

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD 1 - MANHATTAN
FEBRUARY 20, 2007
MILLENNIUM HIGH SCHOOL**

Chairperson, Julie Menin, called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

PUBLIC SESSION

Before officially commencing the Public Session, the Chair recognized The Public Advocate, Betsy Gotbaum.

The Public Advocate congratulated the Board on the space it was instrumental in creating at Millennium High School. She illustrated the importance of the making the Public Advocate's Office independent of the executive branch, citing the school bus debacle as an example. During a Question and Answer session, the following issue was addressed for further action:

Rerouting one of two school buses that leave BPC from the Chase Bank at South End Avenue and Liberty Streets empty in the morning to another neighborhood.

Public Hearing on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2008

(To view document go to <http://www.nyc.gov/html/omb/html/finplan01-07.html>)

There were no public comments on the issue.

Comments by Members of the Public

Albert Capsouto, Lower Manhattan Resident

Speaking as a community resident, Mr. Capsouto brought to the Board's attention the 02.17.07 article in the Metro Section of the New York Times about the fire at the Jack Parker site, which was granted a variance without an Environmental Impact Study that might have identified and prevented the hazard that caused the fire. Mr. Capsouto further stated that the City which grants the variances ought to provide protections to residents and owners of landmark buildings in historical districts.

Erin Drinkwater, Representative Jerrold Nadler's Office

Ms. Drinkwater introduced herself as the new Liaison to Community Board 1.

Anthony Mercado, Parent

Mr. Mercado, whose son attends the High School of Banking and Finance near the Deutsche Bank building, announced his frustration at trying to orchestrate environmental precautions at the school during decontamination and demolition. Vice Chair, Catherine McVay Hughes, spoke with him privately at the Chair's behest and the Chair invited Mr. Mercado to attend the Board's WTC Redevelopment meetings.

Sayor Lonial, Council Member Alan J. Gerson's Office

Announced a meeting with Jack Parker representatives scheduled for 02.21.07 regarding its construction plans; reported on a 02.24.07 meeting regarding RFP for Governor's Island in early to mid-march. Contact him to submit comments; Council Member Gerson introduced two bills: To ascertain the sufficiency of school space relative to construction. The encasement of diesel fuel in or outside buildings.

Mary Cooley, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's Office

Thanked CB1 for attending the Lower Manhattan Town Hall meeting.

Distributed flyers regarding the Mitchell-Lama conference at John Jay College.

The office is in the process of completing application and interview process for April appointments; Reminded members to complete surveys in order for the Office to gauge its performance and where support is needed.

Skip Blumberg, Friends of City Hall Park

Thanked CB1 for its support with its May 2005 resolution as it was instrumental in the reopening of City Hall Park. Proposed fence will preclude access to three acres of park as a result of living in a post 9.11 world.

Madame Chair interjected that on February 22nd at 6:00 PM in the CB1 office, one of the issues that the 197A Planning Task Force will address is infrastructure and parks

John Ricker, NYC Comptroller's Office

Noted items in the Comptroller's latest newsletter.

Won \$750,000 for security workers; NYCERS to ratify importance of senior executive compensation of Home Depot, Blockbusters and other large corporations.

To report fraud or waste, Mr. Ricker may be reached at 212.669.3668 or 212.669.3916.

Peter Downing, Tribeca Film Festival

Requested volunteers for the festival, especially the free events: drive-in and family festival.

Arthur Gregory, City Hall Park

Praised Skip Blumberg for his efforts regarding the reopening of City Hall Park.
Offered members a drink on the house at his nearby establishment, B4.

BUSINESS SESSION

Adoption of Minutes

The Board unanimously adopted the 01.16.07 minutes.

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

School - Stressed the need to be vigilant with Battery Park City Authority and the School Construction Authority about site 2B as a potential school site;

School Buses - Addressed debacle regarding school bus rerouting: Assemblyman Sheldon Silver, Council Member Alan J. Gerson, David Feiner and Paul Hovitz, are involved with resolving the matter;

Governor's Island - A community panel will judge use proposals for open space;

Thanked Manhattan Borough Present Scott Stringer for hosting the Lower Manhattan Town Hall meeting;

Announced Mitchell-Lama meeting scheduled for March 3rd from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM at John Jay College and encouraged member attendance.

Nomination Committee

The slate of names from the floor for the election of a Nominating Committee included: Rick Landman; Julie Nadel; Andy Neale; Patricia Moore; Paul Sipos; Alan Tannenbaum.

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferbilt

Noted that Scott Stringer's presence at the District Cabinet's meeting signaled its importance to the Manhattan Borough President's Office;

Community Board Office met with the State Liquor Authority at the Manhattan Borough President's Office;

Attended a ceremony at the NYC Rescue Mission where they were displaying new equipment

He and Michael Levine discussed how to most effectively advocate for CB1's budget priorities at a meeting with the Office of Management and Budget;

Announced that there is an opening for a representative from CB1 on the Manhattan Borough President's Office Senior Advisory Group and encouraged those interested to volunteer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOTE: IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A COPY OF A RESOLUTION SUMMARIZED IN THE MINUTES, PLEASE CONTACT THE CB 1 OFFICE AT 212 442-5050

Landmarks Committee

B. Ehrmann

BY A CALL OF THE ROLL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

58 White Street, LPC application for storefront renovation and façade improvements including addition of glass marquee
53 Beach Street, LPC application for rooftop enlargement to expand commercial use
37-39 Lispenard Street, LPC application for storefront infill and replacement of windows
Proposed Landmark designations
94 Greenwich Street aka 14-18 Rector Street
94 ½ Greenwich Street aka 94A Greenwich Street
96 Greenwich Street

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47 Murray Street, LPC application for storefront addition
146 Duane Street, LPC application for storefront renovation for the Jewish Community project of Lower Manhattan (JCP)

REPORTS

Tribeca North Historic District – Report
Andy Neale and Carole DeSaram provided 20 years of documentation regarding the north extension.
416-424 Washington Street, inappropriate loading dock - Report

Tribeca Committee

C. DeSaram

Liquor license renewal applications

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135 Watts Street/451 Washington Street for Capsouto Freres Restaurant
109 West Broadway for Delphi Restaurant, Inc.

The Board Unanimously Passed the Following Resolutions with Noted Amendments and Discussion

126 Chambers Street for Captain Mikes Seafood Restaurant, Inc.
1 Lispenard Street for Nancy Whiskey Pub

94 Chambers Street, liquor license for New ABN, Inc.

Tribeca North FUCA Text Amendments

152 Franklin Street, BSA special permit to allow legalization of physical health and cultural

establishment

Consolidated Sanitation Garage for Manhattan Districts 1, 2 and 5

Amendment: second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

“DEIS is fatally flawed and supports Community Board 2's concern”

Discussion on the Matter Raised the Following Issues and Comments:

David Reck, Community Board 2, is spearheading opposition to proposed new garage;

Facility to store 20,000 gallons of diesel fuel;

History of Sanitation Garage has genesis in 1999 before Community Boards 2 and 4 participated in design:

Original location between 29th and 30th Streets between 11th and 12th Avenues; where roof would align with Community Board 4's high line and contain a park;

Sanitation abandoned plan, bought UPS building with salt pile and refueling station.

No indication of Community Board 4 support for new plan;

Borough President to facilitate effort for a joint meeting with CB 1, 2 and 4;

Friendly amendment accepted to include language that process is fatally flawed;

Proposal not brought to State Advisory Council of the Borough President's Office, due 02.26.07.

Proposed street closure on Saturday 5 May 2007, Greenwich Street between Hubert and Reade streets by the Tribeca Film Festival

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Proposed street closure on Sunday, 14 October 2007, Greenwich Street between Chambers and Duane Street by the Mosaic Manhattan Church

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Proposed street closure on Saturday, 19 May 2007, Greenwich Street and Duane Street by the Taste of Tribeca

REPORTS

Mar Ameruso reported on meeting with Borough President, on State Liquor Authority Draft Report on Liquor Licenses

Regarding the definition of “public interest,” SLA is leaning towards Community Board 1's meaning;

SLA is addressing a change in licensing protocol;

SLA asks that CB1 vote “No” on resolutions with conditions because when it votes “Yes,” the same goes to a staff member and conditions get overlooked;

“No” votes get the Commissioner’s attention and conditions will get noted.

Carole DeSaram reported working with Friends of Washington Market Park on a traffic light.

Jack Parker Site

Andy Neale will facilitate a meeting regarding the fire Albert Capsouto discussed during the Public Session

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

REPORTS

Seaport Film Shooting “Bourne Ultimatum”

Universal Pictures filming schedule is as follows:

Saturday and Sunday, March 17th and 18th from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, between South and Dover Streets

Production Company will offer donations to three community organizations of \$1,000.00 each

CB1 will generate a list of recommended organizations

Mayor’s Film Office will attend Quality of Life Committee meeting in March to discuss:

Strategies to limit filming. Moratorium during construction

Notice to community of anticipated filming schedules

Update on Burling Slip playground construction

Landmarks had concerns regarding parking.

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Liquor license renewal application

95 South Street, Heartland Restaurant and Brew Pub

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Plan to reopen the north end of City Hall Park

Mr. Fratta thanked Parks and Recreation Commissioner, Bill Castro, State Senator Martin Connor and Friends of City Hall Park;

He explained that 5'2" fence similar to peripheral fences north of City Hall would be closed when students at City Hall Academy are in recess, and that northeast and northwest lawns would be open for passive use and are scheduled to be adorned with planters and benches.

Columbus Park Expansion ULURP

Surrogate Courthouse Handicapped Access

Liquor license renewal Applications

89 South Street, Pizzeria Uno

2 Lafayette Street, Corte Café

118 Nassau Street, Nassau Bar

89 South Street Pier 17 at Peck Slip, Yorkville Packing House

89 South Street Pier 17 at Peck Slip, Cyber Cigar Coffee Bar

New License for Additional Beer cart at 89 South Street Pier 17 at Peck Slip, for Cyber Cigar Coffee Bar

Proposed street closure by the MS Society on Saturday, 22 April 2007 and Sunday 22 April 2007

Proposed street closure on Friday 4 May 2007, Fulton Street between Water and Gold Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Wednesday, 4 July 2007, Water Street between Broad and Fulton Streets by the Pearl Street Park Association

Proposed street closure on Saturday, 18 August 2007, Water Street between Fulton and Broad Streets by the Seaport Community Coalition

Proposed street closure on Friday, 21 September 2007, Fulton Street between Water and Gold Streets by the Southbridge Adult Senior Center

UPON HIS ARRIVAL, THE CHAIR RECOGNIZED SENATOR MARTIN CONNOR

Announced that activities will soon intensify in Albany with the budget proposal and health care proposal with its impact on families;

Recognized Council Member Alan J. Gerson and Assemblymember Deborah Glick for their input with the reopening of City Hall Park

Discussed the Ethics Reform Bill:

Honoraria and issue for Governor Spitzer;

Staff members leaving to become Lobbyists;

Public perception of accepting meals;

Cosponsored Marriage Equality Bill.

Battery Park City Committee

A. Notaro

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36 Battery Place, Liquor license application for Foremost Glatt Kosher Caterers

Proposed street closure on Sunday, 15 April 2007, Battery Place between West and 3rd Streets by the Museum of Jewish Heritage

3 World Financial Center/200 Vesey Street, liquor license application for Compass Group USA, Inc. And Thompson Hospitality Services, LLC

Revised Plans for West Thames Street Dog Run

Financial District Committee

R. Sheffe

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

11 Stone Street, liquor license application for Asian Fusion, Inc.

3 Hanover Square, beer and wine license for Taste of Tokyo Japanese restaurant

Proposed street closure on March 16th and 17th, and April 1st through November 30th 2007,

Stone Street between Coentis Alley and Hanover Square by Ahead Reality, LLC

Proposed street closure on Friday, 27 April 2007, Maiden Lane between Fulton and Water Streets by the Downtown Independent Democrats

Proposed street closure on Friday, 18 May 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Friday, 15 June 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Friday, 6 July 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Friday, 10 August 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Friday, 14 September 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water streets by CB1

Proposed street closure on Friday, 19 October 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by CB1

Proposed street closure from April 1st through October 21st 2007, Thames Street between Broadway and Trinity Place by Suspenders Restaurant

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Proposed street closure on Friday, 11 May 2007, Maiden Lane between South and Water Streets by the Downtown Independent Democrats

Proposed street closure on Friday, 8 June 2007, West Broadway between Vesey and Chambers Streets by Independence Plaza Tenants Association

Proposed street closure on Friday, 3 August 2007, Maiden Lane between Barclay and Chambers Streets by the 1st Police Precinct Community Council

Proposed street closure on Friday, 5 May 2007, Broadway between Fulton Street and Battery Place by Ziva USA, Inc.

Proposed street closure on Monday, 8 October 2007, Water Street between Battery Place and Fulton Street by Bowling Green Association

Proposed street closure on Monday, 12 November 2007, Water Street between Battery Place and Fulton Street by John Huess House

Proposed street closure on Friday, 28 September 2007, Old Slip (north side only) between South and Water Streets by the NYC Police Museum

Waterfront Committee

J. Nadel

East River Waterfront Esplanade

Proceeds is about to go to ULURP;

EDC details pending regarding selection and disposition of land;

Meeting scheduled for 02.26.07.

Pier 26 Boat House

Pier 26 Task Force took issue with Hudson River Trust fund:

Need to examine plans;

Grant to build an environmentally friendly green building

Cost effective estuarium as research facility;

BPC Authority Board of Directors is considering a land-fill project to create "North BPC" area;

Legal hurdles: zoning and anti-landfill legislation.

Youth and Education Committee

P. Hovitz

Youth Fair

In planning stages

CB1 Youth Provider Update

Identifying funding source to update Youth Manual

Meeting with Region 9 Superintendent:

32 districts will remain after restructuring;

To whom principals will report and how evaluated are not clear;

Representative Jerrold Nadler, Council Member Alan J. Gerson, and Borough President Scott

Stringer will work in tandem to protect children in light of school bus debacle

New School Task Force

R. Skinner

CB1 New School Facilities Needs and the Support of District 2 Community Education Council

Advocating a new school at site 2B and additional space to relieve overcrowding at PS 89.

Quality of Life and Affordable Housing Committee

P. Moore

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Affordable Housing in CB1

REPORT

Affordable Housing initiatives by Council Member Alan J. Gerson

Tenant Empowerment Act

Tenant right of first refusal

Affordable Housing Trust Funds
Other Current Programs:
421A Tax Exemption
80/20 Housing (Committee wants 70/30 or 50/50)

60 Hudson Street
Scheduling a meeting to ascertain status of diesel fuel storage

WTC Redevelopment Committee

C. McVay Hughes

REPORTS

130 Liberty Street, Traffic Management Program and Enforcement Task Force
Deconstruction of 40-story tower continues;
24/7 air and noise monitoring;
Reactivation of Advisory Panel
Fulton Street Transit Center

Dey Street exits almost completed;
135 William Street and 189 Broadway almost demolished;
No word as to when N and R station will open
Vesey Street Stair Remnant Section 106
Report postponed until March monthly meeting

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PATH Tunnel Security

BY A CALL OF THE ROLL, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION

Federal Funding for 9.11 Health Impacts on Residents, Students, Workers and Responders

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no old or new business, the Chair adjourned this meeting at 8:24 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janiece Brown Spitzmueller.
Secretary