

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN  
RESOLUTION

DATE: APRIL 16, 1996

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

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

RE: National Multiple Sclerosis Society (MS) Walkathon

WHEREAS: The MS is a reputable charity, and

WHEREAS: The NYC Chapter of MS has repeatedly circumvented the wishes of the BPC committee by scheduling this event without first discussing it with us, and

WHEREAS: In contravention of promises made to the committee by MS of NY, the Battery Park City community has been repeatedly negatively impacted by this particular event, including but not limited to, excessive amplified sound and traffic, and

WHEREAS: The only application the committee has seen for this event, MS's application to NYC Parks Department, is woefully incomplete and misleading, and as such should never have been approved, and

WHEREAS: Neither the BPCA nor Battery Park City Parks Corporation has revealed to the community whether an application for this event was filed with them and/or whether they have issued (a) permits(s), and

WHEREAS: While we have historically asked that BPCA to provide us with their written guidelines regarding Public Events, they have never done so, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: We insist that no permits for any public events be issued by BPCA and/or Battery Park City Parks Corporation unless and until the sponsor of each event has appeared before CB #1, and has pledged to conduct such event adhering to the conditions of the community, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The NYC Parks Department is strongly urged to categorically reject any and all incomplete applications, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: All future events will be approved only if the Community Board is fully consulted in a proper and timely manner.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: 388-390 Greenwich St., proposed plaza modifications by Travelers Group

WHEREAS: Travelers Group wants to install a 18' diameter 18' high red metal Travelers Group logo umbrella in front of the main entrance at the location of the property line with the sidewalk, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the changes to the public plaza such as more benches, fixed tables and chairs and lawns, but expresses concerns over the placement of the umbrella which might give the appearance that the plaza is not for the public and questions its appropriateness directly across from the historic district.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Repairs on Piers 25 and 26

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 authorizes immediate allocation for the emergency work to repair Piers 25 and 26 and requests that DOT and HRPC work with the permit holders so that no interruption occurs while the emergency work is underway and should the permit holders be denied use of the piers, that they be compensated for past rent and all expenditures.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Plant life on the Tribeca waterfront

WHEREAS: Last summer HRPC/NYS DOT cut down a twenty foot shade tree which was one of only three trees on the Tribeca waterfront in order to gain one parking spot, and

WHEREAS: All the shrubs, grasses and bushes on the open part of Pier 26 were also ripped up as part of a clean-up effort, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has resolved that the Tribeca waterfront is to include an ecological reserve/wildlife sanctuary using native plants, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that HRPC and NYSDOT not destroy or disturb any plants on the Tribeca waterfront without bringing a proposal to CB #1.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: The River Project access to Pier 32

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests from HRPC/DOT that The River Project be permitted access to Pier 32 to do an inventory of the living resources.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Proposed food vendor on Harrison Street Triangle

WHEREAS: CB #1 has expressed its support for the landscaping improvements proposed for the Harrison St. Triangle, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is disturbed by the recent decision to install a food kiosk in this small area and is further dismayed that the food stand RFP does not reflect the Tribeca Committee's comments, and

WHEREAS: A food stand is not needed in this area since one already exists close by on Pier 25, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that the HRPC withdraw its proposal to create a food concession/stand at the Harrison St. Triangle, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 requests that the HRPC not approve any other concessions/alterations to the Harrison St. Triangle without full Community Board consultation and approval.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	2 Opposed	0 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: Wall St. Esplanade and Pier 11 Redesign

WHEREAS: The New York City EDC and DOT have presented a basic design for the renovation of the "Wall Street Esplanade and Pier 11" (The Ferry Pier), and

WHEREAS: The community has long been in favor of the improvements of the area under the FDR Drive at Wall St. and the creation of a bikeway/walkway and open vista to the water, and

WHEREAS: We support waterborne use of the East River Piers and the improvements of the ferry service to Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: The present plan provides for the commuter and tourists buses to remain where they are, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports the design for the Wall Street Esplanade and Pier 11 provided that the following elements be eliminated:

- a. The open gratings in the pier deck
- b. The catwalk over the water
- c. The food kiosk at the east end of Pier 11, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: City agencies involved investigate a centrally located indoor facility for the parking of commuter and tourist buses and any plan to relocate the buses within CB #1 be subject to the prior approval of CB #1.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 155-159 Franklin St.

Issue For Review: Complete renovation of an existing loft building for residential use. Conversion to 9 residential units 4 @ 3,700 sqft - 4 @ 2,200 sqft and 1 @6,000+ sqft and 1 commercial unit on the ground floor of approx. 5,100 sqft.

- The project shall include the addition of a 1 story stucco rooftop addition, which is visible only on the side lot line elevation.
- The existing 1 over 1 wood windows shall be replaced with matching wood windows and new metal 1 over 1 windows shall be installed on the lot line elevation.
- The existing wood and glass storefront shall be restored with interior roll down security gates.
- A new handicapped access ramp, in diamond plate steel, shall be built in place of the existing loading dock and the marquee shall be retained and restored with a glass roof.
- Paint colors and exterior lighting where not presented.

WHEREAS: The committee found the design, as proposed, to be appropriate and complementary to the Historic District, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 30 Water St.

Issue For Review: Replace existing storefront and renovate front steps

- Existing paned windows will be removed and a single large pane of glass installed (which is closer to the 1930's view of the building)
- Existing granite sills will be restored.

WHEREAS: The committee found the design, as proposed, to be appropriate and complementary to the Historic District, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 35 Vestry St.

Issue For Review: Complete renovation of an existing loft building for residential use.

- Conversion to 6 residential units and 1 commercial unit on the ground floor of approx. 2,000 sq ft each.
- The building shall be reduced by 11 ft at the rear and an open fire stair tower installed in this new rear yard that is not visible from the street.
- The project shall include the addition of a 1 story rooftop addition, which is visible only from the adjacent parking lot.
- A new painted cornice shall be added, new metal 2 over 2 windows installed on both the main facade and the side adjacent to the parking lot.
- The existing sandstone facade shall be restored and a new wood and glass storefront, painted a blue/green, installed.

WHEREAS: The committee found the design, as proposed, to be appropriate and complementary to the Historic District, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	29 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: 47 Vestry St.

Issue For Review: The ground floor will be changed from commercial to residential use.

- The existing storefront shall be replaced in a wood and glass system that matches the existing and shall include exterior security bars on the windows. New exterior lighting in an industrial style (black) shall be installed on both facades and a handicapped access ramp in diamond plate steel shall be built in place of the existing loading dock on Vestry St.

WHEREAS: The committee found the design, as proposed, to be appropriate and complementary to the Historic District, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC approve the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	17 In Favor	4 Opposed	9 Abstained

RE: Heritage Trails New York

Issue For Review: Installation of thermoplastic dots at approx. 10 ft. centers, in 4 colors, on sidewalks and streets in Lower Manhattan to indicate and guide visitors to historic sites.

WHEREAS: The committee found the design, as proposed, to be basically appropriate with the following qualifications:

- We found the extension of the trail to the Battery Park City/Hudson River Promenade to be inappropriate and not in-keeping with the intended purpose of the Project.
- We also found the "polka dot" H logo in the center of the tile to be distracting and only serving to add to the visual clutter of the urban environment. However, we did feel that a more restrained "logo" in the center of the dot may be desirable to aid in their recognition, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC take into account our proposed reservations when reviewing the application for this work.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: NY Downtown Hospital

WHEREAS: NY Downtown Hospital has been a good neighbor, providing important services to the local community, and

WHEREAS: Certain aspects of the Hospital's operation have, for a number of years, caused numerous problems for residents of Southbridge Towers on Gold Street, and

WHEREAS: Recently there have been positive discussions and tentative agreements have been reached regarding steps that will be taken to resolve these problems, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recognizes the need to resolve the issues of ambulance operations, late night garbage pickup, and truck and traffic congestion, and therefore supports positive efforts on the part of NY Downtown Hospital, Southbridge Towers and others to resolve these problems as quickly as possible for the benefit of the entire community, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly urges that the following changes be made to address these problems:

- 1) The parking regulations for the west side of Gold St. between Spruce and Beekman Streets be revised to allow only emergency ambulance drop-off or pickups. Ambulance layover parking (8 spaces) will be relocated to the south side of Spruce St. between Gold and Nassau Streets (mid-block)
- 2) Ambulances which are not in service should be stored in the Hospital's parking lot
- 3) The Hospital should utilize their existing ambulance emergency entrance for ambulance access to the Hospital
- 4) The Hospital, along with the First Precinct and DOT, should strictly and consistently enforce these new ambulance parking provisions and keep the Gold St. curb and sidewalk free and clear of vehicles

- 5) Arrange to move all garbage pickups to daytime or early evenings (8A-7P) hours
- 6) Review loading dock procedures and seek ways of improving the present operation to correct safety hazards
- 7) Utilize Spruce St. entrance for food deliveries, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly urges NY Downtown Hospital and the SBT community to continue to meet, as needed, to insure the resolution of these and other issues of concern to local residents.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	1 Opposed	3 Abstained

RE: Delury Triangle Skateboarders

WHEREAS: CB #1 has received numerous complaints over the past few years regarding skateboarding activity at Delury Triangle (Fulton & Gold Streets), and

WHEREAS: The skateboarders, who often are at this site late in the evening, frequently jump on and off the marble park furniture causing damage to the park and create serious safety and noise problems, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 has taken steps to address this problem by arranging for the installation of bollards, chains and a "No Skateboarding" sign and by repeatedly asking the First Precinct to intercede, now

THEREFORE  
BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 strongly requests that the First Precinct assign personnel to more adequately address and correct this on-going problem by increasing their patrols in this area and by confiscating the skateboards and rollerblades of violators, and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 also urges that the Alliance for Downtown NY security personnel who patrol this area take steps to eliminate the dangerous and disturbing skateboarding at Delury Triangle.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	4 Abstained

RE: 280 Broadway

BE IT  
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves ULURP application #C950427PPM for the disposition to EDC of retail properties within 280 Broadway.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained 1 Recused

RE: Borough President's Waterfront Plan

WHEREAS: The Manhattan Borough President's Comprehensive Manhattan Waterfront Plan, submitted to the Department of City Planning as a 197-a plan:

- Calls for maximizing public access with the goal of creating a continuous esplanade encircling the island, and increasing upland access to the water's edge;
- promotes water-related uses on the waterfront;
- reduces land-based traffic congestion and pollution with increased ferry and water-commuter services, and bike commuter routes;
- promotes the use of the waterfront for recreation, education, transportation and tourism;
- proposes short and long term strategies to implement these goals, and

WHEREAS: The recommendations in the plan generally coincide with those put forth by CB #1 for our area, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports in concept the Manhattan Borough President's Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 reserves the right to make additional recommendations regarding the waterfront based on changing conditions in the future.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	27 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained

RE: Whitehouse/Greenhouse

WHEREAS: Karin Giusti has created a public art work entitled "Whitehouse/Greenhouse" and Lower Manhattan is the site of much of our nation's early history, and

WHEREAS: The Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, working with the Conservancy for Historic Battery Park, has identified a site for the installation of the work on the great lawn within Battery Park, and

WHEREAS: The Conservancy has agreed to open the existing gates on the Great Lawn so that the public may have access to the artwork, and

WHEREAS: The Conservancy has agreed to work with Ms. Giusti in creating welded entrances to the artwork, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 approves the temporary installation of "Whitehouse/Greenhouse" from early July through mid-November.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 3 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained  
BOARD VOTE: *WITHDRAWN*

RE: Stock Quote Vertical Element on Washington St.

WHEREAS: EDC states that a resolution for the schematic design for the redesign of Washington St. was approved by CB #1 in July of 1992 and

WHEREAS: EDC states that the vertical/architectural element of concern was part of the Community Board design review and based on such review was then presented and approved by the City Art Commission in February of 1994, and

WHEREAS: No recollection of such review of the specific vertical/architectural element rests with the District Manager of CB #1, nor with members of the Art Committee, a review was requested by the Art Committee of CB #1, and

WHEREAS: The reason for a vertical element was clearly articulated by both the project architect and representatives of EDC, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1, based on a schematic drawing and blue print of the proposed vertical/architectural element, rescinds any prior approvals for this specific component of the Washington St. redesign, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 based this decision on the following factors:

- the overall aesthetics of the 44 foot vertical/architectural stainless steel element is questionable and
- the conversion of a fabric American flag into stainless steel is a translation for the flag that could prove offensive to members of the public and
- the juxtaposition of a stainless steel American Flag with an LTD stock quotron raises questions regarding these symbols as representative of the community (element to be sited in northern boundary of the financial district), and

BE IT  
FURTHER  
RESOLVED

THAT: Because of these factors CB #1 questions the public expenditure for the referenced stainless steel vertical element.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained
BOARD VOTE:	26 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained

RE: Castle Clinton and Federal Hall

WHEREAS: The Manhattan sites of the National Parks Services within the CB #1 district include Castle Clinton National Monument and Federal Hall National Monument, and

WHEREAS: In May and June of 1992 representatives of Manhattan sites came before CB #1 to discuss preliminary plans for the renewal of Castle Clinton National Monument to house a performance facility consistent with the Castle's use during the Castle Garden era, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 passed a resolution in June of 1992 in support of such a concession, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 is in support of the two general management plans and environmental impact statements developed for the Manhattan sites of the National Parks Service for Castle Clinton National Monument and Federal Hall National Monument respectively, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 is in support of preferred option, alternative 3 as the usage for Castle Clinton, consistent with the Community Board resolution of June 1992 and preferred option, alternative 2 for Federal Hall as reflected in the management plans and environmental impact statements, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: As no such performance facility exists in the Financial District of New York City, the proposed reconversion of Castle Clinton into a performance facility would be a great addition to the area as it is developing into a mixed use community with an expanded residential population.