

CB1 MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2016

DATE: Tuesday, February 23, 2016
TIME: 6:00 PM
PLACE: Borough of Manhattan Community College
199 Chambers Street, Richard Harris Terrace

Chairperson Catherine McVay Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm, EST.

Public Hearing

Mayor's Preliminary Budget for FY 2017

No speakers signed up to testify at this hearing.

Public Session

- 1) Marva Craig (BMCC)
 - Welcomed CB1 to BMCC
 - 9 out of 10 BMCC students graduate debt-free
 - Among leading schools in graduating minority students
- 2) Ranger Jim (National Parks Service)
 - Please visit the National Parks in the area
 - Celebrating Black History Month in February and Women's History Month in March
- 3) Eric Mayo (Senator Daniel Squadron)
 - The Senator sent condolences to the family of the victim of the recent crane accident
 - Hosted the school overcrowding taskforce
- 4) Anas Uddin (Comptroller Scott Stringer)
 - Unemployment in NYC is lower than the national average
- 5) Maryam Abdul (Assemblymember Debra Glick)
 - Also sent condolences to the family of the crane incident victim and stated that The incident was a sad reminder of the issues of safety and disruption resulting from construction activity throughout our City. In seeking to address these issues, the

Assembly Member attended meetings with the Mayor and City Commissioners this month and also wrote a letter seeking better community input when City agencies issue construction permits.

- The inundation of tour buses is a problem throughout the City, but with the advent of lit advertisements on the sides of buses, drivers and pedestrians have the added danger of effective billboards driving down the street next to them. It is not just a quality of life issue, but also a safety concern.
- The School Overcrowding Task force was convened by the Assembly Member along with Senator Daniel Squadron, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer and Councilmember Margret Chin, the first meeting under this new collaboration. At the meeting, the Assembly Member highlighted the need to reform the formula for school seat allocations in new developments in New York City.

6) Celine Mizrahi/Jenna Jaffe (Representative Jerold Nadler)

- Jesse Jaffe will be the new representative to CB1
- Working with federal Department of Housing and Urban Development on NYCHA funding
- Helicopter industry reached an agreement with the City to reduce flights by 50%

7) Morris Chan (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)

- Happy Lunar New Year
- Thanks to everyone who came to the State of the Borough event
- Putting together a youth council
- Putting a taskforce on school overcrowding along with other elected officials
- CB1 members who reapply will no longer have to do group interviews

8) Ed Sullivan (Public Advocate Leticia James)

- Wants the mayor to change affordable housing plan to include lower income eligibility and to make sure tenants are not evicted from affordable housing. Also the number of total units should be increased and there should be no “poor doors.”

9) Sarah Cassell (Residents on BPCA Board)

- Getting signatures for petition advocating appointment of local residents to Battery Park City Authority (BPCA).

10) Nicholas Zveovintzov (Staten Island CB1 – Tourist Harassment)

- Wants to stop harassment of tourists by ticket vendors around Battery Park.

11) Dominick DeRubbio (Young Democrats of Richmond County)

- Wants to stop people from being harassed by ticket vendors around Battery Park and entrance to Staten Island ferry terminal.

12) Jessica Lappin (Downtown Alliance)

- Please support rezoning text amendment for Water Street.

13) Justine Cuccia (Local Representation on BPCA)

- They have over 1000 signatures supporting representation for BPC residents on BPCA.

14) Jessica Fiorello (NYC Lobbying Bureau)

- Offering amnesty for anyone who forgot to declare funds from lobbying.

15) Wendy Chapman (New School Announcement)

- Happy that a new school was announced for the Financial District.

16) Karen Marsh (M1-5 Lounge Complaints)

- Opposed to M1-5 Lounge

17) Young Teo (Councilmember Margaret Chin)

- Working on issues pertaining to crane crash on Worth Street
- The City Council passed co-naming of Bowling Green for Evacuation Day.

18) Wayne Turett (M1-5)

- Opposed to M1-5 Lounge

Guest Speaker

NYS Comptroller's Office Neighborhood Noise Survey – Presentation by Aida Solomon, Audit Planning and Project Supervisor

- Sent community boards surveys on noise
- Noise complaints are up city-wide, with Manhattan and Brooklyn leading
- 10,000 complaints about noise
- Please take the survey, which is available in several languages
- Hoping to create a report/profile for all 59 NYC community boards

Business Session

The Business Session began at 7:00pm, EST.

A) Adoption of January 2016 minutes

- Passed as presented

B) Chairperson's Report – C. McVay Hughes

- See the report at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/downloads/pdf/chairperson-reports/Chair%20February%202016%20report.pdf> . A few highlights:
- 60 Hudson Street Crane Collapse on Worth Street – thoughts are with the families of those who were injured or killed; investigation is underway regarding 02/05/16 tragic crane collapse; participated in many meetings/calls with City officials regarding this incident and to ensure the safety of all New Yorkers and prevent future tragedies.
- Mayor de Blasio announced new measures to increase crane safety – joined Senator Squadron, Assemblymember Glick, Bruce Ehrmann and City agencies (Worth and Church, 02/07/16)
- Borough President Brewer Construction Safety Working Group – Jeff Ehrlich appointed as the CB1 representative to this Working Group which first convened in November 2015 and has been meeting monthly to investigate and research the best approaches to tackling issues have led to dangerous conditions on and near construction sites in Manhattan.
- Resiliency – City has not yet come up with a plan to fund resiliency for Manhattan Tip. NYC has only allocated a total of \$9.5 MM (\$8MM for The Battery and \$1.5MM for the engineering study). The City and HUD are in discussions on how the \$176MM Natural Disaster Relief Competition award will be distributed south of Montgomery Street and it looks like the entire \$176MM may be allocated north of Brooklyn Bridge.

C) District Manager's Report – N. Pfefferblit

- Early indications suggest there will be no changes to community board budgets.

Committee Reports

Planning Committee – P. Kennel

- 1) Water Street Zoning Text Amendment N 160166 ZRM – Resolution *Failed*
BOARD VOTE: 16 In Favor 15 Opposed 6 Abstained 1 Recused
*Resolution did not carry
- 2) U.S. Housing and Urban Development National Disaster Resiliency Competition – Report
 - Protections against storm surge
 - See Chairperson's report
- 3) Parks Without Borders – Report

- Parks can be proposed to be included in this program.

4) NYC scaffolding legislation – Report

- Trying to get a survey done

Tribeca Committee - E. Lewinsohn

1) Crane Accident on Worth Street at 60 Hudson Street – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- The resolution calls for continuation of the Lower Manhattan Department of Transportation Commissioner’s office to coordinate construction activities.

2) 52 Walker Street, application for alteration of liquor license for KNH Enterprises LLC d/b/a M1-5 – Resolution

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- The resolution opposed the application by M1-5 for a liquor license alteration to permit a DJ, expressed dismay regarding the continued disturbances by crowds outside the establishment late at night and repeated CBI’s request for the hours to be reduced from 4 a.m. to 2 a.m.
- Residents continue to complain about late-night crowds and noise.

3) Street Activity Permit application by Tribeca Family Festival, April 21, 2016 6 p.m. – April 23, 2016 11:59 p.m., Greenwich, Beach, North Moore, Franklin, Harrison, Jay, Duane, and Reade Streets – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) Pier 26 at Hudson River Park, 233 West Street, application for restaurant liquor license for City Vineyard – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

5) Street Activity Permit application by Transportation Alternatives, October 5, 2016 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Beach Street between Greenwich and Hudson Streets – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

6) Bogardus Plaza – Report

- The plaza sponsors are working out a way to ensure that entrances to One Hudson are plowed during snowstorms.

7) Hudson River Park Security Plan – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 38 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- Committee supported request by Hudson River Park Trust for funds for security enhancements.
- 8) 388-390 Greenwich Street, City Planning certifications to permit design changes to existing plazas and the reduction in size of open areas – Report
 - They have applied to eliminate 10,000 s/f of space.
 - Some board members are opposed to this.
 - 9) Meeting with Spring Studios regarding lighting – Report

Financial District Committee – M. Ketring

- 1) Redesign to the Existing Street Seat at Pearl Street and Coenties Slip – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Helicopter tourism in Lower Manhattan – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 25 John Street, application for a beer license for New Toasties Deli, Inc. – Resolution
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 15 William Street, application for a wine & beer license for Open Market 15, Inc. –
Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) Downtown Independent Democrats Festival street activity permit application for Liberty Street between Broadway and Church Street, Sunday, July 24, 2016 10:00am to 7:00pm –
Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) Greek Easter Block Party street activity permit application for Cedar Street between William Street and Pearl Street, Sunday, May 1, 2016 11:00am – 9:00pm – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) LMC Public Art Show street activity permit application for Broad Street between Exchange Place and Wall Street, Thursday, May 26, 2016 4:00pm – 8:00pm – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) Chabad of Wall St. Community Fair street activity permit application for Liberty Street between Broadway and Trinity Place, Monday, May 30, 2016 11:00am – 6:00pm –
Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) Ziua USA – Romanian Day Festival street activity permit application for Broadway between Liberty Street and Battery Place & Whitehall Street between Stone Street and Morris Street, Sunday, May 15, 2016 11:00am – 6:00pm – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) NYC Police Museum Fair street activity permit application for Maiden Lane between Water Street and South Street, Friday, June 24, 2016 11:00am – 6:00pm – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Landmarks Committee - R. Byrom

- 1) 79 Chambers Street, application for new storefront – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) 67 Greenwich Street, application for restoration, window replacement, removal of rear addition, fences and gates and for a cantilever – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 1 Wall Street, request for interior designation – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Youth & Education Committee

T. Joyce

- 1) Lack of School Crossing Guards – Resolution *Passed*
BOARD VOTE: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 2) Study analyzing teeth for WTC exposure – Report
- Studying baby teeth for signs of WTC exposure
- 3) School Overcrowding Task Force – Report
- 4) Planning for new school at 77 Greenwich Street – Report
- Planning a gymnasium and everyone was opposed to combining a gym and an auditorium
 - Out of nine schools in lower Manhattan, only two have full-sized gyms
- 5) Gehry Building Garage – Report
- Conversation about 174 parking spaces. Follow-up will be in March.
- 6) NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) Focus Group – Report
- Replacing ERIS system

7) FEMA seeking applicants for Youth Preparedness Council – Announcement

Battery Park City Committee - A. Notaro

1) Asphalt Green Renovation and Programming Changes – Resolution *Withdrawn*

- The Committee learned following its meeting that the Battery Park City Authority will not approve removal of the kitchen and the resolution will therefore need to be rewritten to reflect this development.

2) US Postal Service – Report

- Asked to come back with more information regarding possible new services in BPC.

3) Downtown Little League 2016 Opening Day street activity permit application for Warren Street between North End Ave. and West Side Highway Saturday, April 9, 2016 7:00 am to 1:00 pm – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 34 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

4) BPCA permit requests – Report

5) Assault of youth in BPC – Report

6) Inviting BPC organizations to BPC Committee – Report

Quality of Life Committee – J. Ehrlich

1) NYC Department of Homeless Services – Report

- They are doing a lot of outreach
- 311 app allows people to report someone on the street and a worker will be dispatched to reach out to them
- Strong relationship with Downtown Alliance
- Ended chronic veteran homelessness in NYC

2) Proposed construction coordinator – Report

- Council Members Chin and Mendez presented Intro 17 to regulate after-hours construction work and reported on a letter to Deputy Mayor Shorris requesting that the Mayor’s office appoint someone to coordinate after-hours variances.

3) Formation of a construction forum – Report

- Geared toward residents dealing with construction issues

4) Reauthorization of the Zadroga Act and the ensuing Contract Solicitation Process – Report

5) WTC Survivor Cancer Program – Report

- You do not have to be a first responder to qualify
- Volunteers are covered as well as residents and workers

6) Age-friendly Neighborhood Action Plan – Report

- Group funded by City Council is researching needs of older residents.

7) 2016 TD Bank Five Boro Bike Tour Route – May 1, 2016 – Announcement

Seaport/Civic Center Committee - M. Pasanella

1) Resiliency – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) River to River street activity permit application for Front Street between Beekman Street and Peck Slip, Sunday, June 26, 2016 3:00pm – 6:00pm – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 32 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

3) 181 Front Street, application for a liquor license for an entity to be formed by Yang – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 31 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

4) 111 Fulton Street, application for a liquor license upgrade for FiDi District LLC d/b/a Bareburger – Report

5) Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Report

6) Brooklyn Bridge Beach – Report

7) City of Water Day on Saturday, July 16, 2016 – Report

8) Status of South Street Seaport development – Report

Old Business

No business to report.

New Business

Financial District Committee

1) 195 Notice of Intent to Acquire Office Space, Department of Citywide Administrative Services/Department of Sanitation, Bureau of Information and Technology, 33 Whitehall Street – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

2) 195 Notice of Intent to Acquire Office Space, Department of Citywide Administrative Services/New York City Law Department, Tort Division, 233 Broadway – Resolution *Passed*

BOARD VOTE: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Chairperson concluded the meeting at 8:53pm, EST.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, secretary.