



COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 1

James A. Stratton
Chairperson

CITY OF NEW YORK



Paul Goldstein
District Manager

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING
HELD
JULY 26, 1988
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

This meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James A. Stratton.

Public Session

Bill Brand - Tribeca Task Force - Concerned about the lack of open active recreation space for children over 5 years old. Would like to insure input in the development of sites 5B & 5C because the City is planning to build a commercial tower on the site. While the school playground is not a total solution, he would like it open when the school is closed.

Gary Tenenbaum - Recreation Supervisor, Department of Parks and Recreation - Announced the Parks Department has agreed to open and maintain the school playground to give children the opportunity to play sports when the school is closed. He supports allowing children to use this space.

Dennis Pantzer - President, Washington Market Community Park - Spoke in support of keeping the school yard at P.S. 234 open for use by older children.

Stan Aronoff - Department of Parks and Recreation - Expressed pride in working with the Community Board; complimented Paul Goldstein as District Manager, and supports the community in making a success of the school yard at P.S. 234.

Carl Teitelbaum - 54 White Street - Opposed to the addition over 55 White Street because the purchase of air rights gives the owner as-of-right development with insufficient limit on height.

David Cooper - Broadway/Franklin Block Association - Concerned about impact of construction on surrounding buildings of new building going up at 374 Broadway. Opposed to the height, the building's population density and the location of open space in the back.

Robert Bellinger - NY Public Library - Expressed thanks to Community Board #1 for obtaining needed funds for the library; he is looking forward to its opening.

Art Piccolo - Bowling Green Association - Opposed to the proposal for an office tower at South Ferry and supports instead a new, enlarged ferry terminal. Distributed a written statement.

Marcy Benstock - Clean Air Campaign - Stated that environmental groups are opposing Battery Park City's application to construct a platform along the northern edge of the landfill. The normal review process would require an EIS.

Presentations:

55 White Street - Virginia Millhiser, owner and Ted Liebman, architect - Gave a presentation on a proposed residential structure of 100 units to be built over the 5 story building at 55 White Street made allowable through the purchase of air rights of adjacent properties.

111-115 Broadway - David Roessler, representing the owner - Gave a presentation on alterations to be made on the sidewalk level to bring the pair of 20 story, Neo-gothic buildings located on Broadway (and separated by Thames Street) back to the original design. Renovation and restoration require approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Executive Session:

The Minutes of the monthly meeting held June 14th, 1988 were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Manfred Ohrenstein - State Senator - Congratulated Anne Compocchia on a wonderful job as Board Chairperson and Jim Stratton as new Chairperson. Discussed development along the Hudson riverfront and the replacement roadway on the west side. This project is not subject to the ULURP process because this is State land. He is opposed to private development along the river and supports the investment of public funds to develop parkland along the river. An entity responsible for planning the replacement road has been created. Appointments of seven individuals have been made by the Governor, Mayor and Borough President. An "Anti-landfill Bill" which would require community input and public review has yet to be passed. Opposition to the bill is coming from construction unions.

Miriam Friedlander - City Councilmember - Discussed changes in the community due to the growth of its residential population. Congratulated the Board on its accomplishment in building a school, landmarking issues, the library, response by City agencies to community needs and support of small cultural and arts groups. Opposes the use of the prison barge which is slated to be moved to Pier 40. Asking Council leadership to look into development of luxury housing proposed for East River Landing. The City is funding a study at a cost of \$2,600,000 which should be conducted instead by private developers. This kind of use of City funds should be challenged.

Barbara Kloberdanz - Representative of City Council President Andrew Stein - Congratulated Anne Compocchia on her accomplishments as Board Chairperson. Pleased that funds for the library were reinstated into the budget. Andrew Stein is creating pressure for changes in the Emergency Medical Services. The Mayor's Office will investigate the number of delays in response to calls by the EMS.

Cary Hoyt - Representative of Congressman Ted Weiss - Distributed the current newsletter.

Borough President's Report - Michael Kharfen - Announced the City budget has been adopted. The Borough President is pleased and proud to have helped secure funds for the library and replacement of funds for

other services in the community. The Deputy Mayor will commit space for parking of tour buses to alleviate the situation at the Seaport. Barbara Fife has been appointed by the Borough President to the planning entity for the replacement highway on the West Side. Distributed the monthly "By-Line."

District Manager's Report - Paul Goldstein - Reported on the following items:

1. Baseline Bar, 21 Hudson, has been closed.
2. Tour buses at Seaport - after much prodding, sufficient space has been allocated for the parking of tour buses under FDR Drive.
3. Library fundraising campaign - businesses have contributed \$125,000 and residents have contributed \$1,200. The goal is to raise \$300,000.
4. Food vendors - Mayor has cracked down on food vendors - 5 blocks in Community Board #1 have been restricted to vendors.
5. Resource directory - information to be included in a revised directory should be submitted to the Board office. The last edition was published seven years ago.

Chairperson's Report - Jim Stratton - Congratulated Anne Compocchia for her achievements as Board Chairperson. A small reception was held before the meeting. He presented her with a oversized gavel inscribed: "In appreciation for your work and the wit and humor you exercised in carrying out your duties."

Jim discussed the committee structure. Ad hoc task forces will be established to deal with issues that are of concern to more than one committee. Rather than having joint meetings of the entire membership of the combined committees, specific committee representatives will be designated.

Resolutions should be prepared by committee chairs and submitted to the office in advance of monthly meetings. Any relevant historic facts, data and previous Board positions should be highlighted so that time does not have to be dedicated to updating the Board members each month with regard to ongoing issues.

Changes in committee chairpersons include:

Washington Market - Kathryn Freed
Battery Park City - Linda Belfer
Youth - Mafa Edards
Traffic and Transportation - Anne Compocchia
(combined with old Uniform
Services)

Committee Reports

Note: Please find resolutions at end of the Minutes.

Youth Committee - Mafa Edwards announced the creation of a Child Abuse Task Force; it is scheduled to meet August 18th at Beekman Hospital. Three Committee resolutions were presented for the Board's approval

1. Use of P.S. 234 play yard after school hours and on weekends. The resolution was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 2 opposed and 1 abstention. A motion to amend to limit the use of the play yard to "appropriately supervised use" was defeated by a hand vote of 5 in favor, 21 opposed and 3 abstentions. The motion was made by Alan Howard and seconded by Howard Hertzberg.
2. Resolution requesting Permission to use space at P.S. 234 for the Puppet Loft's afterschool program was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
3. Resolution commending action taken by the Board of Health at its June meeting to insure adequate adult supervision in early childhood classes was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstentions.

Social Services Committee - Maureen Flatley reported the contract has not been signed for space at 42 Beaver Street for a drop-in center for the homeless. Renovations to the space have been stopped pending the signing of a contract. A survey of service needs for seniors in Lower Manhattan will be undertaken shortly.

Landmarks, Arts & Cultural Affairs - Hal Bromm reported that a panel has been set up to select art to be incorporated into the new Stuyvesant High School.

Two committee resolutions were presented with regard to Landmarks Preservation:

1. Resolution regarding 111 & 115 Broadway, application for a certificate of Appropriateness to the Landmarks Preservation Commission was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
2. Resolution regarding a proposal to alter the landmark building at 55 White Street was tabled to allow further discussion by appropriate committees. A request will be made to Landmarks Preservation Commission to hold this item open for comment. A motion to table was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 9 opposed and 2 abstentions. In addition to the proposed alternations, the question of the amount of air-rights which can be purchased to give the owner an as-of-right increase to the height of a building concerns the Board.

Jenny Dixon presented a resolution regarding the Temporary ~~installation of the decorative treatment of a street light pole.~~ The resolution approving the installation for a period of one month was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 1 opposed and 5 abstentions.

Battery Park City Committee - Joe Ritorto - Gary Deane and Michael Ketring of the Battery Park City Authority gave a slide presentation on the proposed platform to be installed along the northern edge of the landfill. The platform is necessary for safety reasons, i.e. to allow access by the Fire Department to the back of the proposed Stuyvesant High School. The River has previously been declared "non-navigable" as far north as the Holland Tunnel. Since the platform will be constructed over the rocks which form the "ripp-rapp" edge of the landfill, BPCA feels that no permit is required.

The resolution to ratify a letter dated June 27th, 1988 to the Army Corp of Engineers in support of the Battery Park City Authority application which had been authorized by the Executive Committee. The resolution, which also urged the Battery Park City Authority to extend the platform west to allow land, already mapped as "parkland," to be made useable for this purpose while not consenting to further expansion of the property-line of Battery Park City was discussed at length.

At 9:15 a quorum call was made by Harold Donohue and seconded by Jenny Dixon.

The meeting was adjourned because there were only 22 Board members present.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, JULY 26, 1988

PRESENT

Barry Abramowitz
Iris Alex
Hal Bromm
Howard Chan
Margaret Chin
Anne Compoccia
Sid Coron
Charles Delaney
Louis Desalvio
Jenny Dixon
Harold Donohue
Mafa Edwards
Kathryn Freed
Charles Gaines
Sasha Greene
Kathleen Gupta
Meyer Hager
Howard Hertzberg
Alan Howard
Martin Joffe
Joseph Lerner
Joseph Lofaso
Lloyd Merrill
Barbara Minsky
Ronnie Moskowitz
Madeline Pantzer
Ralph Pepe
Una Perkins
Christopher Poussaint
Joseph Ritorto
Barbara Sahlman
Margaret Sentner
James Stratton
Fred Teng
Madeline Wils

EXCUSED

Miriam Behrstock
Linda Belfer
Sasha Greene
George Keller
Roland Peracca
Bert Rovics
Randolf Warsager

ABSENT

Margaret Fung
Joel Gibson
Donald Rappaport
Michael Joseph Reed
Jo Ellen Sheffield

GUESTS

M. Kharfen, Hon. D. Dinkins
Hon. M. Friedlander
B. Green, Hon. W. Passannante
Hon. W. Green,
B. Kloberdanz, Hon. A. Stein
Cary Hoyt, Hon. T. Weiss
S. Pinto, Comp. H. Goldin
P. Dillon, Public Member

COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

YOUTH
7-7-88

PRESENT

Howard Chan
Mafa Edwards
Kathleen Gupta
Una Perkins
Randolf Warsager

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Rev. Joel Gibson
Harold Donohue

EXECUTIVE
7-11-88

PRESENT

Harold Donohue
Maureen Flatley
Roland Peracca
Margaret Sentner
James Stratton

EXCUSED

Linda Belfer

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz
Anne Compocchia
Jenny Dixon
Kathryn E. Freed
Kathleen Gupta
George Keller
Lloyd Merrill
Donald Rappaport

FINANCIAL DISTRICT
7-14-88

PRESENT

Margaret Chin
Martin Joffe
George Keller
Ralph Pepe
Christopher Poussaint
Joseph Ritorto

EXCUSED

Roland Peracca

ABSENT

Charles Delaney
Louis Desalvio
Barbara Minsky
Margaret Sentner
Fred Teng

WASHINGTON MARKET
7-18-88

PRESENT

Hal Bromm
Kathryn Freed
Alan Howard
Madeline Pantzer
Ralph Pepe
Barbara Sahlman
James Stratton

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz
Harold Donohue
Martin Joffe
Ronnie Moskowitz

COMMITTEE MEETING
ATTENDANCE FOR JULY

CIVIC CENTER
7-19-88

PRESENT
Maureen Flatley
Charles Gaines
Lloyd Merrill

EXCUSED
Iris Alex
Louis DeSalvio
Joseph Lofaso

ABSENT
Margaret Fung
Howard Hertzberg
Martin Joffe
Jo Ellen Sheffield

BATTERY PARK CITY
7-20-88

PRESENT
Linda Belfer
Hal Bromm
Mafa Edwards
Joseph Ritorto
Margaret Sentner

EXCUSED
Sid Coron
Madelyn Wils

ABSENT
Howard Chan
Kathryn Freed
Roland Peracca
Donald Rappaport
James Stratton

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS/LANDMARKS
7-21-88

PRESENT
Iris Alex
Hal Bromm
Jenny Dixon

EXCUSED
Una Perkins
Barbara Sahlman

ABSENT
Charles Delaney
Sasha Greene
Ronnie Moskowitz
Bert Rovics
Jo Ellen Sheffield
James Stratton
Fred Teng
Madeline Wils

TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORM SERVICES
7-25-88

PRESENT
Margaret Chin

EXCUSED
Hal Bromm

ABSENT
Barry Abramowitz
Sid Coron
Kathryn Freed
Joseph Lofaso
Donald Rappaport
Kenneth Spears
James Stratton