

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

JANUARY 14, 1992

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Hiring of Thomas Brasuell for Youth Coordinator position

WHEREAS: The Youth Coordinator position in Community Board #1 will be vacant as of January 20, 1992, and

WHEREAS: Thomas Brasuell, an applicant for the position, has excellent and demonstrated qualifications in youth and community services, and

WHEREAS: The Youth Committee has interviewed Mr. Brasuell and unanimously recommends his appointment, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the Department of Youth Services approve Community Board #1's hiring of Thomas Brasuell as its Youth Coordinator.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Cobblestone Streets in Lower Manhattan

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 holds within its boundaries a number of significant designated historic districts and buildings including: South Street Seaport and Tribeca West, and the calendared Tribeca South, Tribeca East, Tribeca North, and Stone St. Historic Districts, and

WHEREAS: The cobblestone streets within and adjoining these districts form an integral part of their fabric and character, contribute to their sense of special place, and are essential to their integrity, and

WHEREAS: Formerly when cobblestone streets in historic districts were removed in the course of installations and repairs, NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) policy required that "Streets constructed with unit pavements and distinctive pavements shall be restored in kind unless other authorization has been granted by the Bureau of Highway Operations" (Doh/75A/App. D), and

WHEREAS: In a reversal of this policy, DOT now gives utilities and other companies excavating streets two options: (1.) replacement of cobblestones (2.) paving the roadway curb to curb, and

WHEREAS: DOT itself admits that contractors will inevitably choose the least expensive of these options, i.e. paving from curb to curb, and

WHEREAS: DOT has historically had, at best, a poor record of maintaining cobblestone streets itself or enforcement of its policy requirements of others; to replace stones upon completion of work in cobblestone streets, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board is in receipt of a list of streets which DOT proposes to resurface in calendar year 1992, some of which are cobblestone streets, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 demands that the Commissioner of NYC DOT issue a Departmental

directive guaranteeing the preservation and maintenance of cobblestone streets within and adjacent to the Community Board's designated and calendared historic districts, including:

1. The cobblestone streets within the designated and calendared Tribeca Historic Districts, and adding the portions of Vestry St., Desbrosses St., and Greenwich St. which are not included in the calendared Tribeca N. Historic District; and St. John's La. and York St., east of the calendared Tribeca North Historic District.
2. 1/2 block of Harrison St. (25-33) in front of the row of landmarked 18th Century townhouses, between West St. and Greenwich St.
3. The cobblestone streets within the South Street Seaport Historic District, with the addition of the nearby blocks of Front St. (John St. to Maiden La.) and Fletcher St. (Front St. to South St.).
4. Mill La. in the calendared Stone Street Historic District which is the sole remnant of cobblestone streets in that District, and together with Moore St., the only two cobblestone streets within the Financial District, and

NOTE: (See accompanying comprehensive list of specific streets and their boundaries.)

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The DOT and the DEP immediately remove any language from current contracts such as SEN-002104 which allows the contractor to pave over the cobblestones on Jay St. in the Tribeca West Historic District, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The Commissioner of DOT order that cobblestones slated to be removed from Hudson St. (Beach St. to Canal St.) under the Hudson St. Reconstruction Project be stored and used by DOT and utilities, etc. to repair and restore the cobblestone streets within CB #1 such as those identified in this resolution, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 solicits and invites the support and assistance of others in this endeavor including: the Landmarks Preservation Commission, Manhattan Borough Presidents office, the City Council, and other Community Boards; and local and citywide preservation groups including: the Historic Districts Council,

Municipal Art Society, the Landmarks Conservancy and the Friends of the Upper East Side Historic Districts.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: By Acclamation

RE: Stacey Blatt

WHEREAS: Stacey Blatt will be resigning her position as Youth Coordinator on January 17th after serving Community Board #1 for the past 4 1/2 years, and

WHEREAS: Stacey has rightfully earned the respect and friendship of Board members, and staff, residents, agency and government officials for her determined and effective advocacy on behalf of the youth and citizens of Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 will also greatly miss Stacey's infectious spirit, warmth and humor, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 thanks Stacey Blatt for her excellent work on behalf of our community and wishes her great success and happiness in her return to California.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: 280 Broadway, Proposed Rehabilitation and Restoration

WHEREAS: The "Sun Building" a landmark at 280 Broadway, is in a prestigious site adjacent City Hall and the Tweed Courthouse; and the location of the building and its intended use as a shared City office facility makes it pivotal to the Manhattan Civic Center, and

WHEREAS: The Department of General Services (DGS) plans an exterior preservation of the building which is to include complete cleaning of the marble facade, appropriate stabilization of the white Tuckahoe marble surface, and the full restoration of the storefront to its 1844 character and appearance, which will have the effect of enhancing retail uses and public facilities, and

WHEREAS: A revitalized building will no doubt enhance the real estate value of both the building itself, the stores and rental space within it, the surrounding buildings, and greatly increase the visual quality-of-life in the area, and

WHEREAS: Members of the Landmarks Committee have favorably reviewed the design scheme, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 commends DGS for its sympathetic plan to rehabilitate and restore the 280 Broadway building; and further CB #1 urges the Department to proceed with the project with all due speed.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	17 In Favor	3 Opposed	13 Abstained

RE: City Council Intro. #822 (1991), Landmarks Preservation Commission Fees

WHEREAS: In June 1991, Community Board #1 approved a resolution in opposition to the Landmarks Preservation Commission's proposal to impose fees for the filing and processing of applications, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board reaffirmed this position in a resolution approved on December 10, 1991; and offered again that it would be arguably more justifiable for the Commission, as an alternative, to assess fines on those who are found not to be in compliance with the Landmarks Law and LPC regulations, and

WHEREAS: During the 1991 session, City Councilmember, Alfred Cerullo introduced a Bill (Intro. #822) in the City Council that, while not impinging on the Landmarks Preservation Commission's authority to impose fees, would nonetheless reserve unto the Council the authority to establish the amount of such fees, and

WHEREAS: Councilmember Cerullo has announced his intention to reintroduce the Intro. in the City Council later this month, and

WHEREAS: Intro. #822 is consistent with CB #1's expressed wishes that the LPC not impose application filing and processing fees, and its enactment would forestall-if not preclude - LPC's imposing of these fees, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the intent of City Council Intro. #822 (1991), or similar legislation, and urges its passage by the City Council, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Once it has assumed the authority to establish specific fees, CB #1 expects that the City Council would never exercise it, as such fees would create more

opposition to the landmarking process and encourage illegal work on designated historic structures.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	4 Abstained

RE: Ellis Island Development Proposals

WHEREAS: CB #1 understands that the National Park Service is proposing for Ellis Island:

1. The demolition of 12 historic buildings
2. The construction of a luxury conference center and hotel
3. The construction of a bridge linking the Island to New Jersey, and

WHEREAS: The development of this plan appears to be incompatible with the historic nature of Ellis Island, will change the visitor's experience, and introduce to the Island problems of vehicular traffic and parking, and

WHEREAS: The current plan contradicts the original plan calling for the rehabilitation of buildings on Ellis Island, and has been advanced through a review process with little or no public knowledge, and

WHEREAS: In the alternative, a partnership of the U.S. Congress and the public might well be able to fund the preservation of Ellis Island, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes any plan until there is opportunity for further public hearings, and the National Park Service has made a full presentation to the Community Board, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges its elected Federal Government officials to request that the Department of Interior and the National Park Service provide greater public information about and conduct additional public hearings on the current proposal to assure that the following fundamental issues are fully considered:

- a. preservation of the historic buildings on Ellis Island
- b. appropriate uses for all historic buildings on Ellis Island that are compatible with interpretation of the theme of immigration
- c. retention of the historic means of access by water to the ferry slip at Ellis

Island

- d. stabilization of the unrestored historic buildings on the Island

Cobblestone streets within Community Board #1 that the Community Board requests be preserved and maintained:

Tribeca West Historic District (HD), the calendared Tribeca North, South and East HDs and adjacent streets:

STREET	TO	FROM
Beach	Greenwich	Hudson
Collister	Hubert	Laight
Desbrosses	West	Hudson
Ericsson Pl.	Hudson	Varick
Franklin	Greenwich	Varick
Greenwich	Hubert	Canal
Harrison West (1/2 blk., F/O #25-33)	Greenwich	
Hubert	Greenwich	Hudson
Jay	Greenwich	Hudson
Laight	Hudson	Varick
N. Moore	Greenwich	Hudson
St. John's La.	Beach	Laight
Staple	Duane	Harrison
Vestry	West	Varick
York	St. John's La.	Ave. of the Americas

South Street Seaport HD and adjacent streets:

STREET	TO	FROM
Beekman	Pearl	South
Fletcher	Front	South
Front	Beekman	Dover
Front	Fletcher	John
Peck Slip Pearl	South	
Water	Beekman	Dover
Pedestrian crosswalk across South St. at Fulton St.		

Stone Street HD (Calendared) and the Financial District:

STREET	TO	FROM
Mill La.	S. William	Stone
Moore	Pearl	Water