

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 1
MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016
PACE UNIVERSITY
3 SPRUCE STREET
ANIELLO BIANCO ROOM

Anthony Notaro, Jr. Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

I. Public Hearing

A) Community Board 1 Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2018

No speakers; no comments, hearing was closed at 6:04 PM

II. Public Session

- A. Angela Tribelli - Street co-naming for Harper Brothers Way. Thanked the Financial District Committee for the opportunity to present the request for a co-naming.
- B. Jenna Jaffe – Rep. Nadler’s office - Announced that Rep. Nadler secured \$750,000 in federal funding that will allow the New York City Anti-Violence Project to continue providing vital services for LGBTQ and HIV-affected survivors of intimate partner violence.
- C. Roxanne Early – Council Member Chin’s office – The Council Member is co-sponsoring legislation to improve regulation of street vendors. The bill would increase the number of vendors and the amount of money they pay for a permit. The additional funds would go to improved enforcement. A hearing is scheduled later in the week.
- D. Morris Chan – Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer’s Office - The Borough President has scheduled leadership training sessions for community board members. All CB members are encouraged to sign up. Noted also that the Borough President testified at the recent Citywide Event Coordination and Management/Street Activity Permit Office hearing regarding new proposed rules for street fairs.
- E. Eric Mayo – Senator Squadron’s office – The Senator has scheduled a Manhattan Town Hall meeting on 11/15. The Battery Park City Authority has agreed to the request by Sen. Squadron, other elected officials and CB1 to allow comment by the public at its meetings.
- F. Eric Holguin – Comptroller Stringer’s office – Comptroller Stringer has released a report called “The New York City Nest Egg” on how the City can help retirees prepare and better plan for their retirements.
- G. Paul Goldstein – Assembly Member Glick’s office - Announced that the City has agreed to stop building “gymatoriums” that combine gyms and auditoriums, following advocacy by the Assembly Member and CB1. Tricia Joyce spoke with the Schools Chancellor about this at a recent meeting and advocated for this policy change.
- H. Doug Israel of BMCC – The new Director of Government and Community Relations at the Borough of Manhattan Community College introduced himself to CB1.

- I. Nazlie Latefi and Judy Levine –Church Street School of Music and Art – Requested that CB1 include \$4 million for the acquisition and construction of a new facility for the School in its capital budget priorities.
- J. Cliff Preiss of the China Institute – Art Under Chaos Art Exhibit – Art is on display from China’s Six Dynasties period has never been seen in the US before. Open to the public seven days a week, please see website for hours. Introduced the business center and its purpose, to help people develop business with China.
- K. Graeme Birchall – Downtown Boathouse – over 22,000 people went out this season. Please come and use the boathouse and participate. Feel free to stop by to suggest how the facility can be helpful to the community. The Downtown Boathouse team has noticed that EDC has not replied to its concerns re: Downtown Beach.
- L. Margo Olavarria – River Project – Invited community to the Release of the Fishes event on 11/3 from 4pm to 7pm; free event for adult and children with wine and cheese for adults. Seahorses are back in the Hudson after 20 years. Flyers available at the CB1 office.
- M. Gwen Dawson of the BPCA re: South End Avenue Survey – No work is currently planned and more public input will be taken before the project proceeds. There will be no enclosing of the arcades, an idea that was discussed in the survey.
- N. Arun Rajagopalan – South End Avenue Study.
- O. Justine Cuccia – Democracy4BPC – Asked for Support of BPC Committee resolution regarding South End Avenue.
- P. Heather Daly - South End Avenue Resolution – Please support BPC Committee resolution as none of the proposals from BPCA are acceptable with the closing of the cul de sac on South End Avenue. Ann Schwalbenberg gave her time to Heather Daly, her neighbor.
- Q. Pat Smith of the Condo Owners Association of BPC – nine buildings representing 4000 people has signed on to ask that South End Avenue Study be stopped entirely – Please support the resolution.

III. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of September 2016 minutes – Minutes adopted unanimously as presented
- B) District Manager’s Report – N. Pfefferblit
 - a. Reporting on Public Hearing for Street Permits – All city permits for street fairs are on hold for now at CB1 until the Street Activity Permit Office determines its rules for 2017. The SAPO decision should be made in a few weeks and then CB1 will review the applications for next year.
 - b. Letter requesting that the City Council hold off on vendor legislation – CB1 signed on with CBs 2, 3 and 4 asking the City Council to delay its process for 60 days so that the proposed legislation changing regulations for vendors can be presented to the relevant community boards, which would then have time for input.
 - c. Internal – Attendance is based on Roll Call votes – the opening and the closing votes. If board members do not respond to the second roll call their attendance

will reflect that they left early. This procedure was implemented at the request of the Manhattan Borough President's Office and it is a way to ensure that board members participate throughout the full board meeting so that a quorum is retained for the entire meeting. Discussion ensued about this procedure.

C) Treasurer's Report – J. Kopel

- a. Most of the expenses have come out in the 1st quarter as usual.
- b. Largest outstanding budget question is whether Tamar will return from her Child Care Leave in December or request an additional year of leave.

D) Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro

Manhattan Community Board 1

October in Review

- Continued focus on CB1 Structure
- Meetings:
 - NY Presbyterian/Downtown
 - Church Street School of Music & Art
 - Mayor's ORR Process Review
 - Peck Slip Playground
 - LMCR Task Force (community engagement meeting in BPC)
 - Ribbon Cutting at Target
 - Urban Fellow & Livability Index
- Borough Board – New tool
 - www.data2go.nyc

- a. Comments to include:
 - i. NY Presbyterian hospital is looking to improve the downtown campus with all of the technology and assets similar to those that they have uptown.
 - ii. Peck Slip School – After meeting with the landlord and operator of the adjacent parking lot, the operator will create a new curb cut and opening so that Peck Slip can be turned over to the school to use as a play street during the day.
 - iii. At Borough Board they presented a new tool that will give us the ability to map data specific to CB1.
 - iv. Rest in Peace – Ruth Ohman

- v. **Thank you to Jeff E. and Pat M. for their work on the Construction forum.**
- vi. **Thanks to Elizabeth and Jeff for their work on the Buddah Bar resolutions and work on SLA procedures.**

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Executive Committee**

A. Notaro

- 1) Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2018 – Resolution
 - a. Priorities were approved with a friendly amendment to add request that the Department of Cultural Affairs provide \$4 million for acquisition and construction of a facility for the Church Street School for Music and Arts.

By a Roll Call vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved

- 2) Removal of board member Elizabeth Avila due to lack of attendance – Resolution
 - a. Friendly Amendment approved to add language reflecting that the removal was done pursuant to CB1 Bylaws and the NYC Charter. Approved by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

B) **Tribeca Committee**

J. Ehrlich

- 1) The following resolutions were approved by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. 78 Leonard Street, application for restaurant liquor license for TriMasa Restaurant Partners LLC
 - b. 277 Church Street, application for corporate change for B Flat Inc.
 - c. Newly Installed Cobblestone Street That Are in Disrepair including friendly amendment by Marc Ameruso regarding the wording.
- 2) Hudson River Park Pier 40 and Pier 26 – Report
Michael Levine reported that Madelyn Wils report to the Tribeca Committee on the ULURP Process for Pier 40 which requires City Council approval of the Special Purpose District and the air rights transfer for Pier 40 to a developer for the space across the street. Update on Pier 26 – new designers (Olin Partnership) are on board, plans should be coming to us in December 2016 and construction should be underway by Dec 2017. Signage design was approved by the HRPT Board.
- 3) Tony Simone, Friends of Hudson River Park, Director of External Affairs – Report
- 4) Proposed curb lane closures for showroom facility at 144 Duane Street between West Broadway and Church Street – Report
Representatives of the facility attended the meeting, however there were outstanding questions regarding its operations and the committee requested that the owner or manager attend the next meeting. The representatives said that the owner or a proxy will attend the next meeting if possible to clarify operations.
- 5) 62 Thomas Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Elmwood Venture LLC d/b/a Buddha Bar – Report

The SLA approved the application but limited the establishment's hours of operation.

- 6) 95 West Broadway, application for liquor license for Tribeca Hotel LLC – Report
This application was postponed so that the owners can consider a request from the committee for an earlier closing time.

C) **Financial District Committee**

M. Ketring

- 1) Northwest corner of Broadway and Dey Street, application for street co-naming to Harper Brothers Way, by Harper Collins – Resolution in opposition Approved by a hand vote of 32 in favor, 5 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Approved by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. Board of Standards and Appeals, application for enlargement and change of ownership for an existing physical culture establishment at 30 Broad Street – Resolution
 - b. 7 Hanover Square, application for restaurant liquor license for Jason Francisco – Resolution
 - c. 1 & 5 Coenties Slip, application for alteration of a liquor license for JPK Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Zigolini – Resolution

D) **Landmarks Committee**

R. Byrom

- 1) Approved by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused (one recusal from 70 Thomas)
 - a. 70 Thomas Street, application for 6th floor addition and elevator bulkhead – Resolution
 - b. 308-310 Canal Street, application for rooftop addition – Resolution
 - c. 51 White Street, application for 2-story non-visible addition and new storefront and raised stucco roof parapet wall – Resolution (Change of Vote Count from Meeting)

E) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) China Institute, presentation – Report
A representative from the China Institute described their many programs for young people. They have Chinese language classes and other programs.
- 2) BPC Fields and DSL/DLL – Report
The BPC ball-fields continue to be attractive to adult leagues and those outside the community.
- 3) Chancellor's meeting and Overcrowding Task Force Meeting – Report
Good news that gymatoriums will no longer be used in NYC schools going forward.
- 4) Trinity Update
Amazing new uses for the community in the new space including gym space.
- 5) Crossing Guards – Report
This issue persists as permanent guards have not been assigned at all of our schools.
- 6) Food Trucks – Report

There continues to be an issue where the food trucks are parked closer to PS 234 than is allowed under City regulations. However, there are only five vendor enforcement officers for all of the area south of 59th street.

F) **Battery Park City Committee**

N. Segarra

- 1) South End Avenue Study – Resolution Approved by a hand vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 6 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Walk/Run – Report
This was the first year that a group of neighbors participated in the walk/run.
- 3) Bicycle safety on West Street – Report
Chambers Street Intersection will be improved to enhance bicycle safety. Intersections south of Chambers along West will all be looked at within the next year.
- 4) Pier A Taste New York Store – Report
Pier A Downtown Alliance visitor’s center may become a New York State promotion store with the Downtown Alliance continuing to be present. The owners of Pier A are applying for a grant from NY State that would make this possible. More updates to come.
- 5) Allied Universal Ambassadors – Report Not Given
- 6) Battery Park City Authority – Report

G) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

M. Pasanella

- 1) South Street East River Community Development Corporation – Report
- 2) Proposed MTA M1 Bus Extension – Report

H) **Planning Committee**

P. Kennell

- 1) Deed modification procedures – Resolution with Friendly Amendment from Marc Ameruso regarding notification. Approved by a roll call vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) World Trade Center – Report
- 3) Silverstein Properties World Trade Center – Report

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary