

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 22 In Favor 19 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application for a Special Permit pursuant to Sections 74-52 and 84-031 of the NYC Zoning Resolution for development of a 100-space public parking garage at 70 Little West Street

WHEREAS: Battery Place Green, LLC, is seeking a special permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution section 74-52, to allow for an additional 50 spaces to the 50 as-of-right spaces at their planned public parking garage at 70 Little West Street (Block 16, Lot 35) in the Borough of Manhattan, Community District 1, and

WHEREAS: The proposed action would permit the development of 100 attended accessory and public parking spaces, plus 10 reservoir spaces, in an approximately 17,470 square foot public parking garage, which would occupy space in the cellar level of a mixed-use building being developed as-of-right on the project site, and

WHEREAS: Absent the proposed action the building that is being constructed would include approximately 50 accessory parking spaces, and

WHEREAS: The City Planning Commission has determined that the proposed action will have no significant effect on the quality of the environment; and has issued a Negative Declaration based on an environmental assessment which finds that no significant effects on the environment which would require an Environmental Impact Statement are foreseeable, and

WHEREAS: Statistics from the U.S. Census Bureau suggest potential demand for approximately 138 parking garage spaces from residents of the 251 dwelling units in the Project, and

WHEREAS: The ground lease for this building requires the developer to provide the maximum number of underground parking spaces feasible at this location, and

WHEREAS: In accordance with the Multiple Dwelling Law, residents of the building at 70 Little West Street must be given priority for all of the spaces in the Garage, and

WHEREAS: There will be ten reservoir spaces at this garage to minimize disruptions caused by cars backing up, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One supports the application by Battery Place Green, LLC, for a special permit pursuant to Zoning Resolution section 74-52, to facilitate the construction of a public parking garage at 70 Little West Street (Block 16, Lot 35).

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 123 William Street, application for wine license for Soma by Nature, Inc.

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-Premises Wine and Beer License for Soma by Nature at 123 William Street, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not have music, and

WHEREAS: The space has a total square footage of 2,000, including 1,500 for the dining area, with 20 tables and 70 seats, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a sidewalk café license, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the wine and beer license application by Soma by Nature at 123 William Street, subject to compliance by the applicant.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 114 Pearl Street a/k/a 10 Hanover Square, application for on-premises
liquor license for Starjem Foods, LLC

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-Premises Liquor License for Starjem Foods
LLC, at 114 Pearl Street a/k/a 10 Hanover Square, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation are 6 a.m. to midnight, Sunday through
Thursday and 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will have background music, and

WHEREAS: The space has a total square footage of 8,300, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will seek a sidewalk café license, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application by Starjem Foods
LLC, at 114 Pearl Street a/k/a 10 Hanover Square, subject to compliance
by the applicant.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 20 Maiden Lane, application for liquor license for Wyndham Garden
Maiden Lane Hotel

WHEREAS: The applicant did not appear before the Financial District Committee for
review, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 asks that the State Liquor Authority hold off on
approving the liquor license application for Wyndham Garden Maiden
Lane Hotel located at 20 Maiden Lane until proper review by the
Community Board.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: 451 Washington Street, request to legalize removal of shaft way shutters

WHEREAS: In a substantial filing with the Landmarks Preservation Commission, the owners of 451 Washington Street applied to perform repair and restoration work on this individual New York City landmark, which the L.P.C. approved, and

WHEREAS: Shortly thereafter, the applicant submitted an amendment calling for – among other items – the removal of the building’s original iron shaft way shutters, and

WHEREAS: This removal was not specifically approved by the L.P.C., although the shutters were subsequently removed, and

WHEREAS: While the elimination of the shutters makes the shaft way windows seem bare, these windows are not visible from any vantage except the building courtyard, and

WHEREAS: It has been represented that the shutters are not included in the designation report, and

WHEREAS: Under other circumstances – for example, if the shutters were visible from any street -- we might take exception to legalization, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 Manhattan does not object to legalizing the removal of these shutters.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 16-18 N. Moore Street, application for restoration of storefront

WHEREAS: This application calls for the general restoration of a storefront in the Tribeca West Historic District that is currently a cacophony of alterations and modifications from throughout the 20th Century, and

WHEREAS: The work will include removal of paint, repair to the cornice, and other interventions to return the façade to historic condition, and

WHEREAS: The essential elements will be brick, with dark green trim and bronze door fixtures, and

WHEREAS: The application also asks for the removal of two contiguous plinths, both dangerous; one seems to have no historic basis, and is most likely a cement curb to cover a vault, and the other is historic fabric, made of bluestone, and

WHEREAS: The intention is to flush pave these areas with diamond plate, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 Manhattan praises the scope of this work and recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application, but strongly urges the L.P.C. to consider directing the applicant to replace with flush bluestone paving the area where the bluestone plinth existed and is being removed.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

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

RE: 6 Varick Street, application for approval of renovation of existing solarium

WHEREAS: Whereas this application calls for raising an existing rooftop solarium by 1 foot- 7 inches, and only at the low point of the structure's slope, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 Manhattan recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve this application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 130 Beekman Street, application for change to terrace doors

WHEREAS: This application rectifies a previous plan, in which the owners asked for starkly modern sliding doors atop this historic building, and

WHEREAS: The current program calls for three penetrations instead of the current two, filled with sliding doors with 8-over-3 glass panes, and

WHEREAS: The frames will be white painted steel, and

WHEREAS: The assemblage now appears harmonious with the rest of the building,
now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 Manhattan recommends that the Landmarks
Preservation Commission approve this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

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

RE: 45 Lispenard Street, LPC application for rooftop addition and addition of two new lot line windows

WHEREAS: The building is located in the Special Tribeca Mixed Use District (TMU) and the Tribeca East Historic District currently exceeds its maximum FAR, and

WHEREAS: The applicant represented that the proposed plan will convert an existing storage space that does not have legal light and air into an interior storage space with a ceiling height of less than 5 feet and will then use the recaptured floor area ratio to create a rooftop room of the same size as the existing storage space, and

WHEREAS: The proposed addition will not be visible from the street except the uppermost portions of the new structure will be minimally visible from Lispenard Street, and

WHEREAS: The proposed addition will have metal, wood and glass elements and is designed to harmonize with the building's existing common roof deck, and

WHEREAS: The Committee agreed that the proposed addition was would be minimally visible and approved the application, and

WHEREAS: The Committee agreed that the proposed lot line windows were unobjectionable, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 46 Laight Street, LPC application for restoration of front façade with modifications and rebuilding of rear facade and construction of two story addition

WHEREAS: The building is located in the Special Tribeca Mixed Use District (TMU) and the Tribeca North Historic District, and

WHEREAS: The application is to restore the front façade and back façade, build a two story 20 foot addition to the roof, replace the fire escape ladder with balconettes and repair existing fiberglass cornices, and

WHEREAS: The two story roof addition will meet the maximum FAR of 5.0, and will have 11-foot and 16-foot setbacks to reference the neighboring building, 48 Laight Street, and

WHEREAS: The building's back wall was partially removed due to alleged structural unsoundness without Landmark Preservation Commission approval, received a Stop Work Order which has currently been removed, and created concern within the community, and

WHEREAS: The addition is highly visible from the East, South and West sides due to the positioning of the originally designated manufacturing block and unsuccessfully replicates the aesthetic of 48 Laight Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends the Landmark Preservation Commission approve the restoration and modification of the front and rear façade but reject the two story addition due to its scale relative to the contributing district Landmark building on top of which it is to be built.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: N 080078ZRY- Yards Text Amendments

WHEREAS: These provisions can affect parts of CB#1 where irregular blocks and lots are found, and

WHEREAS: These provisions are intended to reduce the number of buildings going to the Board of Standard and Appeals for a hardship decision, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 has no objection to the proposed changes to the Zoning Resolution concerning yard and open space requirements.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PLANNING AND COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: N080081ZRY – Street Tree Planting Zoning Text Amendments

WHEREAS: These proposed changes will affect parts of CB#1 in the Quality Housing projects and in conversions from manufacturing buildings, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 agrees with the general concept of the proposed text changes for tree plantings, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 approves the proposed text changes for tree plantings with the following recommendations:

1. Increased Coordination between the Department of City Planning, the Parks Department, the Buildings Department, the Department of Transportation and the Mayor's Office for Disabled Persons so that the condition at 416 Washington Street will not occur again, where trees are planted under roofs and leave only 32 inches for pedestrians to walk on the sidewalk.
2. Although the City laws state that the adjacent owner is responsible for watering and maintaining these street trees, that an emergency program be considered when trees are in danger.

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COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE/AFFORDABLE HOUSING
AND PLANNING AND COMMUNITY
INFRASTRUCTURE

COMMITTEES VOTE: 15 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: Affordable Housing

WHEREAS: The mission of the Quality of Life/Affordable Housing Committee is to preserve the existing stock of low and middle income affordable housing and encourage new affordable units, and

WHEREAS: It is a goal of our community board to preserve the mixed income diversity of our district, and

WHEREAS: Our district has had a mix of incomes ever since the creation of residential units to the area; and many of these early residents--along with other retired and working people who struggled with few amenities over the years to create vibrant neighborhoods--now find it impossible to stay in their neighborhood, and

WHEREAS: Many of these people also lived through the difficult times of 9/11 and continued to bring our neighborhood back from the turmoil of those days, and

WHEREAS: The economy and monetary exchange rates have created a situation in which foreign investors can more easily afford housing in our neighborhood than its current residents, and

WHEREAS: The market prices are now well above the reach of many of the long term residents and most working people who helped to create the neighborhood or work in the City, and

WHEREAS: Many of the middle income developments were created with large federal and state and local subsidies by developers in exchange for caps on their rental or coop incomes, for a limited period of time, and

- WHEREAS: Many of these middle income developments are leaving the realm of subsidies and thus creating a situation in which many of the long term residents will no longer have lease protections or rental caps, and
- WHEREAS: Many of these current residents have become senior citizens on fixed and limited incomes, and find it impossible to remain if their housing expenses rapidly increase, and
- WHEREAS: Over the past 25 years the economy has increased the wealth of upper incomes while lowering the relative income of the middle class, thus creating a situation in which people can no longer afford their own units, and
- WHEREAS: Many of the rent regulations and rent subsidy programs are in jeopardy of becoming defunct (or voided by the Courts) and seem to be in the process of being limited or phased out in the long run, and
- WHEREAS: The federal government has reduced funding for housing or creating development sites for low or middle income housing projects over the past decades, and
- WHEREAS: There is a vast difference between the affordability of rents from newer stabilized units based on receiving tax abatements set on recent market rents, which are often over \$3,000 per month as, opposed to older rent stabilized units whose rents were initially regulated before 1974, and
- WHEREAS: The definition of “affordable housing” rents is based on statistics that create units beyond the real affordability of most of the current residents, and
- WHEREAS: The differential between market rates and affordable rates has already become so great in our district, now

1. THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 requests that our local elected officials work together to create additional techniques to preserve and create affordable housing units, including but not limited to tax-based funding sources and tax incentive programs for landlords and shareholders, zoning initiatives and proper regulations to continue existing affordable housing projects within the current system, and

2. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The Dept. of City Planning assist CB#1 to review and possibly modify existing programs such as Inclusionary Zoning (4 to 1 ratio) to be used in our Special Districts in a manner that would create a process to preserve existing units, in addition to creating new affordable units (remembering that the general public is giving up its light and air for this bonus), and

3. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 believes the goal of our elected officials should be to have a mixed income community in Board #1 to preserve the character of our neighborhoods, and

4. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 Requests that the Department of City Planning review the sections of the Zoning Resolution that prohibit affordable housing such as provisions that mandate a minimum apartment size of 2,000 square feet in sections of Tribeca, and

5. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The Borough President's Office, with assistance provided by the "Fellow program," direct that HPD and DHCR create a list of all buildings within our district of all affordable units, including information about the programs and the dates of their expiration, and separate out newly stabilized units over \$3,500 per month so that we know what is to be preserved, and

6. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 commends the elected officials for trying to strengthen the existing rent regulations and for trying to close loopholes and believes that they should continue this as an immediate solution. But CB#1 urges more long term and permanent solutions and subsidy programs be explored to preserve the existing units and create new units, and

7. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 once again seeks full disclosure of the Battery Park City fund that was created to cross-subsidize middle income housing across the state and asks why some of this fund cannot be utilized for Battery Park City residents, and

8. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The elected officials and the Mayor be requested to design plans and incentives, including non-financial incentives such as ground lease provisions of governmental properties, to encourage that buildings remain affordable, and

9. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 questions the definition of “affordable housing units” and the method for which the amount is chosen and requests an area rental figure in keeping with the incomes of the current residents, and

10. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The City open up a true dialogue to discuss the root causes as to why so many New Yorkers can no longer afford to live in vast areas of our City, and

11. BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports the efforts to create affordable housing in the Rezoning of Northern Tribeca area and for the rest of the community board district.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 229-231 Front Street, application for on-premises liquor license for 229-231 Front Street Inc.

WHEREAS: The applicant, 229 Front Street Inc., proposes to operate an on-premise liquor license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a restaurant with bar, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the restaurant is 2200 sq. ft, with 900 sq. ft. for the dining area and bar, and the public assembly capacity is 74, and the number of tables is 24 with 60 seats, and the bar has 10 stools, and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open until 11am-12pm weekdays, and 11am-2am weekends, and

WHEREAS: The background music will be recorded and kept within the approved decibel levels of the NYC noise code and there will be no over head speakers, and

WHEREAS: Soundproofing will be provided for in the redesign, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the granting of a liquor license by the SLA to 229 Front Street Inc d/b/a Empanada Mama's at 229-231 Front Street between Peck Slip & Beekman for a period of two years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 4 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: 288 Pearl Street Taxi and Limousine Commission application for a For Hire Vehicle Base for Go Green Ride

WHEREAS: The applicant, NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission d/b/a Go Green Ride, proposes to run a by reservation-only pick-up hybrid car service, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of this establishment is to provide an environmentally friendly private transit alternative to local residents and businesses, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the establishment is 855 sq. ft. for 5 parking spaces as required by the TLC for half of their 10 car fleet, and

WHEREAS: The business proposes to be open 24 hours with a parking attendant, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 supports efforts to reduce air pollution in Lower Manhattan from vehicles, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agrees to provide off-street parking for its other vehicles (5) when not in use, as there is to be no parking of its vehicles outside of its operations at 17 State Street or 288 Pearl, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the application for For-Hire Vehicle (FHV) New Base for Go Green Ride at 288 Pearl Street, subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Traffic signal at Greenwich Street and Duane Street

WHEREAS: The Friends of Washington Market Park appeared at CB#1 to reiterate their request to the City DOT to install a traffic signal at Greenwich Street and Duane Street intersection, and

WHEREAS: The City DOT conducted a Warrants requirement study, which in their judgment determined that a traffic signal is unwarranted at that location at this time, and

WHEREAS: The determination used national standards and criteria which are not appropriate for New York City, and especially for this site given its unique features, and

WHEREAS: Federal DOT regulations, as outlined in “Flexibility in Highway Design”, would allow the New York City Department of Transportation to have the flexibility to use local conditions to override national standards the City uses when warranted, and

WHEREAS: These unique features include a large number of parents with strollers and small children, a large number of elderly from Independence Plaza, and general heavy pedestrian traffic going to and from local amenities and attractions such as Washington Market Park, and

WHEREAS: Two apartment buildings at 101 Warren St (including Wholefoods, Barnes & Noble and Bed, Bath and Beyond) and 200 Chambers are near completion adding several hundred units and increased traffic on Greenwich St., now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 urges the city DOT to reconsider the use of national standards to determine the appropriateness of installation of local traffic signals, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 repeats its numerous past requests for the installation of a traffic signal or other traffic control device such as a stop sign or flashing red light at the intersection of Greenwich and Duane Street, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges elected officials to encourage city DOT to use more flexible standards for the installation of a traffic control device at this location.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: TABLED

RE: Washington Market Park Comfort Station

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks and Recreation presented a proposal to construct a comfort station in Washington Market Park, and

WHEREAS: The comfort station will be a 240 square feet red brick structure with small windows and two stalls, and

WHEREAS: The Department for and Parks and Recreation will consider ways to make the make the stalls accessible to children, and

WHEREAS: The comfort station will be open in daylight hours only, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks and Recreation will use existing personal for maintenance, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the proposal for construction of a comfort station in Washington Market Park, pursuant to approval by that the Friends of Washington Market Park.

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PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: New York City Council Intro No. 623 – Advertising on Sidewalk Sheds

WHEREAS: Intro 623 allows sidewalk shed and other forms of signage at construction sites in commercial and manufacturing districts, and

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan has a number of residential neighborhoods that lie within commercial and manufacturing zones, and

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan's residents and workers will then be subject to a barrage of advertising signage at home and at work due to the stipulations of Intro 623, and

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan is already inundated with garish signage that is an affront to the character of residential communities, and

WHEREAS: Lower Manhattan is constantly under construction, and this proposed law would add to the oppressive barrage of advertising signage the area residents must endure, and

WHEREAS: We have seen illegal signage that has been posted and has remained posted, enduring fines as the cost of doing business, so there is no reason to think that outdoor advertising companies will not abuse their permits in a similar fashion and keep their advertising signs posted well past their permit deadlines, and

WHEREAS: Advertising signage in construction sites will detract from nearby small business establishment signage, adding further burden to these businesses desperately trying to pay their bills as they deal with enormous rents and curtailed foot traffic by said nearby construction sites, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly opposes Intro. 623 which would allow advertising on sidewalk sheds on the basis of its explicit detraction from Lower Manhattan's quality of life for its residents, workers, and the added financial burden to local, small businesses.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application for Liquor License for 200 Water Group LLC
25 North Moore Street at Varick Street

WHEREAS: 200 Water Group LLC proposes to operate a liquor license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a restaurant, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the restaurant is 3,150 sq. ft and the public assembly capacity is 98 and the number of tables is 30 with 58 seats, and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open until midnight on weekdays and 2:00 am on weekends, and the windows will be closed by 11:00 pm every evening, and

WHEREAS: There will be background recorded only and no speakers on the ceiling, and

WHEREAS: There is no application for a sidewalk café at the present time, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the grant of a liquor license for 200 Water Group LLC at 25 North Moore Street for a period of two years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application for Caterer's Establishment Liquor License for
Sodexo Management d/b/a St. John's University
101 Murray Street at Greenwich Street

WHEREAS: Sodexo Management d/b/a St. John's University proposes to operate a
liquor license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a catering hall, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the catering hall is 142,000 sq. ft and the public
assembly capacity is 128 and the number of tables is 32 with 128 seats,
and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open until 8:00 pm on weekdays and
7:00 pm on weekends, and

WHEREAS: There will be no music of any kind, and

WHEREAS: The applicant promises that no events will be held with students present at
the same time as liquor, and

WHEREAS: No private promoters will be permitted, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the grant of a liquor license for Sodexo
Management d/b/a St. John's University at 101 Murray Street for a period
of two years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations
and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Application for Renewal of Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe for
241 W B Café, Inc. d/b/a Cercle Rouge, Inc.
241 West Broadway at White Street

WHEREAS: The applicant has applied for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk cafe
license for 10 tables and 23 seats, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation will be no more than 8 AM until
midnight Sunday through Thursday and 8 AM until 1:00 AM on Friday
and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to comply with all Department of Consumer
Affairs regulations regarding maintenance of sidewalk width and the
approved number of tables and chairs, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the application for the renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk
café for 241 W B Café, Inc. d/b/a Cercle Rouge, Inc. for a period of two
years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and
conditions set forth above.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8	In Favor	0	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2	In Favor	0	Opposed	0	Abstained	0	Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35	In Favor	0	Opposed	1	Abstained	0	Recused

RE: Proposed street closure on Thursday, April 10, 2008, Warren Street between Greenwich Street and West Street by Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources Inc.

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit application submitted by MYRR to close Warren Street between Greenwich Street and West Street on Thursday, April 10, 2008 during the hours of 3 PM – 9 PM for their opening ceremony of the downtown community center, provided that Manhattan Youth Recreation Resources Inc. is flexible regarding local construction constraints such as keeping one lane of traffic open.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 28 In Favor 4 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Landfill proposal for Battery Park City north to Pier 25

WHEREAS: Several articles have appeared in the media recently, including Crain's, the Battery Park City Broadsheet, the New York Times, and the New York Post (as recently as yesterday, October 21, 2007), that have landfill advocates Charles Urstadt and James Gill extolling the future benefits of landfilling into the Hudson, and

WHEREAS: These articles specifically include their proposals to landfill part of the Hudson River Park project area in the river, north of Battery Park City, and to landfill South Cove within Battery Park City, and

WHEREAS: Historically, until the end of the 19th century, some peripheral land mass for lower Manhattan was created by landfill, and remarkably, much of the early landfill came from the City's garbage, and

WHEREAS: Dirt and rubble from the excavation for the World Trade Center was also used to start the Battery Park City landfill before the Federal Clean Water Act of 1972 went into effect, and

WHEREAS: Battery Park City was originally billed as a site for low and moderate income housing, and according to the New York Times, October 21, 2007, "When the Authority was founded in 1969, it had a mandate to create a distinctive mixed-use neighborhood that middle income residents could afford," and

WHEREAS: This original promise has not been kept and Battery Park City is steadily moving towards a complete makeover with predominantly market rate rentals and luxury private apartments dominating the housing market there, including the recent controversial evictions of tenants at 333 Rector Place, and

WHEREAS: The Westway highway and Hudson River Development project was based upon filling in the river with landfill out to the pierhead line, and

WHEREAS: The Army Corps permits for Westway were declared illegal by the Federal Courts and Congress cut off funding for its landfill and platforms in the river in 1985 because of the negative impact that landfill would have on public spending priorities and the environment, and

WHEREAS: Several laws passed since 1985 (in addition to the 1899 and 1972 laws that govern the Army Corps) could also prohibit additional landfilling into the Hudson River, including the Hudson River Park Act of 1998 and other laws, thus making it difficult to use landfill to build out into the waters around New York City, and

WHEREAS: The history of landfill in New York City has probably reached its conclusion, and

WHEREAS: Community Board One does not believe that, in the 21st century, the benefits of landfilling, however gloriously described by its vocal advocates, outweigh the serious fiscal, public safety and environmental impact it would have on local communities and the City as a whole, and

WHEREAS: The reality of global warming is already putting coastal communities at risk, and with the creation of more landfill to build additional structures, would further increase those storm and flooding damage hazards, in addition to endangering the river's living marine resources, and

WHEREAS: In 2007, landfilling represents an idea that is no longer a viable option and Community Board One believes its cost, on all levels, is much greater than any derived benefit, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One believe that additional landfilling is a ruinous public policy and should not be considered under any circumstances in Battery Park City, including South Cove, Hudson River Park, or any other location in the City.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543)

WHEREAS: Representatives Jerrold Nadler, Carolyn Maloney and Vito Fossella introduced the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543) on September 17, 2007, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has been referred to the House Energy and Commerce and House Judiciary Committees, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has bi-partisan support and as of November 2, 2007, had 63 co-sponsors from various states, and

WHEREAS: Mayor Bloomberg has expressed his strong support for this proposed legislation and at a March 21, 2007 congressional hearing called for federally funded long term monitoring and treatment for all whose health was harmed by 9/11-related exposures and for reopening the September 11th Victims Compensation Fund
<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/03/22/nyregion/22bloomberg.html>, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 has the support of State Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver, Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer, New York State Senator Martin Connor, New York State Assembly Member Deborah Glick and New York City Council Member Alan J. Gerson, and

WHEREAS: The purpose of H.R. 3543 is “to amend the Public Health Service Act to extend and improve protections and services to individuals directly impacted by the terrorist attack in New York City on September 11, 2001;and for other purposes” and the latest version (57 pages) can be found at <http://www.govtrack.us/data/us/bills.text/110/h/h3543.pdf>, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would establish the World Trade Center Health Program within the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) to provide medical monitoring and treatment for WTC-Related Conditions, and

WHEREAS: Eligible persons would include:

- Emergency responders and recovery and clean up workers (including those who are Federal employees) who responded to the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, and
- Residents, students, area workers and other building occupants in New York City who were directly and adversely affected by such attacks, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would also authorize funding for the Centers of Excellence (FDNY monitoring and treatment program, Mt. Sinai coordinated consortium, and World Trade Center Environmental Health Center at Bellevue Hospital), research on WTC conditions, community education and outreach, and uniform data collection, and

WHEREAS: H.R. 3543 would create a deadline extension for certain claims under the September 11 Victim Compensation Fund of 2001, and

WHEREAS: CB1 has supported similar 9/11 health bills on numerous occasions over the years, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board 1 wholeheartedly supports the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act of 2007 (H.R. 3543), which would provide necessary services to those directly affected by the terrorist attack in New York on September 11, 2001, including those who lived, worked, volunteered and attended school in Lower Manhattan.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION
NEW SCHOOL TASK FORCE

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

RE: Middle school application submissions for the 2008-2009

WHEREAS: The Department of Education has decided to delay by a month and a half the deadline for middle school application submissions for the 2008-2009 academic year, and

WHEREAS: Application submissions last year were required at the beginning of December, which resulted in student/parent notification after the end of the Spring term, towards the end of May and beginning of June, and

WHEREAS: By delaying the submission of applications this year to January and possibly mid-February, notification will be further delayed, resulting in families needing to seek alternatives after the close of the school year in June, and

WHEREAS: This change in the submission timeline has raised major concerns within the parent community, and

WHEREAS: This timeframe is unacceptable to CB1 parents, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges the Department of Education to maintain the December deadline for middle school applications in order to provide parents with timely notice of application results, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: In the event that the Department of Education extends the deadline beyond December, we will fully expect it to keep the commitment it has made to have the process completed for all 5th grade students prior to the end of the Spring term.