

***Full Board Meeting  
February 1, 2000  
Minutes***

*Chairman's Report*

*Honorable Eric M. Nelson*

Announced that Tom Vitullo-Martin is the new co-chair of the Housing Committee. Barbara Adler is the chair of the Columbus Avenue BID.

Eric thanked Melanie Radley, Penny Ryan and John Martinez for putting together the MNN taping. Next months meeting will be rescheduled for Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> because it is currently scheduled for Primary night.

The Verdi green market resolution has been withdrawn.

*Presentation on the Unified Bulk Program Joseph B. Rose, Chairman, City Planning Commission*

Mr. Rose announced that this is the first large scale overhaul of the zoning resolutions since 1961. The "Tower in the Park" model was adopted as a philosophical model for the 1961 zoning. Immediately it was found to be too radical and disruptive to the existing city space. Certain communities used special tactics to counterbalance the effects of the 1961 resolution including special districting, historic-landmarking, etc.. Now we have the 1961 zoning resolution layered on with many attempts to counteract that underlying philosophy – and we have a 900 page resolution. The goals of the unified bulk program specifically are to 1) make the resolution simple, including height limits, street wall requirements, etc...; 2) to maximize to the extent possible as-of-right development; 3) eliminate things that do not work, such as plazas in residential areas; and 4) eliminate loop holes.

Q&A Period

*Is there a conflict between interest in street wall and interest in open space?*

This is a far more flexible plan than contextual planning. If there is something that is better the developer or institution can apply for a waiver.

*How will this alter air rights?*

Air right transfers have been a problem because now there is no limit. However, you can not ban air right transfers because small buildings and owners need them. The program will limit the transfers – a building must occupy certain % of the site it sits, etc...

*How does this affect inclusionary housing?*

Chairman Rose voted against inclusionary housing. However, this proposal does not seek to eliminate the incentive. This program addresses bulk issues, inclusionary housing is a separate battle.

*Why a Panel?*

Because they are going into an area of subjective aesthetic decisions they see the benefit in giving people extra input. The role of the panel is to be a body that gives the commission advice.

*What will CB7 role be?*

CB7 will have the benefit of panel findings. Their role will be the same.

*Why is "Tower on the Base" preferred now?*

Tower on the Base will encourage not having dead space on sidewalk – to encourage a street wall.

*How is the FAR affected?*

This is an FAR neutral proposal. This proposal only addresses bulk. He believes that the FAR is fundamentally okay in current resolution. There are fewer people in Manhattan there were 30 years ago.

*Public Session*

*Melanie Whatley* – from the NYC Campaign Finance Board talked about the organizations work to guarantee that all candidates have access to running in New York.

*Andrew Albert* – announced a forum to be held February 3<sup>rd</sup> on the Ansonia Post Office expansion.

*Lina Podles* – introduced herself as the new regional librarian. She is located at the Bloomingdale Branch Library. They will be closed from February 11 until March 5 for renovations.

*Ian Alterman* – discussed the traffic problems that have begun at 59<sup>th</sup> street-Columbus Circle. He suggested that the board develop a traffic management group devoted to 59<sup>th</sup> st. project.

*Anna Hunter* – from Senator Eric Schneiderman's office announced that Senator McCain is having trouble getting on the ballot because of archaic rules. Schneiderman and Stringer's office presenting a bill that permits anyone on the ballot who qualifies for federal matching funds.

*Emily Lloyd* – the Executive Vice President of Administration at Columbia University spoke about a plan to construct a building that would hold faculty apartments on Broadway between 109<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> street. They are reviewing different options in terms of providing space for other services, i.e. a school.

*Daniel O'Donnell* – the Chair of Housing and Land Use of CB9 talked about the application by Columbia for zoning. He stated that the zoning application affects both CB7 and CB9.

*Russell Pinsley* – a member of UTA announced that HPD dissolved their tenant association.

*Joel Patraker* – spoke about the Greenmarket and his desire to continue working with us to resolve.

*Lynn Peemoeller* – the market manager of the Greenmarket stated that they have been working very hard towards a resolution.

*Tony Manutta* – from the Greenmarket talked about how the market made a great deal to farmers and that without this site several farmers will go out of business. This one site provides between 50% - 80% of earnings for many farmers.

#### *Borough President's Report*

There is still no permanent liaison to CB7. Noah announced that board re-applications are due by February 15<sup>th</sup>. Appointments will be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Virginia Fields has started a Diallo watch. She also emphasizes the need to support the interim school chancellor.

#### *Reports by Legislators*

Assemblymember Stringer wanted it to be announced that he released the Disability Study that his office conducted.

#### *Business Session*

1. Resolution Re: Recognition of Manhattan Neighborhood Network. *Resolution passed 33-0-0-0.*

### **Housing Committee**

2. Resolution Re: Rent Regulations.

#### Public Speakers

*Thomas Siracuse* – from the Westside Tenants Union supports the resolution on rent regulations but urged CB7 to add 3 amendments.

*Parvati Devi* – from the Westside Tenants Union supports resolution and supports the 3 amendments proposed by Thomas Siracuse.

*Resolution failed 16-15-2-0*

### **Transportation Committee**

Resolutions Re:

3. New application to the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission (BO1760) by New Special, Inc. for a For Hire Base station license at 971 Columbus Avenue, 107<sup>th</sup>-108<sup>th</sup> Streets. *Resolution passed 27-0-0-0*

4. Clean fuel buses for NYC Transit.

#### Public Speaker

*Patrick Centolanzi* – from NYPA supports the resolution. He praised the hybrid electric bus.

*Resolution passed 29-0-0-1*

5. "Stop Here on Red" signs at the Broadway Mall intersections (Joint with Parks Committee.)

Public Speaker

*Susan Silverman* – supports signage at Broadway malls. She wants enforcement like on Park Avenue.

*Resolution passed 30-2-0-0*

6. American Museum of Natural History's Transportation Management Plan for the period after the opening of the Rose Center.

Public Speakers

*Seth Kaufman* – is opposed to the proposal. He claimed that there was no committee meeting to discuss this and that there has been a procedural error.

*Abby Belkin* – stated that the resolution should include a designated drop-off site for cars coming to the museum.

*Richard Lieb* – is against the plan. The increased traffic will result in increased pedestrian danger. All signage and lights being proposed help drivers and traffic – not pedestrians.

*Jack Flam* – is against the plan. There is no cap on the number of buses that come to the museum.

Claims that it is ironic that CB7 votes for clean-air buses but no limit is placed on the number of dirty-air polluting buses driving to the museum.

*Sam Leff* – is against the resolution. He feels that the community was kept out of this process.

Concerned about buses cruising the neighborhood.

*Barbara Adler* – speaking on behalf of the Columbus Avenue BID is against the proposal. Doubts that there will be enforcement of no bus idling. It will also add to the existing traffic congestion.

*Jonathan Lipnick* – spoke against the resolution. He was the resolution to be tabled so that everyone can work together to resolve outstanding issues.

*Allan Moller* – is against the resolution. Opposed to plan to move bus layover to Columbus Avenue. He proposed an amendment to resolution with regard to the overflow.

*Gregory Clifford* – announced that DOT has already turned down the plan and asked why CB7 was voting on this.

*Gay Miller* – claims that DOT approved a plan that is different than our proposal. He believes that the DOT plan should be reflected in this resolution.

In discussion the board was informed that a pre-paid parking system would begin on March 6<sup>th</sup>. A Pct officer will help with pedestrian safety, bus idling and enforcement. A campaign has begun to encourage schools to use public transportation to get to the Museum and there is an agreement between the Board of Ed and DOT that students will get free transportation. The Museum would welcome having a dedicated drop-off site. There will be no permanent change in parking regulations – spots for buses will be blocked off on a need basis only. Every bus will be met by Anthony and his staff (there are 12) and will receive instructions on how to get to the layover. The board will help the Museum design the route. The Museum will work on a monitoring system with CB7, the block associations, etc.. Lisa and her staff will come back to the board in the late Spring to re-address any issues and to see how things are going.

*Resolution passed 26-4-2-2*

**Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee**

7. Resolution Re: Design for a dog run at West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Riverside Park.

Public Speakers

*John Hart* – opposed to dog run

*Randy Vaughan* – opposed to dog run. Read letter by residents of building that are opposed to run.

*Scott Mollen* – opposed to dog run. Inappropriate to have the run at the Roosevelt Monument – it is an area for senior citizens.

*Jacqueline Moore* – opposed to dog run. She is a dog owner but does not support this location. It can no longer be used by people because of the smell.

*Alex Laviand* – opposed to dog run. Smell comes from the dog run and it will become a health hazard when the weather is warmer.

*Richard Seaden* – opposed to dog run. There is noise at all hours and odors come from the run. Health and consideration of people should come before dogs.

*Nancy Rubens* – opposed to dog run. It is an inappropriate site and there is a smell coming from it.

*R. Shanley* – supports the resolution. However, parks department must have a zero tolerance towards owners who do not obey ordinances.

*Nella Gill* – supports run with reservation. Must make sure that dust is kept under control.

*Olive Freud* – stated that Riverside Park is a narrow park and parks are for people. Controversy would go away if people did not have to see or smell the animals.

*Richard Johnston* – is against the dog run. He can not believe that 3 years after dedicating the memorial to Eleanor Roosevelt we are turning it into a dog park. The run should be away from people.

*Mark Salamon* – from Floral supports the resolution. Floral will take primary financial responsibility and will dedicate resources to address this one site.

*Richard Sindel* – approves the dog run. He read the ASPCA position on the run.

*Giselle Simons* – from Floral supports the run.

*Patty Clark* – claims that there has been an attempt to address the smell issue. They need facilities including water. She stated that nannies change diapers in the park and homeless people poop in the park – and it all smells.

In discussion maintenance responsibility for the dog run was addressed. The Parks Dept. does not have money to maintain it – maintenance will be volunteer. But there is no guarantee that it will be maintained. However, when the new dog run is in place there will be a state-of-the-art stone surface and drainage which will reduce smell, etc... Jeff Zahn of Floral stated that the money issue was solvable. With regard to the location, the Parks Department does not prefer this location. They wanted to put it on the other side of the highway but dog owners were opposed to that. Some board members expressed that the community was giving up more than it was getting.

Jeff Zahn and Marc Landis voted in support of the resolution. Jeff Zahn is on the board of Floral and Marc Landis has represented Floral. Some members of the board claimed that there was a conflict of interest.

*Resolution passed 16-12-3-0*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Deborah Ward Gonzalez.

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Chairman, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Annette Averette, , , Gale Brewer, , Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Beverly Finegold, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Phyllis Gunther, Barbara Keleman, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, , Marc Landis, Jan Levy, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lydia Padilla, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Shirley Silverberg, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, Deborah Ward-Gonzalez, D. Maria Watson, Angela Wiggins, Jeffrey Zahn, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Daniel Zweig. John Acevedo, Judith Alvarez, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Lisa Bryant, Anthony Dillet, Joyce S. Johnson, Betty Katz, Maria Del Pilar Posada, Melanie Wymore, Robert Zuckerman.



Community Board 7  
Youth Committee Meeting  
Minutes  
February 14, 2000

Members Present: Peter Baily, Deborah Ward Gonzales, Angela Wiggins, Phyllis Gunther, Willie Gonzales, Bob Zuckerman, Melanie Wymore

Staff Present: John Martinez

**Youth Council**

Peter Baily and Melanie Wymore announced the first meeting of the Community Board 7 Youth Council. The purpose of establishing the Council is to provide a platform for youth to convene, develop policy positions, and advocate on their own behalf. The Youth Committee of Community Board 7 will support the Youth Council by acting as a sounding board, providing guidance, and facilitating connections to agencies and organizations throughout the city. The main idea is to empower teens to represent the interests of youth in political and commercial arenas.

Members of the Youth Committee then left the 15 participants of the Youth Council and two facilitators (from the West Side YMCA and the Manhattan Valley Development Corporation) to discuss and establish the mission of the Youth Council. One hour later, members of the Youth Committee reconvened with Youth Council participants to discuss their perspectives. Representatives of the Youth Council reported an interest in addressing several issues, including police harassment, school security, and youth employment.

**Youth Committee**

While Youth Council participants conducted their first meeting, members of the Youth Committee reviewed and discussed policy and budget changes that impact the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The Committee voted (7-0-0 members, 6-0-0-0 public) to adopt the Borough President's resolution (attached) to restore the SYEP budget and ensure that federal policy changes do not reduce the number of summer jobs provided to youth through the program.

The Committee also discussed general budget cuts to the Department of Youth and Community Development that impact youth programming throughout New York City. The committee voted (7-0-0-0 members, 6-0-0-0 public) to draft a resolution and/or letter to restore money cut from youth programs. The Committee co-chairs were bestowed with the authority to draft the resolution and/or letter as appropriate.

Arnyce Foster announced a community event on April 19 to be held at the 59<sup>th</sup> street Recreation Center.

Mr. Martinez asked the Committee to investigate problems of the Beacon program at IS 54. Mr. Martinez was asked to outline in writing his complaints and send them to John Martinez at the Community Board 7 office.

The Youth Committee reconvened with participants of the new Youth Council, as described above.

Community Board 7  
Youth Committee Meeting  
Agenda  
March 14, 2000

Review of Minutes

Review of Action Items

Committee Recruitment

Program Assessment Worksheet

Review of Youth and Family Policy Manual

Discussion of Developmental Assets Approach

Discussion of Program Assessment Worksheet

**Transportation Committee**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs**  
**February 8, 2000**

**1. New application to the Department of Transportation by the Bolivar Apartment Corp., 230 Central Park West, for a revocable consent to construct an area for planting on Central Park West and on 83<sup>rd</sup> Street (Joint with Landmarks Committee.)**

After examining plans and photographs, the joint committees passed a resolution: Resolved that CB7 Manhattan supports the application to Department of Transportation from Bolivar Apartments Corporation to construct an area for planting adjacent the Bolivar on CPW and 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Transportation Committee: Favor: 8, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0. Landmarks Committee: Favor:0, Opposed:0, Abstentions: 1. Other Board members: Favor:10, Opposed:0, Abstentions: 0. Public members: Favor: 4, Opposed: 0, Abstentions:0

**Transportation and Uniformed Services Committees**

**1. Applications to the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications to install public pay phones at 2637, 2833 Broadway; 101, 618, 995 Columbus Avenue; 220, 64 Manhattan Avenue; 250, 290, 360, 54, 98 Riverside Drive; 39 West 63 Street; 20 West 64 Street; 129 West 66 Street, 130 West 68 Street, 222 West 77 Street; 220 West 80 Street, 222 West 83 Street.**

Application to DOITT from "NYC Public Telephone Co." to install public pay phones at above locations in CD7. In addition to the fact that there was no information or siting plans provided, there was significant objection from some committee members and members of the public to some of the sites applied for. The item was unanimously tabled to the next Uniformed Services meeting on March 8, '00.

**2. Enforcement in MCD7 of the ban on storage of garbage dumpsters on city sidewalks *Sanitation Code: Section 16-120(c)*.**

The committees reviewed an informational leaflet from the Sanitation Department that outlines the Legal Requirements regarding storage of garbage dumpsters on city sidewalks. Because enforcement of these laws has been so lax, the Sanitation Department has begun a Pilot Program, (the first one is in Brooklyn -CB#3) of strict enforcement in order to reduce sidewalk clutter and unsightly conditions. The joint committees passed a resolution: Resolved that CB7 Manhattan approves the Sanitation Department's enforcement of the legal requirements [*Sanitation Code Section 16-120(c) and Section 16-118 (2)*]concerning storage of garbage dumpsters on city sidewalks as it applies to commercial establishments.

Transportation /Uniformed Services Committees: Favor: 13, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

Other Board members: Favor: 6, Opposed:0, Abstentions: 0. Public members: Favor 6, Opposed:0, Abstentions: 0

**Transportation Committee**

**1. Discussion of Department of Transportation's proposal to install muni-meters on the eastside of Columbus Avenue from 77<sup>th</sup>-81<sup>st</sup> Streets, and to extend metering to seven days per week.**

The Department of Transportation is proposing to install Muni Meters along the east side of Columbus Avenue from 77<sup>th</sup> to 81<sup>st</sup> Streets (adjacent to the American Museum of Natural History) and to extend metering along that strip to 7 days per week. After discussion, the committee passed the following two resolutions:

**RESOLUTION #1:** Resolved that CB7 Manhattan approves the installation of Muni Meters on the east side of Columbus Avenue between 77<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Streets, in an appropriately unobtrusive color (such as

dark green), reflecting the esthetic concerns of the Parks and Landmarks Committee, as long as there is a permitted duration of 2 hours parking.

Committee: Favor:7, Opposed:0, Abstentions:0

Other Board members: Favor: 6, Opposed: 0, Abstentions: 0

Public members: Favor: 5, Opposed:0, Abstentions:0

**RESOLUTION #2:** Resolved that the metering shall continue to be limited to 6 days a week, Monday through Saturday only.

Committee: Favor:5, Opposed: 1, Abstentions: 1. Other Board members: Favor: 5, Opposed: 1, Abstentions: 1. Public members: Favor:6, Opposed:0, Abstentions: 0

**2. Relocation of 2 bus stop shelters from Verdi Square** (because of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street IRT Subway Station reconstruction).

One new location will be the east side of Broadway between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Streets, in front of Apple Bank. This is for the #104 Bus. Andrew Albert invited committee members and the community to offer suggestions for other possible locations for the other bus stop shelter (for the eastbound M72).

**3. Committee members' reports on proposed streets in need of resurfacing.**

Several streets were noted as being urgently in need of repair (96<sup>th</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup> between Broadway and CPW, Freedom Place and WEA, 100<sup>th</sup> between WEA and RSD and others. Andrew Albert asked that committee members and members of the community please contact the office with other streets in the district that they feel need resurfacing.

**4. Committee members' reports on missing street light bases.**

Some have been reported, but there are many, many more in the district. Andrew urged committee members to contact the office with information about any exposed street light base they notice.

There was an endorsement of a suggestion that requests for community help in identifying streets that need resurfacing (Item 3) and street light bases that are exposed (Item 4) be posted in the notices the Board office sends out to our mailing list.

**5. Application to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office by Greenmarket to relocate of the Saturday Verdi Square Market to the eastside of Broadway, 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup> Streets, during reconstruction of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street IRT Station.**

Tony Manetta, of Greenmarket reported that NYC DOT & NYC Transit would take no further action on any application from them to move to a temporary location on Broadway between 73<sup>rd</sup> & 74<sup>th</sup> Streets, until they receive a formal resolution from CB7, which supports the Greenmarket's relocation to this location, and recommends a particular traffic plan for diverting buses & vehicular traffic.

The Transportation Committee is aware of the strong feelings of the 75<sup>th</sup> Street block association, as well as representatives of various building in the area, who have attended previous meetings on the subject. Laura Jervis Executive Director of the West Side Federation for Senior Housing (WSFSH) spoke on behalf of the Fitzgerald Condominium Association. Their board met with Greenmarket regarding a proposal to reverse the direction of 74<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam Avenue & Broadway (Saturdays only) to accommodate the M104 bus. She stated that while the board is in favor of the Market, they are concerned with several issues pertaining to reversing the

direction, and, in fact, voted to NOT reverse the street on Saturdays. They have suggested rerouting the bus to 79<sup>th</sup> Street. The Greenmarket's offer of personnel to deal with the flow of traffic & safety issues was not enough to convince the Fitzgerald to reverse their position.

An extensive discussion ensued, (for two hours) on the various traffic proposals (74<sup>th</sup> Street, 75<sup>th</sup> Street, 79<sup>th</sup> Street). Many people stated they are in favor of the Greenmarket, but not at the proposed location. Some thought the location was too problematic, and wished the market would suggest another. At one point, Merchants Gate Driveway was suggested, but was thought to be too far from the original location, although many, many people pass by this location. The Committee took a vote to see if there was support for the market relocating to 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup> Streets with one of the three traffic proposals. The Committee deadlocked, 4-4 on either of these plans, which would not have advanced ANY resolution to the full board. With a desire to do that, a resolution was put forth to support the market at 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup> Streets, with NO SELECTED TRAFFIC PROPOSAL. This passed the Committee 5-3 with no abstentions. The non-committee board vote was 5-1-0, and the public vote was 8-4-0.

Resolved, CB7 Manhattan supports the relocation of Greenmarket to the east side of Broadway between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Streets and urges further investigation of appropriate traffic plans to accommodate the new location, including, but not limited to, the utilization of 79<sup>th</sup> Street, 75<sup>th</sup> Street, and 74<sup>th</sup> Street in re-routing 73<sup>rd</sup> Street westbound traffic.

The Committee plans to ask DOT & NYC Transit to attend the next meeting to discuss possible solutions to the various traffic plans.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Keleman.

Present were:

*Transportation Committee:* Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Oscar Rios, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Robert Zuckerman. Absent: Joyce S. Johnson. *Uniformed Services Committee:* Beth Berns, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Lydia Padilla, Jeffrey Zahn, Oscar Rios. Absent: John D. Howell. *Landmarks Committee:* Jan Levy. *Board Members:* Barbara Adler, Peter Bailey, Dan Cohen, Klari Neuwelt, Hector Santana. *Transportation Committee Public Members:* Alan Flacks, Peter Jenkins, Batya Lewton, Madeleine Polayes.

**Steering Committee Meeting**  
**Eric Nelson, Chairman**  
**February 23, 2000**

Eric Nelson, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. Eric introduced Shanifah Riero who will be replacing Phoebe Fuentes as the community associate.

1) First we discussed the Transportation Committee Resolution Re: Verdi Square Greenmarket. The committee was deadlocked on considering three alternatives for rerouting 73<sup>rd</sup> Street westbound traffic. Dan Zweig, co-chair indicated that the resolution voted on was intentionally vague on the traffic plans, while support only the relocation of Greenmarket to the east side of Broadway Andrew Alpert (Co-Chair) insisted that the relocation of the Greenmarket.

It was brought out in discussion that DOT had already rejected the 74 Street rerouting plan.

After much discussion, Sheldon Fine offered a substitute resolution (Seconded by Gail Brewer) just supporting the location.

Resolution failed 4-9-1-0.

The Steering Committee then voted on the Transportation Committee's original resolution.

Resolution passes 10-4-0-0

2) Eric Nelson, the Chair indicated that The Resolution Re: Rent Regulations needed a Steering Committee vote subject to ratification by the full board due to the timeliness of the upcoming City Council vote. Beth Berns objected to the requirement that landlords furnish tenants of deregulated apartments with detailed notices of previous rents as an unreasonable and unnecessary requirement. Agreement developed that what should be required is the history of how the apartment became legally deregulated rather than including the aforementioned requirement in the resolution. Eric asked Tom Vitullo-Martin (Co-Chair) and Andrew Alpert to work out the appropriate language change.

Vote on the resolution as amended passed (11-0-1-1). Non-Comm Board Members (0-0-1-0).

3) Eric indicated that the Department of City Planning's Unified Bulk Program is the most far reaching proposal for change in the city's zoning resolution in a generation. Eric therefore proposed that a special session be held on March 6<sup>th</sup> to inform Board Members of the effects of the Unified Bulk Program on our community. This proposal was approved by consensus. February 29<sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation was cancelled. Penny agreed to send out a notice on the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting to all Board members tomorrow.

4) The Borough Board met today (2/23) and discussed the Mayor's Preliminary Budget for FY 2001. Copies will be distributed to Steering Committee members tonight and members are requested to comment by Tuesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>.

5) Reports of Internal Board Committees.

Membership Committee is recommending for cause the removal of a member who has not attended meetings in many months.

Resolution: Community Board 7 move forward with the removal of Board Member Anthony Dillet for cause under the Board by-laws Passed (9-1-3-0).

Communications Committee - Melanie Radley reported on the development of a CB7 Handbook. She presented a draft and requested that comments and suggestions for additions and/or changes be submitted to Jan Levy.

Website Committee - Gale Brewer reported that we now have use of a web site URL [cb7manh.nyc.gov](http://cb7manh.nyc.gov). The Website Committee will now be able to proceed with its work.

Ethics Committee - Eric reported that next month the Ethics Committee will consider a by-law that would require members to declare involvements with organizations, businesses etc in addition to what is currently required by the city regulations the meeting will take place on March 22 at 6 PM.

6) Review of written updates on committee activities and issues Eric requested that the Health, Human Services and Environment; Housing; Landmarks; Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs; and Uniform Services produce a short written update on committee activities and issues and submit in a timely fashion to the board office for distribution at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Full Board Meeting.

The meeting concluded at 9:55 PM with a motion to adjourn passed unanimously.

Submitted by Sheldon Fine

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Sheldon Fine, Marc Landis, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Hector Santana, Jr., Thomas-Vitullo Martin, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig. Absent: Richard Asche, Peter Bailey, Hope Cohen, Beverly Feingold, Robert Herrmann, Larry Horowitz, Joyce Johnson, Ethel Sheffer, Deborah Ward Gonzalez, Melanie Wymore.

**LANDMARKS COMMITTEE**  
**Lenore Norman and Barry Rosenberg, Co-Chairs**  
**February 17, 2000**

Present: Co-chairs Lenore Norman and Barry Rosenberg, Jan Levy, Dan Cohen and Patricia Stevens.

**1. 18 West 89th Street. Application by the Dwight School to construct a rear yard addition.**

This application was held over from the previous month because the community had not been notified.

Don Weston and Barbara Marks, Architects, made the presentation. The proposed addition will be minimally visible from the public thoroughfare. It will be placed on an existing two-story extension that occupies the entire rear yard of the school property; is located on the east side of the donut and will not cast additional shadows on the westerly gardens. The 40' extension will act as a step-up to the high-rise buildings on CPW; the donut already has been reduced by extensions; the design rounds a portion of the wall facing west to reduce visual impact; the large windows in the original plan have been changed to slit type windows to protect privacy of adjacent building and the design and materials are in keeping with the historic district. The addition will be stucco to match existing bricks with a painted tin roof; the mechanicals will be moved and concealed as much as possible; fencing around the roof will be gray and will be 6' in height (total project from ground level will be 49'.)

The Committee passed the following resolution:

Whereas, the addition of a second story to an already existing incursion into the rear yard is precedent setting; and

Whereas, in addition to the 20-foot building there will be a 6' fence raising the height even further; and

Whereas, the surrounding buildings will be deprived of light and air; and

Whereas, the noise from the HVAC system will only exacerbate an already problematic situation; and

Whereas, the character of the neighborhood will be irrevocably changed; and

Whereas, the Dwight School seems unwilling to consider alternative plans such as housing these facilities in another building;

Be it resolved that the Landmark's Committee voted 5-0-0-0 and 1-0-1-0 for the public members to deny this application, but commends the architects for their work and their attempt to be responsive to the Committee's suggestions.

**2.370-374 Columbus Avenue: Application by the Potion Lounge to legalize a projecting sign installed without a permit.**

Steven and Chris Haramis presented the plan.

Whereas, the sign which is 2 and 1/2 by 3 feet with white lettering and a blue background is in keeping with existing projecting signs on the block and immediate vicinity; and

Whereas, the owners have been assured that the sign meets the requirements of the Buildings Department;

Be it resolved that the Committee votes to approve the sign application. 4-0-1-0. Public: 0-1-1-0.

**3. 317 West 87th Street: Application to enlarge a roof-top addition on a 10-story building.**

Alfred Carballude, the Architect, presented the plan to extend the front of the P.H. approximately 6 feet (it will go from 550 square feet to 1100 square feet). The extension will not be visible from across the street. Materials will be of stucco the same color of the existing brick. There are no abutting buildings for 70' on each side. The terrace is being repaved. The plan is to use sliders to ensure a better view and because they believe double-hung windows and doors are too heavy to open.

Whereas, the architect's plan to change the windows and doors is not esthetically appropriate;  
and

Whereas, sliders have a tendency to deteriorate more rapidly; and

Whereas, the proposed material is not appropriate; and

Whereas, the addition is not really visible from the street;

Be it resolved that the Committee voted to approve the application if the architect agrees to change the windows to double hung and to retain the French style doors; and

In addition to clad the building in brick rather than stucco.

Committee vote 5-0-0-0 Public 2-0-0-0.

#### **4. Application to Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC #001639) to establish a master window plan for 50 West 72nd Street and to legalize windows installed without permits.**

The intent of the plan is to bring some consistency to past erratic changes made to the building's windows. The plan presented at two presentations by the architect representing the owner reflected input and discussions between the architect and the LPC.

Whereas, it is the intent of a window restoration plan to both improve the serviceability of windows that are installed to substitute for existing failed windows; and

Whereas, it is deemed appropriate to have a master window plan as close as possible the original fenestration of the building; and

Whereas, several residents of 50 West 72nd testified that double-hung windows previously installed to replace the original windows proved to be difficult and hard to operate and the master plan as submitted calls for the replacement of all East, West and South Wall casement windows to ultimately be replaced by such double-hung windows.

The Committee resolves that the plan as submitted with two major features

a) that the north facade windows a 4 over 4 double hung and the north columns of windows on the east and west walls be replaced with a nearly in-kind replacement double hung windows be approved; and

b) that the balance of windows on the West, South and East facades, whether they be double-hung or casement be replaced with a double-hung window with mullions to suggest divided lights, be rejected in that these facades are very prominent in the skyline and such a change would detract from the original appearance, and that the units used in combination to replace casements windows do not work satisfactorily for the user tenants.

**LAND USE COMMITTEE**  
**CO-CHAIRS: RICHARD ASCHE AND LARRY HOROWITZ**  
**February 16, 2000**

**1. 1920 Broadway**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 0738437 to the Department of Transportation by S.B. Restaurants of 64<sup>th</sup> Street, d/b/a The Saloon at 1920 Broadway (64<sup>th</sup>-65<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 34 tables and 78 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-0-0. Board Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

**2. 412 Amsterdam Avenue**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 0934102 to the Department of Transportation by Attenti Ai Quei Tre, Ltd., d/b/a Baci at 412 Amsterdam Avenue (79<sup>th</sup>-80<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 6 tables and 18 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-0-0. Board Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

**3. 414 Amsterdam Avenue**

Architect Jeffrey Kerbeykian and attorney Denise Darmanian presented the application for a new unenclosed café.

The plans presented to the Committee show a café of 9 foot, 3 inches in depth.

Furthermore, the plans do not show a railing around the café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the applicant agrees to amend the café plans to show a café depth of 9 feet and a railing around the café and to provide those amended plans, stamped by the Department of Consumer Affairs, to Community Board 7/Manhattan in advance of the Full Board meeting of 2 March 2000; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed not to operate in advance of securing all necessary permits;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1016775 to the Department of Transportation by BEK Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Savann Restaurant, 414 Amsterdam Avenue (79<sup>th</sup>-80<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 8 tables and 17 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

**4. 392 Columbus Avenue**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1025224 to the Department of Transportation by 100 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street, NYC Corp., d/b/a North West at 392 Columbus Avenue (79<sup>th</sup> Street) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 21 tables and 42 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 5-0-2-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

**5. 2290 Broadway**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1023819 to the Department of Transportation by Westside Deli, LLC, d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen at 2290 Broadway (82<sup>nd</sup>-83<sup>rd</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 20 tables and 60 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

#### **6. 2745 Broadway**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1025182 to the Department of Transportation by Grillo, Ltd., d/b/a Henry's at 2745 Broadway (105<sup>th</sup>-106<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 32 tables and 94 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

#### **7. 320 Amsterdam Avenue**

Architect Derek Lee presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. There had been a café under the previous ownership. The new sole owner had been a partner in the previous restaurant and did not realize he needed to file a change in ownership last year. Thus this application is essentially a change in ownership application.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1025224 to the Department of Transportation by Surtic Inc., d/b/a Citrus Bar & Grill at 320 Amsterdam Avenue (75<sup>th</sup>-76<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 20 tables and 46 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-0-0.

#### **8. 4 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street**

Peter Valiente of NYC Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) presented the application to amend (ULURP# 00303HUM) the West Side Urban Renewal Plan to permit an additional 24,000 ft<sup>2</sup> of floor area for Site 23A, 9 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street. HPD believes that this building will have less impact on the community than would a building developed once the Urban Renewal Plan expires in two years.

Several Committee members took HPD and Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School to task for not considering the needs of the neighbors of the proposed building, especially those who will lose light and air from their apartments at 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. HPD seems to be disregarding its mandate to protect housing for NYC residents.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the West Side Urban Renewal Plan was enacted, in part, to preserve existing low and moderate income housing in the Urban Renewal Area; and*

*WHEREAS 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street was an intended specific beneficiary of the Urban Renewal Plan; and*

*WHEREAS the proposed addition to Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School would eliminate light and air for several residents of 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street; and*

*WHEREAS the residents of 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street are not in a position to move; and*

*WHEREAS the residents of 325 Central Park West and 322 Central Park West will also suffer a substantial reduction the light and air of their apartments; and*

*WHEREAS a substantial addition to Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School could be constructed in such a way as to reduce somewhat the impact on residents at 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, while still accommodating most of the programmatic needs of Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School; and*

*WHEREAS the Dr. Jerry Heymann, President of Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School's Board of Trustees has written that the school has "what we believe to be the most square footage per student of any school in the city";*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves the proposed 7<sup>th</sup> amendment (ULURP# 00303HUM) to the West Side Urban Renewal Plan.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-1-0. Board Member vote: 0-1-0-0.

### **9. CB7 process for the Unified Bulk Program ULURP**

A representative of NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) reported that the Unified Bulk Program proposal has begun ULURP. DCP will provide the required documents to the Board office. Land Use will discuss the proposal in depth at its next meeting (i.e. Wednesday, 15 March 2000). The Full Board will consider a resolution on the proposal at its April meeting (i.e. Tuesday, 4 April 2000).

### **10. 248 West 80th Street**

Fred Becker, attorney for New York Sports Club, presented the application (BSA163-99-BZ) to enlarge an existing physical culture establishment at 248 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway – West End Avenue).

Several neighbors testified that New York Sports Club has been working to alleviate the noise problem from equipment on the roof of the facility, but that the problem is not yet resolved. Furthermore, neighbors testified that vibration from the New York Sports Club has increased substantially since October 1999.

The applicant agreed to investigate the vibration issue. The Committee postponed deliberation on the application to its April meeting (i.e. Wednesday, 19 April 2000).

### **11. 18 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street**

Architect Barbara Marks and [expediter] applicant Donald Weston made an informational presentation on the application pending to the Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA134-99-BZ) to add a story to both the 89<sup>th</sup> Street building and the 88<sup>th</sup> Street building of the Dwight School, and to add a story to the portion of the building in the rear yard.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Land Use Committee Members Present:** Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Beth Berns, Larry Horowitz, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Joyce Johnson, Betty Katz, Maria Watson. **Board Members Present:** Barbara Adler.