

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2014
GIBNEY DANCE
280 BROADWAY

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

I. **Public Session**

1. Welcome by Gibney Dance
 - Welcomed CB1 and the community.
2. Paul Goldstein (Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver)
 - Discussed World Trade Center campus security program.
 - Tour bus quality of life issues still prevalent in Lower Manhattan.
 - Hydrofracking is now banned in New York State.
 - Working on the planned pedestrian bridge at West Thames Street.
 - School overcrowding task force is seeking sites for pre-school and school seats.
 - Happy holidays.
3. Sarah Diaz (Assemblymember Deborah Glick)
 - Glad the hydrofracking ban has been implemented.
 - This is Sarah Diaz's last CB1 meeting as she is leaving Assembly Member Glick's staff.
4. Yume Kitasei (Councilmember Margaret Chin)
 - Passed legislation on social adult daycare.
 - The proposal for Section 8 downsizing has been stopped.
 - Michael Fortenbaugh's experience serving the community should be seriously considered by the BPCA as they determine who will operate the Battery Park City marina.
5. Morris Chan (Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer)
 - Board members with terms expiring in 2015 should submit their community board renewal applications.
 - Glad that the Landmarks Preservation Commission is not eliminating proposed landmarks for future consideration.
 - Happy to see Section 8 downsizing stopped.
6. Melissa Gindin (Senator Daniel Squadron)
 - Hosted town hall meeting on affordable housing.

- Working on Battery Park City marina issue.
7. Dan Eggers (443 Greenwich Street)
 - Thanked the Tribeca committee for its support for a variance for an accessory parking garage.
 8. Fred Riley (NYC Department of Consumer Affairs)
 - Looking for volunteers to help spread the word about earned income tax credits.
 9. Sid Ross (Grace Institute)
 - They have a workforce development program.
 - Moving to 40 Rector Street.
 10. Paul Hovitz (CB1)
 - Would like to reverse decision on wine and beer license due to a compromise.
 11. Michael Kramer (Save our Seaport)
 - Happy holidays. Supports the preservation of the historic seaport.
 12. Michael Yamin (Save Our Seaport)
 - Supports master plan for seaport.
 13. Ken Sarharin (Save our Seaport)
 - Wants funding for Seaport Museum.
 14. Julie M. Finch (Save Our Seaport)
 - Against proposed Seaport plan.
 15. Michael Fortenbaugh
 - Would like to continue to operate the Battery Park City marina.
 16. Katie Jo Fenton, Zach Gassell, Amelia Neasek, Katie Fountain, Tiffany Lin (Manhattan Sailing School)
 - Please keep the Manhattan Yacht Club as operator of the Battery Park City marina.
 - Petition submitted.

17. Sam Trottenberg, Sarah Alford, Jeremy Burbank, Andy Zangle, Steven Rawling, Julie Hylton, Kiero Galloway, Grace Dolan Flood, Gabriel Rives-Corbett, Carmen Binder, Doug Witter, Nina Sander, Thomas Berton, Rob Danzy, Allen Wolf, Ramon Cageres, John Good, Luigi Galbiati, Sam Brier, James Chen, Julia Vassalotti, Tricia Lynch, Laura Xu (North Cove Marina)
- Support keeping the current operator of the North Cove Marina with its programs that serve the community well.

II. **Business Session**

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

A) Adoption of November 2014 minutes

- The minutes were adopted unanimously as presented

B) Chairperson's Report

- The full Chair's report is available at the following link on the Community Board 1 website: http://www.nyc.gov/html/mancb1/html/archives/chairpersons_report.shtml

A few highlights:

- South Street Seaport Update: Seaport Working Group follow-up and final meeting; CB1 Special Landmarks Committee Meeting 1 of 2 to consider Landmarks Preservation Commission application by Howard Hughes Corporation for a Certificate of Appropriateness
- Ban hydraulic fracturing in New York State, ending years of uncertainty
- Senator Squadron's Town Hall Meeting with a Tenant Resource Fair – CB1 was a cosponsor
- Peck Slip Park Meeting with Manhattan Borough Parks Commissioner Castro – arranged by John Fratta, joined by Marco Pasanella and Jason Friedman
- Borough President Brewer's Office arranged meeting with Department of Consumer Affairs Commissioner Menin, Community Board Chairs and District Managers, topics included: double-decker tour bus regulation and enforcement, newsstand regulation and enforcement, sidewalk café law changes
- Roger Byrom will return as Chair of Personnel Committee

C) District Manager's Report

- Staff members will be taking vacation during the holidays. Please be patient with requests.

III. **Welcome**

Emily Petrone, Manhattan Borough Outreach Manager, Pre-K for All

- Discussed universal pre-k program.

IV. **Committee Reports**

The following Battery Park City Committee resolution was taken out of order due to the large number of people attending the meeting to express support for the Manhattan Yacht Club, the former operator of the North Cove Marina.

- Manhattan by Sail Update – Resolution
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
 - Would like more community input in the RFP and selection process for an operator for the North Cove Marina. Dozens of people attended the meeting to urge CB1 to pass such a resolution.

A) **Quality of Life Committee** - Pat Moore

- 1) Lower Manhattan Construction Update – Report
 - Construction is still an issue throughout Lower Manhattan.
- 2) Light Pollution – Resolution
Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) Please send information about holiday party.

B) **Seaport/Civic Center Committee** – John Fratta

- 1) Brooklyn Bridge Rehabilitation Project – Report
 - NYC DOT gave a report. Bridge will be ready in first quarter 2016.
- 2) South Street Seaport Museum – Report
 - Down to one pier to dock ships.
 - Working on a plan for fleet and museum space.
- 3) South Street Seaport development – Report
 - See resolution.
- 4) South Street Seaport Visions for a New Future – Report
 - A film was shown on the history of the South Street Seaport in the context of future development plans.

- 5) CB1 Summer Fair on Fulton street activity permit application for Fulton Street between Water Street and Gold Street Saturday, July 4, 2015, 10:00 am to 7:00 pm – Resolution Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) 22 Peck Slip/251 Water Street, application for a liquor license alteration for Hedgie LLC d/b/a The Hideaway Seaport – Resolution Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 1 Recused
- 7) Reconstruction of South Street South – Resolution Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 8) 77 Fulton Street, application for a wine and beer license for 77 Fulton Bakery Inc. d/b/a Lot 77 – Resolution Passed: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 9) 22 Peck Slip/251 Water Street, application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café license for Hedgie LLC d/b/a The Hideaway Seaport – Resolution Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 10) 21-23 Peck Slip, application for renewal of an unenclosed sidewalk café license for IDG Seaport Corp d/b/a Acqua – Resolution Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

C) **Planning Committee** – Jeff Galloway

- 1) World Trade Center Quarterly Update – Report
 - See presentation.
- 2) Silverstein Properties Update – Report
 - See report.
- 3) State Legislature Bill A5355/S3076, concerning electric substation placement – Presentation by representative of Assemblymember Gottfried – Resolution Passed: 35 In Favor 9 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) Passive House – Resolution Passed: 34 In Favor 1 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

D) **Planning and Battery Park City Committees** – Jeff Galloway

- 1) Affordable housing in Lower Manhattan – Resolution Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused

E) **Landmarks Committee** - Roger Byrom

- 1) South Street Seaport, application for alterations to Tin Building, Schermerhorn Row, Pier 17 and East River Esplanade, demolition of the Link Building, construction of pavilions under FDR Drive and new building on Pier – Report
 - See PowerPoint presentation.
- 2) 1 White Street, application for storefront renovation, handicapped access ramp and bulkhead and rooftop garden – Resolution
Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 26 Broadway, application for signage and flagpole – Resolution
Passed: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

F) **Tribeca Committee** - Elizabeth Lewinsohn

- 1) Proposal for a bus stop for Lily Travel Services LLC on Lafayette Street between Walker and White Streets – Report
 - Supported because they will be using an existing bus stop.
- 2) 443 Greenwich Street, application for authorization pursuant to section 13-442 of the Zoning Resolution to allow an attended accessory parking facility with a maximum capacity of 15 spaces on the ground floor and cellar of an existing building – Resolution
Passed: 35 In Favor 1 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 3) 67 Reade Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for New Sun Café Japanese Cuisine Inc. – Resolution
Passed: 37 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 4) 88 Thomas Street a/k/a 50 Hudson Street, application for alteration of liquor license to permit later closing hours; and to permit all night service on New Year's Eve for Emporio 50 LLC d/b/a Bar Cyrk NYC – Resolution
Passed: 34 In Favor 2 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 5) 305 Church Street, application for alteration of liquor license to permit live music for Mexma LLC – Resolution
Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 1 Abstained 0 Recused
- 6) Application by Downtown Independent Democrats for street activity permit for Lafayette Street between Canal Street and Leonard Street, Sunday, July 12, 2015 – Resolution
Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused
- 7) 155 Chambers Street, application for restaurant wine and beer license for DBTG Chambers LLC d/b/a Dirty Bird to Go – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 8) 32 White Street, application for renewal of sidewalk cafe license for Tribeca Grand Hotel, Inc. – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 9) 135 West Broadway, application for renewal of sidewalk cafe license for Tiny's and the Bar Upstairs – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

G) **Financial District Committee** - Ro Sheffe

- 1) Lower Manhattan HQ – Report

- Located at 150 Broadway

- 2) Shakespeare Downtown Presentation – Report

- Romeo and Juliet in May and several performances in the summer.

- 3) 20 Exchange Place Construction Update – Report

- Agreed on noise issues.

- 4) 90 Washington Street, application for a liquor license for NY Hospitality LLC – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

- 5) 1 World Trade Center, 45th floor, application for a liquor license for Legends Hospitality OWO, LLC – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

H) **Youth & Education Committee** - Paul Hovitz

- 1) Art Connects New York Presentation – Report

- They do art programs across the city.

- 2) Institute for Career Development (ICD) Presentation – Report

- Located in the Financial District.

- 3) Establish a center around preventing diseases of environmental origin in children – Report

- Working on a project to protect children from environmental toxins.

4) Super Duper Tennis Programs Presentation – Report

- Looking for more space downtown.

5) Reinstatement of allocated field time on the MBHS field to support spring and fall little league activities – Resolution

Passed: 35 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

I) **Battery Park City Committee** – Anthony Notaro

- Battery Park City Authority – Report

- Concerned with North Cove Marina RFP. Would like more community input.

- BPC Parks Enforcement Patrol Update – Report

- More officers being added.

- Responses by NYC and NYS Departments of Transportation to CB1 letter regarding Liberty and West Street intersection – Report

- Not covered.

- Pier A Visitors Center Update – Report

- Discussed programming with an educational component. The committee will follow up with the owners and operators to discuss ideas about how to include more historical information regarding lower Manhattan.

- CB1 letter regarding ferry noise – Report

- Would like something in writing from the operators regarding their plans to repower the fleet. This will be conveyed to the owner of the ferry company.

- Manhattan by Sail Update – Resolution (see above – this resolution was taken out of order)

- This resolution concerned the North Cove Marina RFP. Would like more community input in the process.

- Tunnel to Towers Foundation street activity permit application for Vesey Street between West Street and North End Ave. Sunday, September 27, 2015, 7:00 am to 12:00 pm – Resolution

Passed: 36 In Favor 0 Opposed 0 Abstained 0 Recused

VI. **Old Business**

No Old Business to report.

VII. **New Business**

1) Hudson River Park Pier 26 – Resolution *Postponed*

- The resolution will be presented by HRPT President Madelyn Wils at the January Tribeca Committee.

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8:36, EST.

Respectfully submitted by Adam Malitz, Secretary.