

**CBI MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 2015**

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2015  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
PLACE: Manhattan Youth Community Center  
120 Warren Street at West Street

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Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm, EDT.

**I. Public Session**

1) Matthew Rubin (Governor Andrew Cuomo)

- Represents Governor Cuomo's office in Manhattan.

2) Jackie Blank (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- There was a hearing on the proposed extension of the Zadroga Act that went well.
- Working on Sandy-related issues with FEMA.
- Paul Hovitz: thank you for work on postal service issues.

3) Melissa Gindin (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- No update yet about renewal of rent regulations.
- Senator Squadron was honored to receive an award from the Downtown Alliance.

4) Maryam Abdul-Aleem (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)

- Rent renewal regulations may be extended for up to four years.
- Wrote to the mayor's office requesting additional crossing guards.
- Called for a rent freeze.

5) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)

- Working to locate a new school in Lower Manhattan.
- The New York Times did a story about how Sheldon Silver continues to serve his district as he always has.

6) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)

- Working on issues pertaining to the treatment and rights of workers in nail salons.
- Working on veteran's issues.
- Wants to see changes in any agreement to extend Mayoral control of schools.
- Chairperson McVay Hughes: thanks for work on helicopter noise issues.

7) Morris Chan (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Continuing to work on Seaport development issues.
- Granted funds to make improvements to parks and cultural centers throughout Manhattan.
- Sent a letter to the Battery Park City Authority regarding North Cove Marina.

8) Jean Grillo (District Leader)

- The September primary date will be Thursday, September 10, 2015.
- Regular election will be Tuesday, November 3, 2015.
- The Board of Elections needs workers at poll sites.
- Thanked board for work on surrogates' court.

9) Delia Von Neuschatz (Stop the Chop)

- Working to ban tourist helicopters due to excessive noise and other impacts and concerns.

10) Ken Paskar (Helicopter Issues)

- Helicopters are creating quality of life and safety issues.

11) Alix-Marie (M1-5 Lounge)

- Opposed to M1-5 Lounge license renewal.

12) Phillip Tiongson (M1-5 Lounge)

- Opposed to M1-5 Lounge license renewal.

13) Harris Lau (M1-5 Lounge)

- Opposed to M1-5 Lounge license renewal.

14) John Dellaportas (Helicopter Issues)

- Concerned about helicopter noise and other impacts.

**Guest Speaker**

1) Sam Miller, President, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC)

- Discussed LMCC programs and services, and highlighted the free River to River cultural events taking place.

## II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 6:45pm, EDT.

### A) Adoption of May 2015 minutes

- Passed 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/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/JUNE%20Chair%20Report.pdf>. A few highlights:
- Helicopter incident in Battery Park City – No property damage or injuries occurred during the takeoff from a vessel in the North Cove Marina; spoke with both Battery Park City Authority and Brookfield Properties and they have confirmed that this will not happen again. Wrote a letter to the FAA to clarify the FAA's role.
- Saint Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church has been designated as an Emergency Center by Office of Emergency Management – worked on this with Bob Schneck.
- World Trade Center Site – Vesey Street temporary bridge came down and Observatory on WTC1 opened (05/29/2015)

### C) District Manager's Report

- Mentioned a ruling by the Conflicts of Interest Board that was discussed at a recent training session at the Manhattan Borough President's Office: a board or committee chairperson must step down for the full meeting if they have a conflict of interest on any item on the agenda. This may not occur frequently at CB1 but should be kept in mind.
- New CB1 office space is coming along. The office will let everyone know the details as they become available.

## III. **Committee Reports**

### A) **Planning Committee - M. Connolly**

9/11 Memorial & Museum – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

- The museum is going strong. New installations will continue. There are 261 volunteers. There was a Family Day event. There will be programming listed on the website.
- A taxi line was requested for West Street.

World Trade Center Performing Arts Center – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

9/11 Legislation – Resolution *Passed*

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

- Want to make legislation permanent for 9/11-related healthcare.

Cortlandt Street 1 Train Station Reconstruction – Report

- There will be a newly renovated station. There will be service delays there.

NY County Supreme Court ruling on stabilization at 25 Broad Street – Report

- Update on recent rulings.

Zoning for Quality and Affordability – Report

- Richard Suarez presented an update on a proposed citywide rezoning.

**B) Tribeca Committee – E. Lewinsohn**

355 Greenwich Street, application for new unenclosed sidewalk cafe for 355 Greenwich Bakery – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused*

399 Greenwich Street, application for restaurant liquor license for GST399 Inc. – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused*

JCP sidewalk Sukkah street activity permit applications (two) for Duane Street between Church Street and West Broadway, September 27, 2015 8 a.m. – October 4, 2015, 6 pm – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

- There were separate applications for a Sukkah in the parking lane and for a fair.

2 Avenue of the Americas, application for alteration of liquor license for Tribeca Grand Hotel, Inc. to permit conversion of portion of cellar floor into a jazz club – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

Chabad of Tribeca, street activity permit application for Reade Street between Broadway and Church Street, Sunday, September 20, 2015 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

52 Walker Street, application for renewal of tavern liquor license for KNH Enterprises, LLC d/b/a M1-5 – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

Proposed bus stop for Straight Bus, Inc. in front of 100 Lafayette Street – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

Free public kayaking at Pier 26 – Report

- There is free kayaking available to everyone through the fall.

101 Murray Street (former “St. John’s University site”) – Report

- Much of the report focused on the public plaza and the construction schedule.

Hudson River Park Trust – Report

- A restaurant will open at Pier 26. It will be called City Vineyard and the HRPT has selected the owner of the City Winery to operate it. A representative of the City Winery presented at the Tribeca Committee.

HRPT Advisory Council – Report

- There is a need to keep pedestrians off the bike path.

Draft Tribeca Committee LLA Guideline revisions – Report

- Will be addressed at future meeting as there was insufficient time for discussion.

C) **Financial District Committee – S. Cole**

Use of Buildings 111, 112 and 114 on Governors Island by QC Terme Spa – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

2 Rector Street, application for waiver of rooftop recreation space required for residential conversion – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 20 In Favor 16 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused*

180 Maiden Lane, application for liquor license for Maiden Lane Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a MLHG – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 27 In Favor 0 Opposed 10 Abstained 0 Recused*

110 Wall Street, application for liquor license for LQ Holdings LLC – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 28 In Favor 0 Opposed 9 Abstained 0 Recused*

101 Maiden Lane, application for beer license for 101 Maiden Tacos, LLC d/b/a Dos Toros – Resolution *Passed*

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

Helicopters – Resolution *Passed*

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

Metropolitan College of New York’s New Financial District Campus Coming in 2016 – Report

- They presented their plans at the Financial District Committee.

Museum of American Finance – Report

- They have been operating their institution near the New York Stock Exchange.

1) Downtown Alliance Water Street summer programs – Report

D) **Youth & Education Committee – T. Joyce**

School crossing guards – Resolution *Passed*

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

Assembly Member Silver School Overcrowding Task Force meeting – Report

- Paul Goldstein provided an update during the public session. A new school is needed.

E) **Youth & Education Committee – T. Joyce**

**Seaport/Civic Center Committee – M. Pasanella**

Peck Slip School street safety – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

F) **Landmarks Committee – R. Byrom**

Buildings 111, 112 and 114, Governors Island, landscape revisions, conversion of windows to doors and exterior installation of mechanical equipment – Resolution *Passed*

*BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused*

178 Church Street, application storefront replacement – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

Support for 2015 Borough Board/Community Board Resolution Recognizing the 50<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary of the NYC Landmarks Law and Value of Preservation – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

13 Worth Street – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused*

South Street Seaport Pier 17 and Fulton Market Building – Report

- There will be a special meeting on Thursday at 6pm.

G) **Battery Park City Committee – A. Notaro**

Bicycles and Pedestrians near the North Cove Marina – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

The New Agenda, application for BPCA permit for October – Report

Battery Park City Authority Updates – Report

Youth, Inc., application for BPCA permit for Saturday, October 17, 2015 – Report

BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol – Report

Street permit activity guidelines process – Report

H) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee - M. Pasanella**

Brooklyn Bridge Skate Park and adjacent public spaces – Resolution *Passed*  
*BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Report

Accident at Fulton and Water Streets – Report

- Looking into safety improvement for the area.

New Market & Tin Buildings – Report

- To be addressed.

1) July 4<sup>th</sup> Weekend Events – Report

- See schedule of events.

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 8:45pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.