



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting
January 3, 2013

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, 1000 Tenth Avenue, in the District. Chair Mark Diller called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**: 27-0-1.

Chair's Report: Mark N. Diller

- The Parks and Environment Committee will meet on fourth Mondays in January and February due to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Presidents' Day holidays on the third Mondays.
- The Transportation Committee will meet on Monday, January 8, 2013 at Goddard Riverside 593 Columbus Avenue at 88th Street at 7 p.m. The agenda will include a continuation of DOT's bicycle lane expansion plan.
- Lenore Norman, whose appreciation day CB 7 recently celebrated, passed away on December 21, 2012. Borough President's proclamation was delivered to her in her final days. Her grace and expertise will be missed by CB7's board.
- The Chair noted that the January full board meeting was the first full board meeting since the Newtown tragedy. He noted that there is now a return to normalcy. He stated that CB7 has consistently advocated for sensible gun legislation and will continue to do so in light of this.
- The Chair advised that the community meeting with DHS and Housing Solutions, USA about the transitional shelters for adult families at 316 and 330 West 95th Street will take place on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. at Goddard Riverside. [Location was changed to Anshe Chesed, 215 West 100th Street and the time was moved to 7:00 PM]
- The Chair recognized District Leader Cynthia Doty.
- The Chair recognized that Manhattan Neighborhood Network was filming the meeting.

Community Session:

Phyllis Roth, Project Director of JASA Club 76 at 120 W. 76th Street –

- The senior center was recently renamed Club 76 by the seniors there to add some cache to its services. They provide health related services, social activities and other activities to ensure that seniors remain in the community with all entitlements. JASA Club 76 is the only senior center in much of Manhattan that serves kosher breakfast and lunch.
- Club 76 recently lost their funding from DFTA, but C-M Brewer was incredibly helpful in securing that will see the center through the end of June.
- She recognized Maria Loy who has been very active with the senior community. She had 200 seniors at her restaurant to have lunch before Christmas.
- Introduced some of the seniors in the audience who are active at the facility.

Ed Sommerfeld, patron of JASA Club 76 –

- Most concerned about funding for program. This center has one of the best programs in NYC, but it is still in dire straits.
- 80 people visit the center for lunch and 20 people for breakfast.



- Encouraged the public to stop by to see the facilities so can see why need to continue providing these services.

Stu Lahn, JASA Club 76 –

- The program needs support and funding beginning in June. The center would appreciate CB7's support.

Jane Thompson, 736 West End Avenue –

- She circulated pictures of the north wall at 732 West End Avenue that shows water leaking down the wall and staining the building. Has notified the Department of Buildings who said someone will come to inspect it, but the only way to do so is via 736 West End Avenue.

- With regard to construction at 736 West End Avenue, She has called 311/DOB as instructed and no one has followed up. DOB seems to be resolving some of the construction issues by looking at the records available on this issue.

- She thanked CB7 District Manager Penny Ryan for her leadership on this issue.

Angela Monti-Fox, Mothers for Sustainable Energy –

- She has addressed the board and various town halls hosted by C-M Brewer and BP Stringer to discuss the importance of government attention to radon offput from the Marcellus Shale. Mothers and pregnant women will be most affected by any such radioactive energies offput.

- Important that the Council hold hearings regarding this issue, but Speaker Quinn's response was inadequate because the Governor's health impact study will not solve this issue.

- The silence on this issue is very unnerving.

Patricia Dubrovner, Resident of UWS in Lincoln Towers since 1963 –

- Member of NY Society for Ethical Culture since 1984. The Society runs a shelter, ethical elders and ethical children programs.

- She oversees the ethics in the theatre program, which has monthly discussion and play reading. Next reading is on January 18, 2013 at 7 p.m. Flyers were left with details.

Mel Wymore – Reiterated importance of securing funding for JASA Club 76 because it is a vital program.

Manhattan Borough President's Report- Rebecca Godlewicz

- Deadline for community board member applications is January 18, 2013.
- The Manhattan Borough President's Office holding information sessions about serving on a community board on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 and Thursday, January 10, 2013.
- If anyone is interested in applying, but is unavailable to attend a session, call her to discuss.

Gale A. Brewer – City Council Member, 6th District

- The Redistricting Commission will hold another public hearing on January 7, 2013 at 6 p.m. to consider outstanding issues, including that Harbor View Terrace was not connected to her proposed new council district despite same management as other public housing in her district.

- Competition is taking place in the City to decide how best to use payphones going forward. DoITT is hosting an information session in the coming weeks and she suggested that interested persons visit DoITT websites for more information.

- Encouraged CB7 to engage DOITT about pay phone locations in the district, especially since many other districts citywide have not been very engaged.



- The City Council is considering a bill on January 9, 2013 that will enable HPD to order an owner to fix leaks caused by underlying problem that causes need for repair.
- Legislation is pending in the City Council's Government Operations Committee that would regulate member-to-member communications, which is likely to be considered by the Committee on January 16, 2013.
- Commended her staff person Jesse Bodine who has done a lot of work on the helicopter issue to discourage helicopters from coming closer inland when conducting tours over the Hudson. Requested that helicopters list their number on the bottom of the helicopter.
- Her office is sponsoring a housing clinic on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 at 6 p.m. at Goddard and holding a recycling clinic on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at YMCA on W. 65th Street.
- Council Members Cabrera and Williams assembled a task force to help with getting guns off the street.
- She also has passed a resolution in support of gun control, which has sparked NRA venom directed at her.
- She is going to continue to work on behalf of Club 76.

Brad Hoylman, State Senator, 27th District

- Chair of MCB2 for years.
- The district has changed shape substantially due to redistricting, so he will be working with three other state senators, who all represent parts of CD7.
- Urged the audience to submit their comments to the DEC regarding the hydrofracking proposal.
- His office is the same as Sen. Duane's: 212- 633-8052.
- Provided an open invitation to his local swearing in ceremony, which is scheduled for January 13, 2013 FIT from 2-4pm.

Linda B. Rosenthal, State Assembly Member, District 67

- Wished everyone a very happy and healthy New Year. She is looking forward to going back to Albany.
- Newtown events are present in Albany legislative priorities. In particular, Governor Cuomo will propose a package of gun control legislation in his State of the State. The Assembly has consistently passed such legislation, but the Senate has not despite lots of campaign contributions from Mayor Bloomberg, who is pro-gun control. While New York has assault weapons ban, there are many exceptions that need to be curtailed. She hopes that the Senate will come to the table to act in good faith on this issue.
- The Assembly will consider how best to address community funding needs in light of Sandy and what are the best ways to allocate such funding, i.e. rebuild or develop elsewhere.
- She has a whole package of legislation that she is working on with Community Board members, including Jay Adolf regarding the "donut."
- Focused on fracking and referenced a recent New York Times article that discusses potential hazards based on an "old memo." There is no reason to rush forward on this given potential harmful effects on the Earth and the environment, especially in light of the experience of our neighbors in Pennsylvania. She left a letter for public consumption that calls for greater review before approval. Public comment period ends on January 12, 2013, but there will be more opportunity to discuss after the regulations are issued.



- She has received a lot of complaints about construction noise. To address such complaints, some of the construction permits will be scaled back on the weekends to give constituents a respite.
- Assembly Speaker Silver introduced a bill that she is co-sponsoring that would enable early voting fourteen days before general election and 17 days before a primary election at five locations from 8a – 5 p.m. Supports even more expansive voting options, including same day registration, etc. The other bill that is very progressive minded would require disclosure of third party expenditures in support of candidates.
- Her staff person Paul Sawyer is available to discuss any follow-up issues.

Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Ben Schachter, Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- Happy New Year to All. Senator Espaillat is looking forward to getting back to Albany.

Dominic Lee, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- Noted that Assembly Member O'Donnell's office will be collecting children's books for the A-M's annual children's book drive until the end of February.
- Monthly legal tenant clinic on January 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Matt Bitz, NYC Comptroller's Office

- Excited to be back before CB7 in this new role.
- Encouraged those with community affairs events to call him at 212-669-8775.
- Comptroller's Office has an exceptional constituent services, not to the exclusion of other elected officials, so please do not hesitate to contact him.
- A board member suggested that NYCERS should divest in companies that include gun manufacturers.

George Oliver, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Community update is in the back, which includes a letter on fracking.

Andres Pasmينو, State Senator Jose Serrano's Office

- As of January 1, 2013 Senator Serrano is officially representing a portion of the district.
- Senator Serrano is the new chair of the Minority Conference. He is third ranking Democrat in seniority in Democratic Conference.

Celine Mizrahi, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office

- Congressman Nadler voted yes on fiscal cliff deal even though it was imperfect. It was appropriate to move the conversation forward regarding entitlement spending. He feels strongly that cannot cut Medicare, Social Security, etc., but the package passed at the beginning of the year gives Congress and the White House time to have a reasonable conversation moving forward to protect these vital programs.
- Bill is coming to floor of House on Friday, January 4, 2013 that includes small piece of Sandy relief aid, \$9 billion for flood insurance. The House is expected to consider remaining Sandy-related funding later in January, but specific details are unavailable.



- Congressman Nadler is now in the 10th Congressional district, which goes up to 122nd Street, pretty same east-west boundaries.
- The Newtown tragedy was deplorable. Congressman Nadler has called for federal assault weapon buyback program as part of a larger package of bills.

Business Session:

Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

1. **Manhattan Core Parking Text Amendment**, Application #N130105ZRM. The Department of City Planning is proposing a text amendment to the Zoning Resolution to modify the off-street parking regulations in Manhattan Community Districts 1-8.

- This process started with DCP informing the committees about the proposed revisions.
- Core parking now affects our district. This is a complicated proposal because it is comprehensive and broad.
- The committee met again on December 19, 2012 to discuss this issue.
- The resolution is segmented in to various issues to ease discussion. The packet includes a revised resolution.

Item A – Automated Parking Facilities – there was no exception to this and it was approved by both committees: 11-0-0-0.

- Question on the safety of the mechanism. That question was not asked specifically, but other issues brought up and discussed included keeping waiting cars off the sidewalks and power outage plans. This gets cars off the street quickly.

Item B – Loading Docks – pleased to see this because it was problematic during the Whole Foods approval process. This adds 6 – 7 ft to loading dock area and ensures truck is not in loading pathway. This was also unanimously approved.

Item C – Rental Vehicle Parking – this has come up with many parking garages and special permit parking. This is first time that text amendment will enable this.

- Does this applies to all rentals or just car sharing? The effect is a net increase in car rentals overall.
- Experience with zip cars in building parking lots. Creates several issues with tenants. Concerns were raised about monthly parkers being inconvenienced by short term rentals. Each garage needs to use best practices. 24-hour rules were not discussed

Item D – No explanation needed.

Item E - Defines the percentage of spaces that can be considered monthly. The committee feels this item needs work. We wanted to make sure that those living in the building and around the building can obtain a monthly space. City Planning is addressing a discreet problem, no one knows was accessory parking. Any garage with hourly parking lowered the per cent for monthly renters.

- Manhattan core parking goes up to 110th Street and there is also a Central Business area below 59th Street. CB7 and CB8 were recognized as different from midtown. That same distinction is in place, which is why we have the parking levels.



- Text changes the differentiation from transit to residential parking. In practice monthly parking spaces that are temporarily vacant are used for transient. Getting rid of the distinction makes sense as it was impossible to differentiate. The committee's intent of securing monthly parking for residents is equally unenforceable.
 - Suggested another title for garages: residential parking with access limited to those in, say, CB7.
 - The elimination of the distinction between transient and accessory parking is a change of words only. It doesn't change the allocation of spaces for monthly parkers.
 - CB4 solution distinction was brilliant: between public and monthly parking only. Transient parkers drive five times more than monthly, more traffic, more in and out of the garage, more dangerous for pedestrians.
 - There may not be enough residents in a garage to fill it. Concern that forcing cars to circle looking for parking on the street is not environmentally sound.
 - Amendment: should be an approval with a recommendation.
 - An amendment cannot be a change from disapproval to approval. Proposed that if this disapproval fails that it turns into an approval automatically. Response that this discussion is on parts of a larger resolution, so we can make this amendment.

VOTE: 13-15-5-0. The amendment was not adopted.

Item F - Acknowledges four types of special permits for off-street parking.

- Amendment: Disapprove unless: CB7 calls on the DCP to retain the "need" and "insufficient parking spaces" requirements. The findings for a special permit should also include consideration of proximity to public transportation and the safety or lack thereof at adjacent intersections.
 - Here we are asking the applicant to document more than was required in the past. I think this is a good thing and allows the CB and the public to speak on it.

VOTE: 15-17-3-0. The amendment to disapprove was not adopted.

- Amendment: CB7 calls on the DCP to retain the requirement that all special permit requests are reviewed by the City's DOT and DEP for traffic and air quality impacts. **Accepted as friendly.**

Item G - This allows the space from the curb up to 23 feet to be exempted from the floor area. It brings cars off the street.

Item H - There is no cap presently.

Item I - No explanation needed.

Item J - Exempts ramps and mechanical space from the FAR.

- Is parking exempted in this also? No.

Item K - No Explanation needed.

Item L - The committee strongly supports this section.



Item M – No Explanation needed.

Board comment:

The goal was to retain residents' access to parking without encouraging transient parking.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve, as amended, was adopted.

VOTE: 34-4-1-0

2. Manhattan Borough Board resolution for good jobs and responsible development.

Board Comments:

- I will vote against the letter because I support the Borough Board proposal. The letter is fine but we need to disapprove the “disapproval” letter and instead approve the letter to approve the Borough Board letter with the concerns listed in the letter.

- The language of the resolution does include small projects.

- I will be abstaining because I don't want to not support the Borough Board. We asked the Builders Trade Council about the scope, it was intentional that there was no size of project included.

- You have to be careful what you vote for. There are agencies that already cover these areas. Make those agencies empowered to enforce the rules we have. There was a lack of consensus on the committee. I was stunned to see that we are to be expected to review the previous five years of work by the contractors and all the people who have and will work on new construction projects. What are we to do with this avalanche of information? It's a terrible resolution, what is the intention?

- I cannot vote to ask our CB7 Chair to vote “no” in the coming weeks at Borough Board.

- A resolution just because it's from the Borough Board is not sacrosanct. We are not asking our Chair to go against the Borough Board. Let's take our role seriously and give our comment.

- AMENDMENT: To change the resolution to an approval with the concerns listed in the letter.

- This resolution is completely out of our jurisdiction. We are not in a position to discuss prevailing wage. For us to insist an employer to require apprenticeships for his workers and subcontract workers limit it to unions which is an unintended consequence. It will be very bad for low income housing.

- We don't look at every development. So everyone else who is not in the historic district or is building as of right, would have a different standard.

After discussion, the amendment was not adopted.

VOTE: 9-25-2-0.

- In the first point in the letter the committee states that they don't want to inject themselves into labor and economic disputes and then does just that. AMENDMENT: strike out all of the first paragraph after first sentence.

After discussion, the amendment was not adopted.

VOTE: 6-20-9-0. The amendment fails.

After deliberation, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

VOTE: 25-10-2-0



Housing Committee, Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown, Co-Chairpersons

3. Construction problems at 315 West 103rd Street.

Committee chair – the neighbors are very upset with the construction of this building. It's been going on for three years. We the committee could not come to a conclusion so we went to the Dept. of Buildings for assistance. Since we could not get help our resolution is a letter demanding support for this neighborhood issue.

Public Speaker:

Stacey Feldman, Esq., representing 315 W 103rd Street Construction – Since we have met with the committee we have met with the Department of Buildings. We look forward to working with CB7 further. The scaffolding was redundant, there was no work taking place. So we took it away so that the neighbors can appreciate the aesthetics of the building.

Board Questions:

- What is the stop work order about?

- The stop work order was because an inspector claims there were no plans on site.

Response from the construction company: There were plans on site. No an excavation plan is required, we have started it. When that is resolved we are told the stop work order will be lifted.

- There are issues with the building to the west. Were the vents fixed? Is the Dept. of Building's work order for the entire building?

- Response from the committee co-chair: Yes. We have had two meetings with all the neighbors. We have explored this in depth. We have received multiple answers to the extensive list of problems. The community is forceful in viewing the construction as illegal or immoral and wants it taken down. Since we don't have the information to come to a conclusion, this is the path we have taken.

- Why is the committee doing this via resolution?

- We are trying to use the force of CB7 to get a response. DM Penny Ryan is not getting an answer also. Several of our elected officials have also reached out with any response.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-3-0

Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

4. **Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications.**

- **412 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.)** Renewal application DCA# 1158198 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 412 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Bettola, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

- **476 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.)** Renewal application DCA# 1218332 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Rest., Corp. d/b/a Fred's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

- **203 West 103rd Street (Amsterdam Avenue.)** Renewal application DCA# 1380748 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 West 103, Corp., d/b/a Buca, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats.

- **951 Amsterdam Avenue (West 107th Street.)** Renewal application DCA# 1277938 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ram Eats, LLC, d/b/a Blockheads Burritos, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

The votes are bundled.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0

5. **Multi-block street fairs.** Applications to the Street Activity Permit Office for multi-block street fairs in 2013.

| DATE | SPONSOR NAME | LOCATION | PRODUCER |
|----------|---|-----------------|---------------------|
| 4/28/13 | Veritas, Inc. | Bway, 96-102 E | Mort & Ray |
| 4/28/13 | Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association | Bway, 102-105 E | Mort & Ray |
| 4/28/13 | 24 th Precinct Community Council | Bway, 105-106 E | Mort & Ray |
| 5/05/13 | Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council | Bway, 93- 96 E | Mort & Ray |
| 5/05/13 | Broadway Mall Center | Bway, 86-93 E | Mort & Ray |
| 5/12/13 | Valley Restoration, LDC | Amst, 97-106 | Mardi Gras Festival |
| 5/12/13 | Committee for Environmentally Sound Development | Bway, 60-65E | Clearview Festival |
| 5/19/12 | West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce | Amst, 77-90 | WMCC |
| 5/26/13 | Coalition for a Livable West Side | Bway, 72-82 W | Mort & Ray |
| 5/26/13 | Safe Haven West Side Basketball League | Bway, 82-86 W | Mort & Ray |
| 6/02/13 | Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition | Bway, 65-66 W | Mort & Ray |
| 6/02/13 | Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers | Bway, 66-72 W | Mort & Ray |
| 6/09/13 | The Broadway Mall Association | Bway, 82-86 E | Mort & Ray |
| 6/09/13 | WS Federation of Neighborhood & Block Assoc. | Bway, 73-82 E | Mort & Ray |
| 7/28/13 | Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center | Col, 66- 72 | Clearview Festival |
| 8/25/13 | Goddard Riverside | Amst, 79-86 | Clearview Festival |
| 9/22/13 | West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce | Col, 66-86 | WMCC |
| 10/06/13 | Bloomingtondale Area Coalition | Bway, 96 - 103W | Mort & Ray |
| 10/20/13 | Symphony Space | Bway, 90-96 W | Mort & Ray |
| 10/20/13 | NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch | Bway, 86 - 90 W | Mort & Ray |

Public Speaker:

Richard Barr - 14 Street Fairs in this time span and in this small geographic areas are too many. The sponsors' names are listed, but the fairs are produced mostly by the same company with the same vendors offering the same goods. There are inconveniences to the residents and business lost for the small stores. Propose that the number of fairs be cut in half and the increased revenue be shared with all the sponsors. How can the costs all be covered?

Board Comments:

- The residents seem to like them, the attendance is up to 100,000 people.
- There is a fundamental unfairness about how open is this process to be a sponsor? Are new groups given a possibility? Are the groups vetted for worthiness? These groups are getting money for essentially doing nothing but lending their name.
 - This must be taken up by City Council. The reason why it is the same social services groups if you eliminate one group it goes away forever, there is no substitution by City rules. We have one fewer fair this year because one group dissolved.

- The amount of preparation from the agency is substantial. The vibrancy is good for the UWS.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 31-0-2-*

*Voting Present: Andrew Albert, West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

Preservation Committee, Gabrielle Palitz, Chairperson

6. **2261 Broadway, d/b/a Teavana** (West 81st Street.) Application #13-7884 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install illuminated signage.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 31-0-0-0

7. **446 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Corvo Bianco** (West 81st – 82nd Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to change entrance door and display window.

Board Comment:

The bi-fold doors? Restaurants tend to blast their air conditioning onto the streets.

- They might well get a violation if they do that.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 33-1-0-0

8. **337 West 87th Street** (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application # 13-1690 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rear-yard addition.

Public Speakers:

- Tom Simpson, Board of 335 W 87th. We are a mirror image of the building in question. We saw plans misrepresent the issue. The proposed plans are identical to the original plans. Left off the plans are windows that will be blocked and a balcony and staircase on our building. The changes on 337 will affect our building. The proposed elevator will run along a shared wall which is a bedroom wall in our building, 335. The noise and vibrations are inappropriate for a shared bedroom wall.

Committee Chair Response: These issues were not what we were called upon to have an opinion on. Even so, our approval has a list of serious concerns that include all of the above and we will represent that to the LPC.

- Mary Howard, resident 335 West 87th. Can we have the stair moved to the west side of 337 so it won't interfere with our existing balcony and staircase?

Board Chair Response: We are in a bind because we can only opine on is it appropriate, which it is. We agree that your request is reasonable and you should follow up with landmarks. You will see in our approval that we are highlighting the problems even with the approval.

- Gutleig Jacobsen, 335 West 87th Street. Thank the committee for their work. What does “minimally appropriate” mean?

It is not a glowing recommendation. We have stronger recommendations we use. We go down to the LPC meeting and explain all of our concerns.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 30-1-3-0

**Youth, Education & Libraries Committee, Marisa Maack, Chairperson**

9. The DOE proposal to move Innovation High School from the Brandeis campus building. The community came out in force and unanimously opposed the change.

Board Comments:

- How do the elected officials feel? Against it.
- How do the students feel? Even though they come from all over the city, they want to stay there.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 33-0-1-0

10. NYC Department of Education amendments:

- A) To Chancellor's regulation A-850 - solid waste management (recycling)

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

- B) To Chancellor's regulation C-810 - smoke-free environment policy.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

Present: Mark N. Diller, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Laura Atlas, Issac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, DeNora Getachew. Marc Glazer, Phyllis E. Gunther, Joanne Imohiosen, Marisa Maack, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Evan Rosing, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler, Barbara Van Buren, Stephen Vazquez, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Mel Wymore and Dan Zweig.

On-Leave: Paul Fischer. **Absent:** Ian Alterman, Brian Byrd, Ulma Jones, Lee P. Kwan, Blanche E. Lawton, Michele Parker, Haydee Rosario, Gabriella Rowe, Elizabeth Starkey, Cara Volpe and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Mark N. Diller, Chair
January 15, 2013

1. Borough Board resolution

- a. Against it – fear for the potential for fraud
- b. Pro those states that have all three provisions have the highest voter participation. One or two of the three don't seem to make a difference.
- c. This should alleviate the long lines, when faced with a long line one can request an absentee ballot.
- d. NYC has many more restrictions than most of the other areas of the country.
- e. More financial aid for Board of Elections? Acknowledged that it is needed, but not likely.
- f. Rules for changing party affiliation won't be affected.

Vote: 16-0-0-0.

2. Full Board Meeting Coordination Planning

- a. Transportation – Columbus Avenue proposal
 - a. Issues – crowds, we had more than four hours of public testimony over two meeting dates. Mark has suggested to the bike groups that they use 3 representatives to limit testimony. Mark would like to have the mike pass around the Board table so that every member can speak once.
 - b. It will be proposed that some of Robert's Rules will be suspended to allow all board members to speak.
- b. By-laws – please send out a marked version to the Board for them to be previewed. Debate was closed, all proposed amendments were debated and voted upon.
- c. Other agenda items – none.

3. News Box Initiative – an app was developed to identify where all filthy and/or abandoned news boxes were. 85 was the total number and it was sent to the DOT. They cut the number of them down to 40. Now companies with boxes are being notified. We will need BCI and Transportation to help with the expanded survey.

- a. Marc is developing a resolution addressing the total number of news boxes per corner, that no one company have more than one news box per corner, and enforcement of the Dept of Sanitation maintenance guidelines.
- b. News boxes are obsolete technology and that's why they are being abandoned. DOT has agreed to remove all the boxes that we can get permission from the company to remove.
- c. Suggested that a limited number will be problematic legally. Rather determine key corners that should have no boxes. Where there is high pedestrian traffic there should be no boxes but that is where the owners most want them.
- d. Are news boxes separated from newsstands? Land Use is very concerned with streetscapes – everything that goes on the sidewalk/pedestrian areas.

4. 2013 As an Election Year



- a. Service on a Community Board if running for an office? Yes, it is allowed according to the City of NY. Re: our By-Laws don't presently address that. It would seem that our Board could not be more restrictive than City guidelines.
 - b. Taking/receiving City money or donations for campaigns through campaign laws does not materially impact service on the Board.
 - c. Endorsement of candidates for elected office using the CB7 affiliation. We have an obligation to NOT convey that CB7 endorses a candidate. Each CB7 member must make their own determination.
5. **Jan 30th Community Meeting re: West 95th Street Shelters**
- a. Commissioner Hess and Commissioner Diamond will attend.
 - b. Housing and Health & Human Services Committees were not included in the planning and should have been. Apologies from Mark.
 - c. Was there an application for a change of use for this building? No. Because it is an SRO now being used as a temporary shelter it doesn't require a variance or change of use.
 - d. Chair will make sure we play catch up and get everyone in the loop in advance of the meeting.
6. **Social Media Presentation by Elizabeth Caputo**
- a. This was deferred from November Steering meeting.
 - b. Twitter feed and facebook page are up and running.
 - c. Recommend two demonstrations for Steering and anyone else interested in learning how to use these social media platforms.
 - d. The goal is to have other communication channels to post information already publicly available in a nonpartisan, neutral way. Encourage Steering Committee members to use their best judgment in posting information.
 - e. Each Steering Committee member will be given a log-in. Therefore, the success or failure of the use of social media rests with individual members.
 - f. Mark will send a letter to current government officials at federal, state and local levels to encourage them to share CB7 social media information with their lists.
 - g. Mark is working on a press list to encourage broader community coverage.
 - h. This will also be distributed to community based organizations CB7 interacts with.
7. **Community Notification Procedures**
- a. Need a uniform procedure or agreement that either do not need a uniform procedure for notifying the community about something because there are inconsistencies between how this is handled by committees.
 - b. With applicants, we need to decide how many notifications suffice, where notifications should be posted, etc.
 - c. Twitter will be helpful in making sure there is sufficient and consistent notice about CB7's pending issues and agendas.
 - d. Require those who use our notice document not to shrink the print.
 - e. This will be on the agenda for a future Steering Committee meeting, but encouraged Steering Committee members to give this further thought.
8. **Looking Ahead – Annual Report to the Borough President**



- a. Annual report is due to the Borough President in March, which contains accomplishments and goals.
- b. Penny will circulate last year's document to committee chairs.

9. Request by Paul Fischer for a leave of absence

- a. This request would be for the typical 3 month period effective from January, which is the time period the Board has historically granted. He has the option to ask for an extension.
- b. A member indicated that committee members are not attending meetings, which has presented quorum issues.
- c. Move to approve was 16-0-0-0.

10. New Business

- a. Paige raised the Columbia Grammar issue which has many facets. The Land Use Committee will hear this on February 20, 2013. She encouraged representatives from other committees like YEL and Preservation to send representatives if there are not already reps on Land Use.
- b. They have had preservation related issues approved at staff level.
- c. The meeting at the school was very robust.
- d. The meeting will be conducted as follows: presentation, committee comment, public debate and then committee vote.
- e. CM Brewer was publicly shunned at the meeting.
- f. The major issue was the amount of classroom space being created, which would increase enrollment by 40 seats to the cap of 1,300.
- g. Columbia Grammar would like to have this completed by June 2014 by only doing this over summer and winter breaks. Even their architect said this is impossible.
- h. This is calendared at BSA and have 60 days to respond.

Meeting ended at 8:24 p.m.

Present: Mark N. Diller, Andrew Albert, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Page Cowley, DeNora Getachew, Marc Glazer, Marisa Maack, Klari Neuwelt, Nick Prigo, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, and Dan Zweig. **On-Leave:** Madge Rosenberg. **Absent:** Richard Asche, Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.



**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
January 8, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairs Andrew Albert & Dan Zweig at 7:03 P.M.

NYC Department of Transportation, represented by Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione and Josh Benson, made a presentation about extending the Columbus Avenue re-design northward from 96th Street to 110th Street, and south from 77th Street to 59th Street.

- Ms. Forgione said they visited over 189 businesses in the new stretch, and are planning some loading zones to accommodate deliveries to the following businesses: West Side Movers (107-108), Adel Wine/99c store (105-106), Duane-Read (97-98, 75-76), Pioneer Market (73-74).
- DOT has decided that traffic is sufficiently light above 96th Street that the current rush-hour restrictions on parking on the west side of Columbus Avenue, in effect from 7 A.M. to 10 A.M. can be lifted, restoring 105 parking spaces, to help compensate for the loss of new parking spaces, due to the bike lane.
- In addition, DOT reported that they can restore 6 parking spaces in the stretch between 77th & 96th Street, by adding a space to the mixing zones, currently in place for left-hand turns.
- In response to a question about whether the mixing zones were needed, DOT stated that the mixing zones increase visibility and save lives. They reported that vehicles travelling at 15 mph take 80 feet to stop, whereas vehicles travelling at 20 mph take 100 feet to stop.
- Between 77th Street & 59th Street, lost parking spaces would total 29 for turning (mixing zones) and pedestrian issues, and 11 for loading zones, or a total of 40 spaces lost. Loading zones would be in effect from 8 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. DOT stated there could be flexibility in loading zone hours.

Dan Zweig gave out a handout he prepared, showing wrong-way cycling is up, but the percentage stayed similar to past statistics. He questioned the crash data presented by DOT, noting that the 2007/2008 were much higher than the next three years.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Jaye Murray - Idling is terrible in front of her building since the bike lane was installed. Delivery trucks must be told to turn off their engines!
- James Zisfein - He left the last transportation committee meeting, and couldn't believe that the bike lane extension wasn't approved then.
- Jillian Lazaridis - Noticed that 2 out of 10 cars have NJ license plates. She notes the presence of many out-of-town drivers.
- Andrea Mercado - is an active cyclist, member of 5-boro bike club. Stated that bike lanes are safer for cyclists.
- Richard Barr - Bike lanes are nice in theory, but not in real practice. Makes parking very difficult. Very difficult for blind/disabled persons.
- Barbara Reiter- 95% of westsiders are dictated to by a very vocal advocacy group. Trucks and cars are forced to double-park because of the bike lane. Too many bikes go northbound in the southbound bike lane.
- Arnold Shickler - Gave a handout of his analysis of the parking space issue, with respect to the bike lane.



- David Freedman - Owns a townhouse on 95th Street & became an active biker since the bike lane is right there. Supports extension of the lane.
- Tila Duhaime - Appointed to CB7 as a result of her work on the bike lanes. Notes a drop in pedestrian injuries since the bike lane.
- Steven Phillips - Son Wiley's safety is of paramount importance. Works as a statistician. Owns a car, doesn't mind the inconvenience to his car as a result of the bike lane.
- Larry Zuckerman - Car owner & cyclist. Approves the segregation of vehicles. With bike-share coming, many more will utilize the bike lane.
- Kimberly Kinchen - Resident of Inwood & commutes via the Columbus bike lane. Stops at businesses on the Upper West Side.
- Sebastian Delmont - Lives in Harlem - bikes through the Upper West Side, shops at local businesses.
- Martin Wallace - His whole family bikes. Feels safer in bike lane.
- Mary Hammaun - Lives in Harlem, had child who bikes to Beacon School. Supports extension of bike lane.
- Ben Kintisch - Came from Brooklyn - Daughter Dalia (2 years old) only feels safe in protected bike lanes.
- Lawrence Scheyer - Member of CB#6 - bike lane on 1st Avenue made him feel safer crossing the Avenue, due to the shorter crossing distance. Doesn't like "shared" lanes. Anthony Roman - Watched kids run into street chasing a ball - feels everyone must obey the rules of the road - including bikers.
- Neil Bezdak - On west side less than four months. Finds NYC to be one of the most liveable cities.
- Katharine Rice - Lives on 103 Street - part of "invest in Seniors". Favors a safe & equitable distribution of amenities - supports extension of bike lane.
- George Bulow - 290 West End Avenue - has lived on west side over 40 years - feels politicians are cowed by the "bike lobby" - Columbus Avenue bike lanes do not work! Few bikes stop at stop lights, few wear reflective clothing.
- David Vassar - Lives in Morningside Heights - would love bike lane extended to his area. Uses businesses where bike lanes exist.
- Willow Stelzer - Would vote to extend the bike lane. Has sister who lives in New England who would consider moving to NYC, thanks to the bike lanes.
- Michael Pavel - Commutes by bike. Doesn't use the Columbus Avenue lane because it goes from nowhere to nowhere.
- Rebecca Pavel - Husband got her into biking - feels bike lane should be extended. Stated that the opposition doesn't want the bike lane to be used.
- Mark Gorton - Happy & sad being here - glad people are in favor of the bike lanes - some Board members are being willfully blind - people are getting killed on a regular basis.
- Michael Winderbaum - Feels partially responsible for the bike lane - was almost hit by a sushi delivery bike on Monday - police should enforce laws on the books. In Seattle, bike lanes really work.
- Mary Beth Kelly - husband killed while biking - don't nitpick every piece of this discussion.
- Piglet Evans - would do more shopping locally if she could get there safely.
- Peter Ryder - hit twice by bikes - by people NOT riding in the bike lanes. If there's no law punishing those not using the lanes where they exist, it doesn't work.



- Donna - uses bike lanes - Board should just vote for the extension.
- Liz Patek - Safety issues are obvious. Bikes are good for business.

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION:

- DOT stated that, if approved, installation of extension would be completed sometime in 2013. Construction would take approximately two months.
- Ping proposed a resolution.
- Andrew favored removing the 2nd whereas, since bus throughput isn't as good as prior to the installation of the bike lane.
- Dan - automobile throughput is also down. Roberta stated that left turns are the most dangerous - and supports the resolution.
- Resolution was revised, 2nd whereas was removed.

Vote: Comm: 7-2-1-0

NCB: 5-0-2-0

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Mark Glazer, Lee P. Kwan, Lillian Moore, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti and Roberta Semer. **Chair** Mark N. Diller. **Board Members:** Issac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Marisa Maack, Thomas Vitullo- Martin and Mel Wymore. **Absent:** Ulma Jones.



Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
January 9, 2013 7:00

Application to the SLA for a two year on-premises liquor license:

1. **313B Amsterdam Ave** (West 74th Street) Baby Oliver LLC, d/b/a Piccolo Café, active Wine & Beer only license # 1265224, to be upgraded to Liquor, Wine and Beer. (info@piccolocafe.us; owner Michele Casadei-Massari presenting). Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Application:

2. **One Lincoln Plaza, aka 1900 Broadway** (West 62nd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1137714 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc., d/b/a Fiorello's Roman Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats. (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting; mike2001@optonline.net). Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

3. **237 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st Street). Renewal application DCA#1219794 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 71 Wine Bar Café Operating Corp., d/b/a Bin 71 Restaurant for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. Expediter Steve Wygota presenting; ssrw@aol.com. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

4. **320 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 76th Street.) Renewal application #1025224 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Surtic, Inc., d/b/a Citrus for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 42 seats. Presenting Elaine Reyes (manager) erjosies@aol.com
Discussed delivery bicyclists' diligent protocols. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

5. **413 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Renewal application #1396587 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flagship S.B. Amsterdam NY, LLC, d/b/a Saravana Bhavan, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats. Mathaiah Ramaiah vmramaiah@yahoo.com.
Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

6. **423 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Renewal application # 0981250 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BSWR Corp., d/b/a Sarabeth's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 16 seats. (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting; mike2001@optonline.net
Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

7. **425 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th – West 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1218074 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 425 Amsterdam Café, Inc., d/b/a McAleer's Pub, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats. Keith McAleer (owner) presenting. Marc Glazer asked how he corrected the smoking issue and Mr. McAleer opined his customers stopped smoking.
Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

8. **494 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th Street.) Renewal application DCA#1207810 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ West 84th Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 Seats. (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting;



mike2001@optonline.net) (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting; mike2001@optonline.net). Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0

9. **2463 Broadway** (West 91st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1277778 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ Upper West, Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats. (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting; mike2001@optonline.net) (Expediter Mike Leuck presenting; mike2001@optonline.net). Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

10. **201 West 95th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1282774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 Rest. 95th Street Corp., d/b/a Buceo 95 Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 21 seats. Expediter Steve Wygota presenting; ssrw@aol.com. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

11. **960 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1275484 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Thai Market, Inc., d/b/a Thai Market, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 25 seats. Vutichai Ngosuwan --vutichai001@yahoo.com. Peter Arndtsen added that he felt they were very good neighbors. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-1-0-0; 1-0-0-0

Enclosed Café Renewal Applications:

12. **200 West 60th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA#0984345/ ULURP# N120021ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Heledona Inc., d/b/a Olympic Flame Diner, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats. Presenting Vasilios Katsanos (owner) 212-581-5259. Mr. Katsanos did not come with the posting list, but cited exact addresses and Elizabeth Caputo confirmed. Mel Wymore pointed out that he received a call from Amsterdam Houses supporting the application. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

13. **44 West 63rd Street** (Broadway.) Renewal application DCA# 1229629/ ULURP# 110358ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ixhel Corporation, d/b/a PJ Clarke, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats. (Expediter Mike Leuck Presenting) Discussion regarding problematic egress and committee advised applicant of liability issue. Suggested Mr. Leuck speak to Management. Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 0-0-1-0

14. **2061 Broadway** (West 71st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1223566 / ULURP# N120254ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café 71, Inc, d/b/a Café 71, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats. Presenting owner Alexander Zarwi (212-875-2100) Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

15. **2518 Broadway** (West 94th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1353598/ ULURP# N120253ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 94 Corner Café Corp., d/b/a 94 Corner Café for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 20 seats. Presenting Alexander Zarwi (212-875-2100), the owner.

Contesting the application was George Sun (George_k_sun@hotmail.com), a neighbor, who felt the café is responsible for excessive garbage on the side street near the residence and the noise levels of HVAC



unit in the courtyard of the building are untenable. In addition, Mr. Sun says leakage from the HVAC unit causes ponding and mosquito problems: he provided photographs. Marc Glazer offered to inspect the HVAC unit.

Committee **Disapproves** Application, **without prejudice**, pending reports from DEP, and confirmation of HVAC repairs and garbage mitigation on the side street. 6-0-0-0

16. **2596 Broadway** (West 98th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1338515 / ULURP# N110315ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by H.B. Restaurant Group, Inc. d/b/a Hunan Balcony, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats. Applicants did not show up for meeting.

Committee **Disapproves** Application

17. **368 Columbus Avenue** (West 77th - 78th Streets.) New application DCA# 1392090/ ULURP# N110358ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ixhel Corporation, d/b/a Café Frida, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats. Owner Rosalve Arcat (beyondrosy@gmail.com)

George Zeppenfelt-Cistero says they are good neighbors and quiet.

Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Application:

18. **208 Columbus Avenue** (West 69th – 70th Streets.) New application DCA# 1451239 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Birote Corp., d/b/a El Mitote, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 19 seats. Formerly Rigoletto's. Anne Raphael had difficulty to getting any information. Owner Rosalve Arcat (beyondrosy@gmail.com) responded that she double parked and apologized for any misunderstanding. Signage was posted correctly. Mel said he liked the owners and that they were usually responsive to the community. In addition, he added that because it was such a tight corner, the owners will need to carefully monitor the outdoor café, even though it is a smaller than usual footprint comprising five feet.

Committee **Approves** Application: 6-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Marc Glazer, Anne Raphael and Suzanne Robotti

Board Members: Louis Cholden-Brown and Mel Wymore. **On-Leave:** Paul Fischer.

Absent:

Michelle Parker, Joanne Imohiosen, Ulma Jones and Eric Shuffler.



**Preservation Committee
Gabrielle Palitz, Chairperson
January 10, 2013**

10 West 84th Street, Rodeph Sholom School (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for reconfiguring the building's front entry, including associated interior renovations, façade renovations and a new entry canopy.

For Rodeph Sholom School: Judith Gallent of Bryan Cave, LLP, 1290 Ave Americas, jmgallentbryancave.com
Jeffrey Murphy AIA of Murphy, Burnham & Buttrick Architects.

Application to LPC, to recreate entrance to building on 84th St. The current entrance is thru a high central stairwell on 84th, but not accessible, and dangerous for kids and they use a side door, which enters into service passageways and is not a proper entry. Side entry causes children to encroach on sidewalk space of neighboring building. Current central front stairs encroaches on sidewalk as well.

JM: LPC interested in Brutalist building—which is the architectural style overlaid on the original townhouses. It does not want new design to bring building back to the original townhouses. The existing front door is imposing. Stair and ramp to basement impinges by 6 ft on sidewalk. Note that down from school is Sts Timothy and Mathew, another Brutalist building. Behind school is synagogue on 83rd St., where nursery school is. Courtyard between this school building and synagogue is second egress.

Intention is to humanize the Brutalist architecture. Le Corbusier, Louis Kahn, Breuer give examples of how to humanize Brutalist buildings with wood, color, projections on surface.

MF: does it have elevator?

JM: No. Designed it. The original plan was to build it. But found it was beyond school budget.

JM: The proposed design tries to refer to what is in the original Brutalist design, by creating continuity across front, by retaining its references to original townhouses (using the Brutalist fins which demarcate the original separate buildings.) The proposed design also uses on the band that runs across the building and includes the new canopy the same metal material with the same color that is at the top of the building. The top of the building will remain.

We are using a wood panel, to humanize the new entrance on the fascia of the new portion, and it becomes the ceiling of the interior lobby. Also have a ramp entrance. Getting rid of the garbage bins by the stairs, and intend to displace the strollers now being parked in the front by the garbage bins, which now are alongside the huge concrete-flanked central stair.

GP: projecting bay is metal, façade is brick, and the façade under the projecting overhang is wood,

MF: I see a rail across front of the new ramp. Is that open or glass screened?

JM: it is open. Slight drop, does not require fencing, so can be open.

(He passes around a sample of composition wood, and silver, page, and dark metal.) The dark metal will be used for the three new windows at sidewalk level, which will be new and match existing. Fascia is beige, railing silver.

Quest from neighbor At 239 CPW: does the canopy that is being installed affect the view of the apartment building to the East.

JM: I do not think so; there is a 10 ft space between those windows and the school. But we are entirely within our property line. And the existing concrete constructions must now be blocking some views.



Quest from a woman who is also a resident: We were affected by the construction noise, for months. Also by the noise from some HVAC equipment.

JM: We will have to meet code on mechanical noise, which has been put into place since the original façade. We will use some baffling, cannot exceed decibel level

TVM: much demolition?

JM: minimal, but must remove stairs and concrete out front. Will not do the demo on the inside we planned, for cost reason.

Paul (RS board member): 45 decibel is code for mechanical and we will be compliant.

JA: is it a matter of expense

Paul: of course. Would have to build an enclosure around work during construction

Question of central air unit noise comes up. Can it be baffled?

JM: this is a very small unit, nothing like the one on the synagogue.

On board of 239 CPW: will the traffic on 84th be reduced. It backs up now at drop off and pick up times. But sounds like it might be increased?

46 W 84th in brownstone, Jeff: Surprised that school is investing in cosmetics, thinks that there are fundamental problems with interior. Strollers issue because they are left outside. Applaud removing stairs, question about planting and planters. The look of this work is very institutional. Columbia Prep managed to soften the look. Wonder if the bay window might be altered to get more light and air. I think leaving rail open might be problematic, as drop is 8 inches or 10 inches. And where will garbage be stored?

JM: garbage will be stored in courtyard, brought out front door.

Woman: Mechanicals not shown?

PK: shown as a white box on elevation.

MD: that is huge!

JM: mechanicals will be centered in the building, not visible from street.

MD: Irony, set back of mechanical requirement in the landmark law increase noise effect on neighbors. 239 CPW resident manager - We are concerned that our gate/fence, which is anchored to school/fin, will be damaged when you take down the fin.

GP: this is a good-neighbor issue (since the building does not have a right to preserve that attachment.) Property manager for CPW building needs to meet with construction manager. Need communication.

Board member: facility manager and construction manager must meet. Are in communication now, have been in past for prior projects too.

239 CPW resident manager: back area (courtyard between school and synagogue) is used as recess area during day, and swimming pool in summer. So where will garbage go?

Board member: we are building fenced area in courtyard farthest from CPW building (i.e. west)

JM: re our lighting, we did not want to cause light pollution for neighbors, so minimizing it.....

General discussion of what to do with strollers.

Discussion among Committee Members:

PK: like the ramp, softening the façade. Think the original (Brutalist) façade, whatever you think of it, is lost in this design. I think some of the materials used will not weather well. From design point of view, the canopy interrupts the original façade. Would like bike racks.

JM: city has round racks, and these might go out front. Our concern that entrance would be lost if bikes were parked along that area (where they are now).

MF: I think this sticks out in an inappropriate way. I find nothing here that is appropriate.

PK: I agree with Miki. This design further alienates.



Additional PK comments: notes from Thursday's meeting on 10 W. 84th St, in case they would be helpful to you:

- From a planning point of view, the renovation is very successful. However, from a material and proportional point of view, the new entrance canopy is out of scale and out of character with the existing building.
- Prodeema is an expensive material as it is highly processed and has to be imported. It is not really suitable for exterior sill conditions where there could be snow buildup. The specified Prodeema color does not complement the existing building or either of the neighboring buildings, and using it to cover over the brick on the second story cuts off the single story of brick below, visually orphaning it.
- While the 1970's renovation preserved the 1:1:1:1 rhythm of the original rowhouses, adding a secondary 1:1 rhythm at the top floor, the new addition makes the 1:1 rhythm dominant, if not simply establishing a monolithic "1" reading. This spoils the syncopation and proportion of the facade.
- The architects argue that the protruding canopy references the building's original bay windows in a Brutalist language to match the brick facade, but the overall impression is neither neo-Brutalist nor historically resonant. Rather, the design feels fussy and trend-driven, pulled in too many directions to make a convincing or respectful statement.
- In short, though many laypersons would find the 1970's Rodeph Sholom School facade to be irredeemably ugly, it is an excellent period piece with a severe mathematical elegance, better executed than many other Brutalist buildings of the same period. Any addition should aim to humanize the facade. However, this proposed design further dehumanizes the building with an over-scaled, alien gesture that is too trendy to age well.

MD: The façade in this design is quite different from the Brutalist. I find the existing staircase does not fit the building, so replacing it is good. But there is a restraint to Brutalism, and this design is not in keeping with that restraint.

Something short of this deserves to be approved.

GP: planning of this is dramatically better. Safety issue with the ramp edge. Trying to humanize building by introducing [the previously described design] elements, but this seems out of proportion. If you had just a small bay projecting out, but not the whole huge projection.... [referring to the proposed bay window]. Maybe reduce the canopy a bit. I think the scale and proportion is too large.

BL: signage?

JM: it is etched on glass.

Went back and forth with LPC. Ramp, canopy were encouraged by LPC. Also they encouraged us to refer to Brutalist and the original buildings. So elements relating to brownstones, some marking. So encouraged us to have multiple readings. Check out many different materials. Client so disliked the concrete that they were very enthusiastic about wood.

MF: propose we disapprove because it is inappropriate to this building.

Resolution passes 4-3-0-0

We will add some whereases that explain the vote.

MD: Mention to school, this is a close committee vote, and the full board will not meet before this goes to the LPC, unless you ask for it to adjourn the matter. So you can consider your options. You would have a chance to revisit this before the board, and perhaps turn it around.

Present: Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd, Miki Fiegel, Lee P. Kwan, Blanche E. Lawton and Thomas Vitullo- Martin. **CB7 Chair** Mark N. Diller.



Youth, Education & Libraries Committee meeting Minutes
Marisa Maack, Chairperson
January 17, 2013

Discussion of Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal's bills on PCB remediation. Her legislative aide, Funsho, answered questions on the two bills, 988A and 426A.

988A calls for all NYC public school bldgs to be remediated within 2 years and post remediation air testing of buildings to ensure ballast removal was effective.

426A calls for the city to post school remediation list online so it is publicly available and that each school be given a number on the list for remediation schedule.

Discussion of the Green Apple Bonds proposal to help fund remediation. Bonds can provide a faster and less expensive way to cover costs.

Resolution to support both legislative bills

Approved: 5-0-0

Resolution to support Green Apple bonds proposal

Approved: 5-0-0

Discussion with D3 President's Council. Michelle Ciulla Lipkin and Rachel Laiserin, Co-Presidents of D3 PC, joined the committee, along with parents from PS 75 and PS 9, to discuss coordinating resources throughout schools in the district.

PC represents Parent Associations of D3. Participation in their meetings and workshops is voluntary. They are an information resource for PAs. Their funding comes from voluntary dues from school PAs.

Disparity in amount of funds raised by PAs throughout district and conversation focused on how to best share fundraising knowledge across schools and if fund sharing was possible. Some suggestions discussed:

- Expand the audience and customer base for online school auctions by opening it up to entire district

- Adopt-a-school for more one to one community building between schools

- Co-fundraisers between schools

- Subsidize programs in some schools

- A corporate matching program for funds collected district wide by all PAs

- Shared resources do not have to be dollars but could be parent work

Discussion on whether schools would be amenable to these programs

Next steps: research into identifying possible corporate sponsors for a matching grants program.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 PM

Present: Marisa Maack, Isaac Booker, DeNora Getachew, Blanche Lawton, Eric Shuffler, Stephen Vazquez and Cara Volpe. **Chair:** Mark N. Diller. **On-Leave:** Paul Fisher. **Absent:** Brian Byrd, Haydee Rosario, Helen Rosenthal and Gabriella Rowe.



Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons
January 22, 2013

ACCESSIBILITY

Ronnie Ellen Raymond (rone327@gmail.com) says CAWS in combination with CIDNY mapped the Upper West Side for restaurants, bars, coffee bars that are accessible for wheelchairs or partially accessible. It took eight months to do this systematically. Ronnie would like to be put in touch with other boards to extend the program to other parts of the city

- We suggest she list only the accessible places, not the inaccessible places, which are now included, but which are marked not accessible.
- ADA rules are not enforced. Too many exemptions are allowed even in renovations.
- Perhaps the Mayor's Office could include accessibility in its restaurant inspections and represent compliance with a symbol on the letter grade notices in restaurant windows.
- When City Human Rights Commission calls, restaurateurs and buildings comply.
- When people sue for lack of accessibility they receive money but no cure.
- Rebecca from the BP's Office will work with Ronny on mapping.
- There is often a conflict between LPC and accessibility advocates about use of permanent ramps.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Robert notified us about a forum, Theology and Abuse on March 13 sponsored by Domestic Violence Empowerment (DOVE).

95TH STREET SHELTERS

At the meeting on January 30 at 7 pm. at Temple Anshe Chesed, Robert Hess from Housing Solutions, USA which runs the shelters on W. 95 St., and Commissioner Seth Diamond from the Dept. of Homeless Services will offer the community an informational meeting about the shelters.

ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL has alerted us that they are considering moving their Pediatrics In-patient Department, which is very small, to Roosevelt. They will continue the Pediatric Emergency Service and Out-patient Pediatric Service at St. Luke's. They will let us know when their plans have been finalized.

HOMELESSNESS

Laura will explore with ACS the possibilities for housing for youngsters 17-24, often those aging out of foster care.

BENCHES - Madge will follow up with C-M Gale Brewer & DoITT about perches on booths.

Present: Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Laura Atlas and Robert Espier. **CB7 Chair** Mark N. Diller. **Board Member:** Louis Cholden-Brown. **Absent:** Ian Alterman, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Phyllis E. Gunther, Haydee Rosario and Evan Rosing.

District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Penny Ryan, Chair

January 23, 2013

AGENCY UPDATES:

DOT

Update on commercial bike education/enforcement.

- Education phase has been completed; enforcement will begin in April, with further education given as implementation begins.
- Inspectors will monitor restaurants and observe if they have proper gear.
- Inspections will be complaint and agency driven.
- DOT will provide data o which restaurants are not complying.
- Vests: Are restaurant owners responsible for the purchase of vests or bike delivery people?
Columbus Amsterdam BID to provide contact information for a vest maker company.
- Electric bicycles are not legal and can be confiscated, need enforcement by PD.

Update on bench program – how many approved?

- Data is changing but as of today there are six installed and three pending locations in MCD7.
Need to know policy of program and a current install list; concerns will be emailed to DOT.

DOHMH

Updates on rodent abatement:

Joint with DSNY:

- West 107th Street model block – want to switch out garbage cans and need DSNY approval.
- 204 and 230 West 108th Street – Elevated compliances, in late Spring will index CB7. Need to know there are still active rats at 204 & 230.

Joint with Parks and DEP:

- Verdi – waiting for approval to purchase big belly cans, response is expected very soon. Rat problem continues.
- Strauss parks – to help rat abatement, DOHMH is advocating the DSNY adopt a can program.
- Bloomingdale – call in rat problems because there are no reported problems.
- Frederick Douglass playgrounds - call in rat problems because there are no reported problems.
- Greenstreet at Amsterdam and 110th Street - call in rat problems because there are no reported problems.

Joint with Parks:

- Riverside Park - DOHMH will report on an in-depth snap trap program designed to conserve the hawk population in the park.

Joint with Parks, DEP, MTA, HPD, DSNY, and Bway Malls - Special projects:

- 72nd-75th Streets on Broadway with Fairway.
- 95th -97th Street on Broadway with Broadway Mall Center – Agency responsible for this specific area must be determined. DOHMH can make a technical assessment and recommendation to the responsible agency. Must do a walk-through with DEP & DOHMH

- Joint with DDC: West 60th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam, including Fordham - The Borough President's office will identify key players and begin talks.
- Joint with NYCHA: Amsterdam Houses and Frederick Douglass Houses - The Borough President's office will identify key players and begin talks.
- Joint with BIDs: planning for pest control training for restaurants and businesses – should be ready by March.

NYPD Compstat data

20th Pct.

- Up in Grand Larceny (GL) – Operations Unit is advocating that owners install hooks under bars and video cameras throughout the premises to reduce GL theft. Cameras also help NYPD and owners identify who is at fault during an altercation.
- There are about twenty recidivist locations scattered around the precinct boundaries where GL incidents are the highest.

24th Pct

- Overall crime is down in major categories.
- GL property crimes are up for the year. A plan is in place to deal with problematic locations.

Traffic data:

- 20th Pct - traffic congestion on 67th Street ifo ABC, CPW-Columbus; 63rd Street, CPW-Columbus. Both need enforcement, getting a lot of complaints.
- 24th Pct - Accident stats are flat, injury flat, no accident prone location for the 28 day; historical is 96th Street/Broadway intersection – causes are sideswipes and rear end collisions.
- Double parking ifo Columbia Grammar – need enforcement of double parking – plan to get school to play a more active role.

Problematic locations:

- Three incidents at the Youth Hostel, 96 & Broadway, and Columbus Ave/ 97 – 100; there has also been a rise in car break-ins in the area which is being addressed.
- Planning for unlicensed bike vendors at Columbus Circle meeting – February 7, 10AM
- Joint with DSNY: book vendors on the west side of Broadway, 72nd – 74th Streets. On December 6, 2012 PD removed 1,200 books. Vendor got another table and set up again. Vendors go to court every time PD removes books and the court awards them financial restitution upwards of \$25,000. Must look for an alternative.
- Homeless outreach with Goddard and with the faith-based community; February 22 meeting.

Con Ed

- New gas pipe distribution starting 1/28/2013 on 97th Street /Columbus Ave to CPW, and south on CPW to 90th Street that will take about 10 weeks to finish, from 7 am – 6 pm. There is a lot of traffic on 97th Street, the crosstown transverse exit at 97/CPW, many schools off CPW, and deliveries in this area. ConEd will have to do traffic mitigation with 24th Pct.
- More gas regulators will be installed soon.
- Transmission lines along WEA will be repaired, there may be late night jack hammering emergencies. Will begin at 88th Street.
- Repair implementation at 59th Street & WEA at marine transfer station has to be determined.

DOB

- 2756 Broadway, Five Lamps Restaurant /Bar - Update on legal use of rear yard.
 - DOB is reconsidering rear courtyard use for eating and drinking, has not been approved yet. Any current use is technically illegal and could be found to be in violation after inspection. CB7 & DOB will work with applicant. Zoning seems to allow, but needs clarification. Objection sheets will be given to CB7. Inspections are complaint driven.
- 315 West 103rd Street - status of Stop Work Orders – No support of excavation plan.
- When does DOB issue Saturday work permits? Permits are issued unless there are noise complaints. CB7 requested that all applications for Saturday permits be given equal consideration in the district.

FDNY – Total fires up 12, YTD down 111; Total Emergencies/Medical down 46, YTD up 55; Total Incidents down 38, YTD up 105.

Parks – 311 complaints are addressed internally, responses are not given to complainants. The operations office gives the Parks manager a list of complaints in the mailbox and the manager resolves them.

Parks is reducing trash barrels park-wide.

DA statistics are about the same as December.

DEP – Top five service requests in District 7:

1. Noise: Construction before/after hours
2. Noise: Air Condition/Ventilation Equipment
3. Noise: Construction Equipment
4. Air: Smoke, Chimney or Vent
5. Other sewer problems

Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; PO Clarke, Sean Connors, Dan Spiegel, 20th Pct; Bill McKeon, NYPD TD-01; DI Barry, PO Kevin Henry, 24th Pct; Sandrine Fermino, NYDA; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Paul Evans, José Ureña, Parks; Michael J. Burke, FDNY; Caroline Bragdon, DOHMH; Jesse Bodine, CM Brewer's Office; Matt Bitz, Comptroller J. Liu Office; Kristen Oates, Goddard-Riverside; Pat Richardi, Con Edison; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Sanchi Malhotra, DDC.