings up to code.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: HOUSING

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	17 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **Fire in IMDs**

WHEREAS: Little progress has been made in bringing IMDs up to Code, with the result that many hundreds of lofts have serious safety and fire hazards, and

WHEREAS: Fires have already devastated two IMDs, showing how hazardous conditions in these living spaces already are, and

WHEREAS: The NYC Loft Board has delayed action on this issue, its calendar monopolized by extraneous issues, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the Loft Board to focus its energies on getting landlords to legalize their buildings without delay.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

NOTE: WITHDRAWN BY THE COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR FUTHER CONSIDERATION

RE: **Weekly Crafts Fair at Battery Park (West side of State Street)**

WHEREAS: Mardi Gras Productions, Ltd., 84 William Street, is proposing to operate a weekly crafts fair at Battery Park, and

WHEREAS: The sidewalk on the west side of State Street, along the east side of Battery Park, is wide and therefore can accommodate such activity, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks and Recreation is looking favorably upon the application as it would provide an amenity, particularly for the many tourists who use the park annually, and

WHEREAS: Mardi Gras Productions, Ltd., has agreed to contribute a percentage of profits from the operation of the crafts fair to a charitable organization* (minimum \$5,000/yr.) identified by Community Board #1, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the proposal by Mardi Gras Productions, Ltd. to operate a weekly (1 week day and Saturday or Sunday) crafts fair on the sidewalk along the east side of Battery Park.

NOTE:*NYC requires such a contribution on the part of applicants whose operations require "Street Activities Permits".

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	1 Opposed	1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	19 In Favor	2 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Buffalo Roadhouse, Inc., 305 Church Street

WHEREAS: As an alternative to curtailing the hours of operation of the sidewalk cafe on week nights from midnight (as allowable by law) to 10:00 PM (as ordinarily requested by the Committee), the applicant has agreed, upon complaint, to consult with neighboring residents and respond in a mutually satisfactory manner, and

WHEREAS: Patrons waiting to be seated in the sidewalk cafe will be required to wait inside the restaurant, and not be allowed to line up or otherwise linger outside the restaurant and sidewalk cafe area, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that the Department of Consumer Affairs approve, for a period of one (1) year, the application by Buffalo Roadhouse, Inc., to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at the above referenced address.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained

RE: **First Precinct Personnel Assignments**

WHEREAS: The continued growth of our residential, business, tourist and student population places ever greater burdens on our local police manpower, and

WHEREAS: The number of calls for police assistance has mushroomed in recent years, particularly during evening and weekend hours, and

WHEREAS: The First Precinct continues to assign most of its manpower to daytime, weekday hours to handle the large worker influx, and

WHEREAS: Crime throughout the Community Board #1 district has been growing steadily in recent years, and the board believes that a greater police presence would be a deterrent to criminals, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 calls on the First Precinct to shift additional manpower from daytime, weekday duty to evening and weekend assignments, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the precinct to assign additional CPOP, scooter and anti-crime personnel to work evening and weekend hours, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 strongly urges Mayor Dinkins to make additional police officers for each precinct a very high priority in finalizing the new City budget.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Flea Market at 370-374 Canal Street

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 continues to be concerned about a host of problems that exist along Canal Street, including: traffic and pedestrian congestion, illegal vendors and peddlers, air and noise pollution, sanitation, and most recently the proliferation of car stereo installation shops and x-rated video stores, and

WHEREAS: Specifically distressing are the particularly egregious conditions resulting from the operation of a flea market on weekends at 370-374 Canal Street, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Buildings (DOB) has issued a number of violations against the operator(s) for violating the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O)*, and

WHEREAS: The DOB several months ago also advised the operator(s) that a variance from the Board of Standards and Appeals is required for the operation of a flea market at the location; but the flea market still continues to exist in the absence of such variance, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

Community Board #1 calls on the DOB to direct the Corporation Counsel to take immediate civil action to effect the closing of the flea market at 370-374 Canal Street, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

All relevant City enforcement agencies redouble their efforts until the problems along Canal Street are effectively addressed.

*NOTE: The existing C of O is for a parking lot only;

because the flea market is in regular operation, it does not qualify as ancillary use under this C of O.