

**Full Board Meeting
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
February 4, 2003**

Chair Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Mr. Horowitz announced that Columbia University appears to be holding up its obligation with regard to the Faculty School admissions policy. Community board membership applications are due to the Manhattan Borough President's office on February 14th. Barbara Adler announced that Christo and Jeanne Claude would present their Central Park Gates Project at the March Committee meeting. Hector Santana congratulated Willie Gonzalez on receiving the Medal of Freedom from the President of the Dominican Republic for his work with children and the Maria Trinidad Sanchez baseball team in NYC.

Legislators' Reports

State Assemblyman Scott Stringer, Manhattan Borough President C. Virginia Fields, Councilmember Gale Brewer were present and spoke about budget concerns at all levels of government.

Public Session

Robert Jossman, West 95th Street resident, announced that the Congregation Ohab Zedek has started expansion without permits.

Pamela Adler, DOROT, announced that they are moving back to the main office at 171 West 85th Street.

Business Session

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Joint with Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

1. MTA Arts for Transit proposal to install artwork in the 103rd and 110th Street IRT stations.

The follow people spoke against the proposed art: Caroline Hannah, Friends of Terra Cotta; Kate Wood, Landmark West!; Cynthia Doty, West 103rd Street Block Association; Carolyn Kent, Morningside Heights Historic District Committee; Kathryn Ralph, Michael Gotkin.

1a. Resolution to disapprove the MTA Arts for Transit proposal to install artwork in the 103rd IRT station was adopted: 19-8-5-1.

1b. Resolution to disapprove the MTA Arts for Transit proposal to install artwork in the 110th Street IRT station was adopted: 30-2-3-1.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

2. Resolution to disapprove the application to the Department of Transportation by 4 Uptown Properties, LLC for a revocable consent to enlarge the existing areaway at 245 West 76th Street was adopted: 34-0-1-0.

3. Resolution to disapprove the proposed locations for public pay telephones in CD7 was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

4. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#1021206 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2180 Broadway Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Manhattan Diner at 2180 Broadway, for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 38 seats was adopted: 31-1-3-0.

5. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jakes Dilemma at 430 Amsterdam Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats was adopted: 32-1-2-0.

6. Resolution to approve the ULURP application #030239PPM to the Department of City Planning by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to dispose 147 West 90th Street, a city-owned vacant lot, to the Economic Development Corporation, which will then dispose to the West 90th Street Community Educational Project was adopted: 36-0-0-1.

Fr. Joseph Darbouze, Pastor, St. Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Parish, and Tina Ramirez, Executive Director, Ballet Hispanico, spoke in support of the project.

Housing Committee

Co-Chairs: Barry Rosenberg and Beth Berns

Joint with Land Use

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

7. Resolution to approve the applications under the Tenant Interim Lease Program to the City Council by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to sell 59, 61 and 63 West 87th Street, city-owned residential properties, to the 59, 61 and 63 West 87th Street Housing Development Fund Corporations, as amended, was adopted: 33-0-1-1.

Eric Nelson proposed the following amendment, which was accepted by the co-chairs: *with the understanding that HPD will address the outstanding issues of the tenants.*

Irene Boddan and Mira Morales, residents of the buildings, spoke in favor.

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

8. Resolution to approve application #024994 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition at 106 West 71st Street was adopted: 33-0-0-1.

Uniformed Services and Environment Committee

Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana

9. Following lengthy discussion by the board, the resolution to approve the Columbus Amsterdam BID Application for new multi-block street fair permit was not adopted; no board action.

Present: Larry Horowitz, Chair, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Annette Averette, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Doug Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Keleman, William Meyers, Eric Nelson, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Janet Alvarez, Richard Asche, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Betty Katz, Marc Landis, Klari Neuwelt, Evelyn Tamarin.

STEERING COMMITTEE
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
February 26, 2003

Chair's Report.

Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order and reported on the Columbia University faculty school admissions process. He, Eric Nelson, David Harris, and George Goodwill, Chair of MCB9, met with CU representatives. CU reported they are following the original agreement. One-half (100 children) of the September K-4 class will be from a blind lottery and will be given financial assistance. 48 children have been identified in the first lottery, and CU is working with their families on financial aid. A second lottery will take place on February 27. The demographics of the families reflect those of the community.

Mr. Horowitz also reported that CU has retained SOM and Lorenzo Piano to develop a master plan for future development. The university is forming an advisory committee composed of the chairs of community boards 7, 9, and 12 and one representative from each board. Ethel Sheffer will serve for CB7.

He will be meeting with the Manhattan Borough President's office to discuss board appointments. Committee members agreed the board needs architects, planners, and preservationists.

Budget Committee Report.

Helen Rosenthal reviewed the NYC budget timeline and CB7's role as well as the purpose and schedule of the City Council's hearings on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget. With regard to the hearings, she asked committee members to submit questions that CB7's council members might ask the agencies and comments that could be incorporated into CB7 testimonies. She also requested comments on the agencies' responses to the board's budget priorities.

In a lengthy discussion, committee members recommended participation in the budget process, as-through-as-possible preparation of testimony and comments, identification of potential cuts and savings. The committee did not adopt suggestions to establish a standing budget committee.

Mr. Horowitz encouraged the committee members to interface with the Budget Committee and process and commended Ms. Rosenthal for her work.

Request to use CB7 offices as a polling location.

Beth Berns has asked to be on the agenda, but was unable to attend the meeting. By consensus, the committee decided the board office would not be an appropriate polling location.

Committee reports and review of March 4 full board agenda.

The co-chairs gave background on the resolutions they will present to the full board on March 4.

Mr. Horowitz said they board would no longer allow public speakers to cede their time to others.

Sharon Parker-Frasier reported the Beacon School did not attend the Youth Committee meeting to present the request for support for their students' trip to Cuba.

Tom Vitullo-Martin said several community residents attended the Housing Committee meeting and expressed continuing concern about city placements in commercial SROs in CD7 and about the expiration of rent regulations.

Barbara Van Buren reported the Citywide Harm Reduction Coalition asked for a letter or resolution in support of a NYS Department of Health waiver to allow them to provide a needle exchange program in three CD7 SROs. The committee recommended an announcement at the March full board meeting and a resolution at the April meeting.

Old Business.

Sheldon Fine said he is working on CB7's By-Laws.

Mr. Horowitz said he would announce any changes in co-chairs and committee assignments in the near future.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Larry Horowitz, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Robert Herrmann, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker Frazier, Melanie Radley, Helen Rosenthal, Barbara Van Buren, Dan Zweig. Board Members: Eric Nelson, Tom Vitullo-Martin.

Absent: Richard Asche, Beth Berns, Dan Cohen, David Harris, Hector Santana.

Youth Committee
Chair: Sharon Parker-Frazier
Feb. 18, 2003 6:00 pm
Columbia University, Low Library, Room 401

1. Presentation: The Columbia Independent School by Deanna Belcher and Marcia Sells. Overview of curriculum, after school programs, and the admission process. A Smart Board, which is an interactive technology screen, will be in each class along with laptop computers shared by 2 students. Class size will be approx. 24 students in K with 2 teachers and 18 students in the upper grades. There will be a Child Study Team made up of learning specialists to address individual student needs. A yearly teachers' peer review committee will take place to critique the faculty. This will be a school-integrated curriculum using communication technology and new media. Admissions: 50% of the seats were screened for district 3 and 5 after lottery, which was a national norm screening assessment. It was given in both languages (Spanish and English). Columbia completed the first lottery of students and will begin the second lottery at the end of the Feb.

2. Re-organization of School District 3: Update-

District 3 being combined with district 5 and 6 and renamed Division 10 under Superintendent Lucille Swarns who worked in the Chancellor's District 85. The following schools made the Chancellor's 200 A list schools in which they are exempt from the new uniform curriculum, PS 9, PS 87, PS 199, and the Center Middle School. The criteria of being placed on the list was based on standardized test scores in Math and Reading and the income level of the school; high needs, moderate needs and low needs. Several schools in district 3 will appeal to the Chancellor's office to be added to the list. Also, the new transfer policy of "No Child Left Behind" in which students in failing schools by federal law have the right to transfer into a non-failing school, will have a strong impact on district 3 schools in September 2003.

Present: Sharon Parker-Frazier, Peter Bailey, Willie Gonzalez, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin. Board Member Hector Santana.

Parks, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs Committee
Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann
February 13, 2003

1. Proposal by the Department of Parks & Recreation to install a permanent dog run in Riverside Park at 72nd Street.

Note: The above proposal was heard and approved by CB7's Parks Committee at their December 3, 2002 meeting, with a vote of 5/1/0/0 (committee vote) and 6/0/0/0 (public vote). It was heard again this evening after a group opposed to the proposal claimed they were not informed of the meeting.

A presentation was made by Margaret Bracken, landscape architect, and KC Sahl, Riverside Park Administrator. Mr. Sahl stated that the location chosen for the dog run, (west to abut the viaduct and north to abut the 72nd Street path leading to the esplanade) was determined by the Parks Dept. and local elected officials as the best of all available options. Funding for this dog run will come exclusively from FLORAL, who remains very committed to the project. They have already raised over \$40,000 in dedicated funds, and additional work will be implemented to complete the run as funds are raised. When asked if there was any concern over FLORAL raising the necessary amount, James Dowell, Executive Director of the Riverside Park Fund (RSP), said that he is confident they will be able to raise the money easily. The Parks Dept. will also contribute approximately \$30,000 in in-kind work for this project. Speakers from the Chatsworth, a residential building on West 72nd Street across for Riverside Park group opposed to the dog run, spoke as a group. They included Richard Bass, attorney; Scott Mollen, attorney; Randy Vaughn, an owner of the Chatsworth; and Laura Starr, a landscape architect hired by the Chatsworth group. Ms. Starr presented a plan for a dog run at a different park location further north. In addition to complaining of noise from dogs barking near their windows, they said airborne fleas entered the apartments from the run due to wind conditions and the proximity of the building to the current dog run location. Several FLORAL representatives also spoke, saying they considered the Chatsworth's choice for an alternate dog run site, but that it was too small and there were too many trees so the option was rejected. James Dowell of the RSP spoke in favor of the run, saying this project will follow the same process for approval as all the others, going first to the Community Board for approval, then to Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Arts Commission (noting, however, that the Arts Commission sometimes made their own decision not to hear an item). K.C. Sahl responded to questions, saying among other things that a meeting with the Borough President, Assembly Member Scott Stringer, Senator Schneiderman, Parks Officials and others all decided they had chosen the best possible location for the run. Klari Neuwelt, committee member, stated that she would be voting against the resolution because she opposed the coffee vendor who is there during the day to serve those who use the run.

The same Resolution as was passed at the Dec. 3, 2002 meeting was approved, with a slight modification:

Whereas, Community Board 7/Manhattan is committed to supporting a permanent dog run near the current facilities but further from the nearest residential buildings; and

Whereas, the Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee of CB7 is pleased to see the neighbors, the Department of Parks & Recreation, the Riverside Park Fund, and FLORAL all working together in concert to develop this new dog run so it may be a success;

Be it Resolved that the Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee of Community Board 7 approves the new dog run design at 72nd Street in Riverside Park and congratulates the many community partners for working together to create and maintain the new facility.

Vote: Committee: 4-1-0-0. Board members: 1-0-0-0. Public: 6-4-0-0.

Committee Members Present: Barbara Adler, Bob Herrmann, Linda Alexander, Joyce Johnson, Klari Neuwelt. **Committee Members Absent:** Dan Cohen, Douglas Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Betty Katz.

Land Use Committee
Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen
February 19, 2003

1. 442 Amsterdam Avenue

Michael Staff, general manager, presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 0953744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Avenue Corp., d/b/a Gin Mill at 442 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st – 82nd Street) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 8 tables and 14 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 2-0-1-0

2. 2298 Broadway

Robert Shu, vice president, presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 1082469 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Chung Cheung Corp., d/b/a Neo Japanese Restaurant at 2298 Broadway (West 83rd Street) for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 24 tables and 48 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 3-0-1-0

3. 642 Amsterdam Avenue

Shimin Huang, president, presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. The restaurant has been open for 10 months, and Mr. Huang has had another restaurant for 3 years on 23rd Street. Plans showed a café depth of 10 feet 3 inches; Mr. Huang agreed to reduce the depth of the café to 9 feet by eliminating 2 seats.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to change the configuration of the proposed sidewalk café to eliminate 2 seats and reduce the depth of the café to 9 feet; and

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document these changes and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs;

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1130054 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Miyako Sushi Corp., d/b/a Miyako Sushi at 642 Amsterdam Avenue for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 11 tables and 22 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 3-0-0-0

4. 223-227 West 60th Street

Representatives of Touro College returned to the Committee to present revised plans for their application to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for six [Radzicka seemed to list eight] variances from bulk requirements.

Attorney Howard Weiss presented the application, accompanied by: Akiva Kobre, VP of Administration & Operations for Touro College; real-estate economic analyst Jack Freeman; and architects Peter Samton and Alfreda Radzicka of Gruzen-Samton Architects. The applicant had appeared before the Land Use Committee in November and December 2002 and in January 2003. In December 2002, the Committee (joint with Housing Committee) adopted a unanimous resolution disapproving the application. Touro indicated interest in revising the application, so at its request, the Committee did not bring its resolution to the Full Board in January. At the January 2003 Committee Meeting, the Committee advised the applicant to reduce the size (height and bulk) of the building and to reexamine Touro's program for the project, returning to first principles. The Committee also advised Touro at the time to see whether the architecture could be improved.

Mr. Weiss explained that the project's program, floor-area, and height were unchanged from previous presentations. Significant changes were made in the architecture, but all the same variances continue to be sought by the applicant. They include:

- increase in residential FAR from 6.02 to 8.62
- increase in allowed dwelling units from 71 to 101
- increase in community-facility FAR from 6.50 to 10.89
- decrease in required open space from 8085 ft² to 5817 ft²
- increase in lot coverage from 65% to 70%
- increase in the rear-yard encroachment from 23 ft. to 23½ ft.
- reduction in setbacks
- waiver of the required sky-exposure plane.

Mr. Kobre explained that Touro had reexamined its program and found that it could not be changed.

Mr. Freeman explained that he had looked again at the economics of the development, particularly examining the question of eliminating a floor of the building. He found that this was not economically feasible.

Mr. Samton presented the revised design of the building, which includes much more glass, including windows on the eastern and western faces, as well as corner windows. While the bulk of the building has not actually been reduced, this "increased transparency" should help reduce the effect of the bulk.

Board discussion

Committee Members all agreed that the architecture had been greatly improved. However, this was not sufficient to offset the Committee's continuing concerns about a building requiring so many variances. The Committee remained unconvinced of the 'uniqueness' of the physical conditions' (i.e. slope of street, bedrock close to surface, contaminated soil, existence of an unusable

manufacturing building that would have to be demolished). Furthermore, the Committee believed that the applicant still had not met the Committee's challenge to return to first principles and determine Touro's true needs, independent of this particular real-estate deal.

The Committee adopted the following resolution (adding Whereas Clause #5 and revising Whereas Clause #3 to the resolution adopted by the Committee in December 2002):

WHEREAS, Touro College LLC (i.e. the applicant) proposes to construct a mixed-use building at 223-227 West 60th Street; and

WHEREAS, the applicant is requesting six [how many?] variances from the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) concerning bulk, numbers of dwelling units, and open space requirements; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the proposed structure is out of scale with the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the conditions claimed by the applicant to be unique to the site, i.e. the slope, the existence of bedrock, the existence of contaminated soil, and the existence of a manufacturing building, are not unique to the site, but rather exist in varying degrees at numerous sites in the adjacent area; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan appreciates the applicant's effort to address architectural issues of concern to Community Board 7/Manhattan, but regrets that the applicant has neither reduced the proposed bulk of the project, nor adequately explained its economic justification; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan makes these technical findings in accordance with Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution:

- a) The applicant has **not** demonstrated that there are unique physical conditions which, either singly or in combination, are peculiar to and inherent in its zoning lot which conditions prevent the applicant from complying with the Zoning Resolution*
- b) The applicant's financial analysis obscures the role of the not-for-profit applicant in the for-profit development, and Community Board 7/Manhattan is unable to assess its relevance or correctness regarding reasonable return on investment*
- c) The applicant has **not** demonstrated that the application, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the neighborhood of the street on which the lot is located and will not be detrimental to the public welfare, and has **not** demonstrated that the structure for which the variance is being sought will not substantially impair the appropriate use of the adjacent property*
- d) Community Board 7/Manhattan is not convinced that the applicant faces difficulties and hardships necessitating a variance, and so is unable to assess whether any such difficulties or hardships are the creation of the applicant*
- e) The applicant has **not** demonstrated that the application is the minimum variance necessary to afford the relief the applicant seeks; and*

WHEREAS, award of a variance depends on an applicant meeting all five tests of Section 72-21 of the Zoning Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the applicant has not met findings a), c), and e);

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** application #315-02-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) by Touro College LLC for seven variances concerning bulk, dwelling units, and open space requirements to permit the construction of a mixed-use building at 223-227 West 60th Street (West End –Amsterdam Avenue).

Committee Member vote: 5-0-0-0

[Original resolution, December 2002, came from Land Use joint with Housing Committee:

Joint Committee Member vote: 7-0-1-0 Board Member vote: 3-0-0-1 Public Member vote: 0-1-0-0]

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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

Landmarks Committee
Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens
February 20, 2003

1. The Gin Mill, 442 Amsterdam Avenue.

Edward Shalat, Architect. Application is to legalize existing storefront.

Property was purchased five years ago, as is. Owner is trying to legalize the existing storefront and is working on the staff level with LPC. LPC recommended removing the existing awning and lighting and power washing the brownstone that is currently painted.

LPC also objected to the banner and lattice work above the doors. Owner will place matching wood, louver panels at base of front windows. Storefront will be painted black with dark burgundy trim. Existing sign is painted wood and committee asked if the background could be painted black in order to have one less color on the storefront.

WHEREAS; the storefront will be of uniform colors; and the banner, awning and lighting will be removed;

WHEREAS; the background of the wooden sign will be painted black, the committee approves the alterations.

Committee: 5-0-0-0 Public: 1-0-0-0.

2. 34 West 89th Street.

Adrian Windling, Owner; Jennifer Capp, Permit Expediter. The application is to replace the historical stoop and construct a greenhouse sunroom in the rear of the house.

There is no existing stoop. Owner would like to construct a historically sound stoop which will be straight, not 1-shaped, and will match other stoops on the block with materials (pre-cast concrete) and design.

Greenhouse sunroom will be nestled into the rear of the building and will have no impact on the doughnut. There were no pictures or rendering of the greenhouse although owner claims it is appropriate in a landmarks district. It will look like a greenhouse built in the 1800's with stained wood cross beams and glass. The committee did not get enough information, or any visuals. Therefore, we did not include the greenhouse in our resolution and vote.

WHEREAS; the stoop will be historically appropriate in both materials and design the committee approves the stoop.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

3. New business: Gale Brewer has stepped in with West Park Presbyterian Church in an effort to save the church from demolition. A letter was sent to LPC to ask for designation.

LPC has tinkered with Shearith Israel and will, in all probability, approve the plan for the new building in the rear of the synagogue.

Committee Members Present: Patricia Stevens, Lenore Norman, Marlene Guy, Ulma Jones, Bill Meyers. **Public Members:** Michelle Kidwell-Cohen.

Housing Committee
Co-Chairs: Barry Rosenberg and Beth Berns
February 24, 2003

The Housing Committee did not have a quorum at its last meeting. Barry Rosenberg, Tom Vitullo-Martin and William Meyers were the only attendees.

Several community members attended to complain again about the behavior of the hotel residents on 97th Street west of Broadway. They continue to throw garbage in the adjacent public garden and equally bad they point out there is an uptick in incidents on the street between neighbor hood residents and the City Placed residents in the hotel. We advised these neighbors to contact Penny Ryan to get the sanitation department to start ticketing them for this garbage violations.

Committee Members Present: Barry Rosenberg, Tom Vitullo-Martin.

Committee Members Absent: Beth Berns, Janet Alvarez, Annette Averette, Jean Green-Dorsey, Evelyn Tamarin.

Health and Human Services Committee
David Harris and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairs
February 25, 2003

- Presentation by Daliah Heller, Executive Director of CITYWIDE HARM REDUCTION COALITION.

Citywide Harm Reduction Coalition was founded in 1994 to provide syringe exchange (the exchange of dirty for clean needles) and related HIV prevention services to SRO Hotels throughout the Bronx and Upper Manhattan. The agency is funded and closely monitored by the AIDS Institute of the New York State Department of Health.

In the CB#7 area they currently provide outreach, syringe exchange and HIV prevention and care services to the Marion Hotel, 2612 Broadway and the Riverside Hotel, 312 W. 109th St. They are asking for a letter of support from CB#7 to expand their syringe exchange program to three more SRO Hotels in this community where they are currently providing outreach service: the Royal Park Hotel, 258 W. 97th St., the Broadway Studios, 230 W. 101st St., and the Malibu Hotel, 2688 Broadway. A representative of The Lotus Garden (a rooftop community garden site located on W. 97th St. next to the Royal Park Hotel) spoke in support of the organization and their request and testified that Citywide Harm Reduction has been very helpful to them in addressing some of the problems the group has with residents of the SRO dumping garbage from the hotel windows onto the garden.

Among the services Citywide Harm Reduction provides in SRO Hotels that house an HIV population, in addition to syringe exchange, are door-to-door outreach with a team that includes case managers, a nurse practitioner, and volunteer doctors from Montefiori, harm reduction and HIV prevention education; on-site medical services, information and emergency referrals; personal care kits and transportation to their drop-in center in the Bronx which offers support and education groups; counseling for people living with HIV/AIDS; holistic health services; case management; meals, coffee, clean water and a safe space and community activities. Additional information about Citywide Harm Reduction (*including the U.S. Surgeon General's report endorsing the efficacy of syringe exchange*) can be obtained at www.citiwidehr.org or by contacting Daliah Heller at 1-718-292-7718.

The Committee voted unanimously to support the program's efforts to expand their syringe exchange program to the three SRO hotels (see above) by writing a letter of support to the Department of Health.

- Presentation by Dorothy Hickey, Liaison Community Health Nurse, JEWISH HOME AND HOSPITAL FOR THE AGED.

This was an informational presentation to familiarize the Health and Human Services committee and CB#7 with their "Lifecare Services" which include Long Term Home Health Care

(Medicaid, Medicare, Private Pay); the Adult Day Health Care Program which provides arts & crafts, trips, singing, dancing, parties, meals, benefit counseling, dietary counseling, physical, occupational and speech therapy and door to door transportation *(Medicaid or Private Pay)* and the Older Adult Social Day Program designed to provide socialization for older individuals with functional and cognitive impairments *(Self Pay)*. For more information call Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged at 1212-590-5090.

After an extended discussion about how best to support the committee's budget request for the city to continue funding the NORC programs the meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Keleman

Present: David Harris, Barbara Van Buren, Georgette Gittens, Phyllis Gunther, Barbara Keleman. Absent: Annette Averette, Jean Green-Dorsey, Marc Landis, Elizabeth Starkey.