

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
OCTOBER 21, 2003
ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHELDON SILVER'S OFFICE
ASSEMBLY HEARING ROOM
250 BROADWAY, 19TH FLOOR

The Chairperson, Madelyn Wils, called the meeting to order.

Public Session:

Tom Hall of the New York Rescue Mission announced a Thanksgiving banquet on November 24 at 90 Lafayette Street. He invited community members to work as volunteers at the event. Mr. John Tesch is the spokesperson for the event.

Phyllis Goldberg spoke about the nonpartisan election issue. Ms. Goldberg opined that politicians are running the elections through political organizations. On November 4 Question #3 on the ballot will ask if the public wants to switch from a partisan to nonpartisan system. If it passes, all registered voters would be allowed to vote in the primaries regardless of party affiliation. Anyone who wants to run for office would not need approval by party voices.

Caroline Martin, CB #1 resident, spoke on quality-of-life issues. She is asking Community Board No. 1 bring back the Quality-of-Life Committee instead of dealing with these issues in the specific geographic committees. Ms. Martin feels there is now confusion about which committees are taking up which issues. She represents over 20 blocks, and it is difficult to keep abreast of all issues that concern their neighborhood. She is concerned that no one is following up on important issues.

Shelia Rossi spoke to the board as a private citizen. Ms. Rossi is on the board of directors of the Small Claims Court, Arbitration Committee. She advised of a program in January to educate the public on how the Small Claims Court can serve the public. Anyone desiring further information on the program can call 212-788-0483.

Nancy Owens, Community Board No. 1 resident and former Community Board No. 1 Board Member advised that she helped write the original resolution on the rebuilding of 7 WTC. In that resolution, several concerns had been addressed and the design was approved. At the last committee meeting there was a presentation regarding a park across from the new 7 WTC site which had never seen before and the Community Board was not given time to review. Ms. Owens would like the board to be more rigorous in staying informed, and would like there to be more time given for input on the numerous proposals coming before the board.

Daryl Cochran spoke on behalf of Congressman Jerrold Nadler. Mr. Cochran encouraged everyone to visit the new Ted Weiss Building named for our former Congressman, located at 290 Broadway. The dedication ceremony was held on October 20th.

Brad Sussman spoke on behalf of Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields. He announced upcoming events supported by the Borough President's Office, including an Italian Opera Festival celebrating Enrico Caruso at City Hall, which will take place on October 22; a slide show presentation on domestic violence, which will be held at the MBPO on the 19th floor on October 30 from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Their office will also host a photography exhibit on Latino artists.

Executive Session:

The Chairperson asked for any comments regarding last month's minutes. Marc Ameruso noted that his first name should be spelled with a "c".

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on September 16, 2003, were unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Report:

Chairperson Wils reported on the following items:

- Sheldon Silver testified on the South Ferry Terminal reconstruction project. Community Board No. 1 also testified that funds coming out of the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation should not be used for a project that would destroy part of Battery Park. The Alliance for Downtown New York testified as well. Hopefully the Governor will reconsider funding this project since the local community does not approve.

- There was a two-day procession commemorating the African Burial Ground. The Chair doesn't know why Community Board No. 1 members were not invited to the ceremony. Paul Sipos attended the ceremony.
- Speaker Silver is aiding the effort to bring Cantor Fitzgerald back downtown. Community Board No. 1 supports this effort since bringing many employees back would help rebuild Lower Manhattan and support a mixed-use area downtown. Symbolically it would also be a good thing.
- There was a groundbreaking ceremony for the South Street Seaport Redevelopment Block 97 site.
- Millennium High School received \$1 million from the Columbus Day Parade, and \$1 million from the LMDC. The school is still needs to raise \$5 million to complete the construction.
- There was a meeting with Peter Heany from Region 9 to discuss overcrowding in our schools. Both short- and long-term planning for Lower Manhattan was discussed. We will reconvene after the school authority develops their list for new schools to be built.
- The Friends of Community Board No. 1 "Dare To Dream II" benefit is October 29. Board members can buy tickets at a discount. The NYC Opera and Children's Choir will perform.

Treasurer's Report:

The Community Board No. 1 budget for fiscal year 2004 is \$188,764. Our fiscal year runs July 1 to June 30, so this current budget reflects first-quarter expenses of \$44,574.75, which is on target and within budget. A question was asked about a \$773.00 office, which was for equipment maintenance. A question was asked about the Community Board No. 1 fundraising amount of \$13,000., and what was it derived from. There are several street fairs held throughout the summer that Community Board No. 1 sponsors.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES

A. Executive Committee

RE: FY 2005 Capital and Expense Budget requests – Resolution

The Community Board recommends implementing the Prioritized Budget Requests for FY 2005 as stated in the resolution.

A roll call vote was taken with the following results: 39 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: Co-Naming streets for 9/11 victims – Resolution

The resolution recommends that co-naming of streets be held in abeyance until the memorial design process is completed and a plan for commemorating victims of 9/11 is announced.

The board members discussed the pros and cons of co-naming streets. Comments included a feeling that if the co-naming were restricted to those residents who lived in the neighborhood, the number of requests would be manageable; another idea was that street co-naming signage should not be in the historic district. Others felt that we shouldn't co-name streets at all. It was suggested that the Community Board should really establish a good position on this issue.

A question was asked as to why this proposal was drawn up. Community Board No. 1 is receiving requests from victims' family members, and before we start approving or not approving these requests we should have a position on the issue. We are proposing that a moratorium be put in place until we come up with a more researched proposal.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 37 In Favor, 1 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

B. Combined Executive and Tribeca Committees

RE: Development plans for Sites 5B & 5C – Resolution

Community Board No. 1 has considered the proposals for Sites 5B and 5C, and has grave concerns about the bulk and height of the proposed buildings. The resolution rejects the current development plans for those reasons. The resolution addresses the concerns of the community, and calls upon the Economic Development Corporation to coordinate all plans for the development of the sites with Community Board No. 1.

There were several suggested changes to the original resolution, which were incorporated into the attached resolution, including changing the word "basement" to "cellar", and adding a sentence regarding the 18,000 s/f offered for the community youth recreation facility.

A vote was taken with the following results: 37 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 1 Recused.

C) WTC Redevelopment Committee

RE: Revised plan for the World Trade Center – Resolution

The resolution supports the master design plan for redevelopment of the World Trade Center, and appreciates changes that have been made in response to concerns and recommendations raised by the board. This resolution sets out additional recommendations to the master plan.

Several comments regarding the wording of the resolution were accepted and included in the current resolution attached. Concerns ensued regarding burying West Street, including the location of a bus terminal, vehicular circulation, the narrowing of West Street near the proposed drop-off site for buses, the prohibitive cost of the project, and a concern that no decision be made on West Street without input from Community Board No. 1. Chairperson Wils suggested that we need to have a detailed presentation on this topic to consider all alternatives.

The resolution was voted on as amended with the following results: 36 In Favor, 2 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 7 World Trade Center – Report

The Committee was given a presentation on the progress of the building. The lower portion of the building, which is the Con Ed substation, is well underway. They are currently working through storage issues that will make the building much safer. They are keeping us informed on issues, and the progress looks good.

RE: Fulton Street Transportation Hub – Report

The plan for the transportation hub shows a lot of interconnectivity, which is something we have stressed. The Committee has shared concerns about capacity of the hub, and we have received quick response to our questions. The Corbin building is being worked into the design of the HUB.

D. Financial District Committee

RE: The New Staten Island (Whitehall) Ferry Terminal, percent for art projects – Resolution

The project will near completion in about a year. The Committee agrees with the proposed artwork program. The Committee was shown three separate art projects. One by Ming Fay is a solid granite-and-marble seating element. The second is a pedestrian area between the north and west areas of the terminal. The proposal includes hexagonal pavers with fish designs. The third element, by Dennis Adams, is seating that looks out at the harbor. The resolution supports the art projects and hopes that funding can be found.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 37 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: Bowling Green Subway Station, proposed new canopy – Report

The Transit Authority is proposing a canopy over the subway entrance in order to create a safer environment in inclement weather. They are planning a modern roof that would compliment the proposed street furniture.

RE: Coenties Slip, revised plan for open space – Resolution

This resolution supports the new design proposed for Coenties Slip. The Committee feels that the upgrade of the current park will benefit residents and workers in the neighborhood. There is a request by the artist James Garvey that the furniture currently in the park, which he created, stay after the redesign. The Committee felt that the new furniture proposed for the park is in line with the new design.

Barbara Marks, resident and wife of artist James Garvey, stated that she is frustrated with the community board's lack of ability to review proposed details coming before the board. She is requesting that Mr. Garvey's furniture remain after the redesign and construction. She commented that rushing the process compromises the design, and feels that the original integrity of the park will be lost.

Mr. Garvey feels his designs cannot be produced commercially, and that the Arts Commission approved his furniture for this park. The Downtown Alliance now owns the furniture, and they have found another location by Trinity Place Park; however, Mr. Garvey is not agreeable to moving his furniture.

A motion was made and seconded to table this resolution. A vote was taken with the following results: 21 In Favor, 15 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

E. Combined Youth & Education and Seaport/Civic Center Committees

RE: New elementary/intermediate school on NYU Downtown Hospital site – Resolution

A joint resolution concerning the inclusion of a PS/IS Elementary/Intermediate School in the plan for the NYU Downtown parking lot site. The resolution acknowledges the evident population explosion in our schools, and stresses that new residential projects planned for the area will need additional schools to accommodate the number of children.

There was some discussion regarding where the parking would be located, and whether or not the community would have input on this issue. A recommendation was made to hold a public hearing on this issue, and to table the resolution until the community can be involved. There was some concern as well regarding whether requesting a school would hurt our ability to negotiate the height of the building.

A motion was made to table the resolution and seconded, and a vote was taken with the following results: 3 In Favor, 34 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

Discussion regarding the resolution continued with suggestions to add some additional language to the last Be It Further Resolved That: CB1 looks forward to working with Pace University on our mutual goals “without compromising the financial interest of NYU Downtown Hospital” since both entities are vying for space in this facility. The next-to-last BIFRT: the word “residents” was added after local elected officials. And a friendly suggestion was made to take out references to the size of building in the ninth Whereas.

Chairperson Wils stated that CB #1 has been on record as seeking to use this site for a neighborhood school.

The question was called and seconded and a hand vote was taken with the following results: 37 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 1 Recused.

F. Youth & Education Committee

RE: Math and reading scores – Report

There is no new information regarding this issue; however, the committee is going to keep abreast of any new developments.

RE: No Child Left Behind additions to our school population – Report

There is a new procedure being developed to handle this situation; we will have more information at next month’s full board meeting.

G. Seaport/Civic Center Committee

RE: 32 Cliff Street, liquor license application – Resolution

The Committee supports the application and at the full board a hand vote was taken with the following results: 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: City Hall Park temporary artwork – Resolution

The Committee strongly urged the continuance of this artwork due to its popularity, and suggested that the artwork could be located in City Hall Park adjacent to the Brooklyn Bridge.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 33 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: Fireworks and community notification - Resolution

This resolution requests that the city notify affected communities of scheduled fireworks to alleviate any anxiety the noise may cause.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

H. Tribeca Committee

RE: 448 Greenwich Street, City Planning application to allow residential conversion of the cellar, first floor, and second floor - Resolution

The committee recommended approval of this application, and a hand vote was taken with the following results: 34 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 340 Greenwich Street, sidewalk cafe application for Dominicks - Resolution

The committee supports the application, and a hand vote was taken with the following results: 30 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 75 Murray Street, liquor license for Bogardus Lounge, Inc. - Resolution

The committee did not oppose the application, but requested that the applicant comply with limitations and conditions set forth in the resolution.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 28 In Favor, 2 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 31 N. Moore Street, liquor license application for Bar Panini Ltd. – Resolution

The committee did not oppose the application, but requested that the applicant comply with the limitations and conditions set forth in the resolution.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 1 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 54 Varick Street, liquor license transfer for Fellas- Resolution

The committee did not oppose the application, but requested that the applicant comply with limitations and conditions set for the in the resolution.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

I. Waterfront Committee

RE: Hudson River Park, segment 3 design and interim uses – Report

Connie Fishman of the Hudson River Park Trust gave a review of the design for Segment 3 of the park. A few minor changes were shown to the committee, including moving the dog run a few yards from its original location and the permanent installation of the batting cages.

RE: Governors Island – Update

Several board members attended a tour of the island on October 1 hosted by James Lima and Peter Fleischer. Governors Island Preservation and Education Corporation (GIPEC) will be hosting a conference to review all the plans that have been submitted over the years, and to discuss the future of the island. Short-term uses for the island are being considered while a long-term plan is developed.

J. Landmarks Committee

RE: 246 Front Street, application to construct a new six-story building with penthouse – Resolution

The committee recommends approval of the application with the noted and agreed -to modifications as stated in the resolution.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 1 Harrison Street, application to construct a rooftop addition and install mechanical equipment – Resolution

The committee recommends that this application be approved. A hand vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 74 Franklin Street, application to install new storefront infill – Resolution

The applicant did not appear before the committee, and the resolution requests that this application be held over until the applicant makes their presentation.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 5 Beekman Street, application to install storefront infill and to replace windows – Resolution

The resolution urges the LPC to reject this application as the architect has shown continued disregard for the public process, and also did not offer any samples of the materials to be used.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 32 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 146 Duane Street, application to install new ground-floor infill and a barrier-free access lift – Resolution

The committee recommends that the LPC approve the incline platform lift, but reject the ground-floor infill. A hand vote was taken with the following results: 30 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 200 Church Street, application to construct a two-story rooftop addition – Resolution

The committee recommends that the LPC approve this application with the noted modifications, subject to a site visit by the committee to review the visibility studies.

A hand vote was taken with the following results: 30 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

RE: 130 Duane Street - Resolution

There was a motion to table this resolution, which was seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: 31 In Favor, 0 Opposed, 0 Abstained, and 0 Recused.

K. Battery Park City Committee

RE: Role of the Park Enforcement Police (PEP) in the Battery Park City community -
Report

Meetings are being held with the Park Enforcement Police and the committee to discuss issues raised by residents.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chair.

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 21, 2003

| BOARD MEMBER | ATTENDANCE | BOARD MEMBER | ATTENDANCE |
|------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| ALEXANDER, R. | PRESENT | LANNAN, T. | PRESENT |
| AMERUSO, M. | PRESENT | LERNER, J. | PRESENT |
| BELFER, L. | PRESENT | MCVAY HUGHES, C. | ABSENT |
| BERGER, E. | PRESENT | MOORE, P. | PRESENT |
| BROWN SPITZMUELLER, J. | PRESENT | MORRONE, J. | PRESENT |
| BYROM, R. | PRESENT | NOTARO, A. | PRESENT |
| CAPSOUTO, A. | PRESENT | O'KEEFE, R. | PRESENT |
| CONNOLLY, M. | PRESENT | OLSEN, G. | PRESENT |
| DESARAM, C. | PRESENT | PAPA, V. | PRESENT |
| DONNENFELD, M. | PRESENT | PEPE, R. | PRESENT |
| D'ORAZIO, B. | PRESENT | PERKINS, U. | PRESENT |
| EHRMANN, B. | PRESENT | REED, H. | PRESENT |
| FRATTA, J. | PRESENT | ROCHE, L. | PRESENT |
| FUNG, M. | PRESENT | ROSSI, S. | PRESENT |
| GALLAGHER, J. | ABSENT | SCHER, P. | PRESENT |
| GALLOWAY, J. | ABSENT | SHEFFE, E. | PRESENT |
| GOODKIND, T. | PRESENT | SIPOS, P. | PRESENT |
| GRASSI, R. | PRESENT | SKIDMORE, M. | PRESENT |
| GREGORY, A. | PRESENT | SKINNER, R. | PRESENT |
| HOVITZ, P. | PRESENT | SKOLNICK, B. | PRESENT |
| KENNEDY, R. | PRESENT | TELL, L. | EXCUSED |
| KOPEL, J. | PRESENT | THOMPSON, L. | ABSENT |
| LANDMAN, R. | PRESENT | TOWNLEY, R. | PRESENT |
| | | WARD, E. | ABSENT |
| | | WILS, M. | PRESENT |

| PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR REPRESENTATIVE | ATTENDANCE |
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| FIELDS, V. | |
| GERSON, A. | R. FORST, PRESENT |
| CONNOR, M. | K. FREED, PRESENT |
| GLICK, D. | |
| SILVER, S. | Y. MORROW, PRESENT |
| NADLER, J. | REPRESENTATIVE |
| BLOOMBERG, M. | |
| GOTBAUM, B. | |
| THOMPSON, W. | |

COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE
FOR THE MONTH OCTOBER 2003

EXECUTIVE
10-15-03

PRESENT

A. CAPSOUTO
M. DONNENFELD
B. EHRMANN
R. KENNEDY
J. LERNER
A. NOTARO
R. O'KEEFE
L. ROCHE
M. WILS

EXCUSED

P. HOVITZ

ABSENT

FINANCIAL DISTRICT
10-20-03

PRESENT

R. O'KEEFE
M. SKIDMORE
E. SHEFFE
P. MOORE

EXCUSED

R. KENNEDY
L. BERGER

ABSENT

C. MVAY HUGHES
R. PEPE
R. SKINNER
J. KOPEL

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**LANDMARKS**  
**10-16-03**

**PRESENT**

R. BYROM  
M. DONNENFELD  
B. EHRMANN  
R. LANDMAN  
H. REED  
E. WARD

**EXCUSED**

T. LANNAN

**ABSENT**

M. AMERUSO  
A. CAPSOUTO  
C. DESARAM  
P. SIPOS  
M. CONNELLY

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SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER
10-14-03

PRESENT

M. DONNENFELD
P. HOVITZ
R. LANDMAN
J. LERNER
J. MORRONE
U. PERKINS
H. REED
L. ROCHE
M. SKIDMORE

EXCUSED

V. PAPA
A. GREGORY

ABSENT

J. FRATTA

TRIBECA
10-15-03

PRESENT

R. BYROM
A. CAPSOUTO
B. D'ORAZIO
B. EHRMANN
J. GALLAGHER
T. LANNAN
R. PEPE
E. WARD
G. OLSEN
R. ALEXANDER
P. SCHER

EXCUSED

M. AMERUSO
J. BROWN SPITZMUELLER
M. FUNG
P. SIPOS
M. CONNELLY
A. GREGORY

ABSENT

C. DESARAM
L. TELL

WATERFRONT
10-27-03

PRESENT

J. GALLAGHER
A. NOTARO
L. ROCHE
E. SHEFFE
S. ROSSI

EXCUSED

L. BERGER

ABSENT

A. CAPSOUTO
B. D'ORAZIO
J. LERNER
C. MCVAY HUGHES
J. MORRONE
V. PAPA
L. TELL
R. TOWNLEY
J. FRATTA
A. GREGORY
R. ALEXANDER

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**YOUTH & EDUCATION**  
**10-28-03**

**PRESENT**

J. BROWN SPITZMUELLER  
M. DONNENFELD  
P. HOVITZ  
R. SKINNER  
B. SKOLNICK  
R. TOWNLEY  
R. GOODKIND

**EXCUSED**

**ABSENT**

J. GALLOWAY  
J. MORRONE  
L. TELL  
G. OLSEN  
J. KOPEL

