



The City of New York

Manhattan Community Board 1

Julie Menin CHAIRPERSON | **Noah Pfefferblit** DISTRICT MANAGER

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF **MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1** **JANUARY 25, 2011** **120 WARREN STREET**

Public Session

- **Albert Shklyar** – Employee of **Postal Plaza**
Announced the opening of a privately-run, full service mobile mail center on South End Avenue in Battery Park City.
- **Bob Townley** – Executive Director of **Manhattan Youth**
Welcomed everyone to the community center.
- **John Ricker** – Representative from the Office of **New York City Comptroller John Liu**
Referred all to the Comptroller's website at www.nyc.comptroller.gov. The website has listings of upcoming town hall meetings.
- **Dan Giacomazza** – Representative from the **Downtown Alliance**
Announced that the Downtown Alliance Connection bus service will provide upgraded, more comfortable buses in the spring. Anyone with questions can call (212) 232-0141 or (917)937-1037.
- **Paul Goldstein** – Representative from the **Office of Speaker Sheldon Silver**
HYDROFRACKING. The Speaker has been working to stop hydrofracking and to renew the rent stabilization law.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. The Speaker's School Overcrowding Task Force met with New York City Schools Chancellor Cathie Black to advocate for more classroom space.
- **Joan Greenberg** – Community Board 1 Resident
HUDSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Spoke in opposition to the storage of construction materials on Hudson Street as part of the Hudson Street Reconstruction Project. Asked that the materials be moved to another street and that 'No Parking 8:00am – 6:00pm' curb side parking be implemented on N. Moore Street to allow drop-offs and pickups to their residential building during the day.
Julie Menin said she has asked the LMCCC to look into the issue again.
- **Aaron Levine** – Community Board 1 Resident
HUDSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Spoke in opposition to the storage of construction materials on Hudson Street. Said it is unfair for one block to bear the burden of the construction storage shed. Also asked for bike lanes over the cobblestone side streets.

- **Daniel Contreras** – Representative from the **Office of New York State Comptroller DiNapoli**

Noted that there are 10 million dollars in unclaimed funds in NY State and suggested that people go to the state website and look themselves up in the online public database to see if they are entitled to any.

- **Celine Mizrahi** – Representative from the **Office of Congressman Nadler**

Thanked everyone who helped pass the 9/11 Health Care Bill with the survivor and first responder programs intact. The bill will take effect on July 1. Referred those seeking more information on how to apply for benefits to go to the Congressman's website for more information. Health screening is done at Mt. Sinai and Bellevue Hospitals.

- **Alec Schierenbeck** – Representative from the **Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer**

130 LIBERTY STREET. The Borough President is hosting a town hall meeting on post-deconstruction uses for 130 Liberty Street.

HUDSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Asked DDC to look into concerns about the Hudson Street storage site issue.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. The Borough President has spoken with New York City Schools Chancellor Cathie Black about the downtown school overcrowding problem, and he will continue to work with the Department of Education and Speaker Sliver's Task Force on this issue.

TRAFFIC ISSUES. Will look into how to alleviate traffic problems downtown that are being exacerbated by construction-related vehicles and activity.

STATE OF THE BOROUGH. February 8, 2011 is the State of the Borough Address by the Borough President. Those who wish to attend should RSVP to his office.

- **Jake Itzkowitz** – Representative from the **Office of Council Member Margaret Chin**

CURRENT LEGISLATION. The Council Member is working on legislation to require the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to issue an annual report on Hepatitis B and C infection rates, and legislation to require establishments selling food and beverages to clean liquid waste that leaks out of trash.

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR. The Council Member is celebrating the Chinese Lunar New Year event at Pace University on February 13, 2011 from 3:00pm - 6:00pm. All are invited to attend.

- **Peter Gleason** – Community Board 1 Resident

HUDSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Spoke about the importance of the project and against moving materials currently stored on Hudson Street to one of the side streets such as N. Moore. Argued that even with storage, Hudson Street has two lanes, but side streets would be reduced to one lane, which would be potentially dangerous if emergency vehicles need to get through.

- **Bill Westcott** – Community Board 1 resident

HUDSON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. Thanked the Tribeca committee for resolution requesting a temporary reversal of Beach Street between Hudson and Greenwich during the 6 month phase of the Hudson Street project. Brought with him a petition signed by 200 residents and businesses in support of this.

- **Mary Cooley** – Representative from the **Office of New York State Senator Daniel Squadron**

COMMUNITY CONVENTION. This annual event will be scheduled sometime in the spring.

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. Sent letter to the Department of Education expressing the need for more school space for downtown children.

HYDROFRACKING. The State Senator is fighting to stop hydrofracking upstate.

TOUR BUS TRAFFIC. Supports legislation to better regulate interstate buses.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on December 16, 2010 were adopted as presented.

December resolutions and minutes from the November 23, 2010 monthly meeting were adopted as presented. An official vote could not be taken at the December meeting due to the absence of a quorum.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

SCHOOL OVERCROWDING. Attended meeting with Schools Chancellor Cathie Black. Noted that CB1 opposed her appointment. The Chancellor called to apologize for inappropriate comments made at the meeting.

130 LIBERTY STREET. Announced and encouraged everyone to attend an important town hall meeting with United Federation of Teachers President Michael Mulgrew the following night. A plan is needed for the 130 Liberty site now that deconstruction has been completed.

WORLD TRADE CENTER MEMORIAL TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT. The World Trade Center Memorial is expecting approximately 5 million visitors per year and safety and traffic flow and tour buses will need to be effectively managed.

Thanked Pat Moore for her work on the Holiday party following the board meeting.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

NEW TASK FORCES. The Affordable Housing Task Force chaired by Tom Goodkind and an SLA Task Force chaired by Marc Ameruso are both underway. Participation by all members is welcome.

Treasurer's Report

J. Kopel

\$182,000 for personnel services has been carried over from last year. Three months ago a discrepancy of \$34,000 was identified between CBI's financial records and those maintained by the Comptroller's office. Several meetings were attended by Joel, Lucy and Noah to explore the reasons for this discrepancy. Following discussion and analysis, the reason for the discrepancy was identified and the funds were restored. The Community Board has instituted a new procedure to deposit revenue it receives from fund-raising activity so that funds can be monitored and our account reconciled with the Comptroller's office on an ongoing basis. Noah Pfefferblit said that anyone who would like to ask any follow up questions about this matter is welcome to contact the office or Joel for a lengthier explanation.

Committee Reports

Landmarks Committee

R. Byrom

1. 25 Broadway, application for new rooftop mechanical – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
2. 195 Broadway, application for storefront renovation – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
3. 151 Hudson Street, application for storefront renovation – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
4. 227 West Broadway, application for enlargement of window, replacement of door and relocation of awning – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
5. 87 Chambers Street, application to construct new building – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
6. 253 Broadway, application to increase scope of existing project to include second and third floor window replacement and façade improvement – Resolution
Violations of prior Landmarks Preservation Commission approvals will be corrected by the applicant in this action.
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
7. 5 White Street a/k/a 221 West Broadway, application for storefront renovation – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
8. Rogers, Peet & Company Building, 258 Broadway – Designation Report
The Landmarks Preservation Commission held designation hearings several years ago and has finally designated the building as a landmark in the CBI area.

Personnel Committee

R. Byrom

1. Appointment of Public member – Report

The Committee interviewed Bill Martino, an applicant for public membership on the Youth Committee, and Michael Kramer, an applicant for the Seaport/Civic Center Committee. Bill is a leader with the Downtown Little League and Michael is a public member on the Waterfront Committee as well. The Committee will recommend to the Chair that she make both appointments.

Quality of Life Committee

P. Moore

1. Presentation on DOITT process for payphone removal by Patrick Fergus, DOITT
Residents have complained about two phone booths in Community Board 1 that are associated with illegal activity and not being used for their intended purpose. For a phone booth to be removed, the precinct commanding officer must state in writing that it is causing a public safety problem or another suitable location for it must be found within the Community District.
2. Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan by Robin Forst, Director of Community and Government Relations, LMCCC
The LMCCC will look into early morning construction at 24 John Street.
3. Presentation by CWA1182 on traffic enforcement
Representatives from the unions representing traffic and sanitation enforcement agents introduced themselves to the Quality of Life Committee and discussed ways they can help address quality of life issues downtown including specifically bus idling.

School Fields Task Force

M. Costello

1. Community sports fields and other athletic facilities – Resolution
Population growth has outstripped the development of community facilities downtown. As a result, there is a growing shortage of sports fields and other athletic spaces. The Task Force passed a resolution aimed at maximizing use of spaces that currently exist in order to alleviate some of the shortages. (See Youth & Education Committee Report)

Youth & Education Committee

A. DeFalco

1. State and federal budget cuts to youth programs in Community Board 1 – Discussion with May Chin, Department of Youth and Community Development
The representative from the Department of Youth and Community Development discussed potential cuts to youth programs in the district and how the community can most effectively advocate for its needs.
 - Midyear Budget Cuts to Afterschool Programs – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
 - Cuts to Summer Youth Employment Programs – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
2. Community sports fields and other athletic facilities - Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
3. Presentation on art project, “91111 Moving Forward,” and “The Children of 911” by Dr. Thomas Riedl
This group may return to next month’s meeting.

4. 26 Broadway – Report

The Department of Education approved a proposal by Richard Green High School to move to the 26 Broadway space. The Community Board had supported a proposal by Millennium High School to open an auxiliary campus there.

Seaport/Civic Center

J. Fratta

1. 230 Canal Street, application for liquor license for 230 Canal Street entity to be formed d/b/a TBD – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

2. 22 Peck Slip, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café for Meades – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

3. Application for full street closure on Sunday, October 2, 2011, from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, John Street between Front Street and Water Street, Water Street between Fulton Street and Fletcher Street and Front Street between John Street and Maiden Lane, by Association of Indians in America – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Affordable Housing Task Force

T. Goodkind

1. Rent Stabilization – Report

Borough Board and Community Board 1 resolutions regarding rent stabilization were developed and will be considered at the next Planning and Community Infrastructure meeting.

2. The future of Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC) in Community Board 1 – Discussion

The Task Force intends to update its Senior Guide to Lower Manhattan put out last year. Many requests were received for the document by the board office.

3. Affordable Housing Guide – Discussion

The Task Force is working to develop an inventory of affordable housing units in Community Board 1. All members are welcome to assist.

4. Tenants and Neighbors – Report

A representative from Tenants and Neighbors was present to discuss their “3R” campaign to renew the rent stabilization laws scheduled to sunset this year, and to protect rent stabilized housing stock.

Tribeca

P. Braus

1. 325 Broadway, application for restaurant liquor license for Sushein Inc. d/b/a Sushein – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. 377 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café for Locanda Verde – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. Hudson Street Project – Resolution

*In response to community concerns, Community Board 1 has held a number of meetings on this issue, with the primary purpose of examining whether the storage area for the project currently on Hudson Street could be moved to another location. Working with government agencies, Community Board 1 reviewed all of the surrounding streets, but was unable to come up with a viable alternative. **Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer** has asked DDC to look into mitigating the effects of the project and **Community Board 1 Chairperson Julie Menin** has asked LMCCC to review it again.*

The resolution under consideration refers to a proposal by DDC to work on certain streets earlier in order to shorten the project by half a year.

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. 131 Duane Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café for City Hall Restaurant – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Transportation and Parking Regulations Sub-Committee

M. Ameruso

1. Contradictory ‘no right turn’ signage at Exit 1 of the Holland Tunnel – Resolution
The no right turn if the Holland Tunnel not for Laight Street next to exit.

The Community Board would like clearer signage near the Holland Tunnel.

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. Reade Street and Broadway, request to install more visible signage for vehicles making allowable right turns onto Reade Street from Broadway from bus-only lanes - Resolution
There is a legal turn at this intersection, but the lettering on the sign is illegible. The Community Board is requesting larger font.

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. Beach Street and West Broadway north of park, request to install a flashing red light to make crosswalk safe from vehicles not stopping at the existing stop sign – Resolution
There is currently a stop sign at this location but vehicles have not been heeding it, endangering pedestrians crossing at the crosswalk. The Community Board is proposing the addition of a flashing red light in order to ensure that vehicles stop at this intersection.

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. Beach Street temporary directional change - Resolution

*Residents spoke during the public session in favor of this change. A petition was also presented. **Marc Ameruso** spoke in favor of this directional change, arguing that it is necessary in order to mitigate commercial traffic using the side street during the construction period. Other members expressed reservations.*

BOARD VOTE: 4 In Favor 30 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5. Request to DEP to install ‘No Idling’ signage on Beach Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets – Resolution
Residents have complained about trucks idling in this location and others in the community.
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6. Request for ‘Little Italy’ signage on Route 9A locations – Resolution
There are currently signs on Route 9A and on Canal Street that direct traffic to Chinatown. It has been proposed that “Little Italy” be added to these signs.
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused

7. Look into directional traffic changes to east-west side streets in Tribeca - Report
The committee will look into this issue at its next meeting.

Financial District

R. Sheffe

1. 120 Greenwich Street, tavern-restaurant liquor license for Tribeca Food Group LLC, d/b/a Koko Asian Fusion Restaurant – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
2. 101 Broad Street, liquor license application for Anglers’ Club of New York – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
3. Update on fencing in Battery Park by David Luchsinger, Superintendent, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island

WTC Redevelopment Committee

M. Connolly

1. 9/11 Health & Compensation Act Update by the Office of Senator Gillibrand – Resolution
BOARD VOTE 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
2. Port Authority Quarterly Construction Update - Glenn Guzi and Quentin Braithwaite
3. 130 Liberty Street, LMDC Update
4. Presentation on Liberty Bonds

New Business

Adjournment

Minutes submitted by: Marc Ameruso, Assistant Secretary