

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

March 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 21 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **South Gardens (aka South Park)**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has continuously stressed the need for open space and active recreation areas in the Lower Manhattan community, and those needs have yet to be met, and the South Gardens area (aka South Park) is one of the few sites available for such active recreation or open space use, and

WHEREAS: In 1987, in its FEIS, the Battery Park City Authority stated that its intended goal was to "manage all park areas for as much active recreation as possible", and

WHEREAS: During discussions between Community Board #1 and the Battery Park City Authority regarding the amount of active recreation space to be included in the North Park, the Battery Park City Authority indicated that a large open grassy area was planned for South Park which would accommodate some of our active recreation needs, and

WHEREAS: The South Park, as currently designed, fails to provide any active recreation space for this community, and

WHEREAS: The new design does not have a continuous esplanade along the water's edge, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board does recognize and appreciate steps taken by the Battery Park City Authority to address some of the South Garden design concerns raised earlier by Community Board #1, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 disapproves any design for South Park, including the current one, which fails to provide:

1. A considerable amount of open, active recreation space, and
2. A continuous, 24 hour accessible, waterfront

esplanade within the park which would connect with the existing Battery Park City esplanade and continue to the land base near Pier A, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges that the Battery Park City Authority initiate an immediate collaborative redesign of South Park, which allows for full community input as was accomplished in the design of North Park.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

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| COMMITTEE VOTE: | 7 In Favor | 0 Opposed | 0 Abstained |
| BOARD VOTE: | 21 In Favor | 1 Opposed | 0 Abstained |

RE: **Transient Hotels**

WHEREAS: The City Planning Commission is considering a zoning text amendment which would prohibit transient hotels and motels in C-1 districts and limit them in C-2 districts, because hotel uses have impacts which conflict with residential communities, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has no C-1 or C-2 districts, but has mixed-use districts with substantial populations where transient hotels and motels are as-of-right, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the concept of this zoning text amendment that there should be restrictions on hotels and motels in areas with substantial populations, and asks that the Department of City Planning study similar changes in zoning for mixed-use districts where there are conflicts between residential and hotel uses.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Access-A-Ride, Citywide Paratransit Program

WHEREAS: The intent of the NYS "Transportation for the Handicapped" legislation signed into law by Governor Cuomo in 1984 was to create a citywide paratransit program which would expand upon the Easyride prototype and thereby provide an affordable, door-to-door, shared-ride transportation service for frail and disabled adult persons throughout NYC, and

WHEREAS: The citywide paratransit program, Access-A-Ride, as developed by the legislation's mandated Transportation Disabled Committee, and which began service in Manhattan on January 2, 1990 disenfranchises and prevents registration of persons registered under the former Easyride program, and homebound persons as well as severely limits the number of monthly trips a passenger is permitted to take, and

WHEREAS: In the Community Board #1 district our very popular weekly shopping trips to Pathmark Supermarket for senior citizens were completely eliminated when Easyride went out of existence and was replaced by the Access-A-Ride program, and

WHEREAS: The Access-A-Ride fare levels of \$4 roundtrip for "subscription" (includes "standing order" trips such as rides to senior center luncheon programs) and "interborough" trips and \$2 roundtrip for "advance reservation" trips (such as, visits to doctors) as well as the contract restriction which prevents carriers from accepting "third-party" transportation payments makes the program unaffordable to many persons who would otherwise be eligible, and

WHEREAS: All interested parties acknowledge that the \$10 million annually allocated to operate the citywide Access-A-Ride program is about one-third of the amount required to provide a reasonably good citywide paratransit program, now

THEREFORE

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 calls upon Mayor Dinkins to convene a meeting with the Transportation Disabled Committee; NYC DOT Commissioner Riccio; NYC DFTA Commissioner Mathai-Davis; Manhattan Borough President Messinger; representatives of Manhattan Community Boards, transportation disabled persons and senior consumers to discuss and re-design the Access-A-Ride program to address the concerns (such as, registration, process and fares) in order to make the program an affordable and equitable citywide paratransit system, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 believes that a reasonably good citywide paratransit program will require \$30 million annually and therefore urges that a system of integrating funding sources be developed to adequately finance the program, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the NYC Department for the Aging to make available some of its transportation monies to the Access-A-Ride program in Manhattan to be used as a "fare subsidy" to make the program affordable to persons who are otherwise eligible for the program, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 calls upon City officials to reinstate and guarantee the continued existence of bi-weekly shopping trips to Pathmark Supermarket for seniors of Independence Plaza and Southbridge Towers.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 21 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **"Msgr. John J. Kowsky Square"**

WHEREAS: Substantial and convincing testimony has been received concerning the selfless years of service of Msgr. John J. Kowsky as chaplain for the New York City Police Department, Fire Department and Emergency Medical Services, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the 130' x 100' space immediately in front of NYPD headquarters (1 Police Plaza) be named "Msgr. John J. Kowsky Square".

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Budget Cuts for Youth Services

WHEREAS: All agencies receiving Department of Youth Services YDDP grants recently received a letter announcing an immediate 3% cut in their current contracts, and

WHEREAS: These agencies include all of the Community Board #1 publicly funded youth programs, namely The Lower Manhattan Youth Program, The Alliance West Free Teen Program and the Puppet Loft, and

WHEREAS: These agencies and others like them throughout the City have very small budgets that are stretched to provide neighborhood based preventative services to youth, and

WHEREAS: These cuts will result in cancelled activities, programs without supplies, and programs closing early, and

WHEREAS: We recognize that the City is undergoing financial hardships and every sector will have to sacrifice, however, making abrupt cuts in such fragile programs prevents agencies from working with their communities to decide priorities, raise extra funds and do the necessary planning to keep their programs afloat, and

WHEREAS: The Neighborhood Family Services Coalition has gathered a large group of agencies to oppose these cuts and is organizing a letter-writing campaign to New York City officials, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 opposes the 3% cut in the Department of Youth Services contracts and calls on Mayor Dinkins and New York City elected officials to reconsider these cuts which will negatively impact vital youth services.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 10 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained

RE: RFP 1 Evening and Weekend Recreation Funding

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has received the following application for its Department of Youth Services RFP 1 Evening and Weekend Recreation 1990-91 allocation of \$40,000:

1. Alliance West Free Teen Program, sponsored by Educational Alliance, renewal \$40,000, and

WHEREAS: The Alliance West Free Teen Program, including gymnastics, basketball, game room, gym and swim components, was visited and evaluated by members of the Youth Committee and found to be a well-run program and provides important services to neighborhood teens with the following criticisms:

1. Attendance is low
2. No participation by girls
3. Too few program hours, and

WHEREAS: The Alliance West Free Program has new staff, who were unfamiliar with the community when planning and doing outreach for his year's program, and who have agreed to work with the community board in bringing forth specific program modifications intended to address each of these issues and improve the program, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends to the Department of Youth Services the renewal of Educational Alliance's funding of \$40,000 with the provision that attendance, program hours and participation by girls be increased, which will be evaluated and reported on by the Youth Committee in spring 1990.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WEST SIDE WATERFRONT (AD-HOC)

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 15 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **Route 9A, Scenic Easement and Federal Government "Buy-back" Procedure**

WHEREAS: The Governor, Mayor and New York City Comptroller, reached an agreement on June 19, 1989 for the West Side Waterfront Panel (WSWP) to apply for a "scenic easement" where such "easements accepted by the U.S. Department of Transportation would go to reduce to the maximum extent the repayment obligation of the State and City" for property within the old Westway corridor, and

WHEREAS: The West Side Waterfront Panel has repeatedly stated that it is committed to maximizing opportunities for open space along the Hudson, and

WHEREAS: At this time, the plan to pay back approximately 80 million dollars is untimely, comes before any decision has been made on how much of the property along the Hudson, if any, really has be "bought back' from the Federal Government, and also comes at a time when both the City and the State are in dire financial straits, and

WHEREAS: The current plan to buy back this land would give the City or the State potentially, unlimited rights to develop the land outboard of the proposed 9A highway, something which this Community Board and every other Board and citizen activist group along the proposed highway have gone on record as opposing. Any such leases entered into along this route could bypass the usual land review procedures, and construction could destroy view corridors which we have already gone on record as wishing to protect, and could jeopardize the proposed pedestrian esplanade and bike route, and

WHEREAS: These potential uses would not be required to be "water dependent" and would only need be revenue producing, which would not be the best usage for waterfront property, and

WHEREAS: The current WSWP proposal would only protect 20% of the

waterfront, that area which they refer to as "community basins", and retain it for community parks which would allow the remaining 80% to be developed, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

Community Board #1 opposes the current City and State plans to "buy back" property along the proposed Route 9A from the Federal Government until such time as all possible efforts have been made to declare as much of this area as possible a "scenic easement", and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that all visual corridors be retained along this route, that as much of such land as possible be used for community parks and recreational purposes, that all usages be "water dependent" as opposed to "water enhanced" and that any leases which are entered into along this route must be reviewed and agreed to by the community in which they occur.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 13 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **Odeon, 145 Broadway, Application (renewal for an Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe**

WHEREAS: In June 1983 the Community Board recommended approval of the original application by Odeon to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe, and

WHEREAS: In the interim Community Board #1 has received no complaints concerning its operation, and

WHEREAS: As an alternative to voluntarily 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 Community Board), the applicant is directed, upon complaint, to consult with neighboring residents and respond in a mutually satisfactory manner, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends **(conditional*)** approval of the petition by Odeon for a one (1) year "Renewal of Consent to operate an enclosed Sidewalk Cafe".

*Pending Community Board #1's receipt of approved plans (Department of City Planning) confirming the following layout of the cafe as verbally represented to the Community Board, which provides for:

1. 4 tables and 12 seats
2. railings or the absence thereof
3. 8 ft. unobstructed sidewalk width
4. all "street furniture" i.e., hydrants, parking meters, etc.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 21 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: NYC Budget for the Arts, Proposed Cuts

WHEREAS: There are at least 50 not-for-profit arts organizations in Lower Manhattan, and proposed City budget cuts will impact adversely on these groups, severely depleting their ability to contribute to the cultural growth of our district and the City, and

WHEREAS: This community already makes enormous contributions to the City's economy and provides significantly for its artistic and cultural enrichment, and

WHEREAS: The proposed budget reductions will, in particular, seriously impact on innovative and diverse artistic programs, keeping them and young artists from functioning at all, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 urges that the Mayor and City Council at minimum restore full funding to the budgetary allocation for Community Board #1's art and cultural organizations.