

COMMUNITY BOARD #1- MANHATTAN
MONTHLY MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2012
MUSEUM OF JEWISH HERITAGE
36 BATTERY PLACE

Public Hearing

Mayor's Preliminary Budget for CB 1 for FY 2013

J. Menin – Comment period will be open during public session.

Public Session

Comments by members of the public

Jenifer Rajkumar – District Leader, Tribeca for Change is advocating for poll sites on college campuses.

Ali Davis – NYCEDC, liquor license on Pier 15 is an amenity for the waterfront. Lease signed at the end of the month. The revenue is needed to maintain the pier.

Francesca Coraggio – BPC resident, wants to preserve funding for BPC library.

Jean Grillo - District Leader, reported that CB2 voted to defeat the NYU 2031 plan.

Richard Cohn – Merchants (applicant for liquor license on Pier 15) has four other bars in CB1 and a good track record.

Catherine McVay Hughes – Advocating for cranes to be included under the Zadroga law. 3/28 at 1pm will be a conference call and opportunity for comments. The crane at 4WTC involved in the recent accident has been taken out of operation.

Ranger Jim – National Park Service, Castle Clinton and Federal Hall are free to visit.

Matthew Stewart – Supports the ban on church using space in public schools.

Dr. Chris Rosa – CUNY LEADS program, in favor of resolution regarding program for students with disabilities.

Allan Tannenbaum – Book of his photographs of NY in 1970's is now available in paperback.

Rebecca Ramos – Lower East Side Fair Union, has programs to help families keep children out of foster care.

Yume Kitasei – Council Member Chin, there will be an essay contest to be Council Member for a day. The Council Member supports the addition of cancer coverage under the Zadroga law, and the modernization of notice requirements for public hearings.

Emma Roszko – Assembly Member Glick, CEC must have more say in selecting school sites, discussed rally to oppose NYU 3031 plan, opposes windmill turbines on top of NYC buildings.

Michael Levine – Representing Michael Connolly, The Church Street School benefit is on for 3/1, 7 - 10:30pm, 96 Lafayette Street.

Jennifer Ashley – BP Stringer, wants reforms to the NYPD stop & frisk policy, the BP is very pleased about the DOT's decision to install a traffic light at Duane and Greenwich Streets.

Lisa Paige – Concerned about noise from the Walk-a-thon in BPC that involved use of a megaphone.

Mary Cooley – Senator Squadron, community convention on 4/22, 2 - 5pm at 100 Trinity Place, building task force will issue report this month, SLA launched new interactive website at lamp.sla.ny.gov.

Business Session

Adoption of Minutes - Adopted unanimously

Chairperson's Report J. Menin

Has concerns about the NYPD security plan for the area surrounding the WTC site, has been appointed to serve on the board of the Performing Arts Center, CB elections coming up and volunteers are needed for the Nominating Committee - Nomination of members to serve on Nominating Committee next month.

District Manager's Report N. Pfefferblit

Announced that the CB1 Annual Report for 2011 must be submitted to the Borough President's Office in late March and all committee chairs must complete goals and priorities, said that community boards still face a 6% budget reduction for Fiscal Year 2012, announced a special meeting regarding construction on John Street slated for 3/6 at 6 p.m. at the LMCCC.

Committee Reports

Youth & Education Committee P. Hovitz

1) Anti-Bullying Policy – Report

2) Great Oaks Charter School Proposal – Report

3) Speaker's Overcrowding Task Force – Update

4) Legislation Permitting Prayer in Public Schools – Resolution

P. Hovitz, said there were some reported problems with religious institutions in schools.

M. Ameruso, when the ACLU came to the Tribeca committee they said equal access is required and has nothing to do with the so called separation of church and state.

J. Fratta, schools are available to all faiths, none have been denied and separation of church and state exists so there is no religion imposed by the state.

B. Townley, as far as I know, no group has been denied.

T. Goodkind, the Principal was against churches in schools in 2005.

A. Tannenbaum, noted that there are prayer spaces for Muslims at CUNY and this law has nothing to do with the separation of church and state.

M. Ameruso, wording of the resolution makes no sense, motion to table, seconded by J. Fratta.

To table - Vote: 8 In Favor 25 Opposed Abstained Recused

Resolution -Vote: 25 In Favor 5 Opposed 1 Abstained Recused

Tribeca Committee

P. Braus

1) Street Activity Permit Application by Judith Duffy (Bastille Day Tribeca), Saturday, July 14, 2012, West Broadway between Walker Street and White Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Street Activity Permit Application by Tribeca Family Festival, Saturday April 28 and Sunday April 29, 2012, Greenwich, Beach, North Moore, Franklin, Harrison, Jay, Duane and Reade Streets – Resolution

Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

3) 412-414 Greenwich Street application for text amendment to Zoning Resolution section 111-20 (d)(6) to extend the grandfathering provisions in the Tribeca Mixed Use Special District another 4 years to allow construction of a previously approved new building – Resolution

Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 458 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk café renewal for Syblime Porte LLC d/b/a Turks & Frogs Tribeca – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor Opposed Abstained Recused

5) 211 West Broadway, application for wine and beer license for Keri Jackson or Entity to be Formed d/b/a Maslow 6 Wine Bar – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

SLA Process Task Force

M. Ameruso

1) Review of CB1 Liquor License Questionnaire – Report

The Co-Chairs of the Task Force attended committee meetings to present and get feedback on how to improve the questionnaire for applicants. It is 99% ready for the committees to use and will be a work in progress to be tweaked when new ideas come up. We will keep the task force up and running to deal with any issues that may come up and will meet periodically.

2) Borough Board resolution on Access to Details of SLA Licenses - Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

WTC Redevelopment Committee

C. McVay Hughes

1) Silverstein Properties International Update – Report

2) Metropolitan Transportation Authority Update –Report

The project is on time and will include 3 floors of retail.

3) Lower Manhattan Cultural Council Update – Report

4) Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center

Funding and staff are proposed to be slashed. – Resolution adopted under New Business

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Honoring the life of Stephen Levin, MD – Resolution

M. Ameruso, I knew Dr. Levin, his testimony at the City Council discussing the toxic health effects from 9/11 was a game changer and helped us get the Zadroga law enacted. He was a good guy.

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee

R. Bryom

1) 11 Vestry Street, application for handicapped lift – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 25 Park Place, application for façade restoration and storefront – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 10 Hubert Street, application for façade restoration and storefront – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 7 Harrison Street, application for storefront renovation, window replacement and rooftop addition - Resolution

Penthouse needs to be less visible

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 90 Worth Street, application for ADA lift and addition of rooftop equipment – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 388 Broadway, application for rooftop addition – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Report; March 8 Pier 17 will go to LPC.

Seaport/Civic Center Committee

J. Fratta

1) Southbridge Towers concern about new liquor store – Report Issue was resolved

2) John Street Post Office Update – Report
Will open in the spring with 3 customer service windows.

3) Pier 15 liquor license was considered by Waterfront Committee – Report

4) NYC Half Marathon on March 18th – Resolution

NYPD needs to reach out in advance to the community to make the event less of a disturbance. It was moved from the West Side to the East Side this year and CB1 was informed with very short notice and no time or ability to work with the sponsor to make changes.

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) School Busses on Fulton Street – Resolution
Problem with buses idling.

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Street Activity Permit Application by CB1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, June 29, 2012, Fulton Street between Water and Gold Streets – Resolution

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Street Activity Permit by Summer Street (Lead Dog Marketing Group, promoter), Saturday August 4, Saturday August 11 and Saturday August 18, 2012, Centre Street between Chambers Street and Worth Street and Lafayette Street between Reade Street and East 9th Street – Resolution

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) Street Activity Permit Application by Deepavali Festival (Association of Indians in America, promoter), Sunday, October 7, 2012, John Street, Front Street, Water Street – Resolution

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) 125 Fulton Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for Europan at Fulton Inc. d/b/a Europan Diner Café – Resolution

Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Battery Park City Committee

J. Mihok

1) Update on Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) – Report
The LMCC is visiting many CB1 committees to inform members about their programs and activities.

2) Traffic issues on North and South End Avenues – Report

There is a problem with speeding vehicles at this intersection.

3) Discussion about procedures for review of event applications in Battery Park City – Report

The committee is working with the Battery Park City Authority to develop a process that will enable the committee to have input on applications for street closures in BPC.

4) Walkathon request from Common Cents for April 29, 2012 – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Walkathon request from William Syndrome Association for May 6, 2012 – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Walkathon request from Dress for Success Worldwide for May 12, 2012 – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Walkathon request from American Lung Association in NY for May 19, 2012 – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) Hudson River Pageant by Earth Celebration for May 12, 2012 – Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) The Atlantic Cup sailing race request from Manuka Sports Event Management for May 18 and 19, 2012 - Resolution

Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

10) Ferry noise, they need to cut down on fumes and noise.

**Combined Financial District, Tribeca
and Seaport/Civic Committees**

R. Sheffe, P. Braus
J. Fratta

Financial District Committee

1) Illuminate Lower Manhattan: Lighting Initiative – Report

EDC presented its initiative to bring public lighting projects to Lower Manhattan. It is soliciting proposals and has funds available for this project. Respondents are encouraged to propose ways to use lighting on buildings or public areas in Lower Manhattan. The RFP is available online on the EDC website.

2) Discussion about Downtown heliport - Report

Postponed

3) Newsstand, Vendor, and Pay Phone Maps – Report

A map and database have been prepared by Pace University students for use by CB1

4) Update on Lower Manhattan Cultural Council (LMCC) – Report

Deferred.

5) Street permit application by ZIUA (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Sunday, April 29, 2012, Broadway between Fulton Street and Battery Place – Resolution Tabled.

6) Street permit application by CB1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, May 18, 2012, Broad Street between Water Street and South Street - Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

7) Street permit application by CB1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, June 1, 2012, Maiden Lane between Water Street and South Street - Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

8) Street permit application by the NYC Police Museum on Saturday, June 9, 2012, Old Slip between South Street and Water Street – Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

9) Street permit application by Chabad of Wall Street (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, July 13, 2012, Liberty Street between Broadway and Trinity Place – Resolution Tabled.

10) Street permit application by Sons of Italy Freedom (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, August 10, 2012, Liberty Street between Broadway and Trinity Place – Resolution Tabled.

11) Street permit application by CB1 (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, September 21, 2012, Broad Street between Water Street and South Street - Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

12) Street permit application by IPTA (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Monday, November 12, 2012, Whitehall Street between Stone Street and Water Street – Resolution Tabled.

13) Street permit application by Stone Street Community Association on Saturday, March 17, 2012, Stone Street between Hanover Square and Broad Street – Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

14) Street permit application by Stone Street Community Association from April 1 to November 30, 2012, Stone Street between Hanover Square and Broad Street – Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

15) Street permit application by Stone Street Community Association on Saturday, May 12, 2012, Stone Street between Mill Lane and Broad Street – Resolution
Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

16) Street permit application by Stone Street Community Association on Saturday, September 22, 2012, Stone Street between Mill Lane and Broadway Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

17) Street permit application by Bowling Green Association (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Monday, October 8, 2012, Broadway between Cedar Street and Battery Place – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District and Seaport/Civic Center Committees

1) Street permit application by Pearl Street Park Association Inc. (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Wednesday, July 4, 2012, Water Street between Fulton Street and Broad Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Street permit application by Seaport Community Coalition (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Saturday, August 11, 2012, Water Street between Fulton Street and Broad Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Street permit application by NYC Police Museum Fair (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, August 24, 2012, Broad Street between South Street and Water Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Street permit application by Southbridge Senior Center (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, September 14, 2012, Broad Street between South Street and Water Street - Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Financial District and Tribeca Committees

1) Street permit application by the 1st Pct (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, May 11, 2012, Murray Street between Broadway and Church Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

2) Street permit application by NYC Business Expo (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) on Friday, June 8, 2012, Greenwich Street between Barclay Street and Warren Street – Resolution

Vote: 33 In Favor 1 Opposed Abstained Recused

Planning and Infrastructure Committee and Landmarks Committee

J. Galloway

R. Byrom

1) Zone Green Zoning Text Amendment – Resolution

M. Ameruso, windmills should not be allowed in NYC, see the documentary ‘Windfall’ it is a warning to us as ‘Gasland’ was in regard to hydro-fracking. The noise is 24/7.

B. Townley, says windmills provide good green energy, questioned merits of ‘Windfall’

Vote: 24 In Favor 6 Opposed 1 Abstained Recused

Planning and Infrastructure Committee

1) Potential locations in CB1 for Bike Share Program Briefing by DOT– Report
DOT is expected to present proposed locations to CB1.

- 2) Bikes in Lower Manhattan Presentation by Pace University Urban Planning Class – Report
Public meeting to be held on March 7th to pick locations.
- 3) Civic Center Plan Briefing by Department of Citywide Services – Report
ULURP application is expected to be presented to the committee in April.

Housing Committee

T. Goodkind

- 1) Affordable Housing Panel – Report
Looking for vacant lots in the district that would be suitable for affordable housing.
Held meeting with Tenants and Neighbors.

Waterfront Committee

R. Townley

- 1) Downtown Boathouse – Report RFP for Pier 26, kayak rentals will be free.
- 2) 70 South Street, application for liquor license for Maiden Rest LLC – Resolution
Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Pier 15, South Street, application for liquor license for P15, LLC – Resolution
M. Ameruso, at the committee the SLA questioner was incomplete but the applicant has since made the corrections, I support both liquor licenses.

Old Business

None.

New Business

- 1) NYC DEC's Report on Infrastructure Risks of Natural Gas Production on NYC's Water – Resolution
http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/pdf/natural_gas_drilling/hager-richter_technicalmemorandum_20111221_hydrofrac.pdf
Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) State Funding for CUNY/BMCC Program to Assist Disabled Students Achieve Employment – Resolution
Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Maintain the Full Scope of Services at LMCCC Including the Environmental Compliance and Coordination Unit – Resolution
Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

8:45 pm *Respectfully amended and submitted by Assistant Secretary Marc Ameruso*