

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: MAY 18, 1999

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 25 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Improving the Police Department**

WHEREAS: Allegations of police misconduct are of great concern to all New Yorkers, and

WHEREAS: The overwhelming majority of police officers are good police officers, and

WHEREAS: Our experience with the local police has been quite positive although the Community Board has, from time to time, received complaints about the local police being unresponsive, discourteous and misusing their privileges (e.g. parking anywhere they care to), and

WHEREAS: We are unaware of any local instances of the police being charged with more serious misconduct than the use of offensive language or excessive force, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board, however, recognizes the unfortunate level of distrust which has emerged in recent months, particularly in certain communities, regarding the behavior of the police and their treatment of minority residents, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports efforts to ease these tensions and to eliminate any illegal or improper behavior on the part of the police, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports efforts to hold the NYPD accountable for the behavior of its officers, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Police officers, who have a legal and moral obligation to lead by example, should be made to abide by the very same laws they themselves enforce and they should treat people in a courteous and professional manner as they would like to be treated themselves and the police should be treated with the same respect by the public, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges better training at the Police Academy to insure that the police treat people in a lawful and courteous manner, and a stronger employee assistance program, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges the Police Commissioner to adopt more rigorous standards for police officers and that he institute more serious penalties upon officers found by the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) to have engaged in improper or unlawful conduct, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The CCRB be supported and strengthened, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Police/Community Relations Boards be created throughout the City, which are more visible and involved with the community, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The NYPD should adopt incentives for the hiring and retention of City residents on the police force, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The 48-hour rule (which says that police officers suspected of criminal activity may not be questioned for 48 hours after the alleged unlawful act) should be eliminated since no other citizens are entitled to such a delay, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Equitable police pay, improved police facilities and increased use of technology by the NYPD be undertaken to improve police morale.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: Washington Street

WHEREAS: Due to the construction at Houston Street and West Street, NYC DOT is going to reverse Washington St. between Spring St. and Canal St. to south bound with all traffic turning west to Route 9A at Canal St. as a temporary measure for approximately 4 months, and

WHEREAS: The 1994 EIS did not address the closing of Washington St. on the south side of Canal St. to through traffic to the north, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is on record in opposition to the reversal of Washington St. in a resolution dated November 17, 1998, now

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:**

Community Board #1 requests that NYCDOT reconfigure Washington St. to two way traffic between Spring and Canal Street as to allow through traffic to continue to travel north on Washington St. across Canal St. and to Spring St. for the duration of the construction, and

**BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:**

CB #1 and other concerned groups be informed in writing of any actions taken concerning this matter.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED

RE: **Franklin Station Cafe, 222 West Broadway, application for a sidewalk cafe**

WHEREAS: The Franklin Station Cafe at 222 West Broadway has applied for a sidewalk cafe license for 11 tables with 26 chairs, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports this application for 11 tables and 26 chairs, with service limited to 11 PM on weeknights and 12 PM on weekends.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Temporary siting of “The Muses” by Clara Dugue**

WHEREAS: NYC Parks and Recreation has requested the support of CB #1 for the temporary installation of “The Muses” by Clara Dugue on Trinity Place Plaza for a period of three months from June to September, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

Community Board #1 supports this installation as a welcome addition to Trinity Place Plaza.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **169 Hudson St., exterior restoration and penthouse addition**

WHEREAS: The committee found the restoration of the facade and rehabilitation of the storefront and loading dock overhang to the existing design of the original building appropriate, and

WHEREAS: The committee felt that the proposed setback of 15 feet for the rooftop addition and the fact that the air condition unit will be placed inside the building appropriate, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **137 Franklin St., application to enlarge an existing two story building to six stories**

WHEREAS: The committee felt this is a new building on top of an existing structure and that the material used on the facade be contextual to the texture and color of the surrounding area to LPC's specifications, and

WHEREAS: There will be no structure on the new roof, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve this work if the following revisions are made, that there be no extension to the West Broadway side of the building to accommodate a cafe and that the architect change the northwest two square windows to be contextual with the West Broadway arch type windows.

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RE: **58 Thomas St., application to demolish existing building and construct a new nine story building**

WHEREAS: The committee felt that the applicant met our concerns and changed the first floor to be contextual to the surrounding buildings and agreed to put panel door on the westside of the building so it matches the other doors on the first floor, and

WHEREAS: The penthouse and roof railing was setback and the top windows redesigned to match the windows below, and

WHEREAS: The committee felt that the nine story building with 8' 6" ceilings created windows that were not in context and size with other windows on the block and were not in keeping with the loft style character of the surrounding area, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC hold over all action on the application until the applicant presents to the committee the Department of Buildings document stating the zoning and allowable FAR, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Contextual drawings be presented of the entire block so the committee can see if the penthouse height is contextual with the surrounding buildings.

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BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **110 Reade St., application to install a storefront, awning, signage and a ramp**

WHEREAS: The committee found the storefront, awning and signage in character with the architectural design of the existing building, and

WHEREAS: The ramp was within the guidelines of the People with Disabilities Act, and

WHEREAS: The committee requests that LPC explore more creative ways to deal with the disabilities law, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **83 Pearl St., application to install signage and lighting at the storefront and modify an awning**

WHEREAS: The committee had no objections with the storefront signage, lighting and awning, and

WHEREAS: The committee requests guidelines from LPC concerning signage in the new historic district, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve the application.

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BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **19 Fulton St., application to install ramp**

WHEREAS: The committee found the installation of the ramp necessary to be in compliance with the People with Disabilities Act, and

WHEREAS: The removal of the granite block in front of the building will destroy the continuous effect of the façade and the applicant stated that the handicap accessibility to the building internally is not feasible, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 approves this work and asks LPC to explore a more creative approach to this problem.

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BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **16-18 Jay St., application to demolish one story structure on Greenwich St. and construct a fence, create new lot line windows, construct a new loading dock and lift on Jay St. and install aluminum windows**

WHEREAS: The committee found the loading dock in character with the architectural historic design of the building and the new windows will not be seen from Greenwich Street due to the construction of a "temporary stucco wall" which will be removed when a new building is constructed on the Greenwich Street lot, and

WHEREAS: The loading dock scheduled for demolition is not of historic character, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **90 Franklin St., application to install a temporary sign**

WHEREAS: The committee found that the sign is temporary and did not alter the facade of the building, and

WHEREAS: This application is only for this one banner on the second level on the Church Street side of the building for a period of twelve months, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve this application and any additional banners or signs be submitted to CB #1 as a new application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **149 Franklin St., application to install a lot line window**

WHEREAS: The applicant did not appear, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC hold over this application until the applicant appears before CB #1.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **9 White St., application to replace existing metal stairs and vault doors with a metal platform which includes stairs, railing and gate**

WHEREAS: The committee found the loading dock, metal stairs and vault doors in character with the historic design of the building, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve this application for this work.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **117 West Broadway, application to legalize installation of
flagpole, banner and sign**

WHEREAS: The applicant did not have any input from LPC on the allowable
signage, and it was felt that it was not part of the historic character
of the building, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC hold over all action
on this application until the applicant meets with LPC staff to
address this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Street closings near Police Headquarters**

WHEREAS: NYC DOT, at the request of the NYPD, is proposing the permanent closing of the following streets for security reasons:

- Madison St. between Avenue of the Finest and Pearl St.
- Avenue of the Finest between Madison St. and Park Row
- Pearl St. between Park Row and Madison Street, and

WHEREAS: In fact, the NYPD has closed these street to vehicular traffic since September 1998, and

WHEREAS: These closures are due to security concerns resulting from the bombing of the American embassies in Africa and the subsequent arrest and incarceration of the alleged terrorists in the Federal House of Detention on Park Row, and

WHEREAS: These streets closures have greatly inconvenienced local residents and visitors by reducing cross-town traffic options, increasing congestion on nearby streets in the Seaport/Civic Center area, and forcing buses to modify their routes, and

WHEREAS: The proposed major construction project at Cabrini Triangle will further exacerbate traffic flow in this area for many years, and

WHEREAS: The decision made by federal authorities to hold and try alleged major world terrorists in a very heavily populated and busy area such as Lower Manhattan is extremely disruptive and places an unfair and unreasonable burden on local authorities, local workers and local residents, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 opposes the proposed permanent closing of three streets near Police Headquarters, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 requests that street regulations not be changed in the future without prior consultation with the Community Board, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 objects to the very shortsighted federal decision to hold and try these highly sensitive prisoners in the middle of our busy Lower Manhattan community, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 calls upon the federal government to relocate these prisoners and this trial to a much less populated area or perhaps to a military base where there would be far less negative impact on so many people, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

If this trial and the street closures must go forward in Lower Manhattan the Community Board strongly requests that the unappealing cement barriers be replaced by attractive planters to temporarily block off traffic.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 25 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **P.S. 234, new playground**

WHEREAS: P.S. 234 has long had to make due with an undersized, empty play yard originally designed for the school, and

WHEREAS: Plans have been drawn up to install playground equipment, seating and trees in an additional play yard for P.S. 234 located west of the school, and

WHEREAS: This plan will ensure the continued operation of the dog run on Warren St. which will be slightly reconfigured but equal in size after construction, and

WHEREAS: This playground will remain open after-school and weekends for community use, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 approves the site disposition and design plan for the new P.S. 234 playground located just west of the school.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Battery Place between Little West Street and State Street**

WHEREAS: NYS DOT is considering several options for Battery Place between Little West St. and State St. which would allow for continuing the Route 9A bikeway/walkway towards a connection with the new East River bikeway/esplanade, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 favors scheme #3 which best addresses the needs of bikers and pedestrians by allowing them to proceed along Battery Place via a new bike/pedestrian path located on new parkland (one acre) adjacent to Battery Park, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 calls upon the City to develop an equally workable bike/pedestrian connection along State St. which would ensure that bikers have a safe, attractive and continuous path between the new east and west side bike paths.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **City Hall Park Security Arrangements**

WHEREAS: CB #1 is very gratified that the reconstruction of City Hall Park is coming along at remarkable speed and greatly anticipates the reopening of the park in the fall, and

WHEREAS: The increased security provisions (Operation BRAVO) put into place last September coupled with the complete closure of the park have greatly inconvenienced many people in our district who routinely walk across the park for any number of reasons both day and night, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board is concerned to learn that the Operation BRAVO closure of the area in front of City Hall is scheduled to continue after the park re-opens in a few months, and

WHEREAS: City Hall is the only public building in Lower Manhattan restricted to **pedestrians** in this manner even though BRAVO security measures are in place around many buildings, and

WHEREAS: The area in front of City Hall is being restored into the traditional, large open pedestrian promenade which it had been, with greatly reduced parking, in order to return this space to the public, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board strongly believes that this area in front of City Hall must be re-opened to the public and that police officials can and should identify less extreme measures to protect City Hall without completely cutting off public access, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 urges the City and the NYPD to re-assess and ease the current Operation BRAVO security restrictions, particularly those restricting access to the promenade off the front steps of City Hall, so that the public (not just demonstrators) can circulate through this very popular and historic promenade, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges that the City always keep open one or two City Hall Park east-west crossing paths for the many local residents and workers who frequently cross the park when going back and forth to the subways and other destinations.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 2 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: **Greenwich Street at Canal Street intersection**

WHEREAS: At its April 1999 meeting, CB #1 unanimously passed a resolution demanding that the "No Left Turn" sign at Canal and Greenwich Streets be removed and that an officer be assigned at that intersection to direct traffic until the approved traffic light is installed in October 1999, (see enclosed copy), and

WHEREAS: The NYPD spokesman Mark Paterson, said that the new sign banning left turns is a "temporary safety mitigation measure" until the light is installed, and that the residents "will just have to bear with the sign", (NY Times May 9, 1999), and

WHEREAS: This sign is adversely affecting business and the quality of life of the residents in this area, and

WHEREAS: This sign does not make this very dangerous intersection any safer for motorists and makes it especially dangerous for pedestrians crossing that intersection, and

WHEREAS: Instead of officers directing traffic and increasing safety, the NYPD has assigned numerous officers to issue summonses to motorists, while at the same time accidents are occurring (example Monday, May 19, 4:15 PM), now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 reiterates it's previous request to remove the "No Left Turn" sign from Canal and Greenwich Streets and station officers at this intersection during peak traffic hours to direct traffic, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends a “Stop” sign be placed at the Canal/Greenwich street intersection for all traffic heading east of Canal Street to be enforced by the same police officers who are already there to issue summons, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

A sign be placed on southbound West St. indicating Vestry St; which is the only access to the Tribeca north community from Route 9A that is not entangled in the Holland Tunnel gridlock, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The response of the NYPD has been regrettable in that it ignores valid concerns of the Tribeca community, and forces those who live, work and do business in this neighborhood to bear the full negative impact of the horrible traffic situation on Canal Street and gives preference to those passing by the neighborhood to use the Holland Tunnel.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Pier 17, New York Waterways ticket booth**

WHEREAS: The LPC in the spring of 1997 approved the erection of a temporary structure on Pier 17 in the South Street Seaport Historic District to serve as a ticket booth for New York Waterways to be removed by November 1997, and

WHEREAS: In violation of the LPC's approval, the structure was not removed and instead was used as a ticket booth for an ice rink erected on Piers 16 & 17 for the 1997 – 1998 winter season, and

WHEREAS: The LPC rejected New York Waterways' subsequent application to turn the temporary ticket booth into a permanent structure, yet the structure remained, and

WHEREAS: When it was noticed that the ticket booth was removed during the winter of 1998 - 1999 because the ice rink was relocated on Pier 17 CB #1 unanimously passed a resolution on January 19, 1999 calling on the LPC to direct New York Waterways, the Seaport Development Corporation, and the New York City Economic Development Corporation not to re-erect the ticket booth or erect any new structure on Piers 16 & 17 without the review of CB #1, and sent a copy of the resolution to the above parties, and

WHEREAS: New York Waterways disregarded CB #1's resolution and re-erected the ticket booth without notifying either CB #1 or the LPC, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 calls on New York Waterways to explain its behavior to the Community Board, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Once again CB #1 urges the LPC to direct New York Waterways to remove its illegal structure and to review the overall proliferation of small undistinguished structures on Pier 16 & 17 and compel the above parties and the Seaport Museum to prepare and have approved a joint Master plan for the open space on Piers 16 & 17 before any further structures are legalized or erected.

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