

COMMUNITY BOARD 1-MANHATTAN
MONTHLY MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, July 28, 2020

TIME: 6:00 PM

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

AGENDA

Public Session

Comments by members of the public (6 PM – 7 PM)
(1-2 minutes per speaker)

- Councilmember Margaret Chin
 - Congratulated CB1 for its work on small business recovery. She spoke to the success of outdoor dining and the need for continued vigilance by businesses to maintain masks / distancing. We must work together to help businesses continue to survive.
 - Commercial rent tax - is an unfair burden on small businesses. Council is trying to help businesses by eliminating this tax. Just introduced legislation to eliminate the tax today.
 - 225 Rector - working to help keep at-risk residents in home. MFJ will help residents with legal services and Cooper Square to help with organizing. We must help extend lease. We need more affordable housing in CB1 and will continue to fight for it.
 - City budget cuts targets funding for too many youth and senior programs. She was successful in restoring some funding.
 - Senior Center must continue to survive, and she and the council are working to save city funding for it as well as domestic violence, CUNY and others in capital budget, including the Seaport Museum. But we need help from the federal government.

- Lizzie Lee, Office of New York State Senator Brian Kavanagh
 - S8140B passed for rental relief. Bill will help homeless New Yorkers survive during covid. Calling for blanket moratorium for homeless until at least September
 - Fair Housing - President Trump rescinded Obama rule for Housing and Community development - removes housing discrimination rules - so introducing state regulation S8096 will make up for loss of federal regulation.

- The Senator is looking to enact mortgage forbearance legislation, but we need more help from the federal government as well.
- ERRA application deadline is tomorrow. Can request extension for a week. Can self-certify if you have a disability.
- Hannah Weinerman - Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office
 - Contentious hearing today on AG Barr and his response to various issues including protests, federal investigations and other issues.
 - Antitrust subcommittee hearing this week - will consider domination of Google, Amazon, etc.
 - Justice and Policing Act passed the US House 4 weeks ago. Nadler is working to push bill in senate.
 - Global entry program reopened in NYC (trusted travelers' program)
 - PPP ends August 8th. Working to push HEROs act as follow up.
 - IRS has opened general phone line for PPP questions and is now starting to process paper tax returns.
 - Social security offices starting to reopen. People can make an appt if there's an emergency.
 - Fill out your census!
- Luke Wolf - Comptroller Scott Stringer
 - Office came out with analysis of PPP. NYC would be 49th out of 50 states receiving PPP. Manhattan was particularly anemic in terms of national recipients of PPP loans.
 - M/WBEs are even worse. 85% say they don't have enough \$ to work through the month. Working to ensure each city agency has a chief diversity officer.
 - Spoke to the need for school reopening priorities: Expanded childcare options, remote learning expectations, DOE needs to include staffing and access to in-school health care.
 - Must invest in infrastructure to ensure future investments in the city. Need to unfreeze capital budget to revitalize economy.
- Claudia Zhu; Assemblymember Yuh-Line Niou's office
 - Assembly resumed session last week. Rivington Act - transparent process for healthcare facilities to ensure standards are met before closure.
 - A711 requires debt collectors to provide larger print formats for vision impaired
 - A10826 or Rent and Mortgage Cancellation Act of 2020 - Rent forbearance Act for an additional 90 days of relief for rent and sets up fund for property owners for financial relief
- Daniel Stein
 - 225 rector - Speaking out against the evictions of 225 Rector. He and so many others at 225 Rector are due to be forced out within a month and are hoping for a year stay until after the pandemic has subsided.

- Elda Luisi
 - Also speaking out against the evictions at 225 Rector. Asking for more time to look for a new apartment. Asking for CB1's help to extend the program so that she and others may continue to benefit from affordable housing. Especially for older citizens of the city who are often left out.
- Debra Harris
 - Tenant at 225 Rector Place who has been living there for over 20 years. Affected by covid-19 and family's ability to earn income has been cut by the financial crisis. Has been looking for a home for a month since notification of evictions. Asking for help in convincing landlord to extend stay
- Elisa Roche
 - Tenant at 225 Rector. Also wants more time to find a home. Has 9/11 related illness.
- Ann Stenson
 - 225 Rector Street: Tenants have lived through 9/11, are dealing with illness and are vulnerable. For these people to be pushed out now is cruel. Would like resolution from CB1 to support the at-risk residents who are being pushed out because of 421A.
- Luis Rojas
 - Also, a tenant at 225 Rector. Tenants at 225 Rector have fought for years with various landlords who have tried to remove residents. Asking for CB1's help to help these people - who have been here through 9/11 and so many other crises from eviction.
- Bruce Flatt
 - Lives at 33 Vestry and is speaking in opposition to liquor license at 27 Vestry. The license would add noise and traffic to an otherwise quiet street. Asking CB1 to turn down application.
- Dinkar Jetley
 - Also speaking in opposition to a liquor license at 27 Vestry. Concerned about noise, pollution and safety.
- Elizabeth Sellman
 - Echoing Bruce and liquor license at 27 Vestry would be disruptive for late hour/early am workers, safety concerns as well.
- Pat Gray
 - Asking CB1 to respond to the inherent racism in everyday life by working to improve the quality of lives for all New Yorkers via the standing quality of life committee by expanding it to include a racial and social justice standing committee or working group.
- Rosanne Perry
 - Agree with Pat Gray
- Sarah Cassell
 - Agree with Pat Gray and Rosanne Perry. Also appalled at the sheer number of police around City Hall Plaza. The expense of overtime for the police is excessive.

- Randy Williams
 - NYC Marchers. Stationed at sidewalk encampment at City Hall Park. Spoke to the beautiful community they built in the park. Worked to help the homeless and others who needed help. Met with excessive force from NYPD. Asking for CB1's support in the fight for racial justice.
- Mariama James
 - The country laid to rest a national hero - John Lewis. Upsetting to see the city to choose that time to make an adversarial action to CB1's homeless as well as everyone else in the community by closing off Barclays and Duane Street. Cited article written in Minneapolis paper which speaks to the support of the BLM movement and associated protests. Speaking against protests is speaking against movement.
- Borough President Gale Brewer
 - Schools are a major challenge for New Yorkers. Hoping schools do not open but hoping for openings only for special activities.
 - Fill out your census forms. Walking in SoHo on Saturday to promote census forms, Financial District response is very low
 - Study of broken pedestrian ramps. Working to address
 - Concerned about affordable housing. Battery Park city, these hard-working people need help.
 - Homelessness related to covid-19 is a major issue and she is hoping to work with hotels to find solutions and to build taskforce to act.
 - Concerned about environmental issues with 65% cut to garbage pickup. Concerned about organics and pickups. Working with NYU to assemble a solid waste advisory board to find a new, profitable way to pick up organics.
 - Pushing DEP to have a lab in NYC to have experts in NYC to identify hotspots for virus - this or future pathogens.
 - Thanking the people of CB1 for beautiful mural - well received by the community and by NYT (article written)
- Caroline Miller
 - 275 Water Street. Here to urge CB1 to adopt EDC transparency resolution from (committee?) on deals under discussion for public assets at Seaport. EDC has not been a transparent steward and the community needs transparency for better development decisions. CB1 must continue to stand up against bad seaport development decisions.
- Nina Reeves
 - Agree with previous speakers regarding 27 Vestry. Opposed to liquor license due to noise, smoking, disruption to a quiet, residential side street with no other businesses.
- Marc Schneider
 - Represents various residents at 33 Vestry Street who are opposed to liquor license at 27 Vestry. Agreed with prior speakers regarding noise and disruption.
- Audi Martel
 - Concerned about the project in the Vanderbilt Building. Demolition is currently happening on Saturdays (not sure if this is allowed) and is concerned about work without a permit. Concerned about asbestos and hazard to neighborhood and

noise. Concerned about Pace trying to circumvent the community and concerned about what it means for the community. The school does not seem concerned about what the community wants and is not sharing plans.

- Winston Bailey
 - Nothing to add - in support of previous comments regarding protests at City Hall Park.
- Katie Cuccia-Fenton
 - Also speaking in support of previous comments regarding protests at City Hall Plaza
- Taylor Banning
 - Spoke to the absence of previous speakers as they are currently fighting police violence and making of protestors. Banning said they are being maced right now in New York City. Upset at the raid of abolition park. Raid was unjust and police encampment is unjust. Banning alleges increased police violence on residents of CB1.
- Rivka Leah
 - Also speaking in opposition to the police removal of protestors at City Hall Park. Requests CB1 reevaluate its position in the community and position on protests at City Hall Park.

Business Session

- A) Adoption of June 2020 minutes - Passed unanimously as presented
- B) District Manager's Report – L. Reynolds
 - Working to establish rules and order for online meetings.
 - One Centre Street reponing: Will soon be open, but visitors must wear a mask and have a waiver to enter the building. Only 4 visitors will be allowed per elevator. CB1 is preparing to come back to office on a regular basis but meeting spaces may not yet be ready.
- C) Treasurer's Report – J. Kopel and M. James
 - Just ended fiscal year and welcomed Mariama to new position
 - Expenses
 - \$1685.00 for new laptop for Diana
 - \$1340.00 civic expenses
 - Concerned about lack of revenue for next year given a lack of street fairs and other revenue sources.
 - Mariama echoed Joel Kopel's concerns about budget cuts for 2021.
- D) Chairperson's Report – T. Meltzer
 - <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/manhattancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20report%20July%2028%202020.pdf>
 - CB1 repository for information on 250 Water street work is continuing, monitoring is still there
 - 9/20 will mark the beginning of a task force on monuments and historical landmarks

- Engagement and outreach; All CB1 members should work to liaise with buildings, schools, workplace, tenant associations, etc. to ensure a more engaged community.
- Continued focus on census. CB1 must work to engage the community to fill out census forms and individual members must engage their networks. CB1 is among the bottom 20% to census forms in the US.
- Weekly buzz report will be removed from chair report and be in Friday newsletters

Committee Reports

A) **Executive Committee**

T. Meltzer

- 1) Requesting an Extension of Virtual Meetings - Report
 - a. Expires Aug 5th. If there is no extension, we will address what that means for meetings and how that will work. Working with AM Niou's office for solutions. Can be remote or in person.
 - b. Committee chairs must have reports and resolutions to office by Friday before full board.
- 2) Virtual Decorum and Roberts Rules - Report
 - a. We will work to ensure meetings now follow Robert's Rules
 - i. Decorum
 - ii. Order of speakers
 - iii. Motion to limit discussion
 - iv. All motions on the floor must stop discussion
- 3) Conflict of Interest Training - Report
 - a. Urged CB1 members to contact COIB for any questions regarding votes, etc.
- 4) Facilitation Skills Training - Report
 - a. Worked with the Group Forward to help facilitate smooth meetings and goals.

B) **Personnel Committee**

E. Lewinsohn

- 1) Consultant Interviews - Resolution Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

C) **Landmarks & Preservation Committee**

B. Ehrmann

- 1) 107 South Street, application for updated design of vertical extension and rehabilitation of property - Resolution paired with: 315-317 Broadway, application for partial demolition and construction of new building along - Resolution Passed 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 56 North Moore Street, application to install new aluminum and glass ground floor storefronts and construction of a rooftop addition - Resolution Discussion of concern regarding transparency of applicant about a misrepresentation of the views associated with the project.

Accepted friendly amendment: “the resolution is subject to a site visit by the committee to confirm the visibility's studies from the applicant”.

Passed 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused

D) **Environmental Protection Committee**

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- 1) Early Wastewater Detection – Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Resumption of New York City Composting - Resolution (accepted with friendly amendment accepted by chair)
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) 250 Water St Brownfield Cleanup Program Remedial Investigation Work Plan - Report
- 4) Environmental Protection Committee Objectives and Strategies for 2020-2021 - Report
- 5) Discussion regarding North Battery Park Resiliency Project
 - a. In response to CB1 request to tie city’s resiliency plan to Battery Park resiliency plan
 - b. Discussed visuals of city’s plan for flood and resiliency project for Battery Park and North Esplanade Park

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

B. Kay

- 1) Seizure of Public Space around NYPD Precincts - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) Bicycle Parking at Government Buildings - Report
- 3) Open Streets Dining Impediments and Workarounds - Report
- 4) Optimizing Tour Bus Stops in Community District 1 - Report
- 5) Temporary Protected Bike Lanes on Centre and Lafayette Streets - Report
 - a. DOT is decided to push ahead with a more formal take on protected bike lanes
 - b. Will put into place proactive measures for bikers
 - c. Barrels will be more protective of bikers
- 6) DOT Updates - Report

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

P. Moore

- 1) The Impacts of the COVID-1 - Report
 - a. We need more funding from federal government
 - b. Senator Kavanaugh bill to extend non-eviction to sept 20.
- 2) Sanitation Impacts of the New Alternate Side Parking Regulations - Report
 - a. Rules have been changed - have worked with city to ensure continued cleaning of streets during street dining. Asked CB1 to let them know if they see otherwise.
- 3) Financial District Temporary Homeless Shelter Operating Procedures - Report
- 4) Exploring Intersectional Justice in Community District 1 - Report
 - a. Worked with representatives with contacts at City Hall Park and police to see if there’s anything the committee can do to help with cause regarding intersectional justice and racism. Working on town hall at BMCC for issue.

G) **Land Use, Zoning & Economic Development Committee**
and Small Business Group

P. Kennell

- 1) Emergency Executive Order suspending zoning regulations that govern Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS) and Waterfront Public Access Areas (WPAAs) – Resolution Passed 42 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 1 recused
 - a. Want to make sure POPS in CB1 remain open and that City Planning does not approve any more taking of these spaces or uses of these spaces for private enterprises. At 200 water, applicant is removing public art and have left a barren open space with no timeline of when work on the area will begin.
- 2) Fulton Stall Market – Resolution Passed 43 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
 - a. In 2013 a deal was originally announced with then speaker Christine Quinn and our Councilmember Margaret chin over the use of that site and the city's lease with Howard Hughes Corporation and its streets in South Street Seaport limited partnership Company. They said it would include a food market occupying at least 10,000 square feet of floor space that includes a look that includes locally and regionally sourced food items that are sold by multiple vendors and is open to the public seven days a week. That of course did not materialize.
 - b. The mixed-use project that Howard Hughes was looking to build at the seaport also did not happen. And we understand that HHC's position that by providing the John George food hall that they're fulfilling the requirement. The nonprofit disagrees. This is an important issue Fulton Stall market in 2015, along with HHC was offered 10,000 at the trans-Lux buildings are 133 Bateman. That offer was taken off the table for reasons that aren't exactly clear.

Accepted friendly Amendments by Goldstein:

“Not for profit”

“Just this month the community discovered plans to convert up to 50,000 sf of the Fulton Market Building, which has long been the retail hub of the South Street Seaport for the community and visitors, to office space, another major change being negotiated by HHC and EDC out of public sight without any consultation or input from this community.”

- 3) Request for NYC Department of Buildings (NYC DOB) Suspension on New Demolition Permits During Outdoor Dining Season - Resolution Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. Suspends demolition permits during outdoor dining seasons - creates dust, noise and other agitations.

- 4) Proposed Tax and Hiring Incentives for Small Businesses In New York City – Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 5) Sales Tax Holiday for New York City Economy - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 6) Proposed Forbearance of Fines and Suspension of Late Fees for Small Business -
Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

H) **Licensing & Permits Committee**

S. Cole

Tribeca area

- 1) 27 Vestry Street, application for liquor license for GM 27 LLC d/b/a TBD – Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 107 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for 107 Greenwich Inc. d/b/a TBD -
Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) 2 Avenue of the Americas, application for corporate change for Tribeca Grand Hotel, Inc.
d/b/a The Roxy – Report
- 4) 52 Walker Street, application for corporate change for KNH Enterprises LLC d/b/a M 1-5
Bar and Lounge – Report
- 5) 200 Chambers Street, application for corporate change for Palm NY Downtown LLC
d/b/a TBD – Report

Financial District area

- 1) One World Trade Center, 64th Floor, application for liquor license for WTC Tower 1
LLC and Legends Hospitality LLC d/b/a TBD - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 2) 110 Wall Street, application for alteration of liquor license to add outdoor seating to the
POPS for Westville Wall Street Inc d/b/a Westville Wall St - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
- 3) 77 Fulton Street, Space A, review of liquor license to add seating and tabling to the
outdoor dining area for Pizzaiouli Napoletani 1 LLC d/b/a Keste Wall Street - Report

Seaport/Civic Center area

- 1) 212 Front Street, application for liquor license for Osteria Del Porto Inc. d/b/a Osteria
Del Porto - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

- 2) 21-23 Peck Slip, application for method of operation change for IDG Seaport Corp d/b/a Acqua Restaurant - Report

I) **Battery Park City Committee**

J. Cuccia

- 1) Overview of Design Changes to Wagner Park Streetscape & Lawns and New Potential Locations for ESCR Gatehouses - Report
 - a. Asking to conduct any changes or improvements without adding to cost or taxes to BPC residents
- 2) Fiscal and Physical Distancing Concerns for Wagner Park Resiliency Plans - Report
 - a. As covered in the environmental committee report. Expressed concern as to barriers and size - want smaller and less conspicuous barriers.
- 3) Applicability of Recent Changes to City and State Law on E-Scooters and E-Bikes in Battery Park City - Report
 - a. Pushed to transportation committee
- 4) BPCA Report – Report
- 5) BPC Security Update – Report

J) **Youth & Education Committee**

T. Joyce

- 1) Implementing mental health and diversity initiatives in NYC’s school curriculum - Resolution
Passed 45 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused
 - a. Hoped to partner with CB2 on this but didn’t work out.
- 2) Utilizing community-based organizations for Fall 2020 school reopening - Resolution
 - a. Alternatives for ways to teach children during covid lockdown. Need to think differently about space.
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused
- 3) Plan for Fall 2020 School with “Blended Learning” model – Resolution
Passed 29 in favor, 6 opposed, 9 abstained and 1 recused
 - a. Want to identify best practices and requests DOE to consider points going into school year.
 - b. Discussion points
 - i. Betty Kay: Resolution assumes that all teachers are competent at online instruction, which might not be true
 - ii. Betty Kay: Resolution lacks vision on how to capitalize on online education
 - iii. Wendy: Friendly amendment “1-3 days” ACCEPTED
 - iv. Mihok: Will recuse as an employee of the DOE. However, wanted to voice concern over the role of teachers. Mihok feels schools should not open and frustrated that resolution did not reflect that. Concerned that resolution dictates what “teachers should do.”
 - v. Schenck: Believes resolution went “beyond the mark.” Questions about management and administration are beyond the point.

vi. Mihok reiterated that it is not safe to return.

- 4) Federal government actions regarding vouchers, withholding funds from schools not returning to their buildings in the Fall - Report
- 5) PTA Grants for mental health, social and emotional learning - Report

Old Business

Landmarks & Preservation Committee

B. Ehrmann

- 1) 315-317 Broadway, application for partial demolition and construction of new building along - Resolution
Passed 44 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

New Business

- 1) City of New York's Endangerment of Pedestrians and Transportation Discrimination in the Civic Center - Resolution
First failed by a vote of 3 in favor, 22 opposed, 14 abstained and 0 recused
Then Passed with amendments 40 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

Amendment by Cuccia: Remove "peaceful" from first whereas

Discussion regarding "peaceful" vs. "just protesters" with arguments for and against

Removal of "peaceful" was accepted as friendly amendment

Unfriendly amendment made by Mihok and seconded by James to restore "peaceful" to resolution failed by roll call vote.

Adjournment

Meeting Adjournment at 10:00 PM

Submitted by Assistant Secretary Brittney Wade