

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2015

DATE: Wednesday, September 30, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: LMHQ
150 Broadway, 20th Floor

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, EDT.

I. Public Hearing

A) Community Board 1 Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2017

1) Hope Cohen (Battery Conservancy)

- Thanked CB1 for including playground and comfort station in the Battery on list of budget priorities for FY 2017.

2) Kimberly Spring (New York Public Library Budget)

- Thanked NYC for its increased investment in libraries and encouraged CB1 to retain NYPL on its list of budget priorities.

II. Public Session

1) Dan Campanelli (Comptroller Scott Stringer)

- Italian Community Breakfast on October 23 at 1 Centre Street. See website for details.

2) Maryam Aleem (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Against legislation with proposed landmarks reform.
- Advocating for increased enforcement of cyclists.
- Working on pay discrimination legislation.
- Working on legislation to regulate sightseeing helicopters.

3) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)

- Celebrated the opening of the Peck Slip School.
- Working on getting more school crossing guards from LMDC funding.

- Pier 17 canopy was withdrawn from Howard Hughes Corporation plans.
 - Supports expansion of the World Trade Center no vending zone.
 - AM Silver's office provided funding for build out of LMHQ space and is very glad that the space is in use.
- 4) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)
- Working on nail salon labor rights issues.
 - Trying to assist with passage of the Zadroga Act.
- 5) Ranger Jim (National Parks Service)
- Please visit Castle Clinton, Federal Hall, and African Burial Ground.
- 6) Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
- Released a report regarding relations between police and communities.
 - Working on landmarks legislation.
 - Appointed Matthew Washington as Deputy Manhattan Borough President.
 - Noel Jefferson was thanked for service to CB1.
 - Working to prohibit retail stores from keeping doors open when air conditioning is in use.
- 7) Melissa Gindin (Senator Daniel Squadron)
- LMHQ looks great.
 - Working on resiliency funding for lower Manhattan. City and State committed \$15 million. Lower Manhattan is the only area affected by Hurricane Sandy that does not have a long-term plan. City committed additional \$100 million and is applying for more through HUD NDRC.
 - Senator Squadron testified regarding the performing arts center at the World Trade in support of expediting the facility.
- 8) Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerold Nadler)
- Federal budget will be temporarily extended with current funding levels. Looking to restore pre-sequester level funding.
 - Working to pass the Zadroga Act. The act expires today. Deadline does not impact people currently receiving benefits.
 - Pleased that the Seaport Museum received \$10.4 million in funding from FEMA with support from the Congressman.
 - Working with CB1 on postal service issues.
- 9) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)
- Working on pedestrian safety on truck routes.

- Introduced legislation regarding unlicensed daycare facilities. A child passed away in an unlicensed facility in the district.
- Introducing legislation to prevent landlords with certain tenant issues from self-certifying.
- There was a hearing on legislation requiring cleanup of liquid garbage waste.
- A proclamation was given on the occasion of the Tribeca Trib's last printed issue.
- An aging committee hearing was held on the financial abuse of seniors.
- CM Chin opposes Intro 775, a landmarks bill.

10) Adam Malitz (CB1)

- Recused himself from issues related to Seaport redevelopment.

11) Jamie Davidson (Proposed Arts School in CSD 1 or 2)

- Introducing themselves to the community.

12) Tatiana Perlroth (Dental Business Announcement)

- Opening in CB1.

13) Daniel Kong (Art from the Heart III)

- Hosting a fundraiser (see the invitation) on October 22nd at Kimmel Center NYU.

14) Graeme Birchall (Downtown Boathouse)

- Boathouse is still open. Please use it.

15) Peg Tyre, Cynthia Rivea, Michael Oeschwik (Sanitation at 55 Exchange)

- Would like assistance with sanitation issues at 55 Exchange Place. The office will follow up with the Sanitation Department Superintendent for the district.

16) Todd Fine (Elizabeth Berger Plaza)

- Raised \$15,000 for park restoration after Hurricane Sandy.
- Would like public art in the park.
- Please support the resolution amendment.

17) Selwyn Garraway (Elizabeth Berger Plaza)

- Supports the proposal referenced by Todd Fine.

18) Walid Najjar (Elizabeth Berger Plaza)

- Supports resolution and believes engineering can be done to accommodate art.

19) Zulekha Inayat (Sixth Avenue Renaming)

- Thanked Tribeca Committee for supporting the renaming resolution.

20) Sarah Sobel (221 West Broadway Sidewalk Café)

- Opposed to sidewalk café.

21) William Sobel (221 West Broadway Sidewalk Café)

- Opposed to sidewalk café.

22) James Kaplan - President, Lower Manhattan Historical Society, Warren Shaw, LTC
Allen Milman - Veteran Corps of Artillery, State of New York, Arthur Piccolo - Bowling
Green Association, Ambrose Madison Richardson - Sons of the Revolution in the State of
New York, Welsey Oler - President, Sons of the American Revolution, Dr. Peter
Feinman - Institute of History, Archaeology, and Education, Inc. (Evacuation Day)

- Would like Bowling Green Plaza to be co-named Evacuation Day Plaza.

Guest Speaker:

1) Captain Jonathan Boulware, Executive Director, South Street Seaport Museum

- Gave a presentation on the importance of the Seaport Museum.
- FEMA gave the museum \$10.4 million.
- Applied for \$5 million from LMDC.
- Working on the Wavertree project.
- They have 3 times the enrollment of the previous year for education programs.

2) Daria Siegel (LMHQ)

- Welcomed CB1 to LMHQ.
- LMHQ opened 2 months ago as a collaborative work space. It is intended to appeal to creative industries, tech firms and startups.

III. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:17pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of July 2015 minutes

- Adopted as presented

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- See Chair's Report:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairstperson-reports/Chairs%20Aug%20-%20Sept%202015%20report.pdf>. A few highlights:
- Peck Slip School (PS 343) Opened – joined school staff, students, families and Councilmember Chin, Senator Squadron, Manhattan Borough President Brewer for the ringing of the bell for the first day of school; thank you everyone for making this a reality (09/09/15)
- Sandy Recovery and Resiliency - Mayor de Blasio announced \$100 Million For Storm Protection Project that the city will invest for storm protection in Manhattan. The project involves building flood walls and levees from Battery Park around the tip of Manhattan and up to the East Side.
- HHC announced that they will not include a canopy on Pier 17 at the Seaport/Civic Center Committee (09/24/15)
- Joint HRPT and CB1 Pier 26 Forum – introduction of design team (Olin Studio) and general discussion of the start of the design/programming process; Monday, October 19 from 6:30-8:00PM at 120 Warren Street
- Noel Jefferson is resigning from CB1 after 14 years of volunteer service; thank you very much
- Francis Curtis has been appointed to Bellevue Hospital Center Community Advisory Board
- Tamar Hovsepian is out on maternity leave and we wish her a happy and healthy delivery. Diana Switaj is now full time until Tamar's return

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Tamar Hovsepian is on maternity leave
- Moved into new CB1 office.
- Working on completing the CB1 office at 1 Centre Street.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Executive Committee**

C. McVay Hughes

- 1) Citywide Ferry Service Draft Scope of Work for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused
- 2) Manhattan Borough President's Office hearing on Manhattan Congestion, Thursday, 9/17 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2017 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) Manhattan Community Board 1 Tribeca District Boundaries – Report

- DNA.info map of Tribeca's boundaries led to a discussion about whether boundaries of CB1 committees should be changed.

5) Calendars for January-June 2016 – Report

B) **Executive Committee and Personnel Committee** C. McVay Hughes
R. Byrom

1) Selection of Community Board 1 Land Use Consultant – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

C) **Quality of Life Committee** P. Moore

1) WTC Health Program for Survivors – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) NYC Department of Transportation construction update – Report

- Skipped

3) Rats and garbage issues in CB1 – Report

- Skipped

4) City Council Sanitation Committee Hearing for Int. 377 – Report

D) **Landmarks Committee** R. Byrom and B. Ehrmann

1) 17 Leonard Street rooftop addition mockup – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 27 North Moore Street, application for pergola and screen design – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 287 Broadway, application for façade restoration and window and storefront replacement – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 136 Beekman Street, application for rooftop addition – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 27-A Harrison Street, application to legalize existing rear yard fence – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 140 Franklin St, application for storefront renovation – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 7) 60 Hudson Street, applications for expansion of four louvers on 11th floor and new generator on 19th floor setback – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 8) 399 Greenwich Street, application to approve existing awning and gooseneck lights at Greenwich Street Tavern sidewalk café – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 9) 6 Varick Street, application for storefront renovation and installation of canopy and platform – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 10) 130 Beekman Street, application for new building entry door and canopy on Beekman Street between Water and Front Streets – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 11) 49 Chambers Street, application for modification of entrances for ADA compliance and addition of canopy, new window openings on east and west facades, and new railing on rooftop – Resolution *Passed*

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

E) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

M. Pasanella

- 1) Peck Slip/Water Street traffic safety – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 2) 80 Centre Street, Public Design Commission application for landscaping and new handicap ramp at Worth Street – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 3) South Street Seaport Museum proposal for 207-215 Water Street – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 4) 200 Water Street, application for proposed bus stop location – Report

- Tour Bus would like to set up a stop on Water Street. Committee asked them to visit QOL since the route travels through areas covered by several other committees and the application should be assessed by a committee with membership from all geographical committees.

- 5) Howard Hughes Corporation – Report

- An update was presented. See presentation.

F) **Planning Committee**

P. Kennell

- 1) National Disaster Resiliency Competition, NYC Phase II Application – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Lower Manhattan Resiliency & Sustainability – Report
 - Update on application for National Resiliency competition grant.
- 3) Ben Strauss, Ph.D., Vice President for Sea Level and Climate Impacts, Climate Central – Report
 - Discussed impact of climate change on lower Manhattan.

G) **Tribeca Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

- 1) 93 Worth Street, application for a Board of Standards and Appeals special permit for a Physical Culture establishment for 93 Worth Street Gym, LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 281 Broadway, application for a Board of Standards and Appeals special permit for a Physical Culture establishment for CrossFit TriBeCa – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Application to rename the block of Sixth Avenue from Franklin Street to White Street to Avenue of the Americas – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 18 In Favor 140 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 349 Greenwich Street, application for restaurant liquor license for 349 Greenwich Street Restaurant LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 20 Warren Street, application for tavern liquor license for 20 Killarney Tavern Corp. d/b/a Tara of Tribeca – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 221 West Broadway, application for sidewalk cafe for North of Houston LLC d/b/a White Street – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 24 In Favor 8 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) 221 West Broadway, application for alteration of restaurant liquor license to permit use of a sidewalk cafe for North of Houston LLC d/b/a White Street – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 24 In Favor 8 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) 211 West Broadway, application for new liquor license for Maman Tribeca LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) 175 Franklin Street, application for restaurant liquor license for entity to be formed by Jean Dupuy – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 9 In Favor 21 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) Volunteer at Hudson River Park’s Submerge: NYC Marine Science Festival, Saturday, Oct. 3rd, 2015, Hudson River Park’s Pier 26 – Report
 - Please volunteer.
- 11) MBPO Tribeca Small Business Roundtable, September 16, 2015, 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Report
 - Ahmed Tigani of the MBPO announced the event.

H) **Financial District Committee** E. Sheffe

- 1) Proposed Expansion of No Vending Zone – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Street Co-Naming application, submitted by Bowling Green Association, to co-name Bowling Green Plaza as 1783 Evacuation Day Plaza – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 5 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) NEC Barclay St. and West Broadway, application for a newsstand – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 130 Water Street, application for a wine and beer license for New Water Café, Inc. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 108 Greenwich Street, application for a liquor license for Suspenders and Belt LLC, d/b/a Suspenders Restaurant – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 1 Battery Park Plaza, application for a wine and beer license for Coffee House Holdings, Inc, d/b/a Starbucks Coffee #7244 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 26 In Favor 4 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) 55 Broad Street, application for a wine and beer license for Coffee House Holdings, Inc, d/b/a Starbucks Coffee #7416 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) Governors Island Alliance Activities – Report

- Need more board members.

9) Broadway Reconstruction Project – Report

- Two year project.

10) Earth Matter – Report

- Lots of composting and clean-up projects.

I) **Youth & Education Committee**

P. Hovitz

1) School Register Numbers – Report

- Only PS 276 has a waitlist.

2) Status of new school in Financial District – Report

- Unknown status.

3) Update on Peck Slip street closure and safety procedures – Report

- Discussed above.

4) Need for crossing guards at each Downtown school – Report

- Discussed above.

5) 2015 CB1 exam scores – Report

- Thanked Tom Goodkind for 14 years of test reports. CB1 does well.

J) **Battery Park City Committee**

A. Notaro

1) Ritz-Carlton Hotel residents report by Sol Reischer – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 28 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) BPC Parks Conservancy – Report

- Skipped

3) Battery Park City Authority – Report

- Skipped

4) BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol – Report

- Skipped

V. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VI. **New Business**

- 1) Elizabeth Berger Plaza renovation – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:15pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary