

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

Chair Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Mr. Horowitz announced that there are four openings on the board and asked any interested community resident to submit an application to the Manhattan Borough President's office. He announced that Ethel Sheffer and he would serve on Columbia University's advisory committee for the new Master Plan.

David Harris reported that by September 2003 unaffiliated Columbia University children will be enrolled in the new faculty school.

Shelly Fine reported on the Manhattan Borough Board presentation by HPD on the City's housing shortage, affordability gap, and available land.

Helen Rosenthal provided budget update. NYC Council preliminary hearings for fiscal year 2004 are scheduled. She asked board members to attend.

Barbara Van Buren announced in April the Full Board would consider a resolution approving state funded program for needle exchange in 3 commercial SRO's in CD7.

Legislators' Reports

Councilmember Gale Brewer announced that budget hearings began. She is working with AOL Time Warner to provide jobs for westsiders. She mentioned the on-going Gristede's/Fairway problem on West 74th Street.

Public Session

Barbara Earnest, Park West Village Community History Group, announced they are working on historical information for West 97th-110th Street, joint with CB7 and the Manhattan Borough President's office.

Winifred Armstrong, Park West Village Community History Group, announced History Day is March 7th.

Michael Oliva, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, announced the passing of Local Law 47, which prohibits smoking in the workplace. Thanked Councilmember Brewer for support.

Ron Kapon, 20th Precinct Council, reported burglaries are up. Raised concerns regarding Moonlighting and the SLA.

Mildred Ortega, Royal Park Hotel, expressed concern about drug dealers and users in the building and asked for CB7 help.

Aaron Lowenstein, Councilmember Phil Reed's Office, announced that cell phone law that prohibits its use in movie theaters, plays, and other public places is in effect.

Jason Haber, Assemblyman Scott Stringer's Office, announced that stem cell research campaign has kicked off and the Assemblyman has written the SLA regarding Moonlighting.

Dan Golub, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried's Office, announced that the Assemblyman is introducing a law for SLA regarding stipulations for getting a liquor license.

Bradford Sussman, Manhattan Borough President's Office, discussed emergency provisions for Borough President's Office.

Business Session**Transportation Committee****Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig**

1. Resolution to disapprove the proposed closing of token booths in stations in CD7 (96th and 110th Street IND and 79th, 86th, and 110th Street IRT) was adopted: 27-2-0-1.
2. Resolution to approve application to the Department of Transportation by 4 Uptown Properties, LLC at 245 West 76th Street for a revocable consent to enlarge the existing areaway was adopted: 16-5-4-0.
3. Resolution to approve application by 2700 Broadway LLC to the Department of Transportation for a revocable consent to construct and maintain a vault under the sidewalk was adopted: 25-0-3-0.

Land Use Committee**Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen**

4. Resolution to disapprove application #315-02-BZ by Touro College to the Board of Standards and Appeals for bulk variances to allow the construction of a mixed-use building at 223-227 West 60th Street (West End-Amsterdam Avenues.) was adopted: 29-2-3-0.
Howard Weiss, Attorney; Akiva Kobre, Vice President of Touro College; and Peter Samton, Architect spoke in support of the application. Batya Lewton, CLW spoke in support of the Board resolution.
5. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#1082469 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Chung Cheung Corp., d/b/a Neo Japanese Restaurant at 2298 Broadway, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 48 seats was adopted: 29-1-0-0.
6. Resolution to approve 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 café with 11 tables and 24 seats was adopted: 31-1-0-0.
7. Resolution to approve 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, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats was adopted: 31-1-0-0.

Landmarks Committee**Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens**

8. Resolution to approve application #033445 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of an awning, signage, lighting, and a flagpole and banner, and to modify storefront infill without LPC permits at 442 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a the Gin Mill (West 80th-81st Streets) was adopted: 29-0-1-0.
9. Resolution to approve application #032769 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to reconstruct the stoop at 34 West 89th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue) was adopted: 29-0-1-0.

Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann

10. Resolution to approve the proposal by the Department of Parks and Recreation to install a permanent dog run in Riverside Park at 72nd Street was adopted: 21-5-1-0.

The following community residents spoke in support proposal: Marilyn Briskin, Nicole Yadav, Kanoka Ohara, Richard Klugman, Janet Beller, Richard Gordon, Robin Klein, John Sloman, Gordan Clark.

The following spoke against the proposal: Laura Stard, Richard Bass, Richard Sender, Randy Vaughan, John Hart, Olive Freud.

Present: Larry Horowitz, Chair, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Janet Alvarez, Richard Ashce, Annette Averette, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Doug Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Betty Katz, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, William Meyers, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Jean Green-Dorsey, Marlene Guy, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Elizabeth Starkey, Thomas Vitullo-Martin.

YOUTH COMMITTEE
Co-Chair Sharon Parker-Frazier
March 18, 2003

1. Budget Priorities Update

Committee reviewed budget requests and responses from city agencies. To give feedback to the agencies which were the following:

Afterschool- CSD 3 provides a Project Read program that is vital to students in grades 1st-5th and several other enriched programs that are of no cost to parents. Having these funds increased and maintain are crucial for student achievement. Based on the new federal law, No Child Left Behind, mandates that eligible children are mandated to receive educational support systems which take place afterschool. These funds must come from the district office.

Day Care Slots-We must continue lobby aggressively to maintain the current funding and not accept budget cuts. Early childhood education is a must for our CB7 families.

Head Start at PS 191-We need to keep pressure on Albany and Wash. DC to receive adequate funding to keep quality head start programs like PS 191 where more seats are needed.

2. DYCP Meeting on Jan. 22nd

The Joint Planning Committee held the meeting with Commission Jeanne B. Mullgrav and CB member from all over the city. An update was given about the Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention (YDDP) Request for Proposal. It was explained that focus groups, hearings and surveys were used in the process of forming/creating the RFPS'. A presentation about a new web site for the DYCD was demonstrated and will be ready by the fall.

3. CSD 3 Middle Schools

The Dept. of Education has granted District 3 to keep the middle school choice admissions policy that has been in place for over ten years and has been very successful. However, we are still face with more applicants than seats for the 2003-2004 year. What happens also is during the summer the district receives "over the counter student", families who move into our community and seek placement for a middle school seat. This population accounts for about 10-15% of applicants. With the District #3 office closing in June. Parents will now have to travel to 4360 Broadway at 187th Street to the new Region 10 office for serves.

4. West Side YMCA

Starting a new program with the Dept. Of Education called New Direction in which students from Park West HS will be busses to the Y to take classes in Leadership. On March 5 the Y and many of their students went to Albany to visit and lobby elected representatives.

Transportation Committee
Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig
March 11, 2003

1. 97th St Greenmarket between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues - Application for Street Activity Permit to operate on Fridays between April 3 to December 26, 2003. No opposition, general feeling of approval of this market were expressed. A resolution to approve this application was passed by the committee by a vote of Committee: 6-0-0-0 Public Members: 0-0-0-1.

2. Application #1129553 to construct and operate a newsstand adjacent to the subway entrance on the west side of Broadway between W.93rd and W.94th streets. This newsstand was configured narrower in depth than usual and wider in width to give enough area to operate to address the peculiarities of its position next to the subway entrance. A decision by the committee was deferred until prior to the full board meeting at which time the applicant would provide a rendering of the look of the proposed newsstand.

3. Frederick Douglass Circle reconstruction - speaking were Ed Benson from Central Park Conservancy, Savilla Jackson - Algemom Miller - Gabriel Koren who presented the project. A complete presentation of the design of the circle was presented. The design followed the alignment of the existing streets, gave a radius of 138 feet to allow 3 lanes of traffic around the circle, and included a traffic light plan to allow a phasing of signals, allowing a pedestrian only phase to allow pedestrians to move safely across the circle. Concerns were raised about traffic's ability to navigate the lanes to safely make needed turns. There were also concerns about traffic congestion increasing at this location. Residents of the Towers on the Park building on the NW corner of this intersection were most concerned with the reduction of the sidewalk area in front of their building and its effect on their ability to load and unload from the front of their building, a practice that has been common since the building was constructed. The Dept of Design and Construction considered many alternatives but there was no way to construct this circle in a different position or to narrow the street portion of the circle and still comply with street construction requirements. The location of the bus stop was moved westward down W.110 St to allow a spot where loading could be done but it is farther from the building than the old practice directly in front of the building. The committee felt all alternatives had been explored and the current design was the best plan that could be made for this location. The committee felt that after construction, some degree of flexibility in enforcement during non-rush hour periods could help accommodate the needs of the Towers residents. Regarding the design of the park within the circle, generally the design was well received. The primary concern expressed was that about the wall in the park and concerns for safety because of site lines blocked by the wall. A resolution to approve the design was proposed and passed by a vote of Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee board members: 1-0-0-0 Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

4. Jewish Community Center - 334 Amsterdam Ave. - application to DOT to install planters and a bike rack on the west side of Amsterdam Ave in front of the building and on the south side of W.76 St. on the side of the building. Neil Strandberg and Michitaka Yamaguchi presenting for JCC. Purpose of project is security to guard against a vehicle being intentionally driven into the building. Planters are 3ft deep by 6 ft wide by 3 ft high and weigh 6000 pounds each. They are positioned with 4 ft between each planter (slightly less on W.76 St.). Planters are positioned

2 ½ ft from the curb (rather than the usual regulatory 1 ½ ft) to allow the passenger doors of parked vehicles to open for exit. Planters will have evergreen shrubs growing about 1 ft high in each planter. One planter is positioned across part of the Amsterdam Ave. sidewalk at the south end of the JCC frontage as recommended by DOT to address the vulnerability imposed by the wide Amsterdam Ave. sidewalk. Directly north of that planter is a bike rack where pedestrian flow for that portion of the sidewalk is blocked by the planter. Since pedestrian flow was already blocked for that part of the sidewalk, the committee suggested adding 1 or 2 additional bike racks in that location as could be practically worked into the space. The committee also asked if additional lighting could be provided outside the building along Amsterdam Avenue since there is only one cobra type street lamp at the corner and this plan would preclude adding additional street lamps at the curb. The JCC agreed to look into providing some type of lighting on the building exterior. The committee passed a resolution approving this plan asking that the lighting be improved by a vote of Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-Committee Board: 0-0-0-1 Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

5. 2nd Ave subway - With the Long Island Railroad eastside access to Grand Central Terminal scheduled to open in 2012, depositing many more passengers on the Lexington Ave subway line, the committee recognizes the need to plan and build for future transportation needs on the east side of Manhattan and passed a resolution supporting the building of the 2nd Ave subway by a vote of Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-Committee Board: 0-0-0-1 Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Bobbie Katzander, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios. **Committee Members Absent:** Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Elizabeth Starkey, Tom Vitullo-Martin, Barbara Van Buren. **Board Members Present:** Hope Cohen, Joyce Johnson.

Steering Committee
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
March 26, 2003

Chair's Report.

Larry Horowitz announced co-chair appointments. John Howell will join Uniformed Services as the co-chair for homeland security; Joyce Johnson will join the Youth Committee; and Tom Vitullo-Martin will join the Housing Committee. He reported on his meeting with the Manhattan Borough President's staff on board appointments and on a recent meeting of the MBP on emergency preparedness. He spoke about Byron Burnett, a former board member, who died unexpectedly on Monday.

Discussion of welcome and orientation for new board members.

Mr. Horowitz suggested that this year's welcome needed to include greetings, assignments of mentors, and a presentation on land use and upcoming projects. Dan Cohen, Melanie Radley, and Barbara Adler will plan a new member event and report to Steering in April.

Report on District Historian and website page.

Penny Ryan reported on the proposal to add a history page to CB7's website and develop it in cooperation with Barbara Earnest and Win Armstrong, who are active in history projects in the Park West area.

The committee endorsed the proposal. Events that are free and open to the public will be included on the website.

Barbara Adler mentioned the Columbus Avenue BID's free historic tours on May 17 and 18 and asked that an announcement be included on the page.

Committee and task force reports.

Co-chairs review last month's agenda items and the full board agenda.

Lenore Norman announced a site visit to the 455 Central Park West, The Towers site.

Mr. Horowitz introduced the Health and Human Services Committee draft resolution on the City-Wide Harm Reduction Coalition's needle exchange program. The committee had no objections or changes. The resolution will be present to the full board on April 1.

Sheldon Fine announced that he would be prepared to discuss revisions to the By-Laws and recommendations on parliamentary procedures at the April Steering meeting.

George Zeppenfeldt reported on Neighborhood Advisory Board. At its March 24 public hearing individuals and CBOs spoke about young people's and seniors' needs for services and about affordable housing. He reviewed a survey on community needs, which informs grants, that the NAB would like to include CB7's mailing. The committee agreed to include the survey in the mailing and to place it on the website and distribute it at upcoming meetings. Sheldon Fine encouraged lobbying in support of reauthorization of the federal community development block grants.

Dan Cohen as liaison to MCB9 reported that they expressed gratitude for CB7's work on the Columbia University faculty school's admissions policies and for the cooperation between the two boards. As representative to the 24 Precinct Council, he reported that theft of unattended property, which becomes grand larceny if a credit card is taken, is a concern.

The April 1 full board agenda was accepted.

New business.

Dan Cohen reported that he and District Manager Penny Ryan had attended a very informative meeting about the Bloomingdale Head Start program.

Doug Griebel reported that the Department of Consumer Affairs came to an agreement to reduce sidewalk café fees in the new regulations. He was a negotiator of this agreement as president of the NYC Restaurant Association.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Committee Members Present: Lawrence Horowitz, Barbara Adler, Sheldon Fine, Doug Griebel, Robert Herrmann, Bobbie Katzander, Eric Nelson, Melanie Radley, Patricia Stevens, George Zeppendfeld-Cestero, Dan Zweig. **Committee Members Absent:** Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Beth Berns, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, David Harris, John Howell, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Barbara Van Buren.

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

1. Presentation by KC Sahl, Administrator, Riverside Park.

Mr. Sahl presented photographs and diagrams of the adult equipment at 105th Street in Riverside Park. The equipment, which is being paid for by a private donor, Dorlene Kaplan, comprises “travel rings,” which are comparable to those used in a park in Santa Monica, CA. The equipment in the California park was originally installed in the 1930’s and has since been upgraded. In addition, Mr. Sahl announced there would be a new concession operator for Hudson Beach Café.

2. Presentation of “The Gates of Central Park” by artists Christo and Jeanne- Claude

Presentation included photographs, diagrams and discussion of funding by the artists, as well as materials being used, research regarding environmental impact and length of time for exhibit.

The exhibit is scheduled to run for 16 days in February 2005. The artwork is being fabricated in 12-foot by 8-foot wide orange panels made up of strong nylon material. The exhibit, which will span the stone walls and gates of Central Park, will stand 16-feet high, affixed seven feet above the ground with poles made up of five-inch vinyl used in horse corrals that are able to withstand heavy winds and inclement weather. The artists’ engineer, Vince Davenport, attested to the minimal environmental impact of the design, citing the findings of an ornithologist hired by the artists.

The New York City Department of Parks and Central Park Conservancy have approved the project and there was no vote, nor resolution regarding same.

Rebuttals by members of the Sierra Club were made during the public session and included comments by Charles Lyman, Edgar Freud, Margaret Young and Diane Buybaum. Sierra Club member Olive Freud’s complaint concerned her dislike of the design and disagreement with the aesthetic validity of the artwork.

As with previous projects, the artists are raising money through the sales of their initial sketches, but will not receive funds through the commercial or retail sales of collateral materials.

3. Specialty Carts, West 72nd Street and West 87th Street Dog Runs

The Department of Parks put out an RFP to prospective vendors at various sites, three of which are in the CB7 district. No vendors responded to proposals for 72nd Street and 87th Street adjacent to the respective dog runs. There is no word as yet on the cart at Tucker Park.

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

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

1. 150 Riverside Drive, Kateri Nursing Home.

Application for rooftop addition. Adam Rothberg, Attorney.

Kateri has approval from CB7's Land Use Committee and BSA for variances. Has approval from NYS DoH. Seeking approval from LPC and have had a public hearing. They were asked to build a mock up and it is still up. Plans are to enclose an open terrace with a glass and metal structure to accommodate elderly residents. Both water and mechanical towers are higher than addition, which is screened by other rooftops and is virtually invisible from RSD.

Whereas, the new addition will only be visible from a very small part of River Side Drive, the committee approves the rooftop addition. 5-0-0-0.

2. 134 West 88th Street.

Application is to replace broken cement entrance well of brownstone with brick pavers. Steve Lakenan, president-elect building committee, presented.

The stoop was removed and the entrance well is cracked concrete and unsightly. Applicants want to replace with 4x8 brick pavers in a basket weave pattern, within the property line.

Whereas, the alteration will be an improvement and will be in keeping with many other entrance wells on the block, the committee approves the plan, as presented. 5-0-0-0.

3. 12 West 71st Street.

Application is to construct a rear yard extension.

Paul Gregory presented.

The plan is to tear down 4-story and 2-story rear extensions and build a full 5-story extension. It will be 30' feet from the lot line and will return 5' to the doughnut. The new bricks will match existing. There will be large windows with multiple panes, some with faux balconies. The rear of the house will be modeled after the front. Plans include a penthouse set back 23' that will not be visible from the street. Facade of the building will not be touched. The total height of the building will be 60', adding 5'. Lenore Norman went on record as objecting to the multiple windowpanes.

Whereas, the addition will improve the building esthetically, and

Whereas; it will not be visible from the street, the committee approves the addition. 4-0-1-0.

4. New Business

1. A tour of the Towers to view the old building has been arranged.
2. West Park Presbyterian Church. Councilmember Gale Brewer continues to work with the community on this.
3. Nothing new to report on the proposed designation of Manhattan Valley district.

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

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

1. Presentation by Institute for Community Living.

Tony Tucker, Director of Community Relations, discussed various programs and services for adults with disabilities. ICL came to CB7 to ask for help in linking with other CBOs, whereby people who are participating in ICL programs can better be intergraded into the community. Areas of interest are employment, job support, education, and psychological support.

Mya Linn, Columbia nursing intern spoke about the 2643 Broadway site (100th Street) with 72 beds. She discussed their efforts to create supportive networks for adults with mental problems and history of homelessness. They are doing extensive outreach.

Manford White, on site coordinator for program, said facility is not considered transitional, but permanent housing.

The committee suggested that group look to the faith-based organizations that are used to providing this kind of support. Broadway program is flagship of the agency. Shared specific contacts and invited them to attend monthly full board meeting.

2. Discussion of Citywide Harm Reduction Coalition's request to NYS Department of Health for authorization of needle exchange programs in three CD7 SROs.

The resolution will be prepared and ready for Full Board meeting. The committee supported the syringe resolution: 6-0-0. Public: 1-0-0.

3. SRO Issues.

David Harris and Penny Ryan met with the Department of Homeless Services to discuss SRO concerns. Families and children's needs should be accommodated in a more humane fashion. Mr. Harris reported that threshold has been lowered and more families have come into the system. The economy is also contributing to extreme rise in the number of people who have to be accommodated. DHS claims that court ordered housing on demand is a major control in terms of what is being done.

Royal Park is still a problem. Some residents are throwing things into the Lotus Garden. Mildred Ortega spoke on behalf of HIV/AIDS people in the hotel.

4. New Business

David Harris spoke on "Talking with children about war." Parent and teacher guides are available.

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