



James A. Stratton  
Chairperson

# COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK



Paul Goldstein  
District Manager

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF**  
**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1**  
**HELD**  
**MARCH 14TH, 1989**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING**  
**22 READE STREET**

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, James Stratton at 5:45 PM.

**Public Session:**

**Robert Smith** - Save the Piers - Spoke in opposition to the River Project resolution because it encourages landfill; suggested that the river edge should be remapped as wetlands and parklands.

**Bunny Gabel** - 72 Jane Street - Spoke in opposition to the River Project because it would upset the balance of the river.

**Andrew Bergen** - GAIS Institute - Expressed support for the River Project.

**Marcy Benstock** - Clean Air Campaign - Spoke in opposition to the River Project because it is an unnecessary and would result in landfill. The funding could be used for other worthwhile projects.

**Joe Baiamonte** - Seaport Coalition - Discussed the proposal by Metropolis Associates. Requested the proposed resolution be amended to assure that the South Street Historic District is preserved through restoration thus maintaining the character of district.

**Paul Sottnech** - 80 Lafayette Street - Discussed the flooding condition at Walker and Lafayette Streets. No response has been received to complaints filed with City agencies nor has this hazardous condition been repaired.

**Adrienne Morris** - Frances Travern Museum - Expressed the Museum's desire to be involved with the community.

**Carol Leber** - NOW - Announced a "March for Women" planned for April 9th.

**Bruce Adgate** - 375 South End Avenue - Spoke in opposition to State Bills S2454 and A3654 which will cut funds for youth programs and expressed support for the Youth Committee's resolution.

**Barbara Marks** - 25-27 Peck Slip - Discussed development planned by Metropolis Group. She opposes renovation which will exceed the height of adjacent buildings and change the skyline and character of the area.

**Paul Mankiewicz** - GAIA Institute - Spoke in support of the River Project's efforts to improve the river environment.

**Mark A. Siegal** - State Assemblyman - Submitted a resolution to be reviewed by the Board. It calls for funding a Five Year Capital Plan for School Construction and an increased allocation to maintain City schools in order to avoid annual fights for funds and to restore the schools to a sound condition. Funds received from the State Lottery are for operating needs not for investment in facilities.

**Executive Session:**

The minutes of the monthly meeting held February 14, 1989 were adopted as presented.

**Elected Officials-Reports:**

**Stephanie Pinto** - Representative of Comptroller Harrison J. Goldin - Reported on a walking tour of the Washington Market District. A letter has been written to the Landmarks Commission requesting that a hearing regarding the creation of a historic district be calendared very soon.

**Cary Hoyt** - Representative of Congressman Ted Weiss - Announced a community conference scheduled for April 2nd at Columbia University.

**Meg Reed** - Representative of State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein - Reported on the following issues:

- Hudson Habitat Bill - co-sponsored with State Senator Johnson, it would prohibit landfill and platforms in the Hudson River. The bill came out of Committee last week.
- Youth funding - no good news on money allocated for youth programs.
- River Project - The grant would enable continuous study and examination of uses for the riverfront. The Senator is not convinced that the opposition is right on this particular project.

**Miriam Friedlander** - City Council Member - Commented on the following:

- Sites 5B/5C - Opposed to tax abatements being granted to developers. Supports the use of the space for the community in view of the nearby schools.

- Drop-in-Center - Letter sent to the Mayor opposing cutting back the hours of operation to twenty from twenty-four hour.
- Mitchell-Lama - New regulations require families to move if family membership does not equal the size the residence accommodates; this affects three and four bedroom apartments. New residents will pay \$500 toward returning the apartment to its original condition.
- Recycling Bill - Opposes incinerators. Recycling will reduce services provided by the Sanitation Department.
- Youth Bill - The City Administration supports the right of Community Boards to select the Youth Coordinator.

#### Borough President's Report

**Michael Kharfen** - Representative of Borough President David Dinkins - Distributed the monthly "By-Line". The Borough President testified before the Landmarks Preservation Commission against 250 Water Street. A Hearing is scheduled on the City's hiring practices and on compensation for human services employees who work for non-profit organizations. The Borough President is concerned about the proposal to reduce operating hours at the drop-in-centers.

#### District Manager's Report

**Paul Goldstein** - Reported on the following items:

- Brothel at 44 Hudson Street - A legal case which was developed with the assistance of Corporation Counsel resulted in an eviction notice thus closing the brothel.
- PS 234 School yard - Will be open for use by children after school, weekends and holidays.
- Recreation - A meeting was held with the Director of Recreation for the Parks Department to develop specific outdoor recreation programs.
- District Cabinet Meeting - Police are patrolling below and above ground at the Nassau Street and the Canal Street subway stations because of high crime rate there.
- 250 Water Street - Testimony by over 600 individuals in opposition was presented at Landmarks Commission hearing.
- Map - Bob Williams produced a map of the Community Board #1 District deliniating development committee areas in color.
- Bogardus Triangle - Testimony in support will be given at a hearing to name the triangle at West Broadway and Hudson Street

**NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES**

**Committee Reports**

**Executive**

J. Stratton

The River Project proposal was presented by Kathy Drew, Director and marine biologist. The River Project operates out of the Oceanographic Station at Pier 26 and is primarily funded by the Hudson River Foundation. Its goals are: research, education and public outreach. The proposal, which does not require permits because it is compatible use, is to conduct a study over a period of two years of the growth of wetland grasses on an existing heap of rubble at the foot of Vesey Street.

Marcy Benstock of the Clean Air Campaign gave an opposing view of the project, focusing on the impact of putting anything in the river. She referred to studies conducted during the Westway Project and discussed newspaper articles on development at the river edge. She agreed with portions of the resolution relating to education and enjoyment of the river by the public.

Kathy Drew gave a one minute rebuttal to the opposition and requested support for the grant. The resolution was approved by the Board by a vote of 24 in favor, 7 opposed and 2 abstentions.

**Social Services**

M. Flatley

The Program Director of the Drop-in-Center, Rev. Winfield Peacock, reported on the success of the Center, now accommodating 75 to 85 people a day. He discussed the new policy directive, which would reduce hours of operation, as it was proposed by Gail Gordon of the Human Resources Administration. The new policy would require homeless to go to City shelters or be put out on the street. Rev. Peacock requested support in negotiations with City officials that they not put this directive into effect because many of the people who benefit from the Center are mentally ill. The committee resolution opposing HRA's new directive was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining.

**Youth**

M. Edwards

Reported that the Child Safety Workshop was extremely successful. The Workshop was organized by Randy Warsager. A committee resolution opposing State Bills S2454 and A3654 which would reduce funding of youth programs was approved by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstaining. The Committee will discuss a possible trip to Albany to protect against these budget cuts.

Library

R. Peracca

Additional funding is needed. Roland requested a donation from each Board member. An ad soliciting contributions was placed in the **Battery News** at a discounted rate. A name the library contest is also being conducted.

BPC/North Park Design

R. Peracca

Reported on a meeting held with David Emil of the BPCA. A member of the Community Board will sit ex-officio on the Battery Park City Art Committee. The Board will have an opportunity to review art proposed for installation. Gary Hack, architect, will resolve the safety concerns of the Board regarding installation of public art in the North Park.

Joe Ritorto made a motion that the Battery Park City processes and procedures be discussed by the Community Board. The motion was seconded by Alan Howard.

Civic Center

L. Merrill

A presentation on a proposal to renovate and preserve twelve existing buildings and construct two new structures was given by the Metropolis Group. The city-owned property, leased from the Seaport, will be renovated with an architectural design consistent with the neighborhood. Rooftop additions will increase bulk but are necessary to make the project viable. Lighting improvements and occupancy of the buildings will improve security in the area. Changes were made to the original designs as requested by the committee. A resolution in support of the Landmarks Preservation Commission granting a certificate of appropriateness was approved by the Board by a vote of 24 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

Reported on a meeting held with David Emil of the BPCA at which he updated the committee of the status of various projects. A YMCA-type facility is being planned. The committee will discuss details of the facility. The South Garden is being reviewed and studies are underway to determine if site is appropriate for the design. The Holocaust Museum will be moved one site north. RFP's are being issued they include community sailing activities for the South Cove. Maureen Ford gave a presentation on a proposal for a community sailing facility which she will independently venture with support of an organization. Her proposal is based on a facility established in Boston. A resolution supporting the concept of this type of facility at Battery Park City was approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Washington Market

K. Freed

Three committee resolutions were approved by the Board in opposition to the following issues:

- Sites 5B/5C - approved 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.
- Drexel Burnham Lambert - approved 18 in favor, 0 opposed and 3 abstentions.
- Hudson/Chambers Street Rezoning - approved 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING  
ATTENDANCE, MARCH 14, 1989

PRESENT

Iris Alex  
Linda Belfer  
Hal Bromm  
Canon Casson  
Margaret Chin  
Anne Compoocia  
Sidney Coron  
Louis DeSalvio  
Patricia Dillon  
Harold Donohue  
Maureen Flatley  
Kathryn Freed  
Charles Gaines  
Sasha Greene  
Kathleen Gupta  
Howard Hertzberg  
Alan Howard  
Joseph Lerner  
Lloyd Merrill  
Ronnie Moskowitz  
Madeline Pantzer  
Ralph Pepe  
Roland Peracca  
Una Perkins  
Christopher Poussaint  
Donald Rappaport  
Joseph Ritorito  
Barbara Sahlman  
Margaret Sentner  
James Stratton  
Barnet Sultzer  
Randy Warsager  
Robert Williams  
Madelyn Wils

EXCUSED

Charles Delaney  
Jenny Dixon  
Margaret Fung  
David Hupert  
George Keller  
Barbara Minsky  
Mafa Edwards

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz  
Howard Chan  
Joseph Cusenza  
Meyer Hager  
Martin Joffe  
Michael Reed  
Jo Ellen Sheffield  
Fred Teng

GUESTS

Hon. D. Dinkins, M. Kharfen  
Hon. H. Goldin, S. Pinto  
Hon. M. Ohrenstein, M. Reed  
Hon. W. Passannante, B. Green  
Hon. T. Weiss, C. Hoyt  
Hon. M. Friedlander, M. Singer  
George Sorell, Comm. Asst. Unit

COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH

BATTERY PARK CITY  
3-8-89

PRESENT

Linda Belfer  
Sidney Coron  
Hal Bromm  
Joseph Ritorto  
Margaret Sentner  
James Stratton  
Madelyn Wils  
Barnet Sultzer

EXCUSED

Donald Rappaport

ABSENT

Howard Chan  
Kathryn Freed

EXECUTIVE  
3-13-89

PRESENT

James Stratton  
Anne Compocchia  
Harold Donohue  
Mafa Edwards  
Maureen Flatley  
Margaret Sentner

EXCUSED

Roland Peracca

ABSENT

Linda Belfer  
Hal Bromm  
Jenny Dixon  
Kathryn Freed  
George Keller  
Lloyd Merrill

CIVIC CENTER  
3-9-89

PRESENT

Lloyd Merrill  
Charles Gaines  
Iris Alex  
Robert Williams

EXCUSED

Louis DeSalvio  
Maureen Flatley  
Margaret Fung

ABSENT

Howard Hertzberg  
Martin Joffe  
Jo Ellen Sheffield

LANDMARKS, ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS  
3-16-89

PRESENT

Jenny Dixon  
Iris Alex  
Kathleen Gupta  
Una Perkins  
Barbara Shalman

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Hal Bromm  
Anne Compocchia  
Charles Delaney  
Sasha Greene  
Jo Ellen Sheffield

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT  
3-21-89

PRESENT

Roland Peracca  
Madelyn Wils  
Hal Bromm  
Margaret Sentner  
Barbara Sahlman

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Mafa Edwards  
Kathryn Freed  
Madelyn Pantzer  
Jo Ellen Sheffield  
James Stratton  
Patricia Dillon

SOCIAL SERVICES  
3-22-89

PRESENT

Maureen Flatley  
Randy Warsager  
Sasha Greene  
Joseph Cuzensa

EXCUSED

Madelyn Wils

ABSENT

Meyer Hager

TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES  
3-27-89

PRESENT

Anne Compoccia  
Hal Bromm  
Margaret Chin  
Sidney Coron  
Kathryn Freed  
Barnet Sultzer

EXCUSED

David Hupert

ABSENT

Barry Abramowitz  
Joseph Lerner  
Donald Rappaport  
James Stratton  
Joseph Cuzensa

WASHINGTON MARKET  
3-9-89

PRESENT

Kathryn Freed  
Harold Donohue  
Alan Howard  
Madelyn Pantzer  
Ralph Pepe  
David Hupert  
Patricia Dillon

EXCUSED

ABSENT

Martin Joffe  
Barry Abramowitz  
Anne Compoccia  
Ronnie Moskowitz

YOUTH  
3-16-89

PRESENT  
Mafa Edwards  
Randy Warsager  
Harold Donohue  
Kathleen Gupta  
Una Perkins

EXCUSED

ABSENT  
Howard Chan

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