

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
COMMUNITY BOARD 1 - MANHATTAN
MARCH 20 2007
ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY**

Chairperson, Julie Menin, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Public Session

Jason Aiello, Battery Park City Resident

Complained of loud dog barking at dog run near his home on Albany Street in Battery Park City

The Chair invited him to participate at the next BPC Committee meeting in April.

Sunil Gupta, Borough of Manhattan Community College. Continuing Education Center

BMCC developed new programs to appeal to residents:

Arts, life transition, finance, etc.

Soliciting ideas from the community for new courses

Sayar Lonial, Office of Council Person Alan J. Gerson

On 04.16.07 at 1 PM in City Hall, the Lower Manhattan Redevelopment Committee will hold a hearing on the status of the proposed Performing Art Center at the World Trade Center

The Councilman co-authored and co-signed a bill for 500MM dollars in remedial funds for Governors Island

Introduced and passed Commercial Bike Helmet Bill

Application still available for young sailors program for 7th and 8th graders living inCB1

Matt Viggiano, Office of State Senator Martin Connor

On 05.03.07, Pier 40 Advisory Group will meet regarding future plans

Co-Sponsored bills:

To establish State Division of AIDS Services

Enacting the "Dignity for all Students Act

Excluding panic defense in relation bias crimes

Nivedita Gutta, Safe Horizon Mediation Services

Offers mediation services

Professional, trained and certified mediators

Ray O’Keefe, Community Board 1

Announced resignation from CB1

Acknowledged Madelyn Wils and Julie Menin for their leadership

The Chair noted Mr. O’Keefe’s popularity on the Board and that he will be missed. The Board gave him a standing ovation.

John Ricker, Office of the Comptroller

Highlighted two items in the Comptroller’s monthly Update Report

Criticizing MTA for not giving NYC fair share of funding
Conference and Rally against Department of Education reorganization

Paul Goldstein, Office of Assembly Person Sheldon Silver

Met with local parents and Joel Klein regarding Site 2B;
Supports conversion of Ballfields to artificial turf to facilitate more access;
NYC DOT plan to limit traffic on Broadway between Liberty and Vesey Streets to buses and construction vehicles is a contingency plan;
New park proposed at Peck Slip involves dispute between proponents of traditional cobblestone and proponents of open green space;
Attended a conference on the issue of tour buses at the East River Waterfront;
Congratulated Ray O’Keefe and Tim Lannan on their contributions to CB1.

Paul Hovitz, Seaport Resident

Expressed issue with street closures due to filming on location;
Will work with the Quality of Life Committee for solutions

Richard Horowitz, East River Waterfront Park Design

Thanked the Seaport Civic Association and CB1 for incorporating a Dog Run into its resolution and encouraged members to support it

Simeon Bannister, Office of the Public Advocate

Highlighted Bulletin items:

Criticizes DOE for failure to make schools safe;
Proposes Family Court reforms;
Questions availability of HPV vaccine;
Supports Budget for hiring more HPD litigation attorneys.

Erin Drinkwater, Office of US Representative Jerrold Nadler
Testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee on FBI abuses;
Advocated for the 9.11 Heroes Health Improvement Act;
Advocated for the 9.11 Comprehensive Health Benefits Act.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes

The Board Unanimously adopted the 02.20.07 Minutes

Chairperson's Report

J. Menin

Community is close to receiving good news regarding Site 2B;
CB1 is almost ready to sign a contract with Friends of CB1 for a grant to hire an additional staff person;
Recommendations for a CB1 representative are being submitted to the Seaport Museum Board and they have said they will appoint one.
Thanked all involved in preventing the creation of two left-hand turn lanes at Warren Street and West Street;
Met with parents of overcrowded schools at the Borough President's office;
Highlighted a meeting with Waterfront and Seaport Committees, where General Growth discussed possible future development plans

District Manager's Report

N. Pfefferblit

Budget Issues:
Borough President's office completed review of time records to validate compensation owed to Paul Goldstein, former CB1 District Manager, which can be largely resolved in fiscal year 2007;
Michael Levine and Mr. Pfefferblit are accelerating hiring process. In the meantime, Laura Engler is volunteering at the Board;
Lower Broadway traffic meeting with Downtown Alliance resulted in good community collaboration. Acknowledged CB1 Members involved in the process.

Election of Nominating Committee

Rick Landman and Julie Nadel removed their names from the slate of candidates.
Nominating Committee is therefore comprised of the following:

Linda Belfer
Pat Moore
Andy Neale
Paul Sipos
Alan Tannebaum

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

West Street Task Force

B. Townley

Altering plan to create two left-turn lanes at Murray and West Streets required a change in the contract which made it a difficult bureaucratic move. Mr. Townley solicited issues that the Task Force could address in addition to speeding.

197A Planning Task Force

R. Landman

15 members joined this newly established task force.

Proposed white paper on CB1-wide issues that can be addressed in the future. Process would include:

- * Redefining boundaries of the board's four geographical boundaries;
- * Gleaning priorities list from geographical and other Committees
- * Forming a consensus on community priorities
- * Regarding speeding on Route 9A, considering a proposal to LMCCC to install traffic cameras on West St.

**WTC Redevelopment Committee
Arts and Entertainment Committee**

C. McVay Hughes
H. Reed

**BY A CALL OF THE ROLL, THE BOARD PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH 40
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Performing Arts Center

WTC Redevelopment Committee

C. McVay Hughes

**THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH NOTED
AMENDMENTS**

Traffic Initiative for Lower Broadway - Resolution

Amendments:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: CB#1 requests access to NYCDOT Traffic data, and models, included but not limited to ... plans are implemented, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: CB#1 is against NYCDOT making decisions without a study and opposes implementation unless modeling plan is available to CB#1 as a traffic crisis exits in Lower Manhattan.

Said Resolution Raised the Following Issues During Discussion:

- * Impact of bus bulbs on traffic flow
- * Cost (100K per bus bulb)

REPORT

World Trade Center Health Panel

Mayor Bloomberg scheduled to appeal for funding before the U.S. Senate

Landmarks Committee

R. Byrom

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH NOTED AMENDMENT

443 Greenwich Street, LPC Application for Certificate of Appropriateness and Report for Sec. 74-711 Special Permit to Allow Residential and Hotel Use
213 – 219 Front Street, LPC Application for Installation of Two Signs Extending from the Building for Stella Maris Restaurant
Landmarks Preservation Commission Fiscal Year 2008 Budget

Amendment:

WHEREAS: Between 1991 and 2006 ... the size (strike “r”) of the ... 52 employees, and

REPORTS

25 Broad Street, LPC Application to Demolish the Rear Wing and Restore Ground Floor Lobby

- * Applicants agreed to incorporate suggestions made by the Committee and reappear at the 04.12.07 meeting.

NEPA Survey for the Frasch Building at 33 Rector Street for the Identification of Historical Resources in the Section 106 Review Process

- * No Appearance by the Applicant
- * Matter held over to the 04.12.07 meeting

**Landmarks Committee and
Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

R. Byrom
J. Fratta

Peck Slip – Report/Resolution

- * Applicant’s proposal did not address concerns of many area residents
- * Matter to be revisited on 04.12.07 at a joint Landmarks and Seaport/Civic Center meeting

Tribeca Committee

C. DeSaram

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

Liquor license renewal, extension, transfer and upgrade applications

- * 2 Desbrosses Street, Liquor License Renewal Application for Apogee Events
- * 27 Park Place, Liquor License Renewal Application for Mxx Restaurant Corp.
- * 228 West Broadway, Liquor License Renewal Application for the Bubble Lounge
- * 413 Greenwich Street, Application for Extension of Liquor License to Include Unenclosed Sidewalk Café for Il Mattone Corp.
- * 33 Leonard Street, Application to Upgrade License from Beer and Wine to Liquor for Tk Restaurant Corp.

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161 Duane Street, Liquor License Application for David Bouley, LLC

REPORT

Jack Parker Site

- * To date, no renderings
- * Developer asserts that exterior design is being created subsequent to the interior

Financial District Committee

R. Sheffe

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS

BSA Application to Extend the Term of the Previously Granted Special Permit Allowing the Operation of a Physical Culture Establishment at 30 Wall Street

60 Pearl Street, Liquor License Application for 60 Pearl Street Restaurant LLC

Proposed Street Closure on Friday, September 28, 2007, Murray Street Between Broadway and Church Street by the Downtown Visiting Neighbors

Proposed Street Closure on Friday, April 13, 2007, Bowling Green Between Broadway and Beaver Street by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater NY

REPORTS

Letter to SLA Regarding Liquor License Application for 11 Wall Street by Lackmann Management at Queens, Inc. Agreed to change in terms of application that was approved by CB1 at a previous meeting.

Change to Liquor License Application by JMP Ventures Inc. For 2 Gold Street

Waterfront Committee

J. Nadel

THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WITH THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS

Pier 26 Boathouse

Amendment: An additional WHEREAS to reference 2002 resolution

DISCUSSION OF THE SAME RAISED THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

- * Passing resolutions based on schemata versus contract drawings creates problems
- * CB1 ran political interference on behalf of Hudson River Park Trust
- * Pier 26 bureaucratized out of community control
- * Legislation dictates what is acceptable at Pier 26
- * Estuarium should return to Pier 26

- * Slated Restaurant
- * Would dilute concession concept
- * would lead to 50% reduction in boat storage capacity
- * Revenues from restaurant would go to the Hudson River Park Trust versus the NYC General Park Fund like those generated from restaurants in other parks
- * Revenue streams should go to operating budget

Youth & Education Committee

P. Hovitz

REPORTS

Bus Issues

- * Thanked elected officials for facilitating re-established AM schedule
- * Re-establishment of PM schedule pending
- * Ballfields
- * Committee is advocating turf to facilitate increased demand of BPC ballfields

Department of Education Reorganization

- * Received resolution sent to main body of Stuyvesant High School PTA
- * The same to be shared with other schools for participation
- * Reorganization slows down implementation of earlier reorganization

**Quality of Life and
Affordable Housing Committee**

P. Moore

REPORTS

Presentation on Proposal for Homeless Street Outreach by Winfield Peacock, Executive Director, John Hues House

- * Seeking funds for said outreach program

Film Shoots in CB1 with Dean McCann, Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting

- * Discussed impact of filming on location
- * Downtown location desirable due to recognizable sites
- * Contact Noah Pfefferblit, CB1 District Manager, regarding problems thereto
- * Consider moratorium on certain streets due to overuse
- * Generators used by film crews can be environmentally unfriendly due to noise pollution

Request for Support for the Ready Access to Assistance Act (Reaact), by Brian Kaszuba, Deputy Director of Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, New York City Public Advocate's Office

- * Would facilitate work of organizations interested in helping the public navigate bureaucratic red tape at NYC agencies
- * Committee concerns:

- * Certification of organizations
- * Identification of organizations' agencies of interest

Changes to the NYC Noise Code with Peter Pastor, Office of City Council Member Alan Gerson

- * Ongoing talks about impending implementation of changes
- * Time frame for CB1 to respond to the same which takes effect in June 2007
- * Amendment of said code may be made at time of promulgation or after the effective date

Proposed Affordable Housing Mission Statement

- * Pending

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

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93 South Street Restaurant Corp, renewal of summer on premises liquor license

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Proposed street closure on Thursday, April 26,2007, Worth Street between Centre Street and Lafayette Street by Departments of Health and Human Resources Administration

Amendment: Language recognizing that HRA and DOH are engaged in a joint venture
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Request for Dog Run in Seaport/Financial District by Coalition of Dog Owners/Lovers For a Dog Run

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South Street Seaport Development

Mr. Fratta concluded his presentation by wishing well all full members leaving the Board at the end of the term.

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no old business or new business, the Chair adjourned this meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Janiece Brown Spitzmueller
Secretary