

**MONTHLY MEETING**  
**MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 1**  
**MINUTES MONTHLY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017**  
**GIBNEY DANCE**  
**53A CHAMBERS STREET**

Anthony Notaro, Jr., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

**I. Public Hearing**

Mayor's Preliminary Budget for FY 2018  
(1-2 minutes per speaker)

Anthony Notaro, Jr., Chairperson opened the public hearing at 6:07 p.m.

There were no speakers.

Anthony Notaro, Jr., Chairperson, closed the public hearing at 6:09 PM

To view the City's response to CB #1's budget requests, please see link on our web site:  
<http://www1.nyc.gov/assets/omb/downloads/pdf/cbrboro1-17.pdf>

**II. Public Session**

- Welcome by Amy Miller, Gibney Dance. Reviewed mission and programs.
- Jenna Jaffe
  - Congressman Nadler's office – Rep. Nadler has presented a Resolution of Inquiry directing the Department of Justice to provide the House of Representatives with information relevant to conflicts of interest that President Trump and his associates might have.
  - Please sign up for the Congressman's newsletter for more information about his activities.
- Eric Mayo from State Senator Daniel Squadron's Office – See the community report for details.
  - Letter was co-signed by the Senator and other elected officials and sent to the NYDOT and others requesting that DOT conduct a transportation study for all of Lower Manhattan.
  - The State Budget includes a proposed \$17 million cut to funding for senior centers which could result in the closing of several senior centers. The Senator is fighting this proposed cut.
  - Save the date for the Senator's annual Community Convention on April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2pm to 5pm in CB1 – please see flyer.
- Laurence Hong – Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou's office – Laurence is the Deputy Chief of Staff as well as the CB1 Liaison.

- Assemblymember Niou also co-signed the letter sent to the CDOT requesting a comprehensive traffic study in lower Manhattan.
  - Yuh-Line is co-chair of the Assembly's Black, Asian and Minority Caucus.
  - Budget season is under way and the Assemblymember is working with Senator Squadron to restore funding for senior services.
- Maryam Abdul-Aleem – Assembly Member Glick's office – Please see community letter
    - Wrote a letter with MBP Gale Brewer, State Senator Hoylman and Councilmembers Chin, Johnson, and Mendez requesting information about the process involving DOB and Con Edison that is required for gas service to be restored to the homes of residents. The Assemblymember is concerned about delays in this area.
    - Please apply for open positions in the Community Education Council.
    - Assembly Member Glick is working with various CB's for legislation to impose a school impact tax on developers of non-senior housing developments. She welcomes the supportive CB1 resolution from the Youth and Education Committee.
- Eric Holguin – Comptroller Scott Stringer
    - The Comptroller is organizing opposition among investors to the SB6 Texas legislation which discriminates against transgender individuals.
    - See Newsletter
- Roxanne Early – Council Member Chin's office
    - Promoting legislation to protect residents from the use of construction by landlords as a form of tenant harassment.
    - Please see newsletter
- Andrew Chang from Manhattan Borough President's office
    - Borough President Brewer's State of the borough event this year highlighted advocacy groups that are providing important programs and services to diverse communities in Manhattan.
    - Community Education Councils are holding elections; please apply - there are 11 spots available on six Councils.
    - Interview sessions are being held for CB1 Members and applicants on March 4 and March 14<sup>th</sup>.
    - The BP is co-sponsoring a bill to provide relief from the commercial rent tax to help affordable supermarkets remain in NYC communities.
    - The BP's legislation has passed so that buildings will now be required to have their address clearly posted above the entrance or face a fine.
- Ranger Jim – National Parks Service and Federal Hall - Please visit Castle Clinton, Federal Hall and all of the National Parks, including the African Burial Grounds. March is a month with lots of special tours and events. Re-enactments in Battery Park and Castle Clinton will be held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Federal Hall will host a special program on immigration.

- Larissa Szilagyi, Pace University, introduced herself as the new Coordinator for Government and Community Relations.
- Peck Slip Park – Group of 5-6 speakers came up together to support the position that the Parks Department needs to partner with the community and local organizations before making any changes. Three speakers ended up speaking on behalf of the group:
  - Allison Gabancersky – local resident
  - Joe Astill – local resident and business owner in the Seaport.
  - Neil Mossberg from The Old Seaport Alliance
    - Noted this is the last open space in the area; design is not as valued as the open space.
    - Wants to ensure that CB1 pushes the Parks Department to have an open and transparent process that includes stakeholders in the community.

### III. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of January 2017 minutes – adopted unanimously as presented.
- B) District Manager’s Report – N. Pfefferblit
  - a. Community Board Budget Process. CB1 is working with the other Manhattan CBs to improve the annual process for the budget priorities and district needs statements .The boards are meeting with the Office of Management and Budget and Department of City Planning to review the process and develop recommendations.
  - b. CB1 has prepared a Letter to the Office of Management and Budget on the FY 2018 Budget reiterating that among our important priorities are school seats and resiliency
  - c. Liquor license applicants appearing at CB1 will now be able to fill out the questionnaire on the website rather than download it to improve speed and legibility.
  - d. Michael Levine’s contract has been processed by the City Comptroller’s office and will continue until September 2, 2017.
- C) Chairperson’s Report – A. Notaro
  - a. The full Chairperson’s report is available at the following link on the CB1 website:  
[http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons\\_report.shtml](http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml)  
 A few highlights:
  - b. Meeting with EDC and CB1 re: de-mapped Streets in the Seaport.
  - c. Toured the Seaport area with the Lima Group to so that the Lower Manhattan Coastal Resiliency task force could see first-hand what the area suffered and what must be addressed.
  - d. Attended an informal meeting about Liz Berger Park and the future of the park and the art. An art installation has been selected that will honor the area’s Arabic heritage. Construction of the park will begin this year and continue for just over a year.
  - e. Thank you to Pat, Frances and Tammy for a successful CB1 holiday party.

#### IV. **Committee Reports**

##### A) **Executive Committee**

A. Notaro

- 1) New Committee Structure Review – Committee Structure report and review; for discussion and further feedback, please come to the March 9th meeting at 6pm in the MBP Office. New Chairs and Co-Chairs will be assigned and are still being reviewed.
- 2) Received a letter from Madelyn Wils of HRPT sharing the good news that they received a grant to pay for security cameras to be installed in the Tribeca section of the park. CB1 supported this request in a resolution adopted in February, 2016.

##### B) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) Assemblymember Deborah J. Glick's School Impact Fee Legislation – Resolution - Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Street Safety Procedures at Downtown High Schools – Resolution passed by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) Breakaway Hoops – Report
- 4) Trinity Street School – Report

##### C) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) Allied Universal Ambassadors – Report
- 2) NYS Senator Daniel Squadron's Office – Report
- 3) Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou's office – Report
- 4) Council Member Margaret Chin's office – Report
- 5) West Thames Street bridge – Report
- 6) How to prepare to speak at BPCA Board Meetings – Report
- 7) Battery Park City Authority – Report
- 8) New York Water Taxi operations at Brookfield Place – Report

##### D) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

M. Pasanella

- 1) Resiliency Funding – Resolution passed by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 2) New Pace University Government and Community Relations Liaison – Report

##### E) **Quality of Life Committee**

P. Moore

- 1) NY City Council Int. 1389-2016 and NY State Senate Bill S2404A regarding sidewalk sheds – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved; note Pat has asked this to be brought to the Borough Board Meeting for Presentation. NYC Council Member Ben Kallos attended the QOL meeting to present the legislation he is sponsoring and answer questions. He made clear that changes will be made but that he is trying to address the problem of sidewalk sheds that remain in place indefinitely and contribute to quality of life problems. His proposed legislation would

require that construction be underway in order for scaffolding to remain in place and enable the city to carry out the needed work if property owners do not meet their obligation to comply.

- 2) Manhattan Solid Waste Advisory Board (MSWAB) Zero Waste initiative – Report – Former CB1 member Sarah Currie-Halpern and her colleagues from the Manhattan SWAB presented about this initiative to reduce waste in the borough.
- 3) Downtown Team, Manhattan Homeless Outreach Consortium – Report – CB1 homeless outreach liaison Jennie Drossman appeared at the QOL Committee to explain the work that she and her colleagues do work with homeless people in the district and answered questions.
- 4) Street Vending Modernization Act – Report

F) **Planning Committee**

D. Switaj

- 1) New Deed Restriction modification procedures – Report
- 2) Privately Owned Public Spaces – Report
- 3) Future Plan for Schools in Lower Manhattan – Report

G) **Tribeca Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

- 1) 184 Duane Street, Street Seats installation at Laughing Man Coffee – Resolution passed with friendly amendment about signage by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved – The resolution approves the renewal of the seating in place in prior years but opposed the request by the applicant for an extension to permit additional seating.
- 2) Following resolutions voted on together: Resolution passed with friendly amendment on signage by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved;
  - a. 31 Walker Street, application for sidewalk cafe for Anejo Tribeca – Resolution
  - b. 200 Church Street, application for upgrade to liquor license for 200 Tribeca Restaurant LLC d/b/a Tribeca’s Kitchen – Resolution
- 3) Lower Manhattan Community Church, street activity permit for September 16, 2017, Murray Street between Greenwich Street and West Broadway – Resolution by a vote of 37 in favor, 3 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 4) 75 Murray Street, application for liquor license – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 5) 385 Greenwich Street, application for sidewalk cafe license for Aemal LLC – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 35 in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstained and 1 recused approved – The committee negotiated a reduction in the number of outdoor tables and chairs and facilitated discussion between the applicant and neighbors who contacted the board about quality of life concerns associated with patrons of the establishment.
- 6) 2017 TD Five Boro Bike Tour – Report
- 7) Spring Studios Community Advisory Committee meeting – Report
- 8) Minor alteration to 60 Lafayette Street Court Officer's Command Center – Report – The committee voted not to object to a minor change to the back façade.

H) **Financial District Committee**

M. Ketring

- 1) Lower Manhattan Community Church, street activity permit for September 16, 2017, Murray Street between Greenwich Street and West Broadway – Resolution voted on in Tribeca Committee
- 2) One Wall Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a special permit to allow operation of a physical culture establishment – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) 27 Park Place, application for renewal of a bar/tavern liquor license for MKX Restaurant Corp d/b/a Remix – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 4) Taken together for a vote: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
  - a. 22 Park Place, application for restaurant/café wine, beer & cider license for RA 22 Park Place Inc. d/b/a Baguettes & Company – Resolution
  - b. 10-10 South William Street, application for restaurant wine, beer & cider license for 10-10 South William Inc. – Resolution
- 5) 1 World Trade Center, 64<sup>th</sup> Floor, application for liquor license for Convene at World Trade Center LLC – Resolution passed by a Roll Call vote of 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 6) 140 Broadway, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a special permit to allow operation of a physical culture establishment – Report
- 7) Art selection for Elizabeth Berger Park/Little Syria – Report
- 8) 140 Broadway, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a special permit to allow operation of a physical culture establishment – Report
- 9) Sunday, March 19, 2017 United Airlines NYC Half – Report

V. **Old Business**

No Business conducted

VI. **New Business**

No Business conducted

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.

**Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary**