

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF
MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD #1
HELD
JULY 27, 2004
NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL
47 WORTH STREET
WELLINGTON CONFERENCE CENTER

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

Public Session:

Erin Mears - Betsy Gotbaum's Office – Introduced herself and her office's interest in our work.

Phylis Salom – Southbridge Towers resident – Chinatown is filthy and recommended a clean up. Fulton Street needs clean up as well.

Eleanor Peters – Program Coordinator for WTC Health Registry. The Registry is closing on August 31, 2004. She urged registration.

Liz Berger – Board Member – Announced her resignation from the Board. Expressed her friendship and support to all CB 1 members.

Jean Grillo – Downtown Independent Democrat District Leader – Gifford Miller stated: "We are not prepared" in case of an emergency. Recommends a CERT awareness day. It will be held at the NY Law School. Jbgnyc@aol.com to contact Jean Grillo.

Executive Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 15, 2004 were adopted as presented.

Chairperson's Report:

Madelyn Wils reported on the following issues:

- A meeting was held at Deborah Glick's office regarding the Beekman Street NYU Hospital site. NYU Downtown Hospital, Forest City Ratner and Pace University were present. We are waiting to see if they will work with us on community issues regarding on the construction of the new building on Beekman Street.
- Site 5C/5B, not a lot of progress yet. 5C goes to CPC tomorrow and it will be approved. Because ownership was shifted to HPD, essential community input via the Borough Board was avoided.
- Tribeca overdevelopment. Four major developments in the next 6 months all of which will try to exceed the zoning laws in Tribeca. The Community Board will resist these efforts. The Chair urges a strong response against zoning exceptions. Tribeca is about neighborhoods that survive in particular contexts, not just housing. A special task force meeting on zoning is scheduled for Friday July 30th.
- Reported on various expenses of Friends of CB 1.

Treasurer's Report:

Joe Lerner reported that we spent most of our money and that's a good thing. A written report was distributed.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: SEE RESOLUTIONS AT END OF MINUTES

A. Executive Committee

- Route 9A Reconstruction

There were 16 public speakers on this topic. All supported the at-grade option and opposed the short by-pass.

Peter Levenson, one of the developers of 90 West Street, supports "at grade" alternative; expects 90 West Street to be complete next summer. If tunnel is chosen 90 West Street will be inaccessible.

Thorton Latrop, BPC Resident. Supports CB 1 resolution favoring at-grade option.

Joanne Taylor, BPC Resident. Supports CB 1 resolution for "at grade" alternative.

Pan Langford, supports at-grade alternative.

Matt Viggiano, for State Senator Connor - Supports “at grade” alternative.

Sadie Dyer for Assemblymember Glick - Supports “at-grade” alternative.

Frederick Ling – Supports “at-grade” alternative.

Yvonne Morrow - Reported that entire community is against the tunnel. Emphasized the exorbitant cost.

Bill Love, Save West Street Coalition - Supports “at-grade” alternative.

Karlene Wiese, BPC – Supports our resolution against the tunnel.

Gene Russonoff, NY Straphangers – Supports “at-grade” alternative, emphasizing the negatives of the tunnel is important.

Michael Sinansky - Supports CB 1 “at-grade” alternative resolution.

Rick Muller for C. Virginia Fields – Supports “at-grade” alternative resolution of CB 1.

John Dellaportos, “Save West Street Coalition” - Supports at-grade alternative resolution of CB 1.

Benjamin Hemrice, Soho resident – Supports at grade CB 1 resolution.

Jeanna Orkin – Supports CB 1 at grade alternative resolution.

The Community Board then discussed the resolution.

Joe Lerner, Board Member – In favor of at grade alternative and against the money that goes to the air link. He suggested we leave out all references to the air link. There’s plenty of money for transportation needs for us in Washington, DC.

Tim Lannan, Board Member – Supports the at grade alternative and CB 1 resolution.

Julie Menin, Board Member – Pointed out that this money is earmarked for transportation.

Albert Capsouto, Board Member – Suggested that the money saved by not building the by-pass be earmarked for other transportation projects not just the LIRR/JFK Link and suggested citing other transportation needs such as the 2nd Avenue subway, and rebuilding the East River Waterfront.

Jen Hensley, Board Member - said the CB should be making a strong statement in support of the LIRR/JFK transportation link.

Anthony Notaro, Board Member – Spoke in support of the CB 1 at grade alternative resolution.

Tom Goodkind, Board Member – Recommended that we add “no action alternative” to the resolution.

Michael Connolly, Board Member - Supports the by-pass and cannot support the CB 1 resolution.

Linda Roche called the question. The vote was 28 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused.

B. Combined WTC Redevelopment, BPC and Financial Committees

RE: Route 9A Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, West Thames Street to Chambers Street

A resolution commenting on the EIS was approved by a vote of 28 in favor, 10 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused.

RE: Route 9A, Southern Promenade

A resolution which recommended adding active recreation space to the design was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

RE: Fulton Street Transit Center

The committee resolution was approved by a vote of 39 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

RE: Demolition of 130 Liberty Street (aka Deutsche Bank Building)

Catherine McVay Hughes suggested an amendment rewording certain passages and it was accepted and incorporated into the resolution.

Marc Ameruso’s suggested amendment to the resolution was voted down by a vote of 17 in favor, 16 opposed and 3 abstained.

Paul Hovitz suggested modified language calling for open meetings of the Deutsche Bank Demolition Advisory Board.

His amendments carried by a vote of 21 in favor, 13 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused.

The resolution indicating our concerns and conditions for the demolition was then approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained and 0 recused as modified.

C. **Seaport/Civic Center Committee**

RE: NYU Downtown Hospital Parking Lot Development.

Paul Epstein spoke in support of the NYU Downtown Hospital resolution.

The chair, in response to concerns on the resolution's wording by Dan Slippen of Pace University, suggested an amendment stating that we appreciate that Pace University is working with CB 1 to find community space in the building. The CB resolution insisting on modifications to address community concerns, was approved with this amendment by a vote of 29 in favor, 0 opposed, 4 abstained and 1 recused.

RE: Restoration of Bus Stops on Frankfort and Pearl Streets

A resolution requesting restoration of two bus stops was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused.

D. **Waterfront Committee**

Linda Roche reported that the City is working on a plan to restore the East River Waterfront, which utilizes many ideas proposed in the 2002 CB #1/Downtown Alliance plan.

E. **Tribeca Committee**

RE: Proposed plan for the park at Lighthouse and Canal Streets

A resolution in support was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

RE: 241 West Broadway, liquor license application for George Forgeois

A resolution was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

RE: 161 Hudson Street, liquor license application for Reversal of Fortune Inc.

A resolution was approved by a vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused.

F. **Financial District Committee**

RE: 2 Gold Street, proposed decorative sidewalk treatment

A resolution in support was approved by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

G. **Landmarks Committee**

The committee presented the following resolutions, which were approved by a hand vote of 31 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

- 253 Broadway, awning and new signage
- 177-179 Duane Street, application to replace cast iron vault covers with concrete and diamond plate
- 66 Leonard Street, application to install rooftop railing
- 90 West Street, application to establish a master plan governing future storefront alterations
- 21-23 South William Street, application to construct a rooftop addition, add dormer windows and install lotline windows and balconies

H. **Youth Committee**

Reported the next youth fair will be on November 4, 2004 at St. John's University.

I. **Art & Entertainment Task Force**

The committee presented the following two resolutions, which were approved by a hand vote of 30 in favor, 0 opposed, 0, abstained and 0 recused.

- Proposed temporary art installation entitled "Freedom of Expression National Monument" by Creative Time at Foley Square
- Proposed temporary exhibition for City Hall Park of various sculptures by Julian Opie sponsored by The Public Art Fund

J. **Battery Park City Committee**

RE: Battery Park City Parents and Neighbors Association Street Fair

A resolution in support was approved by a vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

The meeting was adjourned 8:45 PM

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 MEETING
ATTENDANCE, JULY 27, 2004

BOARD MEMBER	ATTENDANCE	BOARD MEMBER	ATTENDANCE
ALDAMUY, A.	PRESENT	LANDMAN, R.	PRESENT
ALEXANDER, R.	PRESENT	LANNAN, T.	PRESENT
AMERUSO, M.	PRESENT	LERNER, J.	PRESENT
ANDERSON, E.	PRESENT	MCVAY HUGHES, C.	PRESENT
BELFER, L.	EXCUSED	MENIN, J.	PRESENT
BERGER, E.	PRESENT	MOORE, P.	PRESENT
BROWN SPITZMUELLER, J.	PRESENT	MORRONE, J.	EXCUSED
BYROM, R.	PRESENT	NOTARO, A.	PRESENT
CAPSOUTO, A.	PRESENT	O'KEEFE, R.	PRESENT
CONNOLLY, M.	PRESENT	OLSEN, G.	PRESENT
DESARAM, C.	ABSENT	PAPA, V.	PRESENT
DONNENFELD, M.	PRESENT	PEPE, R.	ABSENT
EHRMANN, B.	PRESENT	PERKINS, U.	PRESENT
FEIG, M.	ABSENT	REED, H.	PRESENT
FRATTA, J.	PRESENT	ROCHE, L.	PRESENT
FUNG, M.	ABSENT	ROSSI, S.	PRESENT
GALLOWAY, J.	ABSENT	SCHER, P.	ABSENT
GOODKIND, T.	PRESENT	SHEFFE, E.	PRESENT
GREGORY, A.	ABSENT	SIPOS, P.	PRESENT
HENSLEY, J.	PRESENT	SKIDMORE, M.	PRESENT
HOBSON, H.	PRESENT	SKINNER, R.	PRESENT
HOVITZ, P.	PRESENT	SKOLNICK, B.	PRESENT
JEFFERSON, N.	PRESENT	TOWNLEY, R.	EXCUSED
KENNEDY, R.	PRESENT	WILS, M.	PRESENT
KOPEL, J.	PRESENT		
PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR REPRESENTATIVE	ATTENDANCE		
FIELDS, V.			
GERSON, A.	R. FORST, PRESENT		
CONNOR, M.			
GLICK, D.	S. DYER, PRESENT		
SILVER, S.			
NADLER, J.			
BLOOMBERG, M.			
GOTBAUM, B.			
THOMPSON, W.			

COMMITTEE MEETING ATTENDANCE
FOR THE MONTH JULY 2004

Art & Entertainment Task Force
7-21-04

PRESENT

J. MENIN
P. MOORE
M. AMERUSO

EXCUSED

ABSENT

R. BYROM
M. DONNENFELD
B. EHRMANN
T. LANNAN
H. REED
P. SIPOS
V. PAPA

Executive
7-14-04

PRESENT

A. CAPSOUTO
M. DONNENFELD
P. HOVITZ
R. KENNEDY
J. LERNER
A. NOTARO
R. O'KEEFE
L. ROCHE
M. WILS
S. ROSSI

EXCUSED

ABSENT

B. EHRMANN

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Landmarks
7-22-04

PRESENT

M. AMERUSO
R. BYROM
R. LANDMAN
H. REED

EXCUSED

ABSENT

A. CAPSOUTO
M. CONNOLLY
M. DONNENFELD
C. DESARAM
B. EHRMANN
T. LANNAN
P. SIPOS
E. ANDERSON

Seaport/Civic Center
7-13-04

PRESENT

M. DONNENFELD
J. FRATTA
J. HENSLEY
P. HOVITZ
R. LANDMAN
J. LERNER
V. PAPA
U. PERKINS
H. REED
M. SKIDMORE
H. HOBSON

EXCUSED

ABSENT

A. GREGORY
L. ROCHE
M. FEIG

Tribeca
7-8-04

PRESENT

R. ALEXANDER
M. AMERUSO
J. BROWN SPITZMUELLER
A. CAPSOUTO
M. CONNOLLY
G. OLSEN
R. PEPE
P. SCHER
P. SIPOS
E. ANDERSON
N. JEFFERSON

EXCUSED

ABSENT

R. BYROM
C. DESARAM
B. EHRMANN
M. FUNG
A. GREGORY
T. LANNAN

WTC Redevelopment
7-21-04

PRESENT

M. AMERUSO
A. CAPSOUTO
M. CONNOLLY
M. FUNG
J. GALLOWAY
J. HENSLEY
R. KENNEDY
C. MCVAY HUGHES
J. MENIN
P. MOORE
A. NOTARO
U. PERKINS
P. SCHER
J. KOPEL
M. FEIG

EXCUSED

ABSENT

M. DONNENFELD
R. O'KEEFE
L. ROCHE
P. SIPOS
B. SKOLNICK

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Youth & Education
7-20-04

PRESENT

J. BROWN SPITZMUELLER
M. DONNENFELD
J. GALLOWAY
T. GOODKIND
P. HOVITZ
G. OLSEN
R. SKINNER
B. SKOLNICK
R. TOWNLEY

EXCUSED

ABSENT

J. MORRONE