

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JUNE 15, 1999

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 21 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

- RE: **M-20 (formerly M-10) bus route**
- WHEREAS: The MTA has recognized that rerouting the M10 from Hudson St. to West St. between Harrison St. and Spring Street does not meet the needs of the Tribeca community and was not well received by those who depend on the bus for transportation, and
- WHEREAS: The MTA has asked for input on two alternatives, suggesting that the one chosen will be implemented when the M10 route is split, probably in January 2000, and
- WHEREAS: One of the proposed alternatives would return the bus to its original routing, and restore the bus stops at Harrison and West Streets and at Harrison and Hudson Streets but eliminate stops that previously existed at North Moore and at Laight Streets because traffic probes dividing Hudson Street would require the bus to travel in the left lanes along Hudson Street, and
- WHEREAS: The stop at Harrison St. is essential to serve the needs of the seniors who use QUEST: A Community For Life Long Learning at 99 Hudson Street and the parents and students traveling to and from the Early Childhood Center at Greenwich and Jay Streets, and the Washington Market School at Hudson and Jay, and
- WHEREAS: Reliable bus service depends upon enforcing parking regulations to ensure that traffic keeps moving and that the lanes in which the buses must travel are unobstructed, especially during rush hours, now
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB#1 supports returning the M10 (aka M20) bus to the Harrison Street/ Hudson Street routing, but requests that the MTA: (1) make this change as soon as possible and not wait until the route is split; and (2) explore ways to add additional stops on Hudson Street to better serve the North Tribeca community and those living east of

Hudson, with a special emphasis on restoring the North Moore St. stop even if that requires removing some of the traffic probes south of Hubert Street, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The MTA should deploy more dispatchers and inspectors to ensure that the M10 buses stay on schedule, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB#1 calls upon the Police Department to ensure that parking regulations on the left lane of Hudson Street between North Moore and Spring Streets are monitored and enforced, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

The MTA should take whatever means necessary to ensure that splitting the M10 route does not unduly inconvenience those who currently rely on the M10, nor should it result in an additional fare for those who can now transfer for free to cross-town service at any point on the current M10 route, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB#1 once again calls upon elected officials and the Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority to solve the underlying problem, which is the large number of vehicles that use the Holland Tunnel to avoid paying tolls, by reversing the toll on the Verrazano Narrows Bridge and ensuring equitable treatment of all New York City neighborhoods and those who drive through them.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **415 Greenwich Street, authorization to convert to residential use above the 1st Floor**

WHEREAS: The developers of 415 Greenwich Street, which is currently a warehouse and distribution facility that is being vacated voluntarily by its current tenants, have requested authorization to convert this building to residential use above the first floor (67 units with an average of nine units per floor), with as-of-right retail space on the ground floor, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB#1 recommends approval of this request, provided that any single retail space not exceed 5,000 square feet and comply with all applicable zoning regulations.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Spartina Restaurant at 335 Greenwich St., sidewalk cafe
renewal**

WHEREAS: Spartina Restaurant located at 335 Greenwich Street has applied
for a 5 year renewal of their sidewalk cafe containing 15 tables
with 30 chairs, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the renewal of this application for
15 tables and 30 chairs.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 10 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

- RE: **Washington Street between Canal and Spring Streets**
- WHEREAS: CB#1 has passed several resolutions expressing concerns about the Route 9A/Canal Street/Holland Tunnel corridor and the adverse impact that changes in the traffic flow and construction work are having on North Tribeca, and
- WHEREAS: Representatives of NYS DOT, which oversees the Route 9A project, and the NYPD 1st Precinct attended the June 1 meeting of the CB#1 Tribeca Committee to discuss these concerns and report on recent developments (NYC DOT did not send representatives in response to our invitation), and
- WHEREAS: NYC DOT issued and NYS DOT implemented a permit to temporarily reverse the flow of traffic on Washington Street between Canal and Spring (from northbound to southbound), even though the problem that prompted the request for this never materialized and NYS DOT no longer felt it necessary to reverse Washington Street to provide an alternative route from Houston to West Street, and
- WHEREAS: Reversing traffic on Washington Street makes Canal Street a barrier between the North Tribeca community and the West Village community, and impedes all local traffic whose goal is not the Holland Tunnel, and
- WHEREAS: The prohibition against left turns from Canal Street onto Greenwich Street further isolates North Tribeca, yet NYC DOT seems unable to implement CB#1's request for a traffic light before the Fall of 1999. Furthermore, the NYPD refuses to replace officers assigned to issue summonses at this intersection with officers assigned to direct traffic because of illogical regulations that prohibit placing a traffic enforcement officer at an intersection that does not have a traffic light, and

WHEREAS: The lack of adequate signage on Route 9A means that the alternative routes into North Tribeca are difficult to find, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT:

NYS DOT should rescind the permit for the temporary - and completely unnecessary - reversal of Washington Street, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

Northbound traffic from Washington Street south of Canal should be permitted to go through the intersection at Canal Street and to make a left hand turn at Canal to facilitate going north or south on West Street, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB#1 requests that NYS DOT install adequate signage at all detours and at intersections with all local streets during reconstruction of Route 9A, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB#1 asks NYS DOT, NYC DOT and the NYPD to work collaboratively and creatively to come up with alternative solutions that do not isolate the North Tribeca community and that facilitate traveling to and from the North Tribeca community and recognize the legitimate needs of those who live, work and do business in North Tribeca, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT:

CB #1 requests the help of elected officials to ensure that these concerns are addressed and resolved.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 20 IN FAVOR 4 OPPOSED 4 ABSTAINED

RE: **Modification of the Bankers Trust Plaza at 130 Liberty Street**

WHEREAS: The Bankers Trust Company has recently leased additional space in the World Trade Center, and

WHEREAS: To accommodate employee interaction between the WTC and their corporate headquarters at 130 Liberty St., Bankers Trust proposes to construct a weather protected trellis across the plaza, and

WHEREAS: Bankers Trust is also proposing enhanced plaza amenities including new landscaping (trees and shrubs), new lighting, new paving and additional seating, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is pleased with these plaza improvements, and

WHEREAS: Public access to the plaza, particularly for people with disabilities and for people with strollers, is important to the Community Board, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 approves the proposed zoning authorization to modify the plaza at 130 Liberty Street, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges Bankers Trust and the Department of City Planning to insure that people with disabilities and with strollers have proper access to this second level public space.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED

RE: **Cabaret and liquor license applications for The Dakota Roadhouse at 43 Park Place**

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends the approval of the applications put forth by the Dakota Roadhouse for a cabaret license and a liquor license.

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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: **149 Franklin Street, application to legalize lot line window**

WHEREAS: A single lot line window was installed at 149 Franklin St. without authorization, and

WHEREAS: The Committee felt that the wall for this lot line window is highly visible from the street, and

WHEREAS: An individual's action to punch a hole in a building wall should not be encouraged, and

WHEREAS: The committee did not see a full presentation of window drawing and materials, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB #1 recommends that LPC hold over all action on this application until the applicant meets with LPC staff to discuss the application.

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BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Open-air cafe certification at 68 William Street**

WHEREAS: A new 41 story building is proposed to be built at 68 William Street (between Liberty and Cedar Streets) which will consist of a 300 room hotel in the base and a 216 unit apartment tower above, and

WHEREAS: The developers are seeking approval of an open air cafe to be located in the plaza of this building near Cedar Street, and

WHEREAS: The plaza, as designed, is both functional and attractive and will be a welcome addition to our inventory of open spaces, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB #1 approves the proposed zoning authorization to permit a public open air cafe in the new plaza at 68 William Street.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **174 Hudson Street, application to replace a wall sign**

WHEREAS: It has been the desire of CB #1 to discourage the erection of inappropriate signs, particularly advertising signs unrelated to the business of the building, in the Tribeca historic district, and

WHEREAS: The proposed sign is much bigger than the existing sign and has no relation to the business of the building, and

WHEREAS: The committee found that the sign is inappropriate for the Tribeca historic district, and

WHEREAS: We also question the legality of any sign at this location since it appears to be within 200' of the Holland Tunnel exit ramps and signs are prohibited within 200' of such a roadway, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB #1 recommends LPC to disapprove this inappropriate advertising signage as submitted.

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BOARD VOTE: 29 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **143 Duane Street, application to install rooftop addition**

WHEREAS: The proposed one story addition to this existing five story building is proposed to be set back 30 feet from the front of the building and 15 feet from the rear, and

WHEREAS: The proposed addition is not very visible from nearby streets and uses appropriate materials, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB #1 recommends that the LPC approve this application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED
BOARD VOTE: 28 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: **176, 180 and 182 Duane Street**

Issue to review: Application to install new storefront infill and make alterations to the loading dock

WHEREAS: This application will convert the ground floor of these buildings into retail storefronts utilizing large windows and double doors, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 feels that these alterations are appropriate to the historic district, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

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

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 25 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: **90 Franklin Street, application to construct a penthouse addition and to move the cooling tower**

WHEREAS: The proposed penthouse addition is not very visible from the streets surrounding 90 Franklin St., and

WHEREAS: The relocated cooling tower, however, is proposed to be placed atop the pinnacle of the building, which is very visible from nearby streets, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: CB #1 recommends the approval of the penthouse addition but feels that the cooling tower should not be approved since it is at the highest, most visible point of the building. We ask that it be re-located and re-submitted to the Community Board for further review.

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RE: **140 West Street, application to install new reception desk in the lobby**

WHEREAS: The proposed reception desk appears to be of the proper size (8' x 2½) and utilizes appropriate materials to befit the monumental stone lobby of 140 West Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 recommends that LPC approve this application.

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BOARD VOTE: 29 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **117 West Broadway**

Issue to review: Application to legalize the installation of a sign without LPC permits and to install a new sign.

WHEREAS: The applicant came to the committee last month without any input from the LPC and the proposed flagpole signage was not in character of the historic district, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has brought forth a design for a new, smaller sign which extends less from the building, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board finds this sign to be appropriate to the historic district, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the LPC approve this application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Stone Street Historic District**

Issue to review: Application to establish a master plan governing the future replacement of storefronts throughout the historic district.

WHEREAS: The Landmarks Preservation Commission, working with the Alliance for Downtown NY and their consultant Beyer Blinder Belle, has prepared a master plan designed to provide Stone Street property owners with acceptable storefront designs for the historic district, and

WHEREAS: This master plan will enable building owners and retailers to bypass the regular LPC approval process and gain staff level approvals for storefronts consistent with designs found in the master plan, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board believes this type of master plan can be quite helpful to applicants since it speeds up the approval process while at the same time ensuring the construction of appropriate storefronts, and

WHEREAS: The committee never got a chance to review the whole plan, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board # 1 endorses the concept of the Stone Street Master Plan and look forward to see a final plan when it is completed.

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RE: **Historic Battery Park Upper Promenade**

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 approves the bollard caps put forth by the Conservancy for Historic Battery Park for the park's upper promenade as designed by Nobi Shoiya.

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