

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

NOVEMBER 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	23 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Sidewalk Newsstands

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has for years expressed its concern regarding the proliferation of sidewalk newsstands, and gone on record opposing the placement of additional stands in the district because streets and sidewalks - many very narrow - are normally heavily trafficked and already replete with existing sidewalk furniture and obstructions, namely: newsstands, newspaper vending boxes, telephone booths, bus shelters, mail boxes and vendors - legal and otherwise, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Consumer Affairs, Department of City Planning, Department of Transportation, the Art Commission, the City Council and the Office of the Mayor have not approved and implemented new guidelines for sidewalk newsstands - languishing since August 1989 - and thereby have allowed antiquated and inadequate guidelines to rule, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 authorizes the District Manager to disapprove all applications for sidewalk newsstands on behalf of the Board, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The District Manager shall report the locations of all applications for newsstands during his report at the Board's monthly meetings prior to sending out the disapproval letter.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	24 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: NYC Districting Commission

WHEREAS: Community Board districts have established clear and accepted neighborhood boundaries and have given people an important sense of community which must be preserved, and

WHEREAS: Residents and workers in Manhattan share common interests and concerns which are unique to this borough, and

WHEREAS: It is important to maintain this borough identity which naturally encourages coalitions of various groups and neighborhoods to work together and more effectively lobby for their common interests, now

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED**

THAT: Community Board #1 urges that the NYC Districting Commission, in redrawing the Council District lines, maintain this community's unique identity and effectiveness by keeping our community board district within a single City Council district, and

**BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED**

THAT: The Districting Commission make every effort to preserve the traditional importance of each borough by creating council districts which represent residents of only one borough.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	24 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: P.S. 234 Schoolyard

WHEREAS: The CB #1 district suffers from an acute shortage of active recreation spaces, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has advocated keeping the P.S. 234 schoolyard open for use by community youth on weekends and afterschool, including summer months since 1984 and reaffirmed this position in our July 26, 1988 resolution, and

WHEREAS: The City Planning Commission and Board of Estimate also went on record in 1985 urging that the schoolyard be "made available for active recreation use on weeknights and weekends, and during summer months when school is not in session", and

WHEREAS: In response, Community School Board #2 Superintendent Anthony Alvarado decided to open the yard from March 15, 1989 to November 15, 1989 for a one year trial, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board has not received a single complaint resulting from the yard being opened and has only received complaints when the yard has been locked, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board has contacted the School Board on several occasions requesting that he make good on his pledge to open the yard year-round if there are no serious problems during the trial period and he has failed to respond to our calls and letters, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 again calls upon the Community School Board to open the P.S. 234 schoolyard for use by community youth on weekends and afterschool including summer months until dusk, and

BE IT
FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

The Community Board is disturbed by the inaction of the School Board and demands an immediate response so another year does not pass with the yard needlessly closed and locked for much of the year.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	21 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained

RE: Construction Activity on Saturdays, City Council Intro. #470

WHEREAS: In June 1990 the City Council's Committee on Housing and Buildings proposed a local law to permit home improvement work on Saturdays, and

WHEREAS: Following a public hearing and "in recognition of the current construction slump" the bill has been redrafted and would now permit "all construction activities to be undertaken during certain hours on Saturdays", and

WHEREAS: The Department of Buildings (DOB) presently has at its disposal a mechanism, "After Hour and Weekend Variance", whereby it can authorize extraordinary and emergency construction work on weekdays and evenings, and

WHEREAS: The DOB already too liberally interprets the stated requirements necessary to qualify for the granting of these variances, and issues them perfunctorily, and

WHEREAS: Should Intro. #470 be adopted, CB #1 is skeptical that the DOB would be able to deploy sufficient inspectors to monitor construction and investigate complaints regarding Saturday work, and

WHEREAS: City residents are entitled to some relief from the noise and
annoyance of construction activities
on weekends and evenings, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 receives numerous complaints about both authorized and unauthorized weekend and evening construction work, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly urges that the City Council not adopt either Intro. #470 as originally drafted, "to permit home improvement work during certain hours on Saturday" or the Intro. as redrafted, to permit "all construction activities to be undertaken on Saturdays", and

BE IT

FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges that the DOB desist from their practice of routinely issuing any requested "After Hour and Weekend Variance" in residential and mixed-use areas.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	24 In Favor	2 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **Zoning Amendment for C5 Districts (N 900678 ZRY)**

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the following zoning amendment language intended to legalize Use Group 6 within C5 districts in buildings (such as 60 Wall St.) which have received special permits pursuant to Section 74-87 and meet certain other specific criteria as indicated below:

In C5 districts, a use in Use Group 6 marked with an asterisk, except in buildings which have received special permits pursuant to Section 74-87 and which use in such buildings cannot be directly entered from the street and does not utilize any exterior signage, shall not be located on the ground floor of a building unless such use is at least 50 feet from the street wall of the building in which it is located, as provided in Section 32-423 (Limitation on ground floor location).

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT AND ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Special Account for Maintenance of Piers

WHEREAS: At a meeting with officials of the Federal Highway Administration it was learned that there exists a special account into which revenues from leases of piers and bulkheads are deposited, and

WHEREAS: This account was established specifically for maintenance of piers and bulkheads to prevent their deterioration, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 calls upon the NYS Department of Transportation to make a public accounting of the amount of money which currently exists in this special account, and the monies which have been thus far been expended, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The Community Board calls upon the NYSDOT to use these dedicated revenues to maintain piers and bulkheads, giving special attention to Piers 25 and 26 which are both revenue producing.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	28 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Site 11 Accessory Parking Garage (N 9900396 ZAM)

WHEREAS: South Cove Associates, L.P. is requesting authorization for residential, off-street, accessory parking to be located in a parking garage (max. 69 spaces) on the north side of Third Pl., between South End Ave., and Battery Pl., of which 33 spaces are as-of-right, and the remaining 36 spaces are to be transferred from the unused as-of-right allocation of Site K, and

WHEREAS: Representatives of Strook, Strook & Lavan, representing the applicant, have made assurances that parking will be limited to building residents and their guests only, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the above referenced application.