

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 16, 1993

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA/WASHINGTON MARKET

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: 177 Duane St., Application for Certificate of Appropriateness (93-2350)

WHEREAS: The applicant is proposing the replacement of an existing solid metal roll down security gate and the installation of an additional gate, both the replacement and new gate would be "mesh" gates, and

WHEREAS: It is Community Board #1's understanding that the Landmarks Preservation Commission's decided preference with regard to the installation of security gates is that whenever possible installation be inside buildings, and

WHEREAS: With regard to the proposed installations on the ground floor storefront of this very visible building which faces Duane St. Park, Community Board #1 believes that LPC's position is justified, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the proposed replacement and new mesh security gates be installed inside the building. Acknowledging the fact that the doors on the ground floor storefront currently open inward may make installation of the gates indoors problematic, nevertheless, CB #1 believes that interior installation is achievable through reversing the direction of the opening of the doors, from inward to outward, (if this change conforms with applicable regulations of the NYC Building Code).

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	22 In Favor	9 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: Closing of Vestry St. during P.M. rush hour

WHEREAS: In Fall 1992 area residents and the NYCTA Police requested that CB #1 recommend to the NYC Department of Transportation the permanent closing of Vestry St. (between Hudson St. and Greenwich St.) to vehicular traffic, Monday through Friday during evening rush hour, and

WHEREAS: As justification for this proposed change proponents argued that it would (1.) Facilitate access/egress of emergency vehicles (2.) reduce the bottle neck at Hudson St. and Vestry St. caused by too many vehicles attempting to make left hand turns from Vestry St. onto Hudson St. in close proximity to Canal St. and the entrance to the Holland Tunnel by requiring motorists instead to get onto Hudson St. two blocks south at Hubert St.; (3.) as a result of (2.) above, reduce the amount of honking of horns by frustrated motorists which is disruptive to area residents, and

WHEREAS: At the time this request was made to CB #1, the Board also became aware that this experiment had already been initiated by the Transit Police, and in addition, the TA Police had initiated angular parking on the north side of Vestry St. (Hudson St. to Greenwich St.) where parallel parking had previously been in place, and

WHEREAS: In response to Community Board #1's request for an assessment of the impact the experimental closing of Vestry St. was having, both NYCDOT and the PANYNJ Police reported that the change had in fact improved the previously existing condition; area residents had already reported a reduction in disturbances caused by the honking of vehicle horns, and

WHEREAS: With regard to the angular parking initiated by Transit Police, DOT advised CB #1 that it was unauthorized and illegal and that should a request be received for authorization of angular parking, DOT would deny it because the width of Vestry St. cannot accommodate it, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the NYCDOT approve for a trial period of 6 months the closing of Vestry St. (Hudson St. to Greenwich St.), Mon - Fri during evening rush hour subject to the following condition:

- that the NYC Transit Police first commit in writing to CB #1 that it will return from angular (which is unauthorized and illegal) to parallel the previous parking condition on the north side of Vestry St. between Hudson St. and Greenwich St., and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: At the end of the 6 month trial period CB #1 will assess the impact and consider a recommendation regarding the future of the Vestry St. closing.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	1 Opposed	1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	20 In Favor	8 Opposed	5 Abstained

RE: Fulton Street Mall

WHEREAS: The New York City Department of Transportation is proposing a 60 to 180 day-trial closing of Fulton St., from Gold St. to Church St., to vehicular traffic, weekdays between 11 AM and 2 PM to determine the feasibility of a permanent Fulton St. Pedestrian Mall, and

WHEREAS: Success of the proposed mall, even on a trial basis, rests largely on its acceptance by merchants who operate there and their willingness to perhaps pay for the costs associated with the trial closing, and

WHEREAS: To date, DOT has not contacted merchants to ascertain either their opinion about the creation of the mall, or to determine if they would be willing to contribute financially to assure its creation and upkeep, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 endorses the concept of the creation of a Fulton St. Mall for a 60-180 day trial period; however, the Board withholds its approval for implementation until merchants along the proposed mall have been contacted to determine their support for its creation and their willingness to support it financially; and CB #1 has assessed the feedback of the merchants.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	30 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained

RE: Bikeway/Walkway

WHEREAS: It appears as though the building of the interim bikeway/walkway will be delayed,  
and

WHEREAS: Bicyclists and pedestrians who use the bulkhead are in constant danger because of  
the spillover of West St. traffic, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the State Department of Transportation and the Hudson River  
Park Conservancy immediately move all parking lots in CB#1 to the east of the  
bulkhead, as suggested in the HRPC bikeway/walkway plan that was previously  
submitted to CB #1 for approval, and that "Jersey Barriers" be placed to protect  
the public.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained

RE: Amazon Village

WHEREAS: Negotiations with the Amazon Village have failed to produce the desired changes in operation that would in the long run satisfy this community, and

WHEREAS: The Amazon Village has a history of evasion and non-compliance with previous agreements with the Community Board and other agencies of the City and State, and

WHEREAS: The Amazon Village proposal for this upcoming season once again is evasive and filled with loopholes that would create the same kind of problems that the community experienced during the first two years -- and does not address properly the issues of noise, safety and congestion, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 adamantly oppose the granting of any liquor license to the Amazon Village.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	31 In Favor	0 Opposed	4 Abstained

RE: Hudson River Park Conservancy Advisory Board

WHEREAS: CB #1 is concerned at the headlong pace at which the Hudson River Park Conservancy (HRPC) Advisory Board is forming its committees and proceeding with activities, with little time for community board consultation or input, and

WHEREAS: CB #1's representative was appointed by its chairperson, and it was the Community Board's understanding that the Advisory Board's process would allow sufficient time for the CB #1 representative to discuss and report back to the Tribeca/Washington Market Committee items active on the Advisory Committee's agenda, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: The HRPC allow community board representatives and (elected officials) who serve on its Advisory Board sufficient time to consult with their respective boards before the Advisory Board makes decisions on substantive issues that could be of concern to community boards, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: Any further appointments of CB #1 members to the Advisory Board, its committees or sub-committees shall be made only by the Community Board chairperson.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	28 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: 240 - 242 Front St., Petition for a DOT Consent

WHEREAS: PSF Seaport Realty Corp. has petitioned the NYC Department of Transportation for a request to "construct, maintain and use steps on Front St.," and

WHEREAS: The proposed construction of the steps is being done at the direction of and under a Certificate of Appropriateness granted by the Landmarks Preservation Commission, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the NYCDOT approve the above-mentioned request.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Recommendations for Community Share Renewals (Educational Alliance)

WHEREAS: CB #1 will be receiving an allocation of \$80,630 in Department of Youth Services Community Share Funds for the period 7/1/93 to 6/30/94, and

WHEREAS: \$40,000 of this amount is currently allocated to the Educational Alliance to provide weekend and evening recreation programming for the youth of CB #1, and

WHEREAS: The Educational Alliance's own statistics show 69.1% of their registrants do not come from CB #1, and

WHEREAS: The Educational Alliance Program is serving a large number of persons over age 18, not in compliance with their contract, and

WHEREAS: Site inspections by Community Board members and staff of the Educational Alliance Program reveal a program which is poorly supervised with inadequate structure and frequently beset by misbehaving youth, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has identified the above cited problems to officials of the Educational Alliance on several occasions over the last four years and has seen little improvement in the program, or its outreach, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 urges that the Department of Youth Services (DYS) not renew the Educational Alliance Community Share youth program in FY 1994 and the DYS immediately issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) so that the Community Board may seek out providers who will better address our community needs for evening and weekend recreation youth programming.

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RE: Recommendations for Community Share Renewals (MYRR)

WHEREAS: \$40,630 is allocated to Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources (MYRR) by the Department of Youth Services under the Community Share Program to provide youth development and delinquency prevention programs for the youth of CB #1, and

WHEREAS: Manhattan Youth Recreation and Resources has received excellent program performance evaluations from members of the CB #1 Youth Committee and other parents, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that MYRR be renewed for funding in FY 1994 by the Department of Youth Services under the Community Share Program.