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Manhattan Community Board 1

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Chairperson's Report for June 2013

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It has been another extremely busy month for Community Board 1. Together we continue to make our neighborhood better and stronger than ever. I would like to report on the important issues and milestones that we have worked through this month with fellow board members, the CB1 staff, elected officials and government agencies.

Milestones

- Asphalt Green in Battery Park City opened (06/15/2013)
- New York City has released new hurricane evacuation zones 1 through 6 (to replace Zones A, B, and C) which includes areas of Community Board 1 (06/18/2013)
- Hudson River Park legislation passed that includes new sources of revenue including a surcharge for commercial vessels and selling air rights; bill passed Assembly with sponsors Glick and Gottfried (06/20/2013) and Senate (06/21/2013)

Press Conferences

- Attended Governors Island's Implosion of Building 877 (a longtime vacant 1968 11-story residential building) to create a new 30 acre park which will open fall 2013 and will include two turf ball fields (Sunday, 7:36am, 06/09/2013)
- Attended Mayor Bloomberg's release of "Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency" (SIRR) which includes major section on Southern Manhattan (06/11/2013)
- Spoke at Campaign launch to publicize Zadroga Act resources to 9/11 survivors, responders, volunteers and others who lived and worked in lower Manhattan with Representative Carolyn Maloney, Representative Jerrold Nadler, NYCOSH, NYS AFL-CIO and others (06/24/2013)

Letter

- South Street Seaport Museum Letter to Mayor Bloomberg (06/06/2013); NYC Economic Development Corporation contacted me to let me know that they are working on arranging a meeting with the Department of Cultural Affairs, elected officials and CB1 about the future of the museum and its vessels (06/21/2013)

Testified

- City Council Committee on Lower Manhattan Redevelopment and Civil Service and Labor Oversight Hearing: Are Cancer Rates Increasing in 9/11 Responders? (06/17/2013)

Forums

- Kicking off Hurricane Preparedness Season 2013 – focused on key lessons learned from Superstorm Sandy, how the City of New York and the NYSE prepared for and resumed operation after the storm; Travelers Institute, NYSE Euronext, Partnership for New York City, and Wharton School Risk Management and Decision Processes Center (05/31/2013)
- World Trade Center Healthcare Forum for Lower Manhattan – update by doctors on physical and mental health conditions and treatments (including some cancers) that are covered at no out-of-pocket cost; sponsors included WTC Healthcare Program and CB1 (06/03/2013)
- Battery Park City Gateway Tenants Annual Meeting (06/06/2013)
- 911 Memorial Conversation Series: Museum Planning Conversation Series – with Michael Connolly and Kathleen Gupta; final one before opening of Museum Spring 2014 (6/18/2013)
- “The Road Forward: Putting Resilience into Action” Municipal Art Society – with Michael Levine, Diane Switaj and Bob Schneck (06/19/2013)
- Emergency Preparedness in a Post-Sandy Era – Keynote Address by Commissioner Joseph F. Bruno, NYC Office of Emergency Management (OEM); Con Edison (06/21/2013)

Meetings

- The Hallmark of Battery Park City (Sunday, 06/02/2013)
- World Trade Center Health Program Survivors Steering Committee (06/04/2013)
- Speaker Silver School Task Force – with School Construction Authority, Department of Education Population Projections; announced creation of 1,000 new school seats, location TBD (06/12/2013)
- New York Downtown Hospital – with John Fratta on upcoming merger with the New York Presbyterian Hospital (06/13/2013)
- Speaker Silver School Overcrowding Task – kindergarten waitlist update (06/14/2013)
- New York Downtown Hospital's Community Advisory Board Quarterly Meeting – merging with NewYork-Presbyterian with Ruth Ohman (6/20/2013)
- Trust for Governors Island Board Meeting (Harbor School, 6/20/2013)

Updates

- Sidewalk in front of Cipriani's restored and proposed newsstand relocated (June 2013)
- Civic Center Plan referred to Borough Board for July vote
- Hudson River Park Neighborhood Improvement District public review process deferred to Fall 2013