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Manhattan Community Board 1

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Chairperson's Report for June 2015

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With your ongoing support, Community Board 1 has had another amazing month. Together we continue to make a better and stronger neighborhood. Here are some of the important issues and milestones that we have worked through with fellow board members, the CB1 staff, elected officials and government agencies. Thank you, everyone!

Updates

- **South Street Seaport**
 - **Special Landmarks Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 25, 2015** with Seaport/Civic Center and Planning Committee members invited to attend on the Reconsideration of prior Pier 17 resolution adopted February 5, 2015 – Resolution; Southbridge Towers Community Room
 - No information on Howard Hughes Corp. revised plans for a mixed use project including a proposed residential tower on the New Market Building site; timeline of CB1's community involvement in past three years
- **Helicopter incident in Battery Park City** – No property damage or injuries occurred during the take-off; spoke with both Battery Park City Authority and Brookfield Properties and they have confirmed that this will not happen again. Their statement included that there was an FAA cleared departure by a helicopter from a boat docked in the Marina. This occurred in error as the BPCA's marina guidelines clearly state that such activity is prohibited (06/11/15)
- **Helicopter letter sent to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)** – inquiring about helicopter take-off from North Cove Marina in Battery Park City (06/12/15)
- **To report a complaint about helicopters** – such as noise or for a helicopter that is flying too low, hovering, or passing by on unapproved tour routes. If a helicopter bothers you, report to: <http://www1.nyc.gov/nyc-resources/service/2103/noise-from-helicopter>
- **Mayor de Blasio signed into law Int. 641 which requires NYC DOT to conduct a comprehensive study of pedestrian and cyclist safety along the city's truck routes** – legislation was introduced by Council Member Chin; this includes Canal Street (06/16/15)
- **Resiliency Update** – Office of Recovery and Resiliency (ORR) in collaboration with the NYC Economic Development Corporation is finalizing the scope of work for comprehensive flood protection planning (\$6.7mm) below Montgomery Street and around tip of Lower Manhattan to the west side. They expect the Request for Proposals to be released this summer; invited to present to an upcoming Planning Committee

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- **Saint Paul's Chapel of Trinity Church has been designated as an Emergency Center by Office of Emergency Management** – worked on this with Bob Schneck; Superstorm Sandy illustrated the need for such a place and this is the first such facility in CB1. Thank you Bob and Trinity Church
- **Worth Street Reconstruction Community Advisory Committee letter** – worked with Bruce Ehrmann to work to minimize construction impact during multi-year project (06/02/15)
- **H.R. 1786, James Zadroga 9/11 Health and Compensation Reauthorization Act Hearing before the Energy and Commerce Committee** (Washington, DC, 06/11/15)
- **World Trade Center Site** – Vesey Street temporary bridge came down and Observatory on WTC1 opened (05/29/2015)

Events

- **The R2R Bash Kickoff** – River To River celebrates Lower Manhattan as a vibrant neighborhood to live, work, learn, and play in by encouraging discovery and exploration of the built and natural environment through site-based performance and visual art projects at over 20 sites across the area. This annual arts festival, presented by Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, includes 60 free different events that span all artistic disciplines taking place over 11 days, June 18–28 (06/18/15)
- **Manhattan Borough President Brewer Reception celebrating MBPO appointees and community board members** (American Museum of Natural History, 06/15/15)
- **Manhattan Borough President Brewer's Office Summer Meals Day of Action** - second annual Day of Action to distribute information about the Summer Meals for Kids program offered by the NYC Department of Education (PS 126 Jacob August Riis Elementary School, 7:30AM, 06/10/15)

Meetings

- NYC Parks – on design process for the reconstruction of Vietnam Veterans Plaza (next to 55 Water Street). This project has been funded by FEMA as a result of the damage the park suffered from Superstorm Sandy (06/19/15)
- Manhattan Borough Board – District Needs and Budget Improvements Presentation by NYC Department for City Planning; new format; August 3 Draft CDNS/CBBR submission due from online link and October 15-30 CBs work on final submission and budget request prioritization; joined by Diana Switaj (06/18/15)
- The Trust for Governors Island Corporation (06/18/15)
- Lower Manhattan Then and Now - the Map with Abby Suckle, Culture Now – joined by Michael Levine (06/15/15)
- NewYork-Presbyterian/Lower Manhattan Hospital Community Advisory Board (06/15/15)
- Downtown Alliance Board of Directors – with Ninfa Segarra and Fern Cunningham (06/09/15)
- World Trade Center Health Program Scientific/Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) – Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Department of Health & Human Services; included visit to 9/11 National Memorial Museum and discussion on how to improve the exhibit on environmental health impacts due to WTC exposure (06/03/15 & 06/04/15)

- D-LMA talk with Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance Jr. – “Cybersecurity and State of Protection” (06/03/15)
- Lower Manhattan History Society (LMHS) (06/03/15)
- World Trade Center Health Program Survivors Steering Committee Meeting – joined Bob Schneck (06/02/15)
- Age-Friendly Neighborhood Initiative Interview with The New York Academy of Medicine – joined with CB1 Planning staff; committed to improve the lives of older New Yorkers in all neighborhoods; findings will help NYC Council better plan programs and services for older adults (05/29/15)
- First Precinct Meeting – Cop of the Month Award for guns arrest by NYPD Transit 2 and thanked Commanding Officer for arrest of the hit-and-run on Beekman Street (05/29/15)
- Pace University Class Presentations – joined Professor Michael Levine and NYC DOT representative for kick-off of parking and placard study in Financial District (05/29/15)
- Toured CB1 new offices at 1 Centre Street, Room 2202 North Side – with CB1 staff; CB1 will be moving to new offices in mid-July 2015 (05/27/15)

Announcements

- Michael Connolly will be Chair and Patrick Kennell will be the Co-Chair of the Planning Committee
- NYC’s Community Assistance Handbook; requested that the 2010 version be updated after five years, some updates have been made:
<http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/downloads/pdf/handbook.pdf>
- Beginning of Hurricane Season – Do you know your Zone?
http://www.nyc.gov/html/oem/html/get_prepared/know_your_zone/knowyourzone.html
- Hermione Lafayette – will be docked at the South Street Seaport from July 1-4; all ages encouraged to participate in July 3rd parade at 11AM leaving Pier 15 at the Hermione with LMHS
- The City of Water Day Festival is a free day-long celebration of the world-class potential of the water that surrounds us and brings us together. Held on Governors Island, it includes unique, fun, and educational waterfront activities organized by the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance (MWA) and its over 800 Alliance Partners. The events run between 10am and 4pm on Saturday July 18, 2015:
<http://www.cityofwaterday.org/2015-about-city-of-water-day/>