

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: DECEMBER 15, 1992

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA/WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	12 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	30 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: Proposed interim bike/pedestrian path from Gansevoort Peninsula to Battery Park City

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 is on record as supporting a bikeway/walkway along the Hudson River bulkhead, and

WHEREAS: The Hudson River Park Conservancy (HRPC) has proposed a design for an interim bike/walkway, and

WHEREAS: HRPC has told CB #1 that the bike/walkway will be built by and funded through the NYS Department of Transportation, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 likes HRPC's simple, functional design, and appreciates their intention to facilitate the fast-track construction of the bike/walkway, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the construction of an interim bike/pedestrian path from Gansevoort Peninsula to Battery Park City Authority, to be built by and funded through NYS DOT, and with the understanding that the permanent bike and pedestrian paths will be along Marginal St., and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: This approval is conditional on the HRPC acting only in an advisory capacity in this project.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 30 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: Pier 17 East River, South Street Seaport - Perimeter Railings

WHEREAS: CB #1 and members of the community have sought for several years to modify the dangerous railings along the perimeter of Pier 17 which don't provide sufficient protection to prevent children and others from falling into the East River, and

WHEREAS: The South Street Seaport Museum (SSSM) and it's real estate subsidiary the South Street Seaport Corporation (SSSC) are bound by their lease with the NYC Dept. of Real Property to provide a safe premises, and

WHEREAS: The Manhattan Borough President's Office has provided \$55,000 in discretionary funds to modify the Pier 17 railings, and

WHEREAS: The design offered by the SSSC, a horizontal steel cable modification of the existing pipe railing, was not acceptable to the full Board as expressed at it's Sept. 15, 1992 meeting, and

WHEREAS: A letter, dated Oct. 5, 1992 from the Chairperson of CB #1 to the SSSC, requesting the immediate installation of a plastic safety mesh as an interim solution until a more permanent solution can be worked out, went unanswered, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the SSSC move immediately to install the plastic safety mesh along the perimeter of Pier 17 to the intersection of Pier 16 thus providing for the safety needs of the public while a permanent improvement is designed and installed, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: The SSSC, review existing railing requirements of the NYS DOT, NYC DPR, as well as any guidelines offered by NYC Dept. of Business Services to develop

a railing design which would accomplish the safety goal of preventing children from getting through or over the railing and thus falling into the East River.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 11 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 2 ABSTAINED

RE: Wildcat Academy

WHEREAS: The Board of Education has established the Wildcat Academy, a high-school for troubled youth, at 161 Hudson St., and

WHEREAS: CB #1 appreciates and supports the creation of small, special programs which give such students a good opportunity to achieve a high school diploma and become productive members of society, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is deeply concerned with the serious zoning and egress violations of Wildcat Academy including the fact that 161 Hudson St. is not zoned to permit such a school and that a BSA zoning variance is required to legalize this establishment, and

WHEREAS: The Wildcat Academy has agreed to escort departing students to nearby subways entrances to ensure that they do not hang out after school in the neighborhood, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 asks that the Wildcat Academy agree in writing to comply with the following requests and conditions:

- 1) Immediately apply (or make sure that their landlord does) for a BSA variance to legalize this space for high school use and to do whatever is necessary to expedite this matter
- 2) The total combined enrollment for the Wildcat Academy and any other daytime, high school aged student programs at this location run by this or an affiliate organization will at no time exceed 100 students
- 3) Security guards will begin work at 8 AM to insure that there are no problems inside or outside 161 Hudson St; one guard being stationed in front of the school, the other to patrol the routes to subway stations
- 4) As Wildcat Academy expands to its full capacity of 100 students, Wildcat Academy agrees to do whatever is necessary to insure the safety of this neighborhood.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 29 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 3 ABSTAINED

RE: Pier 34

WHEREAS: NYSDOT and the PANYNJ have requested permission from the Army Corps of Engineers to construct two decks at Pier 34, one to be used for ventilation building access and emergency ingress and egress from the Holland Tunnel and the other would be available for public access, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 regrets and is angered that it has had so little time to review this important proposal, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 opposes the application before the Army Corps of Engineers to construct an interim protection and emergency access to the Holland Tunnel unless NYSDOT and the PANYNJ agree to the following modifications and/or conditions to their proposal:

- 1)Both the north and south piers be a minimum of 24 feet wide, fully accessible by the public, and include adequate benches, lighting and perimeter railing
- 2)The platform around the air shaft itself be fully accessible to the public, and thus allow movement by pedestrians from one pier to the other
- 3)Pier use be limited to free public recreation activities such as walking, bicycling and roller skating etc.
- 4)The Hudson River Park Conservancy officially change the pier use from "commercial recreation" to "public recreation", and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the Army Corps of Engineers conduct a public hearing on this matter to allow more time for public comment and community input, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: This application should not be approved until a full environmental review is conducted.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SOCIAL SERVICES

COMMITTEE VOTE: 2 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 31 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: City Council Intro. 558, "Anti-bias Bill"

WHEREAS: The City of New York is currently experiencing and onslaught of hatred as its people are being viciously attacked because of who they are: their race, color, ethnicity, creed, age, gender, sexual orientation, disability or marital status, and

WHEREAS: The proposed bill would increase from \$50,000 to up to \$100,000 the civil penalty for bias related violence or harassment, and allow a victim to pursue remedies either through the City Commission on Human Rights or through a private right of action in New York State Supreme Court where damages awarded could be even greater, and

WHEREAS: The intent of the increase in the financial penalty is to send a strong message to those who would perpetrate acts of bias related violence or harassment that such actions will not be condoned, and if committed, a heavy price will be paid, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 supports Intro. 558, the "Anti-bias Bill".

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 31 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: 14 Wall Street

WHEREAS: The owners of 14 Wall St. are seeking DOT approval to erect a new cast-iron fence and planters along Nassau St. just north of Wall St., and

WHEREAS: The new fence and planters will replace existing planters which are leaking and in need of repair, and

WHEREAS: The fence materials and design are compatible with the architectural style of this and adjacent properties, and

WHEREAS: Pedestrians will actually have one additional foot of sidewalk available to them under the new design, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the DOT grant the application for a revocable consent for a new fence and planters at 14 Wall St.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 30 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: 33-44 Gold St., a/k/a 82-88 Fulton St., application (Cal. #998-79-BZ) to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA)

WHEREAS: The applicant's representative has to the Community Board's satisfaction addressed the only issue which arose during its consideration of the application, namely, that the club, pursuant to a February 1992 amendment to the New York State "General Business Law", is "excluded from the requirement to file a bond, letter of credit or certificate of deposit", now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that the BSA approve the application by Powerhouse Gym for an extension of the term of the Special Permit *(10 yrs.) to allow the continued operation of a "physical culture establishment" at the above referenced location.

*Original permit issued 11/27/79; 7 yr. extension approved 11/27/84.

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BOARD VOTE: 31 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: 75 Maiden La., application (Cal. #639-82-BZ) to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA)

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that the BSA approve the application by Cardio-Fitness Center for an extension of the term of the Special Permit *(10 yrs.) to allow the continued operation of a "physical culture establishment" at the above referenced location.

*Original permit issued 3/1/93; 5 yr. extension approved 3/1/88.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 30 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: \$30,000 Youth Initiative Grant

WHEREAS: The local Youth Development Initiative, from the Safe Streets, Safe City funding has now finally been made available, and

WHEREAS: This funding was designed to meet local targeted community board identified needs, and

WHEREAS: The initial funding level of \$50,000 has now been cut to \$30,000 over a seventeen month period, and

WHEREAS: An additional \$10,000 from these funds has been set aside, or "held hostage" to offset any cut to DYS funds, and

WHEREAS: If there is no cut, this \$10,000 may be used for equipment purchases by DYS funded programs within the boards, and

WHEREAS: The process for deciding upon the available funds has been circumvented and taken out of the community board process, except for the Youth Services Planning Committee (YSPC) chair selecting two persons to rate the proposals, and

WHEREAS: DYS contends that this new process is a more efficient and expedient way of distributing funds, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: The \$10,000 be made available, and immediately turned over to the community boards so that their Youth Services Planning Committees (YSPCs) may dispense it as they deem appropriate, subject to a vote of the full community board, and

BE IT
FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

That the YSPCs and the full community boards be the deciding entities in future DYS RFP processes.

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BOARD VOTE: 31 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: 60 Centre St., New York County Courthouse, application to the Landmarks
Preservation Commission

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation
Commission approve the application (931210) to provide a service ramp at the
rear of the building.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 30 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of a "Tourist Information Kiosk" in Battery Park

WHEREAS: The Department of Parks and Recreation is proposing the operation of a "tourist information mobil kiosk" for the sale of tourist-related programs and literature in Battery Park and, in part, the RFP urges prospective operators of the kiosk" to provide "materials that are specifically created for Battery Park, and related to its park setting and its surroundings", and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 believes strongly that information to tourists (the public) about a public park should be provided by the City as a public service, and not sold, and

WHEREAS: In general, tourists arrive at the Park already with tourist guides in hand, or these materials are readily available at bookstores and newsstands in the vicinity of the Park, thus making the placement of a mobile tourist information kiosk in Battery Park superfluous, and

WHEREAS: Operation of the proposed kiosk would introduce yet another vendor and unnecessary physical obstruction to the Park, and further contribute to its over commercialization, a trend long opposed by CB #1 both in this and City Hall Park, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges the Commissioner of the Department of Parks and Recreation to immediately withdraw the RFP for the operation of a mobile tourist information kiosk in Battery Park, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: DPR instead explore alternative ways to provide information to tourists free and as a public service, e.g. by making use of volunteers, applying for private grants or as a possible Summer Youth Employment Program, etc.