

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
MANHATTAN YOUTH
DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER
120 WARREN STREET
JANUARY 24, 2012

Public Session

Robert Townley – Manhattan Youth

Welcome to Downtown Community Center which started 14 years ago. There has been tremendous growth, but there are challenges ahead.

Alec Schierenbeck – Borough President Scott Stringer’s Representative

All CB applications are now in and being processed. Interviews begin in February. The Borough President recently stood with CB#1 on the mayoral proposal for EDC to sell three buildings in Lower Manhattan. Public uses of these properties should be considered first. We need school seats and public benefits to be a primary concern in this decision.

The City Charter gives the Manhattan Borough Board some leverage in this process.

The Borough President is also asking the Board to vote on a resolution regarding the NYPD Stop and Frisk program. He believes there could be a better strategy that doesn’t violate people’s rights. Most people stopped are people of color and over 99% of the time, the cops do not find a weapon.

Paul Goldstein – Speaker Silver's Representative

The Speaker hosted a meeting with new PANYNJ Executive Director Patrick Foye and CB#1 members covering issues including the Performing Arts Center, WTC retail space and impacts from construction noise. He was pleased by the appointment of the PAC board and happy that Julie was named to it. Also, he emphasized the LMCCC’s role in addressing noise issues.

He spoke at the State of the State about the Living Wage initiative. The Speaker also focused on school space within the three city buildings which may be put up for sale.

Noise from construction projects on John Street (Broadway & Nassau) has become a significant concern particularly on weekends. Also, the Speaker is focusing on noise form the Brooklyn Bridge work. Local residents have complained about the nightly noise. Senator Squadron and Council Member Chin have co-signed a letter about this.

John Ricker – Comptroller Liu's Representative

Best wishes for the New Year. He told us to go on the comptroller's website. Doesn't yet have any information about the monies associated with the CityTime project overruns.

Celine Mizrahi - Congressman Nadler's Representative

Congress is back in session. The Congressman has been instrumental in securing dollars for NY infrastructure. The WTC Victims Compensation Fund has opened. You can call her office for information about eligibility. The Zagroda bill does not cover cancer but they are working on including this provision.

Jennifer Rajkumar – Democratic District Leader

She has been working to encourage youth involvement in the political process and going to meetings around the city concerning this and other matters.

Also took the BPC CERT Personal Safety class, which is excellent.

Jared Brown – Resident

Spoke about a proposed liquor store in Southbridge Towers. Asked that the resolution on the agenda be tabled and reopened for discussion at the next month's committee meeting.

Betsy Nebel-Schainholz – VP of Southbridge Towers

The SBT management is working to improve the appearance of Southbridge and the proposed wine and spirits store could be beneficial. The area is growing and this will provide needed retail. Key Foods now sells single bottles of beer and no problems have been noted. The park is safe and no problems with drinking have been observed there.

Ronald Guggenheim – Southbridge Treasurer

He is involved in the lease negotiations for the proposed store and no information has been released. This will be a high-end wine and spirits store and not a discount store and will also service the new Gehry building. The store will pay market rent and make substantial improvements to the space.

Paul Kefer – Assistant Treasurer at Southbridge Towers

There was a unanimous approval to process with negotiations regarding a lease for the proposed store.

Claudia Byrd – Southbridge resident

Objects to the proposed 5,000 square feet store. Doesn't believe there has been transparency on this issue.

Ashley Voroba, Megan Ahearn & Matt Ryder – NYC Coalition for a Smoke Free City

Have been to several community boards to discuss surveys about how tobacco has been marketed in pharmacies. They found that independent pharmacies have mostly stopped selling tobacco but many large chain stores continue. This coalition is very focused on the impact of tobacco marketing on NYC youth. They all spoke in favor of the resolution on the CB1 agenda.

Arthur Piccolo - Resident

Spoke about \$468,000 spent by the NYPD for security for the Bull sculpture at Bowling Green. He complained about this and believes it results from Occupy Wall Street and he says this is nonsense. He asked the CB to take a stand against this.

Rafael Martin – Soho Repertory Theater

They are on Walker Street. Urged everyone to come and support arts in our neighborhood.

Ranger Jim – National Park Service

Spoke about putting up banners at the African Burial Ground at 290 Broadway.

Keith Burns – Citizens Committee for NYC

Spoke about grants available for neighborhood improvement. Organizations can receive between \$500 and \$3,000 and can also get program management help. Groups aren't required to have 501(c)3 status. The deadline is 1/31/2012 with extension to 2/7 but you must email your request to grants@citizensNYC.org

Gary Spino – Resident

New urgent care facility opened on Liberty Street at Church Street. Massage and acupuncture are also offered there and they are equipped with lab and x-ray facilities.

Winsome Brown – Church Street School

He is a Church St. School Board Member and spoke about honoring Paul Nagel at their upcoming annual benefit. Paul was instrumental in the school's growth. Students range from 16 months to 99 years old. The date of the event is 2/29/2012.

Elizabeth Chen – Southbridge resident

Objects to the proposed liquor store. She has 2 children under 5 and doesn't want them to pass a liquor store on their hwy to school.

Andrew Berks – Resident of 45 Wall Street

Spoke about Police barricades and security measures around Wall Street. Doesn't believe there is a good reason for this. Chase Plaza is also closed and he would like it to be reopened to the public. Julie Menin responded that she had done a walk-through of the area with a Deputy Mayor and CB1 would continue to advocate for the NYPD to relax security measures as much as possible.

Yume Kitasei – Councilmember Chin's Representative

Hearing this Friday on the Danny Chen incident. The Council Member recently signed on to Intros. 722 and 736. She supports looking how the three buildings proposed to be sold by the city can be used to meet community and public needs.

Mary Cooley – State Senator Squadron's Representative

Happy Lunar New Year! The Senator wants this to be a holiday on the NYC school calendar. He wrote letters about the sales of city buildings, he supports legislation against fingerprinting food stamp recipients and he is working on campaign finance reform.

Jean Chen, Beth Goldstein & Toni Palmieri – Southbridge residents

All spoke against the proposed liquor store. They are focused on the social, not financial aspects of these negotiations.

Emma Roszko – Assemblymember Glick's Representative

Spoke against NYU expansion on 2/11/2012

Paul Hovitz – CB#1 Member

Spoke about the petition against the Southbridge Liquor store. He believes the communication from the SBT Board has been very poor.

Business Session

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on December 21, 2011 were adopted unanimously as presented.

Chairperson's Report

Spoke in favor of the Borough President's position on the disposition of the three City-owned buildings. The proposal will be presented to the Planning and Infrastructure Committee in coming months. She was pleased to be appointed by the Mayor to the PAC Board. Work is delayed at the Memorial Museum. This is troubling and we have a resolution tonight on the subject. It was reported in the press that Silverstein Properties may only build 7 stories at 3 WTC until there is more interest in commercial space there. Thanked Pat Moore for all her work on the Holiday Party.

District Manager's Report

The budget reduction proposed for this mid-year will not take place but the next fiscal budget is an issue.

He highlighted that the CB1 office is one of the three buildings involved in the proposed sale by the city and that the CB1 staff met about a possible relocation of the CB1 office to the Municipal Building. There are regular meetings at about film shoots with the Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting and the staff always attends and can raise any concerns about this activity in the district.

Treasurer's Report

Discussed second quarter expenditures.

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

Committee Reports

Quality of Life Committee

Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Report

Discussed complaints about construction activity on John Street especially by ConEd. LMCCC has set up a weekly meeting to address this.

Restaurant Letter Grades – Report

The City budget gained \$40 mm from small business owners.

Big Apple Greeter – Report

Founded in 1992, they have volunteers that show notable sites to tourists. They have 300 volunteers and a staff of 6 people.

Manhattan Borough Board, Stop and Frisk Policy – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Redevelopment Committee

Update by Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – Report

Reviewed progress on 1 WTC and the Vehicular Security Center. Less work needs to be done at night. Only 75% of the Memorial was complete on the 10th Anniversary

9/11 Memorial Museum - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (WTCHP STAC) – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center funding – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Request to Add Four Key Survivor Population Medical Studies to the WTC Health Program Research Priorities to be funded under The James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee

52 Lispenard Street, application for roof top addition and façade restoration – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

77 Reade Street, application for temporary signage and ramp – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

155 Franklin Street, application for alteration of penthouse façade – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Governors Island Park and Public Space Plan – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Youth & Education Committee

South Street Seaport Museum’s Educational Programs – Report

The Museum Education Director visited to describe upcoming events and solicit community feedback.

Setting and Reviewing Goals for 2012 – Report

Advocate for more schools and for the integrity of our schools

Concerned with funding for youth programs

East Side community center

Field Space

School Zoning and Possible Waitlists – Report

Paul Hovitz reported that all zoning is temporary and we continue to advocate for a new school.

Field Space by Community Board Member Mark Costello – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tobacco Advertisements Targeting Youth – Resolution

Motion to Table was unanimously adopted.

Tribeca and Seaport/Civic Center Committees

Tribeca and Seaport Committees

Street permit application by DID on Sunday, April 22, 2012, Lafayette Street between Canal Street and Leonard Street – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Tribeca Committee

Update on Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) – Report

None

353 Greenwich Street, application for alteration of restaurant liquor license for Mary Ann's 353 Mex, Inc., d/b/a Mary Ann's – Report

They will return with a completed application for a liquor license for their basement.

85 West Broadway, application for alteration of hotel liquor license for 85 West Broadway Owner LLC & Engolos LLC d/b/a Smyth Tribeca - Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

85 West Broadway, application for a sidewalk café license for 85 West Broadway Owner LLC d/b/a Smyth Tribeca – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

130 West Broadway, application for restaurant liquor license for WB Duane Japanese Partners, Inc. d/b/a TBD – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

65 West Broadway, application for a sidewalk café license for 65 West Broadway Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Jean – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

190A Duane Street, application for renewal of a sidewalk café license for 190A Duane Street, d/b/a Roc Restaurant – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Command Center at 1st Precinct – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Due to time limits, the remaining committee reports were not delivered and only resolutions were addressed

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

Update on Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) – Report

None

John Street Postal Station windows – Report

None

89 South Street, application for a tavern liquor license for Salmaan Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Seaport Beer #2 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

89 South Street, application for a tavern liquor license for Salmaan Enterprises Inc. d/b/a Seaport Beer #3 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

21-23 Peck Slip, application for a sidewalk café renewal for IDG Seaport Corp. d/b/a Acqua Restaurant – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Southbridge Towers, concerns about new liquor store – Resolution

Motion to Table was adopted.

Battery Park City Committee

Update on the future of the Battery Park City Authority – Report

Update on the Pier A Project – Report

Presentation by City Sightseeing Cruises on Use of World Financial Center dock – Report

Street permit application by the Council on the Environment Inc. on Thursday starting April 5, 2012 – December 20, 2012, South End Avenue between Liberty Street and Albany Street – Resolution

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

Financial District Committee

Update on search for Greenmarket in Financial District – Report

Street permit application by the Council on the Environment Inc. on Tuesdays starting January 3, 2012 – December 18, 2012, West Broadway between Barclay Street and Park Place – Resolution

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

40 Wall Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Restaurant 40 LLC, d/b/a to be determined – Resolution

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

Planning and Infrastructure Committee

Zone Green Zoning Text Amendment – Resolution

Motion to Table until next meeting was adopted.

Need for Storm Surge Barriers – Resolution

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

Accessible Pedestrian Signals – Resolution

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

Stalled Construction Sites – Resolution

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

Newsstand and Vendor Location Map – Report

50 West Street, 421-A Partial Tax Exemption – Report

Housing Committee

Disposition of Civic Center Buildings – Resolution

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

Affordable housing funding for 5 World Trade Center – Report

Manhattan Seniors: providers, financing, and timetable - Report

Senior and Stabilization Guide Updates – Report

Rent Stabilized Units – Update

Personnel Committee

Robert Moore, candidate for Public Membership on Quality of Life Committee - Report

SLA Process Task Force

Task Force Update – Report

Members of this Task Force have met with other committees to get feedback and suggested revisions to their proposed questionnaire will be incorporated.

Old Business

Determination on Adding Cancer, or a Certain Type of Cancer, to the List of WTC-Related Health Conditions Covered under the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

New Business

New School Sites for September 2012 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: In Favor Opposed Abstained Recused

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully amended and submitted by Secretary Anthony Notaro