

Monthly Meeting Minutes
Manhattan Community Board 1
Tuesday, July 25, 2017
DC #37 - 125 Barclay Street, Auditorium

Paul Hovitz, Vice Chairperson called the meeting to order 6:09 pm

I. Public Session

- a. Welcome
 - i. Thank you to DC37 – Oliver Gray – Associate Director welcomed the CB and spoke about the Constitutional Convention
 - ii. Announcement of Anthony Notaro Sr. passing
- b. Eli Peltz – Congressman Nadler’s Office
 1. Proposed Bi-Partisan Bill - Disaster Assistance Equity Act – will propel FEMA to provide funds for common areas for Condos and Co-ops.
 2. Secondary cockpit Security measure proposed.
- c. Laurence Hong – Office of Assembly member Yuh-Line Niou
 - i. Language Access for all for 10 Stanton
 - ii. East River Town Hall – thank you to all that attended
 - iii. Participated in the March for NYC Pride Parade
- d. Maryam Abdul-Aleem – Office of Assemblymember Deborah Glick
 - i. Traffic congestion around the Holland Tunnel as well as Broome & Broadway
 - ii. Attended the Rally in Battery Park City in support of the Governor signing the Battery Park City Legislation
 - iii. New Legislation on Charter Schools
- e. Eamon Gallagher – Senator Squadron’s office
 - i. Attended Rally in Battery Park City to ask the Governor to Sign the Bill for Battery Park City
 - ii. Several Bills were passed in the Senate: Tenant Protection Bill as well as flexible work hours for state’s workforce.
- f. Jennifer Greer – Public Advocates Letitia James Office
 - i. Handle all city agency concerns, please call 212-669-7250 if needed or visit office
- g. Eric Holguin – Comptroller Scott Stringer’s office
 - i. Survey of NYC Subway riders – 1,720 riders (day and evening) real time snap shot of subway delays and resulting consequences. See subway survey.
 - ii. Moving on and a new rep will be coming in September.
- h. Roxanne Early – Office of Councilmember Margaret Chin
 - i. Please come to the free community day on Governor’s Island on Saturday August 5th. Events for all.
 - ii. DOT and SCA have agreed on a traffic study for the new Trinity School.

- iii. 90 West and 50 Murray Street both had tenants won for affordable housing. Councilmember Chin and the Public Advocate have been working very hard on helping those tenants.
- iv. Low Income Tenants are now entitled to pro-bono representation in housing court.
- i. Andrew Chang – Office of the MBPO Gale Brewer
 - i. Eliminating tax surcharge on rent for supermarkets
 - ii. Community Grants are being reviewed – applications due 9/15; more information is on the website
 - iii. Child Care giver forum was well attended.
- j. Gabrielle Dan-Allel from the Office of Mayor De Blasio
 - i. First press conference in the Subway on the R train platform; Mayor’s office is requesting that MTA uses its existing funds to repair the NYC Subway.
 - ii. SCRE Outreach being done in COMMUNITY BOARD 1 – please reach out if you know of more people who need the information.
- k. Ranger Jim - National Parks Service – Please come visit Castle Clinton and Federal Hall – great free programming throughout the summer.
- l. Tishima Hooks – Workforce Development at the Grace Institute
 - i. Offering Job Training Programs for women aged 18 to 64 years old.
 - ii. Located at 40 Rector Street
- m. Graeme Birchall – Downtown Boathouse – Free Public Kayaking
 - i. Sat/Sun 9am – 5pm; Tues – Thurs evening 5pm – 7pm
 - ii. Close Mid October
- n. Tom Bergal – Citizens Union re: NY Constitutional Convention
 - i. In support of allowing the convention to form
 - ii. Willing to speak with everyone who wants information.
- o. Jim Dingman – Local Station Board of WBAI Radio
 - i. Located at 120 Wall Street for many years until Superstorm Sandy
 - ii. Supported by all of our local officials
 - iii. Asking for equity from the Empire State Building who is charging 4x the rent.
 - iv. Will come back to ask for a resolution from us in September
- p. Ken Harold – Murray Street Resident – Speaking against the re:57 Murray Street Liquor License
- q. Susan Cole – The China Institute – Fabulous Exhibit and Museum and very family friendly.

II. **Business Session**

- a. Adoption of June 2017 minutes - adopted unanimously as presented.
- b. District Manager’s Report – N. Pfefferblit
 - i. Leaving the CB at the end of August to pursue alternate options, thank you to everyone on the CB and the office team.
- c. Treasurer’s Report – J. Kopel
- d. Chairperson’s Report – Presented by P. Hovitz on behalf of A. Notaro, Jr.
 - i. Meeting with Alison Brown from the Department of City Planning

- ii. Meeting with Downtown Alliance re: Stock Exchange area
- iii. Borough Board Meeting re: upcoming budget board priorities for FY2018
- iv. Citizens Union - Constitutional Convention presentation at the Executive Board Meeting
- v. DOT – Traffic Study for Lower Manhattan for FIDI area – scope has not been defined
- vi. Peck Slip Park
- vii. Continued focus on resiliency
- viii. September will mark the 6-month mark for the new committee structure
- ix. FY2018 – District needs statement and budgets

III. **Committee Reports**

A) **Joint Executive and Personnel Committees** P. Hovitz/R. Byrom

Executive Committee

- 1) New York State Constitutional Convention proposal – Report
- 2) Committee Reports – Report

Joint Committees

- 1) Update on personnel matters – Report

B) **Personnel Committee** R. Byrom

- 1) Thanking Noah Pfefferblit for his services to CB 1 – Resolution passed unanimously by a roll call vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Selection of Community Board 1 Land Use Consultant – Resolutions passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) Community Board 1 Public Membership Interview, Richard Corman – Report

C) **Licensing & Permits Committee** J. Ehrlich

- 1) Jewish Community Project, street activity permit application for Duane Street between West Broadway and Church Street, Thursday, October 5, 2017 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. (full street closure) – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 20 in favor, 14 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused approved with friendly amendment recommending the applicant to return to a weekend date.
- 2) 125 Chambers Street, application for unenclosed sidewalk café for Pret a Manger – Resolution in opposition passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused and added amendment after the word commercial add “an increasingly”
- 3) 109 West Broadway, application for enclosed sidewalk café for 109 West Broadway LLC – Resolution passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved with friendly amendment from Marc Ameruso to cite Department of Consumer Affairs letter stating that an action could have been initiated after the sidewalk structure

was “abandoned ”for two years, but no such action was taken and now there is an active application..

- 4) 57 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Murray 57 LLC – Resolution passed by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused approved with changes to Whereas that there are in fact 15 other operations in the area (not 3 as listed on application
- 5) 11 Fulton Street, application for alteration of a liquor license for iPic-Gold Class Entertainment, LLC d/b/a iPic Theaters and The Tuck Room – Resolution passed by a vote of 28 in favor, 6 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused
- 6) Pier 16, 89 South Street, application for a liquor license for VB Pier 16 LLC – Resolution passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 7) 108 Greenwich Street, application for a liquor license for Suspenders and Belt LLC d/b/a Suspenders Restaurant – Resolution
- 8) 11 Maiden Lane, application for unenclosed sidewalk café for The Malt Shop – Resolution passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 9) Spring Studios, 60 Varick Street, Community Advisory Committee – Report
- 10) Guidelines for applicants – Report

D) **Joint Waterfront, Parks & Resiliency and Land Use, Zoning & Economic Development Committees** M. Pasanella
P. Kennell

Joint Committees

- 1) 200 Water Street, application to the City Planning Commission for arcade infill and plaza upgrades – Motion made to Table the Resolution passed by a vote of 32 in favor, 5 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 2) New business : Resolution to thank the applicant and city planning on postponing until after our full board meeting not approved; Proposal to send letter from the Chair approved passed by a vote of 28 in favor, 8 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved
- 3) 130 William Street Plaza – Report
- 4) POPS Comptroller Report – Report

Waterfront, Parks & Resiliency Committee

- 1) Pier 40 – Report
- 2) Peck Slip Park – Report

E) **Youth & Education Committee** T. Joyce

- 1) Atlantic Yachting, new sailing camp that will operate from Pier 25 – Report
- 2) Community Education Council/Manhattan Community Board School Planning Meeting – Report
- 3) Population Projection Methodology – Report
- 4) Proposed cuts to after school budgets – Report
- 5) Trinity School traffic study – Report

E) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee** R. Byrom

- 1) All resolution below taken together: Resolution passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. 63/63a Reade Street, application for new storefront, signage and lighting
 - b. 271 Church Street AKA 90 Franklin Street, application for new windows on ground floor and new signage
 - c. 108 Leonard Street, application for replacement of cobra head lamppost with historic style lamppost

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

P. Moore

- 1) Front Street Reconstruction Project – Resolution passed by a vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused with friendly amendment: whereas: COMMUNITY BOARD 1 continues to support the restoration of historic cobblestone streets in historic districts and further requests that DOT ensures that the streets are constructed to support modern usage.
- 2) Five Boro Bike Tour – Report
- 3) Community Board 1 participation in the Hudson Square/West Village Transportation Study – Report

G) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) Bicycle Working Group – Report
- 2) Allied Universal Ambassadors – Report
- 3) Battery Park City Authority – Report
- 4) Battery Park City resident representation on the Battery Park City Authority Board – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business – See above in Waterfront**

VI. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary