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Manhattan Community Board 1

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Chairperson's Report for November 2013 Catherine McVay Hughes

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 with fellow board members, the CB1 staff, elected officials and government agencies.

Milestones

- DOE's Capital Plan includes funding for two schools with 456 seats each in Sub-district 2, which includes Tribeca, the West Village and Battery Park City; one school location of the two new schools is right outside the CB1 catchment area in the Trinity development site on the north side of Canal Street (6th Avenue and West Broadway) (11/20/2013)
- First step in a long public review process that CB1 will lead on Howard Hughes Corporation's plan for further revitalization of the historic Seaport area (11/19/2013)
- Vesey Street Bridge Removal almost complete; cross Route 9A at grade (11/2013)
- Park Completion Ceremony – completion of first phase of new Governors Island Park which includes 30 acres of new park which will open in May 2014 and planting the 800,000th tree in the Mayor's MillionTreesNYC initiative – with Mayor Bloomberg, NYC Commissioner of Parks and Recreation White, Senator Squadron, Trust for Governors Island President Koch and others (11/14/2013)
- Following up on actions dealing with the court relocation from 346 Broadway, local tenants have filed with Civil Supreme Court to stop summons court from moving into 71 Thomas Street (11/14/2013)
- Ribbon-Cutting of 4 WTC – attended (11/13/2013)
- East Midtown Plan to rezone 73 blocks of East Midtown Manhattan buildings larger than the Chrysler Building withdrawn by the current administration (11/12/2013)
- Opening of the World Trade Center West Concourse by The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Westfield Group and Brookfield Office Properties – major WTC Pedestrian Corridor to open for first time since September 11, 2001; Key pedestrian link will improve access for tens of thousands of daily travelers between the World Trade Center site, Brookfield Place and NY Waterway Ferry Terminal (10/24/2013)

CB1 Testimony & Letter Submitted

- NYC Council Committee on Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Oversight Hearing: The 9/11 Memorial Museum (11/13/2013)
- Letter to Deputy Mayor Holloway and Commissioner Wells Handy on Community District 1 Court Relocations to 66 John and 71 Thomas Street Letter (11/04/2013)
- NYC Council Committee on Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Oversight Hearing: The Effect of Residential Construction Projects on the Lower Manhattan Neighborhood (10/28/2013)

Conferences

- New York Rising Community Reconstruction Program – Lower Manhattan Envisions a Resilient Future; co-chaired Planning Meeting (11/13/2013)
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- The Measured City: Using Data to Improve New York City Government; sponsored by NYC Mayor's Office of Operations and others (10/30/2013)
- Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan, PANYNJ Director Patrick Foye and MTA CEO Thomas Prendergast announce progress of the region's storm recovery followed by a tour of storm-impacted sites (10/28/2013)
- Building Back Better: New York Rising Communities Fall Conference – Governor Andrew Cuomo chaired all-day event with other senior officials; status updates on recovery planning process and proposals from around the state and next steps (Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10/23/2013)
- Advocacy Today: Engagement in a New Media Age – an interactive forum on electronic and social media strategies to optimize communication with residents, businesses and community groups; Con Edison (10/25/2013)

Meeting

- Moving of the 346 Courts to 71 Thomas and 66 John Street – with NYC Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway, John Feinberg (City Legal), Laurence Busching (First Deputy Criminal Justice Coordinator, Office of the Criminal Justice Coordinator, NYC Office of the Mayor), Joey Kara Koch (Chief Asset Manager Officer, Deputy Commissioner for NYC Citywide Administrative Services) attended with Assembly Member Glick and NYC Council Member Chin and representatives of Borough President Stringer, Speaker Silver, Senator Squadron and Congressman Nadler (11/01/2013)

Events

- CB1 co-sponsored Free Flu Shots with Borough President Stringer and Visiting Nurse Service of New York and other Manhattan Community Boards (11/15/2013)
- Taste of the Seaport which supports Spruce Street School – attended with NYC Councilmember Margaret Chin and Downtown Express owner Jennifer Goodstein (Sunday, 10/27/2013)

Announcements

- Departure of Evan Lacher, Community Liaison – We thank him for all of his hard work and tremendous commitment to CB1 – and wish him the best of luck.
- Job posted for Community Liaison. Please contact office if you have any questions.
- NY Rising Lower Manhattan Public Meeting #2 - come share your ideas for projects and strategies to make our community more resilient at University Settlement at Houston Street Center, 273 Bowery from 6-8pm on Monday, December 2.