

MINUTES FROM THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
OCTOBER 25, 2011
PS 234, AUDITORIUM
292 GREENWICH STREET

Public Session

Yume Kitasei – Councilmember Chin

Sent letter to CEC regarding school rezoning. DOT will install a traffic signal at Duane and Greenwich. Pre-K registration is still open. Working on Occupy Wall Street (OWS), which involves first amendment issues and quality of life concerns.

Alan Schulkin – Resident. Says that noise from OWS protests is impacting the area.

John Scott – Can't allow a few problems to stop OWS, supports protests.

Ilene Kahn – Tribeca for Change and Teacher. Supports OWS because injustices in society need to be addressed. Says the noise will take care of itself.

Ashley Love – OWS Drummer. OWS passed resolution to drum 12: to 2: and 4: to 6: The drumming is spiritual.

Gordon Crovitz – Resident. Says CB1 has failed to represent the community. Brookfield tried to enforce the rules of the park but the local elected leaders threatened them. There are time, place and manner restrictions to free speech.

Douglas Levison – Flower Power. Thanked CB1 and hopes to build bridges with events.

James Fernandez – Resident. Supports free speech but not OWS. Says it has gotten out of hand with urine and defecation in streets. OWS has perverted the first amendment and is infringing upon the rights of residents.

Robert Moore – Resident. Opposed the resolution supporting a sidewalk café at 109 West Broadway due to noise and the windows being left open.

Jason O'Brien – Business at 115 Broadway. OWS has negatively affected his business, sales are down 30%. There has been graffiti in the bathroom that cost \$2300 to repair. His staff wants security and area businesses have been a sacrificial lamb to OWS.

Marc Scherzer – OWS. Says they will continue to work on the problems. There was no drumming yesterday after 6:45pm.

Sarah Landreth – Seaport Museum. Thanked Museum of the City of New York and CB1 for their support in the FY 2013 capital and expense budget and stated that the museum will be coming back.

Alan Ellis – Brooklyn resident. Calls on everyone to address the problems caused by OWS, including people from all generations.

Brian Copp – Resident. Says the CB1 resolution is shocking and misguided. OWS is having a detrimental effect on the neighborhood.

Mary Cooley – Sen. Squadron. Community convention is Nov. 7th, 7:30 to 9 pm. Is working to ban tourist helicopters. Thanked CB1 for its work on OWS.

Alec Schierenbeck – MBP Stringer. Happy about DOT's decision to install a traffic signal at Duane and Greenwich. Working to stop the NYPD 'Stop and Frisk' policy. Working to end employment discrimination in job hiring against people who lost jobs or do not pass credit checks.

Kirby Desmaris – Parents for Occupy Wall Street. Has 800 parents who support OWS and is going to sponsor community forums.

Paul Newell – Resident and District Leader. Supports OWS and the CB resolution and is focused on economic equality.

Linda Gerstman – Resident. CB1 is supposed to be concerned with the community. The OWS people do not live in the neighborhood. It is inappropriate for them to have tents and generators in the park. Elected officials will be judged at election time.

Mark – Resident. There is noise from Sazon Linda restaurant from the sidewalk café up until 2 and 3 am.

Paul Beban – 55 Liberty Street. We have lost a valuable public space as a result of OWS.

Jenifer Rajkumar – Democrat District Leader. Supports CB1 resolution and OWS. Supports progressive rights. Support the 'millionaire's' tax' and wants protection for the OWS protestors from the NYPD.

Mary Habstritt – Lilac. Exhibit at Pier 25 will be closing soon. Spoke about the mariner's response on 9/11.

Susan Jennings – OWS member. Resident. Supports OWS as a parent. Took her daughter to OWS and says civil disobedience is part of American history. This is important.

Chris Cobb – OWS member. Brooklyn resident. Has been at OWS everyday. It is okay for the Tea Party to bring guns to rallies. Says he has contacts with other OWS groups.

John Ricker – NYC Comptroller Liu. Visit the Comptroller's website to see information regarding city audits and expenses.

Frances Mercanti-Anthony – OWS member. The OWS library is free of cost and a great amenity. Thanked CB1 for its support.

Daniel Zetah – OWS member. Says he is sleeping in the park. Noise and urinating in the street does not matter. America needs to wake up.

Emma Roszko – Assemblymember Glick. DOE should allow CEC to make decisions on school rezoning. Hydrofracking hearing is coming up.

Paul Schubert – Rockaway Tiger. Says hydrofracking and geo-thermal drilling can cause earthquakes.

Nicole Demby – OWS member. Thanked CB1 for resolution. Says OWS is doing something vital and is sorry about the noise.

Nelini Stamp – OWS member. There since 9/17. Lives are affected if the U.S. takes away social security.

Max Berger – Resident and OWS supporter. Says we are part of the same community and need to work out the issues.

Elijah Moses – OWS member. Founder of the drummers. Says he is not here to cater to the community, but is here for change. We want to be free.

Joel Kupferman – National Lawyers Guild. Says after 9/11, we proved the air was bad and the EPA did not want to hear it. With OWS there are two competing issues: the right to assembly and the right of the community to have a safe and pleasant environment.

Nicole Carty – OWS member. Tried hard to work with the neighborhood. The current economic situation is not right. The best thing for the world is to let OWS to continue.

Adash Daniel – OWS member. Quit his job to come to support OWS and is sleeping in the park. Says OWS is now part of the community.

Famil McManis – Resident. Supports OWS because of income inequality. Says he had to fight with the police 3 times. Says the Mayor wants to protect his high income.

Business Session

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 27, 2011 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report - J. Menin

Welcomed new board member Robert Schneck. Had meeting with new P.A. Executive Director, pleased about the traffic signal at Duane and Greenwich.

District Manager's Report - N. Pfefferblit

OMB has proposed a reduction in CB budgets of 2% for the current 2012 fiscal year and 6% in the coming fiscal year 2013. The City Council would need to reach agreement with the Mayor on any reduction before it is enacted. In recent years these cuts have not gone through but there is no certainty.

Treasure's Report - J. Kopel

Gave his quarterly treasurer's report.

Election of Officer for Board Secretary - L. Belfer

Anthony Notaro vs. Marc Ameruso

* Deferred to end of meeting.

Committee Reports

**NOTE: IF YOU WISH TO OBTAIN A COPY OF A RESOLUTION
SUMMARIZED IN THE MINUTES, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.NYC.GOV/HTML/MANCB1**

Executive Committee

1) Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2013 – Resolution

Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Update on CB1 budget

Will know more when we learn the outcome of the proposed cuts.

Tribeca Committee

1) 281 Church Street a.k.a 35 White Street, application to change method of operations for Pebo Viola LLC d/b/a White & Church as follows:

To change hours of operation to close an hour later. Close on weekdays at 12 AM instead of 11 PM, and on weekends at 1 AM instead of 12 AM – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 77 Chambers Street, application for a restaurant beer license for City Chambers LLC d/b/a Checkers – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 106 Duane Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for Beignet Inc. – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 109 West Broadway, application for enclosed sidewalk café for Super Linda Restaurant – Resolution

Vote: 0 In Favor 38 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 249 West Broadway, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for Anotherroom Inc. – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 349 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for Dean’s Rest. Corp. d/b/a Dean’s – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) 385 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for Ivy’s Bistro LLC – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) 413 Greenwich Street, application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for IlMattone Corp. d/b/a Il Mattone – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) Street Activity Permit application for Taste of Tribeca on Saturday, May 19, 2012 on Greenwich Street from Reade to Jay Streets, full street closure from 6:00 am to 6:00 pm – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

10) 130 Duane Street, application for Temporary Loading Zone for Duane Street Hotel – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

11) Request for Addition of Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Greenwich and Duane Streets – Resolution*

* Resolution considered jointly with the Youth & Education Committee.

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee

1) Manhattan Borough President’s Borough Board Resolution on Community Board Review of Landmarks Applications – Resolution

Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Planning and Infrastructure Committee

1) Bike Sharing Pilot Program- Report

2) Walmart Free NYC – Report

3) Hydraulic Fracturing in New York State – Report

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

- 1) Collect Pond Interpretative Signage – Resolution
Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) South Street Seaport Museum – Resolution
Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 89 South Street, Pier 17, application for a restaurant beer license for 3 CB Inc. d/b/a Cyber Cigar Coffee Bar – Resolution
Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Quality of Life and Financial District Committees

- 1) Occupy Wall Street Protest in Zuccotti Park – Resolution
Many members said we need a balance between the rights of the protesters and the quality of life of the community.
Some thought they need to leave at night and obtain a permit like other groups have in the past.
Vote: 33 In Favor 3 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District Committee

- 1) 97 Trinity Place, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for 97 Trinity Place Corp., d/b/a Sabor de Mexico – Resolution
Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Discussion regarding anti-Wall Street protests – Report
Addressed in Q of L committee.

Housing Committee

- 1) Affordable Housing at 130 Liberty Street – Report
- 2) Manhattan Seniors – Report
- 3) Stabilization and Seniors Guide – Report
- 4) Rent Stabilization – Resolution
Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

Youth & Education Committee

- 1) Community Board #1 Honors Manhattan Youth and its Founder, Bob Townley, for 25 Years of Service to Lower Manhattan – Resolution
Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Request for a Gymnasium in Millennium High School – Resolution
Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Request for Restoration of School Budgets – Resolution
Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) Request for the Department of Education to Prevent Further Overcrowding – Resolution
Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) Community Education Council Recommendation on School Redistricting – Resolution
Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) Request for Addition of Traffic Signal at the Intersection of Greenwich and Duane Streets – Resolution*

* Resolution considered jointly with the Tribeca Committee.

- Voted on in Tribeca committee.

Business Session

Election of Officer

Anthony Notaro elected board Secretary – Vote: 36 – 6 – 1 - 1

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Adjournment

9:10 PM

Respectfully amended and submitted by Assistant Secretary Marc Ameruso