

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES APRIL 2014

DATE: Tuesday, April 29, 2014

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Museum of Jewish Heritage
Edmond J. Safra Hall
36 Battery Place

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

I. Public Session

1. Edgar J. Yu (District Attorney Cy Vance)
 - District Attorney's office is here to assist the community.
2. Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
 - See district update report.
3. Val Jones (LES Power Partnership)
 - Discussed maintaining services at Bellevue.
 - Opposed to mandatory mail-order prescription drugs.
4. Delia von Neuschatz (Helicopter Noise Community Group)
 - A group has formed to oppose helicopter tours over the Hudson River. Please join.
5. Eileen Birmingham (Tribeca Trust)
 - There will be a scavenger hunt.
6. Craig Mays (Helping the Homeless)
7. Robin Forst and Abby Ehrlich (Battery Park City Authority)
 - Stuyvesant Community Center has been saved. Please join as a member.
8. Paul Goldstein (Assemblymember/Speaker Silver)

- The Stuyvesant Community Center has been saved. Speaker Silver was happy to work with the community to preserve it.
- Welcomed new Schools Chancellor to the overcrowding Issue in CB1.
- More Pre-K classes will be needed.
- Speaker Silver wrote a letter encouraging financing to complete the World Trade Center site.
- The assembly has passed a bill to add more speed cameras near schools.

9. Morris Chan (Borough President Gale Brewer)

- The paid sick leave act took effect April 1. There will be a townhall at 1 Centre tomorrow at 6pm to discuss the topic.
- Working with the mayor on the Vision Zero initiative.
- There are two working groups focused on affordable housing.

10. Matt Viggiano (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Councilmember Chin introduced a bill to reduce plastic bag usage.
- Councilmember Chin and others introduced legislation to expand the income level under the SCRIP program for seniors in rent-regulated apartments.
- Councilmember Chin joined other elected officials to oppose down-sizing of units for tenants in section 8 housing.
- There will be a “Bike Bonanza” in the district hosted by CM Chin, NYC DOT, and others.

11. Marya Triandafellos (Pier A)

- Opposed to a cabaret at Pier A.

12. Daniel McDonald (Applicant for liquor license for Pier A)

- There are some misconceptions about the project. It will not be a night club.

13. Celine Mizrahi (Representative Jerold Nadler)

- Supporting a more progressive federal budget.
- George Calderaro: have you spoken with ferry operators/coast guard regarding noise from ferry horns?

14. Mary Cooley (Senator Daniel Squadron)

- Senator Squadron had 400 people at his Community Convention last week.
- Fireworks will move to the East River this July 4.

15. David Moser (NexDoor.com)

- Please sign up for this neighborhood social media app.

II. **Guest Speaker**

- 1) Commissioner Rosemonde Pierre-Louis, Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (Hannah Pennington, Executive Director of the Manhattan Family Justice Center spoke on behalf of the Commissioner)
 - Excited to work with the community to cover the topic of domestic violence.
 - Help is available. There are centers in 4 boroughs and a new one will open in Staten Island. They are working with all of the law enforcement agencies and civic groups. More information is available on the website.

III. **Business Session**

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

A) Adoption of March 2014 minutes

- Passed 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:
 - Seaport Working Group – participated in five more meetings to continue to work on developing guidelines to revitalize area
 - Speaker Silver School Overcrowding Task Force – successful meeting with Speaker Silver, new Department of Education Chancellor Fariña, Assembly Member Glick, Senator Squadron and others; discussed urgent need to site new zoned K-8 school, kindergarten waitlists and universal pre-K
 - Community Board Appointment Process is complete for reappointment and renewals; Warm Welcome: Alice Blank, Frances Curtis, Ninfa Segarra and Andrew Zelter. Their respective “buddies” are Noel Jefferson, Vera Sung, Kathleen Gupta and Peter Braus
 - CB1's Senior Population Report is now posted on the CB1 website
 - Co-sponsored Rodent Academy – with all elected officials; thank you to Tamar Hovsepian and Diane Lapson for their work

C) District Manager's Report

- Welcomed new members.
- There will be orientations for new members at the Borough President's Office.
- The review of public members is almost complete. Anyone who has not yet responded should contact the office as soon as possible.

- Please attend the SLA forum on May 6.

D) Treasurer's Report

- Report was emailed and budget is on track.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Nominating Committee**

1) Discussion of candidates for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer – Report

- All current officers have been nominated for re-election. John Fratta will not run for treasurer. Joel Kopel will run for the open position. Others can approach the Nominating Committee to run.

2) Selection of Committee Chair – Report

- Michael Connolly will chair the committee.

B) **Executive Committee**

1) World Trade Center Campus Security Plan – Report

- See PowerPoint and report.

2) S205-2013 – making the provisions governing liquor licenses consistent with respect to public interest factors – Resolution supports Bill A2064/S205 as it will serve to protect community interest, provided that responsibility for compiling information on specific applications pursuant to the bill will fall on the applicant and not be the responsibility of the community board. *Passed: 32 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

3) Invitation to Department of Education Chancellor Carmen Fariña – Resolution invites DOE Chancellor Carmen Fariña to meet with CB1 leadership and/or to attend Assembly Speaker Silver's School Overcrowding Task Force at her earliest convenience to discuss the community's education needs and possible solutions to our crisis. *Passed: **TABLED***

C) **Planning and Executive Committees**

1) Financing for 3 World Trade Center – Resolution encourages PANYNJ and SPI to work together and to negotiate in good faith to complete 3 WTC as soon as possible, consistent with reasonable financial projections, without a negative impact on the PANYNJ's financial credit rating, and in balance with regional transportation infrastructure needs. *Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused*

D) **Planning Committee**

1) World Trade Center Quarterly Update – Report

- More WTC site access connecting BPC with FiDi will be in place in a few weeks.
- See PowerPoint.

2) Greek Church at World Trade Center – Report

- See PowerPoint.
- Group presented design and details of public use/access with the committee.

3) Seaport Working Group – Report

- See link at Chair’s Report.

4) NYC Transit budget – Report

- Infrastructure needs hardening.

2) Greenmarket at Albany between Washington and Greenwich Streets – Resolution encouraging LMDC and GrowNYC to establish a Greenmarket on Albany Street
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Vesey Street fencing and sidewalks at the World Trade Center – Resolution proposes that the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey move the fencing south on Vesey Street between West Broadway and Church Street as soon as possible to alleviate congestion and vehicular/pedestrian conflict.
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

E) **Landmarks Committee**

1) 67 Vestry Street, designation reconsideration of request – Report

- Very disappointed that the Landmarks Commission appears to be in favor of new development at this site. Hoping to convince the “lame-duck” commission members to extend the Tribeca Historic District.

2) Seaport Working Group – Report

- See Chair’s Report.

3) Fulton Market Building Redevelopment – Resolution - Community Board 1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the proposed renovation of The Fulton Market Building and do so in a timely manner; and Community Board 1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation work more closely with the Howard Hughes Corporation, the South Street Seaport Museum and the Community Board to

protect the buildings in the South Street Seaport Historic District including any permissions granted to install large temporary structures or remove any further evidence of the unique eighteenth through twentieth century fish market history.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) 15 Jay Street, application for sixth floor addition – Resolution

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) 130 Beekman Street, application for rebuilding of a 19th century masonry wall – Resolution

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) 25 Broadway, application for relocation or removal of ticket counter – Resolution

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 7) 24 Water Street, application for installation of rooftop restaurant kitchen ventilating system – Resolution

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

F) **Quality of Life Committee**

- 1) Lower Manhattan construction update – Report

- Lower Manhattan DOT Commissioner Luis Sanchez gave updates on construction.

- 2) Report on Rodent Academy Forum

- Manhattan BP Gale Brewer attended.
- Caroline Bragdon, a rodent prevention specialist at the Department of Health gave a presentation.

G) **Tribeca Committee**

- 1) SoHo Rep Theater – Report

- Located in Tribeca – not Soho.
- Would like more people to attend.

- 2) Heritage of Pride June 2014 events on Pier 26, Hudson River Park – Report

- Presented on how to reduce quality of life disturbances in the future.

- 3) 50 Varick Street, Spring Studios, request for a waiver of further notice – Report

- A waiver was needed as a formality and granted by vote of the committee.

- 4) 92 Laight Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 97 Reade Street, application for Board of Standards and Appeals Special Permit for a physical culture establishment – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 205 Hudson Street, application for alteration of restaurant liquor license for AFNYC LLC d/b/a American Flatbread NYC – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) 22 Warren Street, application for transfer of restaurant liquor license for LLC to be formed d/b/a TBD – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) Friends of Duane Park, street activity permit application for Duane Street between Hudson Street and Staple Street, Wednesday, June 18, 2014, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm, curb lane only – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) 225 North Moore Street (boat docked at Pier 25), application for liquor license for GBSZ, LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) 145 West Broadway, renewal application for a sidewalk café license for The Odeon Inc, d/b/a The Odeon – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 11) 77 Hudson Street, renewal application for a sidewalk café license for Zutto Squared LLC d/b/a Zutto – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

H) **Financial District Committee**

- 1) Fulton Center – Report
 - See PowerPoint Presentation.
- 2) South Ferry Project – Report
 - See PowerPoint Presentation.

3) 24 John Street – Report

- A hotel is being built on John Street and Broadway. This has been a long construction project.

4) Slip 1 Battery Wharf, application for a tavern (vessel) liquor license for Nautical Gourmet Inc. d/b/a Clipper City – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) 170 John Street alteration application for a liquor license for 170 John Street NYC Corp. d/b/a Trading Post – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

I) **Youth & Education Committee**

1) The Office of Child Support Enforcement – Report

- See website for a list of services.

2) Build Schools Now – Report

- They want an endorsement from CB1.
- Visit their website.

3) Church Street 72 Teen – Report

- Organization was flooded. Needs support from the community.

4) Implications of the 2014 NY State budget regarding charter schools – Report

- The charter schools will be able to co-locate with public schools.

5) April 11, 2014 District Two demonstration against NYS English Language Arts Exam – Report

- A demonstration was held against recent tests.

6) 3 Day Startup NYC – Report

- Group works to help find employment for local teens.

- 7) CUNY BMCC Project REACH – Resolution asks that the City Council and Mayor include funding to sustain this critical resource for CUNY students on the spectrum in New York City’s 2014-2015 budget.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

J) **Battery Park City Committee**

- 1) American Heart Association/NYC LeadDog Marketing Group, Inc., application for Battery Park City Authority permit for Wednesday, June 18, 2014 – Report

- Discussions remain underway with the sponsor regarding committee concerns.
- Might affect other areas including Seaport, Fidi

- 2) 22 River Terrace plan for condominium conversion – Report

- Building lawyer noted that they are working with tenants on a case-by-case basis to address issues (60 tenants as of April 1)
- The conversion is legal and reflects a trend in the north neighborhood
- CB1 wrote a letter of support to State Attorney General Schneiderman, elected officials and Battery Park City Authority requesting that tenants be treated respectfully and that consideration be given for any perceived insider-pricing on units
- There was discussion at the committee regarding buildings in the North Neighborhood converting, raising concerns about loss of rental and affordable housing]

- 3) Pilot program for six weekends of ferry service between World Financial Center and Jersey City – Report

- A trial until weekend path service is returned in September/October
- CB1 will monitor complaints about noise and other quality of life impacts.

- 4) Meeting with U.S. Coast Guard about ferry horns – Report

- Congressman Nadler convened a meeting (Noah and Catherine attended) with Senator Squadron and representatives of other elected officials attending
- Coast Guard did not budge; federal regulations doesn’t give them flexibility
- Next step is to go to the operators (NYW, NYWT) and DEP regarding noise
- The requirement for ferries to sound horns was apparently ignored for 20 years

- 5) Tunnel to Towers Foundation street activity permit application for Vesey Street between West Street and North End Ave. Sunday, September 28, 2014, 7:00 am to 5:00 pm – Resolution does not oppose the application submitted for Tunnel to Towers Foundation street activity permit for Sunday, September 28th subject to conditions.

Passed: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 6) 225 Liberty Street, application for wine and beer license for Fast Fish LLC d/b/a Blue Ribbon Sushi – Resolution opposes the granting of a wine and beer license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

K) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

- 1) Seaport Working Group – Report

- See Chair’s Report.

- 2) Seaport/Civic Center Committee Liquor License Application Guidelines – Report

- Still working on this issue.

- 3) 111 Fulton Street, application for a restaurant wine and beer license for Fidi District, LLC d/b/a Bareburger – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 33 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 4) 22 Peck Slip, application for a restaurant liquor license for Hedgie LLC – Resolution opposes the granting of a liquor license unless the applicant complies with limitations and conditions.

Passed: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VII. **New Business**

- 1) Planters at Peck Slip – Resolution

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:30pm, EDT.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.