

**COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN**  
**RESOLUTION**

June 12, 1990

**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE**

COMMITTEE VOTE:       6 In Favor       0 Opposed       0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE:           29 In Favor       0 Opposed       0 Abstained

RE:                   **Rezoning P.S. 234**

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT:                Community Board #1 endorses the following language for  
a community petition in support of the rezoning of P.S.  
234

Background

1. The new P.S. 234 was negotiated by Community Board #1 in exchange for our approval of the Shearson Lehman complex on Greenwich Street.
2. P.S. 234 is the only public school located in Community Board #1 but is zoned to serve only those residents who live west of Broadway.
3. Eastside children are zoned for P.S. 126 but currently only eight children who live east of Broadway from Community Board #1 attend this school.
4. The current P.S. 234 zone dates back to the 1960's before there was a significant residential population in Lower Manhattan.
5. The school zone boundary, which runs along Broadway, unnecessarily and improperly divides our community so that children who share our local parks, new library, pre-schools and youth programs are forced apart when they reach public school age.
6. The current zoning deprives eastside parents of a choice in the selection of a public school while westside parents enjoy a choice of four well-regarded schools. Without a choice, the majority of eastside parents have opted to withdraw their children from the public school system.
7. Over half the students attending P.S. 234 live outside the Community Board #1 district since the current school zoning goes up to 16th Street on the westside. The large number of students from outside our area will bring the school up to capacity in the near future and yet nearby residents of Community Board #1 cannot attend.
8. Integration of P.S. 234 is now achieved by bringing in minority students from outside the zone, many of whom must travel long distances to reach the school. Integration could be better achieved by enlarging the district to include the eastside which has a higher percentage of minority students.

## Recommendation

1. School Board #2 and the Board of Education should immediately rezone P.S. 234 in order to achieve the following goals:
  - a) All children who reside within Community Board #1 should be zoned to attend P.S. 234.
  - b) The zone should be revised so as not to overcrowd the school.
2. The zone should be revised to improve racial integration and to lessen the need to bring in minority students from distant areas.
3. All children and their siblings who currently attend P.S. 234 should be permitted to attend the school in the future even if they do not live within the revised zone.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER**

COMMITTEE VOTE:       3 In Favor       0 Opposed       0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE:           22 In Favor       0 Opposed       1 Abstained

RE:           **144 Beekman Street, Application for Unenclosed Sidewalk  
Cafe**

BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that the Department of Consumer Affairs approve an application by Prairie Fire Restaurant for the operation of an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at the above referenced address.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: COMBINED FINANCIAL DISTRICT,  
TRANSPORTATION AND UNIFORMED SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

COMMITTEE VOTE:       7 In Favor       0 Opposed       0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE:           17 In Favor       0 Opposed       10 Abstained

RE:           **Trinity Place, etc., Application (ULURP 891045 MMM),  
Change in Legal Grade and Street Treatment**

BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve a change in legal grades of Trinity Place, generally between Morris Street and Edgar Street, and changes in street treatment at the intersection of Trinity Place, Morris Street and Greenwich Street and at the intersection of Trinity Place and Greenwich Street.

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TRANSPORTATION AND UNIFORMED SERVICES AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

COMMITTEE VOTE:      6\* In Favor      1 Opposed      1 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE:          22\* In Favor      2 Opposed      3 Abstained

RE:                    **21-23 Maiden Lane, Proposal to create 51 Low-rent  
Apartments for the Elderly**

WHEREAS:      There is a determined need for affordable housing for  
the elderly, in general throughout the City and  
specifically in Community Board #1, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:              Community Board #1 endorses the commitment of the  
Collegiate Reformed Protestant Dutch Church to address  
this need and supports the church's application to the  
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for  
funding of 51 units of low rent (Section 202)  
apartments for the elderly, providing normal ancillary  
services available to this type of facility, including  
24 hour supervision, community recreation space and  
social and security services.

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:              This action of the Board in no way effects its right to  
review and comment on subsequent land-use approvals  
that may be required in the development and  
construction of the project.

\*Robert Williams noted his affiliation with the project for the  
record.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY**

COMMITTEE VOTE:       4 In Favor       0 Opposed       0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE:           28 In Favor       0 Opposed       1 Abstained

RE:                   **Mandatory Arcade Requirements**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is in agreement with the Battery Park City Authority that the mandatory arcade requirement in Battery Park City has failed to encourage the intended retail uses and street activity while preserving the residential quality of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: The Battery Park City Authority has presented to the Community Board its "Guidelines Intentions" which indicate the basic design philosophy and conditions which are to replace the current mandatory arcade requirement, and

WHEREAS: These "Guidelines Intentions" will be the basis for the alternative arcade guidelines which will be formally drawn up in the near future, and

WHEREAS: The Battery Park City Authority has offered to allow a member of Community Board #1 to participate in the formulation of these alternative guidelines which would govern the streetwall frontages of sites 11, 12, 13 and 14, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends the approval of the proposed zoning text change intended to eliminate the mandatory arcade requirement in the south residential neighborhood of Battery Park City.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	23 In Favor	0 Opposed	5 Abstained

RE: **Joseph Cusenza**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 and the Borough President's Office are making efforts to improve attendance at Community Board meetings, and

WHEREAS: The City Charter empowers Community Boards to remove Community Board members "for cause," which shall include substantial nonattendance at board or committee meetings over a period of six months, and

WHEREAS: Joseph Cusenza, attended only two out of eleven full Board meeting in 1989 and has not attended any full board or committee meetings in 1990, and

WHEREAS: Mr. Cusenza, received a letter on March 1st from Community Board #1 asking that he take immediate steps to improve his attendance or consider resigning from the Board and we have received no response to that letter, and

WHEREAS: There are many qualified applicants seeking to join Community Board #1, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 removes Joseph Cusenza from Community Board #1 due to his poor attendance.

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**COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS**

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

RE:                    **Tribeca Park, "Over Jordan", Temporary Installation**

WHEREAS:            On October 10, 1989 Community Board #1 approved the 6 month installation of "Over Jordan", and

WHEREAS:            The artist, Cynthia Karasek, has requested an extension from April to July 1990, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:                Community Board #1 approves the extension of the installation as requested.