

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 1
TUESDAY, MAY 23, 2017
DOWNTOWN BOATHOUSE – PIER 26

Anthony Notaro, Jr., Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

I. Welcome

- Graeme Birchall, President, Downtown Boathouse
 - Welcomed everyone to the facility and encouraged people to return and use the kayaks.
- Tom Lindon, Vice President of Marketing & Events, Hudson River Park Trust
 - Announced HRPT events for the summer of 2017. A complete list of events and activities is available on the HRPT website.
- Tina Walsh, Assistant Director, Environmental Education, Hudson River Park Trust
 - Discussed HRPT educational programming for children and teens.

II. Public Session

- Maryam Abdul - Assembly Member Glick's office
 - Introduced legislation to allow hundreds of new speed cameras around NYC schools. This would increase the number of cameras in use at schools to 750. The cameras would be in operation from 6am to 10pm. Pilot program of 140 cameras is now in use.
 - The Assembly passed A4002 requiring a majority of members of the Battery Park City Authority board to be CB1 residents.
- Roxanne Earley – Council Member Chin's office
 - Intro 1421A, legislation to improve crane safety and inspections, was signed into law. It requires GPS systems on all moveable, non-stationary cranes.
 - Intro 1422 to require additional safeguards for cranes operating in high winds is still pending.
 - A hearing on May 25th will be the last opportunity for public comment on the city budget.
- Eric Holguin from Scott Stringer's NYC Controller's office
 - Reports with updated demographic information about New York City neighborhoods are available on the Comptroller's website. The reports include detailed information about incomes of residents. There is one covering CBs 1 and 2.
 - An audit report on MTA subways elevators and escalators has been released. Many are out of service for long periods of time. See report online.
 - Audit on DOE broadband internet was completed recently.
 - Audit on POPs in NYC is also available online. Many POPs are not open to the public and the owners are therefore violating their agreements with the city. The

Comptroller is calling for more inspections and legislation to address this problem, which is reducing the amount of public space available to communities.

- Andrew Chang – MBPO Report
 - CB appointments are now done; emails and letters will go out this week.
 - Last Tuesday, the BPO hosted a meeting about school seats with representatives of Community Education Councils and CBs 1-6 in School District 2. Discussed the pressing need for more school seats.
 - LMCR meeting last week including CB members was held and gave opportunity for community input.
 - Also presented a citation highlighting accomplishments by Dennis Gault and thanking Dennis for all of his hard work on CB1 for 10 years. Anthony also presented a certificate from CB1 to Dennis.
- Dennis Gault - Gratefully accepts certificate and thanks the community board and staff. His work in the community as a Democratic District leader and UFT rep will continue.
- Jennifer Greer - New Manhattan Outreach Coordinator from the NYC Public Advocate's office.
 - Introduced herself and looks forward to working with CB1.
- Eric Mayo - State Senator Daniel Squadron's Office – See the community report for details.
 - The Senator is part of the Bus Turnaround Campaign to improve bus transportation and speed up service as the average speed is 4.9 MPH in this district. He organized a letter co-signed with other elected officials making specific recommendations to Governor Cuomo to improve bus service.
 - Introduced a bill to close loopholes so that if you are convicted of a hate crime, you cannot own a gun.
- Elie Peltz – new CB1 Liaison for Congressman Nadler's office
 - Rep. Nadler is deeply disturbed by events in Washington, D.C. and is calling for a special prosecutor and an independent commission to investigate the Trump campaign and administration's connections with Russia.
 - The President's proposed budget is an outrage and Congressman Nadler will push as hard as possible to prevent cuts to social services programs and other needed services that benefit so many in NYC
- Laurence Hong – Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou's office – Laurence is the Deputy Chief of Staff as well as the CB1 Liaison
 - With the approval of the Assembly Speaker, there is now an Asian & Pacific Islander legislative task force.
 - Letter sent to DEC and Con Edison expressing concern about the recent oil spill in the East River and stressing the need for transparency.
 - Newsletters on the table.

- Gabrielle Dann- Allel – new appointee for six Manhattan community boards from the Mayor’s Community Affairs Office
 - New anti-discrimination campaign was unveiled today to help people know where to report hate crimes and discrimination.
 - Working on the recent shooting involving ticket vendors and the need to improve notification to schools in such emergency situations.

- Nicholas Sbordone - BPCA
 - Museum of Jewish Heritage is offering free membership to residents of BPC.
 - Free community event will be held at the North Cove Marina.
 - The BPCA issued a statement regarding resiliency.

- Mary Habstritt – Lilac Restoration Project
 - Events will begin on Thursday night for the opening of the season and the start of Fleet Week.
 - June 3rd – River Project – Great Fish Count 1:30m to 3:30pm.
 - June 8th – World Ocean Day

- Carole Ostrow – Producing Director of The Flea Theater
 - Poised to open this fall and will hold an open house on June 13 & 15. Cards with information are available.
- Billy Andersson – Shakespeare Downtown at Castle Clinton June 14th – 25th – free performances of Richard III – 250 people a night can see the play. Hoping to present this Shakespeare play to several thousand people at this location.
- Raphael Santore – Dentist for the last 37 years; has opened Dental 365 to serve lower Manhattan – open every day for those who may or may not be able to pay.
- Michael Ferrari – Lawyer for 203 Front Street – SuperSpace LLC – wants to work with the community and will abide by the restrictions as outlined in the resolution.
- Julio C. Gallego Sr. – Here speaking out about the way that SuperSpace LLC operates their business in this neighborhood.
- Justine Cuccia – Public Member of CB1/Resident of BPC – Spoke about BPCA resiliency plans in Wagner Park and BPC.
- James Sanders – Speaking regarding 312-322 Canal Street on behalf of six people who attended the meeting and as a resident of 45 Lispenard Street. Asked the board to support the Landmarks Committee resolution opposing the application.

III. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of April 2017 minutes – adopted unanimously as presented.

- B) District Manager’s Report – N. Pfefferblit
 - a. The CB1 office is updating our website in accordance with guidelines from the City’s Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications to give it a more current look with more visual elements and less text on the pages. It is expected that the new site will be ready within the next several months. The current content will be transferred to the new site.

- b. Housing Sub-Committee has been established and members of the Land Use committee are eligible to join.
- c. The budget for the current fiscal year will be spent prior to the end of the fiscal year so there will be no surplus.
- d. Black Leather Sofa is available for anyone who wants it – pick-up must be by June 19th. Anyone interested may visit the CB1 supply room to view it.
- e. CB1 Tote Bags – we have a few left but they are going fast.

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

A few highlights:

- b. We completed our first month with the new committee structure – thank you to all the staff and board members. It was a great month and we will have to tweak some task forces and committees as we go forward.
- c. Waterfront, Parks and Resiliency Committee Met with Howard Hughes to develop a better dialogue and relationship.
- d. 50th Anniversary of the Seaport Museum included celebrations.
- e. New Mayor’s Liaison has been helpful and is working on school and youth and other issues.
- f. Priorities – New Committees are working but we need some rebalancing
 - i. Housing Taskforce – Tom Goodkind will present next month and provide more information.
 - ii. Met with a select group of Committee Chairs to discuss strategy for productivity and goals
- g. Anthony will be out of the office part of the time during the next couple of weeks but it should not impact the work of the CB.

IV. **Committee Reports**

A) **Nominating Committee**

M. James

- 1) Selection of Committee Chair – Report
- 2) Discussion of Candidates for Assistant Secretary – Report – Two candidates are running for the Assistant Secretary position, Elizabeth Lewinsohn and Adam Malitz.
 - a. There will be a separate meeting just prior to the June board meeting to provide the candidates with an opportunity to speak to board members prior to the vote. Candidates may submit their bios in advance; There will be an hour to vote.

B) **Executive Committee**

A. Notaro, Jr.

- 1) Rebalancing CB1 committee membership – Report
 - a. Francis Curtis and Anthony spoke about how to strengthen the Health and Human Services Task Force – next meeting is June 7th.
- 2) Reports from CB1 Committee Chairs – Report

C) **Quality of Life & Service Delivery Committee**

P. Moore

- 1) Community Board 1 Participation in the Hudson Square/West Village Transportation Study as it will affect Community Board 1 including friendly amendment to add “as it will affect CB1” to subject heading for resolution – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Restoration and preservation of curb-side alternate side street parking on the north and south sides of Hubert Street, between Hudson and Collister Streets – Resolutions passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) Venting for commercial establishments – Report
The committee heard from representatives of Department of Buildings, Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene regarding their agencies’ regulations for venting.
- 4) Urban Umbrella – Report
The founder of a company that produces a new and more attractive type of scaffolding appeared at the committee and showed renderings. The scaffolding will be at a location in CB1 in coming months. It seemed to committee members that this scaffolding would be more appealing than scaffolding currently in use.
- 5) Shooting near Battery Park – Report

D) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) Borough of Manhattan Community College capital budget request – Resolution passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused approved
- 2) School Emergency Notification Procedures – Report
- 3) School Overcrowding Task Force – Report
- 4) Battery Park City Summer Events – Report

E) **Battery Park City Committee**

N. Segarra

- 1) Battery Park City Authority resiliency planning – Resolution passed by a vote of 31 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
The discussion about resiliency planning in Wagner Park and elsewhere in CB1 will continue at the Waterfront, Parks and Resiliency Committee.
- 2) Liberty Community Garden – Report
- 3) Allied Universal Ambassadors – Report
- 4) Battery Park City Authority – Report

F) **Land Use, Zoning & Economic Development Committee**

P. Kennell

- 1) Brooklyn Bridge Contract 7 work – Report
- 2) Nassau Street Tourist Trail demo – Report
- 3) New York Stock Exchange – Report
- 4) Housing Sub-Committee: coverage and concept – Report

G) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

J. Ehrlich

- 1) The following have been passed together: Resolution passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 1 recused (SEE BELOW) approved
 - a. 95 West Broadway, application for liquor license for Tribeca Hotel LLC –
 - b. 361 Greenwich Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Il Mulino New York – 1 ABSTAIN
 - c. 53 Stone Street, application for restaurant liquor license for 53 Lapidar Inc. – 1 RECUSAL
 - d. 88 Broad Street, application for alteration of a liquor license for OBBM LLC d/b/a Broadstone Tap House –
 - e. Street Activity Permit Application, Transportation Alternatives, Friday, June 9, 2017, Broad Street between South Street and Water Street –
- 2) 79 Walker Street, application for liquor license for 79 Walker Street Restaurant LLC – Friendly amendment changed words “Bar Service” to “Alcohol Service.” Friendly amendment from J. Ehrlich - Resolution passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) 203 Front Street, application for liquor license for Superspace 2 LLC – Resolution passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 4) 5 Hanover Square, application for restaurant liquor license for 5 Hanover Square Café LLC d/b/a The Bedford -Friendly Amendment to change hours to Midnight as per the at the meeting. Applicant is welcomed to come back in 6 months for review and discussion on the closing hours– Resolution passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved

H) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

B. Ehrmann

- 1) 415 Broadway, application to legalize historic iron-gate removal – Resolution in opposition passed by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 2) 312-322 Canal Street, application for new nine story building – Resolution in opposition passed by a roll call vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved

V. **Old Business**

VI. **New Business**

VII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary