



COMMUNITY BOARD No. 1

CITY OF NEW YORK

Anne Compocchia
Chairperson

Paul Goldstein
District Manager

MINUTES
OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
SEPTEMBER 12, 1991
ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE
49 FULTON STREET

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

Public Session:

No Speakers.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held July 30, 1991 were adopted as presented.

Reports of Elected Officials:

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

- Expressed appreciation to Board members for support over years.
- Congratulated Board on designation of Tribeca West Historic District.
- Expressed concern regarding siting and size of Commodity Exchanges' proposed development.

Borough President's Report:

Lucy Santana, Representative of Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger - Reported on the following issues:

- A statement developed at a meeting organized by the Borough President to deal with the epidemic of Tuberculosis has been sent to Community Board #1 with a request for an expression of support.
- The Borough President's Office is organizing a Task Force on Traffic Issues.
- Assistance to Community Boards is available through the Borough President's Office in preparing maps, architectural drawings and layouts to prepare land use reports.

District Manager's Report:

Paul Goldstein - Reported on the following issues:

- CB #1 has reached an agreement with the NYC Department for the Aging which will immediately restore full funding to the Southbridge Towers and Independence Plaza Senior Centers. In addition, through Board efforts, Senator Martin Connor allocated "member item" funds in the amount of \$7,000 for Southbridge Towers as did Senator Manfred Ohrenstein in the amount of \$5,000 for Independence Plaza. Southbridge Tower's Senior Program is larger than Independence Plaza's.
- Fulton Fish Market - A meeting was held with the Deputy Commissioner of Sanitation about the restoration of a truck to clean the Fulton Fish Market area each morning. Sanitation Department responded that this issue was the responsibility of the Department of Ports and Terminals. District Manager will now meet with Sanitation, Ports and Terminals, the Seaport Community Coalition and Fish Market officials on this subject.
- Discos: the Social Club Task Force handed summonses to LePoulet for operating a disco without a cabaret license. Additional DEP noise inspections will be conducted at the Amazon Club.
- Traffic Signals - Board met with the Department of Transportation regarding additional traffic controls on South End Ave. DOT removed the existing stop signs leaving none. Board now working to restore these stop signs and gain approval for a new traffic signal at Albany st.
- Fulton St. subway station entrance - MTA approved changes five years in making for 24-hour access to Fulton St. entrance. Negotiations underway with owner to block off entrance in William St. building.

Chairperson's Report:

Anne Compocchia - Reported on the following issues:

- Board is discussing critical need for exterminators in Downtown area with City because of infestation of rats. Currently, only one City exterminator assigned to area below 96th St. in Manhattan.
- Lower Broadway Corridor Study to be released by CPC in October. James Stratton, Chairperson, and members of his sub-committee will review.
- Battery Park City - Chairperson had discussion with David Emil, President, BPCA, regarding provision of recreational space to business/residential community. She met with Governor Cuomo's representative regarding South Gardens and learned that the Governor will make the final decision regarding use of the site.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES.

Executive

A. Compoccia

Committee Report:

Commodity Exchanges Project - The Executive Committee will be having a series of meetings and a public hearing to consider this subject; it is essential that members attend. The Board must take the initiative and negotiate to meet the needs of the community regarding the City and State's proposal to house the Commodity Exchanges in a large-scale development on the site bounded by Greenwich, Murray, West and Warren Streets.

Tribeca/Washington Market

M. Wills

Committee Report:

The Board approved a committee resolution recommending that the Department of Consumer Affairs grant cabaret license at 285 West Broadway. It is the operator's intention to rent space for individual events. William Monaghan representing Monaghan Properties, said that safety and maintenance of property would be highest priorities. The vote on the motion was 18 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Board approved a committee resolution to recommend approval of an application to Board of Standards and Appeals to amend the existing Special Permit of the New York Sports Club at 311 Greenwich Street to expand the club on the first floor.

The vote on the motion was 18 in favor, 1 opposed and 0 abstentions.

Landmarks

H. Bromm

Committee Report:

The Board approved a committee resolution recommending adoption of "Proposed Rules Relating to the Expiration and Renewal of Permits" issued by the Landmarks Preservation Commission which establishes finite periods for permits authorizing work on landmarks, interior landmarks and buildings in historic districts.

The vote on the motion was 14 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstentions.

Hal Bromm, Chairperson, reported on the favorable action to designate the Tribeca West Historic District by the City Council.

Housing

R. Williams

Committee Report:

The Board approved a committee resolution recommending "Relocation Incentive Program Zoning Text" (BRAC) to assist retention of small businesses in City by offering incentives to relocate in other areas of the City while encouraging lifting of eligibility criteria to permit relocation in the same neighborhood.

The vote on the motion was 11 in favor, 5 opposed and 6 abstentions.

Transportation & Uniformed Services

S. Coron

Committee Report:

Sid Coron reported on the \$1 million federally-funded "FDR Loop Study" on feasibility of constructing overpass connecting traffic coming off Williamsburg Bridge to FDR Drive South. He also reported on illegal peddler concerns. Sellers of printed matter on City streets are exempt from summonses from police at this time; the MTA, however, does confront such peddlers and removes them.

Arts and Cultural Affairs

J. Dixon

Committee Report:

The Chairperson postponed until next meeting of Board the Committee's resolution on "Sans Dessus Dessous", mural at 22 Reade St. as no members of the committee were present.

Old Business

In response to a question from member Patricia Dillon, Chairperson Compocchia said that any plans regarding the rescheduling of the auto race in Downtown Manhattan would come before the Board as a new matter.

The meeting was adjourned.