

MANHATTAN COMMUNITY BOARD 1
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2016
DC 37
125 BARCLAY STREET
AUDITORIUM

Anthony Notaro, Jr. Chairperson called the meeting to order, introduction of the new board.

Public Session:

Maryam Abdul-Aleem of Assembly Member Deborah Glick's office – Provided legislative updates and spoke about planned improvements in traffic safety that are part of the Mayor's Vision Zero initiative and a crossing guard job fair.

Eric Mayo of Senator Squadron's Office – Senator Squadron continues to oppose helicopter tourist flights and therefore opposed the recent amendments to the lease for the Downtown Heliport. The Senator also testified at a Battery Park City Authority board meeting in support of public participation at BPCA Board meetings.

Morris Chan of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's Office – Announced Recent grants awarded by the Borough President's Office and the Borough President also opposed the renewal of the Downtown Heliport lease.

Stephanie Suazo of State Assemblymember Alice Cancel's office introduced herself.

Roxanne Earley of Councilwoman Margaret Chin's Office – Announced the upcoming Job Fair for the new Target opening in CB1.

Jenna Jaffe of Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office – Rep. Nadler participated in the sit-in protesting lack of action by Congress on gun control and also opposes tourist helicopter flights and the renewal of the Downtown Heliport lease.

Tom Goodkind – Spoke about the noted musician Alan Vega who passed away recently and was the husband of CB1 member Liz Lamere.

Public speakers regarding pending resolution for 28 Liberty Plaza:

Eric Horvat represents the owners of the building, Fosun Properties, and urged CB1 to approve the proposed modification.

Andrew Hamingson, President of the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council – Spoke in support of Fosun and noted Fosun's support for the local arts community.

Denise Courter, Founder of FiDi families – in support of the modifications being sought by Fosun due to their support for community families.

Camille Zamora, Sing for Hope Pianos – spoke in support of changes being sought by Fosun as they have supported the arts.

Doug Schachtel from Portfolio School – Please support the resolution for the proposed Portfolio School drop-off zone.

Graeme Birchall from Downtown Boathouse – Announced free kayaking on Governor’s Island to start soon.

Margot Olavarria from The River Project – Announced upcoming 30th Anniversary Event on Monday, August 1st 6pm to 9pm, and invited all to come out in support of the organization.

Annemarie Connell, ASPCA – Announced they are now working together with NYPD to address animal abuse. Please call 911 for emergency or 311 if you suspect a problem.

Rona Kluger – Discussed Manhattan air pollution and Lower Manhattan quality of life.

Bruce Ehrman – Clarified process for review of landmarks items in relation to the 28 Liberty Plaza application.

Justine Cuccia of Democracy 4 BPC – Asking the BPCA to use a working group format as part of the decision-making process for major projects like South End Avenue.

Business Session:

The minutes of the monthly meeting held on June 26, 2016 were adopted as presented.

District Manager’s report:

Noah Pfefferblit reported on the following:

SLA Update – Attended a meeting with new State Liquor Authority Commissioner Vincent Bradley along with Jeff Ehrlich and was reassured that the SLA will continue to value input from community boards.

Office will remain open in August during business hours but some staff plan to take vacation during the month.

Urban Fellows – Update by Michael Levine; Encouraged board members to think of ideas and send recommendations for projects for CB1 fellows for this year.

Treasurer’s report:

Anthony Notaro, Jr. reported:

Budget was sent out; almost all funds in the CB1 budget were spent.

Chairperson's report:

Anthony Notaro, Jr. reported on the following:

Welcomed new officers and congratulated CB1 member Liz Goody who gave birth to a daughter.

Announcement of the Kickoff of Lower Manhattan Resiliency;

Held an introductory meeting for CB1's new leadership with EDC's Manhattan Borough Director Lynn Guey.

Committee Reports:

NOTE: FULL VERION OF RESOLUTIONS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

Executive Committee – A. Notaro

Anthony Notaro., Jr. reported to the board on discussion about what committee mandates and objectives will be - See slides in meeting presentation.

Anthony also discussed committee structures of other boards and CB1 committee structure. Other boards have issue-oriented rather than geographical committees.

Landmarks Committee – R Byrom

By a Roll Call vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused approved the following:

405 Broadway, application for renewal of approval of Master Plan – Resolution

By a hand vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused the following committee resolutions were approved:

- Broad Street near Exchange Place, to oppose application for installation of two subway access elevators within the Street Plan of New Amsterdam and Colonial New York Historic District – Resolution – Note: Friendly amendment to add the word “long-time” in front of historic by M. Ameruso approved.
- 90 Hudson Street, to oppose application for installation of ADA ramp – Resolution

Youth & Education Committee – T Joyce

Request by Portfolio School for Drop-off Zone in front of their entrance representing two spots that are already a no parking area – Resolution approved by a vote of 37 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused

Paul Hovitz reported on the health and safety issues at Imagination Playground.

Paul Hovitz reported on the School Overcrowding Task Force meeting where the new Trinity Elementary School was discussed.

Battery Park City Committee – Ninfa Segarra

Resolution supporting 21 South End Avenue, application for restaurant liquor license for Ningbo Café was approved by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

Ninfa Segarra reported on the Offshore Sailing School, Ltd., Inc. summer programs.

BPCA Permit Requests discussed.

Ninfa reported that Mike Gordon gave a presentation on the Zika Virus.

Ninfa informed the board about the Battery Park City Authority public meetings regarding plans for South End Avenue.

Ninfa reported about the updates at the committee meeting by the Allied Barton Ambassadors.

Quality of Life Committee – P. Moore

NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Sunscreen Initiative – Resolution was approved by a vote of 38 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused.

Pat Moore reported to the group about the City's new crane regulations which were discussed at the committee meeting with a representative from the Department of Buildings.

Report on activity by the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment – former CB1 staff member Andrew Brokman provided updates from the MOME.

Pat Moore – more discussion is needed regarding routes for the annual TD Five Borough Bike Tour. They will return to the committee again prior to next year's race.

The committee discussed the need to improve sanitation and other quality of life issues in CB1 with Tommy Lin, our representative from the Mayor's Community Assistance Unit.

The QOL Committee discussed the recent fatal accident on the bike path on Chambers and West Streets. DOT is working on improvements at that location.

The committee received a presentation about the GrowNYC Recycling program

With the closing of the Lower Manhattan Transportation Commissioner's office, construction continues to be an issue for lower Manhattan. The committee is planning a Construction forum on September 22 at BMCC that will be co-sponsored by the Manhattan Borough President's Office and elected officials.

Seaport/Civic Center Committee – M. Pasanella

Minor modifications to the previously approved Pier 17 ULURP – Resolution was tabled and no vote taken.

Planning Committee - P. Kennell

Relocation of the World Trade Center Sphere to Liberty Park –Note: Resolution voted on even though the Port Authority had already made a decision at their board meeting. CB1 Committee Resolution was passed; Resolution was approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 4 opposed, 5 abstained and 0 recused.

Patrick Kennell gave Triple Bottom Line analysis Report.

Patrick updated the board on the Pace University Small Business Development Center which helps small business start and grow.

NYC DEP Stormwater Management plans – Report

Report compiled looking at all of the buildings that would be considered as of today as zoning non-compliant buildings because they exceed the size limitations or height and setback regulations in Community District 1. Map shows buildings that would be non-compliant for these reasons.

Tribeca Committee – A. Blank

By a hand vote of 35 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused the following committee resolutions were approved:

- 105-107 Chambers Street, Board of Standards and Appeals application for a Special Permit to legalize an existing Physical Culture Establishment, Tribeca Health & Fitness
- 113 Reade Street, application for liquor license for Serafina Tribeca Restaurant LLC
- 241 West Broadway, application for liquor license for White Walker LLC

251 Church Street, application to the SLA to include a sidewalk café for Two Hands Tribeca – Resolution was approved by a vote of 34 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused. The committee opposed extending the liquor license to the sidewalk cafe as it opposed the sidewalk café application.

Street Activity Permit Office application by Avenues for Justice, Friday, September 16, 2016, Warren Street between Broadway and Church Street – Resolution in support was defeated by a hand vote of 4 in favor, 30 opposed, 0 abstained and 0 recused. There have been complaints about use of that block for street fairs and there is concern about additional events taking place there.

62 Thomas Street, application for restaurant liquor license for Elmwood Venture LLC d/b/a Buddha Bar – the SLA held a 500' hearing on the application which Jeff Ehrlich attended on behalf of CB1 in opposition to the application along with neighbors of the proposed location.

Tribeca Trust request for downzoning Report – A representative of the Tribeca Trust spoke to the committee about their ideas for downzoning parts of Tribeca.

Marc Ameruso said that the SLA came to us to say it would not act on the application by American Flatbread until they hear from us. Item will be added to the September Agenda for The Tribeca Committee.

Financial District Committee – S. Cole

By a hand vote of 33 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstained and 1 recused the following committee resolutions were approved:

- 68-74 Trinity Place/103-109 Greenwich Street, application pursuant to section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution for a Board of Standards and Appeals variance to facilitate the development of a Parish House and Commercial Tower.
- 23 Park Place, application for sidewalk café license for Murray Place Inc. d/b/a Barleycorn.
- 4 World Trade Center – Upper Level, application for bar/tavern wine, beer & cider license for NuNu Chocolates NYC02, LLC.
- 123 Washington Street, application for restaurant liquor license for an entity to be formed by Brian Crawford.
- 21 Rector Street, application for restaurant liquor license for 21 Rector LLC d/b/a Jerry Liberatas.

The community board approved the committee resolution on Hearing on Helicopter Concession, 11 July 2016 at 2:30 PM by a vote of 32 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 abstained and 0 recused.

Susan reported on the dates for the DOT Shared Streets events this summer.

Updates discussed on the Broadway Phase 1 Reconstruction Project

Report on the Relocation of 9/11 Tribute Center

Update from the Mayor's Office of Media & Entertainment

Financial District Committee & Landmarks Committee & Planning Committee – S. Cole, P. Kennell & R. Byrom

28 Liberty Street/Chase Plaza Deed Restriction Modification; discussion stopped and Motion to Table the resolution was approved by roll call vote of 25 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstained and 0 recused.

Conversation ensued about the process and the details of the resolution. Resolution to be presented in September for a vote after there are additional opportunities discussion and more information is available.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Meltzer, Secretary