

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 20, 2007

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: FINANCIAL DISTRICT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: BSA application to extend the term of the previously granted special permit allowing the operation of a physical culture establishment at 30 Wall Street

WHEREAS: The applicant seeks a standard ten year extension of the term of the previously granted special permit allowing the operation of a physical culture establishment at 30 Wall Street, and

WHEREAS: Community Board One is not aware of any problems associated with the operation of a physical culture establishment at 30 Wall Street, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED:

THAT: Community Board One recommends that the Board of Standards and Appeals approve the application for a standard ten year extension of the term of the previously granted special permit allowing the operation of a physical culture establishment at 30 Wall Street.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 60 Pearl Street, beer and wine license application for 60 Pearl Street restaurant LLC d/b/a American Masala

WHEREAS: The applicant proposes to operate a restaurant with 37 tables and 74 seats, and

WHEREAS: The proposed maximum hours of operation will be 11 a.m. until midnight seven days a week, and

WHEREAS: The applicant intends to have background music, and

WHEREAS: The applicant represented that it will not be seeking either a cabaret license or a sidewalk café license, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the beer and wine license application for 60 Pearl Street restaurant located at 60 Pearl Street for a period of two years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposed street closure on Friday, September 28, 2007, Murray Street between Broadway and Church Street by the Downtown Visiting Neighbors

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the Downtown Visiting Neighbors to close Murray Street between Broadway and Church Street for a street fair on Friday, September 28, 2007 during the hours of 8 AM – 8 PM.

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PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposed street closure on Friday, April 13, 2007, Bowling Green between Broadway and Beaver Street by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater NY

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater NY to close Bowling Green between Broadway and Beaver Street for their Greek Independence Day Celebration on Friday, April 13, 2007 during the hours of 11:30 AM – 3 PM.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Landmarks Preservation Commission Fiscal Year 2008 Budget

WHEREAS: Between 1991 and 2006 the budget of the Landmarks Preservation Commission fell 43% in real dollars and the size of the staff has fallen from 70 to 52 employees, and

WHEREAS: We applaud Mayor Bloomberg for proposing an increase in LPC's budget to \$4.3 million in fiscal year 2008 with 57 staff positions, but note the increase is just a fraction of what is need to function properly and better serve the public, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 supports increasing the funding for the Landmarks Preservation Commission by an additional \$1 million to a total of \$5.3 million to help increase the pace of designation, increase the enforcement of the law, and help the Commission better serve the public.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	4 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 213 – 219 Front Street, LPC application for installation of two signs extending from the building for Stella Maris Restaurant

WHEREAS: The applicant was not aware of the LPC guidelines for signage in Historic Districts, and

WHEREAS: The proposed sign was of quality materials but was too big, and

WHEREAS: The applicant agreed to use the materials shown but reduce the size to comply with LPC guidelines, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve the application on the basis that it is revised to comply with LPC signage guidelines.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: 443 Greenwich Street, LPC application for Certificate of Appropriateness and Report for Sec. 74-711 Special Permit to allow residential and hotel use

WHEREAS: 443 Greenwich Street is really two commercial warehouse buildings, one completed in 1883 and the other in 1884, and

WHEREAS: The building, with an FAR of 6 is overbuilt, and

WHEREAS: While the committee recognizes and applauds the anticipated level of restoration. We cannot ignore the massive size and scale of a 15-foot high building- wide addition peppered with 22 foot high elevator shaft enclosures; an architectural ghost ship run aground on the roof of 443 Greenwich St. and clearly visible from multiple vantage points throughout Tribeca, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission deny this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	41 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application for Renewal of Summer on Premises Liquor License
93 South Street Seaport Rest. Corp.
Doing Business As Heartland Brewery
South Street Seaport North Side – Spiegel Tent Performance Venue

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the Summer on premises liquor license renewal application for 93 South Street Seaport Rest. Corp. at the South Street Seaport North Side for the Spiegel Tent Performance

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	2 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	5 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Proposed street closure on Thursday, April 26, 2007 by the Bureau of Human Resources on behalf of the NYC Health and Metal Hygiene on Worth Street between Centre Street and Lafayette Street

BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 does not oppose the proposed street activity permit submitted by the Bureau of the Human Resources on behalf of the NYC Health and Mental Hygiene to close Worth Street between Centre Street and Lafayette Street for their annual take our children to work day event on Thursday, April 26, 2007 during the hours of 8:00 AM – 3 PM.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: SEAPORT/CIVIC CENTER

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	2 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	36 In Favor	1 Opposed	2 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Request for Dog Run in Seaport/Financial District by Coalition of Dog Owners/lovers For a Dog Run

WHEREAS: The Coalition for a Dog Run has requested that the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) incorporate a dog run into the design of the East River Waterfront Park to serve the Seaport/Financial District residents, and

WHEREAS: The park is in planning stages and there is a necessity to find a short-term solution until the park is built, and

WHEREAS: The Coalition for a Dog Run has surveyed the neighborhood and wants to explore with NYCEDC the potential use of some underutilized areas for a temporary dog run, and

WHEREAS: The Coalition for a Dog Run will return to CB 1 with a specific site, and will present its site recommendation to both the Seaport/Civic Center and Waterfront Committees, and

WHEREAS: The NYCEDC will fund site preparation of a temporary dog run and the Coalition for a Dog Run will fund its maintenance, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 supports the request of the Coalition for a Dog Run for a temporary dog run until such time as NYCEDC can provide a permanent dog run as part of East River Waterfront Park.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	38 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Potential General Growth Properties Tower at the South St. Seaport

WHEREAS: At a recent CB 1 sponsored meeting General Growth Properties, which is preparing a new plan for the South Street Seaport, presented several potential development concepts for Pier 17, and

WHEREAS: One potential development scenario would be a tower adjacent to Pier 17, and the proposal generated overwhelming opposition from the audience in attendance, and

WHEREAS: Such a tower would be out of scale with the small, four and five story buildings which characterize the South Street Seaport Historic District, and

WHEREAS: Most of the area immediately adjacent to the East River is covered by Waterfront Zoning regulations which caps the height of buildings at low levels, and

WHEREAS: Such a plan for a tower in this area is not mentioned anywhere in the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the East River Waterfront Esplanade and Piers project, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 is supportive of efforts by General Growth Properties to restore and reinvigorate the South Street Seaport and particularly its plan to make the Seaport more appealing to local residents, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 strongly opposes any potential tower for the South Street Seaport, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board #1 urges General Growth to work closely with the Community Board to arrive at a plan for the Seaport that will win the support of the community.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application for renewal of liquor license
Apogee Events, Inc
Doing Business as Tribeca Rooftop
2 Desbrosses Street at Hudson Street

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license renewal application for Apogee
Events, Inc. at 2 Desbrosses Street.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application for renewal of liquor license
MXK Restaurant Corp.
Doing Business as Club Remix
27 Park Place at Church Street

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license renewal application for MXK
Restaurant Corp. at 27 Park Place.

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COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application for renewal of liquor license
The Champagne Bar and Company
Doing Business as The Bubble Lounge
228 West Broadway at White Street

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license renewal application for the
Champagne Bar and Company at 228 West Broadway.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application for Permission to extend the liquor license to include the
Outdoor Cafe
Il Mattone Corp.
Doing Business as Il Mattone
413 Greenwich Street at Hubert Street

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the liquor license extension application for Il
Mattone Corp. at 413 Greenwich Street.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Application to upgrade from beer and wine to full liquor license TK
Restaurant Corp.
Doing Business as Square Diner
33 Leonard Street at West Broadway

WHEREAS: CB #1 has not received any complaints about this establishment, and

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the application for upgrade from beer and wine to
full liquor license for TK Restaurant at 33 Leonard Street.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRIBECA

COMMITTEE VOTE:	7 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	42 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Name of Company: David Bouley, LLC
163 Duane Street
Cross Streets: Duane and Hudson Streets

WHEREAS: The applicant proposes to operate a liquor license, now

WHEREAS: The proposed maximum hours of operation for food and bar service will be will be 11:00 am to 11:00 pm, and

WHEREAS: The proposed establishment will be a restaurant, and

WHEREAS: The total square footage is 6,000 and the number of tables/seats is 38/105 and the square footage of the bar area is 250 and the number of seats is 10, and

WHEREAS: There will be no live music, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not seek a sidewalk café, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not intend to seek a cabaret license, and

WHEREAS: The applicant will not engage outside promoters, and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to these conditions to the SLA application, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB #1 does not oppose the license application for David Bouley, LLC located at 163 Duane Street, for a period of two years subject to compliance by the applicant with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	9 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
PUBLIC VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused
BOARD VOTE:	43 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Recused

RE: Pier 26 boathouse

WHEREAS: Community Board One has reviewed HRPT's plans for the boathouse/restaurant for Pier 26, and

WHEREAS: Community Board One in its resolution of June 18, 2002, regarding the concept design for pier 26, stated that "The buildings on Pier 26 should signify Estuarium and Boathouse and be the major attraction. The restaurant use should be secondary and not a 'destination restaurant.'"

WHEREAS: HRPT has architectural plans for a large commercial restaurant with approximately 229 seats to be attached to a public boathouse, and

WHEREAS: HRPT has no plans to rebuild the estuarium (what had been The River Project), and the two public amenities, the boathouse *and* estuarium are long-time community and HRPT mandates for Pier 26, and

WHEREAS: Community Board One had not previously been shown these plans by HRPT, and HRPT staff had planned to bid out these plans without showing them to Community Board One first, and

WHEREAS: No meaningful community input is evident in these boathouse/restaurant plans, and HRPT is required by its governing legislation to engage in constructive park planning with Community Board One, Two and Four, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One rejects HRPT's proposed boathouse/restaurant plans as unacceptable to Community Board One since they:

1. Do not adequately serve the people's needs
2. Are wasteful of scarce resources and space -- the boathouse will not accommodate the boats it was designed to store.

3. Have the potential to overly commercialize Pier 26
4. Do not address the construction of an estuarium at all, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board One demands that HRPT *not* bid out or seek funding for these boathouse/restaurant plans until the plans undergo major revisions, with the active participation of Community Board One, so that the original vision and primary purposes of the Pier, that is, to accommodate a public boathouse and public estuarium, are carried out, and that any concession stand on Pier 26 be considered as a secondary feature and *only* after the boathouse and estuarium are fully envisioned, funded, and ready for construction, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board One requires the estuarium and boathouse to be designed, constructed, and managed so that they complement community use of the Pier, the construction of which should be commenced as soon as possible in order to replace the amenities that were taken from the community by HRPT in 2005, and that the Community Board One Pier 26 Estuarium and Boathouse Task Force Reports form the basis of any future planning for this site, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

It is the position of Community Board One that it does not consider a large, 229 seat commercial restaurant, with an elevator to rooftop restaurant seating, as drawn, to be a ‘concession stand’ under the terms of the Hudson River Park Act, which states: “‘Park use’ [for pier 26] means: ...facilities incidental to public access to, and use and enjoyment of park uses, such as *concession stands*, information stands, comfort stations, boathouses...” [Italics ours] Sec. 3 (h) (viii), and HRPT plans showing this large 229 seat commercial restaurant on Pier 26 are, at a minimum, antithetical to the spirit of the legislation, and have the potential to create significant negative effects on the Pier, Park, neighboring community and environment, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED
THAT:

Community Board One requires HRPT to abide by the intent of its governing legislation, which states: “to provide for *meaningful* public notice, participation, consultation and review in the planning, development and operation of the park, which shall include, but not limited to (i) consultation with community boards one, two and four within the Borough of Manhattan...” [Italics ours] sec. 7(f), and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: Community Board One requires the full participation of the Pier 26 Task Force in all future HRPT planning for this area, to ensure that development, programming and management of these public facilities meet the needs of this fast growing residential community in accordance with the terms of the Hudson River Park Act.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE: 9 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
BOARD VOTE: 43 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Broadway Transit Priority Plan – Heavy Congestion Contingency Plan

WHEREAS: Residences and businesses on and along Broadway have been severely adversely affected for almost six years by restricted access and multiple construction projects related to redevelopment of the World Trade Center site, and

WHEREAS: The current and planned construction projects throughout Lower Manhattan have created a traffic crisis that will only increase in the coming years, and

WHEREAS: Whereas CB#1 appreciates the involvement of the New York City Department of Transportation (NYCDOT) in addressing the congestion of Lower Broadway, and

WHEREAS: NYCDOT plans to dedicate one lane of southbound traffic on Lower Broadway to buses and the other lane to all other vehicles, and

WHEREAS: NYCDOT plans to construct two bus “bulbs” in the CB 1 area on Broadway at Walker and Franklin Streets to improve the flow of buses, now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 requests access to NYCDOT Trafficstat data and models used to develop the plans for traffic mitigation, including but not limited to a dedicated bus lane and bus bulbs, and the creation of a comprehensive traffic plan for Lower Manhattan and until such data, plan and modeling are presented and shown to establish feasibility of such measures, CB1 opposes the dedicated bus lane and bus bulbs and heavy congestion contingency plan, and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 recommends NYCDOT share the plan for bus bulbs north of the CB 1 area with the affected Community Board before it is implemented.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WTC REDEVELOPMENT/
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT TASK FORCE

WTC REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

COMMITTEE VOTE: 11 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

PUBLIC VOTE: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT TASK FORCE VOTE:

COMMITTEE VOTE: 5 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

TASK FORCE VOTE: 1 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

BOARD VOTE: 40 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

RE: Performing Arts Center

WHEREAS: Community Board #1 reiterates its position in numerous resolutions (September 2002, January 2003, July 2003, February 2004, April 2004, July 2005, September 2005, November 2005, December 2005, March 2006, April 2006, May 2006, September 2006, October 2006) supporting the goal of redeveloping the WTC site in a manner that is compatible with the development of a vibrant economy and a livable and dynamic mixed-use community, and

WHEREAS: A Master Plan was established for rebuilding Lower Manhattan following a lengthy public planning process, and

WHEREAS: There has always been a clear consensus that the development of significant and varied cultural facilities is essential to the successful revitalization of the WTC site and Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: The Frank Gehry-designed performing arts center (PAC) is a key element of the Master Plan established for rebuilding Lower Manhattan following a lengthy public planning process and is essential to the revitalization of Lower Manhattan, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 continues to be concerned about reported plans to use the site of the PAC as a staging center for the construction of the Freedom Tower, a temporary entrance and exit for the Calatrava-designed PATH station, and other uses unrelated to the PAC, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 does not believe that the process relating to the planning and development of the PAC or other cultural facilities or programs for the WTC site has been open or transparent or that the views of residents and workers in Lower Manhattan have been adequately considered in the decision-making process, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 also continues to be concerned that no funding has been obtained or allocated for the PAC other than a grant from the Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) for a preliminary design study by Frank Gehry, the results of which have never been publicly reported, and

WHEREAS: CB#1 has not had an update on progress on the planning and development of the PAC since October 2006, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 strongly believes that completion of the PAC -- which is the only cultural enhancement planned for the WTC site as a result of the elimination of the Cultural Center originally planned for the site under the Master Plan -- is essential to the success of the Master Plan and the revitalization of Lower Manhattan, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 is very concerned that 5½ years after September 11 there is still no lead agency or authority in charge of making the PAC or any other cultural enhancements for the WTC site a reality, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 requests a detailed update on the preliminary design for the PAC including detail on the use of LMDC funds allocated for this purpose, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 further requests that the planning process relating to the planning and development of the PAC and other cultural enhancements for the WTC site be open and transparent in the future and recommends the immediate formation of an advisory panel including representatives of CB#1 to address issues relating to the PAC and other cultural enhancements for the WTC site, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 encourages the State of New York, The City of New York, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the LMDC, Silverstein Properties and other involved public and private agencies to consider other possible cultural facilities and programming for the WTC site in addition to the PAC including, for example, the development of additional gallery or performance spaces in portions of the vast commercial developments already planned for the site along the model of Jazz at Lincoln Center in the Time Warner building, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 urgently requests that the State of New York, The City of New York, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ), the LMDC, Silverstein Properties and other involved public and private agencies and take all possible steps to prevent use of the site of the PAC for unrelated purposes and ensure that construction can commence as soon as possible, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB#1 urgently requests that The City of New York, PANYNJ and other involved public and private agencies involved in the reconstruction of the WTC site respect the very strong desire of the community to see that the PAC is built in a timely manner.