

CB 1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 2014

DATE: Tuesday, September 23, 2014
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Downtown Boathouse
Hudson River Park at Pier 26

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

I. **Public Session**

1. Reverend Lauren Holder (Trinity Church)
 - Spoke about “All Our Children” program.
 - Looking to donate supplies to schools (non-denominational).
 - Trying to be good listeners about the needs of the Lower Manhattan community.
 - Open to interfaith programming.
2. Jean Grillo (Democratic District Leader)
 - The Board of Elections needs poll workers for upcoming election. Earn \$200 for the day.
 - Requested that the affordable housing taskforce be reestablished.
 - This Sunday is the annual Tunnel to Towers run.
 - Sent condolences to John Fratta.
3. Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)
 - World Trade Center is moving along smoothly.
 - Speaker Silver attended National Night Out Against Crime.
 - Co-signed a letter regarding helicopter issues.
 - Working with Governor Cuomo on counterterrorism issues.
 - Asked the 9/11 Memorial to extend hours.
 - Worked to get funds for a physical education space at Millennium High School.
 - Went to Israel in solidarity against terrorism.
4. Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)
 - Working on Municipal Identification Card program. The card brings free benefits.
 - 15 CUNY Service Corps students will be working on data projects for the BPO.
 - Introduced new Community Affairs Director, Lucille Songhai.

5. Assemblymember Deborah Glick

- There has been concern about Hudson River Park air rights transfers. There will be a process comparable to ULURP.
- Downsizing in Section 8 housing is a major issue.
- Released a report from January – June 2014 with updates.

6. Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Dealing with inter-city bus issues. Passed a law that came into effect on August 15, 2014.
- The Senator opposes downsizing in Section 8 housing.

7. Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerrold Nadler)

- Rep. Nadler submitted for reauthorization of the Zadroga Act. The act took 9 years to pass.
- Voted against funding to train moderate Syrian rebels.
- Working on helicopter and ferry noise issues.

8. Erik Botcher (Governor Andrew Cuomo)

- Please attend Citizens Preparedness Council training session. Get a free go-bag.

9. Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Passed bill to increase penalties for landlords who harass tenants.
- Stop sign has been installed at William and John Streets.
- Trying to work on reforming adult daycare center regulations.

10. Matt Gayot, Nadav Weg, Andrew Scheman, David Corsea, and Peter Halley (11 Ave. of the Americas)

- Concerned about the rooftop extension built at 11 6th Avenue and the possibility that it may be used as part of the bar at that location.

11. Andrew Brokman (NYC Department of Consumer Affairs)

- Small Business Checklist is now available to help businesses avoid fines.
- Fines for small businesses are being reduced.
- DCA is doing workshops on the new paid sick leave law.

12. Paul Hovitz (CB1)

- Condolences to John Fratta on the loss of his mother.
- Taste of the Seaport is on October 18, 2014. Purchase tickets at www.tasteoftheseaport.org.

13. Michael Ketring (Downtown Alliance)

- 3 events will be held soon: Taste of Downtown, Geranium Day, and Fall Community Planning.

14. Ken Lowenstein (92 Fulton)

- Asked for support for a resolution in favor of affordable housing site at 92 Fulton Street in the Financial District.

15. Paul Parkhill (Spaceworks)

- Asked for support for a resolution in favor of creating affordable studios for artists and performance space on Governors Island

16. David Garza (Henry Street Settlement)

- LES Employment Network is working with the Howard Hughes Corporation.

17. Chin Man Lai (Hospital Outreach, NY Presbyterian)

- Participating in local events.

18. Kimberly Flynn (9/11 Environmental Action)

- October 12, 2014 is deadline to register for the Victim's Compensation Fund.
- Please support Youth Committee resolution regarding impacts from 9/11 on children.

19. Claire Brown (Water Street Greenmarket)

- Pleased with recent turn out at the market.

20. James Kaplan (Saratoga/Yorktown Celebration)

- Commemorating the Battle of Saratoga.

21. Mary Habstritt (Historic Ship Lilac)

- Please come and visit.
- Welcomed CB1 to Hudson River Park.
- Floating library ends October 3, 2014.

22. Megan Ahearn (NYPIRG)

- Today is National Voter Registration Day.

II. Welcome

1. Graeme Birchall, President, Downtown Boathouse
 - Welcomed CB1 to the Boathouse.
2. Madelyn Wils, President, Hudson River Park Trust
 - Welcomed CB1 and discussed current events and programs.

III. Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:00pm, EDT.

A) Adoption of July 2014 minutes

- Adopted as presented

B) Chairperson's Report

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml.

A few highlights:

- U.S. Senate and House lawmakers from across the country introduce critical reauthorization of James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.
- Installation of new NYC DOT stop sign coming to busy Financial District intersection at the corner of William and John Streets.
- CB1 District Needs Report FY 2016 submitted to NYC City Planning and posted on CB1 website.
- Continued improvements to pedestrian and vehicular flow around WTC due to CB1 working with agencies; Cortland Way and sidewalk along east side of 4 WTC opened, increased signage, opened sidewalk along Route 9A edge of Memorial Plaza.
- Continued progress on Peck Slip Plaza – Old Seaport Alliance in partnership with CB1, City agencies (NYCDOT, DPR, DDC) and with help from elected officials.
- Attendance and active participation are the two keys to success for Community Boards. In this spirit, the Borough President's office is tracking attendance.

C) District Manager's Report

- The staff is updating Budget Priorities document for FY 2016 to prepare it for presentation to the Executive Committee in October. Information from Budget Consultations attended by staff will be included.

- Office is moving to Municipal Building. The current estimate is for the move to occur around the end of the year and any updated information will be shared with board members and constituents.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Financial District Committee**

- 1) Report on the Battery Conservancy update
- 2) Report on Broadway Phase 1 Project update
- 3) 41 John Street, application for a wine and beer license for Chopping Block – (TABLED)
- 4) 92 Fulton Street, application for an appeal pursuant to General City Law and zoning waiver to construct a building as-of-right within the bed of a mapped but un-built street –
BOARD VOTE: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) Building 301, Governors Island, application for approval of Artist Studio for Spaceworks
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 106 Liberty Street, application for a beer license for Powell Foods of 2445, LLC d/b/a Burger King
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) 99 Washington Street, application for a liquor license for Golden Seahorse LLC & Amazon Restaurant & Bar Inc. as manager and Crescent Hotels Resorts LLC as manager
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) 94½ Greenwich Street, application for a wine and beer license for AJ'S Eatery Corp., d/b/a Café De Novo
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) 108 John Street, application for a liquor license for Thai Sliders
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 11) Street Activity Permit for Coenties Slip Greenmarket from 9/18 to 11/20, 2014, Coenties Slip between Water Street and Pearl Street
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 12) Street Activity Permit for Chabad of Wall Street on 10/26/2014, Fulton Street, between Broadway and Nassau Street
BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

B) **Youth & Education Committee**

- 1) High School of Economics and Finance – Report
- 2) Community Education Programs – Report
- 3) 4th Grade ELA scores of our local schools – Report
- 4) Support for WTC Pediatric Study Proposal “Early Identification of WTC Conditions on Adolescents”
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

D) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) Ferry horns and other quality of life impacts – Report
Representatives from the offices of Rep. Nadler and Sen. Squadron updated the committee on their efforts to find a compromise that would satisfy the U.S. Coast Guard requirement for ferry horns when they depart terminals and also reduce noise impacts to residents of nearby buildings. Paul Goodman, the President of NY Waterways which operates the terminal and owns most of the boats attended and made a commitment to assist this effort.
- 2) Safety of intersection of Liberty and West Streets – Report
Representatives of City and State DOT addressed concerns about safety at this intersection. The committee agreed to summarize its recommendations in a letter to the two agencies.
- 3) Sidewalk café regulations – Report
- 4) Discussion of Rent Protection Laws – Report
The committee would like concerns of BPC tenants to be reflected in the resolution that will be considered by the Planning Committee.
- 5) BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol – Report

D) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

- 1) Status of South Street Seaport land use applications – Report
- 2) Proposal for Fulton Market Building food and beverage service – Report
- 3) Peck Slip Park – Update
- 4) Imagination playground staff & repairs – Report
- 5) Old Seaport Block Party, Sept. 27, 2014 – Report
- 6) Jerry Driscoll Walk

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

113 Nassau Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment

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

- 7) 111 Fulton Street, application for restaurant wine & beer license for Fulton Quality Foods LLC d/b/a GRK

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

E) **Planning Committee**

- 1) World Trade Center Quarterly Update – Report
- 2) Silverstein Properties – Report
- 3) 9/11 Memorial & Museum Overview – Report
- 4) Community Board 1 Housing Reports – Report
- 5) Draft Unit Owner’s Guide – Report
- 6) Scheduling of Planning Committee meetings – Report

92 Fulton Street, Inclusionary Housing Program Application

BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

F) **Landmarks Committee**

456 Greenwich Street, application for elevator and stair bulkhead

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

184 Duane Street, application for penthouse enlargement

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

G) **Quality of Life Committee**

- 1) Construction Update by NYC DOT – Report
- 2) Update on improvements in the area around the 9/11 Memorial by NYC DOT – Report
- 3) Fire Safety Forum – Report
A representative of the FDNY spoke about fire safety at the special forum held by the committee and kindly hosted by BMCC.

H) **Tribeca Committee**

- 1) Schematic Geometric and Landscape Design for NYC DDC Bogardus Plaza Project HWPLZ012M – Report
- 2) 67 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Kinjo Inc. d/b/a Gunbae – Report
Committee members wanted to see current and detailed plans and sound-proofing information for this proposed establishment. The application was therefore held over until the October meeting at which time the applicant made a commitment to provide this information.

105 Reade Street, application for corporate change for Sazon Inc.

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

The applicant signed stipulations agreeing to conditions requested by the committee.

90 Chambers Street, application to transfer restaurant liquor license for Kaede Japanese Cuisine, Inc.

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

20 Warren Street, application for a liquor license for an entity to be formed by Joseph Crotty

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

The applicant declined to agree to the standard hours for side streets in the committee's guidelines and the committee therefore opposed the application.

285 West Broadway, application for alteration of liquor license to extend operating hours for Haus

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

The applicant will return to seek a cabaret license for dancing. At this time hours were extended to enable the establishment to serve brunch.

281 West Broadway, application for renewal of sidewalk café license for Pepolino's

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

35 Avenue of the Americas, application for renewal of sidewalk café license for AOA Bar and Grill

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VII. **New Business**

No New Business to report.

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:23pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary