

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, October 22, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: 4 World Trade Center

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the public hearing to order at 6:05pm EDT.

I. Public Hearing

A) Community Board 1 Capital and Expense Budget Requests for the New York City FY 2015

The Downtown Alliance supports capital item 2.
Testimony was submitted.

There being no further business, the public hearing was concluded at 6:15pm, EDT.

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the board meeting to order at 6:16pm, EDT.

II. Public Session

1) Dara McQuillan (WTC 4)

4 World Trade Center will open in November, 2013 and everyone is invited.

2) Catherine McVay Hughes (Chair of CB1)

- Expressed gratitude for getting to the point where WTC Building 4 is able to host the meeting.
- Thanked stakeholders for making today possible.
- There was a round of applause for Silverstein Properties.

3) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)

- Discussed the successes of the Speaker's School Overcrowding Taskforce.
- Next month the Department of Education will release its capital expense budget for new schools. Paul Hovitz (CB1): can we submit sites? Paul Goldstein: Yes. Speaker Silver was given an award for work on school funding.
- The crossing at Vesey Street reopened recently.

- Working on the Stuyvesant High School Community Center funding issue. The Speaker is looking to preserve community access to the space.
- Speaker Silver is sponsoring a CUNY graduate fair on November 10 at 350 Grand Street.
- Introduced Andrew Brokman as the Speaker's new Community Liaison.

4) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- The Assembly Member sent a letter regarding community access to the Stuyvesant Community Center.
- She also sent a letter to the DOE regarding school overcrowding and Kindergarten Connect.
- The Assembly Member wrote a letter to HPD regarding IPN's Section 8 tenants. The budget impact from sequestration is having an effect on them.

5) Senator Daniel Squadron

- Expressed positive feelings about holding a meeting at WTC 4.
- Discussed the ongoing impacts from Superstorm Sandy. The Senator's office is focused on helping residents and business owners recover from the storm.
- Concerned about the possible relocation of the court summons arraignment part to 70 Thomas Street.
- The Senator takes community concerns very seriously. Encouraged attendees to go to other CB1 meetings.
- Encouraged constituents to call the office with issues of concern.
- DC37 member: are you working on FEMA denials? Senator Squadron: Willing to help.
- Battery Park City resident: can you work on ferry noise and pollution issues? Senator Squadron: working on it with Representative Jerrold Nadler.

6) Captain Timoney (NYPD)

- Crime is down 3.78% in the first precinct.
- Make sure to shred documents to avoid identity theft.

7) John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu)

- Please visit the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.nyc.gov.

8) Hannah Friedman (Borough President Scott Stringer)

- The BP hosted a Shine the Light event to bring awareness to domestic violence issues.
- Community Board appointment process will begin soon.

9) Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerald Nadler)

- The Federal Government is open again.
- Sequestration is causing issues for New Yorkers. Rep. Nadler is working on related issues involving HPD and housing.
- Rep. Nadler is also working on ferry noise and pollution issues.

10) Patrick Kennell (LMCCC Supporter)

- Supports continued funding for LMCCC.
- Discussed personal experiences. His issues were resolved via the LMCCC and CB1.

11) Tamara Downey (LMCCC Supporter)

- Supports continued funding for LMCCC.

12) Julie Finch (Save Our Seaport)

- Upset with Howard Hughes Corporation for not being transparent about future plans.

13) David Sheldon (Save Our Seaport)

- Supports the CB1 resolution regarding the Seaport. Also concerned that Seaport plans are not transparent.

14) Michael Yamin (Save Our Seaport)

- Supports the CB1 resolution regarding the seaport.

15) Valerie Campbell and Peter Guthrie (Kramer Levin)

- Presented the plan for a proposed new residential building at 100 Franklin Street.

16) Lynn Ellsworth (Tribeca Trust)

- Representing a group of residents concerned with the proposed 100 Franklin Street building. Urged CB1 not to support the proposal.
- Numerous other members of the group expressed their concerns including some who were present but did not sign speaker forms.

17) Over 100 people expressed opposition to moving the summons arraignment part to 71 Thomas Street. A few people spoke to represent the group and petitions were submitted with over 1,000 signatures.

18) Robert Hennelly (District Council 37)

- Discussed the impact of Superstorm Sandy on DC37's office on Barclay Street. Damages ran into the millions of dollars. Their FEMA application has been denied.

19) J. Levie (Gray Matters)

- Discussed the non-profit's work. Their website is www.graymattersnyc.org.

20) Delia Von Neuschatz (CB1 Resident)

- Concerned about helicopter noise and encouraged people to report noisy helicopters flying over lower Manhattan to 311.

21) Mike Marriott (Gelsey Kirkland Ballet)

- New ballet company downtown. Visit www.gelseykirklanballet.org information.

22) Barbara Walters (Tamid)

- Member of new synagogue in lower Manhattan. Wants to hear from people interested in volunteerism.

23) Martin Sweeney (Pier 26 Boathouse)

- Discussed the status of their facility formerly housed at Pier 26. They would like to reopen next season. They now have 4 locations offering services.

24) Erin McCarron (Smoke Free Buildings)

- Secondhand smoke is dangerous.
- Her organization hosts information sessions about smoke-free laws that are open to the public.

25) Lucy Kuhn (CB1 Resident)

- Opposed to traffic islands in Battery Park City.

26) Justine Cuccia (Public Member CB1)

- Opposed to traffic islands in Battery Park City.

27) Gus Ourahitsi (CB1 Resident)

- Opposed to traffic islands in Battery Park City.

28) Anthony Notaro (Vice Chair, CB1)

- Announced the upcoming meeting of the First Precinct Community Council.

III. Business Session

Cass Holloway, Deputy Mayor for Operations, discussed the proposed relocation of the summons arraignment part from 346 Broadway to 71 Thomas Street. The Mayor's Office believes the community has been misinformed about the proposed facility. Functions related to the criminal justice system will be moved from 346 Broadway, including a probation office that will be relocated to 66 John Street (this was the first time that CB #1 learned that the probation facility would move to this location), a summons arraignment part to 71 Thomas Street and a third that will remain in the Civic Center, which is part of CB #1. A lengthy question and answer session was held to discuss moving the arraignment part to 71 Thomas Street. Several CB1 members raised concerns about the impacts from the proposed location. In response to concerns expressed about the relocation to 66 John Street of a Department of Probation office with a case management function, the Deputy Mayor agreed to send a City representative to the November Financial District Committee meeting to present the details of the plan. There were many comments in the public session from people opposed to the proposed arraignment part at 71 Thomas Street.

Please note: in the interest of time, committee reports were tabled in order to make time for votes/discussions on resolutions. For more information please contact the CB1 office.

A) Adoption of September 2013 minutes

Were adopted as presented.

B) Chairperson's Report

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml. A few highlights:

- First Public Meeting at 4 World Trade Center – Manhattan Community Board 1 (10/22/2013)
- Activation of City Water Tunnel No. 3 by Mayor Bloomberg; the largest capital construction project in New York City’s history, and one of the world’s engineering marvels.
- Opening of Pedestrian Crossing of Route 9A at grade at Vesey Street (October 2013)
- South Street Seaport Pier 17 Ground Breaking – joined Howard Hughes Corporation, Mayor Bloomberg and NYC Councilmember Chin (10/17/2013)
- New Co-Chairs have been appointed to several CB1 committees:
 - South Street Seaport/Civic Center Committee – Marco Pasanella, Co-Chair
 - Tribeca Committee – Elizabeth Lewinsohn, Co-Chair
 - Personnel Committee – Linda Gerstman, Chair and Susan Cole, Co-Chair; Roger Byrom will continue as active member of committee for continuity
- BMCC committed to staying in Tribeca at their last Board of Directors Meeting
- BMCC will be removing their temporary trailers parked on the sidewalk on Route 9A that they installed after 9/11 as temporary classrooms in Q1 2013
- Reminder: attendance and punctuality are important as per memo (10/11/2013)
- New York State Community Reconstruction Program – Public Meeting #1 at Parish Hall, 74 Trinity Place, 6:00pm to 8:00pm on Wednesday, October 30.

C) District Manager’s Report

Check upcoming meeting schedules because the holidays in November and December have caused scheduling changes.

D) Treasurer’s Report

Report was emailed. For further details please contact the board office.

IV. Committee Reports

The full version of the resolutions are available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/resolutions.shtml>

Due to time constraints, there were no reports about most items listed on the committee agendas.

A) Executive Committee

1) Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center – Resolution supporting funding and operations of the Lower Manhattan Construction Coordination Center (LMCCC).
Adopted

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Capital and Expense Budget Requests for FY 2015 – Resolution recommending funding budget requests for Fiscal Year 2015. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

3) Lower Manhattan NY Rising Community Reconstruction Program Asset Inventory - Report

4) Update on Community Planning Fellows and Pace Students by Diana Switaj, CB 1 Director of Planning and Land Use & Michael Levine, CB 1 Planning Consultant

Utilizing students from Pace University to work on CB1 projects. They are working on studies of the area around the Brooklyn Bridge and the 43 subway stations around CB1; students will review the environment around bridge and the stations and make recommendations for improvements.

Three Community Planning Fellows, supervised by Diana Switaj, will be working on housing issues, vulnerable populations, and bicycle culture and infrastructure in Lower Manhattan. A Columbia University graduate Urban Planning studio will be researching post-Sandy Lower Manhattan, and another studio from the New York Institute of Technology is looking at the potential for Seaport City.

5) Calendars for 2014 - Report

Calendars of CB1 meeting dates for January-June 2014 will be emailed to CB1 members in coming days.

B) Battery Park City Committee

1) South End Avenue and West Thames Street traffic mitigation and pedestrian enhancement designs – Resolution approving the presented design by DOT, with the additional aforementioned amendments, and requesting that DOT expedite the implementation in a timely manner. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) South West NY – Report

3) BPC Community Center Task Force – Report

4) Murray Street Parking – Report

C) Seaport/Civic Center Committee

1) Request for active participation in future South Street Seaport development projects – Resolution urges the New York City Economic Development Corporation, the Department of Cultural Affairs and the Howard Hughes Corporation to undertake a collaborative planning process involving Community Board 1, residents, and other stakeholders by establishing a task force composed of Community Board 1 members, other area stakeholders and the elected officials representing the Seaport Area, and engaging that task force as an active partner in planning any future development in the South Street Seaport area. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Audit report issued regarding Howard Hughes Corporation – Report

3) Brooklyn Bridge Reconstruction Project – Report

D) Planning Committee

1) World Trade Center Quarterly Progress Report – Report

2) Route 9A – Report

3) Community Benefit Agreements – Report

4) NYC EDC Seaport City Feasibility Study – Report

E) Tribeca Committee/Quality of Life Committee

1) Relocation of the New York State Unified Court System Summons Arraignment Part to 71 Thomas Street (40 Worth) – Resolution urgently requests that DCAS refrain from signing a lease for 71 Thomas and that every effort be made to find a more suitable location. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

F) Tribeca Committee

1) New York City Rescue Mission expansion project – Report

2) 443 Greenwich Street, renewal of previously approved special permit to allow waiver of bulk regulations for residential conversion – Letter of approval

3) 350 Broadway construction – Discussion

4) 349 Greenwich Street, application for a renewal of sidewalk café license for Dean's – Resolution approves the renewal of the sidewalk cafe license for Dean's Rest. Corp at 349 Greenwich Street. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 386 Canal Street, application for a beer and wine license for Crave Espresso Bar – Resolution opposes granting a wine and beer license to Three Guys Bar Inc. at 386 Canal Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 27 Desbrosses Street, application for a liquor license for 27 Faja Foods on the Hudson Inc. – Resolution opposes granting a liquor license to 27 Faja Foods on the Hudson Inc. at 27 Desbrosses Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) 77 Worth Street, application for a liquor license alteration for Atera – Resolution opposes granting an alteration of a liquor license to RBC Bar, Inc. at 77 Worth Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) 200 Church Street, application for a beer and wine license for Tribeca Kitchen – Resolution opposes granting a wine and beer license to 200 Tribeca Restaurant LLC at 200 Church Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) Codification of committee liquor and sidewalk café license standards – Report

G) Landmarks Committee

1) 25 N. Moore Street, application for approval of rooftop addition – Resolution recommending that Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 139 Fulton Street, application for approval of storefront glazing and sill – Resolution recommending that Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application on the condition that the building owner works with the Commission to develop a master plan

that will govern future alterations to eventually restore the street level of this important building in a historically appropriate manner. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 70 Franklin Street, application for approval of handicapped ramp – Resolution recommends that Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application on the condition that plans are reviewed by the Commission to determine that no other feasible means of accessible entry can be provided to the section of the building in question. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 100 Franklin Street, application for approval to construct two new buildings on a vacant parking lot – Resolution not included. *Tabled*

H) Quality of Life Committee

1) Update on Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Report

2) New York Presbyterian Lower Manhattan Hospital – Report

3) Local elderly shut-in and disabled population holiday outreach initiative – Report

4) Commercial buildings light pollution – Resolution urges the City Council to look into the feasibility of the creation of standards and regulations pertaining to commercial light pollution; we also request that our State and Federal representatives tighten the environmental standards for commercial light emissions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Residential Recycling Forum – Report

I) Youth & Education Committee

1) Request for Crossing Guard at PS 234 – Report

2) Kindergarten admissions process – Resolution urges the DOE to delay implementation of Kindergarten Connect, supply additional information regarding the aforementioned issues, and provide an adequate public comment period for the community and parents. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Taste of the Seaport fundraiser for PS 397, Sunday, October 27th 11AM-4PM – Report

4) Assemblyman Silver's School Overcrowding Task Force – Report

J) Financial District Committee

1) Briefing on pavement marking plan to enhance safety for pedestrians, bicycles and vehicles at the southern end of South Street adjacent to the Battery Maritime Building (BMB) and the Whitehall Ferry Terminal – Report

2) Governors Island Update – Report

3) Chase Plaza Update – Report

4) Presentation on Manhattan Borough President's Office report “NYC's Digital Deficit: Slow Internet Speeds in Public Schools and Libraries” by Stephen Corson, Deputy Director of Policy – Report

5) 170 Broadway, application for café/lounge wine and beer license for 170 Broadway NYC LP & Highgate Hotels, LP – Resolution opposes granting a restaurant catering facility liquor license to 170 Broadway NYC LP and Highgate Hotels, LP d/b/a TBD at 170 Broadway, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 136 William Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for SB William Street LLC d/b/a Smashburger – Resolution opposes granting a restaurant beer and wine license to SB William Street LLC d/b/a Smashburger for 136 William Street, unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) 27 Park Place a/k/a 24 Murray Street, application for cabaret license for MXK Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Remix – Resolution opposes the application by MXK Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Remix, for a Cabaret License for 27 Park Place a/k/a 24 Murray Street. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

K) Street Fair Task Force

1) Update on 2013 Community Board One street fairs by Joe Giovanni, Mardi Gras Productions

2) Sponsorship of Street Fairs for Fundraising by CB #1 in 2014. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

IV. Old Business

No Old Business to report.

V. New Business

No New Business to report.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9:10pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.