

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

JULY 30, 1991

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained*
BOARD VOTE:	31 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Puppet Loft Afterschool Program

WHEREAS: The Puppet Loft receives \$10,630 from the DYS YDDP funds and was just recommended to receive these funds for another 3 yrs. from CB #1, and

WHEREAS: The Director and Board members of the Puppet Loft now seek to be incorporated under Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources, Inc., a non-profit organization which runs the Lower Manhattan Football Team and has the same director, and will incorporate the Puppet Loft board members, and

WHEREAS: They are seeking to do this because of tax problems with the former Puppet Loft administration and to consolidate fundraising efforts and administrative work, and

WHEREAS: As part of Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources, they agree to operate the same afterschool program as described in the DYS Contract and abide by the same Community Board recommendations for changes as needed, now

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED**

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the DYS transfer the Puppet Loft contract to the Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources.

* R. Townley, for cause

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COMMITTEES OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET & SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 253 Broadway, City Hall Senior Center (ULURP #910321 PCM)

WHEREAS: CB #1 has considered the application by the Human Resources Administration (HRA)/Department for the Aging (DFTA) for a 3 yr. lease of the second floor (9,500 sq. ft.) of 253 Broadway for continued use by the City Hall Senior Center, and

WHEREAS: Since its move to a location in CB #1 from the CB #3 area in 1979 CB #1 has supported and continues to welcome the presence of the City Hall Senior Center in the district, and

WHEREAS: The City Hall Senior Center, while geographically located within CB #1, has historically, and continues to regularly serve approximately 350 Asian American seniors from Chinatown, Queens, Brooklyn and other parts of the City; but only serves a handful of non-Asian American seniors who reside within the Community Board, and

WHEREAS: Based on 1990 U.S. Census figures, the aged population (60 yrs. and older) of CB #1 grew by 43.6% between 1980 and 1990; including 1,216 living at South Bridge Towers (SBT), 540 in Independence Plaza North (IPN) and vicinity and 301 who live in Battery Park City, and

WHEREAS: Effective December 31, 1990, flourishing senior recreation programs at SBT and IPN lost all the NYS/DFTA funding which had sustained them for several years previously, and

WHEREAS: Concurrent with this application, CB #1 is participating in a contract review process that will determine the not-for-profit agency which will receive a \$367,900 contract to operate the City Hall Senior Center for one year beginning December 1, 1991, and

WHEREAS: The total cost to the City of New York for the operation of the City Hall Senior Center, including program and rental of space (\$199,500) is \$567,400, and

WHEREAS: The "Request for Proposals" (RFP) for the pending contract requires

prospective center operators to demonstrate, through "outreach and targeting" how they "plan to serve an ethnically and culturally diverse population" (**Request for Proposal to Provide Senior Center Services**, p.12), and

WHEREAS: In this instance, CB #1 believes that such outreach efforts will result in limited success (there would appear to be inherent and substantial difficulties in effectively attracting and incorporating sufficient numbers of non-Asian American seniors from CB #1 into a traditionally Asian American center), and

WHEREAS: CB #1 believes, despite their loss of State/City funding, that it continues to have two viable and valuable community resources in the senior recreation programs of SBT and IPN; indeed they are the sole providers of these programs within the Community Board, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 strongly urges that the City Planning Commission deny the above referenced ULURP application unless the following conditions are met:

1. that DFTA reduce by 5% (\$18,000) the \$367,900 program budget for the City Hall Senior Center and redirect those monies to the refunding of the SBT and IPN senior recreation programs
2. that funds in the remaining contract allocation be "earmarked" specifically for extensive and intensive "out-reach and targeting" of seniors in CB #1. (Despite its reservations concerning the efficacy of outreach efforts as expressed above, CB #1 believes that the limited value of outreach to seniors in the district is that these efforts might thereby involve those seniors attracted to the programs offered by the City Hall Senior Center and would likewise expand options available to seniors who are already members of the SBT and IPN centers.)

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & UNIFORMED SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **Sanitation Cuts**

WHEREAS: The Department of Sanitation (DOS) has instituted drastic service reductions in CB #1 including an 88% reduction in mechanical broom runs, the total elimination of night and Sunday cleaning and hand broom sweeping, and the elimination of the special Fulton Fish Market collection truck, and

WHEREAS: Sanitation personnel has been reduced by 55% in our district in the past year, and

WHEREAS: The DOS has decided to retain most of the street cleaning in areas subject to alternate-side-of-the-street parking regulations at the expense of areas such as Lower Manhattan which are too congested to permit any daytime parking, and

WHEREAS: Our district has become noticeably more dirty since July 1st when the cutbacks took place, and

WHEREAS: The filthy conditions are particularly evident in the Fulton Fish Market area which frequently is littered with fish crates and other debris, and

WHEREAS: The CB #1 district urgently needs to maintain decent sanitation service both to accommodate the continued fast growth in our residential and tourist population and to forestall the rapid exodus of jobs and tax revenue from the Financial District, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly objects to the disproportionate share of Sanitation Department service cuts inflicted upon our district and calls upon the DOS to immediately restore many of the eliminated services so that each district in the City equally shares any necessary reductions in sanitation services.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: **"Spot Light", 68 Reade St., previously the "Sinta Club"**

WHEREAS: The "Spot Light", 68 Reade St., previously the "Sinta Club", has applied for a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: A half-dozen members of the community testified at the hearing that the predecessor business had long been a major neighborhood problem, reporting on excess noise inside the club and on the street outside; clashes between rival groups; intimidation of residents by customers; drug dealings on the street and in the parking lot across the street; and four murders allegedly linked to hostilities between customer gangs, and

WHEREAS: The new owners are a former employee of the previous "Sinta Club" and the club's new attorney; and since they took over as owners in April, 1991, the club has operated as a cabaret without a license, and has been cited for illegal operation by the Department of Consumer Affairs after numerous complaints to this community board, and

WHEREAS: The owners were present at the hearing, and insisted that they seek a very different clientele from that of the "Sinta Club"; that they are willing to guarantee noise abatement within the club, particularly through the large front windows through which much sound currently travels; they will assume responsibility for maintaining order on the street in front of the club; and they will attempt to arrange for lighting in the parking lot across the street in an effort to discourage the lot's use by drug dealers, and

WHEREAS: The owners, one of whom is an attorney, stated they are willing to stipulate to these responsibilities as conditions for the granting of the cabaret license, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly opposes the granting of a cabaret license, as the situation now stands, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 could only support a cabaret license for the premises under the following circumstances:

1. That all necessary noise abatement structures be in place, properly tested, and that sounds within the club are demonstrated to create no disturbance to the nearby residential community;
2. That security inside and outside the premises be in place and working prior to issuance of a license; and that same shall be maintained as an on-going part of the operation;
3. That the owners will make an effort to reach agreement with the licensee of the parking lot to provide lighting and security so long as a need exists;
4. That the owners stipulate to these conditions as part of the license approval process.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: PARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
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RE: Pearl Street Park

WHEREAS: Numerous local organizations including St. Margaret's House, Southbridge Towers, Seaport Community Coalition, and the South Street Seaport Museum and Marketplace have indicated their support for the proposed conversion of the Pearl St. Park from a basketball court to a children's playground, and

WHEREAS: Local residents of the area have enthusiastically supported the proposed new design which was prepared by HPD after several working meeting with the community, and

WHEREAS: The eastside of CB #1 currently has no City playgrounds to serve a large youth population, and

WHEREAS: A new not-for-profit organization is being established, with the financial and personnel assistance of the above mentioned groups, to secure and maintain the new park, now

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED**

THAT: CB #1 supports the new design plan for Pearl St. Park as prepared by HPD and urges that the park conversion take place as soon as possible.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WASHINGTON MARKET

BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained

RE: **"Spot Light", 68 Reade St.**

WHEREAS: There has been no improvement in the situation at the "The "Spot Light" Club, 68 Reade St., and

WHEREAS: The Club continues to operate as a cabaret without a license,

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 unequivocally recommends that the Department of Consumer Affairs deny the application for a cabaret license to "Spot Light", a club at 68 Reade St.