

## **MONTHLY MEETING**

DATE: Tuesday, May 28, 2019

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Borough of Manhattan Community College  
199 Chambers Street, Richard Harris Terrace  
(Photo ID is required to enter building)

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## **AGENDA**

### **I. Public Session**

- a. Ranger Jim - National Parks Department - reviewed the three beautiful national parks in CB1. Walking tours with all of the rangers. Night out at the Museum Tues June 25 in the evening – Flyers distributed at the meeting.
- b. Graeme Birchall, Downtown Boathouse - We are open! Come use it or lose it!
- c. Cora Fung - Council Member Chin's Office – Please come join council member and other elected officials to urge 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund to be permanent. Flyers distributed at the meeting.
- d. Andrew Chang - Borough President Gale Brewer's Office – Welcome to the new members – all CB members should come to the event tomorrow night. June 11 the Borough President's Office will hold a public hearing on Borough Based Jails – please attend and submit feedback. Flyers distributed at the meeting
- e. Hannah Weirnerman - Congressman Jerrold Nadler – He is feeling well – make sure you all drink water and stay hydrated this summer. MTA will start collecting tolls once the legislation has passed re: tolling in both ways in Staten Island. Equality Act has been passed. Working in committee 9/11 Victim's Compensation Fund to get it passed.
- f. Laurence Hong – Assembly member Yuh-line Niou' Office – Criminal Justice Act has passed. Thank you for attending the 5/18 is our AAPI event and Pace University Center for the Arts for hosting. There is another in Albany, if you want to go please contact the office. We have attended each of the housing forums and working to ensure everyone has what they need. Report distributed at meeting.
- g. Danielle Segall – Senator Kavanagh office – hosting hearings about affordability – any issues please feel free to email.

- h. Carolyn Hiteshew – GrowNYC Greenmarkets – several are in CB1 and there is a new one at the WTC Oculus this year which is Jan – May inside; outside Oculus June 11 with more new vendors when they open outside
- i. Deborah Kasner about 121 Chambers Street Ownership; re: 74-711 application seeking approval on restoration of façade and addition of one floor. Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC) has issued a certificate of appropriateness.
- j. Timothy Harrell – NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board – we are a separate unit from NYPD. We have public board meetings each month. We invite the community to come attend these meetings. We also do seminars at schools and local organizations. Please note that this is up for review with the charter revision as well.
- k. Christopher Marte – State Committee Update & Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) – Working with the state to change voting rules on when you need to register in order to be able to vote. Speaking against the Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) plan– applauding the work CB1 has done and asking the full board to vote against this proposal.
- l. Re: Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) –
  - i. Vidal Guzman Justice League USA – speaking to support closing of Rikers;
  - ii. Maureen Silverman – Wants a full vote of no with no options. Do not build a new jail.
  - iii. Jonathan Hollander – As Battery Dance Company Director, he believes that the proposed detention complex will block light and air of the dance studio and disrupt free movement between Chinatown and the Civic Center.
  - iv. Lynn Ellsworth – New Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) plan is fiscally irresponsible, ethically irresponsible, ULURP process is a charade, no community can get a fair hearing at the current City Planning Commission, the arguments for new jails are based on architectural arguments, a state jail on 110<sup>th</sup> Street is being sold.
  - v. Anthony Sperbuti – Asking the Community Board to delay weighing until a proper impact study can be performed.
  - vi. Devon Woodley – Urging the community to help close Rikers Island.
  - vii. Eric Dillenberger – Walker Street Business Assoc. – The Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) plan scale and location is not right for the community. The only right thing about this is the conversation of

change needed in the system. This should not be a land use discussion but a process discussion on change in how things are done.

- viii. Jan Lee – Chinatown Resident representing Neighbors United Below Canal – This is really not a way to have improvements until changes are made in the system first. Thank you for the work the Land Use Committee has done reading all of the documentation. How can we trust those saying they will monitor the effects on the neighborhood when the commissioner in charge of NYCHA admitted to ignoring the problems of the most vulnerable
- ix. Howard Huie – Neighbors United Below Canal/ Chatham Towers – Was present at the neighborhood advisory council when the city said if you want more community aspects they would have to build a bigger building which shows how tone deaf they are to what the community is saying - please support the committee vote.
- x. Stephan Freid – See handout for facts on testimony; please support the Land Use Committee and vote no on this action which changes the fabric of the neighborhood and all of the zoning forever.
- xi. Nabil Hassein – Please vote NO completely because building more jails does not solve the issues.
- xii. Jeanie Chin – Chatham Towers – Chinatown is sandwiched between 3 jails and since 9/11 - Chinatown has suffered the overwhelming security, closure of sidewalks, transportation and streets which caused the closure of several businesses. This was told to the community it was because of one of the Jails and not 1 PP – we are tired of being “collateral damage”.
- xiii. Mamak Shahbazi – White Street resident – A giant mega jail that looks nice will not solve the problem of the process. We should be looking at fixing the due process for the people arrested before more jails are built.
- xiv. Karen Lew – longtime resident in lower Manhattan – The mayor’s office has not done the proper community outreach to solve the bail process. Do the due diligence of working on change before the city spends billions on construction.
- xv. Lauren Gore – Funds should be set up for helping people with services needed and bail. Rebuild the buildings on Rikers to build new facilities there to support a small jail – not building a new one in Lower Manhattan
- xvi. Derrick Biney-Amisah – Local resident asking the CB to vote against the current Borough Based Jails (Manhattan Detention Complex) proposal. A no vote is a check and balance to the mayor’s office and demonstrates a community standing up to demand a better use of the \$11billion project.

The stated needs of the scale is no longer relevant and reform needs to be planned before the buildings.

- xvii. Diana Tse – Chinatown resident who asking the whole board to support the NO vote on this project. Speaking as a mother in the neighborhood – we need the parks and areas for children to be protected and not negatively affected by a building that is out of scale for the neighborhood.
  - xviii. Patricia Tsai – Lin Sing Association – representing several organizations in lower Manhattan for 100 years. We want real reform in programs and implementation of those programs which will result in less needs for space. It is immoral to build a huge building before this is done and spend so much money. One UULURP per construction site is the proper way to move forward not this combined flawed process.
  - xix. Don Lee – CB1 resident – Put the money into the programs and reforms instead of building a mega jail and spending the money. No New Jails – spend on the programs helping the people.
  - xx. Daniel Schwartz – representing the workers inside jails – Do not build new jails – work on reform. There are no such things as nice jails and if they build it – they will fill it.
  - xxi. Brittany Williams – No New Jails Coalition and Black Lives Matter OnLine; We do not support the building of new jails. The ULURP process is based on the larger jails which should not be supported. The Mayor is termed out and will not be present to ensure reform happens vs a development project. We encourage you to vote no entirely and spend the money in programs instead.
- m. Margot Olavarria – The River Project – Meet the Fishes at Pier 40. Please come June 4<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to 7pm for our free event and enjoy snacks and meet the sea life of the Hudson River.
  - n. Alejandra Catas – Keep FiDi Safe – Urging the CB to not support the new club, 18 William LLC at 20 Exchange Place which will bring upwards of 1000 people per night to the neighborhood.

## II. **Business Session**

- A) Adoption of April 2019 minutes were adopted as presented.
- B) District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds
  - a. Last week I did a Financial District walkthrough of commercial parking issues and trash setout issues with NCO Miles and the President of the 3 Hanover Square Board of Directors.

- b. Today I Contacted FDNY to investigate reports of 911 dispatch mishandling emergency service requests in Battery Park City, specifically on South End Avenue (Thank you Tammy)
- c. Finally, I'd like to present the Board and all of our guests with a breakdown of how the office spent the \$42.5k temporary budget increase. CB 1 followed the guidance of City Council Governmental Operations Chair, Fernando Cabrera by focusing our spending on goods and services that will expand the capacity of the office so that we can do more for the district with the amount of staff time that we have available to us. I will note that CB 1 does not currently own a vehicle, nor have we owned a vehicle while I have been on staff. No member of the staff is the holder of any kind of parking placard, nor do we have any plan to solicit one. We get around the district by foot, by bicycle and by public transit.

Conference Room A/C Unit and Installation
Agosto GSuite Provisioning and Training
BetaNYC CRM
Donation to NYPD 1st Precinct National Night Out Event
Discretionary Approvals Consultants 2 @ 15 hours/week for 6 months
New Computers @ 5
Misc Office Expenses
Automated Resolution and Report Writing

I. Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro, Jr.

<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattan/cb1/archives/monthly-chairpersons-report.page>

- a. Thank you to BMCC for hosting us tonight and thanks to the interim President Karrin E. Wilkes Revision – Important Commission Work – Please look at the meeting KEY DATES!
- b. Welcome new members
- c. Manhattan Paper Challenge
- d. US Decennial census
- e. Church St School of Music now on White Street

- f. Partner with Nadlers office on Victim's Compensation Fund in the works
- g. Traffic Calming for Millennium High School
  - i. Thanks to Tricia
- h. Aligning & Tracking Budget Requests for results
- i. Resiliency
- j. School Crossing Guards
- k. Charter Revision
- l. CB Reception
- m. 9/11 Memorial Glade Opening is 5/20
- n. Live Nation or Preservation of the American Stock Exchange
- o. West Thames Bridge
- p. Pier 40 Future
- q. 250 Water Street
- r. Gateway Tenants Association Rally on June 2<sup>nd</sup>
- s. Conflict of Interest Board
- t. Resiliency Persistence with Scott Stringer
- u. June 13<sup>th</sup> Women and Families Committee Public Forum on Sexual Harrassment

### III. **Committee Reports**

#### A) **Land Use Zoning & Economic Development Committee**

P. Kennell

- 1) Borough Based Jail System Plan & Manhattan Detention Complex Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) application – with the amendments as noted– Resolution passed by a Roll Call vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
  - a. Marc Ameruso: 12<sup>th</sup> whereas 3<sup>rd</sup> bulletin point to: The city has not adequately explained how the average daily prison population can consistently be maintained at a max of 5000 people

- 2) 121 Chambers Street, Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) application for a special permit to modify height regulations – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused

B) **Environmental Protection Committee**

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- 1) Environmental Toxins – Report
- 2) 250 Water Street Brownfield Cleanup Program – Report
- 3) The Battery resiliency proposal – Report

C) **Executive Committee**

A. Notaro, Jr.

- 1) **The following have been taken together: Resolution passed by a hand vote of 35 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused (other than noted below on LMCC)**
  - a. 108-110 Franklin Street application for replacement windows – Resolution
  - b. LMCC’s Arts Center at Governors Island approval for exterior signage – Resolution (2 recusals)
  - c. 100 Church Street, application for liquor license for IfNotNow LLC, d/b/a TBD – Resolution
  - d. One World Trade Center, 64<sup>th</sup> Floor, application for liquor license for WTC Tower 1, LLC and Convene One World, LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution
  - e. 120 Broadway, application for liquor license for Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses d/b/a TBD – Resolution
- 2) Special election – Report
  - a. Nominating Committee volunteers came from the floor; email to go out tomorrow asking if anyone else wants to join; voted on in June; Nominations for Vice Chair taken in June – election in July.
- 3) 7 Hanover Square proposed arcade infill – Report

D) **Personnel Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

- 1) Public Membership Applications – Report
  - a. Interviewed 2 people
- 2) Part Time Employee Job Description – Report
  - a. Reviewed Personnel funds on a part time person

E) **Transportation & Street Activity Permits Committee**

R. Thomas

- 1) Stop Sign Request for Peck Slip & Front Street - Resolution passed by a hand vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Street Co-Naming Working Group – One amendment – spell out the word twenty (20) Resolution passed by a hand vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) Make Way For Lower Manhattan/Slow Streets proposal – Report
- 4) Lafayette Street Bike Lane proposal – Report
- 5) Congestion Pricing – Report

F) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

M. Ameruso

- 1) **The following have been taken together:** Resolution passed by a hand vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused – One Opposed to 1 White Street by Bruce E.

**Seaport/Civic Center area**

- 1) 89 South Street, application for liquor license for VB Pier 16 LLC, d/b/a TBD – Resolution
- 2) 33 Peck Slip, application for sidewalk café permit for HHC 33 Peck Slip Holdings LLC, d/b/a Bellini – Resolution

**Financial District area**

- 1) 517 Clayton Road, application for liquor license for Belgo Mobile LLC, d/b/a Perros y Vainas – Resolution
- 2) 10 South Street, application for catering establishment license for 10 South Street LLC, d/b/a TBD – Resolution

**Tribeca area**

- 1) 45 Murray Street, application for liquor license for Benares Fine Cuisine Inc, d/b/a TBD – Resolution
- 2) 57 Murray Street, application for alteration of liquor license for Murray 57 LLC, d/b/a TBD – Resolution
- 3) 1 White Street, application for liquor license for Nutopian Embassy LLC d/b/a One White Street – Resolution

**Tribeca area – taken separately**

112 Reade Street, application for sidewalk café permit for Mac 1 Food and Beverage LLC, d/b/a Holy Ground – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 36 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused – 1 Abstained by Colin

- 4) Report on 123 Greenwich Street – Concert Venue seating 3000 people with 8 bars

G) **Waterfront, Parks & Cultural Committee**

P. Goldstein

- 1) Barnett Newman Triangle – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 28 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 9/11 Memorial Glade – Report
- 3) City Hall Park Temporary public art – Report

H) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

B. Ehrmann

- 1) 1 Broadway application for roof top addition – correction, Last Whereas: after by water add or land, Resolution passed by a hand vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

I) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) West Thames Bridge and Rector Street Restoration Project – Report
- 2) Brookfield Place Summer Event Series and Other Events – Report
- 3) Allied Universal Report, Update on SPO – Report
- 4) BPCA Report – Report

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

P. Moore

- 1) 253 Broadway Sanitation Issues – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Aggressive Ticket Sellers – Report
- 3) Sanitation Special Districts – Report
- 4) Commercial Waste Carting Zones – Report

K) **Health, Human Services Sub-Committee**

F. Curtis

- 1) Federal and State Legislative Outlook – Report
- 2) Rent and Property Tax Assistance for Seniors – Report

IV. **Old Business**

V. **New Business**  
**Executive Committee**

A. Notaro, Jr.

- 1) Appeal for an increase to Community Boards budget – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

VI. **Meeting Adjournment at 8:57pm**

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary

**All documents relating to the above agenda items are on file at the Community Board 1 office and are available for viewing by the public upon written request to [man01@cb.nyc.gov](mailto:man01@cb.nyc.gov)**

**At all meetings, additional items may be raised as "New Business."**