

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING
MINUTES APRIL 2013

DATE: Tuesday, April 23, 2013

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Murry Bergtraum High School
411 Pearl Street, Auditorium

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00pm EDT.

A moment of silence was observed in honor of the victims of the recent bombings at the Boston Marathon.

I. **Public Session**

1) Kion Brown (Murry Bergtraum High School)

- Welcomed CB1.
- Students spoke about Murray Bergtraum High School.

2) Carl Frye (Downtown Little League)

- Spoke in favor of the resolution in support of expanding parks and athletic fields in lower Manhattan.

3) Bill Bialosky (Downtown Soccer League)

- Spoke in favor of the resolution in support of expanding parks and athletic fields in lower Manhattan.

4) Andrew Zelter (Downtown Giants Youth Football)

- Spoke in favor of the resolution in support of expanding parks and athletic fields in lower Manhattan.

5) John Griffin (Downtown Soccer League)

- Spoke in favor of the resolution in support of expanding parks and athletic fields in lower Manhattan.

- 6) Jamie Lustberg (Community Board 2 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
- 7) Tricia Joyce (Community Board 1)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - There are 148 students on wait lists for schools in CB1.
- 8) Ariana Massouh (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 9) Crystalyn Stuart (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 10) Maritza Mrozinski (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 11) Hima Inguva (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 12) Brien Wassner (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 13) William Schror (Community Board 1 Resident)
 - Spoke in support of solving the issue of overcrowding in schools.
 - Has a child on a wait list.
- 14) Hannah Friedman (Borough President Scott Stringer)
 - Welcomed new community board members.
 - Training for new members is April 25 at 1 Centre Street.
 - The Borough President's Office will work to address quality of life issues in connection with construction of the new dorm for Pace University.

- BP is hosting a forum on entrepreneurship at NY Law School this Friday.
 - Presentation on the East River coastline plan set for Thursday, May 2 at Cooper Union.
- 15) Julie Menin (CWA Supporter)
- Supports keeping Verizon employees downtown.
- 16) Al Russo (Communication Workers of America)
- Thanked CB1 for proposed resolution in support of CWA workers.
 - Thanked elected officials for their support.
 - Thanked Julie Menin for supporting jobs downtown and in Manhattan.
 - The room was filled with CWA members.
- 17) Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember Sheldon Silver)
- Gave an update on Battery Park City ballfields.
 - Discussed Speaker Silver's efforts to ease school overcrowding.
 - Paul Hovitz: we hope there is legislation passed regarding student privacy.
- 18) Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
- AM Glick is supporting a bill that will protect student privacy.
 - Working on the budget and speed camera legislation.
 - There has been an outbreak of meningitis among men who sleep with other men. 17 people have died.
 - Nothing specific to report regarding Hudson River Park, but AM Glick is working on it.
- 19) Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)
- CM Chin has written to the mayor's office in support of keeping Verizon jobs in the district.
 - Introducing legislation that would make developers contribute to infrastructure.
 - SLA has agreed to extend liquor license waiting periods to businesses impacted by Sandy.
 - Held a hearing on bus safety.
 - A hearing on mobile food trucks was held.
 - CM Chin will be at the CB1 BPC Committee to present on creating a slow zone around schools in BPC.
- 20) Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)
- Community Convention is this Sunday, April 28 at BMCC. 2-5pm.
 - Pier 42 is going to be opened for temporary use on May 4.
 - The Senator is pleased that BPC ballfields are back.
 - Discussed corruption in Albany.

- 21) John Ricker (Comptroller John Liu)
 - Please visit the Comptroller's website at www.comptroller.nyc.gov.
- 22) Nora Martins (Attorney for Applicant)
 - Representing Century 21 which has an application under consideration by CB1.
 - Thanked CB1 for its support of their resolutions.
- 23) Allan Tannenbaum (Community Board 1)
 - Thanked the BP for reappointing him.
 - Discussed the sequestration's impact on the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund.
- 24) Suzan Rosen (American Red Cross)
 - Spoke about the state of the community's recovery after Superstorm Sandy.
 - Please let her know if there are people in need.
- 25) Leonie Haimison (Class Size Matters)
 - Opposed to putting student data online.
- 26) Timothy Hsu (Education - Wise NY)
 - Their programs support financial literacy among students.
 - They also have a program for adults.
- 27) Mark Dimor (113 Reade - Cafeteria Opening)
 - Upset with quality of life issues on Reade Street.
- 28) Kathleen Moore & Esther Regelson (Friends of the Lower West Side)
 - Want to protect Little Syria.
 - There will be an exhibition at 3 Legged Dog from May 3 – May 27.
- 29) Robert Moore (113 Reade Street)
 - Upset with how the liquor license application was handled in the Tribeca Committee.
 - Opposed to the liquor license.
 - Spoke for Frank Massino
- 30) Fraya Berg (113 Reade Street)
 - Please take community into consideration in review of the application.

- 31) Mark Amadei (113 Reade Street)
 - Wants to work with the community to ensure that the restaurant does not negatively impact quality of life.
- 32) Marlowe Paraiso (Department of Youth and Community and Development)
 - Discussed the Young Adult Internship Program
- 33) Katrina del Pilar (Chinatown YMCA)
 - They are hosting Healthy Kids Day.
 - They are providing summer camp tours.
 - They have programs for kids with special needs.
- 34) Bryly Macfield
 - Block party in FiDi on May 18 Partnering with the Downtown Alliance.
 - www.fidiny.org
- 35) Carl Friedberg (Mike Rogalle Memory)
 - Wants CB1 to take efforts to promote traffic safety.
- 36) Sumumba Sobukwe (Occupy Wall Street)
 - Occupying Zuccotti Park on May Day at 7:45pm.
 - No drums or amplified noise.
- 37) Kathleen Cudahy (50 Varick Street)
 - Represents 1 York.
 - Supports the resolution.
 - Thanked Evan Lacher for all of his work on this issue.
- 38) Eve Taylor (50 Varick Street)
 - Supports the application.
- 39) Cindy Li, Stephanie Chong, Peter Chang (Chinese American Planning Council)
 - Support Spring Studios Application.
- 40) Frank Filiciotto (Sam Schwartz Engineering/Spring Studios)
 - Will be available to answer questions during the business session.

- 41) Kathy Cudahy (Spring Studios)
 - Supports the liquor license with conditions as agreed upon.
- 42) Talk Langaed (Spring Studios)
 - Supports Application
- 43) Jill Sung (50 Varick)
 - Concerned about traffic issues on North Moore.

II. **Business Session**

The Business Session began at 7:45pm, EDT.

- A) Adoption of March 2013 minutes
 - Minutes were approved as adopted.
- B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

Chairperson's Report

Announcements:

- Linda Belfer – Thanked her for dedication to CB1 over the decades (slide with citation and photo which will be mailed to her)
- Thank Paul Sipos for his contribution to CB1 over the decades, and he will be continuing his participation as a public member.
- Warm welcome to our 5 new CB1 Members: Sarah Currie-Halpern, Elizabeth Lewinsohn, Jason Friedman, Marco Pasanella and Kathleen Gupta
- 130 Nassau Street Flyers (applications are now being accepted for affordable rental apartments, 421-A) on Lottery with preference to those living in CB1
- Next Financial District meeting will include a presentation on a potential 80/20 Housing Complex on Fulton Street

Report on the important issues that we have worked through this month with the CB1 staff:

Meetings

- Speaker Silver's School Overcrowding Task Force Meeting with Chancellor Walcott - included CB1 Youth Population Study (04/04/13)
- SIRR Lower Manhattan Community Based Organization Briefing - Mayor Bloomberg's Special Initiative for Rebuilding & Resiliency (SIRR) (03/20/2013)
- SIRR CB1 follow-up meeting (04/22/2013)

- Lower Manhattan Development Corporation Board of Directors Meeting (03/04/13)
- The NYC Waterfront Construction Competition Symposium (04/10/2013)
- The Spirit Project Fundraiser for the Seaport businesses still hurting from Superstorm Sandy

Testified

- World Trade Center Campus Security Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (04/23/2013)

Milestones

- MTA South Ferry Subway old “1” Station Opening (04/04/2013)
- BPCA Ball fields Opening (Wednesday, 04/03/13)
- Little League Opening Day at Battery Park (Sunday, 04/07/2013)
- C21 Expansion Ribbon Cutting (04/09/13)
- The Battery Conservancy Topping Off Ceremony (04/18/13)
- Scaffolding on Liberty Street is down (04/22/2013)

C) District Manager’s Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Welcomed new CB1 members.

D) Treasurer’s Report – J. Fratta

- See report.
- Next quarter expenses will be higher because a back-up system needs to be purchased to secure CB1 data.

III. Committee Reports

A) Executive Committee

1) Lower Manhattan Development Corporation - Report

- An update was given on the disbursement of funds.
- There is still \$1.5 million available in grant program for businesses.

2) LoMa Lights – Resolution supporting the LOMA Lights project that New York City Economic Development Corporation (“NYCEDC”) intends to launch this summer at the East River Waterfront Esplanade; and supporting every effort to implement this project in time for its intended summer launch. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 43 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) Proposed Hudson River Park Neighborhood Improvement District Plan Timetable – Report

- The HRPT would like the process to begin in June.
- June 10 has been tentatively scheduled for a public hearing.
- The Community Board gets 45 days to review.
- The application should be submitted by the end of April.

4) World Trade Center Security Campus Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Report

- See testimony online.

5) CB1 Committee Structure – Report

- A citation was given to Tom Goodkind for his work supporting affordable housing and senior issues downtown.

B) **Personnel Committee**

1) Staff – Update

- Michael Levine will retire in May 2013.
- The posting for Director of Land Use and Planning will be released in May.
- Diana Switaj is a strong candidate for the position.
- If the consulting position is open, Michael Levine would be a strong candidate for the position. He would need an exemption from the Conflict of Interest Board in order to be able to apply. A letter requesting such an exemption will be sent to the Counsel at the Conflict of Interest Board.

C) **Youth & Education Committee**

1) Student privacy – Resolution supporting legislation protecting privacy for students in NYC public schools. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) Styrofoam usage in schools – Report

- The City is looking to and limit its use with policy changes to come for the next school year.

3) Proposed budget cuts – Resolution asking elected officials: Speaker Silver, Senator Squadron, Assemblyperson Glick, Councilmember Chin and Borough President Stringer to oppose school cuts and support education and public schools. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Speaker Silver's Overcrowding Task Force – Update

- Schools Chancellor Dennis Walcott attended the last meeting.
- A subcommittee has been set up with CB1 members and DOE personnel to discuss plans for the next capital plan.
- The City needs to come up with a solution for fall 2013.

D) **Financial District Committee**

1) Fulton Center – Update

- Status quo

2) Reconstruction of Battery Family Comfort Station and new District One Park Office - Resolution endorsing the Conservancy's efforts and specifically its request to the New York City Council to reconstruct the Battery Family Comfort station and District One Park Office. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 26 Cortland Street, application for amendment to Board of Standards and Appeals variance to add a glass-enclosed event space on the roof of the Century 21 building – Resolution recommending approval by the Board of Standards and Appeals of the proposed amendment a previously approved variance to permit a rooftop addition to the existing six story Bank building of Century 21 Department Store Building. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Demolition of 22 Thames Street – Report

- 4 months for demolition of the building. Residential housing to be built at site.

5) East River Waterfront, MTA Stair Location – Resolution approving work as part of the East River Waterfront Project, including the proposed relocation of the MTA staircase and associated site work which will ease conflicts between and provide additional room for both pedestrian and bicycle traffic. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

6) 53-55 Park Place, application for restaurant wine and beer license for Ernst Klein 6th Ave. Foods Inc., d/ b/a Amish Market – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant beer license to Ernst Klein 6th Ave. Foods Inc. d/b/a Amish Market unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) 90 John Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Stout NYC – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant wine and beer license to Stout NYC for 90 John Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) Chabad of Wall Street (Mardi Gras Festival Productions, promoter) street activity permit application for Liberty Street between Broadway & Trinity, Monday, May 27, 2013 (Memorial Day) 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – Resolution not opposing the application submitted by Financial District Association for a street activity permit on Monday, May 27, 2013 subject to conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) Financial District Association street activity permit application for Wall Street between South and Water Street, Saturday, May 18, 2013, 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm – Resolution not opposing the application submitted by Financial District Association for a street activity permit on Saturday, May 18, 2013 subject to conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) Ironside film production – Report

- New series. Shooting downtown. Will donate \$15,000 with item 11 to a cause of the committee's choice.

- 11) London Calling film production – Report

- New Spiderman sequel.

- 12) 15 William Street, application for wine and beer license for Open Kitchen 15 William, LLC d/b/a Open Kitchen – Resolution in opposition to granting a restaurant wine and beer license to Stout NYC for 90 John Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 13) Relocation of newsstand in front of 55 Wall Street – Resolution strongly urging DCA and DOT not to proceed with the relocation of the Newsstand to a location in front of 55 Wall Street and urging DCA and DOT to install a smaller newsstand in the original location on the corner of William and Wall Streets. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 14) Verizon and Communications Workers of America – Resolution urging Verizon and all local businesses to not significantly reduce the number of workers in their Lower Manhattan buildings at a time when the local economy remains fragile due to the post-9/11 recovery still underway and the effect of the recent storm. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

C) **Battery Park City Committee**

1) Pier A – Report

- Presentation about a 30,000 square foot restaurant.
- Opening Memorial Day 2014.
- Committee wants to see more proposals on the visitor’s center.

2) Ball Fields and Asphalt Green – Report

- 3) Muscular Dystrophy Association street activity permit application for Vesey Street between West Street and North End Avenue, Sunday, June 23, 2013, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm – Resolution not opposing the application submitted by the Muscular Dystrophy Association for a street activity permit for Sunday, June 23, 2013 subject to conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) North Cove Marina, application for a liquor license for the Arabella – Resolution in opposition to granting of an alteration of a restaurant liquor license to Manhattan Yacht Club Inc. at North Cove Marina unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 41 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

D) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

1) Plans to activate the seaport area for the summer – Report

- Howard Hughes Corporation is going to have a reactivation plan for the Seaport at the next meeting.

2) South Street Seaport Museum – Report

- The committee was upset and concerned for the Seaport Museum.

- 3) 11 Fulton St., application for a liquor license for Flea Industries – Resolution in opposition to granting an alteration of restaurant liquor license to Flea Productions LLC at 11 Fulton Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) 4th of July Pig Roast, sponsored by The Iron Horse NYC Inc./The Wounded Warrior Project - Street activity permit application, July 4, 2013, 12:00 pm to 8:00 pm, F/O 32 Cliff Street between Fulton Street and John Street – Resolution not opposing the application submitted by The Iron Horse NYC Inc./The Wounded Warrior Project for a street activity permit on Thursday, July 4, 2013 subject to conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) 4Knots Music Festival, sponsored by Village Voice - Street activity permit application, June 29, 2013, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm, Beekman Street between Water Street and South Street – Resolution not opposing the application submitted by Village Voice for a street activity permit on Saturday, June 29, 2013 subject to conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) Meeting with Howard Hughes Corporation, Seaport Museum, New York City Economic Development Corporation & Community Board 1 – Resolution requesting that all parties involved in lease hold arrangements in the seaport (Howard Hughes Corporation, Seaport Museum, NYC Economic Development Corporation) meet together with Community Board 1 as soon as possible to discuss the future of the South Street Seaport Museum. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 42 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

E) **Tribeca Committee**

- 1) Hudson River Park Act Amendment – Resolution supporting Hudson River Park. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) 34 White Street, application for a renewal of a side walk café license for Petraca – Resolution approving the sidewalk café license for Petrarca at 34 White Street. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) 361 Broadway, application for City Planning Commission authorization to modify street wall location requirements – Resolution approving the proposed authorization. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) 50 Varick Street, application for a liquor license for Spring Studios – Resolution in opposition to granting an alteration of a restaurant liquor license to Spring Studios New York, LLC at 50 Varick Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

- 5) 325 Broadway, application for a liquor license for Siring Grill– Resolution in opposition to granting an alteration of a restaurant liquor license to Siring LLC at 325 Broadway unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) 124 Chambers Street, application for a liquor license for Ecco Restaurant – Resolution in opposition to granting an alteration of restaurant liquor license to Ecco 124 Chambers LLC at 124 Chambers unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) 113 Reade Street, application for a liquor license for Cafeteria – Resolution in opposition to granting an alteration of restaurant liquor license to Cafeteria 113 Reade Street LLC at 113 Reade Street a.k.a. TBD W. Broadway unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 29 In Favor 9 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) 57 Murray Street, request for a stipulation alternation to permit opening of store front windows for a liquor license for Cricketers Arms – Resolution in opposition to the stipulation alteration for DelboysNYC Inc. at 57 Murray Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) 77 Hudson Street, request for a stipulation alteration on liquor hours for Zutto – Resolution in opposition to the stipulation alteration for Zutto Squared LLC at 77 Hudson Street unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 10) SWC West Broadway & Leonard Street, application for newsstand – Resolution recommending approval of a newsstand at the Southwest Corner of West Broadway and Leonard Street. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 11) South Chambers Street between Greenwich and West Streets, application for newsstand – Resolution recommending approval of a newsstand on Chambers Street between Greenwich and West Streets. *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 39 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 12) Public Art for Tribeca Park – Report

- There will be a statue in the park.

F) **Planning Committee**

- 1) Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Quarterly update – Report

- World Trade Center reconstruction is on target.

- 2) World Trade Center Campus Security Plan Final Scope of Work Submission – Report

- Testimony was given on the plan.
- Public commenting period ends on May 8.

- 3) Community Board 1 Open Space Update – Report

- The committee has been studying green space in the area.

- 4) 113 Nassau Street, 421-a Application Submission – Report

- The committee reviewed the plan.

G) **Quality of Life Committee**

- 1) Construction Projects in Lower Manhattan – Report

- Lots of construction going on.

- 2) Earth Day electricity usage – Report

- Presentation on detriments of excess use of electricity

- 3) Discussion on senior issues objectives for committee – Report

- Committee assessing their role in regard to senior issues within CB1.

H) **Landmarks Committee**

- 1) 502 Canal Street, application for facade reconstruction – Resolution *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 2) Governors Island, application for removal of a brick path in the historic district –
Resolution *Adopted*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 3) Little Syria Exhibit – Report

Addressed earlier in the meeting.

IV. **Old Business**

No old business to report.

V. **New Business**

No new business to report.

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by: Adam Malitz, Secretary