

MONTHLY MEETING

DATE: Tuesday, October 27, 2015
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: 4 WTC (150 Greenwich Street) 68th floor

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

I. Public Session

- 1) Dan Rogoski
 - Please support application for bus stop for tour bus at 200 Water Street.
- 2) Charles Eshelman (Harley Davidson at 376 Plaza)
 - Harley Davison dealership is occupying portions of plaza that he believes is required to be open public space.
- 3) Yume Kitasei
 - Please see written update which has been distributed.
 - Welcomed Reggie Thomas to CB1.
- 4) Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
 - Working on community garden issues.
 - Provided timeline for community board application process for 2016 appointments.
 - Working on landmarks preservation issues.
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- 5) Maryam Abdul-Aleem (Assemblymember Debra Glick)
 - Please see written newsletter which has been distributed.
 - The Assembly Member is organizing a forum on bird safety. CB1 is a co-sponsor.
 - The Assembly Member continues to work on the crossing guard issue and is helping to put together a meeting with other stakeholders.
- 6) Ranger Jim

- Please visit nearby National Parks in the area.
- 7) Vera Silver and Will Bennett (Related Management)
- Announced lottery for affordable housing units at 456 Washington Street.
- 8) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)
- Working on foster care reform issues.
- 9) Andrea Bender (Senator Daniel Squadron)
- Released study which includes information about conditions of subway stations in Lower Manhattan.
 - Working on the GENDA bill to advance transgender rights.
 - Please see written report.

Welcome:

- 1) Janno Lieber, President, World Trade Center Properties, an affiliate of Silverstein Properties
- Thanked CB1 and its leadership.
 - Remarkable progress has been made on rebuilding WTC. Greenwich Street is now open.
 - Proud of work with CB1. Wants to include the community in decision making.
 - News Corp. may move to the WTC.
 - Gave a presentation describing about what is happening at the World Trade Center site.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 6:20pm, EDT.

- A) Adoption of September 2015 minutes
- Adopted as presented
- B) Chairperson's Report
- Please see the report at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20report%20october%202015.pdf> . A few highlights:
 - CB1 signed onto a letter of support for New York City's Application to the National Disaster Resilience Competition (NDRC) to Secretary Julián Castro, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development because both Battery Park City and Tribeca will now be included in the City's NDRC Application Phase II submission so that the "Manhattan Tip" will match the engineering study area Request for Proposal released several weeks ago.

- Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) approved Howard Hughes Corporation's proposed Pier 17 project modifications for Certificate of Appropriateness including the removal of the previously proposed roof-top canopy, demolition of the Link Building and the Pier 17 building head house, completion of the western facade of the Pier 17 building with the same channel glass that was previously approved for the balance of the Pier 17 building currently under construction, mechanical screen on top of the Pier 17 building, and improvements to the access drive serving the Pier 17 building.
- Welcome to Reggie Thomas, CB1's new board member; Pat Moore will be his mentor.
- Andrew Zelter has been appointed to the Hudson River Park Trust Advisory Council representing the Downtown Little League.

C) District Manager's Report

- A monitor and chairs have been purchased and installed in the CB1 meeting room. These purchases were made possible by a grant from Councilmember Margaret Chin.
- A list of CB1 members has been provided to front desk security staff in the south lobby at One Centre Street to expedite entry to meetings. A memo explaining the security protocol was sent to all CB1 members and public members, whose names are on the list that has been provided.
- Cammie Flippen, New CB1 Community Planning Fellow was introduced.

III. Committee Reports

A) Battery Park City Committee – N. Segarra

1) Status of tenants in Battery Park City rental buildings – Report

- Representatives of New York State Housing and Community Renewal met with the committee and provided information about rent-regulated buildings in BPC. They agreed to provide written data to CB1 following the meeting about buildings in BPC that are required to restrict rent increases in return for tax abatements received.

2) Battery Park City Authority Capital Projects – Report

- Completing work and then Brookfield will take over at Brookfield Place.
- Senator Daniel Squadron will present at next meeting regarding his proposal for the city to take over responsibilities for management of BPC.

3) Tunnel to Towers Run – Report

- The event ran more smoothly this year. The organizers will attend a committee meeting in coming months to discuss further improvements for next year.

B) Quality of Life Committee – P. Moore

- 1) 200 Water Street, application for proposed bus stop location – Resolution in opposition
Passed
BOARD VOTE: 23 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) City Council Sanitation Committee Hearing for Int. 377 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 26 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
- 3) NYC Department of Transportation construction update – Report
 - There were issues with night construction.
- 4) NYC Parks Street Tree Planting Program update – Report
 - Nine trees will be planted by Parks Department in CB1 this year. Call 311 to request a tree at a particular location.
- 5) NYC Smoke-Free – Report
 - Education for kids to learn about the dangers of cigarette smoking.

C) **Landmarks Committee- R. Byrom**

- 1) Landmarks Preservation Commission Designation Backlog – Resolutions *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 28 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
 - 315 Broadway (1989)
 - 143 Chambers Street (1989)
 - Excelsior Power Company Building, 33-43 Gold Street (1977)
- 2) Pier 17 – Report
- 3) Tribeca Trust Request – Report

D) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee – M. Pasanella**

- 1) Hearing: Two Years After the SIRR Report: The State of Coastal Storm Resiliency in the City, October 22, 2015 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) FEMA High-Water Marks at the Seaport and Battery – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 11 Fulton Street, application for restaurant liquor license for iPic-Gold Class Entertainment, LLC d/b/a iPic Theaters – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 27 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 1 Recused

4) New Market & Tin Buildings – Report

- Behind schedule. Current estimates is for mid-January completion.

5) Howard Hughes Corporation Landmarks Preservation Commission review – Report

E) **Planning Committee – P. Kennell**

P. Kennell

1) World Trade Center update – Report

- Increased leasing at 1 WTC.
- Testing lights at night. Floors in the main hall will be heated. Working on pedestrian flow. Entrances will open soon.
- Pavers being added to Liberty Park.
- Hoping for 2016 opening for the park.
- Getting updates on pedestrian bridge.
- Getting updates on church construction progress.
- Westfield is fully leased.

2) Friends of Downtown Parks NYC – Report

- A CB2 member attended to discuss an organization that has formed to improve parks below 14th Street. Ideas about how CBs 1, 2 and 3 can work together to improve parks were discussed. See www.greenbelow14.org for more details.

F) **Tribeca Committee – E. Lewinsohn**

1) 50 Hudson Street a/k/a 88 Thomas Street, application for alteration of liquor license to permit later closing hours and to expand into basement for Emporio 50 LLC d/b/a Bar Cyrk NYC – Resolutions *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 185 Duane Street, application for a renewal of a liquor license for the Hideaway – Resolution *Passed*

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

3) Reconstruction of Vestry Street from Hudson Street to Varick Street – Report

- The project was presented. It is a one block project and is not expected to have significant impacts on neighbors.

4) Hudson River Park Trust Advisory Council – Report

- The Tribeca Committee Co-Chairs attended a Hudson River Park Trust forum regarding planning for Pier 26. They will report back to the committee at next month's meeting.

5) 376 Broadway plaza – Report

- Privately-owned public spaces in the district were surveyed. A map was prepared.
- 376 Broadway was left out. It does not have any signage to indicate that it is a public plaza. The Harley Davidson dealership there appears to be violating the law by using portions of the plaza for commercial purposes. Michael Levine is in touch with the Department of City Planning which is working with the Department of Buildings to issue a summons. It is not clear whether the dealership is aware of a requirement to keep the plaza open as public space.

G) **Financial District Committee – R. Sheffe**

- 1) Dutch Street request for implementation of street cleaning – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 11 Hanover Square, application for a restaurant liquor license for 11 Hanover Group LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Dog off-leash rules at The Battery – Report
 - 76 Parks allow off-lease hours for dogs. BPC does not. Conversation postponed.
- 4) Movie filming in the Financial District – Report
 - Skipped

H) **Youth & Education Committee – P. Hovitz**

- 1) Street Crossing Guards – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
- 2) Church Street School Proposal for LMDC Settlement Funds – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused
- 3) Manhattan Youth Downtown Community Center Proposal for LMDC Settlement Funds – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 2 Recused
- 4) 75 Morton Street Alliance Envisioning Meeting for new Morton St Middle School, November 2 (time and location TBD) – Report
 - There is a need for more middle schools in lower Manhattan.
- 5) Food carts on school sidewalks – Report

- There were two carts blocking the intersection in front of PS 234. NYCDOT assisted. The carts are gone.

I) **Street Fair Task Force – D. Charkoudian**

1) Sponsorship of Street Fairs for Fundraising by CB 1 in 2016 – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 2015 Community Board One street fairs – Report

- Proceeds have decreased from prior years due to restrictions imposed by the City Street Activity Permit Office.

J) **Worth Street Reconstruction Task Force – B. Ehrmann**

1) Report

- The discussion with Department of Design and Construction, the lead agency for the project, was contentious.

Treasurer's Report

- Report was distributed.

IV. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

V. **New Business**

1) Allowable Construction Hours and Noise Limitations on Worth Street Project –
Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 7:52pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, secretary.