

MONTHLY MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, December 19, 2018

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Spruce Street School, PS 397
12 Spruce Street, Auditorium

I. Public Session

- a. Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou – Annual Budget Meeting; working on criminal justice reform; working on getting state funds for education and healthcare programs.
- b. Assembly Member Deborah Glick – Working with Governor on budget; looking to pass the bill on healthcare; speed cameras; group of bills for ban on lead ammunition; bird safe glass for NYC, student debt needs to be addressed as the next crisis due to predatory lending.
- c. Andrew Chang from the MBPO – Emails have gone out for reappointments for 2019. Please contact us for any questions and encourage all interested to apply.
- d. Graeme Birchall – Downtown Boathouse – NY Waterway has gotten funding for refitting their boats but still has some of the larger engines. The privatization of the new area on Pier 25 is troubling as it diminishes public access to the waterways.
- e. City Council Member Margaret Chin – It is amazing to celebrate the PS 150 victory this week. Capital funding has been approved for schools, playgrounds and seniors. This upcoming year we will work on placard parking especially in areas of BPC where we have had numerous meetings. Brooklyn Pier 35 had a ribbon cutting today and there will be grass fields on the Pier. Please come to the Brooklyn Bridge Esplanade Community Meeting on 1/8/18. Check out the updated newsletter. Stay in touch for the community engagement piece on the correctional facility relocations.
- f. Jonah Benton – PS 150 – Thank you for all of your help and activism!
- g. Maryann Braverman on behalf of Ann Schwalenberg – re: 200 Liberty Street Lobby Renovation and removal of public space. Testimony submitted.

- h. Maryann Braverman – The stores and restaurants retail do not meet the needs of the community and the new changes do not serve the community. From the Seaport on the East side to Brookfield on the west there are no more reasonable restaurants nor convenience type stores like hardware, supplies or a diner.
- i. Chris Mills from Young Life – Provides programs of all kinds. New Event on Jan 26th – please come join at the Redeemer Presbyterian Church on the upper west side.
- j. Justine Cuccia – Democracy 4 BPC – Viability of living in BPC is at stake due to rising ground rents. Looking for a moratorium on new bond debt; funding resiliency from the joint purpose fund and not new bond; the next agreement with NYC and State need to include voices of the community in the deal in order to protect the residents as well as providing funds back to NYC.

II. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of November 2018 minutes were adopted as presented
- B) District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds
 - a. This month I attended a meeting with Diana and Shiori at City Hall about the MDC public engagement process. This was the first time that the CB office was told that there would be something called a Neighborhood Advisory Council that would be a part of the engagement process. Diana and I worked with Anthony to send out a letter with a number of clarifying questions to help us understand the design and reason for this council.
 - b. Lucy and I had a productive meeting with Google and a vendor from their development ecosystem to explore our needs for a Constituent Relationship Manager that can also do some heavy lifting in terms of automatic resolution generation for discretionary approvals.
 - c. I hosted a meeting a couple of weeks before the Quality of Life Committee meeting with DDC, Con Ed and many representatives for our elected officials to discuss the issues identified in November's Worth Street walkthrough as well as a number of standing issues for other DDC projects. The meeting was very productive and allowed DDC and Con Ed to better prepare themselves to meet the needs of affected residents and the committee. We will continue meeting in advance of the Quality of Life meetings to discuss issues that have been raised by the community since the last meeting as well as continued planning for future work impacts.
 - d. Regarding 200 Liberty, BPCA sent me a couple of points of clarification: Public seating will always exist in the lobby. The Liberty Park overpass that brings pedestrians over West Street and the overpass that connects 200 Liberty with 225 Liberty must stay open during any renovation. Finally, there will always be an elevator available for overpass traffic.
- C) Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro, Jr.
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb1/archives/monthly-chairpersons-report.page>

- a. PS 150 – Community Activism works!
- b. Rebalance of Committees
 - i. Attendance is a major issue
 - ii. May need adjustments
- c. District Needs Statement & Budget Request Published
- d. HUD releases funds for Historic Battery Park play area
- e. PATH repairs and weekend closures for 2 years
- f. Neighborhood Support Team
- g. Aligning & Tracking Budget Requests for Results
- h. Resiliency
 - i. Pushing CB1 needs – letters, resos and Elected Officials
 - ii. Sub vs standing committee
 - iii. Environmental Protection
- i. Manhattan Detention Center
- j. Charter Revision Task Force
- k. Street Co-naming working group will launch

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Street Fair Task Force**

D. Charkoudian

- 1) Sponsorship of Street Fairs for Fundraising by CB 1 in 2019 and renewal of task force task force – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Outcome of 2018 and upcoming 2019 events – Report

B) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

J. Friedman

- 1) 181 Front Street, proposal to add corporate sign – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

C) **Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee**

R. Thomas

- 1) Street Activity Permit Application for New York Fashion Week: The Shows; 9:00AM, Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 9:00PM, Wednesday, February 13, 2019; various locations throughout Tribeca – Amendments:
 - a. Whereas: Applicant to mitigate traffic issues by not allowing VFH to double park and/or cue on Varick Street between Laight and Beach.
 - b. Whereas: Applicant to not allow barriers to be erected on St. John’s Lane. Resolution passed by a hand vote of 25 in favor, 9 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - c. TBIR: CB1 opposes the closing of St. John’s Lane
- 2) Street Activity Permit Application for Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers 5K Run/Walk; Sunday, September 29, 2019; 7:00AM – 3:00PM; Vesey St between North End Ave & West Street – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) Community Board 1 Street Co-Naming Guidelines – Report

4) Pine Street traffic calming – Report

D) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) South Battery Park City Resiliency Project – Amendments – remove the 2nd TRIR and change the 2nd to last to be CB1 requests that the BPCA leave the Wagner Park Pavilion restaurant and its water side landscape intact, and
The Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 4 opposed, 3 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Battery Park City Resident Representation on Hurricane Maria Memorial Commission – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) Gateway Plaza Affordability – Report
- 4) Battery Wayfinding Signage – Report
- 5) Port Authority 2019 Ferry Expansion – Report

E) **Quality of Life & Service Delivery Committee**

P. Moore

- 1) Department of Design and Construction Work in Community District 1 – Report
- 2) 2 Years left for the Victim Compensation Funds applications - Report

F) **Waterfront, Parks & Resiliency Committee**

P. Goldstein

- 1) Governors Island Athletic Field Request for Proposals – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 2 recused
- 2) City Hall Park – Report
- 3) South Battery Park City Resiliency Project – Report
- 4) Hudson River Park Trust Advisory Council – Report
- 5) Seaport Advisory Board – Report
- 6) Future of the New Market Building Site – Report
- 7) Public Art Issues – Report

G) **Environmental Protection Sub-Committee**

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- 1) Resolutions Taken together and passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. Superstorm Sandy 6th Anniversary – Critical Need for Resiliency Master Plan for Lower Manhattan – Amendment Accepted: FTBIR – CB1 requests that our local elected officials work with CB1 and ORR to move the process along.
 - b. CB 1 Response to Proposed City Council Legislation to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.
- 2) Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Resiliency Initiatives – Report
- 3) South Battery Park City Resiliency Project – Report

H) **Land Use Zoning & Economic Development Committee**

P. Kennell

- 1) Manhattan Detention Complex – Report

I) **Youth & Education Committee**

P. Hovitz

- 1) Specialized High School proposal and recap of Community Education Council District 2 meeting – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Stuyvesant High School additional resources to be allocated for mental health at Stuyvesant – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) MBPO Education Policy Analyst Patrick Joseph on Specialized HS Proposal – Report
- 4) Follow up on DOT Millennium Traffic Study – Report

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**

- 1) 375 Pearl Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application 771-76-BZ for an amendment to a previously approved signage variance – Amendment approved to include
Resolution passed by a hand vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed, 5 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) The following to be taken together: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. 106 Franklin Street, proposal to remove fire escape ladders – Resolution
 - b. 87 Lafayette Street, proposal to renovate rear portion of building and create a documentary screening room in existing DCTV facility – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

VI. **Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm**

All documents relating to the above agenda items are on file at the Community Board 1 office and are available for viewing by the public upon written request to man01@cb.nyc.gov

At all meetings, additional items may be raised as "New Business."