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# Manhattan Community Board 1

Catherine McVay Hughes CHAIRPERSON | Noah Pfefferblit DISTRICT MANAGER

## **Chairperson's Report for October 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**

- First Public Meeting at 4 World Trade Center – Manhattan Community Board 1 (10/22/2013)
- Activation of City Water Tunnel No. 3 by Mayor Bloomberg; the largest capital construction project in New York City's history, and one of the world's engineering marvels. The tunnel is being built in four stages and when completed will total more than 60 miles in length from the Hillview Reservoir in Yonkers through the Bronx, Manhattan and across the East River splitting into Brooklyn and Queens (10/16/2013)
- Opening of Pedestrian Crossing of Route 9A at grade at Vesey Street – closing and deconstruction of Vesey Street Pedestrian Bridge by The Port Authority of NY and NJ in conjunction with NYS Department Of Transportation (October 2013)
- Dedication and Ribbon Cutting at New York-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital; Steven J. Corwin, M.D., Chief Executive Officer (10/01/2013)

#### **Press Conferences**

- Edgar Adopt-a-Park – inauguration of six new plaques and an informational sign that have been installed to commemorate the history of the area with assistance from the Department of Parks (10/22/2013)
- South Street Seaport Pier 17 Ground Breaking – joined Howard Hughes Corporation, Mayor Bloomberg and NYC Councilmember Chin (10/17/2013)
- Proposed East Midtown Rezoning – joined Multi-Board Task Force Chair Finkelstein, CB5 Chair Barbaro, CB2 Chair Gruber, CB4 Chair Johnson, CB6 Land Use Chair O'Neal, CB7 Chair Diller, Councilmember Brewer, NYS Senator Krueger, NYS Senator Hoylman, The NY Landmarks Conservancy President Breen, Historic Districts Council *Executive Director* Bankoff, Municipal Arts Society Policy and Planning Director Mann and others (10/01/2013)

## CB1 Testimony Submitted

- The New York City Council Committee on Education Hearing: Protect Student Privacy by Prohibiting the Release of Personally Identifiable Student Information Without Consent (09/30/2013)
- Testimony Regarding the Safety and Education of Students at the Proposed Co-location of a New Public Elementary Charter School, Success Academy with Existing Schools The Urban Assembly School for Emergency Management and Murry Bergtraum High School for Business Careers Beginning in the 2014-2015 School Year (10/09/2013)

## Meeting/Events

- Old Seaport Alliance Block Party – celebrating the revitalization of Old Seaport district one year after Superstorm Sandy (Saturday,10/19/2013)
- Harvest Festival at Urban Farm, The Battery Conservancy – joined NYC Councilmember Chin and Councilmember Brewer; one-acre learning farm – the only one of its kind in Manhattan – serves as a school garden for 11 different schools and served 2,500 students in 2103. (Saturday,10/19/2013)
- New York State Community Reconstruction Program Planning Committee – co-chaired; boundary expanded to include all of CB1, Chinatown and parts of Lower East Side (10/15/2013)
- Speaker Silver School Overcrowding Task Force – local Principals reported on the start of the new school year, Capital Plan and new Peck Slip School (10/08/2013)

## Announcements

- Committee Updates:
  - South Street Seaport/Civic Center Committee – Marco Passanella, Co-Chair
  - Tribeca Committee – Elizabeth Lewinsohn, Co-Chair
  - Personnel Committee – Linda Gerstman, Chair and Susan Cole, Co-Chair; Roger Byrom will continue as active member of committee for continuity
- BMCC committed to staying in Tribeca at their last Board of Directors Meeting
- BMCC will be removing their temporary trailers parked on the sidewalk on Route 9A that they installed after 9/11 as temporary classrooms in Q1 2013
- Reminder: attendance and punctuality are important as per memo (10/11/2013)
- New York State Community Reconstruction Program – Public Meeting #1 at Parish Hall, 74 Trinity Place, 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 30.