



COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK

Paul Goldstein
District Manager

James A. Stratton
Chairperson

**MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
MAY 8TH, 1990
22 READE STREET, SPECTOR HALL**

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

Public Hearing:

166 William Street, proposal by the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to open a residential facility for 14 adults

Ted Blauvelt - NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities presented the proposal for a group home for 14 adults now living in institutions. The residence will occupy the 3rd, 4th and 5th floors of the building and will be staffed round the clock. The building, at the corner of Beekman Street, has a restaurant on the ground floor. The State will make renovations to comply with city codes.

No speakers.

Public Session:

Presentations:

N/W/C Pearl Street and Park Row, proposal to name the area "Joseph Doherty Corner"

The presentation consisted of comments by the individuals listed below speaking in support of Joseph Doherty. Literature was distributed documenting the issues surrounding his case. He has been incarcerated for seven years as a political prisoner in the United States. He has won favorable judgements in every one of his court proceedings; yet he continues to be held without bail. The Justice Department is withholding his right to a political asylum hearing. The rule of law applied fairly brings about justice. In this case it has failed. The group is rallying around Doherty to uphold his Constitutional rights. His proponents have requested naming the street corner directly catty corner to the prison where he is held "Joseph Doherty Corner" to bring attention to this injustice. It is unconstitutional to hold a person in a cell without trial and without indictment. The goal of the group, which comprises individuals representing various organizations, is to free Joe Doherty. The individuals who spoke are:

- Lawrence Otway - Somerstein and Pike
- Carolyn B. Maloney - City Council Member
- Stanley Michaels - City Council Member
- Kathryn Mullen - Legal Aid Society
- John Downing - Braehan Law Society
- Rev. Jack Kennington - D.A.R.E., Archdiocese of New York

Irene McDonnell - Free John Doherty
Charles Hynes - Brooklyn District Attorney

Tribeca Park (Beach Street and Avenue of the Americas), proposal by the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Gottlieb Foundation to permanently install a sculpture by artist, Adolph Gottlieb

Sanford Hirsch - Gottlieb Foundation - gave a brief presentation on a steel cutout sculpture, 5 feet high and 8 feet long, to be given as a gift to the City and proposed to be permanently installed at this site.

"Bill of Rights", proposal by William Fulbrecht, artist, for a temporary installation at 5 sites

William Fulbrecht, artist - presented his proposal for a 6 month installation at 5 sites: Foley Square, two sites in City Hall Park, Hanover Square and the triangle at Edgar Place. The pieces consist of markers inscribed with text. The statements which relate to the first ten amendments, are intended to provoke thoughts about the Constitution. A brochure will be distributed at the Whitney Downtown Museum and Federal Hall. Approvals have been obtained from the Parks Department and the Department of Transportation. The installation is sponsored by the Public Art Fund.

153 Franklin Street, proposal for the temporary installation of "Cryptic Street Lamp" by James Garvey, artist

James Garvey, artist - presented his design which he proposes to install for a year. The design, based on a standard size street lamp, is an example of craftsmanship. A collection of 24 forged iron shields on the post represent the community. The lighting intensity of the lamp can be adjusted.

Battery Park City, proposed zoning text amendment to eliminate the mandatory arcade requirement in the south residential neighborhood

David Emil, Stephanie Gelb and David Esch - Battery Park City Authority - gave a slide presentation to illustrate the proposed zoning text changes. The amendment would eliminate the mandatory arcades on the west side of Battery Place. Since the existing arcades are not successful in giving life to the street, Battery Park City Authority would like instead to encourage the use of recesses. Arcades are limited to 12 feet and do not allow for "street furniture", plants or cafes. Recesses allow for 20 feet of usable covered space. The use of recesses would promote a street amenity by allowing awnings and decoration but with controls on signage. Design guidelines will be developed with a member of Community Board #1 serving on the committee.

Comments by Members of the Public

Jean Haldenstein - Resident of Battery Park City - Expressed concern about site 11. Site 11 has arcades on the north and on the east. Developers could request to fill in portions of the arcade if the zoning text is changed.

Renee Levine - Stuyvesant High School Coalition - Reported the pedestrian bridge over West Street is necessary for safe crossing. The building is designed so that the students enter the building on the second level. The school will not

open without the bridge. The coalition is not in favor of a ramp to assure access for persons with disabilities.

Art Piccolo - Bowling Green Association - Distributed a memo supporting the Board's opposition to the design of the South Garden. He has changed his feelings regarding Heuss House's location in the neighborhood; he is now a member of the advisory board of the drop-in-center.

Rip Hayman - River Project - Requested support for a proposal for the temporary use of Pier 25. The Downtown Boat Club, with the support of the River Project, would like to use the pier this summer for the launching of small boats.

Martin Joffe - 145 Broadway - Requested support for the Washington Market Committee resolution regarding the sidewalk cafe at the Odeon Restaurant.

E. Angelltraub - 145 West Broadway - Spoke in support of the resolution regarding the cafe at the Odeon Restaurant.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held April 11th, 1990 were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Miriam Friedlander - City Councilmember - Reported many programs will suffer from budget cuts. Pap smear tests given women in City clinics were not followed up by the Department of Health. There is a resolution in the City Council and hearings will be held.

Hearings on the capital budget will be scheduled soon. Hearings on the expense budget will be held once the State budget is received.

A resolution has been introduced to name the northwest corner of Pearl Street and Park Row in honor of Joseph Doherty. All who have fought oppression were called terrorists when revolutions which resulted in independence began. Joe Doherty has a right to political freedom.

Tom Duane, Representative of Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman - Reported the Mayor and Comptroller are putting pressure on companies doing business with South Africa. The Homeport produces a negative impact on the budget; debt service costs amount to 4.7 million dollars.

Borough President's Report:

Lillie Carino - The Borough President has issued a statement in support of Joe Doherty and joins all concerned. The issue here is "due process" under the Constitution. Mr. Doherty's request for a hearing has been denied; accordingly, his civil liberties and rights have been denied.

The Borough President has appointed Brenda Levin to the City Planning Commission and is seeking applicants for appointment to the Board of Education. A borough wide meeting is scheduled for May 24th with the Westside Waterfront Panel. A tour will be held the week of June 4th.

Marla Simpson, director of the Borough President's Land Use Planning Unit, distributed a memo and discussed changes in ULURP procedures under the new Charter. The Borough President has a 30 day review period. All ULURP items will be reviewed. Community Boards must pass resolutions requesting a "no" vote rather than "approval with conditions" for action to be taken.

District Manager's Report:

Paul Goldstein - Reported agency blitzes on Canal Street are being considered and porno video store windows are being monitored. The Board is waiting for the design of the Fulton Street subway station from the NYCTA. The New York Foundation for Senior Citizens will run the former "Easyride" service for two months.

Chairperson's Report

James A. Stratton - Introduced and welcomed newly appointed Board members.

Committee Reports

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES.

Nominating

H. Donohue

Thanked the committee members for their efforts and nominated the following slate of candidates:

Chairperson	Anne Compocchia
Vice-Chairperson	Roland Peracca Sid Coron
Secretary	Margaret Sentner
Assistant Secretary	Linda Belfer Maureen Flatley
Treasurer	James Stratton Hal Bromm
Assistant Treasurer	Pat Dillon Madelyn Wills

Being none from the floor, the nominations for officers of the Board were closed.

Civic Center and Social Services

L. Merrill and M. Flatley

Reported on the following combined committee issues:

1. Heuss House is sponsoring an exhibit at the World Trade Center to benefit the homeless. Posters are available. Everyone is invited to the opening reception.
2. The Board approved a combined committee resolution supporting the proposal by the NYS Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to open a residential group facility at 166 William Street. The vote was 32 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.
3. Plans for restoration of 247-249 Water Street are being discussed. Portions of the building have fallen.
4. A day and evening program to be located at 15 Dutch Street is being proposed by the Outreach Project. The outpatient program is to aid adults recovering from addiction to cocaine.
5. Safety improvements are needed at the South Street Seaport. No safety guards exist at the bottom of railings along the pier. Children might fall off. People are complaining about the cobblestones.
6. The following resolution was introduced from the floor and seconded:

WHEREAS: The continued incarceration of Joseph Doherty is an affront to the American system of justice, and because it is in contravention of the laws of the United States, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community board #1 recommends that the City Council rename the northwest corner of Pearl Street and Park Row "Joseph Doherty Corner" and that such name remain in effect for as long as Joseph Doherty remains incarcerated at the Manhattan Correction Facility".

The resolution was approved by a vote of 20 in favor, 7 opposed and 4 abstentions after a clarification that the resolution is to be taken as a statement opposing the abuse of the laws of the United States which guarantee certain rights, and not as support of Joe Doherty's activities or beliefs.

Battery Park City

L. Belfer

Presented a committee resolution opposing elimination of the mandatory arcades until an alternative to the requirements are presented and reviewed. David Emil stated guidelines are site specific. Battery Park City Authority will develop block by block design guidelines. A point of order was raised, i.e. that Mr. Emil was pleading his case in Executive session rather than responding directly to questions. A motion was made and seconded to table the resolution. Two votes favored tabling; the motion failed. The committee resolution was approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention.

With regard to the proposed Pedestrian Bridge over West Street, Jim Stratton has compiled and submitted new statistical data to be analyzed regarding safe, at grade crossing and to determine the need for a pedestrian bridge.

Washington Market

K. Freed

Presented a committee resolution reaffirming support for a sidewalk cafe at the Odeon Restaurant, but including certain conditions requested by the residents of 145 West Broadway. The resolution was approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board approved a committee resolution in support of the proposal by the River Project and the Downtown Boat Club for interim community use of Pier 25 for small hand-powered and sail boats. The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Board also approved a resolution opposing United Parcel Service's proposal for a large-scale development spanning Washington Street. The vote was 18 in favor and 2 opposed and 3 abstentions. The resolution is similar to a resolution approved by Community Board #2 opposing the proposal, largely because of its impact on the community.

Housing

H. Donohue

Two committee resolutions were approved each by a vote of 21 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The first resolution urged approval of zoning text amendments to legalize oversized buildings in the M1-5A and M1-5B districts. The second urged the State legislature to pass A8840B extending the Mitchell-Lama buy out period to 35 years.

Margaret Chin suggested the Board participate in lobbying efforts for funds for housing.

Youth

S. Blatt

Presented a committee resolution recommending renewal of RFP-1 contracts for 1990-91 for funding to run afterschool programs. Robert Townley will be working with the Puppet Loft. The resolution was approved by a vote of 23 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstentions.

The Board also approved a committee resolution opposing any further budget cuts in youth services. The vote was 11 in favor, 5 opposed and 8 abstentions.

Arts and Cultural Affairs

J. Dixon

Presented four committee resolutions regarding public art installations. The Board opposed the proposed permanent installation of "Petaloid Negative" in Tribeca Park by a vote of 18 in favor, 2 opposed and 2 abstentions. The Board approved the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" by William Fulbrecht and "Cryptic Column Street Lamp" by James Garvey. The vote on each of these resolutions was 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The Board recommended approval of the request for extension of the installation of "Rusticated Car" by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The Parks Department will be extending the temporary installation of "The Bull" by Arturo Di Modica in the Bowling Green Park vicinity. The committee opposes the permanent installation of the sculpture at this site.

Transportation and Uniformed Services

A. Compocchia

Committee resolution opposing the current proposed street, requesting re-examination of the need for a bridge and exploration of alternative highway design options. Even though some feel there is a need for a bridge, and the Stuyvesant High School Coalition claims it is mandatory, others believe that a safe, at-grade crossing is possible. The resolution was approved by a vote of 20 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: CIVIC CENTER AND SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: 166 Williams Street, Group Home for Persons with Mental Retardation
and Developmental Disabilities

WHEREAS: It is widely agreed that the needs of the retarded are better
served in small group home arrangements rather than in large
institutional facilities such as the developmental centers, and

WHEREAS: There exists a critical shortage of community based group homes
for the mentally retarded throughout NYC, and

WHEREAS: This need will be exacerbated by an order issued by Governor
Cuomo that the Manhattan Developmental Center (MDC) be closed
down by the end of 1990, and

WHEREAS: The two group homes for the retarded currently in our district -
130 Water Street and 32 Cliff Street- have both operated quietly
and efficiently for many years without generating any complaints
from their neighbors, and

WHEREAS: The proposed new group home at 166 William Street will serve 14
profoundly retarded adults who currently reside at the MDC and
be supervised by three staff members at all times, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the proposal by the NYS Office of
Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to open a
residential facility at 166 William Street to serve 14 adult clients,
and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that some of these 14 spaces be
set aside for compatible clients who currently reside with their
parents and relatives, many of whom have been seeking slots in
group homes for five or ten years or longer, and who deserve
some sense of equitable treatment from NYS in addressing their
special needs.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

BOARD VOTE: 20 In Favor 7 Opposed 4 Abstained

RE: Proposed "Joseph Doherty Corner"

WHEREAS: The continued incarceration of Joseph Doherty is an effrontery to the American system of justice and because it is in contravention to the laws of the United States, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that the City Council rename the N/W/C of Pearl Street and Park Row "Joseph Doherty Corner," and that such name remain in effect for so long as Joseph Doherty continues to be incarcerated at the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 27 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Mandatory Arcade Requirements

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is in agreement with the Battery Park City Authority that the mandatory arcade requirement in Battery Park City has failed to encourage the intended retail uses and street activity while preserving the residential quality of the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS: The Battery Park City Authority has requested a zoning text change which would eliminate the mandatory arcade requirement for sites 11-14 and modify the provision of Section 84-22 (Required Building Walls) and Section 84-221 (Front Wall Recesses), and

WHEREAS: The Battery Park City Authority has not yet formulated any concrete guidelines that would make any special treatment (including recesses) mandatory, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 disapproves the proposed zoning text change intended to eliminate the mandatory arcade requirement in the BPC South residential neighborhood until a new set of mandatory design requirements are presented and reviewed, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges the Battery Park City Authority to review and revise the current guidelines regarding the design and construction of arcades to include special treatments intended to enhance their appearance and utility.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Odeon Restaurant, Sidewalk Cafe Application

WHEREAS: A number of residents of 145 West Broadway (also the location of the Odeon Restaurant) contacted the Community Board office shortly after the Board approved the Odeon's sidewalk cafe application (March 13, 1990) to express their objections to the proposed sidewalk cafe, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board met several times with representatives of the residents and the restaurant during the past month in an effort to resolve their differences, and

WHEREAS: These discussions have resulted in an agreement among the parties (ie, 145 West Broadway Co-op Board, Odeon Restaurant, Community Board #1) which will allow for the sidewalk cafe to be approved under certain conditions, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 reaffirms its support of the sidewalk cafe application by the Odeon Restaurant subject to the following new conditions which have already been agreed to by the Odeon and the Co-op Board of 145 West Broadway:

1. Full side panels will be installed on the north and south sides of the canopy to provide privacy to those people entering and leaving the building
2. Only desserts and beverages are to be served at the cafe
3. The cafe (4 tables, 12 chairs) will operate 7 days per week from 7 pm until midnight. No food, drinks to be served after 11:30 pm
4. The Co-op Board will review the sidewalk cafe operation after a 60 day period and must grant its approval at that time for operation of the cafe to continue. (The Odeon and the Co-op Board will sign a private contract reaffirming this specific aspect of the agreement).

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WEST SIDE WATERFRONT (AD-HOC)

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: Pier 25, Interim Use Summer 1990

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the proposal by The River Project and the Downtown Boat Club to the West Side Waterfront Panel for authorization to launch, moor and store small hand-powered and sail boats at Pier 25.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: May 8, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WEST SIDE WATERFRONT (AD-HOC)

BOARD VOTE: 18 In Favor 2 Opposed 3 Abstained

RE: UPS Large Scale Development Proposal at Spring and Washington
(Ref. Nos. C890577MMM, C890581ZSM, C890578ZSM)

WHEREAS: This application has been made by United Parcel, Inc. pursuant to sections of the NYC Charter and the NYC Administrative Code, for an amendment to the City Map involving the elimination, discontinuance, and closing of volumes of Washington Street above and below grade between Spring Street and West Houston Street in order to develop a General Large Scale Development, and

WHEREAS: This large scale development would occupy the entire block bounded by West Houston, Greenwich, Spring, and Washington Streets creating a 1,025,700 sq. ft. distribution facility and customer center involving the rehabilitation of the northern end and the demolition of the southern portion of the Union Terminal Building including a new 4-story enlargement building 114' high fronting on Spring between Greenwich and West Streets spanning over Washington Streets creating a tunnel 392.7 feet long 60' wide and 20' high. The project also includes a 1-story building on the north side of West Houston with 21 on grade unenclosed accessory parking spaces, and

WHEREAS: The UPS proposal requests that the City Planning Commission grant the following:

- A. A special permit to:
 - 1. waive the height and setback regulation on Spring, West, Washington and Greenwich Streets
 - 2. waive the rear yard requirements for the development on the Parking Lot Parcel

- B. A special permit to:
 - 1. permit the demapped air-space to be part of the adjoining zoning lots
 - 2. permit the enlargement of an existing building in demapped air-space

- C. A special permit to allow for unenclosed parking spaces accessory to the Customer Service Center.

WHEREAS: Although Community Board #1 has long viewed United Parcel Inc. as a valuable company rendering a good service to NYC, we are shocked that UPS would propose a project with insurmountable and catastrophic impacts to the well-being of our community, and

WHEREAS: Large scale development over Washington Street would block the light and air that we have fought so hard to preserve, with no assurances that UPS couldn't eventually disband and leave behind the senseless destruction of our street; by turning it into a dark tunnel it would encourage crime and endanger our residents, and

WHEREAS: Many residents and families live in the immediate area, some in landmark structures which would be put in serious endangerment during excavation of the project, and

WHEREAS: The unreasonable enlargement of an industrial trucking business in an already severely congested area is an inappropriate use; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends to deny the application by United Parcel Inc. to amend the city map involving the elimination, discontinuance and closing of Washington Street above and below grade between Spring and West Houston Streets in order to develop a "general large-scale development", and

FURTHER
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1, adamantly opposes the United Parcel Service proposal for a large scale development spanning Washington Street, and

WHEREAS: The proposed United Parcel Service (UPS) distribution center at 325 Spring Street would increase the number of its truck and other vehicles by approximately 450%, greatly increasing traffic on the highly congested streets in the immediate area and also key traffic arteries far beyond, and

WHEREAS: The traffic congestion on the adjacent Canal Street is recognized as being out of control, and is described by Michael Wise, the Chief of Staff of the New York City Department of Transportation, as being at capacity not only during rush hours, but also at nights and during weekends, and

WHEREAS: Both the Canal Street and Holland Tunnel traffic is so severely congested and has placed such severe a burden on the residents that Community Boards #2 and #1 have called for emergency measures to be implemented by the New York State Department of Transportation, the Port Authority, the respective police precincts, the Mayor's office and the Borough President's office, all addressed at a continuing series of special district cabinet meetings, and

- WHEREAS: West Street, with its present six lanes, is currently so far beyond capacity that NYC-DOT has refused to adjust timing to allow safe crossing for even active pedestrians because it claims to do so would further delay traffic, and
- WHEREAS: Even granting questionable vehicle counts in the Draft EIS, UPS admits to significant traffic impacts at multiple intersections, some which it purports can be mitigated by changes to signal timing, conditional on Department of Transportation approval, but some of which cannot be mitigated at all, and
- WHEREAS: The replacement Route 9A will significantly increase traffic, requiring the community to bear an additional burden of traffic for their benefit of the rest of Manhattan, and limit pedestrian access to the riverfront, none of which was studied or considered in the UPS Draft EIS, and
- WHEREAS: Community Board #2, has asked that cross streets which pass through nearby historic districts be detached from the future Route 9A, a condition not acknowledged in the UPS Draft EIS plan for truck routes, and
- WHEREAS: UPS has previously indicated, by letter to Community Board #2, that trailer-trucks would be routed from the George Washington Bridge along 14th street, turning left on Washington Street, the center of the meat market where traffic is frequently blocked, and
- WHEREAS: The residential nature of the area north of the proposed facility would be disrupted by constant night-time truck traffic, and
- WHEREAS: The proposed UPS facility would turn two blocks of Washington Street into a tunnel at a point where downtown traffic is terminated and impacts with head-on traffic from the south, producing inherent traffic hazards, further accentuated by the limited driver view from the tunnel and the dangers of traffic stopped within the tunnel, and
- WHEREAS: Questions of pedestrian safety, bicycle safety, driver vision, traffic stoppage and truck movements in the tunnel are not dealt with in the Draft EIS, and
- WHEREAS: Residents in the area are appalled that this proposed distribution facility will increase traffic by an estimated 2,402 vehicle trips each day in a community already overburdened with traffic congestion, and
- WHEREAS: Business people in the area expressed a similar opposition because of the severe negative impact on the well-being of their businesses, and
- WHEREAS: The UPS Draft EIS failed to consider alternative sites with less negative impact and alternative plans for smaller distribution centers, notwithstanding earlier information provided by UPS explaining that other sites were being studied, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1, Manhattan, opposes this proposal for an enlarged UPS facility at 325 Spring Street and calls for denial of this application, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1, asked that UPS be directed to work with city agencies to explore other locations and smaller distribution centers which would not restrict beneficial development, employment, residential enjoyment and small business survival, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

In view of the extreme traffic congestion already burdening the area, with the inevitable attraction of the replacement Route 9A sure to bring more, Community Board #1, calls on the Mayor's office, NYC-DOT, NYS-DOT and the City Planning Commission to require corporations to seek creative and innovative solutions to reduce the impact of traffic on our Manhattan communities, instead of permitting corporations to rely on yesterday's technology and "solutions" that only multiply environmental abuses, and

WHEREAS:

UPS has ignored neighboring residents' long time and repeated complaints about excessive and unnecessary fumes created by trucks idling for long periods of time, day and night, in violation of the idling restrictions of the New York State Clean Air Act, and

WHEREAS:

Neighboring residents told in public hearings of many unsuccessful attempts to quiet late night noise from truck horns and facility loudspeakers, and

WHEREAS:

UPS proposes to bridge over Washington Street north of Spring Street for a distance of nearly two blocks (393 feet), turning a light and airy street into a dark tunnel filled with truck emissions, and

WHEREAS:

It is hard to imagine a more complete assault on the local environment than that and this Board opposes it both on the principles and on the specifics, and

WHEREAS:

UPS has shown a consistent pattern of environmental negligence and indifference to community environmental concerns during its tenure in its present site, and

WHEREAS:

Although UPS officials stated in public hearing that they plan to mix the carbon monoxide at their facility with outside "fresh air" to produce breathable air, such a plan is not credible, nor should it be acceptable to public officials responsible for the health of