

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

MAY 12, 1992

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	10 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	14 In Favor	7 Opposed	5 Abstained

RE: Electromagnetic fields (EMF's) from substations

WHEREAS: Human exposure the EMF's is not regulated, although increasing numbers of private and government studies, going back to 1979, associate EMF's from substations and power lines with negative health effects, including childhood leukemias, lymphomas and other cancers at 2 to 3 times the normal levels, and

WHEREAS: The electric power industry, including Con Edison and the NYC Transit Authority, protest that the mechanism by which EMF's cause cell damage has not been proven and that for this reason EMF's should not be regulated, and

WHEREAS: This is the situation which pertained with asbestos in the 1940's and 1950's, when it was widely known that people were dying of diseases associated with asbestos, but the asbestos industry successfully opposed regulation on the grounds that the mechanism by which damage occurred had not been proven, and

WHEREAS: After a great many unnecessary illnesses and deaths, asbestos exposure was finally regulated, even though the mechanism still was not fully understood and, in fact, is even now being studied, and

WHEREAS: In the present unregulated situation Con Edison and the Transit Authority are increasingly building new substations and expanding existing ones, without safety requirements for EMF exposure and no evidence of voluntary precautions, and

WHEREAS: Facilities are planned for sites next to a school and contiguous to a building where young children live, despite evidence that children's developing bodies are particularly vulnerable to the demonstrated cell-altering action of EMF's, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 calls upon the NYC Council, the Departments of City Planning, Health and Environmental Protection to take appropriate responsibility for this potentially dangerous situation by imposing a moratorium on the building and

expansion of substations near where people live and work until regulations protecting the public from the possible negative health effects of EMF's from substations and power lines are passed and implemented.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

BOARD VOTE: 25 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Funding of Community Colleges

WHEREAS: The City University of New York Community Colleges provide accessible and affordable educational opportunities for over 65,000 degree seeking students and 50,000 adult and continuing education students, and

WHEREAS: The Community Colleges are vitally important to the economic well being of our City, and play an essential and indispensable role educating and training our future workforce, and

WHEREAS: Borough of Manhattan Community College is located within Community Board #1, and

WHEREAS: Over the past year and a half, tuition has increased at the Community Colleges while in the same period of time, City support has dropped 37%, and

WHEREAS: The Community Colleges received \$76.7 million or less than three-tenths of a percent of the City's budget in 1991-92, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly supports the Community Colleges and calls upon the Mayor of the City of New York and the Speaker of the New York City Council to restore \$8.1 million to the Community Colleges 1992-1993 budget and protect the Community Colleges from any other cuts in fiscal year 1993.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	11 In Favor	8 Opposed	6 Abstained

RE: Westside Waterfront Panel - Successor Entity

WHEREAS: CB #1 has issued two prior resolutions concerning the type of organization we expect to succeed the Westside Waterfront Plan, and

WHEREAS: Both resolutions either described a NYC or NYS agency or a not-for-profit entity with agency-like accountability being mandatory, and

WHEREAS: Under law, any entity, whether a public authority or a not-for-profit public corporation under NYS/UDC could not be made accountable as an agency of NYC or NYS would be, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 opposes any "entity" and fully supports the delegation of responsibility for the rehabilitation of the Hudson River Waterfront for public use, to appropriate agencies of NYS and/or NYC which carries with it, voter scrutiny and accountability, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 supports the following:

1. The good faith, 100% Federal Westway Right of Way payback waiver.
2. That Community Boards along the right-of-way must continue to have input concerning the uses of this area. Such input should include the right to review leases, subleases and any other plans for this area, and we also support the proposal to provide funding to pay for planning consultants who would support the affected Community Boards
3. The Hudson River Greenway proposal and the eventual linking of the Westside Waterfront to it, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges that speedy action be taken by the Mayor and the Governor on the assignment of a successor governmental agency, and further urges that action be taken now, with whatever funding is available, to begin construction of an interim bikeway and walkway, along the proposed right-of-way in the CB #1 area, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

This resolution supersedes any previous CB #1 resolution on this subject.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	21 In Favor	2 Opposed	3 Abstained

RE: Manhattan Borough President's "Comprehensive Manhattan Waterfront Plan - Draft"

WHEREAS: The creation of this plan provides a new and refreshing approach to the planning process for Manhattan's waterfront, which has been allowed to deteriorate over the past 45 years, and

WHEREAS: The "Plan" emphasizes public access and minimal private development, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 participated on the working Task Force which did much of the research supporting this "Plan", and

WHEREAS: This "Plan" is open for revision and comments, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 appreciates the scope and structure of this "Plan" and offers the following comments and changes:

1. This "Plan" should emphasize a good faith, 100% (maximum) Federal Right of Way payback waiver and uses which do not qualify for such waiver should be eliminated from the "Plan".
2. In references to the Westside Waterfront Panel's plan, the Manhattan Borough President should not endorse this plan as though it were in finalized form. We see it evolving even after a successor agency is established, based on strong Community Board involvement.
3. On Page 67, item 4 - "We believe that immediate steps must begin toward the implementation of the objectives of the Westside Waterfront Panel's report". This statement implies a general endorsement of the WSWP's "objectives". Since some of those objectives, such as residential development of on the river, are neither appropriate nor desirable, we recommend that the "Plan" state that "Objectives to be implemented should be determined through an open, democratic

process, with strong Community Board involvement".

4. One pages 75, Pier 26 item - We submit the following wording to replace "This is an exemplary waterfront use." "Research, education and small boat access are exemplary waterfront uses." In the interest of giving more complete information, the next paragraph should be revised to read: "Another component of the WSWP plan for the Tribeca Basin is a wetlands, restoration project, also initiated by The River Project."
5. On pages 26 thru 29, the "Plan" should encourage a cooperative effort, which would include the NYC/EDC, the South Street Seaport Corporation, the Fulton Fish Market, the Manhattan Borough President's Office, CB #1 and local community groups, to address the planning needs of the entire East River waterfront, from Pier #9 to the Brooklyn Bridge and beyond. (see pg. 30 for master plan concept).
6. The "Plan" should set policy favorable to open competition, such as the timesharing of limited waterfront resources as in the case or excursion vessel access to high use areas like the Battery and the Hudson River at 42nd Street. Existing lease agreements should be reviewed in light of such a policy.
7. The "esplanade" must not become a new barrier to waterfront pier access. In plans for green space and other uses for the bulkhead areas, access to the piers must be designed "open" to allow and support potential water-borne uses. Any zoning changes must not preclude water-borne commerce on all existing piers with the possible exclusion of the Westway Right of Way.
8. Public access must include public access from the water, i.e., public boat access. The waterways are public ways, they were the original access to this island. The concept of a "town dock" should be included in zoning changes and lease language as a "town dock option" which provides this capability as a public amenity, much the same as in building zoning. An example would be the inclusion of a "town dock" at the South Street Seaport development or one at the Pier A development. As island dwellers, we have a right to access our waterways.
9. We would like to see firm opposition to the creation of a not-for-profit corporation or public authority (entity) which would own, rebuild, and manage the Westside waterfront as described in the WSWP. We believe a successor "agency" of government, which brings full and direct accountability to the public is the direction to be taken.
10. We request that existing Community-based 197A plans should be included directly into this larger 197A submission. To exclude such

existing plans can only diminish the validity of the "Plan".

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	13 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: W.U.I. (Western Union International) Plaza, Proposed Name Change

WHEREAS: The portion of Washington St. from Battery Pl. to Morris St. was renamed W.U.I. Plaza at the request of Western Union International when the corporation was headquartered at #26, and

WHEREAS: The Corporation vacated the building several years ago, and

WHEREAS: City Council Member Kathryn Freed, at the request of the NYC Department of Personnel which is now the major tenant at #26, has introduced legislation in the Council that would have W.U.I. Plaza again be known as Washington St., now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports the name change for the block of W.U.I. Plaza between Battery Pl. and Morris St. to Washington St.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 187 Franklin St., Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A)

WHEREAS: The existing one story garage contributes little to the historic character of the neighborhood, and

WHEREAS: The proposed new, three story office building is sensitive to and reflects both in scale and material the Tribeca West Historic District in which it is to be constructed, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for a C of A to allow the demolition of the existing garage and the construction of a new three story office building.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	25 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: "Negro Burial Ground"

WHEREAS: In October of 1991, the Federal Government broke ground on a site (Broadway, Duane, Reade and Elk Streets) in Lower Manhattan within the confines of Community Board 1 to build a 34 story office tower and pavilion, and

WHEREAS: The site of the proposed building sits on land which is historically known as the "Negro Burial Ground" dating back to the 18th century, and

WHEREAS: This site is part of an area which was called "Little Africa" and predates established and still existing areas, and

WHEREAS: Little Africa extended to 34th Street and is believed to be the first area where Africans owned land in pre-colonial times and where African businesses, schools, churches and life flourished until the 1860's, and

WHEREAS: The site is believed to be the only eighteenth century urban African burial ground ever found and was considered outside the City limits, the only reason "Negroes" were allowed to be buried there, and

WHEREAS: To date over 350 remains have been excavated with estimates of hundreds more possibly to be found on the construction site, and

WHEREAS: Twenty grave sites were destroyed accidentally and a number of others have been vandalized since the excavation began, and

WHEREAS: In the name of "research" remains have been spread out at various locations with the Federal Government's General Services Administration (GSA) having no organized records of where all the remains are, and

WHEREAS: The archeological, research, and other work relating to the site contracted out by GSA lacks African/and or African American representation both by individuals and by institutions, and

WHEREAS: The \$250,000 currently allocated by the Federal Government for a commemorative display is woefully insufficient both in dollars and scope for an

appropriate memorial, and

WHEREAS: State Senator David Patterson has established a task force to monitor the activities at the site, and this task force along with the Mayor, other state, city, and federal elected officials, community residents, African-American community leaders, scholars and historians has demanded that the skeletal remains be re-interred and that an appropriate historic memorial be established, and

WHEREAS: In order to create a National historic site or monument and reinter the remains on site, Congress must introduce legislation authorizing such a designation and appropriate the necessary funds, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB #1 urges Congress to immediately introduce such legislation and work closely with the National Park Service to preserve and commemorate the African-American burial ground.

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BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 100 Hudson St., Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (C of A)

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 recognizes New York Telephone Company's need to have more ready access to terminal boxes for telephone cross corrections than is currently available to them, since these boxes are generally now located in rear yards, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 also understands that, with regard to the current application, existing underground constraints (existing utility company cables etc.) make it impossible to locate the pedestal terminal nearer an existing public street telephone at the corner, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application for a C of A to allow the placement of a pedestal terminal in front of 100 Hudson St., and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that whenever possible New York Telephone Company site pedestal terminals adjacent or underneath existing telephone booths at the corners of intersections so as to minimize their intrusion, mid-block on streetscapes.

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RE: Columbus Quincentennial Celebration

WHEREAS: The City of NY is planning and coordinating a number of public events (i.e, parade of large and small boats, street fair, fireworks, parade, concerts) in Lower Manhattan during the July 3-7 Columbus Quincentennial Weekend, and

WHEREAS: The anticipated very large crowds and traffic restrictions will greatly impact most CB #1 residents, workers and visitors, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly urges that the City take adequate steps to safeguard the people and property of this district during this holiday weekend by assigning sufficient numbers of Police, Fire, EMS, Sanitation and DOT personnel to this area and that the following special concerns be properly addressed:

1. Southbridge Towers - Since the daylong street fair, concerts and possible fireworks will occur within a block of this large-scale housing complex the NYPD should position barriers and assign officers around the periphery of SBT (i.e, Fulton St., Pearl St., Gold St., Frankfort St.) to dissuade unnecessary trespassing through the grounds. Sanitation personnel should hand-sweep the periphery of the complex following the July 4th events.
2. Battery Park City - Special planning between the NYPD & BPCA officials should take place to insure that the buildings and grounds are well protected to deal with the large crowds of people viewing the fireworks. Sensitive areas (i.e, North Park) should be barricaded and considered off limits except for emergency crowd control. BPC residents should receive special consideration (i.e., tickets to VIP areas awarded through a lottery) so that they can view the fireworks.
3. Street Fair - As per our agreement with the Mayor's Office, the July 4th street fair will run from 11 AM until 10:30 PM and the sale of alcoholic beverages will cease at 9 PM. Stores and restaurants along the street fair will be allowed to sell food and drinks from their storefronts. No beverages

in glass bottles will be sold.

4. Transportation - Although local residents will be strongly advised not to drive in the neighborhood on July 4th, the Police and DOT will inform their personnel that local residents who have accessible parking in the area will be allowed in and out of the auto-free zone (i.e, south of Chambers St. and south of Canal St. prior to the fireworks) whenever possible.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: "Safe Streets/Safe City Funding"

WHEREAS: The Department of Youth Services (DYS) is making available \$20,000 to each Community Board through the "Safe Streets/Safe City" program to meet a priority youth service as identified by the Community Board, and

WHEREAS: The DYS will subsequently develop a Request for Proposals (RFP) to be distributed in the Board area and will contract with a not-for-profit organization which responds to the RFP and is best qualified to meet the service need identified, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Education be selected as the priority youth service need in CB #1 to be addressed through "Safe Streets/Safe City" funding.

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