

**CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, January 22, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: 3 Legged Dog Arts & Technology Center  
80 Greenwich Street

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Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, EST. A moment of silence was held for Harold Reed. There will be a memorial service on February 13, 2013. Roger Byrom and Ro Sheffe shared their personal thoughts about Harold Reed.

**I. Public Session**

- 1). Hannah Friedman (Borough President Scott Stringer)
  - The BP has released a report on animal control.
  - February 7 at 6pm is the State of the Borough Address.
- 2). John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu)
  - Happy Lunar New Year.
  - Please visit the Comptroller's website at [www.comptroller.nyc.gov](http://www.comptroller.nyc.gov)
- 3). Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
  - Working on the Battery Park City ball fields issue.
  - Assemblymember Glick joined Sheldon Silver and Margaret Chin to fight for tax relief.
  - There was a public meeting regarding a new public school at 75 Morton Street.
  - New gun control legislation was passed.
  - The anniversary of Roe v. Wade is important to Assemblymember Glick. Would like to see the Violence against Women Act get passed.
  - Catherine McVay Hughes congratulated Sarah on getting married.
- 4). Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)
  - The Speaker is working on the ball fields issue. Suggested ways to speed up the repair process. Had Fred Wilpon, owner of the New York Mets, send consultants to help the process.
  - Historic gun safety laws passed.
  - It's time to reopen the crossing at Vesey Street.

- PS 276 Overcrowding: DOE is continuing to overburden schools downtown.
- The Speaker is working to crack down on insurance companies that are not meeting their obligations to clients affected by Superstorm Sandy.
- The Speaker will remain Speaker of the New York State Assembly.

5). Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Annual report from 2012 is available.
- A press conference was held on property taxes.
- Sent a letter on the Battery Park City ball fields issue.
- There is not enough recreational space downtown.
- Hearings were held this week. Thanked CB1 for submitting testimony. These hearings are related to numerous aspects of Superstorm Sandy.
- Capital allocation funds are now available to meet community needs. Please submit requests for capital improvements. Discretionary funding applications will be out soon.
- Catherine McVay Hughes: Number one request is funding for more schools.

6). Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- The Senator sends his condolences regarding Harold Reed.
- Working on the Battery Park City ball fields issue.
- Mentioned the new gun control legislation. There is still a lot of work to be done. Supports federal action on gun control.
- Bus lines serving the district were restored.
- Working to expedite repairs of buildings damaged by Superstorm Sandy.
- Governor's budget was released and they welcome feedback from the community on it.

7). Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- CB1 is still in the 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. Nothing has changed for CB1.
- Sandy Aid is a big topic. The House of Representatives passed a Sandy relief package. There is a total of \$60.1 billion. The new bill must be passed by the US Senate. The hope is that the new bill will go through quickly.
- Representative Nadler is sponsoring an event on Wednesday, January 30 to help people fill out 9/11 health fund forms.
- Representative Nadler and Senator Charles Schumer took action regarding a company that was fraudulently promoting 9/11 commemorative coins.
- Fiscal cliff issue is still pending.

8). Cathy Blaney (9/11 Memorial)

- Shared personal thoughts about Harold Reed.
- Thanked the CB1 Financial District and Tribeca Committees which approved the permit for 9/11 Memorial Family Day.
- Discussed the details of the 9/11 Memorial Family Day and 5k run/walk. There will be no sound amplification before 11am.

- Hopes the committee resolution regarding the event will be approved by the full board.
- 9). Marijo Russell (Pace University)
- Thanked the Financial District Committee for recommending approval of a zoning variance for a new Pace University dormitory. The plan adds 3,000 square feet of green space for the community.
- 10). Tom Dowd (H+R Block)
- H+R Block in Tribeca is offering special, free tax relief seminars for people who suffered damage from Superstorm Sandy.
- 11). Donald Bernstein (Bill's Burger)
- There is an issue with closing hours for his establishment. They are requesting a 4 am closing time.
- 12). Stephen Hanson (Bill's Burger)
- Operates other establishments with liquor licenses. The hotel that the restaurant operates in needs them to be open late to serve guests.
- 13). Tammy Meltzer (CB1)
- Read a note on behalf of CB1 member Tricia Joyce.
  - Youth and Education Committee is offering a resolution regarding school overcrowding during new business.
  - The community is at risk if no new school space becomes available.
- 14). Jean Grillo (Public Member and District Leader)
- Reflected on the loss of Harold Reed.
  - Upset that the Housing Committee is gone. Wants to keep the Housing Committee members together.
- 15). Jennifer Rajkumar (District Leader)
- Thrilled to have the M9 bus back.
  - Voiced support for the Housing Committee. Hopes that the committee's work will continue.
  - Extended condolences regarding Harold Reed and Bill Blum.
  - Please reach out to Jenifer about issues of concern.
- 16). Diane Stein (Public Member of CB1)

- Voiced support for the Housing Committee.

17). Paul Newell (District Leader)

- Happy New Year.
- Voiced support for the Housing Committee.
- Thanked Catherine for working to review the CB1 committee structure.

## II. **Business Session**

New business called at 7 pm.

A) Adoption of December 2012 minutes

- Adopted.

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- Thanked all CB1 members for their hard work this past year. This past month Catherine worked on a report titled, "Lessons Learned." In December the "CB1 District Needs" document which is based on CB1's budget and priorities was submitted and posted on-line. In February, a third document called "2013 Goals and 2012 Accomplishments" will be developed by CB1.
- CB1 website – finally updated its website—thanked Evan Lacher. If you have any suggestions, please let him know.
- CB1 Facebook – update with facts not necessarily on e-list. This includes Twitter, so if you have not yet subscribed, please consider doing so. As you know, these were useful tools during Sandy to get information out remotely when CB1 office was closed.

1. Speaker Silver's Overcrowding School Taskforce – Continued serious discussion of ongoing problem with school overcrowding, PS 276 Petition, Parks will improve area around Tweed (wood chips, plantings at fence edge) (12/20/12).

2. LMCCC Hurricane Sandy Lower Manhattan Building Recovery Meeting – 2nd Follow-up; significant progress in getting buildings back on-line which means significant drop in emergency equipment such as boilers and generators needed on streets and sidewalks (01/09/12).

3. BPC Ballfields' meeting – with Anthony Notaro, Mark Costello and BPCA where we discussed the timetable and how it could be shortened while following required procurement procedures so that it could be opened in time to have a Little League season this year. Thank you, Mark and Anthony. This is an example of leveraging two committees working together to deliver results for you. (01/09/12).

4. Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR) Lower Manhattan Task Force – focusing on long-term planning for acute circumstances (future storms) and steady-state issues (climate-change related: rising sea levels, etc); focusing on the Lower Manhattan area as part of this effort and the opportunity to gain a better understanding of the CB1 concerns and ideas for Lower Manhattan. (01/14/13).
5. Catherine joined Councilmember Chin, Speaker Silver and small business owners at news conference urging tax relief for small businesses impacted by Sandy at South Street Seaport (01/17/13).
6. WTC Survivors Meeting with VCF Special Master Birnbaum – with Mariama James and Bob Schneck (01/17/13); see handout.
7. Hudson River Park Trust Meeting – FEMA payment from Hurricane Irene still has not been paid to HRPT and nothing yet from Sandy to cover damages (01/18/13).
8. Upcoming Holiday Party – Monday, January 28; Pat Moore will give status update.
9. Conversations have taken place with Noah and staff regarding them being overworked. As a result, Catherine will be setting up a working group chaired by Anthony Notaro, Vice Chair and Michael Connolly, Parliamentarian, to review how to make sure that CB1's goals and resources are aligned to work as effectively as possible. Information will be sent soon.
10. MAS Charting the Road to Resilience (Saturday, 01/12/12) – CB1 participated and sponsored and Michael Levine & Catherine were Resource people in 2 Break-out Sessions: Resilience Planning Process and Zoning & regulatory Implications.
11. Catherine testified at two Superstorm Sandy Oversight Hearings on Emergency Planning and Management During and After the Storm – Disaster Management:
  - Committee on Public Safety Jointly with the Committee on Fire and Criminal Justice Services the Committee on Mental Health, Developmental Disability, Alcoholism, Drug Abuse and Disability Services the Committee on Aging the Committee on Health and the Committee on General Welfare (01/16/13).
  - Assessing and Improving Public Utility risk Mitigation Measures (01/18/13).
12. Governor's Island Scoping Environmental Impact Statement – Catherine testified with Michael Levine (01/09/12).
13. Civic Center Task Force meetings attended:
  - December 12, 2013 – Tricia Joyce, John Fratta, Jeff Galloway, and Michael Levine.

- December 21, 2012 – John Fratta and Jeff Galloway; submitted priority list of 5 items developed from CB1 December meetings.

- January 04, 2013 – John Fratta, Jeff Galloway, and Michael Levine.

- Pier 17 ULRP Update from Michael Levine: The City Planning Committee is opposed to the sign proposed for the top. This is a victory for CB1. The Commission will recommend no lighting on the proposed blade signs. The stage will be kept; however, the canopy will be removed when the stage is not in use. They cannot comment on extending leases for business.
- Civic Center Disposition Update from Michael Levine: No timeline. Waiting for proposals to come back.
- Governor’s Island Rezone Update from Michael Levine: It will be rezoned to allow commercial uses.

C) District Manager’s Report

- Proposed midyear reductions were rescinded.
- Councilmembers are working to stop 2014 cuts.
- Contract Update for Diana Switaj: The contract is being reviewed by the Law Department.
- All CB1’s telecommunications issues resulting from Sandy appear to be resolved.

D) Treasurer’s Report – J. Fratta (Postponed until February)

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Executive Committee**

1) Verizon – Report

Verizon representatives came to the committee. 95% of buildings will have service by the end of January.

2) Emergency Preparedness Lessons Learned – Resolution adopting the Emergency Preparedness Lessons Learned report as the official report of events transpired in CB1 during and after Superstorm Sandy and of recommendations for future emergency preparedness planning. *Adopted*

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

3) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Resolution urging the City of New York including the Office of New York City's Office of Long-Term Planning and Sustainability (OLTPS), Economic Development Corporation, and other relevant City agencies, and the State of New York including the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), Hudson

River Park Trust, Congressman Nadler, and other relevant State agencies, to work together to request that Federal funding and support be put in place to initiate this two-phase process as soon as possible; and that the entities should work together to raise funds from government, the corporate or non-profit sector, foundations or other non-government sources for the 50% local funding match required for the feasibility phase if it is determined that one is warranted. *Adopted*

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

**B) Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

- 1) Pier 17 – Resolution reiterating CB1’s request, due to the serious impacts of Super Storm on Pier 17 merchants, that the Howard Hughes Corporation delay reconstruction of Pier 17 until after summer 2013 and extend the deadline for the eviction of Clipper City and other Pier 17 businesses from June 30, 2013 to September 30, 2013, to permit operation through the important summer season. *Adopted*

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

- 2) 29-37 Beekman Street, application for a Board of Standards and Appeals zoning variance to allow construction of a new 34 story, 760 bed dormitory for Pace University – Resolution recommending that the Board of Standards and Appeals grant a variance under Section 72-21 of the New York City Zoning Resolution for 29-37 Beekman Street to allow construction of a new 34 story, 760 bed dormitory for Pace University provided that it minimize construction impacts on the surrounding community and that it offer to community members programs and services to benefit residents of the surrounding area. *Adopted*

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

- 3) 246 Front Street, application for extension of time to complete construction of a new residential building with a Board of Standards and Appeals zoning variance granted in 2005 – Resolution recommending that the Board of Standards and Appeals grant a waiver of Board of Standards and Appeals Rules of Practice and Procedure for 246 Front Street to allow the application to be filed after the permitted time period and an extension of time to complete construction authorized under a variance granted in 2009. *Adopted*

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

- 4) 22 Peck Slip, application for renewal of a sidewalk cafe license for Meade’s – Resolution approving the renewal of the sidewalk café license for Meade’s at 22 Peck Slip. *Adopted*

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

C) **Tribeca Committee**

- Peter Braus thanked everyone involved with working on the baseball field issues.
- 50 Varick Street Update: Hired a new consultant, still undecided when they will present.

1) 9/11 Memorial Family Day Run, Sunday, April 21, 2013 – Report

- April 21, 2013—a day to commemorate 9/11.

- 2) 41 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Washington Market Tavern – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to EDG Operations LLC at 41 Murray Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

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

- 3) 211 West Broadway, application for liquor license alteration for Distilled NY – Resolution in opposition to granting an alternation of a restaurant liquor license to B & D Again LLC at 211 West Broadway unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

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

- 4) 329 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Telepan Local – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to 185 Columbus Avenue LLC at 329 Greenwich Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

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

- 5) 175 Franklin Street, application for liquor license for TBD – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to HC TB LLC at 175 Franklin Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Withdrawn*

- 6) 305 Church Street, application for liquor license for Los Americanos – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to Mexma LLC at 305 Church Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    19 In Favor    15 Opposed    1 Abstained    0 Recused

- 7) 361 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for TBD – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to Silmor Enterprises LLC at 361 Greenwich Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Tabled*

- 8) 460 Greenwich Street, renewal of sidewalk café license for Estancia 460 – Resolution approving the renewal of the sidewalk café license for Estancia 460 at 460 Greenwich Street. *Adopted*

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

- 9) 16 North Moore Street, renewal and modification of sidewalk café license for Walker's – Resolution approving the renewal of the sidewalk café license for Walker's at 337 16 North Moore Street. *Adopted*

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

D) **Planning Committee**

- 1) Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and Silverstein Properties – Update
- Port Authority updated the committee. The work is ongoing. They are on track to complete portions of the World Trade Center construction by 2014.
- 2) Governors Island Scope of Services for Environmental Review for Zoning Change – Report (See report above)
- 3) Hydraulic fracturing – Resolution requesting that Governor Cuomo delay consideration of hydraulic fracturing until several types of studies and public notifications have been completed. *Adopted*

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

E) **Quality of Life Committee**

- Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan
  - No update given.
- Voting, Same-Day Registration, and No-Excuse Absentee Voting in NYC – Manhattan Borough Board Resolution – Resolution supporting a Manhattan Borough Board resolution regarding Early Voting, Same-day Registration, and No-Excuse Absentee Voting in New York City. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- Support of Restructuring New York City Animal Care and Control – Manhattan Borough Board Resolution – Resolution supporting a Manhattan Borough Board resolution regarding Restructuring New York City Animal Care and Control. *Adopted*

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

- Tobacco Advertisements Targeting Youth – Resolution requesting that the New York City Council create measures that reduce the visibility of tobacco advertising in-stores;

and that the New York City Council create measures limiting the sale of tobacco products around schools. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- NYC Libraries – Update
  - Evan Lacher worked on a report about NYC libraries, titled Branches of Opportunity, that was recently published.
  - The report is online at <http://nycfuture.org/>.

F) **Landmarks Committee**

- The committee has 6 new members.
- 1) 40 Peck Slip, application for Rooftop addition, façade restoration and window replacement – *Postponed*
  - 2) 257 Church Street, application for storefront renovation – Resolution *Adopted*

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

G) **Youth & Education Committee**

- 1) Support for strengthening gun control laws and policies – Resolution supports requiring Brady criminal background checks on all gun sales, including at gun shows. We support legislation to close all loopholes including all sales by unlicensed sellers on a national level and a host of other gun control measures. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) BPC Ball Fields – Resolution joining Assembly Speaker Silver and the rest of the community in urging the BPCA to expedite repairs of the ball fields and requesting that BPCA provide continuous public communication about the repair process and timeline, and, once the RFP responses are received, that the Battery Park City Authority not wait until their regularly scheduled board meeting, but rather call a special meeting to review and approve this important repair work. *Adopted*

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

- 3) 2013 Downtown Little League Season – Update
  - The season will resume. No dates are available yet.

H) **Financial District Committee**

- 1) 9/11 Memorial Family Day Street Activity Permit application for Vesey Street between Church Street and Broadway, Sunday, April 21, 2013, 9:00 am to 11:00 pm – Resolution *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 2) 94 ½ Greenwich Street, application for a wine and beer license for De Novo New York Inc. d/b/a Café de Novo – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant wine and beer license to De Novo New York Inc. d/b/a Café de Novo for 94 ½ Greenwich Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 3) Application for liquor license for 85 West Street for Bills DTM NY LLC, d/b/a to be determined – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant liquor license to Bills DTM NY LLC 85 West Street. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 4) 44 Trinity Place, application for liquor license for WBGBK, Inc. d/b/a Wogie’s – Resolution opposes the granting of a restaurant beer license to WBGBK, Inc. d/b/a Wogie’s for a restaurant liquor license for 44 Trinity Place unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 5) 25 Broadway, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution recommending that the Board of Standards and Appeals approve the request for a special permit for a physical culture establishment at 25 Broadway for 25 Broadway Fitness Group, LLC d/b/a Planet Fitness. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 6) 110/20 Church Street, application for extension of a Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution recommending that the Board of Standards and Appeals approve the request for an extension of term of a special permit for a physical culture establishment at 110/20 Church Street for Equinox Tribeca, d/b/a Equinox. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 7) Governors Island Scope of Services for Environmental Review for Zoning Change – Report (See above).

I) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) NY Waterways Ferry Re-powering Program – Update
  - Working on pollution and exhaust issues.
- 2) Traffic Signals – Update
  - Trying to get a traffic light at West Thames.
  - A study will be done in the fall of 2013.
  - Committee is working on a proposal.
- 3) Tour bus parking violations – Update
  - NYC DOT is aggressively pursuing tour bus operators that are idling.
- 4) 225 Liberty Street, application for wine and beer license for TBD – Resolution in opposition to granting of a restaurant liquor license to UB NYC LLC at 225 Liberty Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

- 5) BPC Ball Fields – Resolution (Presented by the Youth Committee) *Adopted*

J)    **Disaster Relief Small Business Taskforce**

- 1) Community Board 1 survey of small businesses impacted by Superstorm Sandy – Report
  - 3 months since the storm.
  - Most of the recommendations of the committee have not been addressed.
  - Requesting a survey of small businesses to study and quantify impacts of Sandy.

IV.    **Old Business**

V.    **New Business**

- 1) Civic Center Building Sale return to the community – Resolution asking the City to use 100% of the net profit (profit after all relocation costs for the city offices that now occupy these buildings) of the sale of the Civic Center buildings for the immediate building/retrofitting of a new (not relocated) public elementary school in CB1. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE:                    32 In Favor    0 Opposed    0 Abstained    0 Recused

VI.    **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm, EST.  
Respectfully submitted by: Adam Malitz, Secretary