

COMMUNITY BOARD 1 – MANHATTAN
RESOLUTION

DATE: MARCH 26, 2019

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LAND USE, ZONING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	2 Rescued

RE: 250 Water Street – Brownfield Cleanup Program Application and Future Development of the Site

WHEREAS: The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) manages the Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The BCP is voluntary and encourages private-sector cleanup of Brownfield sites in exchange for tax benefits and clearance of liability; and

WHEREAS: 250 Seaport District LLC, a Delaware limited liability company formed in June 2018 by Howard Hughes Corporation (HHC) upon its purchase of the “Millstein Parking Lot” property located at 250 Water Street (the Site), has submitted a BCP application to DEC for the propose remediation of the Site, ostensibly as part of some plan for future development; and

WHEREAS: This rather large Site has two elementary schools, The Peck Slip School and The Blue School, with hundreds of children and school staff located directly across the street from the Site. Thousands of residents, including seniors and children, also live very close to the site. In addition, its proximity to the popular South Street Seaport and Brooklyn Bridge bring thousands of visitors to this area every day; and

WHEREAS: 250 Seaport District LLC and HHC engaged Langan Engineering and Environmental Services (Langan) to conduct site assessment and advise on the BCP application to DEC. Langan and HHC attended a January 2019 meeting of the Land Use, Zoning and Economic Development Committee of Community Board 1 (CB1), where Langan and HHC reported that initial testing of the site revealed the existence of toxic materials including mercury and petroleum which require remediation; and

WHEREAS: Many local residents and representatives of nearby schools have expressed various concern over this matter, including particular questions and objections to the potential disturbance of toxic materials and exposure to residents, elementary school students and staff, and others in the area, along with questions regarding the extent and scope of any potential remediation given HHC’s public representations that no plans currently exist for development of the site; and

- WHEREAS: In response to the great community interest in this application, DEC extended the comment period from 30 days to 60 days. The comment period closed on March 6, 2019 and DEC staff reported that they received over 250 responses to this application; and
- WHEREAS: In 1977, the Landmarks Preservation Commission designated the South Street Seaport Historic District, in which the Site lies, citing in its designation report the character of the District and "... the small scale brick buildings which contrast dramatically with the soaring skyscrapers nearby." A CB1 Resolution from January 9, 1990 succinctly described the South Street Seaport Historic District as "a small and totally unique 10 block area consisting primarily of four and five story brick buildings constructed in the mid-nineteenth century which stand in dramatic contrast to the high rise towers which prevail throughout most of Lower Manhattan"; and
- WHEREAS: Various proposals over the years to develop large and tall buildings on the Site, including one in 1996 to build a 30-story building, failed; and
- WHEREAS: In 2003, after years of effort by CB1, local residents, community organizations and local elected officials – and upon the formal application co-sponsored by CB1 and the Department of City Planning (DCP) – the City Council approved a rezoning of the entire 10-block South Street Seaport Historic District, including the Site, from C6-4 to C6-2A, with a building height limitation of 120 feet; and
- WHEREAS: In a resolution dated November 16, 2004, CB1 restated its "categorical objection to any waiver of the 120 foot height restriction applicable to 250 Water Street" in the context of a proposal at that time to construct a promised K-8 elementary school on the Site; and
- WHEREAS: In 2014, the Seaport Working Group also adopted a guideline regarding heights and views for the Historic South Street Seaport that stated buildings should be contextual and not adversely impact neighborhood scale and character; and
- WHEREAS: HHC has not yet disclosed publicly its development plans for the 250 Water Street site, and in fact, HCC continues to publicly represent, including at the January 2019 meeting with the CB1 Land Use Committee, that HHC does not yet have development plans for the Site. There are looming and serious questions as to how HHC can plan to conduct a BCP remediation if in fact it currently has no development plan for the future use of the Site; and
- WHEREAS: However, in a meeting of the Seaport Advisory Group in March 2019 HHC commented that they hoped to start remediation in 2020 when they had an approved construction plan; and
- WHEREAS: CB1 has made repeated requests for HHC to provide a master plan for its properties throughout the entirety of the South Street Seaport area; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 urges that neither HHC nor the DEC should proceed with the BCP application for 250 Water Street until HHC discloses its approved plans for the Site, including obtaining all necessary discretionary approvals for any development of the Site, and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 is clearly on record stating that the Site should be developed only in compliance with the C6-2A zoning, with a 120-foot height limit that was proposed by CB1 and DCP and universally agreed to in 2003 for the South Street Seaport Historic District; and

BE IT
FURTHER
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 reiterates the request for HCC to provide a comprehensive master plan for their properties throughout the entirety of the South Street Seaport area.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: 77 White Street, an application to remove and salvage existing original sidewalk vault lights which have been covered in painted diamond plate since LPC designation of the Tribeca East Historic District

WHEREAS: The original White Street stepped vault lights are completely covered in painted black diamond plate and this condition predates LPC designation; and

WHEREAS: After a thorough investigation of the existing original sidewalk vault lights along the White Street façade, the applicant determined there were 3 levels of deterioration: severe deterioration, moderate deterioration and minimal deterioration; and

WHEREAS: All of the existing vault lights will be removed. Severely deteriorated pieces will be discarded, moderately and minimally deteriorated pieces will be salvaged; and

WHEREAS: The Committee requested and the applicant agreed they would accommodate in their revised design an area where the salvaged sidewalk vault lights could be visible to the public, prevent further deterioration and make the vault below watertight; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB 1 approves the proposed vault light removal, reinstallation (of as many as possible), and safe on site dry storage of the salvaged vault light parts, noting that sidewalk vault lights are highly contributing historical elements within all of the Tribeca historic districts and other historic districts within CB1.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LANDMARKS & PRESERVATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	0 Opposed	2 Abstained	1 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	WITHDRAWN			

RE: 105-107 Reade Street, application for restoration and metal/glass rooftop addition to existing 5-story building constructed in 1860-1861

WHEREAS: This structure in the Tribeca South Historic District is beautiful but needy, as it is actually two buildings with a center pediment; and

WHEREAS: The new storefront restoration will be of wood and clear glass, echoing its historic nature; and

WHEREAS: The new owner has been a longtime neighborhood resident on the block and is to be commended for his design vision; and

WHEREAS: The cost of that vision is a 3800 square -foot penthouse with a zinc and glass rooftop extension; and

WHEREAS: The addition is unacceptably visible from West Broadway and Bogardus Triangle, enough so to distort the open view of the historic district looking East; and

WHEREAS: While the Landmarks Preservation Commission had approved an utterly uncontextual extension previously, against the recommendation of every preservation organization and the Community Board, a proposed construction on the corner building west of the subject property would have blocked the view of that extension, and

WHEREAS: The construction on the corner building did not happen, and cannot happen, since complex settling issues have caused one building to lean over the property line of the other; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 recommends that the Landmarks Preservation Commission rejects this application.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LICENSING & PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	1 Rescued

RE: 89 South Street, Pier 17, application for liquor license for Pier 17 GR Restaurant, LLC and Seaport F & B LLC

WHEREAS: The applicant, Pier 17 GR Restaurant, LLC and Seaport F & B LLC, is applying for an on-premise liquor license for 89 South Street, Pier 17; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are three or more establishments with on premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The establishment is a bar and restaurant; and

WHEREAS: The establishment is a 1,962 square foot building with a 660 square foot dining area with 14 tables and 44 seats; and

WHEREAS: The hours of operation will be 10AM to 1AM from Sunday through Wednesday and 10AM to 2AM from Thursday through Saturday; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there will be recorded background music and no DJs, no live music, no dancing, no promoted events, no cover fee events or scheduled performances; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to abide by the CB1 definition of background music, such that no sound will be heard outside or by neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has stated the doors will be open during warm weather conditions; and

WHEREAS: The application has notarized and not signed stipulations sheet for the inside establishment; now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 opposes the granting of a liquor license to Pier 17 GR Restaurant, LLC and Seaport F & B LLC unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LICENSING AND PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: 241 West Broadway, application for alteration of liquor license for White Walker LLC

WHEREAS: The applicant, White Walker LLC, is applying for an alteration to include the approved sidewalk cafe under the establishments existing liquor license; and

WHEREAS: The establishment is a two-floor bar/tavern with 3,100 square feet on the ground floor and 3,300 square feet on the lower level, with a 1175 square foot dining area with 24 tables and 73 seats, and a 600 square foot bar area with 1 stand-up bar and 5 tables and 22 seats; and

WHEREAS: The sidewalk cafe has 7 tables and 14 seats, and its hours of liquor service will be 10:00AM to 10:00PM Sunday through Thursday, and 10:00AM to 11:00PM on Friday and Saturday; and

WHEREAS: The applicant previously applied for and was granted a liquor license, and now intends to include its existing sidewalk cafe in the license; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has signed and notarized a stipulations sheet for the inside establishment; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 *opposes* the granting of a liquor license to White Walker LLC, at 241 West Broadway *unless* the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LICENSING & PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: 65 Broadway, the AmEx Building, application for a liquor license for 74 Parsons Corp., D/B/A pending

WHEREAS: The applicant, 74 Parsons Corp, is applying for a full restaurant liquor license for ground floor and mezzanine, with the intention of allowing liquor and restaurant service on the mezzanine level served from a kitchen on the ground floor, and a deli/grocery/eating area with beer only and no liquor on the first floor; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are three or more establishments with on premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The establishment includes an approximate 7,000 square feet on the ground floor, including the kitchen that serves both floors, and a kitchenless mezzanine level with 2,000 square foot dining area with 40 tables and 100 seats and a 780 square foot bar with 15 tables and 40 seats; and

WHEREAS: The hours of operation on the second floor bar/restaurant area will be 12PM to 11PM from Sunday through Saturday; and

WHEREAS: The hours of operation on the first floor will be 24 hours from Sunday through Saturday with beer service stopping at 4AM; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there will be no DJs, no live music, no recorded background music, no promoted events, no scheduled performances, no dancing or cover fee events; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to abide by the CB1 definition of background music, such that no sound will be heard outside or by neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has signed and notarized a stipulations sheet for the inside establishment corresponding to the their described intentions; however

WHEREAS: The committee did not see how beer service on one floor and a full liquor license on the other could be granted under one license with appropriate safeguards that liquor not be served on the ground floor; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1's contact at the SLA was mystified by the request for a single license, and suggested that we pass this on to the SLA for proper vetting, as we are generally supportive of the application; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 *opposes* the granting of a liquor license to 74 Parsons Corp at 65 Broadway *unless* the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above, provided that the SLA decides on the proper type of license or licenses that will ensure no liquor be served on the ground floor.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LICENSING & PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	11 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	1 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	31 In Favor	0 Opposed	3 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: 385 Broadway, application for Club license for HC Downtown, Inc., D/B/A High Court

WHEREAS: The applicant, HC Downtown, Inc., is applying for a Private Members Club license for High Court; and

WHEREAS: The applicant is leasing the entire building, but asking for the license to cover the 4th and 5th floors plus the rooftop; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are not three or more establishments with on premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of this establishment, but in fact there are five such establishments according to the SLA mapping system; and

WHEREAS: The establishment is a private members club, represented as fitness/social club, with licensed premises on the 4th and 5th floors, a locker room on the second floor, and a gym on the third floor; and

WHEREAS: The 4th floor is a 584 square foot space with a cafe/bar and casual work space, consisting of 20 tables and 100 seats, and one 20 feet and 1 inch stand-up bar with 3 bar stools; and

WHEREAS: The fifth floor is a 2,106 square foot space with kitchen, including a 944 square foot formal restaurant of 19 tables and 80 seats, and an 899 square foot bar/lounge with one 30 feet and 6 inches stand-up bar and 10 bar stools; and

WHEREAS: The hours of liquor service on the fourth and fifth floor will be 11AM to 1AM Sunday through Thursday and 11AM to 2AM on Friday and Saturday; and

WHEREAS: The applicant will keep all windows closed at all times; and

- WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there will be DJs, limited to a person playing curated music, live music such as a quiet jazz trio, recorded background music, cover fee events for membership only, and no dancing, no promoted events, no scheduled performances or non-musical entertainment; and
- WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to abide by the CB1 definition of background music, such that no sound will be heard outside or by neighbors; and
- WHEREAS: The applicant expects to have up to 3,000 private members in total, with each member able to bring two guests, but the expectation is that far fewer members will use the facility at any given time; and
- WHEREAS: Members will be required to abide by a code of conduct, but no code has yet been written and therefore none was supplied to the committee to be considered; and
- WHEREAS: There will be no street queuing or velvet ropes, and there will be a front desk check-in that will also keep all members and guests inside while waiting for car services; and
- WHEREAS: There is no certificate of occupancy for this building, but the estimated public assembly capacity on the 4th floor is stated to be 178, on the 5th floor the estimated capacity is 148, and the estimated capacity of the roof is 80 people; and
- WHEREAS: The applicant asked for liquor service on the roof until 11 PM on weekdays and 12 AM on weekends; and
- WHEREAS: The licensing committee generally does not recommend approval of any rooftop license applications in residential areas of CB 1 due to quality of life issues, such as the inevitable noise that echoes between buildings and disrupts the lives of the many families and children that live here; and
- WHEREAS: The only rooftop license in the area, which was opposed by CB 1, was recently granted, with limitations, by the SLA due mainly to the fact that at the time there were only two liquor licenses within 500 feet of that proposed establishment; and
- WHEREAS: There are five licenses within 500 feet of this application; and
- WHEREAS: The presentation suggested that this was not a heavily residential area, at least a dozen neighbors appeared in opposition to any use of the roof under any circumstances, and also expressed concerns about the increased street and pedestrian traffic; and
- WHEREAS: Evidence was presented by neighbors and one committee member of the many residents and residential buildings in close proximity; and

WHEREAS: The committee proposed that the rooftop will have no liquor, beer or wine and no food service, but as the premises are supposed to be mainly a fitness club, that the roof be used for yoga or similar exercise, but only from the hours of 11 AM to 5 PM and there be no use at all after 5 PM, and there be no music, amplification of sound or shouting on the floor; and that there be no more than 15 people at a time, which is what the applicant says the yoga class size would be; and

WHEREAS: The applicant did no sign or notarize a stipulation sheet; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 opposes the granting of a liquor license to HC Downtown, at 385 Broadway unless the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: LICENSING AND PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	10 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	2 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: 429 Greenwich Street, application for liquor license for Paisley Restaurant, LLC

WHEREAS: The applicant, Paisley Restaurant, LLC, is applying for a liquor license for Paisley Restaurant, LLC, D/B/A Paisley Restaurant; and

WHEREAS: One of the principals was previously head chef at Tulsi on East 46th Street, and before that at Tamarind Tribeca, and will be serving Indian Cuisine inspired by the western coast Indian state of Goa; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are no buildings used primarily as schools, churches, synagogues or other places of worship within 200 feet of this establishment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there are not three or more establishments with on premises liquor licenses within 500 feet of this establishment, but in fact the SLA mapping report shows there are at least five OP licenses within 500 feet; and

WHEREAS: The establishment is a 2742 square foot building with a 1310 square foot dining area with 17 tables and 60 seats, and a 350 foot bar area with 0 stand-up bars with 12 seats; and

WHEREAS: The hours of liquor service will be 11:00AM to 1:00AM Sunday through Thursday, and 11:00AM to 2:00AM Friday through Saturday; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has represented that there will be recorded background music, no DJs, no live music, and no dancing, no promoted events, no cover fee events, and no scheduled performances or non-musical entertainment; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has agreed to abide by the CB1 definition of background music, such that no sound will be heard outside or by neighbors; and

WHEREAS: The applicant will have delivery of supplies, goods and services during the hours of approximately 11:00AM to 2:00AM; and

WHEREAS: The applicant does not intend to apply for a sidewalk cafe license until at least a year after beginning operation; and

WHEREAS: The applicant has signed and notarized a stipulations sheet; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 *opposes* the granting of a liquor license to Paisley Restaurant, LLC at 429 Greenwich Street *unless* the applicant complies with the limitations and conditions set forth above.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: TRANSPORTATION & STREET ACTIVITY PERMITS

COMMITTEE VOTE:	6 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	32 In Favor	0 Opposed	1 Abstained	1 Rescued

RE: Congestion pricing

WHEREAS: Both New York State and New York City are proposing the implementation of congestion pricing within a designated area of New York City. This is being proposed as an item within the upcoming State Budget; and

WHEREAS: Virtually no details of this plan have been released nor has there been any public review or comment; and

WHEREAS: Firstly, all New Yorkers are rightfully concerned with the massive increase in vehicular traffic and the burden it places on our safety and environment. The rise of for-hire cars and the movement of goods and services predominately via truck delivery has dramatically impacted our quality of life; and

WHEREAS: Secondly, our city deserves an effective and reliable mass transit system which functions for everyone and supports our educational, economic, health care, public safety and maintains our vibrancy as a destination and world class city; and

WHEREAS: Both needs must be addressed but the solutions must be equitable so that any burdens and benefits are shared by all; and

WHEREAS: This plan will become simply another tax and not truly address our civic needs with burden on those who live in the affected area; and

WHEREAS: CB1 requires that both the City and State present complete details of the proposal and analysis of the costs, benefits, how and where funds raised will be used via an open and transparent public review and comment process; and

WHEREAS: CB1 will not support any plan that does not address the needs of our city and places undue burden and cost on our neighbors who, by virtue of where they live, would be disproportionately penalized, or whom may continue to suffer from poor public transit options without proper oversight and accountability; and

WHEREAS: This could become a regressive tax on those least able to pay and yet who rely on vehicular transportation for many vital needs, and may not alleviate the massive increase in vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS: Other cities have implemented congestion pricing models that are equitable and achieve the desired results and those cases must be carefully studied so that best practices may be implemented in New York City; and

WHEREAS: Community Board 1(CB1) has adopted two resolutions on congestion pricing in the past; one in February 2008 to issue comment on the former plan for implementing congestion pricing in New York City, and another in February 2018 in advance of the current congestion pricing proposal; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 believes that the City should have greater control over the congestion pricing program and transportation; and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 demands that the current initiative to implement any version of congestion pricing be halted and not incorporated into any budget or legislative action without further review.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: WATERFRONT, PARKS & CULTURAL

COMMITTEE VOTE:	5 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	3 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	33 In Favor	1 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: East River Esplanade parking under the FDR Drive current and future use

WHEREAS: The New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC) has partnered with the landscape architecture and planning firm Starr Whitehouse to complete the Brooklyn Bridge Esplanade project (formerly the “Brooklyn Bridge Beach” project) in the area running from Peck Slip to Catherine Slip, and

WHEREAS: Manhattan Community Board 1 (CB1) has hosted a number of discussions surrounding the East River Esplanade and gathered adopted numerous resolutions in the past in support of the former Brooklyn Bridge Beach project, including a resolution in February 2019 with a number of comments and recommendations for the East River Esplanade and Brooklyn Bridge Beach project, and

WHEREAS: On the east side of Community District 1 there is a considerable amount of paid, public parking under the FDR drive, from around Peck Slip to the Brooklyn Bridge, which is a generator of income for the City, and

WHEREAS: The CB1 area is highly dense with a chronic lack of open recreation areas, particularly on the east side, now

THEREFORE
BE IT
RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 urges that EDC and Starr Whitehouse make every effort to minimize the footprint of parking under the FDR drive from Peck Slip to the Brooklyn Bridge so that the space may be recaptured for public open space.

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COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: YOUTH & EDUCATION

COMMITTEE VOTE:	8 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
PUBLIC VOTE:	0 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued
BOARD VOTE:	34 In Favor	0 Opposed	0 Abstained	0 Rescued

RE: Student Safety at Unattended School Traffic Crossings

WHEREAS: As part of his “Vision Zero” plan in 2017, Mayor de Blasio committed to “hiring 100 full-time School Crossing Guard supervisors and 200 additional part-time School Crossing Guards to ensure 100 percent coverage at all school crossing posts citywide and create a mobile replacement squad to prevent empty posts from absence. While crossing posts are currently covered at near 100 percent rates by using Traffic Enforcement Agents and occasionally police officers, this funding ensures full coverage by crossing guards, allowing these agents and officers to be redeployed to other duties, including enforcement against dangerous driving;” and

WHEREAS: Investigations performed by members of CB 1’s Youth & Education Committee show this not to be the case within the district; and

WHEREAS: Currently, three of our seven posts are vacant, most remarkably those at the West Side Highway, where three are needed alone. Other posts have seen absences sometimes upwards of a week with no replacement or substitute; and

WHEREAS: CB 1 passed a resolution in October 2015, nine months after the mayor’s initiative began, which stated that three of our seven posts had still not been covered; and

WHEREAS: The resolution also stated that CB 1 members had observed absenteeism, vacant positions and inadequate supervision of crossing guards with little consistent improvement; and

WHEREAS: The New York Police Department (NYPD), which presently has jurisdiction over hiring, training and managing crossing guards, has done the best they can with the existing resources and structure, but is unable to provide consistency because the resources are still inadequate; and

WHEREAS: CB 1 is still receiving the same feedback from the NYPD about why the position is difficult to fill, and sustain: Low hourly wages; awkward, part-time hours that don’t allow for another position to be held; and low or no benefits; and

WHEREAS: CB1 has schools located in areas prone to collisions, due to its congested streets and sidewalks. This has increased in the past five years, and will continue to with more residential building projects upcoming; and

WHEREAS: This is a systemic problem; many approaches that have been introduced have subsequently failed; now

THEREFORE

BE IT

RESOLVED

THAT: CB1 strongly urges Mayor de Blasio to fulfill his obligation to hire full-time crossing guards and a crossing guard supervisor as part of his Vision Zero plan, and that he assign seven of these full-time guards to the schools in Community District 1; and

BE IT

FURTHER

RESOLVED

THAT: The City assign more resources in the form of higher salary, full benefits and more resources for the proper vetting and training of school crossing guards.