

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
RESOLUTION

JUNE 9, 1992

COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: SPECIAL COMBINED ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS,  
FINANCIAL DISTRICT, LANDMARKS & PARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: National Park Service, "Preliminary Alternatives" for the future use of Federal Hall and Castle Clinton

WHEREAS: The National Park Service (NPS) has prepared "Preliminary Alternatives" for the future use and management of two national historic sites within CB #1: Federal Hall and Castle Clinton, and

WHEREAS: The NPS is seeking the Community Board's input in this planning process, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

Community Board #1 makes the following recommendations to the NPS:

1. Federal Hall National Memorial

This building should become a major historical museum and research library of early New York City history. All of the building's interior should be opened to the public. While not expelling existing groups with space in the building, any exclusive use by these groups which precludes full public access should be eliminated. CB #1 supports NPS's Alternative 3 which calls for extensive new exhibits, tours, and programs.

2. Castle Clinton National Monument

Community Board #1 envisions Castle Clinton as a place of public entertainment reminiscent of the quarter of a century beginning in 1824 when the structure was known as Castle Garden. Lower Manhattan has no major public performance space. In addition to providing space for per-performances by national repertory performance companies, it is anticipated that local performance arts groups would also have access to the space.

3. The Community Board agrees with the NPS that the addition of a roof would allow year-round and more flexible use of the structure's interior. However, the Board favors a permanent roof like that depicted in the 1893 photo it has seen rather than the tent-type roof shown beside Alternative 3 in the current NPS documents. Seating and stage areas should be designed to be multi-purpose and adaptable.
4. The ticket booth and public restrooms for the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island ferries must, at minimum, be moved to the exterior of the Castle, and preferably to a site far removed from it.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	26 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: Department of Parks & Recreation RFP for 13 merchandise carts in City Hall Park

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) on June 2, 1992 issued a request for proposals (RFP) for the operation of 13 vendor carts by disabled veterans in City Hall Park (S/W/C Chambers & Centre St.) Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and the plaza south of the Municipal Building Tuesdays and Fridays (due to the operation Greenmarket in the Park), and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is concerned that the current Department of Parks and Recreation's RFP exploits, and if the venture is not successful, will tarnish Greenmarket's well deserved and long fought for reputation, and

WHEREAS: In large part the success of Greenmarket throughout the City is due to the presence of an on-site market manager, and a similar position is not called for in the DPR merchandise cart proposal, and

WHEREAS: Should the DPR City Hall Park operation be implemented, CB #1 fears that this effort would be precedent setting, encouraging the Department to "piggyback" on the reputation and other sites of Greenmarket, and

WHEREAS: Disabled veteran vendors - for whom this RFP according to DPR was designed - and spokespersons for them are vociferous in their opposition to the proposal, and

WHEREAS: These vendors offer that the real motivation for the RFP is perhaps the August 1991 agreement between the City and the 5th Avenue Association; and as a consequence of the administration's having yet to make good on any of the provisions of this agreement, disabled veteran vendors are adverse to participating in yet another City-sponsored venture, and

WHEREAS: The current RFP (and underlying policy) appears to be already a failed effort to appease disabled veteran vendors, while at the same time the proposal does not substantially address the larger vendor issue, and

WHEREAS: The regular placement of 13 vendors in the park will result in unnecessary

congestion, garbage and commercialization of an area which is supposed to provide citizens with a break from these by-products of City life, and

WHEREAS: The RFP contains no language which states that revenues generated by this operation will be dedicated specifically to City Hall Park for its refurbishing or even its ongoing repair and routine maintenance, meanwhile, it would absorb 13 new merchandise carts and vendors and shoppers, and

WHEREAS: The creation of a concentrated market of 13 vendors in a small area of City Hall Park, all selling substantially the same limited array of goods is excessive and indeed, doomed to failure, and

WHEREAS: As recently as in its "Statement of Community District Needs - 1993" CB #1 expressed its concern over the number of RFP's being issued by DPR for concessions in parks: "It is one thing to provide needed amenities to parks' patrons, e.g. food and drink; it is another to take advantage of them", and

WHEREAS: CB #1 holds that City parks are not the place to dump the City's chronic and now out-of-hand vendor problem, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

CB #1 declines the "honor" the DPR would bestow on the Board: "The small operation (only 13 vendors) at City Hall Park will be the first in the city...", and further, CB #1 calls on the Commissioner of DPR to immediately void this Request for Proposals.

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

RE: Battery Park, Arts & Crafts Concession ("Exhibit") along State St.

WHEREAS: The current operator has requested that the crafts concession be allowed to operate 2 days per week rather than 1 day through June 1992 as currently authorized, to compensate for the excessively rainy spring season which resulted in the closing of the concession on several Thursdays and lower than anticipated revenues, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) has issued a Request for Proposals for the operation of this "exhibit" for the coming 2 years, commencing July 1992, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

CB #1 is not opposed to the DPR allowing the current operator of the concession to operate 2 days per week (Thursday & Friday) through June 1992, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

In order to preclude a similar request in the future, CB #1 recommends that the DPR include in the concession agreement commencing July 1, 1992 a provision for a rain date (CB #1, however, opposes a 2 day per week operation of the concession).

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	28 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Traffic Triangle, intersection of West Broadway and Varick St., proposed temporary installation

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the Department of Transportation approve the temporary installation (6 months) of "Lago Di Garda" by Tribeca artist Bill Barrett at the above referenced site.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	28 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: "Triangle Trash Baskets" temporary installation by James Garvey

WHEREAS: In June 1991 CB #1 approved the above referenced installation, and

WHEREAS: The artist is requesting an extension, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves an extension (6 months) for the installation of "Triangle Trash Baskets" at the intersection of Franklin St. and Hudson St.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA/WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 109-111 West Broadway, Delphi Restaurant

WHEREAS: Delphi Restaurant has operated an enclosed sidewalk cafe for a number of years, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has no knowledge of complaints concerning this operation, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the application (ULURP #920546 ECM) by Delphi Restaurant for a "renewal of revocable consent" (5 yrs.) to operate its enclosed sidewalk cafe.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	23 In Favor	7 Opposed	5 Abstained

RE: UDC subsidiary being given control of the Hudson River Manhattan Waterfront

WHEREAS: Governor Cuomo and Mayor Dinkins have issued a Memorandum of Understanding announcing plans to establish a NYS Urban Development Corporation (UDC) subsidiary (to be known as the Hudson River Park Conservancy) which would be given far-reaching powers and responsibilities for the Westway Right-of-Way area, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 supports a good faith application by the State to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for a 100% Westway Right-of-Way payback waiver, which would save the City and State \$80 million, and

WHEREAS: The Federal-aid Highway Act permits payback waivers for rights-of-way used for transportation purposes authorized under the act (including bikeways, walkways, landscaping, and preserving scenic views of the Hudson River), while UDC is not authorized to carry out projects for transportation purposes; therefore, putting a UDC subsidiary in charge of this area could jeopardize the payback waiver, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has a great deal of experience with UDC's and Economic Development Corporations (EDC) inflexibility and unwillingness to respond to community concerns, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has consistently taken the position that any body charged with planning and/or implementing any projects in the Westway right-of-way area should be subject to the strongest possible environmental and public review procedures (including ULURP) and that community boards along the right-of-way must have input (including lease reviews, planning and zoning) concerning uses in this area, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes the entity proposed in the Memo of Understanding because it will turn over this precious public resource, the Hudson River and its

waterfront, to a corporation controlled by nine unelected people, unaccountable to the citizens of New York.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT & ENVIRONMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	25 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: The River Project, "Shad Walk", proposed walkway along the Westside Waterfront

WHEREAS: The Westside Waterfront, from the north edge of Battery Park City to Pier 40 (CB #2) has been rendered mostly inaccessible due to its inappropriate use as parking areas, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has expressed its position favoring more public access and use of the waterfront, and

WHEREAS: The River Project proposes to create a walkway along the bulkhead in the area described, to be called "SHAD WALK" and

WHEREAS: This proposal is in line with waterfront uses described in the Manhattan Borough President's "Waterfront Plan" as well as in the Westside Waterfront Panel's recommendations for interim uses, both of which CB #1 supports, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVE

THAT: CB #1 encourages The River Project to proceed with their effort to create an interim public access walkway along the Westside Waterfront, and requests that NYS DOT cooperate by working with The River Project and CB #1 to plan and implement this concept.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	27 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 15-17 Harrison St., Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (923255)

BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

CB #1 offers the following input to the Landmarks Preservation Commission in the matter of the above referenced application:

1. CB #1 supports the LPC staff recommendations that the applicant apply to the City for an exemption to handicapped access regulations; a ramp seems non-essential in guaranteeing this access.
2. The Community Board prefers the original design which uses different trim motifs below doors and windows, however, the Board has no objection to the altered design.
3. There is no objection to the addition of 5 new windows on the west facade, even though none exist there currently.
4. CB #1 has no objection to the introduction of 6 antique light fixtures above 4 doorways and 2 windows; these seem in character with the architecture of the building.

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BOARD VOTE:	31 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: 137-141 Duane St. (aka 62 Thomas St.) Living Word Christian Church Center, application (ULURP #C910093 ZCM) to legalize the existing church

WHEREAS: Living Word Christian Church Center has applied for "the grant of a Special Permit to allow a church (Use Group 4A) on part of the cellar and first floor...", and

WHEREAS: It is CB #1's understanding (based on consultation with DCP legal counsel) THAT:

1. The application is limited to "church" use only and does not extend to other uses listed under "Use Group 4";
2. The application is limited to the space currently being used by the Church and designated in plans filed with the application; further should the church decide to expand the space to include new areas of the building, a new application(s) would need to be filed to include such space under a Special Permit;
3. Should the Living Word Christian Church vacate the building, the only tenant acceptable under the Special Permit would be another church, and

WHEREAS: The building and its residential tenants have endured what at best can be described as "benign neglect" through a succession of building owners (currently the building is reported to be in receivership), now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED  
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that the City Planning Commission approve the above referenced application for a Special Permit; however, the Community Board's recommendation for approval is made contingent upon and assumes that the Special Permit is limited to allowing a church only, and to the space Living Word Christian Church Center currently occupies, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT:

The Community Board, on behalf of the building's residential tenants, implores the City Planning Commission to exercise any authority or influence it possesses to prevail upon the building owner(s), the architect for this and previous applications for changes to the building, and any relevant City departments to see that immediate steps are taken to comply with all applicable statutes.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

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

RE: Transfer of funds to Manhattan Youth Recreation & Resources (MYRR)

WHEREAS: CB #1 has been advised that The Parish of Trinity Church will no longer administer its NYC Department of Youth Services (DYS) funded program, and

WHEREAS: MYRR has agreed to assume responsibility for operation of the Trinity Church youth program, making no programmatic changes and

WHEREAS: The Executive Director of MYRR had also served as director of the "Trinity" youth program thus there should be continuity in the operation of their programs, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the DYS transfer the operating funds of the Parish of Trinity Church youth program to MYRR in order to continue the operation of this popular, well regarded youth program.

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BOARD VOTE:	26 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Pace University Little School

WHEREAS: For the past 20 years Pace University has offered a half-day pre-school program to 32 local children, and

WHEREAS: Pace University is now considering eliminating this program because it does not produce sufficient revenue, and

WHEREAS: The Pace Little School, as the only nursery school east of Broadway and the only part-time nursery program in our district, provides a vital service to many working parents on the eastside, and

WHEREAS: This is one of very few services which Pace University does provide to our community, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly urges the new president of Pace University, Pat Ewers, to reconsider any plans to eliminate the Pace Little School as a service to local residents, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 instead suggests that efforts be made to strengthen the relationship between Pace University and the surrounding community including the expansion of the popular Pace Little School, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that a meeting with Ms. Ewers, the Community Board and others be arranged in the near future to discuss the future of the Pace Little School which is of great concern to many parents and residents of our district.

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RE: Trinity Church Youth Program

WHEREAS: The Parish of Trinity Church has, for the past 11 years, administered a very successful youth program in the CB #1 district, and

WHEREAS: The willingness of Trinity Church to administer this grass-roots youth program and underwrite certain expenses (i.e., payroll, bookkeeping, advancing money etc.) has been extremely helpful and enabled the program to devote a very high percentage of its City funding towards direct service to local youth, and

WHEREAS: Trinity Church has now decided to no longer administer, this local youth program, and

WHEREAS: Trinity has indicated in the past that it would provide start-up funding to the new organization which assumes responsibility for administrating the program when they relinquish the contract, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Parish of Trinity Church for the excellent service it has provided to our community for the past 11 years in administering the Lower Manhattan Youth Program, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges the Parish of Trinity Church to ease the burden on the new, much smaller operating agency, Manhattan Youth Recreation & Resources (MYRR), by providing a small grant to MYRR to cover expenses which are not budgeted for so that the youth programs themselves would not have to be cut back to absorb these costs.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	12 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	31 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Community Board Members Attendance

WHEREAS: CB #1 by-laws already provide that three consecutive absences from assigned committee or full Board meetings or absence from more than half of assigned committee or full Board meetings during a calendar year shall be sufficient cause for dismissal from the Board, and

WHEREAS: Many CB #1 members have very poor attendance records which places undo burden on other members and the staff at meetings, and

WHEREAS: Neither Community Board committees nor the full Board can effectively function without the active participation of their membership, and

WHEREAS: Each member of the Community Board volunteered to serve on this Board and to put in a sufficient number of hours per week to carry out their responsibilities, and

WHEREAS: Steps will be taken by the Chairperson to create fewer committees so that there will be fewer overall meetings to attend, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 will henceforth enforce the attendance provisions of the by-laws and will automatically dismiss members who violate these provisions, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: Members who are absent due to illness or other special circumstances can appeal their dismissal to the Executive Committee who can overturn such dismissals, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: Board members will only be marked present for meetings when they are in attendance for "substantially all of the meeting" as stated in the by-laws including for votes on resolutions under consideration.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	12 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	1 Opposed	10 Abstained

RE: Former Community Board Members

WHEREAS: A number of active and effective Board members have recently left CB #1 due to resignation or not being re-appointed, and

WHEREAS: The members of CB #1 deeply appreciate the hard work and dedication exhibited by these members, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 wishes to publicly recognize and salute the following former Board members for their excellent service to our community:

Margaret Chin  
Rev. Barbara Crafton  
Harold Donohue  
Kathryn Freed  
George Keller  
Nancy Page

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: We wish them success in all their future endeavors and look forward to working with them again in our efforts to improve the quality of life in our district, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 regrets the decision of the Manhattan Borough President, not to reappoint Nancy Page and Harold Donohue, and urges her to reconsider this decision.