



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at Goddard Riverside Community Center in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo 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: 27-0-2.**

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- Update on January 30 DOT session on safety enhancements at Broadway and West 96th Street at Goddard Riverside Community Center. Information about the plan is on the CB7 website. Will be forming working group on Vision Zero with Board and community members. Asked for those interested to contact or email the Chair.
- CB7 working on issue at the Imperial Court, 207 West 79th Street. The owners of the SRO have applied to BSA for a variance to operate as a hotel and to DHS for a homeless shelter.
- The final scoping document for Jewish Home Lifecare's proposed facility on West 97th Street has been issued and is available on CB7's website. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected later in February or early March. Public hearings will be held 30 days after the DEIS is issued.
- Next Business and Consumer Issues Committee "B2B" is at Westside Y on March 27, 2013. Subject is youth employment.
- Applications for Community Board membership were due February 1.
- In memoriam for Tom Vitullo-Martin. Comments by Members of the Board.
 - o Memorial will likely be held in the spring.

Community Session

Rebecca Donsky

- Representative of NY Public Library, Bloomingdale and St. Agnes branches.
- Replacing elevator at the building.
- All libraries closing for President's Day
- Test prep every week through April.

Michael Paul

- Resident of 97th and West End Ave.
- Reminds others that the transportation issues related to safety don't stop with the last DOT meeting, but that the work will continue across the West Side.

Freddie Rivera

- Resident of West End Ave. and 97th St.
- Wants to ensure that additional measures are taken to ensure the traffic safety of the area, including a no u-turn sign.

Sidney Goldfischer

- Concerned about the environment around Lincoln Center.

Cleo Dana

- Friends of Damrosch Park



- Speaking re: damage to Damrosch Park because of activity of Lincoln Center.
- Asked us to investigate what the City is getting as a result of IMG's control of various areas during fashion week.

Olive Freud

- Committee for Environmentally Sound Development
- Spoke on issue of tall buildings that deprive us of light/air; increase of shadows. Spoke to past successes in organizing to prevent increase in such buildings.
- Must change planning and zoning rules; buildings over 25 stories should not be built without an Environmental Impact Statement.
- Asks for coordination among the Board so that the issue can be addressed across Manhattan.

Jean Green Dorsey

- Spoke on the 106th Street zoning resolution
- Resident of West 97th Street.
- Happy with committee vote. Speaking on the clarifying letter that will accompany the resolution; asks that it be a model of clarity. Thinks that Jewish Home Lifecare on West 97th Street would be a bad thing.

Christopher Clegg

- Resident of 2628 Broadway at 99th Street.
- Speaking out about the Metro theater; vacant and dilapidated; attracting graffiti and rodents.
- Board of his building has written to owners of that property; asking Community Board to get involved.

Peter Arndsten

- Columbus-Amsterdam BID
- Announcements related to BID events.
- Green market on West 97th Street, 8 am – 1 pm on Friday mornings.
- Asked community to support local businesses and restaurants.

Sheldon Fine

- Update on weather preparedness and UWS Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

Manhattan Borough President's Report

- *Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer*
 - o There are 3 times as many applicants for CB 7 than any other CB.
 - o Will work to compile demographics about the Board.
 - o What can we do for extra curriculars that won't cost a lot of money for nonprofits?
- *Deputy Borough President Aldrin Bonilla*
 - o Will hold meetings on traffic calming; utilize data to inform DOT's decision; will occur on Tuesday, February 11th.

Reports by Legislators

Helen Rosenthal – City Council Member, 6th District

- Announced district office at 563 Columbus Avenue; first newsletter goes out this week, can sign up for them on helenrosenthal.com.
- Spoke on West 95th Street and West 79th Street. Working closely with Mayor's Office of Contracts and DHS. There is no question that they are looking hard at the contract on West 95th



Street. Lots of pressure to determine whether an emergency contract can last 5 years. Re: 307 West 79th Street, DHS is fully aware of Imperial Hotel applying, and DHS has expressed that they are not interested in contracting with the hotel.

- Chair of Contracts Committee; meeting with Mayor's Office of Contracts. Council just had hearing about this in November, so too soon to have another hearing on the West 95th Street homeless shelter issue again so soon. Believes her advocacy makes this okay since the issue will not be going away.
- Contracts Committee meeting on 2/27. Will be discussing delay in payments to non-profit organizations who provide services for the City; \$20 million revolving fund for providing non-profits a bridge loan until the non-profits get their City funds. Not utilized in full every year. Thinking that through a hearing, they will make the accessibility of the loan known to more people so that non-profits have increased options. Wants to increase the loan fund.
- Introduced legislation already, in hopper for drafting. Science explosion at Beacon School, asked for legislation so that the DOE will no longer do the experiment; make transparent the violations related to experiments that occur at public schools; track violations and whether they are fixed; resolution in support of the Women's 10 point agenda; increase voter registration of juniors and seniors in high schools.
- Member of Finance; Housing and Buildings; Oversight and Investigations; Community Development; Cultural Affairs and Libraries.

Mark Levine –City Council Member, 7th District

- Has been appointed the Chair of the Parks Committee. Member of Education, Housing and Building, Finance, Rules, and Governmental Affairs.
- Today was first full council meeting after selection of leadership. Overrode 6 Bloomberg vetoes.
- Announced planned expansion of paid sick leave.
- Fighting against JHL tower; expecting draft of EIS from State in the next couple of weeks; more updates will be available in the weeks ahead.
- Working with C-M Rosenthal on DOT improvements responding to the traffic deaths on the West Side.
- Amy Slattery (C-M Levine staff member) announced budget process for applying for expense funding by nonprofit organizations.

Reports by Legislative Representatives

Shirley Littman, Council Member Corey Johnson's Office

- Provided letter update.
- C-M Johnson elected chair of Health Committee.

Josh Cole, Senator Brad Hoylman's Office

- Will have town hall forum on February 25 on Vision Zero traffic plan.
- Legislation: ban of gay conversion therapy, hopeful will get to the floor and be passed.

David Baily, Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- Budget discussions occurring.
- Looking into landlord taking advantage of tax abatements in the district. Working with tenants in action so that they do not face illegal rent hikes.
- JPMorgan Chase settlement; want to ensure this goes to people who were negatively affected by the housing crisis.



Paul Sawyer, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Governor Cuomo signed her puppy mill bill which allows municipalities to pass more restrictive bills than exist at the state level.
- Working on Miles Law, which would require more cooperation between NYPD and ACS.
- Supporting tenants and neighbors of 307 West 79th Street re: building owner's threat of turning the Imperial Hotel into a homeless shelter if it cannot operate as a short stay hotel.

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

- Thanked contributors to book drive.
- Working on bill to reduce the NYC speed limit to 20 mph.

George Oliver, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Community update provided in paper form.
- Lunar New Year Party at district office from 5-7 p.m. on Friday.

Andres Pazmino, State Senator Jose Serrano

- Miles Law; working on this issue with A-M Rosenthal. Named after child who was killed by the girlfriend of his father. Would alter NYPD and ACS reporting requirements.

Celine Mizrahi, Congressman Nadler

- Ranking member on Internet Subcommittee.
- Wants to ensure that NSA does not violate privacy rights.
- Voted no on Farm Bill.
- Working on NYCHA issues, called for Comptroller to engage in full forensic office.

Business Session

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

1. **2523-2525 Broadway, New York Sports Club** (West 93rd -94th Streets.) Application #287-01-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by TSI West 94, LLC to allow and continue operation of a physical culture establishment/health club at the subject premises.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 33-0-0-0

2. **West 106th Street Rezoning** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application #C130208ZMM to the Department of City Planning by PWV Owner LLC for a zoning map amendment to rezone lots within an R7-2 district to an R8A along West 106th Street and an R8B district along West 105th Street. The application is available at www.nyc.gov/mcb7.

Public Comment

- Gerald Sider
 - o Speaking on the height of proposed JHL tower at 97th St. and danger of high construction next to schools.
 - o Construction will increase child stress.
- Winifred Armstrong



- Wants to be sure that the approval of the resolution would not endorse the building of the JHL on West 97th Street or a change to the current building at West 106th Street.
- Thanked Land Use Committee for clarifying letter.
- Renee Kathawala
 - P.S. 163 Taskforce for a Safe School.
 - Believes that the zoning change will make it more likely that JHL will build at West 97th Street.
 - Opposes passage.
- D. Maria Watson
 - Not in favor of approving the resolution. From planning prospective, wants the West 106th Street R72 zoning to remain.
- Blanca Vazquez
 - Manhattan Valley Preservation Coalition.
 - Want to preserve the neighborhood; believes that this is historic and will keep buildings at 7 and 12 stories.
 - Protect the land and the mixed income and diverse nature of the neighborhood.
- Hillel Hoffman
 - Resident of Park West Village and member of tenant's association.
 - Submitted written statement.
 - Thinks that letter is clear that the resolution relates only to zoning, not to a particular project; will not preclude JHL from seeking an alternative; will not preclude Health Department from issuing different opinion.
- Albert Fredericks
 - Counsel from Kramer Levin for applicant of rezoning application.
 - Will apply to the West 106th Street site property, not to a particular owner.
- Batya Lewton
 - Submitted written testimony
 - Believes that City Planning should issue restrictive declaration in its amendment.
- Cathy Unsino
 - Does not want it to feel inevitable that JHL will come to West 97th Street.
 - Danger to pedestrians on West 97th Street.
 - Complained about traffic study as too focused on pedestrians; asking Board for a comprehensive traffic study regarding West 97th Street.
- Albina De Meio
 - Park West Village Tenant Association, VP
 - Appreciates willingness of committee to work together on this issue.

Board Discussion

- This is a change long coming after previous Community Board action was stymied by the City Council, which created a carve-out for JHL at their current site. This will correct that carve-out.
- Inquiries as to effect of approval on the construction at West 97th Street; concern that this will have a negative effect on the work of those opposing the West 97th Street construction.
- Why would the developer be in favor of changing the carve-out? Fulfilling the contract they have entered into.



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*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 31-2-2-0

3. **157 Columbus Avenue** (West 67th Street.) Application #228-13-BZ by NYC Boards of Standards and Appeals by Herrick Feinstein LLP, on behalf of 45 West 67th Street Development Corporation/Cross Fit NYC, for a permit to operate a physical culture establishment at 157 Columbus Avenue.

Introduction by Land Use Committee Co-Chairs

- Crossfit application that we heard last fall. At that time, presentation was straight forward, but new facts have come to light. The business had already started using the gym space and issues emerged related to noise and vibration.
- Tried to work out a compromise between the applicant and tenant association to see if they could agree on testing. There has not been a meeting of the minds as of yet as to testing and measurement. However, hopeful that there will be an agreement in the future.
- This would be a vote to disapprove. There are two weeks for the parties to exchange information going forward. Final hearing on this issue will be March 11. If there is information to reverse disapproval in March, then will do that at that time.
- Pulling together information to evaluate any new information provided by applicant and opponent.

Public Comment

- Jennifer Berg
 - o Thankful for the Committee and Board effort.
- Janet Baker
 - o Opposed to Cross Fit until sure that they will not be a security or noise problem. Does not believe that they have been straightforward with the tenant's association.
- Jared Danzinger
 - o Waived comment.
- Janet Sinder
 - o Waived comment.

Board Discussion

- Basement space has two different zoning classifications; cannot use a large portion of the space (1,500 square feet).
- There were candor and completeness issues with the applicant.
- Applicant bears burden of proof, and clearly they have not satisfied that burden here.
- There could be a way of mitigating the noise and vibrations.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted.*

Vote: 31-0-1-0

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

4. **NYC Department of Transportation's Safety Improvement Proposal for Broadway and West 96th Street.**



Introduction by Transportation Committee Co-Chairs

- Praises DOT for their plan; makes additional recommendations; DOT expects plan to be implemented in about 30 days or when weather would allow the improvements.
- DOT’s plan will eliminate obvious hazardous pedestrian movements.
- Add recommendations: that when one side is amber, the other side is red; at West 94th Street, recommending installation of signage on Amsterdam that indicates preferred traffic flow; no right on red and speed limit signage; daylighting of additional 3 or 4 spaces on West 96th Street to clear visual clutter that might be there, need motorists to see pedestrians clearly; going to ask if DOT will explain U-Turn capabilities at West 96th Street.
- Approved unanimously by the committee.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 31-0-0-0

5. Safety improvements in the West 96th Street corridor.

Board Discussion

- Contains contents of letter already sent to DOT.
- Looking to adjust turning and speeding issues for drivers looking to get to the highway.
- Would essentially be a ratification of what the Committee has already requested from DOT.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 28-0-0-0

6. GreenMarket on West 97th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.

Board Discussion

- Application for an extension. If construction gets in the way of the market, ask that they come back with a plan to be somewhere else.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 26-0-0-0

Housing Committee

Nick Prigo, Chair

7. Inappropriate and Harmful Downsizing in Section 8 Housing.

Board Discussion

- Changing the policy for when resident gets “downsized”, i.e. is moved to a smaller apartment; not against downsizing per se; concerns marginal group going from a 1 bedroom to a studio or being downsized into a 1 bedroom when residents are a parent and a child.
- Discussion regarding how one can be forced to be downsized.
- Concerns about the “whereas” clauses being overly broad whereas the “be it resolved” is narrow. The issue has become very personal and inflamed, so the purpose of the resolution is to meet concerns while having a “be it resolved” that is focused on the narrower issue.



After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

Vote: 21-3-5-0

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

8. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

Introduction by the BCI Co-Chairs

- All unanimously approved; all have been before the committee previously.
- **61 Columbus Avenue** (West 62nd Street) Renewal application DCA#1190070 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West 62 Operating, LLC d/b/a Rosa Mexicana at Lincoln Center, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 26 tables and 50 seats.
- **2020 Broadway** (West 69th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1308014 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tapas Food and Wine, Inc., d/b/a BarCibo Enoteca, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 22 seats.
- **267 Columbus Avenue** (West 72nd – 73rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1072082 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Classic Food, Inc., d/b/a Sido, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.
- **283 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1321660 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nabucco, LLC, d/b/a Salumeria Rossi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.
- **441 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1283635 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by JPS Ventures, Inc., d/b/a St. James Gate, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats.
- **442 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street.) **Renewal** application DCA# 0953744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Rest., Corp., d/b/a The Gin Mill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats.
- **475 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd Street.) Renewal** application DCA# 1382144 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Il Rifugio, Inc., d/b/a Tarallucci E Vino, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.
- **517 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0812902 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp., d/b/a Jackson Hole, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats.
- **2340 Broadway** (West 85th Street.) renewal application DCA# 1000314 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway Desserts, LTD., d/b/a French R Roast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 48 seats.
- **584 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th - 88th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1247422 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Corp, d/b/a Bodrum, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.
- **584 Columbus Avenue** (West 88th – 89th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0851262 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New Bella Luna Inc., d/b/a The Bella Luna, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 25 seats.
- **2450 Broadway** (West 90th – 91st Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 0940252 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Carmine's Broadway Feast, Inc., d/b/a Carmine's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats.



- **2726 Broadway** (West 104th-105th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1247774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by McConner Street Holding, LLC, d/b/a McDonald's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

Vote: 29-0-0-0

Introduction by Co-Chairs

- Resolutions 9-12 were bundled.
- All are disapprovals without prejudice for failure to appear before the Committee.
- All will be considered at the next Committee meeting.

9. **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1395732 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pappardella Rest Corp., d/b/a Pappardella, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

10. **2315 Broadway** (West 84th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1341402 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Donizetti LLC, d/b/a Five Napkin Burger, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

11. **2737 Broadway** (West 105th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1109932 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Westside of Broadway Rest Group, Inc., d/b/a Toast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

12. **364 West 110th Street** (Columbus-Manhattan Avenues.) Renewal application DCA# 1039389 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Spoonbread, Inc., d/b/a Spoonbread Too - Miss Mamie's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove without prejudice** was adopted.*

Vote: 29-0-0-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Christian Bray, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Phyllis E. Gunther, Matthew Holtzman, Meisha Hunter, Joanne Imohiosen, Madelyn Innocent, Brian Jenks, Genora Johnson, Lee Ping Kwan, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Evan Rosing, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler, Mel Wymore, Howard Yaruss, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **On-Leave:** Elizabeth Starkey. **Absent:** Laura Atlas, Marc Glazer, Haydee Rosario, Jaye B. Smalley, Barbara Van Buren.



Business & Consumer Issues Committee
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
February 12, 2014

Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. **447 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street) The Meatball Shop.

No delivery. Will apply for sidewalk café. Michael Chernow, owner 917-640-8008.

Michael@themeatballshop.com. @meatballers. Attorney, Elke A Hofmann. 212-487-9100. elke@eahlaw.com

Donavan's spoke on behalf of the Taste of Upper West Side, welcoming The Meatball Shop and speaking well about the location.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0 Non Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

2. **2298 Broadway** (West 83rd Street) Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill.

Adam Gianatassio, area manager, 973-986-6736. agianatassio@chipotle.com. Beer and margaritas. No delivery, no sidewalk cafe.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

Alteration Application to the SLA:

3. **1 Tavern on the Green** (Central Park and West 66th Street), The Emerald Group LLC, d/b/a Tavern on the Green, application to add an additional bar to existing license.

James Caiola, co-owner (concessionaire), 212-877-8684, Jim@tavernonthegreen.com @TavernGreenNYC. Marc Glazier disclosed that he is employed by Tavern on the Green to facilitate the application. The hours are the same, this is an extension of the first application in order to add a 3rd bar for private parties, which was approved.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

4. **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75th Street). Renewal application DCA# 1395732 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pappardella Rest Corp., d/b/a Pappardella, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Marc Glazer disclosed that the applicant representative is his son. Paul Glazer, 212-724-7073.

Paul@Papparadella.com They do deliver and have the photos/follow the safety rules.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

5. **2315 Broadway** (West 84th Street). Renewal application DCA#1341402 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Donizetti LLC, d/b/a Five Napkin Burger, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

Ross Goldberg, general manager, 212-333-4488, r.goldberg@5napkinburger.com. @5napkinburger It is a corner, but they do not wrap around the corner. They deliver and have photos/follow the guidelines.



After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

6. **2737 Broadway** (West 105th Street). Renewal Application DCA #1109932 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by the Westside of Broadway Rest Group, Inc., d/b/a Toast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats. Sheik Fofana, 212-663-7010, Toastdowntown@gmail.com. They deliver and have photos/follow safety guidelines.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

7. **364 West 110th Street** (Columbus-Manhattan Avenues) Renewal application DCA#1039389 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Spoonbread, Inc., d/b/a Spoonbread Too – Miss Mamie’s, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. Joshua Givens, general manager. 212-865-0700. Darden343@aol.com.

After discussion, the committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Application:

8. **886 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 103rd – 104th Street). New application DCA#667-2014-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 886 Amsterdam Avenue, Corp. d/b/a Arco Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk with 8 tables and 20 seats. Marc Glazer disclosed that he is employed to represent the restaurant.

After discussion, the Committee voted to approve the application.

VOTE: 5-0-0-1 Non-Committee VOTE: 1-0-0-0

9. New Business.

Joanne requested that the flyer with information on the B2B be sent to the president of the Lincoln Center BID so that it can be included in the newsletter.

Discussion about holding the B2B in a restaurant and the general comments were it was a conflict of interest. Elizabeth, Mark and I had a conference call with the Senator's team (Josh Cole, Burton Phillips) last Wednesday regarding the ID scanner resolution. During the call, the legislative director confirmed that he had broached the subject with the Senator with favorable results, and indicated that they would be moving forward with draft legislation based on Hawaiian resolution 487J. In addition, he requested that BCI look into the impact of the subsequent bill on Hawaii's business community as a model for how such legislation might impact New York State. We are presently investigating the potential impact of such measures and we will likely have a follow-up meeting with the Senator once we've obtained this information.

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Marc Glazer, Matthew Holtzman, Joanne Imohiosen, Brian Jenks and Suzanne Robotti. **CB7 Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Michelle Parker, Linda Alexander, Paul Fisher and Anne Raphael.



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
February 11, 2014

1. **Riverside Drive and 72nd and 79th Streets.** Presentation by the NYC Department of Transportation on proposed enhancements to the Riverside Drive and West 72nd and 79th Street intersections.
Held over until the next month's meeting.
2. **132 West 60th Street, Professional Children's School** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Request to name secondarily West 60th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, "PCS Way" in honor of Professional Children's School 100th Anniversary in 2014.
 - James Dawson, head of Professional Children's School, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit. Alumni include Milton Berle, Scarlett Johanssen, Yo-Yo Ma, etc. Reason for requesting the street naming is to increase the public profile of the school on the occasion of its centennial. They have also recently put up banners on the street. Tuition is about \$30K/year, but about 30-35% of the students receive financial aid.
 - Mark Diller has multiple family connections to the school, and disclosed as such. Spoke of the school as a valuable resource, particularly for those who cannot afford private arts tutoring.
 - Roberta: have we ever named a street after an institution? Andrew, Mark: yes, many schools.
 - Andrew: reminder that the Board is compiling a database of secondary street names, and has previously asked DOT to review secondary street names after a given period of time.

Resolution to add secondary street signs at the SW corner of Columbus Ave and West 60th Street and the SE corner of Amsterdam Ave and West 60th Street.

Committee: 5-0-1-0. Non-Committee: 1-0-0-1.

3. **2025 Broadway.** Application to the Department of Transportation by Hampton Jitney for a bus stop in front of 2025 Broadway, on the west side of the street between 69th-70th Streets, in an existing 102-foot MTA bus stop. Both companies will share the bus stop, with one pick-up by Hampton Jitney Monday-Friday at 5:15PM.
Withdrawn.
4. **Discussion of resolution in support of giving NYC the authority to install speeding cameras in the city.**
 - Eleni Bourinaris is now stepping in for Amy Slattery as CB liaison for Councilmember Mark Levine. CM Levine, Espaillat, and Rodriguez sent a letter to Albany on Feb. 11 asking for more clarification on what resources are available re: speed cameras.
 - Why are Albany politicians against the cameras? Ken: Privacy issues? Andrew: what about all the cameras at toll booths?
 - Andrew: how many speed camera violations does a driver have to rack up for it to affect his/her license? Audience member: It doesn't cause points on your license - you just have to pay the fine.
 - Tom DeVito: statistically, you do see a reduction in speeding incidents after installation of speed cameras.

Resolution to ask Albany (and local elected officials) to allow NYC to determine how many speed cameras it needs and where to place them.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee: 2-0-0-0.



5. Discussion of NYS Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's bill to amend the administrative code of the city of New York (Title 19) so that the default speed limit drops from 30 to 20, and to give the City Council power to set different speed limits.

- Roberta: NYC lost home rule during the Lindsay years, when the city was bankrupt.
- Paul Sawyer: there are bills underfoot to give NYC home rule re: red light cameras, speed cameras, etc.
- Tom: Because the Upper West Side has so many "arterials" (Columbus, Amsterdam, Broadway) there cannot easily be a large DOT Slow Zone installed here. Slow Zones generally require legible entrances and exits.
- Andrew: are there studies for how lower speed limits affect vehicular emissions? Also, we have previously asked DOT if it would be possible to lower the speed limit on arterials during off-hours.
- Upon closer reading of Section 19-177 of the NYC Administrative Code, DOT is required to post speed limit signs at the entrance to NYC from every bridge and tunnel. But, wouldn't it be a great idea to require these signs at every off-ramp from the freeways?

Resolution to support Assembly Member O'Donnell's bill.

Committee: 6-0-1-0. Non-Committee: 2-0-0-0.

6. Stranger's Gate update.

MTA agreed that it would be feasible to swap the bus stop with the parking, but required the moving of the bollards. Central Park Conservancy told the Board that this would require DOT sign-off...and DOT thinks the proposal is too dangerous to pedestrians to sign off on.

New proposal: simply to remove the parking spaces in front of Stranger's Gate. Peter Frischauf has claimed that the other entrances to Central Park (the named "gates" at least) do not have parking in front. This was discussed by the committee and generally agreed upon. Plan is to notify the community of this proposal and discuss/vote at the March meeting.

7. Speakers at March committee meeting: TLC and DA representatives on cabbies being able to continue driving after maiming/killing pedestrians.

8. Resolution re: taking away licenses.

- Howard: the penalty for killing someone while violating traffic laws is already supposedly 25 years in prison (manslaughter). So, taking away the license is a minor punishment. Proposed resolution is to take away drivers' licenses permanently, at a minimum, if they injure/kill someone while driving in NYC.
- Andrew: we may not be able to go after out-of-state drivers. Currently, you can blow through EZ Pass booths and not get prosecuted if you have a Connecticut plate.
- Roberta: it's amazing that we have to pass a resolution on this. Howard: it's shockingly modest.
- David Zelman: according to the 20th Precinct, the trucks that are stopped for speeding or double-parking on WEA often have multiple violations, but then when the PD tries to give more tickets, they all get tossed out by the judges in traffic court.
- Roberta and Andrew: if the penalty for violating traffic laws is losing the right to drive, permanently, then people would definitely be better behaved.
- Emily Frost: For cabbies, failure to yield is 3 points for 15 months. 6 points/15 months is a 30-day suspension, 10 points/15 months results in license revocation.

Resolution: Any driver who kills or severely injures someone while violating traffic laws should have their license permanently revoked, at a minimum.



Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee: 2-0-0-0.

9. **New business.**

- Andrew: update on the IRT. Why are there so many incidents on the West Side IRT? On a positive note, there is a beautifully renovated station at Dyckman Street in Inwood, on the 1 line.
- Feb. 25 Vision Zero event at John Jay (new building) hosted by Senator Hoylman's office, 6-8 pm.
- Elizabeth: possible resolution re: pet-friendly sidewalk salts. Parks is one of the biggest culprits in terms of using damaging salts. There is not a big cost differential. If we can get some of these bulk buyers to switch
- David: NPR had a good piece on this. Salt also corrodes out city trucks, so it could be appealing for city agencies to support alternate de-icing materials.
- Ping: Can we fold this into a slightly wider scope about finding less environmentally damaging salts in general? Better snow management techniques.
- Roberta: we can look at how snowbound cities cope, e.g. Minneapolis.
- Eleni, Andrew: Con Ed failures are because of salt corroding wires.
- Ken: we still have to do something about 97th and WEA. Andrew: unfortunately the weather has to get better before DOT does anything.
- Mark: P.S. 87 has requested a speed hump on 78th. Can we just write a letter referring to our previous resolution on speed humps near schools?
- Mark: Residents on WEA in the West 90's have submitted an application for a DOT Slow Zone. They did not ask for CB support, but let's see how that turns out.
- David: The trucks for Trader Joe's double-park in front of the bus stop instead of using the loading dock, which is usually filled with inventory instead of functioning as an actual loading dock.

Present: Andrew Albert,

Ken Coughlin, Lee P. Kwan, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **Board**

Member: Mark N. Diller. **Absent:** Dan Zweig, Marc Glazer and Lillian Moore. **CB7 Chair** Elizabeth Caputo.



**Minutes of the CB7 Preservation Committee
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
February 20, 2014**

The Preservation committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street in the District. The meeting was rescheduled from its regularly scheduled date due to a snowstorm.

48-50 West 69th Street. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of windows and doors, façade restoration, and rooftop addition expansion.

Presentation by Andrew Wright of Wright Architects.

- Project is joining two 20' brownstones into a single-family home.
- Architect was Gilbert Schellenger. Of a group of 10.
- No. 50 was in serious disrepair. Had a fire many years ago – one result was the removal of the cornice.
- Stoop at 50 was removed in the 1950s. Does not make sense to restore stoop.
- Noticed balconettes on other townhouses on block – proposing that treatment for original doors here.
- Substantial renovation of decorative and façade elements.

Front Façade:

- Cornice proposed for 50 would match No. 52.
- Designation report (page 207) for Central Park West/Upper West Side Historic District shows pattern as ABCDABC'E – unclear the meaning of the apostrophe.
- Question is whether No. 50 should match No. 66 rather than No. 52, based on the original pattern (also question whether the cornice at No. 66 is extant).
- Material – punched metal on a lightweight frame – 18" projection per usual.
- Front façade – main intention is to match 50 to 48 existing conditions – maintain the visual of the separate structures but one owner (e.g. use same pavers in areaway).
- Grillwork on No. 50 – existing on a door down the street.
 - Question whether the Art Deco nature of the proposed grill complements No. 48.
 - Question whether emulating the wood and glass doors at No. 46 would make sense.
 - Or another ornamental grill design that is a little less Deco – less organic. Possibly something with a center ornament in the grill.
- Working on replacing steel intercom box with brass.

Rear Façade and Rooftop Addition Extension

- Existing No. 48 has a double-height space – wants to continue into No. 50.
- Preserving punched double-hung windows at the top floor.
- When No. 50 was renovated years ago, LPC required restoration of roofline corbelling, which was never completed – current project will complete.
- No. 50 will be reduced by about 5 feet in from the rear lot line



- Division between No. 48 & 50 will not be preserved – L extension on No. 50 (existing footprint to remain) is appx 15 feet wide; new fenestration will replace the lot line demarcation between the buildings in the rear.
- New Rooftop extension not visible – mock-up observed by LPC.
- Existing parapet side wall is brick, and appx 6 feet tall.
- Windows in the rear have a 4” difference – due to the slight difference in height of the building (two buildings on a slope).
- Existing rear windows – creates the appearance of a floor having been removed from inside.
- Proposing tall windows without mullions.
 - concern regarding the volume of glass – feels a little over-scale.
 - inclusion of brick piers between tall expanses of glass is an improvement over existing white aluminum strips.
 - concern that the south skinny window on the southern face of the L extension does not work with the rest of the design from an appropriateness perspective.
- Deck at the parlor floor of No. 48 continues across to the two eastern proposed new windows; with iron circular stair to rear yard.
- Question regarding roof plan – includes a void on the front west for mechanical equipment.
 - not visible in part due to 6’ tall parapet wall.
- Using Geo-thermal for heat exchange!
 - Concern for neighboring structural integrity.
 - A: small

Shane Begleiter – 51 West 68th --- tangential to the subject buildings.

- No. 48 is a delight – previously removed the L extension at No. 48.
- Reorganizing rear windows to be a little taller and a little narrower.
- Concern about eliminating appearance of two buildings at the rear.
 - A: actually just changing the proportion from two 20’ facades to one at 15’ and one at 25’.
- South face – intended to be beige stucco – now reads pink
 - A: intent to soften, but not be pink. Will work on the color.
- Not lowering the level of the building basement.
- Using closed-loop geothermal. Will use 5-6 wells appx 150’ deep.

Motion to approve as presented.

VOTE: 5-0-0-0; non-committee Board: 1-0-0-0.

433 West End Avenue – The Calhoun School. Application to the LPC for modification to the ground floor entrance and facades; alterations to the adjacent exterior spaces, and installation of a new mechanical element on the roof.

Procedural note: committee member Meisha Hunter is both recusing herself from voting and excusing herself due to a conflict. Our bylaws and the City Charter would permit Meisha to participate in discussions after declaring her conflict, which right Meisha is surrendering.

Presentation by Steve Nelson, head of Calhoun School, and Ann Rolland of FX Fowle, architects.



Steve Nelson:

- Purpose of the planned changes.
- Primary motivation is to adapt to increased enrollment. Enrollment grown from 250 to 550 students in this building (from 1974 to present).
- Food service in basement – seating capacity of appx 75 students.
- Plan is to flip uses on lower level and ground floors.
- Due to technology issues, actually need a smaller library footprint, but need a much larger cafeteria.
-- significant logistical student management issues in accessing the cafeteria.
- Calhoun's food service for appx 10 years has been locally sourced, and trying to include in education the lesson of eating moderate portions of healthy food.
- Includes lessons in science and politics relating to food in main curriculum.
-- sent their in-house chefs to schools in Bronx and beyond to emulate/replicate the curriculum aspects.

Ann Rolland

- Eclectic building – both original and addition.
- Base at ground level is dark and removed from the street – under overhanging cantilever, and separated from sidewalk by a garden.
- Wrought-iron fence is not original – tax map photo does not show fence.
- Black granite plinth on the WEA elevation – turns corner onto W 81 for about 3-5 feet.
- Plantings obscure plinth and lower level.

- Proposal is to eliminate the garden except at the corner, and removing the fence.
- Keeping the three existing trees in planters at the corner, plus enough of a planter at the south end to keep another tree.

- Proposal also expands the footprint of the ground floor to match (more or less) the dimensions above (curved façade on both WEA and W81st.
- Expanded area at ground floor would be the expanded cafeteria. Also enlarging the lobby.
- Eliminates the porch-like area under the overhang (and seating that wraps around).
- Extending the plinth along W 81st.
- New glass along the east and north faces – floor to ceiling glass, set back appx 6 inches from the existing marble.
-- butt-jointed glazing – white mullion behind the butt joint.
-- transparency – can see architectural elements from within.
-- louvers in the setback to eliminate need for existing louvers.
- New punched clerestory windows into expanded granite plinth on the north base façade.
- Existing ground-floor trapezoidal louver system and other mechanicals at the south end of the WEA façade will remain – but enclosed by a new fencing system of mesh metal.

Eugene Levy, 90 RSD

- Concern – porch is filled with kids, especially teens – where will they now go – into the street?
-- that would be unacceptable.
- Entrance on W 81st -- street is blocked with cars.
-- should consider moving main entrance onto WEA.
-- Calhoun only solving its own problems, not communities.



Larry Garber, 90 RSD

- Agrees with Levy
- Concern that presentation did not include mechanical to be added to the roof.
- Current rooftop mechanicals are very noisy.
 - important that new mechanicals do not add noise or odors.
- Need to address exhaust for the kitchen.
- Very concerned about the noise – existing condition is very noisy.

- Response:
- Steve Nelson – appreciates challenge of sharing residential block with a school.
- Outdoor use of the space will be replaced by a much larger lobby which can accommodate the students who now congregate under the overhang on the porch-like space.
 - space for those kids will be incorporated into the building itself.
- Food service itself will not change.
- Mutual interest in minimizing noise.

- Response:
- Rooftop mechanical will be a make-up air unit – brings fresh air into the kitchen.
 - will be visible from the public way.
 - LPC Staff has determined that this unit will be approved or disapproved at Staff-level, not by commissioners (hence not among the issues before CB7).
- There is already a fan on the lower roof (not visible from street) – replacing with a new fan and adding another.

Debra Eder, 303 West 80th.

- School has been negligent in managing the terrace/porch. Unit installed on the terrace/porch to cool computers inside the building.
- Unit previously not noisy, now is quite noisy.
- Also a greenhouse that is now not used – blocks view of the rear yard, and roof has caved in. If not in use, please consider modifying/changing.

Kelly Carroll, Landmark West!

- Travertine used – like Lincoln Center. Modernist design meets the needs in the 1970s to
- Urges the applicant to take a design approach to enhance the TV set design.
- Requests that a soffit be installed and the new glass be set back even more to retain the hovering effect. New mullions should be painted black to enhance the distinction between 1974 and 2014 elements.

Neil Smith, 90 RSD

- Construction timetable
 - A: Begin at end of school in June – work to be completed over summer before September.
 - A: Most of the work is internal, so while will be some disruption, hopefully minimal.

John Gray, 425 WEA

- Building has two styles (original and addition) – both inappropriate.
- Third inappropriate style



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- Addition looks like a storefront on Broadway – should be more appropriate to residential character of the neighborhood.
 - 2004 renovations involved many violations for which Calhoun denied responsibility.

Committee Chair: encourage neighbors and the school relating to management of the construction to use CB7 District Manager to facilitate coordination and remediation.

- Committee Comments
- Glass wall:
 - needs greater depth recess and definition
 - disagree – having glass wall enhance relationship to the street.
- Proposal is a vast improvement to the dark overhang existing.

Motion to approve as presented.

VOTE: 4-0-0-0; non-committee Board 1-0-0-0.

Present: Jay Adolf, Mark N. Diller, Miki Fiegel, Meisha Hunter and Blanche Lawton. **CB7 Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Gabrielle Palitz and Lee P. Kwan.



Parks and Environment Committee
Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons
February 24, 2014

Topic 1: North Meadow Recreation Center

(Presenter – Abraham Pitsirilos from ALLP (All Players))

- Concern that the community is being pushed out of the North Meadow Recreation Center.
 - Currently part of the building and exterior area is being used as a parking facility and office space for the Parks Department/Central Park Conservancy. Such use prevents certain community uses such as basketball, handball, ping pong, shuffleboard and other activities that once were offered at the recreation center.
- Proposal that the Committee do a site visit and discuss current uses with Caroline Greenleaf of the Central Park Conservancy.

Topic 2: Salt Products

(Presenter – Marjorie Jacobs – resident of 180 Riverside Boulevard)

- Concern that the salt used in Riverside Park South is toxic to animals and children.
 - Suggests that the Parks Department look into using one of the following two “green” products: First Step and Greenscapes.
- Paul Evans (Manager of Riverside Park)
 - Riverside Park uses the following melting products:
 - Sodium Chloride (Department of Sanitation provides salt to the Park without charge to DPR)
 - Calcium Chloride – used in “contract parks”: Riverside South and Harlem Piers, which have dedicated budgets - purchased by DPR for these parks
 - Urea (only used in places to protect the elm trees)
 - Magnesium Chloride (only used on the clay tennis courts)
- Committee Discussion: In addition to Riverside Park management looking into the recommended products, the biggest issue is concentration of salt products, and DPR should focus on sweeping excess salt after snow melts. Park users can call Paul Evans if they find unnecessary concentrations.

Topic 3: Updates

- Car Free Central Park
 - Transportation Alternatives recently wrote a letter to Mayor Di Blasio asking for car-free Central Park trial period.
- Central Park Cross-Paths For Cyclists
- Requests to add additional cross-paths in the park are being reviewed by the Central Park Conservancy. The Committee hopes to discuss the proposals with Caroline Greenleaf at its April meeting.
- Strangers’ Gate
 - Department of Transportation denied CB7’s request to exchange the four parking spaces in front of the entrance to Central Park at Strangers’ Gate with the bus stop at that location. There will be a joint committee meeting at the next Transportation Committee meeting to discuss a revised proposal to eliminate the parking spaces.
- Phase 5, Riverside Park South
 - The construction drawings are still under NYS Department of Transportation review, and have been for over a year.



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- Phase 6 , Riverside Park South
 - Significant changes were made to the proposed design based on user group and CB7 feedback at meetings at CB7. Conceptual design is close to complete, and the next step is a formal presentation to the Committee.
 - “Brewer Money”, Riverside Park South
 - DPR submitted the design to the Design Commission in December, and the Design Commission requested alternatives to the design for the shade structure for the pier.
 - Public Pier, Riverside Park
 - Mayor Bloomberg allocated money for the construction cost shortfall, and construction of a revised design should be able to proceed.
 - FEMA Money
 - Money has not yet been received for repairs to the Cherry Walk, as well as other damage along the riverfront, including at the southern end of Riverside Park South.
 - Sea Rail, Riverside Park
 - DPR is interviewing contractors who bid on the project, though the process has been very slow, several years from when then-Council Member Brewer allocated the funds.

Topic 4: New Business

- Discussion on electricity and potential lights being installed at the 70th street soccer field, the Cherry Walk and the new playing field in Phase 6. Also, the group managing the free kayaking program at 72nd Street could benefit from electric outlets closer to the river, and also a water source reasonably close to the launch site .

Present: Klari Neuwelt, Ken Coughlin, Phyllis E. Gunther, Joanne Imohiosen and Evan Rosing. **On-Leave:** Elizabeth Starkey. **Absent:** Isaac Booker and Meisha Hunter.