

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
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Public Session

Paul Goldstein – Representative from the Office of Speaker Sheldon Silver

Peck Slip is our next new school to be built. DOE Chancellor Walcott agreed to our request to enlarge the school from approximately 70,000 to 90,000 square feet. We are still going through the school re-zoning process. The DOE seems to want to address overcrowding by transferring children to other schools outside their neighborhood. The Speaker is on record opposing this. The Spruce St. School that opened in September has new traffic lights and guards. Also, the Speaker is in support of the “Millionaire’s Tax”.

Matt Viggiano – Representative from the Office of Council Member Margaret Chin

CM Chin introduced two bills, one of which restricts large truck trailers from being parked in front of residential buildings.

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

CB members should submit re-applications and encourage others to apply. BP Stringer announced the “green your block” program and encouraged applications. BP Stringer invites the Board to the CB Members reception at the Met Museum on 11/28/2011.

Emma Roszko – Representative from the office of Assembly Member Deborah Glick

Assemblywoman Glick is asking about state money for Excellence Funds to decrease class sizes. Very interested in the outcome of state review of hydrofracking; there will be a DEC hearing on November 30th at BMCC from 1 to 4pm and 6 to 9pm.

Shino Tanikawa - CEC District 2.

The CEC rejected the DOE proposal and asked for a new proposal. Shino expects the DOE to respond quickly and thinks that Peck Slip will be a zoned school. Some may find that they will not be in that zone. The CEC also recognizes that Peck Slip is not enough. The CEC is committed to working with us on the creation of one and perhaps two new schools.

Jean Pierre Benatar - Concerned parent at 101 Warren

Moved here 2 years ago because of the schools in the neighborhood and wants to be sure her home is in the zone for local schools.

Tricia Joyce - CB#1 member

It is no longer acceptable to slice the pie, but we must enlarge the pie. The DOE needs to be responsive. The 11/28 Town Hall meeting with DOE will be about rezoning along with overcrowding. We must have good turnout at PS130 on Baxter Street at 6:30PM

Maryl Nowicki Albano - Parent concerned about rezoning

Grace Dolan Flood - Resident in Tribeca

Has researched new apartments and birth rates. 3,182 new apartments coming within the next year. May have as many as 1,600 new children needing schools. They are putting together a downtown group to organize around this issue.

New York State Senator Daniel Squadron

Rezoning - These plans are not reflective of reality but based on the past. DOE needs to change the way they plan for population growth. Pier 42 - LMDC has committed funds (\$14mm) for this pier.

Jerry Gallagher - GM South Street Seaport Museum

Appreciates the Board's resolution to support the Museum's effort to modify its lease so the museum may earn income. The resolution also addresses the status of the historic ships.

Heidi Pasnacht - Tribeca resident

Concerned about the new building at 1 White Street which is being considered by the Landmarks Committee. She hopes we vote against the resolution.

Noel Jefferson - CB#1 Member

Concerned about Hydrofracking. Says that the Delaware River Basin Status was not voted on, and told stories about those affected by hydrofracking. Encourages us to call Governor Cuomo.

John Ricker – Representative from the Office of New York City Comptroller John Liu

Extended Thanksgiving wishes and directed us to their website to report any fraud.

Margaret Barrett - South Bridge parent

Concerned about the zoning of children from Southbridge Towers going to Tweed Courthouse.

Linda Gerstman - Resident & Downtown Community Coalition Member

Read statement about the Occupy Wall Street (OWS) protest and its effects on quality of life in the area. Stated her view of CB#1's position.

Marybeth Carragher- Resident

Spoke about OWS' effect on the neighborhood and her concern about CB#1's position and her disappointment with the CB's role.

Jennifer Adams – CEO, Tribute Visitors Center

Open since 9/2006 with over 2,500,000 visitors. She wants us to know that since September, the number of visitors on Liberty Street has increased. The center used to use Zuccotti Park to stage visitors, and is now seeking alternatives with a traffic manager. The Center has programs for children and student within their 5 galleries. She described several programs that are open to all and mentioned some volunteer programs.

Jeff Mihok - CB#1 Member

Shared his thoughts on OWS. He believes the movement may be more important than the inconvenience. He has observed that the park is less available than before.

Jennifer Rajhumar - District Leader 64th

Two months since being elected. The district encompasses CBs #1 &3, and is very diverse financially and ethnically. She is encouraging leadership development for youth, and was recently appointed to co-chair a new Youth Committee by the Democratic Party.

Allan Tannenbaum - CB#1 Member

Congratulated Julie on an recent award she recently received. Stated how he is pleased about the cleanup of Zuccotti Park.

Laura Fernandez - Resident

She is upset about CB#1's actions with regard to OWS. She has always enjoyed the parks and schools in the neighborhood, but OWS has been very disruptive. She spoke of the danger in and around the park.

James Fernandez - Resident

Spoke about his view of CB#1's mission and why he believes it has failed.

John Scott - Resident

Supported CB#1's actions on OWS and the results achieved. Spoke about school zoning and his experience serving on the CEC in the past.

Marc Ameruso - CB#1 Member

Spoke about Zuccotti Park. He supports common sense (quality of life) versus ideology.

Alan Schulkin - 35 Year resident

Supported CB#1 in what was a difficult situation.

Business Session

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on October 25, 2011 were adopted unanimously as presented.

Chairperson's Report

Spoke about school overcrowding and thanked the CEC for turning down the zoning proposal. Congratulated Robert Townley and Manhattan Youth for their 25th year anniversary.

LMDC will be subsumed into the PANYNJ. The Chair is concerned about the funds that remain, and stated that they should be used promptly to meet community needs.

The Chair stated that she appreciates the diversity of opinions on OWS. CB#1 is the forum to air those views. Thanked the CB, especially Pat Moore and Ro Sheffe who worked very hard through 13 meetings.

Personal Note - Reported about opening a 2013 Political Action Committee.

District Manager's Report

Internal Budget - Facing a 2% mid-year cut and another cut next year of 6%.
The office has more 12/04 9/11 Memorial tickets
December meeting date will be 12/20 (one week early due to holidays).

Committee Reports

SLA Process Review Task Force

- Liquor License Questionnaire – Report

The Committee recommends that licensing stay within the geographic committees. The Committee has developed a revised Questionnaire which now asks the applicant to communicate with the community regarding liquor license applications. It will be distributed to the geographic committees and the Task Force will present and explain at their respective meetings. The committee will also have periodic meetings with SLA.

Youth & Education Committee

- Millennium Gymnasium and Related Issues – Report

Lorraine Grillo attended and reported that the sites considered for a new gymnasium were charging \$1mm in annual rent. The 31st floor of the building where the school is located was not considered due to Fire Code issues. The committee is encouraging the SCA to find a gym or an auxiliary site. She also discussed the process involved to site new schools.

- Lilac Preservation Project – Report

Involves the lighthouse tender (support boat) at Pier 25.

- Handel Group Offerings in Secondary Schools – Report

This Life Skills company doesn't yet deliver programs in NYC

- Speaker's Overcrowding Task Force Meeting – Report

The Peck Slip school size will increase. The Committee thinks we will need 1,400 new seats in the next 3 years.

- Department of Education Proposed Re-Zoning – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- Additional Incubation Space for Peck Slip School – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- Support for Speaker Silver's Extension of the "Millionaire's Tax" – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Committee

- 43 Murray Street, application for a tavern liquor license for Woodrows Management LLC, d/b/a pending – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

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

BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 3 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 136 West Broadway, application for renewal of sidewalk café license for 136 West Broadway Inc. d/b/a Edward's – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- CB 1 Financial Community Block Party, application for a street activity permit on Saturday, November 12, 2011 on Church Street from Franklin to Canal Streets during the hours of 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM – Report

Landmarks Committee

- 312-322 Canal Street, application for new storefront infill and second floor windows and cornices – Resolution

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

- 1 White Street, application for rooftop addition – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 169 Hudson Street, application for rooftop extension – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Planning and Infrastructure Committee

- Hydraulic Fracturing in New York State – Resolution

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

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

- South Street Seaport Museum Update - Resolution

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

- Fulton Street Project Update – Resolution

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

- 142-144 Beekman Street application for renewal of unenclosed sidewalk café license for Rose Restaurant Group Inc. d/b/a Salud! Restaurant & Bar – Resolution

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

- 89 South Street, application for a restaurant liquor license for BMG Foods LLC d/b/a Manhattan Oyster Co. – Resolution

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

- 261-263 Water Street, application for a transfer of restaurant liquor license for T BONE, INC. – Resolution

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

Waterfront Committee

- Hudson River Park Trust Update – Report
Update on Dog Run and other upland improvements planned for Segment 3 of HRPT. Committee was pleased with the presentation on this part of the waterfront, which is planned to open in 2013.
- Trust for Governors Island Update – Report
Update on master plan for redevelopment of the island.

Battery Park City Committee

- Presentation on Asphalt Green by Carol Tweedy – Report

Soft Opening planned for April, 2012. There will be different levels of membership and they will be competitively priced.

- Update on Rector Street Bridge Security – Report

DOT has said it is an NYPD issue and they need to apply for permission.

- Ferry Emissions – Report

Engines are being replaced on boats to improve control of emissions. Soot and diesel exhaust appear well above standards.

- Ad Hoc discussion about the lay-offs at Battery Park City Authority. The members discussed whether CB1 should intervene in any way. Will take it up in the December committee meeting.

Quality of Life Committee

- Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Report
- Discussion on the BigAppleRx Discount Card – Report

Anyone can get this by calling 311 and it allows you to get discount on prescription drugs.

- Discussion on the 311 system – Report
- Occupy Wall Street protest in Zuccotti Park – Report

There was discussion among Board members about comments made at the Public Session against Julie. All supported Julie but there are different views about OWS.

- Discussion on Concealed Carry Bill – Resolution

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

Financial District Committee

- Restoration of Temporary Bike Path in Battery Park – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Redevelopment Committee

- 9/11 Memorial Update – Report
- Department of Transportation Update on Memorial Buses – Report

DOT reported that the number of buses has been somewhat lower than expected but may grow as the number of visitors to the Memorial increases. Efforts are being made to ensure that buses adhere to plans.

Old Business

No business was conducted

New Business

No business was conducted

Adjournment

Submitted by Secretary Anthony Notaro