

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: BATTERY PARK CITY

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	1 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Community Board Advisory Role to the Battery Park City Authority in Determining Community Amenities

WHEREAS: Whenever the Battery Park City Authority (the Authority) puts a project up for bid, it requires developers to include public amenity space in their proposals. Developers must agree to donate this space to the Authority to compete for the right to build, and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1 (CB1) and its Battery Park City Committee have an important advisory role in assessing the needs and impact on the community of the Battery Park City neighborhood, and members volunteer their time and energy to deal with such matters as community amenities in the area's best interest. As such, this Committee of CB1 is the appropriate local body and forum to determine and represent the views of the local community regarding such amenities, and

WHEREAS: Over the last few years, for example, the Authority has required the developers of three luxury rental apartment buildings — the Solaire, the Verdesian and Tribeca Green — to build public restrooms, public meeting rooms and a workshop for the Authority's Parks Conservancy, and

WHEREAS: At another apartment building, Riverhouse, the Authority has leased all of the public amenity space in the building to three nonprofit groups at the nominal price of \$1 a year until 2069. This space has significant economic value at current market rates (estimated by Cushman & Wakefield at from \$60 to \$100 annually per square foot, according to the New York Times), and

WHEREAS: A formalized process of consultation with the Community Board has been lacking with respect to the selection of community amenities and their operators, resulting in a wide range of degree of consultation—from instances of extensive consultation to instances of little or no consultation. Many of the BPC Committee members and other members of CB1 have contacts with and knowledge about non-profit organizations (including international) and could be helpful to the Authority's process by (1) encouraging a larger number of qualified organizations to apply during the RFP process, (2) participating in evaluation of the merits of the various applicants as part of the Authority's decision process, and (3)

providing useful input about the appropriate terms of these amenities and how to evaluate, on an ongoing basis, whether the recipient organizations are providing appropriate services to the community that justify their continued occupancy of such valuable spaces, and

WHEREAS: James E. Cavanaugh, president and chief executive of the Battery Park City Authority told the New York Times on this issue “This is publicly owned land, and we think the public ought to continue to get some use of it,” and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 has requested that BPCA commit to work in a formalized manner with the BPC Committee to secure the community’s input on public amenities in BPC, and it has committed to do so, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 commends BPCA for its commitment in deciding on long term amenities for the community to consult the community in a more formalized manner through CB1 and the Battery Park City Committee in connection with the preparation of RFPs for such amenities and in selecting the operator of such amenities. This public participation in the choice would best give the community the amenities it desires and needs.

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DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: EXECUTIVE

BOARD VOTE: 17 In Favor 16 Opposed 2 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: The Mayor and the City Council's Extension of Term Limits to Three Terms on Thursday, October 23, 2008

WHEREAS: Two voter referenda on term limits have passed, in the years 1993 and 1996, showing a clear decision by the electorate at those times in favor of term limits, and

WHEREAS: Once the Mayor proposed the extension of term limits, significant public opposition arose, as evidenced by a Quinnipiac University poll from October 21, 2008 showing 89% of the electorate in favor of deciding the issue by voter referendum yet again, and

WHEREAS: This is therefore a clear demonstration of the will of the electorate of our city, and

WHEREAS: The current City Council members as well as the Mayor have an inherent appearance of conflict of interest in dealing with the extension of term limits while currently holding office, and

WHEREAS: Notwithstanding the clear preference of the electorate, the City Council instead extended term limits by a simple majority vote, and

WHEREAS: There is adequate time before the full onset of 2009 electoral season to call for a new voter referendum on the question of term limits to ensure the broadest support possible for whatever decision the electorate would make, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 considers the failure to place this decision in the hands of voters to be opposed to the best interests of all New Yorkers, elected officials included, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 calls on the City Council and the Mayor to schedule a referendum to address term limits to be held sufficiently in advance of the 2009 elections so that such elections can be governed by the outcome of the referendum.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	12 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Change to direction of Broad Street between Beaver Street and Stone Street to one-way northbound from bi-directional

WHEREAS: The NYC Department of Transportation proposes to change the direction of Broad Street between Beaver Street and Stone Street to better facilitate the traffic flow outside of the main entrance of the New York Stock Exchange Security Zone, and

WHEREAS: The NYCDOT will also change the adjacent signage to provide a queuing lane into the security zone, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the final change of direction of Broad Street between Beaver Street and Stone Street to one-way northbound.

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DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	10 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS:	0 In Favor	2 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposal for newsstand at southwest corner of Broadway and Dey Streets

WHEREAS: A new newsstand has been proposed for the southwest corner of Broadway and Dey Streets, and

WHEREAS: The applicant, Mr. Paresh Patel, appeared at the committee meeting to present his application, and

WHEREAS: There are several major construction projects in that immediate area, including the Fulton Street Transit Center and the Fulton Street reconstruction project, and

WHEREAS: As a result of these construction projects, it is already a very difficult area for pedestrians, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not approve of this application for a newsstand on the southeast corner of Beaver Street and Broadway, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 would welcome the opportunity to consider another proposal by this applicant for an alternate location that is better suited for this use.

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COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

PUBLIC MEMBERS: 2 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

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

RE: Liquor License Application for J & K Fusion Food Corp. d/b/a Niko Niko

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-Premises beer and wine license for J & K Fusion Food Corp. d/b/a Niko Niko, at 80 Wall Street, and

WHEREAS: This establishment has been operating at this location for many years and CB #1 has no record of having receiving complaints about it, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation for food service and bar service are 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and

WHEREAS: The establishment does not have music, and

WHEREAS: The space has a total square footage of 2,500, with a dining area of 1,500 square feet, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a sidewalk café license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches or synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no other establishments with some type of liquor license within 500 feet of this location, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application by J & K Fusion Food Corp. d/b/a Niko Niko, at 80 Wall Street.

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DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 12 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Liquor License Application for 75 Wall Street Associates, LLC and Hyatt Corporation

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-Premises liquor license for 75 Wall Street Associates, LLC and Hyatt Corporation, and

WHEREAS: This building is currently under construction and will operate as a Hyatt hotel and residential condominium when complete, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation for food service are 6:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week and the proposed hours of operation for bar service are 11 a.m. to midnight seven days a week, and

WHEREAS: The establishment intends to offer live and recorded background music and independent DJ's, and

WHEREAS: The space has a total square footage of 205,394 with a dining area of 3,500 square feet, and

WHEREAS: The applicant intends to seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant intends to seek a sidewalk café license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches or synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are other establishments with some type of liquor license within 500 feet of this location, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application by 75 Wall Street Associates, LLC and Hyatt Corporation.

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PUBLIC MEMBERS: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Liquor License Application for 115 Broadway Corp., d/b/a Panini & Co.

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks an on-Premises wine and beer license for 115 Broadway Corp., d/b/a Panini & Co., and

WHEREAS: This establishment has been operating at this location for a number of years, and

WHEREAS: The proposed hours of operation for food and wine service are 6:00 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and

WHEREAS: The establishment has recorded background music only, and

WHEREAS: The space has a total square footage of 3,200 with a dining area of 1,000 square feet, and

WHEREAS: The applicant intends to seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant intends to seek a sidewalk café license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches or synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license application by 115 Broadway Corp., d/b/a Panini & Co.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

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PUBLIC MEMBERS:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application by the Department of Small Business Services to the Department of City Planning for the disposition of the lease of commercial space in the Battery Maritime Building (the “BMB”) rezoning and various other zoning actions

WHEREAS: The BMB underwent a \$60 million renovation of the exterior, and not the interior spaces, which has been completed, and

WHEREAS: In June 2007 the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) conditionally designated The Dermot Company and the Poulakakos Family based on the proposed adaptive reuse plan for the interior spaces of the building, which includes the Great Hall on the second floor as a grand public space for multiple uses, and a boutique hotel with a rooftop bar and restaurant, and

WHEREAS: Dermot has responded to transportation concerns and access issues raised by Community Board 1, and

WHEREAS: The Battery Maritime Building will offer widened sidewalks, internal vehicular access, and separate access for the hotel and public space, and

WHEREAS: The public space will provide a new living room for the Lower Manhattan community, and

WHEREAS: Dermot will hire a dedicated staffer to work with the community to provide community oriented cultural programming for the public space, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports this application for the following requested actions to facilitate the proposed plan:

- (1) Rezoning a portion of the BMB zoning lot from M1-4 to C4-6 so that the zoning lot is subject to uniform C4-6 district controls;
- (2) Disposition of City-owned property;
- (3) Authorization pursuant to Section 62-722 of the Zoning Resolution to allow for modification of waterfront access and yard requirements;
- (4) Certification pursuant to Section 62-711 addressing waterfront public access and visual corridors, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 supports the proposal that DSBS enter into a long term lease with Dermot allowing the proposed plan to be implemented.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	0 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 81 Franklin Street application for rooftop addition for five-story residential building

WHEREAS: The application is to:
a) replace the storefront
b) install 18 lot line windows
c) add a two-story roof addition, and

WHEREAS: Part of the original storefront is intact and will be refurbished, the other section which was removed but was stored in the building will be restored, painted and put in place of the inappropriate modern secondary entrance, and

WHEREAS: The four lot line one-over-one painted aluminum windows on the East elevation were considered appropriate, and

WHEREAS: The 18 lot line windows on the West elevation seemed excessive, with the three on the northern corner too close to the front elevation, and the Committee asked the applicant to consider moving them back three feet – which they agreed to do, and

WHEREAS: The Committee noted the two-story roof top addition was highly visible from a number of locations, but would not be visible at all if the roof addition was limited to one-story and set into the existing roof as proposed, and

WHEREAS: The Committee commended the applicant for the thorough presentation, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the storefront work, and lot line windows with the noted modifications but reject the two-storey addition element of this application.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 8 Thomas Street. LPC application approval of revisions to prior approved parapet wall

WHEREAS: After renovating this beautiful individual New York City landmark, rooftop mechanicals were left exposed that were not supposed to be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS: The Landmarks Preservation Commission-approved plans called for these mechanicals to be shielded by a fence, and

WHEREAS: Instead of building a fence, the owner built a concrete wall – extending the eastern parapet wall – to hide the mechanicals, and

WHEREAS: The Landmarks Preservation Commission commendably then issued the owner with a violation, and

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 Manhattan appreciates the LPC follow-through, and expects owners of landmarks properties to conform to their own approved plans, and

WHEREAS: The Board believes that, while an LPC penalty is appropriate, this is a rare instance where the new parapet wall actually works better in symmetry and effect in shielding the equipment than the approved fence, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the new parapet wall.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: QUALITY OF LIFE

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Support for Alliance for Downtown New York's 7-point plan

WHEREAS: The Alliance for Downtown New York has devised a seven-point plan that lays out actions that the City and the Port Authority can take now to control unlawful vending, and

WHEREAS: To that end, the seven-point plan presents the following actions, which would be taken by the Mayor's Office, the City's Police Department (NYPD), Departments of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Health (DOH), Parks and Recreation (Parks), Sanitation (DOS); the Port Authority Police Department (PAPD) and the Lower Manhattan Construction Command Center (LMCCC) substantially as follows:

1. The City should take a coordinated inter-agency approach, led by the Mayor's Office and LMCCC.
2. DCA, DOH, NYPD and PAPD should clearly communicate existing regulations to street vendors, law enforcement and the public.
3. Agencies should consistently enforce existing regulations, which consist of the following:
 - Vending restrictions around the world Trade Center Site—Responsible agencies are NYPD, PAPD, DCA, DOH and DSNY.
 - Licensing regulations—Responsible agencies are NYPD, PAPD, DCA, Parks and DSNY.
 - Size Regulations—Responsible agencies are NYPD and DCA.
 - Time and place regulations—Responsible agencies are NYPD and DCA.
 - Food preparation and sanitary conditions—Responsible agency is DOH.
4. Ticket and tow illegally parked vendor vehicles—Responsible agency is NYPD.
5. Restrict vending at construction sites by declaring "Exigent Circumstances"—Responsible agencies are DOT and NYPD.
6. Institute dedicated NYPD and PAPD foot patrols.
7. Establish a year-round Lower Manhattan vending task force, based on the Manhattan South Peddler Task Force: NYPD, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 is in general agreement with the Downtown Alliance proposal and is supportive of the call by the Downtown Alliance for enforcement of City rules and regulations concerning street vending.

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DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Gouverneur Hospital World Trade Center Environmental Center

WHEREAS: Gouverneur Healthcare Services has taken care of the ever-changing population of New York City's Lower East Side for more than a century, and

WHEREAS: Gouverneur's Healthcare Services Nursing Facility provides 24-hour care for individuals in need of short or long term care, and

WHEREAS: Gouverneur's Healthcare Services Ambulatory Care Center provides affordable and comprehensive healthcare services at convenient sites in the Lower East Side, and

WHEREAS: Gouverneur has embarked on a \$180 million modernization project that includes renovating the existing building and adding 108,000 square feet of new construction for a new ambulatory care pavilion, and

WHEREAS: The Gouverneur Healthcare Services World Trade Center Environmental Health Center is dedicated to the assessment and treatment of WTC-related conditions and provides free health care to residents affected by 9/11, and

WHEREAS: Gouverneur Healthcare Care Services has asked CB#1 for help in making known to the general public and residents of Lower Manhattan the availability of its facilities and services, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 applauds the establishment of the World Trade Center Environmental Center and the expansion of Gouverneur Healthcare Services, Gouverneur's Healthcare Services Nursing Facility, and Gouverneur's Healthcare Services Ambulatory Care Center to meet the needs of community residents throughout the Lower East Side and Lower Manhattan, and encourages all CB #1 residents and anyone else to use the services and facilities of this great institution.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 229-231 Front Street, application for alteration of liquor license to change the hours of operation for Onda

WHEREAS: The applicant, 229 Front Street Inc., d/b/a Empanada Mama's, has received approval by CB #1 in November, 2007 and the SLA to operate an on-premises liquor license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a restaurant with bar, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the restaurant is 2200 sq. ft, with 900 sq. ft. for the dining area and bar, and the public assembly capacity is 74, and the number of tables is 24 with 60 seats, and the bar has 10 stools, and

WHEREAS: There will be background music which will be recorded and kept within the approved decibel levels of the NYC noise code and soundproofing will be installed, and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be amend the hours of operation from 11am-12pm weekdays, and 11am-2am weekends to 11am-4am weekdays and weekends, and

WHEREAS: The committee would like the establishment to open under the approved method of operation and establish a track record as good neighbors before recommending approval of amended hours, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 recommends that 229 Front Street Inc. d/b/a Empanada Mama's at 229-231 Front Street between Peck Slip & Beekman return in six months, after having established a track record as good neighbors and request amended hours of operation.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	2 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 225 Front Street, application for alteration of wine and beer license to add adjacent store as additional seating area for Barbarini

WHEREAS: The applicant, Barbarini, Inc, proposes to alter their wine and beer license, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment is a restaurant with bar, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage of the restaurant is proposed to increase from 750 sq feet to 3,500 square feet and the number of tables is proposed to increase from 6 to 12 and the number of seats is proposed to increase from 11 to 39, and

WHEREAS: The establishment proposes to be open from 8 am to 11 pm on weekdays and 9 am to 11 pm on weekends, and

WHEREAS: There will be background music only, and

WHEREAS: The applicant stated that they would provide appropriate soundproofing for adjacent neighbors, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose alteration of the wine and beer license at 225 Front Street for Barbarini to allow additional square footage and tables and chairs.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: NOVEMBER 25, 2008

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC MEMBER VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	35 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Governors Island Development

WHEREAS: Governor’s Island (the “Island”), a publicly owned island in New York Harbor and Community Board One, is a remarkable resource and unique future opportunity for Lower Manhattan and the City as a whole, and

WHEREAS: Community Board One applauds the work of the Governor’s Island Preservation and Education Corporation (“GIPEC”) in expanding seasonal community access to the Island, increasing visits by the public more than five-fold in the last three years, to over 130,000 total visits between May and October of 2008, and

WHEREAS: Such visitors hail from all over the City and the World and prominently include every demographic of a park-starved Lower Manhattan, including seniors, children, singles, families, solitary visitors and large organized groups, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 15,000 of the visits this summer were Lower Manhattan residents, and

WHEREAS: These visitors flock to the Island to enjoy a diverse array of existing amenities, including an historic district, a bike route, acres of beautiful lawns in a dramatic setting, and six acres of sports fields in the Island’s “South Island” or “Summer Park” area, which are permitted out in Spring to the Downtown Little League and its rapidly growing user base (750 players as of 2008), and which will also be used in future seasons by Downtown Soccer League and the Downtown Youth Football Giants (together serving over 1,100 children in Lower Manhattan), and

WHEREAS: The Island will also be home to the newest public school in Community Board One, the Harbor School, a charter school with a dynamic and creative maritime-based curriculum, as well as a planned-for student athletics program which would, together, take ideal advantage of the Island’s unique combination of harbor access, a park-like landscape, historic structures, and extensive sports fields, and

WHEREAS: The potential for water-dependent activities (boating, historic ship docking, kayaking, floating swimming pools, environmental programming and research, transportation, etc, a town dock), will be and should be completely explored in

coming years by GIPEC and other relevant agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard, since the potential for water-access creates a resource unmatched anywhere else, and this could create a unique destination point for the public, and

WHEREAS: As stated in an earlier CB1 resolution of July 2007 (attached), with regards to design we want to reiterate our position that artificial landscapes and other development do not damage existing wildlife habits assuring that these habitats, primarily birds and other wildlife are not disturbed as human traffic to the Island increases, and

WHEREAS: Schools, parks, and fields -- three of the most urgent needs of our growing community -- will therefore be served by GIPEC's efforts in the coming fiscal year, among other initiatives and priorities summarized above, and

WHEREAS: A crucial need exists to open the Island up weekdays in the summer for many children and other residents who do not leave the City, another goal which GIPEC will be working towards, and

WHEREAS: In addition to expanding access to the public on the Island, GIPEC has also been piloting a design process to award a master contract to redesign the southern portion of the Island, and

WHEREAS: This design process is at a crucial juncture, with a long-awaited draft master plan due in May, 2009, and

WHEREAS: While Community Board One takes no position on any future draft master plan, it is clear that both functions of GIPEC -- expanding use now under current conditions and planning for a future Island with ample and appropriate public commentary -- are vital to the residents of Community Board One, and

WHEREAS: By law, GIPEC functions are in substance funded by both City and State government, with the City's share of this allocation currently set aside and awaiting State action on the State's share.

WHEREAS: GIPEC has taken great strides in accommodating thousands of visitors and now embarks on creating a new school and the home of an artist in residence program of the LMCC. All these positive developments should not be curtailed, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One requests that the elected leadership of Lower Manhattan continue their critical support of this potentially visionary park project by supporting a State budget request of at least \$7.5 million for GIPEC.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: JULY 31, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	37 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Governor's Island Design Competition

WHEREAS: Community Board One recognizes the extensive work the Governor's Island Preservation and Education Corporation (GIPEC) has done to try to open up Governor's Island to the public, and

WHEREAS: Pursuant to this effort, GIPEC is currently sponsoring a process to select a design firm to plan for the southern portion of the Park, also known as the "South Island," a space of approximately forty acres, and

WHEREAS: Popular public amenities will make Governor's Island a core destination point for many residents in the area, further opening up the Island to thousands of people on a regular basis, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One does not select any of the design teams, since it is impossible for the Board to determine which team is most appropriate from the information that we have received over the past four months, and the single date, June 20, 2007, that the five design teams presented their ideas was not a date that many Community Board One members were able to attend, and Community Board One would have benefited from its own presentation by the five design team finalists, as well as a designated seat on the jury making the final selection, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One has specific design and use requirements that we want to see in any final plan for the southern portion of the Island, regardless of the design team selected. These requirements include:

1. Maximal use of the island's existing landscape and inherent natural qualities (its view of the harbor, its proximity to the water, its location between Brooklyn and Manhattan, its open spaces). Creating overly artificial landscapes should be avoided because a) such landscapes would be expensive to create, possibly driving up demand

2. Athletic fields.
3. Lawns, public walkways, bike and pedestrian pathways.
4. Full options for the public to enjoy water-related activities such as boating, historic ship docking, kayaking, floating swimming pools, environmental programming and research, waterborne transportation, etc., since the potential for water-access on Governor's Island is immense and unavailable in most other public park venues, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Any plan selected should enhance the Governor's Island protected historic area to the north, ensuring that there is real integration between the new design scheme, the development plan, and the historic area controlled by the National Parks Service.