

**Full Board Meeting
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
January 7, 2003**

Chair Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Announced January's Park Committee has been canceled and the dog run at West 72nd Street will be discussed at the February committee meeting. Congratulated Hector Santana on his appointment to the Empire State Development Corp.

He introduced Vishaan Chakrabarti, the new director of City Planning's Manhattan Office. Mr. Chakrabarti said he looked forward to working with the Board.

Legislators' Reports

State Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell greeted everyone and announced that his office location and contact numbers would be the same at former Assemblyman Ed Sullivan's. He encouraged the Board to continue its work on the Columbia University Faculty School admissions policies.

Councilmember Phil Reed spoke about the Columbia School and the NYC Budget. He encourage the Board to set priorities for the FY04 budget.

Public Session

Tawnya Rothstein, Lutheran Social Services, spoke about the 28,000 children in the foster care system that need parents.

Horatio Francis, Health Plus, spoke on affordable health care for children and families that is available in all five boroughs.

Alan Hirner, The Tenant Research Team, announced a public meeting and forum on rent stabilization on January 30th at P.S. 163.

Olive Freud, Committee for Environmentally Sound Development, spoke about the 72nd Street off-ramp and the connection of Riverside Drive and Riverside Boulevard.

Elizabeth Starkey, Park River Independent Democrats, announced a peace march in Washington D.C.

Eloise Nurse, NYC Districting Commission, announced upcoming public hearings on the redistricting of city council lines.

Dan Golub, Assemblyman Gottfried's Office, discussed the concern about a new Westside Stadium and the need to simplify health care applications.

Jason Haber, Assemblyman Stringer's Office, spoke on the concern of many buildings with open DOB violations, like the one that collapsed in Brooklyn.

Alyson Spindell, Senator Schneiderman's Office, spoke on the budget crisis.

Alan Flacks announced that former board member Milivoy and Christine Samurovich lost their son Theo to an asthmatic attack.

Business Session

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

1. Resolution to approve a new application DCA#1125321 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sigma Group Inc., d/b/a Aix at 2398 Broadway, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats was adopted: 30-1-0-0.

Land Use Committee Joint with Housing Committee

Co-Chairs: Beth Berns and Barry Rosenberg

Howard Weiss, Architect; Peter Samton, Gruzen Samton Architects; Richard Braunstein, Snitow Kanderetal, Akiva Kobre, Touro College were present.

2. The resolution to disapprove application #315-02-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by Touro College for bulk variances to allow the construction of a mixed-use building at 223-227 West 60th Street (West End-Amsterdam Avenues) was sent back to committee for further discussion.

Land Use Committee

Joint with Transportation and Youth Committees

3. Columbia University's faculty housing and school at Broadway and 110th Street

David Harris gave an overview of the discussions between the Board and Columbia University regarding the admissions policies of the new faculty school at 110th and Broadway, and the Board's process that led to the development of the resolution presented at the meeting.

Robert Kasdin, Executive Vice President, Columbia University, read a statement affirming the University's commitment to the original agreement with CB7.

The Board decided not to vote on the resolution, but to monitor the implementation of the University's policies: 27-1-3-2. Eric Nelson, David Harris and Larry Horowitz will continue to serve as CB7 representatives and report to the full board in three months.

George Goodwill, Chair of MCB9, and Cynthia Doty, Community Action Network, spoke in support of the Board's action.

Uniformed Services and Environment Committee

Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana

4a. Resolution to approve the Columbus/Amsterdam BID application for a new street fair June 29th on Columbus Avenue from West 97th Street to West 101st Street was sent back to the committee for further discussion.

4b. Resolution to approve St. Mathew's and St. Timothy's application for a new street fair for September 12th on Amsterdam Avenue from West 76th Street to West 81st Street was adopted: 25-5-0-1.

4c. Resolution to approve applications to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office to hold multi-block street fairs in 2003 was adopted: 25-5-0-1.

Date	Organization Name	Fair Location	XStreet1	XStreet2
4/27	Veritas Family & Children's Services	Broadway (east side)	W. 96 th Street	W. 104 th Street
4/27	Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association	Broadway (east side)	W. 104 th Street	W. 108 th Street
4/27	24 th Precinct Community Council	Broadway (east side)	W. 108 th Street	W. 110 th Street
5/4	Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council	Broadway (east side)	W. 93 rd Street	W. 96 th Street
5/4	Broadway Malls Center	Broadway (east side)	W. 86 th Street	W. 93 rd Street
5/11	Committee for Environmentally Sound Development	Broadway (east side)	W. 60 th Street	W. 65 th Street
5/18	West Side Chamber of Commerce	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 77 th Street	W. 96 th Street
5/25	Coalition for a Livable West Side	Broadway (west side)	W. 72 nd Street	W. 82 nd Street
5/25	Safe Haven West Side Basketball League	Broadway (west side)	W. 82 nd Street	W. 86 th Street
6/1	Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition	Columbus Avenue	W. 91 st Street	W. 96 th Street
6/1	Westside Crime Prevention Program	Columbus Avenue	W. 86 th Street	W. 91 st Street
6/15	West Side Federation of Neighborhood and Block Associations	Broadway (east side)	W. 72 nd Street	W. 82 nd Street
6/15	The Broadway Malls Association	Broadway (east side)	W. 82 nd Street	W. 86 th Street

6/22	Project Open at Lincoln Towers	Broadway (west side)	W. 66 th Street	W. 72 nd Street
6/22	Valley Restoration, LDC	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 97 th Street	W. 106 th Street
8/3	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Columbus Avenue	W. 66 th Street	W. 72 nd Street
9/21	West Side Chamber of Commerce	Columbus Avenue	W. 66 th Street	W. 86 th Street
10/12	Concerned Citizens for Community Action	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 81 st Street	W. 86 th Street
10/19	NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch	Broadway (west side)	W. 86 th Street	W. 90 th Street
10/19	Symphony Space	Broadway (west side)	W. 90 th Street	W. 96 th Street
10/26	One Stop Senior Services	Broadway (west side)	W. 106 th Street	W. 110 th Street
10/26	Bloomingdale Area Coalition	Broadway (west side)	W. 96 th Street	W. 106 th Street

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

5. Resolution to approve the request by the Rosenthal Family to the Department of Transportation to name West 72nd Street, Central Park West to Columbus Avenue, in honor of Josh Rosenthal who died in the WTC on September 11, 2001 was adopted: 18-6-9-1.

6. Resolution, as amended, to disapprove the request by Red Apple/Gristedes to the Department of Transportation for a loading zone on West 74th Street for the new Broadway store was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

Richard Contiguglia and Diane Feeney, Ansonia Tenant's Coalition; Gretchen Berger, Lewis Ehlers, Daniel Meltzer, Liam Greguez, Barbara Kramer; James Roleks, David Stelling, Melissa Terman, West 74th Street Block Association and residents; and Madeline Polayes, Coalition for a Livable West Side and resident of West End Avenue at 74th Street, spoke against the loading zone on West 74th Street. They described various quality of life problems caused by deliver trucks on West 74th Street, including air and noise pollution; sleep deprivation; traffic and sidewalk congestion.

7. Resolution to approve the request by Council on the Environment the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office to operate the GreenMarket on West 97th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues, from January 10 through March 28, 2003 was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Joint with Landmarks Committee

8. Resolution, as amended, to disapprove the MTA Arts for Transit proposal to install artwork in the 103rd and 110th Street IRT stations was adopted: 28-1-0-0.

Kate Wood, Landmark West!; Michael Gotkin; Allan Galper; Cynthia Doty, Community Action Network; Carolyn Kent, Morningside Heights Historic District Committee, spoke against the proposed art project. Statements that Columbia University had withdrawn funding for station rehabs and that historic tiles would be removed from the stations proved to be incorrect.

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

9. Resolution to approve application #031139 by 40 West 68th Street, York Preparatory School to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rear yard addition was adopted: 27-0-1-0.

Board Members Present: Larry Horowitz, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Annette Averette, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Willie Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Doug Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, William Meyers, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Barbara Van Buren, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppendfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Board Members Absent: Janet Alvarez, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Robert Herrmann, John Howell, Betty Katz, Eric Nelson, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Evelyn Tamarin, Tom Vitullo-Martin.

YOUTH COMMITTEE
Co-Chair S. Parker-Frazier
January 21, 2003

1. Goddard Riverside meet with DYCD to discuss the reasons they did not get the RFP, which was based on the cost per child they submitted. However they are still waiting for the new RFPs to come out for Beacon Programs. They are also concerned and not satisfied with Summer Youth employment required catchment area of supplying jobs. CB7 is not being considered a high needs community for these jobs according to Goddard. Youth Comm. Talked about the idea of having a job fair with local businesses to recruit the youth.
2. The Westside YMCA had a recent cut of 25 staff members. They now have remaining staff doubling up on other job duties. Some programs have been cut such as College Bound. Their Teen Center is still operating and they serve 14,000 children overall. Grosvenor House merger is still ongoing with both centers in communication.
3. Libraries have cut back one day a week of operation. Cut back on hours of staff, with some retirements, buyouts and attrition.
4. Guest from the Ethical Cultural Society presented a Sunday Youth Program that meets every week with youth ages 12-16. Most of the activities are group discussions and some field trips out to Central Park. In need of more participants and diversity as well. The Youth Comm. Suggested to meet on Saturdays instead and to collaborate more with the Westside YMCA to recruit more youth. To do more outreach to some of the middle and high schools.
5. Update on Community School District #3
Dept. of Education reorganized with new structure in which all 40 district offices will be closed (creating 8,000 new classroom seats) and have in place 10 Regional Districts. District 3 will be consolidated with Districts 5 and 6 and will be a part of Region 10 headed by a new superintendent name Lucille Swarn who worked in the Chancellor's District 85. The future of this new network of regions in the school system is unknown, but many concerns have surfaced among parents, such as middle school choice process, transfers between school, bilingual, dual language and gifted education. The outcome in Albany on the replacement of school boards are another concern to parents as well as public education advocates.

Land Use Committee
Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen
January 15, 2003

1. 2180 Broadway

James Poulos, owner, presented the renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee failed to adopt the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 1021206 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2180 Broadway Restaurant, d/b/a Manhattan Diner at 2180 Broadway (West 77th Street) for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 18 tables and 38 seats.

Committee Member vote: 1-0-2-0

2. 430 Amsterdam Avenue

The applicant presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jakes Dilemma at 430 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 8 tables and 21 seats.

Committee Member vote: 3-0-0-0

3. 147 West 90th Street

Jennifer Friedman of NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC) presented the application for disposition of City-owned property to the West 90th Street Community Educational Project. The application is for a two-step disposition:

1. transfer from NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) to EDC through the City's Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP)
2. sale by EDC to the West 90th Street Community Educational Project under Section 384b4.

Jed Marcus, attorney, Rob Rogers, architect, and Verdery Roosevelt and Scott Gaynor (executive directors of Ballet Hispanico and the Stephen Gaynor School, respectively) described the West 90th Street Community Educational Project.

A new 42,000 square-foot building will be constructed immediately north of and connecting to the Ballet Hispanico property on West 89th Street. The Stephen Gaynor School, which serves students with "learning differences," will occupy the first 7 floors. Ballet Hispanico, will occupy the top 3 floors, which will feature high ceilings appropriate for dance studios. The building is as-of-right in terms of its physical features, with a total height of 137 feet and a 'community facility' FAR of 6.5. No variances or special permits will be sought. However, the Project applicants will need to return to CB7 for an approval of a minor text change to the Zoning Resolution in order to allow the project to go forward now that the Urban Renewal District has expired.

Speaking in favor of the disposition were:

- Jody Arnhold, Chair of the Board, Ballet Hispanico
- Tina Ramirez, founder, Ballet Hispanico
- Marjorie Collado, student, Ballet Hispanico
- Herbert Schinderman, Board Member and parent, Stephen Gaynor School.

There were no speakers in opposition.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the ULURP application #030239PPM to the Department of City Planning by the Department of Housing Preservation & Development to dispose 147 West 90th Street, a City-owned vacant lot, to the Economic Development Corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the second step of the disposition, from the Economic Development Corporation to the West 90th Street Community Educational Project under Section 384b4.

Committee Member vote: 6-0-0-1

4. 223-227 West 60th Street

Attorney Howard Weiss and architect Alfreda Radzicka of Gruzen-Samton Architects met with the Committee to discuss ways of improving the Touro College project at 223-227 West 60th Street (West End – Amsterdam Avenues). At the December 2002 meeting, the Committee had unanimously disapproved the request to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for six variances concerning bulk, number of residences, and open-space requirements. The Committee now advised the applicant to reduce the size (height and bulk) of the building and to reexamine Touro's program for the project, returning to first principles. Larry Horowitz indicated that distinguished architecture would counterbalance other concerns. Touro will return to the Committee with a revised proposal in February.

5. 2-10 West End Avenue

Attorney Marvin Mintzer and architect Jim Davidson of Schuman Lichtenstein, et al. made a preliminary presentation of a mixed-use project proposed by 2-10 West End Avenue Associates for the site currently occupied by the Gaseteria (i.e. east side of West End Avenue between West 59th Street and West 60th Street. The building would include residential and commercial space, as well as a parking garage; the residential component would be '80-20', i.e. 20% affordable housing.

The project will require rezoning of the site from M1-6 to C4-7 (FAR of 10), as well as a special permit for an accessory parking garage; in addition, the applicant plans to use inclusionary housing credits from a 20-unit building on West 51st Street as a bonus to increase the project's FAR from 10 to 12. A 10-FAR building would yield 246 units (of which 49 would be affordable); a 12-FAR building would yield 300 units (of which 60 would be affordable, in addition to the 20 being built on West 51st Street).

Members of the Committee inquired about the possibility of having:

- inclusionary housing units on site
- inclusionary housing units within CD7 rather than on West 51st Street (i.e. within a half-mile radius of the project)
- some other mechanism for providing the bonus sought without using inclusionary housing.

The applicant will return to the Committee once the application is officially filed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Doug Griebel, Lenore Norman, Ethel Sheffer, Maria Watson. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Janet Alvarez, Peter Bailey, Betty Katz, Melanie Radley.

Board Members Present: Larry Horowitz.

Landmarks Committee
Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens
January 16, 2003

1. 106 West 71st Street: Application for a penthouse addition.

Antonia Rosello, Salazar Architects, Inc.

Owner of the building wants to build a three-plex apartment using the rear of the existing 3rd floor, all of the existing 4th floor, building a penthouse on the roof. The new structure will be 857 sq. feet, including a screened A.C. unit on top. It will measure 15 feet from the top of the roof. The unit will take up 1/3 of the roof and be set back from the front of the building. A mock up is being redone because the original was not accurate.

The materials are colored stucco; beige coping; black ironwork on penthouse windows and doors, and railings; black clad aluminum windows in the penthouse; black wood one-over-one windows on the 4th floor.

According to the architect the structure cannot be seen at all from 71st Street and is visible only from a small portion of Columbus Avenue.

The committee voiced the following:

The stucco should be matched more closely to the existing brownstone; the A.C. unit should be moved closer to the rear of the building. The committee expressed concerns about visibility from the public thoroughfare and suggested that the penthouse windows be elongated and made higher to agree with windows on the facade.

Resolution: Based on the fact that the new structure is barely visible from the public thoroughfare, as shown by the architect; materials that will be used in the penthouse are compatible with the existing building; with the suggestion that the penthouse windows be elongated and made higher to match other windows in that line and that the stucco match the existing brownstone;

The committee approved the application: Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

2. 139 West 75th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues). Application #033050 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition and rear façade aluminum frames windows.

The applicant did not attend.

3. 483 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a/ Good Enough to Eat (West 83rd-84th Streets). Application #032651 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of an awning and storefront infill as per warning letter.

The applicant did not attend.

Committee Members Present: Lenore Norman, Patricia Stevens, Ulma Jones, Marlene Guy.

Committee Members Absent: Janet Alvarez, Bobbie Katzander. **Public Member Present:**

Michelle Kidwell-Cohen.

Housing Committee
Co-Chairs: Barry Rosenberg and Beth Berns
January 13, 2003

For a second time within the last 18 months the committee heard and voted to approve the transfer of 59, 61, and 63 West 87th Street from the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) to the Tenants participating in its Tenant Interim Lease Program. The transfer is a sale to the tenants at a room price of approximately \$250/room. The apartments are approximately 6.5 rooms per apartment. Baths are counted a half room. Based on prepared budgets the estimated maintenance cost is \$100/room or approximately \$700/month.

By any economic measure this is an excellent equity opportunity for the participants who after a defined time frame will have full-unencumbered ownership with the full right of resale in the open market.

The expected closing date for this transaction is late 2nd quarter of 2003. Prior to closing Rufus Harvey, representing HPD, indicated the following would occur:

- In 61 West 87th Street a vacant apartment--vacant for two years--would be cleaned up for rental by HPD, and the parties would agree on a fair manner to rent the said apartment to a person known to have been on regiment lists awaiting a low cost apartments or known to have been displaced by urban development activities in this neighborhood. Equally important the person will have a record of being a reliable tenant in any prior occupancy.

The tenants indicated there was roof leak in this building and HPD indicated it would be attended to before closing. It is suggested that this item and similar items if not done by HPD at closing could be covered by a payment to an escrow account to cover the cost of such repair(s).

- 63 West 87th St had the following items that needed to be resolved:
There remains a large unpaid Con Ed bill that appears to be the responsibility of HPD.

The tenants wish to have a fence at their east and west boundaries on the premise that good fences make good neighbors. This request is dependent on clarification that such fences would not impede egress during a fire emergency. The parties will work together to get clarification on code issues relating to the fences. If approved HPD will pay for the fences.

Strykers Bay has maintained an office in the basement of this building and has not paid rent, and has been a contributor to the large outstanding Con Ed bill. HPD will work with the parties to see that at closing there is a reasonable adjustment for this lost rent.

- 59 West 87th had no issues needing resolution.
- For all apartments and buildings HPD will provide both instruction on operation of a building for new owners and hard copy of budgets prepared for these particular buildings. HPD has undertaken a capital program to improve all the units in these buildings--if they convey at closing proper documentation the new ownership should be able to qualify for J-

51 tax abatement. The abatement formula can be beneficial to these buildings in that they do have a real estate tax obligation going forward-it is limited, but it will grow and the abatement is therefore meaningful.

The following tenants were in attendance at this meeting: 59 Mercedes Soler: 61 Lucy Soler, Juana Soto, Jasim Pieret, Sara Williams, and Lauren Coleman: 63 Irene Bodgen, Mirsa Morales both officers of the tenant association. Other tenants signed the attendance sheet and their names are not included here.

The committee voted to approve the applications: 5-0-0-0. Annette Avarette drafted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, for a second time within the last eighteen (18) months the Housing Committee heard testimony from the tenants expecting to purchase their units after the transfer of the properties from the Tenant Interim Lease (TIL) Program, a program of the Department of Housing Preservation and Development that allows tenants to purchase their apartments at a price of \$250; and

WHEREAS, to ensure affordability, the maintenance will cost approximately \$100 per room for fully rehabbed apartments;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the development of low- and moderate-income housing in our community and therefore the sales of apartments in 59, 61 and 63 West 87th Street to the 59, 61 and 63 West 87th Street Housing Development Fund Corporations.

Other business: The committee discussed a proposed resolution prepared by Tom Vitullo-Martin concerning the payments made by the City to house homeless in west side hotels. The payments are very high and the tenants badly in need of social services are given none. The focus of the resolution is to demand that no payments be made for hotel services unless there are accompanying social services that might help these tenants better cope.

The resolution is an out growth of a joint meeting held with the Health and Human Services Committee. Before putting the resolution to the Board it was agreed that a joint meeting of the participating committees with the Department of Homeless Services and the Human Resources Administration/HASA was in order as first step towards resolving this problem.

Dora Mendez from Councilmember Gale Brewer's office confirmed that the idea of harassing landlords who allow their hotels tenants to disrupt the quiet enjoyment of the neighborhood is a valid idea and that several inspections from various city departments might be arranged.

The committee continued its review of programs that might stimulate affordable housing that could take advantage of new program being proposed by the Mayor.

Committee Members Present: Beth Berns, Barry Rosenberg, Annette Avarette, William Meyers, Tom Vitullo-Martin. **Committee Members Absent:** Janet Alvarez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Evelyn Tamarin.

103rd Street Subway Station Arts for Transit Proposal

Per discussion with Andrew and Dan, I am writing to state my views on this issue. Dan anticipates raising it at the Steering Committee meeting tomorrow night, which I do not expect to attend.

I support reopening the question of whether to support the Art In Transit proposal for the 103rd St. station at the Full Board meeting in February. The 110th St. station is no longer at issue. Unlike the 103rd St. station, it is a designated landmark, and the Transportation Committee did not favor supporting the proposed art work there.

The Transportation Committee had a lengthy hearing on these issues at its December meeting, including a presentation of the proposed artwork. There were serious speakers on both sides with regard to both 110th St. and 103rd St., with more than one design professional in the field of transportation history and preservation supporting the art work at both stations. We thought the questions sufficiently serious that we did not vote at that meeting, so that each member could view the stations. After doing so, we voted prior to the January Full Board meeting to support the art work at 103rd St. but to oppose it at 110th St.

At the Full Board meeting, for whatever reason no design professional appeared as a public speaker in support of the proposals. Several of the persons who spoke confused the Board with irrelevant or incorrect information. For instance, both stations will be restored regardless of the artwork proposal, and the information discussed regarding platform narrowing and moving terra cotta (to the extent correct) relate to the station restoration work and not to the artwork. Further, the Board was wrongly told that Columbia had withdrawn its financial support for the renovations. Before any Transportation Committee member could respond to this misleading information and state our own rationale as to 103rd St., a substitute resolution was offered and inexplicably voted on immediately. While I found the merits of the question of whether to support the art work at 103rd St. to be complicated, I was dumbfounded that no one from the Transportation Committee who had participated in the Committee's' analysis had a chance to explain the Committee's rationale.

For these reasons, I support placing the issue of whether to support the artwork at 103rd St. on the agenda for the Full Board's February meeting.

Please distribute this e-mail to the Steering Committee members, or inform them of its contents. Thanks, Klari