



COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK

Paul Goldstein
District Manager

Anne Compocchia
Chairperson

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #1

HELD
JANUARY 8, 1991
BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
199 CHAMBERS STREET, TRIPLEX THEATER #2

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

Public Session:

Virginia Swift - Regional Librarian, NY Public Library - Spoke about the financial situation of the branch libraries. The system will need to cut 4% from the operating budget and 52.6 positions by attrition. The impact of additional cuts could be another 5% reduction of the operating budget, 31.3 positions lost through attrition, and 52.5 staff members would have to be laid off.

Executive Session:

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

Reports of Elected Officials:

State Senator Manfred Ohrenstein - Reported on the meeting with the BPCA. Discussion focused on a number of community concerns including: an indoor recreational facility, use of Marginal St. for park space and the Stuyvesant High School bridge. The State Senator acknowledged the importance of accomplishing these goals. The development of Marginal St. as open space will be effected by the construction of West St. This would become a staging area for construction of the highway and will contain construction materials and equipment. Progress has been made on the design of a pedestrian bridge connecting Stuyvesant High School with the east side of West St.

While he regrets that the South Ferry Plaza Project was truncated by an economic process rather than a planning process, he congratulated Paul Goldstein on his "masterfully understated response" to a reporter which reflected the Community's true feelings toward the announcement. Paul was quoted as saying "we are not displeased that South Ferry Plaza will not be built."

The Senator is planning a meeting of community leaders and elected officials to discuss the impact of the new authority of the City Council in land use matters. Planning should take community preservation goals into consideration.

With regard to the state of the State and the state of the City Senator Ohrenstein presented his thoughts on directions to pursue in resolving these financial crises. Cutting programs can not be the only answer. Additional tax dollars can be raised by increasing taxes for those in the upper range incomes. Dedicated tax programs put a ceiling on the amounts that can be put into programs. City employees have the right to put their case forward. Retaining jobs versus

salary increases is a troublesome dilemma. Job maintenance is also a goal in a sliding economy.

Denise Woodin - Representative of Congressman Ted Weiss - Reported that the Foreign Affairs Committee is meeting with House Speaker Foley. The Congressman supports sanctions and negotiations with Iraq and opposes offensive military action. He presented testimony in support of landmarking 416-424 Washington St.

Borough President's Report:

Lillie Carino - Representative of Borough President Ruth Messinger - Discussed the **Citywide Statement of Needs** in which proposed agency facilities are designated. The Community Boards must provide the public with a list of the facilities to be sited in districts and hold public hearings. The Borough President can request alternative sites. Community Boards can also state which facilities it welcomes in their districts. The City Council will be voting on resolutions regarding the closing of fire houses and a marine fire company and dismissal of youth coordinators due to pending budget cuts.

District Manager's Report:

Paul Goldstein - Reported the list of facilities proposed for siting in Community Board #1 has been received; most are agency leases for office space. There are two controversial entries: shafts for the third NYC water tunnel and relocation of a facility which houses youths who are serving time awaiting appearance before the Family Court. Additional information will be obtained and presented.

Official word has been received that the South Ferry Plaza project will not be built. The developers have been selected for the Federal buildings to be constructed at and near Foley Square. Plans for a hotel at the southern end of Battery Park City are proceeding. Due to budget cuts, Pearl St. will be resurfaced instead of being reconstructed.

Chairperson's Report:

Anne Compocchia - Reported the Site 5B/5C Committee will hold a meeting with the UDC and PDC and it will submit a recommendation to the full Board. Testimony was given in support of landmarking 416-424 Washington St. A panel, to be chaired by Roland Peracca, has been established to discuss concerns about the proposed Grand Prix auto race. A committee consisting of Lloyd Merrill, Kathryn Freed and Linda Belfer will review the By-Laws and recommend amendments to bring them into conformity with the new City Charter. Stacey Blatt has been appointed parliamentarian of the Board. The Battery Park City Committee will discuss the issue of the pedestrian bridge over West St. at Chambers St.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES.

Executive

A. Compocchia

Reported on the meeting with BPCA. The design for the Stuyvesant High School pedestrian bridge is now as the Board requested two years ago. It will have an elevator and staircase on each side. Security officers will be on duty during hours of operation, 8 AM to 10 PM. The Department of Transportation continues to work on a safe at-grade crossing.

Testimony was given at the LPC hearing in support of landmark designation for 416-424 Washington St. The American Savings Bank is determined to demolish the building and open an interim parking lot on the site. A resolution ratifying action taken by the Executive Committee on recommendation of the Landmarks Committee regarding this property was approved by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

A meeting was held to discuss concerns about a proposed flea market at the P.S. 234 schoolyard which would raise funds for the school. These issues remain under discussion.

Youth

R. Townley

A committee resolution opposing the lay-off of youth coordinators due to budget cuts was approved by the Board by a vote of 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions. The youth coordinator promotes the development of programs for youth in the area.

The Board approved a committee resolution opposing further cuts in the Board of Education's budget. The resolution also called upon the Board of Education to designate youth as its highest priority and for the Board of Education to absorb a higher percentage of cuts at the central level. The vote was 22 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Arts and Cultural Affairs

J. Dixon

Public Comments:

Linda Cunningham, Artist - Described her project and passed out photographs and copies of letters in support of her sculpture at Finn Square.

Carol Hamoy - Franklin St. - Spoke in support of the sculpture and relocating parts of the installation from Chambers St. to Franklin St.

Thomas Sacco - 280 E. 10th St. - Spoke in support of the installation. He works nearby and enjoys the feeling it creates and its peaceful effect.

Susan Mareneck - 9 Murray St. - Spoke in support of the installation. The sculpture, made of material which was originally thought to be potentially dangerous, has not caused injury anyone. As a public member of the committee she disagrees with the committee's recommendation.

Committee Report:

A Committee resolution was presented opposing Linda Cunningham's request for an extension of the temporary installation of her sculpture at Finn Square. The artist proposes to relocate some elements of her installation at Bogardus Triangle to Finn Square. The Department of Transportation requires removal of the Bogardus Triangle installation due to the re-construction of Hudson St. Relocating some elements to Finn Square alters the existing installation. The committee felt that artist should have presented a proposal for a new installation in advance. The committee's resolution was approved by a vote of 17 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions.

A committee resolution was approved recommending approval of an extension for the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" at five sites. The vote was 21 in favor 0 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Bob Bellinger, librarian, New Amsterdam Branch Library - Discussed the library's financial situation with the committee. The library has the second highest circulation in the Lower East Side region. The auditorium is available for small community events, meetings or readings. Budget cuts have resulted in the staff being overextended.

The meeting was adjourned.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: January 8, 1991

COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE & LANDMARKS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
LANDMARKS COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	22 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: 416-424 Washington St., proposed designation as a NYC Landmark

WHEREAS: 416-424 Washington St., is a key building of major proportion in the calendared Tribeca North Historic District that contributes significantly to the distinctive character of the district, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 firmly supports the designation of 416-424 Washington St., by the Landmarks Preservation Commission as a NYC Landmark, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board rejects the request of American Savings Bank, current owner, to demolish the building, and further, CB #1 requests that the bank seek creative alternatives to demolition, and (the Board) offers its good offices to assist in the sale of the building.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: January 8, 1991

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	22 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: Department of Youth Services Budget Cuts

WHEREAS: CB #1 has learned that the NYC Dept. of Youth Services (DYS) has proposed agency cuts that include laying off the Community Board Youth Coordinators on January 15, 1991, and

WHEREAS: According to the "Letter of Agreement between the DYS and Community Boards" and the "Youth Coordinator Tasks and Standards", Youth Coordinators are staff to the community boards and therefore the Dept. of Youth Services has no authority to lay off Youth Coordinators without consultation with and approval of the community boards, and

WHEREAS: Youth Coordinators make up approximately one third of the professional staff of community boards and if cut, would significantly decrease the abilities of the community boards which are supposed to be strengthened in the new City Charter, and

WHEREAS: Youth Coordinators are the means by which the City fulfills the State-mandated community based comprehensive plan for youth services which allows NYC to draw down the maximum dollars per youth from the State, and

WHEREAS: The salary of Youth Coordinators is partially paid for by the State, and the City will not save their full salaries by laying them off, and

WHEREAS: Youth Coordinators, while not direct service providers, serve as an indispensable resource to NYC communities far beyond their responsibilities regarding DYS programs including: bringing additional youth services to communities from businesses, and private organizations, organizing new programs, tapping neighborhood resources to enable youth programs to stretch their services, fundraising, program development, and other technical assistance to youth programs, providing information and referral services to individuals and groups, and advocating for local youth needs, open space, recreation, education, and health issues to the broader community, and

WHEREAS: The Mayor has proposed a Safe Streets Safe City program, that if approved, will increase funds to the Police Department and the DYS, and without Youth Coordinators to ensure that local, ongoing, day to day needs are being addressed, we fear this program will not make meaningful contributions to this City's youth, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board has also learned that the DYS has proposed cutting the discretionary funds of the Councilmembers if the Youth Coordinators are not cut in January, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 vehemently oppose the DYS laying off the Community Boards' Youth Coordinators on the basis of its legality as well as its extreme adverse effects on the viability of Community boards and local youth services, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 demands to be a full partner in negotiating with the Mayor's Office any cuts or alternatives to the Youth Coordinator position, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 finds it unacceptable for the DYS to consider the Council's discretionary funds as part of the DYS budget and to play the Council and the Community Boards against one another for their survival.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: January 8, 1991

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: Board of Education Budget Cuts

WHEREAS: The Board of Education has already received over \$40 million in budget cuts and \$95 million in further cuts are now planned, plus a predicted \$250 million cut for FY 92 and

WHEREAS: 17% of city tax levy dollars now go to the Board of Education but the City is demanding that 37% of the City's cuts come from the Board of Education, and

WHEREAS: These additional cuts will mean that classrooms will be severely overcrowded and schools will lose security guards, counselors, afterschool programs, art, music, foreign language and advanced math and science instruction, and

WHEREAS: Schools will suffer loss of staff, materials and services and teachers from other schools and districts who have seniority will displace teachers with less seniority, destroying continuity in the classroom, morale in the school, as well as a school's ability to keep teachers that fulfill a special focus a school may have, and

WHEREAS: This policy compounds the effects of the budget cuts and completely undermines school and community based planning, and

WHEREAS: Equal opportunity will be a meaningless phrase in this city if we cannot provide quality public education, and further cuts to schools will severely threaten the maintenance of even minimum educational standards, and will not only eliminate the possibility of equal opportunity but create dangerous and expensive problems with an undereducated and underemployed population in the future, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 strongly opposes further budget cuts to the Board of Education and urges the Mayor to show his commitment to youth by designating the education of our youth as the City's highest priority, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 seriously questions the Board of Education's distribution of budget cuts that excessively burdens schools and classrooms and calls on the Board of Education to absorb a much higher percentage of any necessary cuts at the central administration level.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: January 8, 1991

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 17 IN FAVOR 2 OPPOSED 3 ABSTAINED

RE: Finn Square Temporary Installation, Request for Extension

WHEREAS: Members of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee did not endorse the current temporary installations by Linda Cunningham, and members continue to believe them aesthetically weak, and

WHEREAS: Ms. Cunningham is required by the NYC DOT to remove the work from Bogardus Triangle by 2/10/91 to make way for the Hudson St. reconstruction project, and

WHEREAS: The Finn Square site, even without the current installation is a difficult one, being already cluttered by street trees, plantings and potted shrubs, and

WHEREAS: The artist is proposing to relocate some elements of the Bogardus Triangle installation to Finn Square; and because no specific proposal has been submitted in this regard such transfer is deemed inappropriate, and

WHEREAS: Furthermore, the existing installation is controversial, at best, within the community, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly urges that the NYC DOT not approve the request by Linda Cunningham for an extension of the temporary installation of her sculptural piece in Finn Square, as it exists or with additional elements.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

Date: January 8, 1991

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE:	21 IN FAVOR	0 OPPOSED	0 ABSTAINED

RE: "Bill of Rights", Proposed Extension of Temporary Installation

WHEREAS: On May 8, 1990 CB #1 recommended that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Transportation approve the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" by William Fulbrecht at five sites, and

WHEREAS: Permits for the original 6 month installation expire at the end of December, and the artist is requesting an extension of 6 months, and

WHEREAS: The installation has thus far been well received and maintained, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends the approval of an extension for the temporary installation of "Bill of Rights" through June 1991.

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COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, JANUARY 8, 1991

PRESENT

IRIS ALEX
LINDA BELFER
HAL BROMM
ANNE COMPOCCIA
CHARLES DELANEY
PATRICIA DILLON
JENNY DIXON
MAUREEN FLATLEY
CHARLES GAINES
ROBERT GOLDSTEIN
KATHLEEN GUPTA
ELIZABETH KREIGSMAN
LLOYD MERRILL
MADELYN PANTZER
RALPH PEPE
ROLAND PERACCA
UNA PERKINS
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
JOSEPH RITORTO
BARBARA SAHLMAN
MARGARET SENTNER
ROBERT TOWNLEY
MADELYN WILS

EXCUSED

BARBARA CHRISTEN
SIDNEY CORON
BARBARA CRAFTON
LOUIS DESALVIO
JOHN DESMARAIS
HAROLD DONOHUE
KATHRYN FREED
MARGARET FUNG
SASHA GREENE
MEYER HAGER
GEORGE KELLER
JOSEPH LERNER
BARBARA MARKS
NANCY PAGE
BARNET SULTZER
ROBERT WILLIAMS

ABSENT

MARGARET CHIN
ROCCO D'AMATO
DAVID HUPERT
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD
JAMES STRATTON

GUESTS

M. CONNOR, J. GITLIN
M. FRIEDLANDER, L. WEINMANN
R. MESSINGER, L. CARINO
M. OHRENSTEIN
M. OHRENSTEIN, MEG REED
T. WEISS, D. WOODIN
S. MARENECK

COMMITTEE MEETINGS ATTENDANCE FOR
THE MONTH OF JANUARY 1991

ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

1-7-91

PRESENT

JENNY DIXON
BARBARA SAHLMAN
BARBARA CRAFTON
ROBERT GOLDSTEIN

EXCUSED

ABSENT

CHARLES DELANEY
SASHA GREENE
KATHLEEN GUPTA
BARBARA MARKS
UNA PERKINS
JO ELLEN SHEFFIELD

EXECUTIVE

1-3-91

PRESENT

ANNE COMPOCCIA
LINDA BELFER
PATRICIA DILLON
HAROLD DONOHUE
MAUREEN FLATLEY
KATHRYN FREED
DAVID HUPERT
ROBERT TOWNLEY

EXCUSED

ROLAND PERACCA
JENNY DIXON
MADELYN WILS

ABSENT

SIDNEY CORON
MARGARET SENTNER
JAMES STRATTON

BATTERY PARK CITY

1-24-91

PRESENT

LINDA BELFER
BARNET SULTZER
SIDNEY CORON
KATHRYN FREED
NANCY PAGE
JOSEPH RITORTO
MARGARET SENTNER
MADELYN WILS

EXCUSED

BARBARA CHRISTEN

ABSENT

FINANCIAL DISTRICT

1-30-91

PRESENT

ROLAND PERACCA
GEORGE KELLER
RALPH PEPE
CHRISTOPHER POUSSAINT
JOSEPH RITORTO
MARGARET SENTNER
ROBERT WILLIAMS

EXCUSED

MARGARET CHIN
BARBARA CHRISTEN
ELIZABETH KREIGSMAN

ABSENT

CHARLES DELANEY
LOUIS DESALVIO

LANDMARKS

1-2-91

PRESENT

DAVID HUPERT
HAL BROMM
BARBARA SAHLMAN

EXCUSED

IRIS ALEX

ABSENT

LLOYD MERRILL

WASHINGTON MARKET

1-23-91

PRESENT

JAMES STRATTON
MADELYN PANTZER
PATRICIA DILLON

EXCUSED

KATHRYN FREED
NANCY PAGE
RALPH PEPE

ABSENT

HAROLD DONOHUE
ROBERT GOLDSTEIN
DAVID HUPERT

YOUTH

1-29-91

PRESENT

ROBERT TOWNLEY
NANCY PAGE
ELIZABETH KREIGSMAN
UNA PERKINS

EXCUSED

JOHN DESMARAIS
KATHLEEN GUPTA
MADELINE PANTZER

ABSENT

SOCIAL SERVICES

1-22-91

PRESENT

MAUREEN FLATLEY
MEYER HAGER
HAROLD DONOHUE

EXCUSED

SASHA GREENE
BARBARA CRAFTON
MADELYN WILS

ABSENT

ROBERT WILLIAMS

WATERFRONT & ENVIORNMENT

1-31-91

PRESENT

KATHRYN FREED
BARBARA MARKS
ROCCO D'AMATO
PATRICIA DILLON
HAROLD DONOHUE

EXCUSED

GEORGE KELLER
NANCY PAGE
MADELYN WILS

ABSENT

ROBERT GOLDSTEIN