

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 16, 1999

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: **After School Program Funding**

WHEREAS: The Community Board #1 youth population is growing rapidly and there has been a drastic increase in demand for after school care and overall after school activities, and

WHEREAS: For example, in Battery Park City all the new housing has 20 percent low income housing and many of these families have requested free after school care. There are also many middle income residents in the community and many families paying very high rents leaving them without sufficient funds for after school activities, and

WHEREAS: The Lower Manhattan Family Fund, run by Manhattan Youth Resources and Recreation (MYRR), reports that over 85 families have requested scholarships at a rate of appropriately \$2,000 per child resulting in a total cost of \$170,000, and

WHEREAS: Over 450 children participate in free enrichment programs that are not necessarily after school comprehensive care but one and two day after school (3 PM) or evening programs, and

WHEREAS: The amount of funding for after school care and recreation programs is not keeping pace with the increasing population at our three elementary schools in our area. In addition, Intermediate School 89 currently has a track team and basketball team funded but could use more services in its after school program, and

WHEREAS: MYRR, the community based organization running after school and enrichment programs, reports there are difficult decisions as to where to spend funds, either on after school care or its other free programs of art, dance teen lounge, volleyball, basketball and football leagues, swim programs and dance. It also reports its programs have outgrown the necessary space in the school and their small administrative offices on Harrison Street. Rents in the area are so high they cannot afford an office, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 recognizes that current public funding is not enough to meet the growing needs for after school programs in our area, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 calls upon public officials, school officials, government authorities and the business community to raise funds to help address the recreation and after school needs of our community, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 also calls on the Board of Education and Community School Board #2, which provide no after school funding to any schools in the CB #1 district, to rectify this longstanding inequity by directing some after school funds to MYRR for their excellent after school program, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

CB #1 urges local property owners and brokers to assist MYRR in their efforts to locate new office space.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE: 8 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 24 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED

RE: Proposal to waive the holiday construction embargo on Greenwich Street

WHEREAS: There is a standing moratorium on street work in lower Manhattan from November 18 until January 8, and

WHEREAS: Con Edison is currently working to relocate electric and gas lines on Greenwich Street so that the Department of Economic Development's contractor can begin the city's phase of the Greening of Greenwich Street project on schedule next year, and

WHEREAS: Con Edison still has four blocks to go and cannot finish relocation work on Greenwich Street before November 18, and

WHEREAS: Con Edison representatives have stated that the work can be completed by December 22 if they receive an exemption from the moratorium, and

WHEREAS: Observing the moratorium would delay the Greening of Greenwich Street project by more than two months because of the additional time required to break down and set up equipment, etc., and

WHEREAS: The moratorium was put in place primarily to facilitate increased holiday shopping traffic, which is not an issue on Greenwich Street, and

WHEREAS: The community wishes the Greening of Greenwich Street project to be completed as soon as possible and there are no significant objections to waiving the moratorium, now

**THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:** Community Board #1 supports Con Edison's application for a waiver of the holiday embargo to complete its portion of the Greenwich Street reconstruction project.

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BOARD VOTE: 24 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **345 Greenwich Street, liquor license**

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT:

Community Board #1 has no objection to a liquor license for the proposed restaurant at 345 Greenwich Street provided that:

- Initial hours of operation will be from 4:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, with the understanding that the restaurant may eventually open earlier to serve lunch but will always close no later than midnight;
- There is a manager on-site during all business hours;
- There is no live music and sound equipment is used only to play background music inside the restaurant;
- The restaurant is totally soundproofed so that those living or working above or adjacent to it do not hear noise or sounds emanating from the restaurant;
- Community Board #1 has the opportunity to review any application for a renewal of this license at the end of one year.

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BOARD VOTE: 24 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **349 Greenwich Street, liquor license application**

BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 has no objection to a liquor license for the proposed restaurant at 349 Greenwich Street provided that:

- Hours of operation will be from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
- There is a manager on-site during all business hours;
- There is no live music and sound equipment is used only to play background music inside the restaurant;
- The restaurant is totally soundproofed so that those living or working above or adjacent to it do not hear noise or sounds emanating from the restaurant;
- Community Board #1 has the opportunity to review any application for a renewal of this license at the end of one year.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **BSA application for 19 Park Place (aka 16 Murray St.) to permit residential conversion and addition of 3 stories to an existing three story commercial building.**

WHEREAS: Developers have requested a Board of Standards and Appeals variance for a proposed building conversion which does not comply with the provisions of the zoning resolution which regulate the size of a rear yard equivalent, the dimensions of an inner court yard and the distance between legally required windows, and

WHEREAS: The proposed building is in scale with its neighbors and its use is consistent with the character of the area, and

WHEREAS: Developers have agreed to, where possible, baffle sound on the roof top air conditions and utilize "green" technology throughout the building, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 has no objection to the granting of the proposed variances.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 2 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 23 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Construct a ramp on Beaver Street at 26 Broadway**

WHEREAS: The committee found the installation of the ramp necessary to be in compliance with the People with Disabilities Act, and

WHEREAS: The stairs inside the entrance of the building to the lobby made it impossible to install an internal ramp, and

WHEREAS: The material to be used for the ramp and railings are in character with the historic design of the lobby and building, now

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

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 23 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **165 Front Street, reconstruct the building and add three and one-half story addition**

WHEREAS: The committee found the design and the additional three and one-half story addition to the existing three story building on this site appropriate in context with the surrounding area, and

WHEREAS: The rehabilitation of the facade and storefront are appropriate and in character with the historic design of the original building and the Seaport Historic District, and

WHEREAS: The placement of the windows six over six is in keeping with the original window openings, now

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

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED 1 RECUSED

RE: **16-18 Jay Street, a/k/a 333 Greenwich Street, construct a new building**

WHEREAS: The committee found the presentation and material for the new building positive and in keeping with the historical character of the historic district, and

WHEREAS: CB #1 is concerned that, within the context of the surrounding buildings there is too much glass, and the windows are not adequately articulated, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC approve this application, but also review the application with particular attention to better articulating the windows with vertical elements, and adding an additional horizontal elements between the fourth and fifth floors.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 23 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **111 Hudson Street, application to construct a new storefront**

WHEREAS: The Owners, applicants or their representatives did not show up at the committee meeting, and ignored CB #1 phone calls to appear, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 recommends that LPC hold over all action on their application until the Owner, applicant or their representatives appear before this committee.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 27 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

RE: **Fantasia Bar at 119 Fulton Street**

WHEREAS: The Community Board has received a large number of complaints recently from local residents regarding Fantasia at 119 Fulton Street, and

WHEREAS: These complaints include noise, loud music emanating from the bar and from cars, frequent fighting, alleged drug dealing, loitering and other quality of life issues, and

WHEREAS: The Community Board, First Precinct, and the Alliance for Downtown NY have all received complaints about this club for several years, and

WHEREAS: The operators of Fantasia had agreed to attend a committee meeting to discuss these problems but failed to appear without notice, and

WHEREAS: The Fulton Street area has a growing residential population, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 is greatly disturbed that representatives of Fantasia failed to appear at our November 9th meeting and demands that the owners of this establishment immediately take the following steps to address the cited problems:

- 1) Keep the front door closed at all times and lower the volume of the music
- 2) Hire additional security to monitor and control their patrons when they leave Fantasia and urge them not to loiter in this residential area
- 3) Contact the First Precinct when patrons commit any of the offenses mentioned above if Fantasia cannot quickly resolve the problem, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 requests that the First Precinct and NYPD re-double their efforts to monitor the club and that they aggressively enforce all the quality of life laws which people have complained about, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

NYU and Pace University are urged to warn their students about the problems caused by Fantasia and to dissuade them from frequenting this establishment, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 urges local residents to be vigilant in keeping logs or taking pictures to document incidents at the club and that they call the Police whenever problems are evident.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 4 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 1 ABSTAINED

RE: **Proposed Canal Street Detour**

WHEREAS: Due to Canal Street construction, NYS and NYC DOT have proposed detouring northbound Route 9A traffic headed for the Holland Tunnel utilizing Watts and Washington Street during the hours of 3 PM to 8 PM, and

WHEREAS: This traffic scheme is necessary to allow the large scale construction planned for the area of the Canal Street triangle and the work should be completed by April, and

WHEREAS: NYS DOT has agreed to consult with businesses on Canal Street and maintain access for their operations, and

WHEREAS: NYS DOT has agreed to consider diverting some of this traffic onto Hubert and Vestry Streets as well as opening up the rest of Watts Street to tunnel traffic in order to ease some of the burden from Washington Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board #1 supports the new scheme as proposed by NYS DOT for traffic maintenance during Canal Street construction.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 22 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

- RE: **32 Avenue of the Americas, application to install communication and mechanical equipment on the roof and upper setbacks**
- WHEREAS: The committee felt that the mechanical equipment placed on the setbacks of the building did not significantly detract from the architectural design of the building, and
- WHEREAS: The committee was concerned that the main cooling tower on the roof was visible from the street due to its mass and color and recommends that the applicant cover the unit and select a color so its impact will not overwhelm the historical design of the building, and
- WHEREAS: The committee found satisfactory the applicants plans to create eight retail entrances (two on Walker, one on Lispenard, two to the south of the main entrance on Church Street and three to the north of the entrance with art deco grill work over each door to match the main entrance on Sixth Avenue), but did not see samples and the color of the materials to be used for these doors, and
- WHEREAS: The committee reviewed the proposal to replace the existing windows with louvers from the 8th floor to the roof in vertical patterns in certain portions of the building, and
- WHEREAS: The total number of windows that could be replaced with louvers is too high, given the implied trade off for the massive cooling tower on the roof, now
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that LPC disapprove the louver Master Plan.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: 26 IN FAVOR 1 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED

- RE:** **Proposal by the Department of Sanitation to transport refuse through the Holland Tunnel as a result of the closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill**
- WHEREAS:** The Department of Sanitation is beginning a program to transport residential garbage from Manhattan Community Boards 1-4 via trucks using the Holland Tunnel to private vendors in New Jersey who will be responsible for disposal of the garbage, and
- WHEREAS:** This is part of the City's overall plan for waste disposal in light of the pending closure of the Fresh Kills Landfill, and
- WHEREAS:** A total of 68 sanitation trucks per day will go through the Holland Tunnel, three-quarters at night after 7 PM and a quarter during the day after 9:30 AM, and
- WHEREAS:** This is a 3-5 year interim plan which could be extended up to 10 years, and
- WHEREAS:** The Holland Tunnel/Canal Street traffic problems are well documented and the streets surrounding the Tunnel are among the most congested and polluted in the City, now
- THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED
THAT:** Community Board #1 has concerns regarding the impact of the Department of Sanitation's new waste removal program and makes the following recommendations to mitigate the impact on Community Board #1:
- 1) Trucks going through the Tunnel in the evening should delay their departures until after 9 PM.
 - 2) Garbage from CB #4 should utilize the Lincoln Tunnel which is in CB #4 or go through through the BQE-Gowanus-Staten Island route.

- 3) Alternative high-tech options for waste disposal should be explored including those put forth by Comptroller Alan Hevesi.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 7 IN FAVOR 0 OPPOSED 0 ABSTAINED
BOARD VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED ABSTAINED????????

RE: **48 Laight Street**

WHEREAS: The design presented for a new building at 48 Laight Street represents a radical departure from designs for new buildings previously approved for construction in Tribeca, and

WHEREAS: Approval of this building could create a precedent for the neighborhood and should be thought through carefully with extensive input from the community, and

WHEREAS: The Landmark Committee received only a conceptual presentation with four 8 x 11 computer generated renderings and materials were not presented, and

WHEREAS: There are several concerns about the aspects of the design, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 strongly requests that that LPC holds the application over until CB #1's Landmarks Committee can see a complete presentation.

