

COMMUNITY BOARD 1-MANHATTAN  
MONTHLY BOARD AGENDA

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM

PLACE: Live Remote  
<https://live.mcb1.nyc>

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**AGENDA**

**I. Public Session**

- Deborah Glick, New York State Assembly Member – Biggest issues with NYC small businesses are rent, lease renegotiation, and back rent; extensive police reform package; blood drive on Thursday; outdoor dining – we are still trying to get answers; PS 150 and Trinity Place School space might not be ready in time
- Cora Fung, Office of New York City Councilmember Margaret Chin – council hearing on nonprofit reimbursements today; small businesses and outdoor dining – they have been working with CB1’s Small Business Working Group; commercial lease assistance; co-sponsored police reform bill; Councilmember has asked to resume capital projects asap for school construction
- Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President – Painting starting in Foley Square area probably on July 1; Governor’s task force on recovery – looking to move up Phase 4 for some things like zoos and museums; open restaurants – she had breakfast at George’s and the news covered this and the challenges encountered by restaurants; pushing to open summer camps and for them to have park permits; 3,000 restaurants have applied to open outdoors through DOT website; working on the issue of waste matter and COVID; police and community relations; June 24 at 3:30pm is a virtual town hall with NYPL about the census; community board training sessions; will businesses want to remain virtual?
- Lizzie Lee, Office of New York State Senator Brian Kavanagh – mortgage forbearance bill; requesting a universal eviction moratorium; help with insurance issues; will address concerns with open restaurants; will continue working with CB1 Small Business Working Group to help small businesses; police reform legislation; Senator co-sponsored legislation to increase police accountability; advocating for resiliency and environmental protection
- Amr Kotb, New York Public Library — reopening soon, probably in mid-July, starting with 8 branches dispersed in different neighborhoods, will start will grab-and-go services, will evaluate this regularly and if going well, will provide more services and open more branches; maintaining digital services, like e-readers, seen at 86% increase in digital services, they provide online career services and resources for education; summer reading program is primarily virtual but also distributing book kits for those without internet access

- Dan Lee — update on lawsuit against the city regarding the mega jail that is planning to move forward, asking for the money to be re-allocated to the community
- Christopher Marte — update on lawsuit regarding the jail, lawsuit is also claiming environmental impact of building the jail
- Eric Vukmirovich – discussed Vanderbilt building, concerns about building getting torn down for dormitory, corner of Beekman and Nassau have 3 landmark buildings and Pace University is proposing another high-rise building there that don't fit the character of the neighborhood
- Mark Donnenfeld – destruction of Vanderbilt building and creating Pace's high-rise will damage the existing historic district; must preserve the past to ensure the future; 75 buildings at risk if this district is not designated by the City
- Hugh Broder — plans have been in secret; want to make sure there is transparency about the project; exterior demolition might be underway this summer already
- John Peppia — Vanderbilt building is significant, to have it destroyed surreptitiously is not neighborly at all, no concern about the history or architecture
- Taylor Banning — watched protests and racism, the peaceful protests were subjected to violence by the police; whose lives are the NYPD protecting/hurting? we need to look at these issues and discuss them; asking CB1 to do 4 things: acknowledge the racism, vocalize support for racial justice, take a stand towards change, establish a working group on CB1 dealing with these issues
- Justine Cuccia — create two working groups (1) racial justice working group (within Quality of Life) that would liaise with police and state actors (2) affordable housing working group
- Kevin Polenda — behavior of Pace regarding its Master Plan is concerning, they need to be held accountable
- Luke Wolf, Community Liaison, Office of New York City Comptroller Scott Stringer – Called for \$1 billion cut to NYPD and reinvest in communities of color instead; NYPD shouldn't be regulating press; Law enforcement records should be available on a publicly searchable database; need attention to economy and small businesses; investigating NYC's response to COVID-19
- Ryan Marcinik, Seaport Coalition – for 40 years developers have attempted to put an out-of-scale tower at the Seaport; what Howard Hughes is doing is not new; thank CB1 for its continued support
- Dawn – parent of Spruce Street School children, worried about construction debris as Spruce Street School when school returns, learning might be severely disrupted by construction noise and garbage from Pace University master plan
- Claudia Zhu, Office of New York State Assembly Member Yuh-Line Niou – proud to be part of the vote to pass the package of bills for police accountability, which included the repeal of 50(a). Yuh-Line believes the current proposed design of 250 Water Street is unacceptable. There is a call for legislation to generate revenue for the state.
- Sgt. William Knipper, NYPD — Invites everyone to a round table by First Precinct on June 25

## II. Committee Reports

### A) Executive Committee

A. Notaro, Jr.

1. Temporary Amendment of Manhattan Community Board 1 By-Laws to Permit Election of Officers by Other Than Paper Ballot considering COVID-19 Crisis – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

## III. Election

- A) Report by Susan Cole chair of Nominating Committee
- B) Candidates speeches (3 minutes including questions and answers)
  - Mariama James, Treasurer
  - Brittney Wade, Assistant Secretary
  - Colin Mahoney, Secretary
  - Alice Blank, Vice-Chairperson
  - Elizabeth Lewinsohn, Vice-Chairperson
  - Tammy Meltzer, Chairperson
  - Anthony Notaro, Jr., Chairperson
- C) Voting link will be open half hour after candidate's speeches

## IV. Business Session

- A) Adoption of May 2020 minutes
- B) District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds
  - a. Graph of attendance at June 2020 committee meetings
  - b. Results of CB1 Practice Vote
- C) Chairperson's Report – A. Notaro, Jr.
  - a. What's Happening
    - i. Welcome to PHASE 2
    - ii. What will the future bring and how do we shape it?
    - iii. Community Board 1 Leadership
      1. New members
      2. New officers
      3. New Focus
        - a. Resiliency
        - b. Reopening
        - c. Reimagining
    - iv. Open streets
      1. Pearl Street
      2. Work with Downtown Alliance
      3. Set metrics for success
    - v. Expansion of Street Seats
      1. Allow small businesses to come back
  - b. Priorities
    - i. Working Groups
      1. Event Spaces – commences

2. Congestion Pricing Guidelines – commences
3. Budget input & District Needs Statement – possible new group
4. Small Business
5. Technology Strategy & Tools – possible new group
- ii. FY2021 Budget Input
  1. More important than ever
- iii. Post Pandemic World
  1. Transportation
  2. Education
  3. Physical & Mental Health
  4. Business
  5. Budget
- iv. Focus on 250 Water Street Remedial Investigation Plan
- v. Focus on Seaport development plans by Howard Hughes Corporation
- vi. 15 Beekman Street – Pace & SL Green
- vii. 2020 Consensus
  1. 53% response rate
  2. <https://my2020census.gov/>
- viii. Workers traveling back to work
  1. NYSE example?
- ix. Unemployment Numbers
  1. Chart

See the full report: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/manhattancb1/archives/monthly-chairpersons-report.page>

## V. **Committee Reports**

### A) **Executive Committee**

A. Notaro, Jr.

2. Moving Parking and Placard Enforcement from the New York Police Department to the New York City Department of Transportation — Resolution passed by a hand vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
3. Guidelines for Expanded Outside Dining in CB1
4. Proposed Federal Legislation Related To Direct Aid To New Yorkers Affected By The COVID-19 Pandemic — Resolution passed by a hand vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
5. Proposed State Legislation Regarding Commercial Mortgage Forbearance – Add a “Whereas” statement that says “There are locally owned and operated financial institutions who work closely with the communities that they serve, and are already engaging in forbearance of their loans” and a “Therefore” statement that says “CB believes this legislation should only apply to banks with an asset size of above 1 billion dollars and are not already engaged in commercial forbearance, which would spare community banks an additional and unnecessary compliance burden” — Resolution passed by a hand vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

B) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

1. City budget cuts to education [Friendly Amendment by Tammy: move and change verbiage, “aggressively exploring”, to “aggressively explore and find new sources of funding” in the Therefore Be It Resolved That] — Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 32 in favor, 4 opposed, 8 abstained and 0 recused
2. Update on SCA/DOE construction of Trinity Place School – Report

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

B. Kay

1. Emergency Bus Lanes – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 47 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. Bicycle lanes – Report
3. Open Streets in CB 1 – Report
4. Street Seats and Social Distancing Space for Small Businesses – Report
5. Traffic-related issues for large venues - Report

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

P. Moore

1. Addressing Systemic Racism in Battery Park City & Lower Manhattan - Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 1 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. Banning Pepper Spray to Prevent the Further Spread of COVID-19 [Friendly Amendment by Jeff Galloway – change “civilians” to “peaceful protesters”] – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
3. Social Distancing for Small Business, Sanitation & Noise Concerns - Report
4. Combined Sewer Overflows and Summer Swimming - Report

E) **Small Business Working Group**

C. Mahoney

1. Mandate and goals - Report
2. Social Distancing Space for Small Businesses – Report
3. Small Business Forum - Report
4. List of resources for public dissemination - Report
5. Potential Resolutions – Report

F) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

S. Cole

**Financial District area**

1. 25 Broadway, application for liquor license for 25 Broadway Ballroom LLC d/b/a Cipriani 25 Broadway – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused

**Seaport/Civic Center area**

1. 42 Peck Slip, application for liquor license for 119 Paris Cafe Corp d/b/a Paris Cafe – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused

**Tribeca area**

1. 181 Duane Street, operation in absence of active OP liquor license for VV&V Brothers 623 Corp. d/b/a Gallo Nero – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. 409 Greenwich Street, resolution on conditions for renewal of liquor license for Wolf at Tribeca, Inc. d/b/a Wolfgang’s Steakhouse – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
3. 52 Walker Street, application for corporate change for KNH Enterprises LLC d/b/a M 1-5 Bar and Lounge – Report
4. 200 Chambers Street, application for corporate change for Palm NY Downtown LLC d/b/a TBD – Report

G) **Battery Park City Committee**

T. Meltzer

1. Reopening Public Facilities in BPCA Park - Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. Dog Runs in BPCA Park – Resolution (WITHDRAWN)
3. BPCA role with Open Streets in NBPC - Report
4. Reopening Passive or Active Recreation Space of the BPC Ballfields - Report
5. BPCA Report – Report
6. BPC Security Update – Report

H) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

B. Ehrmann

1. 84 South Street, application for updated design for NYC Parks Department Concession – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
2. 107 South street, application for design of vertical extension and rehabilitation of property – Report

I) **Environmental Protection Committee**

A. Blank

1. Lower Manhattan Resiliency Planning During the Pandemic and After – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
2. South Battery Park Resiliency Plan Update, including new entrance to Wagner Park from Battery Place, revisions for Pier A and the north edge of the Battery - Report
3. Brownfield Cleanup Program Update on 250 Water Street - Report
4. Manhattan Community Board 1 Environmental Protection Committee Objectives and Strategies for 2020-2021 - Report

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

A. Zelter

1. Howard Hughes Corporation Seaport Stakeholder Workshop #3 - Report

K) **Large Venue Working Group**

T. Meltzer

1. Potential Large Venue Impacts in the Bowling Green Area - Report

2. Development of guidelines for Licensing & Permits Committee for Large Scale Venue Applicants - Report

L) **Personnel Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

1. CB 1 Family Leave Policy Update [Friendly Amendment – add “which leave must begin within 120 days of the birth adoption or acceptance into foster care of the child” to the second “Therefore” statement – Resolution passed by a hand vote of 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused]
2. Review of Request for Proposal for Upcoming Consultant Contract – Report
3. Public Member Interviews – Report

VI. **Old Business**

VII. **New Business**

1. Juneteenth’s Rightful Designation as a National Day of Commemoration of the End of North American Slavery – Resolution passed by a roll call vote of 41 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

VII. **Meeting Adjournment at 9:44pm**