



Anne Compocchia
Chairperson

COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK



Paul Goldstein
District Manager

**MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
DECEMBER 13, 1990
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
1 POLICE PLAZA**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson, Anne Compocchia.

Public Session:

Joe Balamonte - Seaport Community Coalition - Spoke in opposition to the removal of vans and cars at 10:30 AM at Peck Slip. This is closing time for the Fulton Fish Market and Joe termed this harassment of fish wholesalers.

Elaine Schweninger - 310 Greenwich St. - Spoke in opposition to the Commodity Exchanges' relocating to site 5B when active recreation space is needed. The increase in vehicular and pedestrian traffic will alter the quality of life in the area.

Judith L. Epstein - 113 Chambers St. - Spoke in opposition to the proposed Commodity Exchanges development project and the appropriateness of giving incentives when huge sums are being cut from the school budget.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held November 13, 1990 were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials:

Miriam Friedlander, City Councilmember - Reported on the following issues:

1. Commodity Exchanges - Opposed to tax abatements being given to developers as incentives. The Exchanges must provide amenities to the community to offset the impact of the proposed tower. The tower is speculative and creates a shadow; its size and placement must be realistic. The possibility of providing recreation space must be explored.
2. Fulton Fish Market - She will investigate vehicle towing activity at Peck Slip.
3. "Safe Streets/Safe City" - The State legislature must approve a NYC lottery. Funds would be used to increase police patrols and to keep schools open so that they are available for community use. The City Council would then vote on "enabling legislation".
4. Budget Committee - Is opposing the closing of fire stations and marine fire-boat companies.

Tom Duane – Representative of Comptroller Elizabeth Holtzman – Reported the Comptroller called for the resignation of a Univision TV commentator for making remarks disparaging of Puerto Rican women. Working on the elimination of funding the Board of Estimate staff; the Department of Records can do the necessary transcribing. The Comptroller signed onto the Domestic Partnership Bill. A booklet is being distributed detailing the new duties of the Comptroller's Office resulting from changes in the NYC Charter.

Borough President's Report:

Lillie Carino – Representative of Borough President Ruth Messinger – Reported on the following issues:

1. Recycling Plan – a public hearing is scheduled by the Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board on the Dept. of Sanitation's recycling plan.
2. By Laws – revisions to By-Laws must be made so that Community Boards are in conformance with City and State charters and laws.
3. Strategic Policy Statement – the document includes recommendations to address specific issues. The statement is available upon request.
4. "Fair Share Criteria" – 60% of the recommendations were adopted. A statement of needs map is being drawn. Boards must be prepared to comment should sites fall within a district and so that alternatives can be researched.
5. Commodity Exchanges – met with representatives of the Exchanges. CB #1 appears to be approaching the issue properly. The BPO supports the community's concerns including the underscoring of open space needs.
6. City Budget – projected revenues are down in all areas. The City is required to close budget gaps. A list of services inappropriate to cut and a list of revenue enhancements will be developed.

District Manager's Report:

Paul Goldstein – Recommended applications for three sidewalk newsstands be denied:

1. S/E/C Park Pl. and Church St.
2. N/E/C Church St. and Fulton St.
3. N/W/C Liberty St. and Church St.

Many City agencies will be taking budget cuts of 17 1/2% and possibly 25 1/2%. Advised that **Downtown Update**, the Board's newsletter, was printed and ready for distribution.

Chairperson's Report:

Anne Compocchia – Reported on a meeting with State Senator Ohrenstein and the Battery Park City Authority. Continued discussion of a safe, at-grade crossing at West St. and Chambers St. is needed. The public information meeting on Site 5B/5C was successful. There was a good turnout of elected officials and representatives. Deputy Mayor Sally Hernandez-Pinero was criticized for leaving

early; however, she had a prior commitment. Anne thanked the District Manager and CB staff for their diligence in the work they have been doing. Media requests for interviews should be referred to the Board office. When not authorized to represent the Board, members granting interviews should stipulate they are expressing their own personal opinion, not the views of the Board.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES.

Executive

A. Compocchia

Commodity Exchanges Proposal

Public Comments:

Carole DeSaram - Tribeca Community Association - Spoke in opposition to development of Site 5B for the Commodity Exchanges because alternative electronic satellite trading systems will make the building obsolete in a very short time. She suggested locating the Exchanges at 7 World Trade Center where cost of conversion would be \$200/sq. ft. instead of \$700/sq. ft. for new construction. No survey of the Exchange's member firms has been conducted to determine the need for a building on site 5B.

Sue Aronson - Early Childhood Center - Spoke in opposition to the incentives being given the Commodity Exchanges to develop site 5B because the funds are offset by budget cuts made by the Board of Education and the resultant layoff of teachers.

Janna Townsend - Tribeca Task Force - Spoke in opposition to development of Site 5B and discussed the responses by PDC representatives at the public information meeting. She found PDC's responses to questions regarding the need for the tower and its environmental impacts confusing. Mitigations were likewise poorly addressed.

Committee Report:

Anne presented a resolution developed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Sites 5B/5C Committee. The resolution was intentionally developed in general terms rather than specific language; specifics will be developed during negotiations by the Sites 5B/5C Committee. Nancy Page distributed a list of proposed changes. The Chair did not accept the revisions as a friendly amendment and requested approval of the committee resolution.

The Board discussed the resolution and the proposed amendments. It was noted that Nancy Page had attended the committee meeting and participated in the development of the resolution. Joe Ritorto opposed the individual initiative taken because it disregarded the structure of the committee system and the time and effort of the committee. Discussion of the issue included the negative aspects of the development project: the potential loss of jobs, the need for a survey to determine the need for the building. The issue involves a political process as well as the current real estate market. There is already a glut of empty space in nearby commercial buildings.

Kathryn Freed made a motion to accept the revised resolution as a substitute resolution. The motion was seconded. David Hupert commented that the vote should be seen as a vote for the committee process. The motion was defeated by a vote of 10 in favor, 25 opposed and 3 abstentions. The committee resolution was moved and approved by the board by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention.

With regard to the Grand Prix auto race around the World Trade Center, a motion was made to rescind the Board's previous approval. Maureen Flatley moved to table the motion. Maureen's motion was seconded and the motion to rescind the previous approval was tabled by a vote of 27 in favor, 3 opposed and 1 abstention. A special committee will look into all aspects of the proposed race, working especially with residents, businesses and the Greenmarket which might be directly effected.

Social Services

M. Flatley

Reported on the recent public hearings for seniors held at Southbridge Towers and Independence Plaza. The hearings revealed specific needs such as transportation, pedestrian safety, traffic lights and illegal parking. Illegal parking impedes the vision of those trying to cross streets.

Christmas gifts for the clients of John Heuss House are being sought. They should be wrapped and marked and can be dropped off at the Board office until December 21st or at Heuss House.

Transportation & Uniformed Services

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Public Comments:

Florence Daniels - St. Margaret's House - Thanked the Community Board and others for their cooperation and assistance regarding the Fulton St. subway station and requested support for the resolution.

Dan Convissor - Transportation Alternatives - Spoke in support of having a separate lane for cyclists on the Brooklyn Bridge promenade so cyclists are able to ride on and off the bridge without interfering with pedestrians.

Committee Report:

The Board was instrumental in having the Island Club's liquor license suspended after a hearing by the State Liquor Authority. Four committee resolutions were approved by the Board. The resolution in support of establishing a 24 hour token booth at the southeast corner of Fulton St. and William St. was approved by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The resolution urging separated bicycle and pedestrian lanes be included in the Brooklyn Bridge Promenade Reconstruction Project was approved by a vote of 28 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. A resolution in support of the installation of a new traffic light on N. at N. Moore and Hudson Street was approved by a vote of 25 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The resolution opposing the raising of the Staten Island Ferry tolls and urging re-implementing two-way tolls on the Verrazano Bridge was approved by a vote of 24 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

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R. Townley

Committee Report:

A committee resolution requesting the Battery Park City Authority's Parks Corp. work with the Community Board in planning community use of Stuyvesant High School facilities for recreation programs was approved by the Board. The vote was 28 in favor, 0 opposed with 0 abstentions.

Arts and Cultural Affairs

J. Dixon

Howard Harrington reported the request for an extension of Linda Cunningham's temporary installation at Finn Square has been postponed at the request of the artist. The Parks Department will extend installation of "Charging Bull" near Bowling Green Park until February 1, 1991 to accommodate the filming of a movie.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	12 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	38 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	1 ABSTAINED

RE: **Commodity Exchange Proposal**

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 went on record in March, 1989 supporting a land-use plan for Sites 5B/5C which is compatible with and reflects the needs of the growing residential and student population, and

WHEREAS: The City and State have now brought forth a proposal to construct a 1.2 million square foot facility for the Commodity Exchanges to be subsidized with \$145 million in State and City funds, and

WHEREAS: Grave concerns have been raised by many members of the public regarding the excessively large government subsidies committed to this development project which is to be construed by Tishman/Spires and the manner in which the Exchanges played NY and NJ against one another in order to achieve the largest possible subsidy, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board shares the concerns raised by the community at our December 3rd public meeting that such a large scale development would impose many negative environmental impacts on this neighborhood, and

WHEREAS: The proposal offers no improved services or facilities to benefit the adjacent residential community, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board demands to play a full and active role in determining the final use and disposition of this public land in our community, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 strongly opposes the commodity exchanges proposal unless the City and State can resolve, to our satisfaction, the following issues of concern to this community:

- Excessive and unnecessary height and bulk of the office tower
- Shadows on Washington Market Park and Site 5C
- Need for additional active recreation spaces (indoor & outdoor)
- Guaranteeing permanent maintenance of Washington Market Park and other new parks
- Increased traffic and transportation congestion and pollution
- City service delivery issues (police, fire, sanitation, transportation, sewer and water)
- On-site leisure facilities to accommodate exchange workers, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly opposes any additional offering of government subsidies either directly or indirectly to the Exchanges intended to offer member firms an incentive to relocate to the new office tower.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Fulton St. IRT Subway Entrance**

WHEREAS: CB #1, along with local residents, businesses and the South St. Seaport Museum and Marketplace, has been on record for several years in support of creating a 24-hour token booth entrance at the corner of Fulton St. and William St., and

WHEREAS: The NYC Transit Authority, after many years of resisting this effort, has now agreed to implement this change, and

WHEREAS: A scope of work outlining the specific reconfiguration scheduled for the station has been unanimously approved by a small working group consisting of the TA, local residents, CB #1 representatives, and the Comptroller's Office, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 supports the proposal by the NYC Transit Authority to establish a 24-hour token booth at the S/E/C of Fulton St. and William St. as set forth in the document entitled "Scope of Work - Reconfiguration of Control Areas at the Fulton St. Station, No. 2 Line, Manhattan", and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges that the TA immediately schedule the necessary public hearings so that this change can be implemented as soon as possible, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 commends the hard work of local residents, the Seaport Community Coalition, the Comptroller's Office, and the TA in helping to bring this matter to a successful conclusion.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: Brooklyn Bridge Promenade Reconstruction Project

WHEREAS: The Manhattan end of the Brooklyn Bridge promenade is to be reconstructed by the City and State Departments of Transportation (Contract "5B"), and

WHEREAS: The Brooklyn Bridge is the entry point into the Manhattan Central Business District with the highest bicycle volume, and

WHEREAS: The large quantity of pedestrians traveling between City Hall and Municipal Building use the crosswalk which touches the terminus of the Brooklyn Bridge promenade, and

WHEREAS: Both walking and bicycling are important modes of transportation and their safe interaction should be encouraged, and

WHEREAS: Transportation Alternatives has been volunteering potential designs for the project since the City DOT began commenting on the preliminary design in August of 1989, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges that, the State and City Departments of Transportation should provide, in contract "5B", for separated bicycle and pedestrian routes at the terminus of the Brooklyn Bridge promenade in Manhattan, so as to permit cyclists to ride on and off the promenade without interfering with pedestrians waiting to cross.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	25 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: Traffic Light at N. Moore and Hudson St.

WHEREAS: CB #1 has lobbied for several years to get a new traffic light installed at the intersection of N. Moore and Hudson St., and

WHEREAS: The DOT approved this request in 1988 but has been unable to install the traffic light due to vault conditions at each of the four corners, and

WHEREAS: This intersection had a traffic light in the past, which indicates that a light can successfully be installed, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly urges that the Department of Transportation heed the advice of Mr. Ralph Rosa, Chief of Signals and incorporate the necessary repairs needed to install this traffic signal into the Hudson St. reconstruction contract.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	24 IN FAVOR	1 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Proposal to Raise Staten Island Ferry Tolls**

WHEREAS: The City has stated that it may have to raise the toll on the Staten Island Ferry from fifty cents to one dollar, and

WHEREAS: Such an increase would give further incentive for commuters to drive into Manhattan rather than take the ferry, and

WHEREAS: The imposition of one-way tolls on the Verrazano Bridge has already created traffic havoc on Canal St. and on other, adjacent Lower Manhattan roadways, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly opposes the proposal to raise Staten Island Ferry tolls due to its negative impact on Lower Manhattan traffic congestion and pollution, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly urges the Governor and Mayor to re-implement two-way tolls on the Verrazano Bridge as a means of reducing traffic congestion and pollution in Lower Manhattan and generating additional toll revenues for the City.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: December 13, 1990

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	27 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: Community use of Stuyvesant High School

WHEREAS: It is well known and documented that Community Board #1 is in desperate need of open active recreation space as well as indoor recreation and community facilities, and

WHEREAS: The new Stuyvesant High School (which will be in Battery Park City) will not have any outdoor recreation space, but will have a gymnasium, pool, auditorium as well as classrooms, and

WHEREAS: The Board of Estimate resolution regarding Stuyvesant High School states that the community will have use of the facilities from 7:00 to 10:00 weeknights and an eight hour period on each day of the weekend. It further states that not-for-profit community based organizations will only be charged minimal fees and that the Battery Park City Authority's recreation staff will oversee the programming and permit process for use by the community, including subsidizing some of the cost (see attached resolution), and

WHEREAS: Historically, community use of the Stuyvesant facility was promised to the local community as an amenity because the school was an added burden to the community's infrastructure with it's 3,000 students, and

WHEREAS: The community program at Borough of Manhattan Community College, initially promised free of charge to the community, has seen steadily escalating charges coupled with decreased availability to the community, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 will not accept a similar scenario at Stuyvesant High School, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 requests that the Battery Park City Authority and Parks Corporation, working with the community board, begin planning to administer community use of Stuyvesant High School with the following provisions:

1. The BPC Parks Corporation will administer community programs in the gym, pool and auditorium weeknights from 7:00 to 10:00 PM and eight hours each on Saturday and Sunday, including holidays and summer months and arrange for early morning or other swim times available.
2. The Parks Corporation will hire staff to run recreation programs in addition to scheduling and issuing permits for independent organizations to run programs in the spaces.
3. The Parks Corporation will subsidize their programs, including staff, security, maintenance and space rentals so that only minimal fees may be charged.
4. Of the independent organizations using the space, priority will be given to programs that serve the local community, publicly funded programs, youth programs and senior programs. These programs will not be charged fees, or only minimal fees to use the space.
5. The auditorium or smaller rooms will be made available free for community organizations to hold meetings.
6. The Community Board will be involved in planning the yearly programs, schedules and policies along with the Battery Park City Parks Corporation to ensure that the local community is being served.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 13TH, 1990

PRESENT

IRIS ALEX
LINDA BELFER
HAL BROMM
MARGARET CHIN
BARBARA CHRISTEN
ANNE COMPOCCIA
SIDNEY CORN
BARBARA CRAFTON
ROCCO D'AMATO
CHARLES DELANEY
LOUIS DESALVIO
JOHN DESMARAIS
PATRICIA DILLON
HAROLD DONOHUE
MAUREEN FLATLEY
KATHYRN FREED
MARGARET FUNG
CHARLES GAINES
ROBERT GOLDSTEIN
SASHA GREENE
KATHLEEN GUPTA
MEYER HAGER
DAVID HUPERT
GEORGE KELLER
ELIZABETH KREIGSMAN
JOSEPH LERNER
BARBARA MARKS
LLOYD MERRILL
NANCY PAGE
MADELYN PANTZER
RALPH PEPE
ROLAND PERACCA
JOSEPH RITORTO
BARBARA SAHLMAN
MARGARET SENTNER
JAMES STATTON
BARNET SULTZER
ROBERT TOWNLEY
MADELYN WILS

EXCUSED

JENNY DIXON
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
ROBERT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

UNA PERKINS
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD

GUESTS

M. OHRENSTEIN, M. REED
T. WEISS, D. WOODIN

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE FOR
THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 1990

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
12-6-90

PRESENT

JENNY DIXON
ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

EXCUSED

KATHLEEN GUPTA
BARBARA SAHLMAN

ABSENT

CHARLES DELANEY
SASHA GREENE
UNA PERKINS
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD
BARBARA CRAFTON
BARBARA MARKS

TRANSPORTATION AND
UNIFORMED SERVICES
12-5-90

PRESENT

SIDNEY CORON
BARNET SULTZER
ROBERT WILLIAMS
BARBARA KRIEGSMAN
ROCCO D'AMATO

EXCUSED

ABSENT

KATHRYN FREED
DAVID HUPERT
JOSEPH LERNER

EXECUTIVE
12-4-90

PRESENT

ANNE COMPOCCIA
ROLAND PERACCA
HAROLD DONOHUE
MAUREEN FLATLEY
DAVID HUPERT
LLOYD MERRILL
MARGARET SENTNER
ROBERT TOWNLEY
MADELYN WILS
SIDNEY CORON
PATRICIA DILLON

EXCUSED

LINDA BELFER

ABSENT

JAMES STRATTON
JENNY DIXON
KATHRYN FREED

YOUTH
12-19-90

PRESENT

BARBARA KRIEGSMAN
NANCY PAGE
JOHN DESMARIAIS
MADELYN PANTZER

EXCUSED

ROBERT TOWNLEY

ABSENT

KATHLEEN GUPTA
UNA PERKINS
ROCCO D'AMATO

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