

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 2016

DATE: Tuesday, April 26, 2016
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Governor's Island Ferry Terminal
10 South Street

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

Public Session

1. Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- The Assembly Member continues to work on issues pertaining to schools in the district.

2. Andrew Hamingson (Lower Manhattan Cultural Council)

- Introduced himself as new LMCC President. He took office 2 months ago.
- River to River festival begins in June with many events in a variety of locations. The first performance will take place on June 15.

3. Assemblymember Alice Cancel

- Introduced herself as the newly elected Assemblymember.
- Will work to make the government more supportive of community needs.
- Intends to work with other elected officials to increase residential representation on the BPCA board.

4. Eric Mayo (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- DOT Lower Manhattan Commissioner's office is expected to be discontinued soon. The Senator is seeking a way to continue some of its functions.
- May 15 from 2-5pm is the Senator's annual Community Convention.
- Bruce Ehrmann thanked Senator Squadron for his efforts following the Tribeca crane collapse.

5. Jenna Jaffe (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Supportive of email privacy legislation that passed the House.
- Working with authorities on NRDC funding.

6. Morris Chan (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Welcomed new CB1 members.
- Encourages people to wear denim for Denim Day.

7. Paul Borri (Light Pollution)

- There is a light pollution problem that is the subject of a resolution passed by the Quality of Life Committee.

8. Nick Sbordone (Battery Park City Authority)

- Introduced himself to CB1 as new BPCA Director of Communications & Public Affairs.
- Calendar of summer events has been released.

9. Dan Campanelli (Comptroller Scott Stringer)

- Report released on small business red tape.
- Report released on millennials.

10. Artee Seemangal (Department of Consumer Affairs – Commuter Benefits)

- Companies with over 20 employees must now offer commuter transit benefits.

11. Ranger Jim (National Parks Service)

- Please visit the area's national parks.

12. Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)

- Explained the role of the Public Advocate.
- Spoke about gun control.
- Discussed affordable housing.

13. Roxanne Early (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- A hearing has been scheduled for the Water Street text amendment.
- Received clarification from federal government that \$100 million in resiliency funds will go to CB1

14. Paul Newell

- Thanked Catherine McVay Hughes for service to CB1.

15. Robert Townley (Community Awards May 12)

- Honoring Catherine McVay Hughes and students for community service at upcoming awards event.

16. Frances Curtis (Statement on Mayor's Preliminary Budget)

- More funding is needed for the New York City public health system.

17. Carrie Roble (Hudson River Parks Programs)

- Discussed summer programs in Hudson River Park.

18. Tim Mukherjee, George Rush, Carolyn Bekkedahl, David Bernath, Eric Knowles, John Willenbecher, Shirley Irons (Buddha Bar)

- Opposed to Buddha Bar liquor license application.

19. Evan Berman (Beach Street Event)

- Thank you for your support of proposed event on Beach Street.

20. Ro Sheffe (Thank You)

- Thanked his former colleagues on CB1 for their work.

Guest Speaker

Leslie Koch, President, Trust for Governors Island

- Welcomed CB1
- There will be grills and hills on Governors Island
- Showed progress on Governors Island refurbishing

Business Session

A) Adoption of March 2016 minutes

- Passed and adopted as presented

B) Chairperson's Report

- Catherine McVay Hughes will be stepping down as Chair of CB1
- The Chairperson's Report can be found at:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20April%202016%20report.pdf>. A few highlights:
- Welcome to five new volunteer CB1 members appointed by Borough President Brewer. They will be joining the following committees and will have the following mentors:

- Charlotte Soehner (Youth and Education and Quality of Life); Fern Cunningham
- Laura Starr (Financial District and Planning); Marco Pasanella
- Elizabeth Goody (Battery Park City and Planning); Kathleen Gupta
- Manuel Romero (Tribeca and Youth & Education); Elizabeth Lewinsohn
- Vikram Lulla (Financial District and Quality of Life); Pat Moore
- \$100MM that City put in for Lower Manhattan's Natural Disaster Recovery Competition (NDRC) will now be allocated only south of Brooklyn Bridge for CB1's "Manhattan Tip," according to Mayor's Office of Recovery and Resiliency.
- 75 Morton School – NYC Department of Education (DOE) announced that the new West Village Middle School's Zone will include Lower Manhattan after months of debate. A final DOE-proposed zone map includes elementary schools P.S. 89 and P.S. 276 in Battery Park City, and P.S. 234 in TriBeCa.
- Battery Park City Authority deployed Allied Barton Ambassadors to PS/IS 89 and PS/IS 276 during morning drop off and afternoon dismissal times – this deployment of resources was in direct response to a CB1 request. This assistance serves as a supplement to school crossing guard services, which more actively help children cross intersections and control traffic flow around schools.
- Michael Ketring and Patrick Kennell have been appointed as Parliamentarian and Co-Parliamentarian, respectively.

District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- CB1 will get two high school interns through the Summer Youth Employment Program following Lucy Acevedo's attendance at a recent event for prospective interns.
- Amended Buddha Bar resolution being passed out.

Treasurer's Report – J. Kopel

- Nothing major to report. Treasurer's report was emailed to members

Committee Reports

A) **Nominating Committee** – S. Cole

1) Selection of Committee Chair – Report

- There will be CB1 elections in 2016 and in accordance with CB1 bylaws, they will be held in June.

B) Discussion of Candidates for Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer – Report

- Some CB1 members have expressed interest in running for officer positions and board members may decide to run until the May board meeting when the list of candidates must be finalized.

C) **Personnel Committee** – R. Byrom

1) Paid parental leave – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Discussion of operations of CB1 Office – Report

- The Personnel Committee continues its efforts to help the CB1 office function as well as possible.

3) Land Use Consultant – Report

- The Borough President's Office has all the documents needed to process the contract for our Land Use Consultant, which it must do before it goes to the Comptroller's office for registration. There was a discussion and concern expressed about the timeframe for this phase of the process.

D) **Quality of Life Committee** - P. Moore

1) Request to establish a construction coordinator for the Lower Manhattan community – Resolution *Passed*

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

2) Light pollution – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 1 Opposed 3 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Construction Forum – Report

- The Committee will set a date soon.
- BP will invite the agencies and help to organize.

E) **Joint Quality of Life and Financial District Committees** - P. Moore/S. Cole

1) Proposed City Council legislation to license ticket vendors – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

F) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** - M. Pasanella

1) Development in the Seaport area – Resolution *Passed*

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

2) Street Activity Permit Office application for 4th of July Pig Roast, Friday, August 5, 2016, Maiden Lane between South Street and Water Street – Resolution *Failed*

BOARD VOTE: 17 In Favor 14 Opposed 9 Abstained 1 Recused

- 3) 21 Peck Slip, application for modification of a sidewalk café license for Acqua Restaurant – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 4) 212 Front Street, application for change in method of operation for a restaurant liquor license – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) 78 South Street, request for one-time alteration of hours for Watermark – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 6) Future of Brooklyn Banks – Report

G) **Planning Committee** - D. Switaj

- 1) 375 Pearl Street, Notice of Intent to Acquire Office Space by Human Resources Administration – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) World Trade Center Quarterly Update – Report

- Visitor numbers have exceeded expectations.
- Oculus is open.
- Transportation systems are about to come online.

- 3) Performing Arts Center World Trade Center – Report

- 4) Silverstein Properties Update – Report

- Looking for new tenants

- 5) Retail at World Trade Center Transportation Hub – Report

- A navigation app is likely going to be created.
- Many components are coming online soon.

- 6) 9/11 Memorial & Museum – Report

- 25 million visitors.
- 4,000 runners for the 5k.

H) **Tribeca Committee** - A. Blank/J. Ehrlich

- 1) 404 Broadway, application for liquor license for Chipotle Mexican Grill – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) JCP sidewalk Sukkah street activity permit application for Duane Street between Church Street and West Broadway, October 14, 2016 8 a.m. – October 26, 2016 8 p.m. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) Chabad of Tribeca, street activity permit application for Reade Street between Broadway and Church Street, Sunday, September 18, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) Street activity permit for Church Street School, Sunday, May 22, 2016 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Warren Street between West Broadway and Greenwich – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 5) 70 Vestry Street, application for City Planning Commission Special Permit to allow a 42 space accessory parking garage – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 6) 62 Thomas Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Elmwood Venture LLC d/b/a Buddha Bar – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) Street Activity Permit application by Transportation Alternatives, October 5, 2016 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Beach Street between Collister and Greenwich Streets – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) 325 Broadway, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Wichcraft – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) 251 Church Street, application for new sidewalk cafe at Two Hands Tribeca LLC – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) The Flea Theater – Report
 - Opening soon.

- 11) Worth Street Reconstruction Project – Report
 - Expected to start in May.

- 12) TD Five Borough Bike Tour temporary street closures – Report

- A representative of the race attended the Tribeca Committee meeting and said she would pass along to the organizers the committee’s request that the sound be kept down as much as possible early in the morning in residential communities.

I) **Financial District Committee** - S. Cole

- 1) 70 Pine Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a special permit to allow a physical culture establishment – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 99 Church Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a special permit to allow a physical culture establishment – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 10 Murray Street, application for restaurant wine & beer license for Vidhan Bhatt Inc. – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 20 Maiden Lane/51 Nassau Street, application for hotel/restaurant liquor license for HCIN Maiden Hotel Lessee, LLC d/b/a Holiday Inn Wall Street – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 120 Church Street, application for restaurant wine, beer & cider license application for SRG Church Street LLC d/b/a Schnippers – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 32 Pearl Street, application for hotel liquor license for 44 Pearl Street Lessee LLC, Hersha d/b/a Hampton Inn Pearl Street – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) 75 Maiden Lane, application for restaurant liquor license for an entity to be formed by Jason Francisco – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) The Battery Conservancy – Report
- 9) Restoration of Vietnam Veterans Plaza – Report

- See PowerPoint.

J) **Landmarks Committee** - B. Ehrmann

- 1) 70 Pine Street, application for signage – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 37 Harrison Street, application to legalize and bring into code compliance back porch – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 3) Remembering Peter Stanford, founder of South Street Seaport Museum – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 4) Historical Map of Lower Manhattan – Report

- 5) 346 Broadway Clock Tower – Report

K) **Youth & Education Committee** - P. Hovitz

- 1) Breakfast in the Classroom – Report

- 2) School Crossing Guard Letter from Assemblymember Deborah Glick – Report

L) **Battery Park City Committee** - A. Notaro

- 1) Thanked Catherine McVay Hughes for service to CB1.

- 2) Wagner Park redesign and community input – Resolution *Passed*

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

- 3) Public Comments at Battery Park City Authority Board Meetings – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 2 Opposed 2 Abstained 1 Recused

- The resolution passed expressing support for a letter from local elected officials requesting a public comment period at BPCA board meetings.

- 4) The Skyscraper Museum – Report

- 5) BPCA permit request for 2016 – Report

- 6) Allied Barton Ambassadors – Report

- 7) BPC Community Center Affordability – Report

- 8) Zoning for Morton Street School – Report

- 9) Response to NYS Homes and Community Renewal FOIL request – Report

V. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VI. **New Business**

No New Business to report.

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:50pm, EDT.
Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.