

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 2014

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Southbridge Tower
90 Beekman Street, Community Room

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

Public Session

1. Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)

- Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver attended the opening of the Fulton Transit Center.
- One World Trade Center has opened.

2. State Senator Daniel Squadron

- The Seaport Working Group is in the process of creating and reviewing guidelines as they relate to the Howard Hughes Corporation proposed mixed use project.
- December 2, Community Convention Town Hall meeting on tenant issues.
- December 11, Community Convention Town Hall meeting on reforming Albany will be held in Brooklyn.
- Introduced his new staff member Melissa Gindin.
- Spoke on the topic of affordable housing, rent laws and regulations.

3. Sarah Diaz (Assembly member Deborah Glick)

- Urging action to keep fracking out of NY State.
- Pier 54 hearing on December 17th. The new plan for the Pier announced recently will be discussed.

4. Amy Miller

- Gibney Dance Center will be adding new facilities to its space at 280 Broadway where programs are underway.

5. Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Community Board applications will be available soon
- Borough President Gale Brewer hosted a Town Hall meeting with DOE Chancellor Carmen Farina to discuss new education initiatives.
- Spoke about the Seaport Working Group.
- There will be more Community Board leadership training sessions.

6. Araks Yeranyan

- Spoke in opposition to a variance to construct two new buildings at 100 Franklin Street

7. Jim Power

- Spoke on behalf of the applicant for a variance to construct two new buildings at 100 Franklin Street

8. Abe Brown

- Spoke on behalf of the restaurant in the Financial District called Reserve Cut and encouraged people to visit
- Talked about the new J&R store at Century 21

9. Andrew Decurtis

- Gave thanks to CB1 for its support of the NYC Rescue Mission
- The NYC Rescue Mission will have a Memorial Day for the homeless in December.

10. Steve Wygoda

- Presented information on the proposed 11 6th Avenue enclosed sidewalk cafe
- Shared architectural drawings and photos

11. Gregory Nardello (Owner Tribeca Tavern)

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12. Vanessa Vitello (Pace Student)

- Spoke about construction issues at 75 West Street

13. James Kaplan

- Talked about celebrations of Evacuation Day in the War of Independence.

14. Rona Kluger

- Spoke against the Howard Hughes Corporation proposal for the Seaport.

15. Julie Margaret Finch

- Talked about the importance of preserving the historical character of the South Street Seaport.

16. Joanne Gorman

- Spoke against the HHC Seaport proposal

17. Selwyn V. Garraway

- Objects to the Howard Hughes Corp Seaport proposal

18. Ken Sacharin

- Spoke against the HHC Seaport proposal
- Discussed South Street Seaport history

19. Crystal Feng (Comptroller Scott Stringer)

- Spoke about Comptroller Stringer's report on the city's efforts to expand opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses. The city needs to improve in this area.
- The Comptroller has proposed a Green Bonds program to encourage environmentally-friendly projects.

Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:10pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of October 2014 minutes

- Passed as adopted

B) Chairperson's Report, Catherine McVay Hughes

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.

C) District Manager's Report, Noah Pfefferblit

- CB1 has developed written procedures to help constituents file complaints. These procedures will enable the staff to assist constituents as effectively as possible.
- Noted that the CB1 Bylaws list the specific reasons for which board members may be granted excused absences. The Bylaws are available on the CB1 website. The office does not have authority to override the Bylaws and grant excuses for other reasons.

Committee Reports

Planning Committee

1. Newsstand application, S/W/C Dey Street & Broadway – Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. West Thames Street Pedestrian Bridge - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. Anti-fracking initiative - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. Report on updates by Lusheena Warner, Assistant Vice President, Government and Community Affairs, NYC Economic Development Corp

a. East River Esplanade Signage and Logo

- CB1 will send letter to Public Design Commission in support of proposed NO TRASH and NO DOGS signage at tree and planting pits.

b. Neighborhood Game-Changer Investment Competition

c. Helicopter Tourism in Lower Manhattan

- Ms. Warner agreed to come back to CB1 with more details about helicopter flights in Lower Manhattan and use of the Wall Street heliport.

Landmarks Committee

1. 56 Warren Street, application for replacement of bluestone pavers – Resolution Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. 60 Collister Street/157 Hudson Street, application for one-story addition to five story building -Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. 1 White Street, application for storefront renovation, handicapped access ramp and bulkhead and rooftop garden - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. East Side of West Broadway between Warren and Murray Streets - Report

Tribeca Committee

1. 99 - 100 Franklin Street, BSA application – Resolution

- The Committee resolution opposes the developer's application to the Board of Standards and Appeals.

Passed: 30 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused

2. 11 Sixth Avenue, application for enclosed sidewalk cafe for Eleven Food and Beverage Corporation – Resolution

- The Committee opposed the application for an unenclosed café at this location.

Passed: 22 In Favor 9 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. The Washington Market School Block Party Street activity for Duane Street between Church Street and West Broadway on Saturday, May 9, 2015

Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

4. 67 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Kinjo Inc. - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5. 313 Church Street, application for renewal of liquor license - Resolution

- The applicant voted down the original resolution in support of the application because the owner did not agree to the committee's conditions.

Passed: 0 In Favor 32 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6. 313 Church Street, application for renewal of liquor license - Resolution with revised wording:

- The Committee opposed the application.

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7. 67 Reade Street, application for restaurant wine beer license for New Sun Cafe – Resolution

- The owner's appearance before the committee was postponed until the following month.

8. Worth Street Reconstruction Project – Report

- The agency cancelled their presentation at the last minute. CB1 was told that the presenter was ill and nobody else was available to substitute.

Financial District Committee

1. 68 Trinity Place/ 103-109 Greenwich Street, BSA - Resolution

Passed: 29 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2. 55 Broadway, application for renewal of a special permit - Resolution

Passed: 29 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3. 26 Murray Street, application for a wine and beer license for Emma 57 LLC Famous Famiglia Pizza - Resolution

Passed: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4. 4 South Street, alteration application for liquor license - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5. Double decker Tour Buses on Broadway - Report

6. Governors Island - Report

7. World Trade Center Campus Security Plan - Report

8. Manhattan By Sail – Report

Youth & Education Committee

1. School Zone Map - Report

2. Speaker Silver’s School Overcrowding Task Force Meeting - Report

Battery Park City Committee

1. Pier A Visitors Information Center – Report

- The Committee received an update from the Poulakakos Group and the Downtown Alliance which are partnering on the Center. A follow up meeting will be planned to discuss how to present information about the historic significance of the site.

2. BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol - Report

3. Manhattan by Sail – Report

- This item was postponed until the following month.

4. Tunnel to Towers Foundation street activity permit application for Vesey Street between West Street and North End Ave. September 27, 2015 – Report

- Discussion about this item with the applicant will be resumed the following month. A few outstanding issues will be discussed. The applicant voluntarily agreed not to serve alcohol at the event.

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

1. Alternative sites for proposed Seaport development - Resolution

Passed: 25 In Favor 0 Opposed 5 Abstained 0 Recused

2. Seasonal Programming at the South Street Seaport - Report

Old Business

No old business to report.

New Business

1. Peck Slip School classroom dividers - Resolution

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:53pm, EDT.
Respectfully submitted by Dennis Gault, Assistant Secretary.