

March 2007 Minutes

Full Board Meeting

Sheldon Fine, Chairman

American Bible Society

March 6, 2007

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:08

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**: 32:0:1

Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

April meeting schedule has been altered due to holidays. The Full Board meeting will be on Wednesday, April 11th. The CERT team now has a website, and will become a real force in the community. Moved back to the old office located at 250 West 87th Street. Phone Number of 212-362-4008.

Public Session

- Stacy Colonna - Fresh Direct is operating a loading dock on the east side of Broadway between West 78th and 79th Streets, from 7:00 A.M to 11:00 P.M. Impacts on the neighborhood residents include noise pollution and environmental pollution. Calls to 311 and Fresh Direct has not changed anything. Ms. Goldman appeals to the community board to help her find a way to get rid of the loading dock.
- Pinky Vincent, Citizens Committee for New York City - Cash Back Manhattan is an organization developed to spread the word about tax credits. They help low-income tax filers find places to file their taxes and handle audits. They have been around for 30 years with a volunteer base. The Cash Back hotline, 212 – 822 – 9584, informs callers on where to get free tax preparation assistance.
- Mike Froggatt, International Center of New York City, 50 West 23rd Street, 7th floor - Looking for volunteers. It is a volunteer run hospitality center in NY. Today more that 1,000 volunteers provide a learning center for 25,000 new people each year. They offer ESL classes, résumé writing and cultural trips. They partner with community based organizations to spread their services around the city. For more information go to www.intlcenter.org, or call at 212 – 255 – 9555.
- Leticia Peguero, YWCA of NY, 500 W. 56th (10th and 11th Avenues) - Offering computer classes, women's employment services, and other services. Introduced their new director and announced free space for community meetings at their offices.
- Cary Goodman – Lived on West 86th Street for the last twenty years; raised a family here. He is here to advocate for the Rudy Gym which is being evicted from West Park Presbyterian Church. Rudy provides free gymnastic services.
- Elizabeth Starky, United for Peace and Justice Organization - March 18th there will be an assembly between West 35th and 29th Streets to protest the Iraq war and to demand an end to military attacks on Iraq.
- Thomas Vitullo – Martin, Friends of West Park Church—Church is being sold to make way for a residential building. It is a shame to lose a church to a residential building. It is not in the historic district but it is listed on national websites as a historic building.
- Susan Sullivan, Friends of West Park Church – Dedicated to preserving the character on the Upper West Side. This past week the church was notified that there

has been an agreement to sell the building. There will be an affordable housing unit and a luxury unit to this tower. It is a shame to this neighborhood.

- Calvin Solomon, Manhattan District Attorney's Office: The district attorney's office is celebrating its 20th year of its high school and junior high school internship program.
- Linda Guy, State Senator Bill Perkins' office – The senator will be holding a forum on the health care budget on Saturday, March 24th, at Amalgamated Bank.

Business Session

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co – Chairpersons

1. The resolution to **approve** the proposed Manhattan Avenue Historic District, 104th – 106th Streets, was adopted 32:0:0:0

Manhattan Avenue Historic District: The proposed district is important to the area because it is the first set of permanent housing in the Manhattan Avenue area. The New York Cancer hospital is a historic site in the district. Manhattan Valley was once filled with row houses; now a lot of the buildings have been demolished to build other forms of housing. The proposed district incorporates the remaining historic houses. These row houses were directly co-related to the hospital.

2. **New – York Historical Society, 2 West 77th Street** (Central Park West.) The resolution to **disapprove** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for changes in the Central Park West entrance and the West 77th Street entrance and windows was adopted 40: 2: 0 : 0

Klari Neuwelt detailed the reasons why the committee determined that the N-YHS's proposal was not appropriate treatment for the landmark building. The ideas for the Central Park West entrance were intrusive and the materials inappropriate, and for those reasons it was rejected. Lenore Norman talked about the West 77th Street façade plan, which proposes an outdoor elevator for handicapped people. Page Cowley stated that makes this project so difficult is that it has so many historical landmark designations. The other important aspect of having it on the national registry makes it possible to receive tax credit.

Borough President Scott Stringer stated that back in the 90's when the Historical Society had financial struggles, it received state and local funding. The Upper West Side fought hard to keep the Historical Society up and running, and therefore it has a special relationship with the community. Mr. Stringer urged the community board to listen to the community and their ideas on how the Historical Society should be handled.

- Louis Mirror, President, New-York Historical Society, urged the community board to vote con on the resolution because she believes that the reconstruction will better the society
- Barbara Debbs, Trustee of Historical Society, wished to have community support in this effort to rebuild, and urged the community board to vote con on this issue.
- Marilynn Kushner urged the community board to vote con on the disapproval because the changes to the façade will make the museum more accessible and will spread education about the City.

- Kate Wood, Landmark West! urged the community board to vote pro on the disapproval, as the plans for façade alternation are inappropriate for the Upper West Side.
- David Halle said project makes sense in serving the public. Making the front entrance handicap accessible is an extremely positive addition.
- Ernest Von Simson, supported the recommendations of the Parks and Preservations committee to disapprove the New-York Historical Society's façade change plans.
- Joseph Bolanos, West 76th Street Block Association and Landmark 76, urged the community board to disapprove the façade alterations, as it will certainly change the Upper West Side's character.
- Michael Wolf believes the renovation is not bad and urged the community board to disapprove the disapproval on the grounds that the changes are not a detriment to the Upper West Side
- Jean Ashton, New-York Historical Society employee, believes changes to the New-York Historical Society are necessary for safety concerns.
- Lawrence Cohn, West 76th Street Block Association, said the windows on the sides of the building are purely decorative, there is no reason for the windows to be changed as it will change the symmetry, and urged the community board to disapprove the renovations as he believes that there should be renovation not changes.
- Janice Schacter – The society is working hard to help the handicapped obtain easier access and believes the modifications to the façade are necessary for handicapped people to have equal access
- Peter Wright, West 77th Street Block Association, opposes the façade changes because the society claims it is the façade that brings in fewer people, however he believes that this is false, and that the façade is ill conceived.
- Ken Ackerman spoke on behalf of the New-York Historical Society, stating historical museums are far too rare and it is the community's responsibility to nurture it. Urged the community board to disapprove on the basis that the society needs to change their façade for the disabled.
- Harvey Benjamin feels the community board has been unfair in its judgment of the renovations and it should approve the renovations of the society to allow easier access to the building.
- Brian Dillon believes the community board is not being honest and should consider the application to renovate the façade fairly.
- Linder Ferber said the building fails to handle the increasing number of visitors. Gallery space is extremely limited and needs to be increased.
- Alexander Wood urged community board members and elected officials in the district to allow the first phase of renovations to occur.
- Marnie Muller believes it is necessary to preserve the façade of this classical building because the Upper West Side is a historical neighborhood. This is not a minor vote, we need to honor what we have in this community.
- Cynthia Doty stated there are many ways the cociety can increase access without making drastic changes to the façade
- Sharon Lauer is only in favor of the resolution because they are the ones who came forward and are trying to make a change to better accessibility for disabled.
- Barnett Schechter supports the society's renovation plans. Believes the renovations will be enrichment to the neighborhood.

- Carol Brown supports the society in their renovations as part of the Phase 1 Changes will include the auditorium and hopes that it can be renovated.
- Jim Harmon believes the society should not make the renovations, as it will change the feel of the block.
- Alan Flacks wishes to preserve the façade and used the Brooklyn Museum of Art as a precedent, when they changed their façade it became an issue.
- Jean Kates believes that the community board should approve the renovations.
- Artie Weber spoke against all alternations to the façade.
- Roy Edey hopes the community board allows the renovations.
- Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Gottfried's office, believes that the community board should approve the current application with the exception of the tower.
- Supported renovations: Adrienne Kupper, Elizabeth Grant, Nina Nazionale, Alan Balick, Woody Woodruff, Stephanie Benjamin, Charles Tuner, John B. Snook, Scott Ranson, Bonnie Botwinick, Dale Gregory.

A second resolution was proposed and adopted: 30:7:3:0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan welcomes the New-York Historical Society to meet with Community Board 7/Manhattan's Parks & Preservation Committee to reconsider the committee's recommendations on the Society's Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for changes in the Central Park West facade and the West 77th Street entrance and windows.

3. **209 Columbus Avenue** (West 69th – 70th Streets.) dba Papyrus. The resolution to **disapprove without prejudice** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for painting façade and cast iron pilasters, new fabric awning and signage was adopted: 41:0:1:0.
4. **26 West 76th Street** (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for centering of entrance, enlargement of window, and rear – yard addition was adopted: 41:0:1:0.
5. **101 West 77th Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) dba not decided. The resolution to **disapprove** application # 07 – 1815 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of a door on West 77th Street and a door on Columbus Avenue was adopted: 41:0:1:0.
6. **176 – 182 West 82nd Street** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) The resolution to **approve** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition was adopted: 41:0:1:0.
7. **101 West 87th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a 2 – story addition on Amsterdam and 87th Street, 2 – story addition and penthouse on West 87th Street, 5 – story town house on West 88th Street, and urging the applicant to reconsider certain elements of the townhouse façade, was adopted: 41:0:1:0.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co – Chairpersons

8. **355 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 77th Street.) The resolution to **approve** the assignment of the consent application DCA# 1246104 to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by DLS Chicken Corp., d/b/a Chirping Chicken, for a two – year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 32 seats was adopted: 39:2:0:0.

9. The resolution to **approve** application #M7 – 024 to the Mayor’s Office of Street Activity Permits to conduct a farmers market on Fridays on the north side of West 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues was adopted: 40:1:0:0.

10. **971 Columbus Avenue** (West 108th Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application # B01760 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Special, Inc., at 971 Columbus Avenue for a For – Hire base station license was adopted: 41:0:0:0.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co – Chairpersons

11. **35/75 West End Avenue** (West 63rd Street.) The resolution to **approve** the application to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Crunch Fitness to extend the special permit for a physical culture establishment within portions of the basement and first floor of 35/75 West End Avenue for ten years was adopted: 36:0:1:0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 PM.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Jeffrey Bank, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Lance Dashefsky, John Donohue, Islande Dupoux, Guillermo Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Benjamin Howard – Cooper, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Joyce S. Johnson, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Sharon Parker – Frazier, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Ríos, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo – Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore and Dan Zweig. **On leave:** Jean Green – Dorsey. **Absent:** Josh Feldman, Robert Herrmann, Chaumtoli Huq, Eric Nelson, Madge Rosenberg and George Zeppenfeldt – Cestero

Steering Committee

Sheldon Fine, Chairman

Minutes will be uploaded as they become available.

Strategy and Budget Committee

Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson

Youth and Education Committee

Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with

Health & Human Services Committee

Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons

March 15, 2007 7:00PM

Meeting called to order by Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz at 7:20 PM.

This was a joint meeting between the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee and the Health & Human Services Committee. The two committees have been working together for several months on the HIV/AIDS survey to be distributed to schools in district 3, which is within Community Board 7/ Manhattan.

- Luis discussed his conversation with Betty Rothbart director, Office of Health Education & Family Living for the Department of Education (DOE). Luis explained from the conversation the DOE opt-out procedure for the HIV/AIDS lessons. Parents are only allowed to opt-out of prevention lessons not the entire curriculum. She also said that the DOE has official procedure for opting-out of the prevention lessons.
- The committees discussed how the survey and the letter would be distributed. The committees feel that all options to send the survey out through the DOE have been exhausted, and have decided that they will be sent out from the community board office. We also had several members suggest that we carbon copy the parent coordinator or the parents association president. The committees also discussed some minor changes to the survey before mailing it out to school principals. The committee also discussed the purpose of the survey as being part of the community boards oversight of the Education within our community.
- The committee decided that the Community Board Chairman Sheldon Fine would sign the letter that will accompany the survey to the school principals. The letter and survey will be going out on Wednesday, April 11 with a return date of Monday, April 30.
- Sharon spoke about a recent email she received regarding the UFT training on the HIV/AIDS curriculum. All teachers are invited to participate in the training, but are not required.
- Eloise Messineo, Principal of Brandeis High School, spoke about the current HIV/AIDS curriculum implemented at Brandeis HS by the staff with lessons given by science, physical education, and social studies teachers, just to name a few. For the UFT training, Brandeis is planning on sending lead teachers to be trained so they can in-turn train the rest of the staff. The committees asked the principal about the distribution of condoms in the school. She responded by first explaining that the school is not a distribution center but has a condom availability program with counseling and a parent opt-out procedure. The school also has a Health Resource Center with information provided in several languages. Mrs. Messineo reported that Brandeis HS is compliant with the HIV/AIDS curriculum requirements as well as other curriculum requirements. Brandeis HS currently has 2,651 students enrolled with a graduation rate of 53% up from 38% just five years ago. Brandeis HS has also been cited by the DOE as an exemplary bilingual education program site; and will work with City College and Queens College.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Present: Luis Reyes, Sharon Parker-Frasier, Islande Dupoux, Dave Harris, Barbara Van Buren

Elizabeth Starkey, Sheldon Fine, Alberto Cruz. **Community Members:** Tamara Berger and Thomas Roberts.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

March 13, 2007

At Children's Aid Society, Frederick Douglass Center

441 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) New application DCA# 0813464 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Sloves, Inc., d/b/a Louie's Westside Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats.

The applicant did not attend. No complaints have been made about the café. The Committee voted to approve the renewal application: 6-0-0-0.

584 Amsterdam Avenue (West 88th Street.) New application DCA# 1247422 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Bodrum, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

The applicant did not attend. The Committee voted to disapprove the new application, without prejudice: 6-0-0-0. The Board Office will contact the applicant.

2726 Broadway (West 104th Street.) New application DCA# 1247774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by McConner Street Holding, LLC, d/b/a MC 104, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

The applicant did not attend. The Committee voted to disapprove the new application, without prejudice: 6-0-0-0. The Board Office will contact the applicant.

808 Columbus Avenue (West 97th-100th Streets.) Continued discussion of petition by 808 Columbus LLC to the Department of Transportation for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a sidewalk vault for retail use, under the Columbus Avenue sidewalk:

Peter Rosenberg, architect, Stellar Management and Michael Sillerman and Alan Fredericks, attorneys, Kramer Levin, were present to discuss the application. Within 15 days, they are submitting an amended application to the Department of Transportation requesting retail and garage usage within the vault.

They reviewed the application for the 13,330-square-foot vault, and responded to questions from this and previous committee meetings.

- 7 feet of the vault are on Columbus Avenue; 15 on West 97th Street.
- 1500 square feet are for parking.
- Garage is accessory to residential because entrance is from residential zone. Can't have retail-accessory parking. Retail patrons will park on street.
- 198 pre-1962 required spaces are being relocated into garage. Must be monthly parking. Residents of existing buildings have priority. On basis of number of units, 126 additional spaces are added for residents and guests of 808 Columbus Avenue
- Garage operator to be determined.

- Waiting for input from Park West Village Tenants Association on the north-south drive-through roadway, with the Fire Department is requiring. It could be one- or two-way north or south bound.
- In response to comments that deliveries or services on side streets will not work, trucks won't be able to make the turn, and request that deliveries be made on Columbus Avenue, Mr. Rosenberg said the Zoning Resolution discourages curb cuts on avenues. Curb cuts need to be 50-feet off of the corner on wide streets. Jean Green Dorsey asked committee to get a sense of the committee and pass along to agencies. Those present preferred Columbus Avenue.
- Community members stated 97 Street is not a wide street and has many cars from transverse going to the Parkway. Asked for a site visit and comprehensive process.
- Garage will be vented from west wall of building, at least 50-feet from buildings. Undergrounds fans will be directed up. No studies done on dispersal of fumes. Sound will comply with Code regulations. Committee asked if vent could go up to roof or be on east face. Applicant will look into these questions.
- Access to library and health center not determined.
- Departments of Buildings, Parks and Environmental Protection and ConEdison are among the entities that review the vault application.
- Vault will house 3 or 4 stores, in addition to the garage. If don't get permit, it will be storage for building residents. Estimate 3 tractor trailers/day.
- Stop signs will be installed at garage entrances/exits. Willing to look at safety measures.
- Whole Foods, the super market coming into the building, prefers 97th street. Use group 6 – limited by square footage of floor area.
- Unattended garage needs 300 square feet/car; attended needs 200 sf.
- Still studying need for an amended certificate of occupancy for existing buildings.
- Keeping curb cuts on side streets. Parking curb cuts on Columbus Avenue being moved to side streets. A convenience cut will be installed on Columbus Avenue.
- No reservoir spaces needed in garage. Required only when there is a special permit for excess of permitted numbers.
- Vault fee is an annual fee, set by a formula, for garage and retail use. No fee if used for storage.
- Space will be designate for handicapped people. Request for some at grade level.

Other issues raised during the meeting:

- Water in excavation from underground streams will not be a problem, according to geo-tech survey. Foundations are designed to allow flow around them.
- Contractor will display Building's permits for test borings on tennis courts. [Subsequently determined that permits are not required.]
- Contractor will look into use of cell phones on site during blasting operations.
- Lights are out in 100th Street scaffolding and sidewalk is too narrow.
- Dust, noise and early starts are on-going problems. Asked for fees and filters for AC units.
- Next PWVTA meeting with developer on April 17.

The committee decided to vote on the application at the April 23 meeting. District Manager Penny Ryan will follow-up with PVWTA on a construction coordination group. Mr. Albert will follow-up on an inter-agency meeting on traffic concerns.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, John Donahue, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander and Oscar Rios. District Manager Penny Ryan.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

The committee did not meet in March.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

March 8, 2007 6:30 PM

1. New York Sun Works presentation on the Science Barge Program.

Emily Waff, Managing Director; Ted Kaplo, Executive Director; Dan Orshak, Board Member

Jim Dowell, Riverside Park Fund

This is a not for profit organization not dependent on public funds. Run a hydroponic barge greenhouse – used for educational purposes, have school groups coming in. Barge stays anchored and is attached to the land through a gangway. Want to set up at 2 locations – one at Pier 94 and the other at about W. 71st Street and Hudson (just north of the 69th Street pier).

Asked for the CB to pass resolution/send a letter supporting the organization and its bid to anchor at Riverside Park. Committee had concerns about transportation of school group garbage off the barge. Group will work with Parks to properly dispose of any trash

Resolution 1: Science Barge Program In Riverside Park.

WHEREAS, the Science Barge program proposed for Riverside Park at approximately 71st Street for July and August, 2007 appears to be an innovative, free educational program that would be of benefit to New York City children and other residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the proposed project at this location; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that Riverside Park has the infrastructure to support the Science Barge program at this location,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the proposal for the Science Barge program at Riverside Park at approximately 71st Street for July and August, 2007.

Committee Members: 3-0-0-0.

2. Parks Department restoration of the sidewalk along the east side of Columbus Avenue from West 77th to 81st Street.

Bob Redmond and Doug Nash, Department of Parks & Recreation; Linda Gumeny (MKW Associates) – firm that is working on the sidewalk restoration work on the other sides of the American Museum of Natural History.

Council Member Gale Brewer helped secure funding for additional work

Plan to replace the asphalt pavers, re-grade the sidewalk, replant trees and fix tree planters, add a few trees. Plan will not impact a future decision to locate a public toilet there.

Resolution 2: Restoration Of The Columbus Avenue Perimeter Sidewalk At Theodore Roosevelt Park, West 77th to 81st Streets.

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to restore the Columbus Avenue perimeter sidewalk adjacent to Theodore Roosevelt Park using the same materials and design elements employed in the ongoing restoration of the three other perimeter sidewalks of the park, which Community Board 7/ Manhattan, previously approved; and

WHEREAS, restoration of this sidewalk is badly needed, and the project, including regrading the sidewalk, replacing the hex block paving materials, enlarging and enhancing the planting in the tree pit areas, adding and replacing trees and adding and replacing benches, has been fully funded; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has assured the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan that the sidewalk in question will remain amenable to the installation of a public toilet, should the site be chosen for one under the city's new public toilet program,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the final design for the restoration of the perimeter sidewalk along the east side of Columbus Avenue at Theodore Roosevelt Park.

Committee Members: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

3. Installation of New Snow Leopard Exhibit at the Central Park Zoo.

Steve Melley, Wildlife Conservation Society; Jeff Sailer, Curator of Animals at the Central Park Zoo.

Plan to construct 2 open air, rusticated viewing pavilions (each about 640 square feet) and a one story cedar covered holding building (2300 square feet) in the rocky NW corner of the Zoo

Needs approval from LPC as well.

Resolution 3: Creation Of Snow Leopard Exhibit In Central Park Zoo.

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Conservation Society proposes to create a snow leopard exhibit in the Central Park Zoo that would involve constructing two viewing pavilions and a holding pen building; and

WHEREAS, the normal historic Olmstedian aesthetic applicable to Central Park is necessarily relaxed with regard to structures within the Zoo area; and

WHEREAS, the three proposed structures will be largely screened by plantings, and are of design and materials appropriate to their use as zoo buildings and consistent with the design vocabulary of other structures within the Central Park Zoo,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the final design for the snow leopard exhibit, including the three proposed structures, in the Central Park Zoo.

Committee Members: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

4. 3 West 73rd Street. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for façade restoration, new windows, penthouse modifications, and new parapets and bulkhead.

James Wayman, architect.

5 story townhouse from 1902. Plan to restore the exterior, take over top 3 floors for owner, rent out the bottom 2 floors. Going before LPC on 3/20/07. Propose to remove the front façade windows and replace in kind. Clean the bricks and the limestone, repoint the bricks. Propose adding a new French door and a garden trellises on the existing bulkhead on the roof and moving the top bulkhead back a few feet. Adding three new windows on the eastern side of the building to give views of Central Park

Also on the eastern side, propose adding 8 small windows for the stairwell, and 2 small windows on the back. For the back facade, propose to break the masonry to enlarge the windows into French doors and add terraces on two of the levels. For the western façade of the rear extension, propose reorganizing the fenestration to now have 3 bay windows, 3 small oval windows below the 3 bay windows, and 10 windows on the bottom 2 floors to bring light into a new gym that will be in the basement.

A number of committee members expressed the opinion that the fenestration on the Western façade of the extension be made a bit less busy, but the committee decided to approve the application as presented

Resolution 4: 3 West. 73rd Street

WHEREAS, the elegant existing building facade facing 73rd Street is intact, with mostly original materials; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed one-over-one window replacements for the 73rd Street façade, including employing curved sashes and glass for the eastern projection, with the frames painted in a complementary light color, is appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the penthouse bulkhead are only minimally visible from the service alley to the east and are not otherwise visible from a public way, and the Committee believes that the proposed changes to the penthouse bulkhead, including replacing the center French doors and employing beige stucco with an applied trellis for the south elevation of the penthouse, are reasonably appropriate to the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the east wall of the building was apparently constructed without windows in anticipation of a possible adjoining building that was not built, and the construction of the adjacent apartment building with a service alley left a blank wall on this building, which the owner wants to pierce with new lot-line windows; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed new lot-line windows, comprising three new one-over-one windows near the front at the third through fifth floors, two similar windows near the rear – all in kind with the windows on the front façade -- and eight smaller, staggered windows in stained glass corresponding to the alignment of the internal staircase at the center of the east façade, though visible to some degree from the service alley, will not unreasonably interfere with a viewer's appreciation of the largely intact, elegant front façade of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's approval of this group of proposed lot-line windows on a previously blank secondary façade should not be construed as a precedent with regard to any other situation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed rear elevation of the new rear-yard extension, which is not visible from any public way, but is visible from numerous neighboring rear yards, is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Committee believed that the proposed fenestration for the west facade of the new rear-yard addition is too formal, too fussy or too busy, and expressed specific suggestions to the Committee and the applicant's representatives, but no such position was adopted by a majority of the Committee as to any specific element of the fenestration,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the proposed changes to the front façade and the penthouse at 3 West 73rd Street, as well as the proposed new windows on the eastern wall and the proposed new rear-yard addition.

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

5. 461 Columbus (West 82nd Street). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for painting of ground-floor façade and corner shop front.

Lawrence James, architect.

Current restaurant façade is painted green on the avenue and side street.

Resolution to approve the green paint for the Columbus Avenue side of the building and continuing over to the edge of the restaurant signage, but to have the owner remove the green paint from the building (leaving the exposed brick) or painting the brick a brick red color east of the sign on the side street.

Resolution 5: 461 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd Street).

WHEREAS, the building façade in question is already painted a shade of blue/green for which the applicant seeks approval; and

WHEREAS, the architect representing the applicant before the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, agreed to the Committee's request to confine the blue/green color to the shop front area of the façade, and to restore the remaining portion of the first floor elevation on 82nd Street to natural brick, if practicable, and otherwise to paint it a brick color matching the brick of the building; and

WHEREAS, given the cacophony of colors in this commercial area of the Historic District, the Committee believes that the blue/green color for the shop front only is reasonably appropriate to its location in the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the existing blue/green color for the corner shop front only at 461 Columbus Avenue at West 82nd Street, subject to the applicant's agreement, as described above, to restore the remaining portion of the ground level façade on 82nd Street to natural brick, if practicable, and otherwise to paint it in a brick color to match the existing brick of the building.

Committee Members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

6. 130 West 82nd Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear-yard addition

Paul Gregory, architect.

Plan to remove the dog leg and remove the five floors in the back. Add rear yard addition with 1- over-1 windows, simple lintels and several Juliet balconies

Resolution 6: 130 West 82nd Street.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed new rear-yard addition will be of design and materials reasonably appropriate to the building and to the Historic District, including the use of one-over-one windows; and

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from any public way,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the proposed rear-yard addition for 130 West 82nd Street.
Committee Members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

7. 49 West 85th Street (Columbus Avenue-Central Park West). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of work done without LPC permits, including repainting the exterior, window replacements and installation of canopies.

Tia Maria Scanno, Owner/Manager.

Coming to clear up several LPC violations. Building was a blue brick, but in 1998 the management painted the building a muted brown, and added three bubble awnings in the front and a security camera. Some concern expressed about the side 2 bubble awnings, but most of the committee was not overly concerned with the side bubble awnings

Resolution 7: 49 West 85th Street.

WHEREAS, the applicant has received a notice of violations with regard to the repainting of the façade, the installation of replacement windows, the installation of canopies over the front door and flanking first-floor windows and the installation of a security camera; and

WHEREAS, the façade was originally glazed light blue brick, which had no relationship to the brownstone facades of most buildings on the block; and

WHEREAS, the current paint color approximates the color of brownstone; and

WHEREAS, numerous neighbors support the application; and

WHEREAS, the security camera is unobtrusive; and

WHEREAS, a significant minority of the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, expressed the opinion that the window canopies are inappropriate and should be removed, but the majority of the Committee believes that all the above-listed conditions are reasonably appropriate to the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the legalization of the above-listed conditions at 49 West 85th Street.
Committee Members: 5-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 0-1-0-0.

8. 264 West 91st Street (Broadway) Application #07-4783 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of rear-yard addition.

Jeremy Sherring, architect; Christian Henriques, architect.

Will be going before LPC on 3/20/07. Plan to remove the centered dogleg and to extend the full back of the brownstone to the 30-ft line. 3rd and 4th floors will have Juliet terraces. Plan to use vinyl clad wood windows.

Resolution 8: 264 West 91st Street,

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed rear-yard addition will be of design and materials reasonably appropriate to the building and to the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from any public way,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the proposed rear-yard addition for 264 West 91st Street.
Committee Members: 6-0-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

9. 129 West 69th Street.

The applicant did not appear because it had sought to submit its application too late to be included in the Committee agenda, as advised by CB7 staff.

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Resolution 9: 121 West 69th Street.

WHEREAS, the applicant notified Community Board 7/ Manhattan, of its application too late for it to be placed on the already very crowded agenda for the Parks and Preservation Committee meeting on March 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, therefore the Committee was not able to review the application, The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **disapproves without prejudice** the application for a façade renovation, new windows and a new stoop restoration at 121 West 69th Street, and **requests** that the LPC hold open its record with regard to this application to permit the applicant to make a full presentation at the Committee' regular April, 2007 meeting, and to permit the Committee to adopt a substantive resolution and submit it to the LPC.
Committee Members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

10. Committee Discussion of the proposed designation of the First Baptist Church at West 79th and Broadway

After reports about recent discussions with the church leadership and the internal discussion within the church congregation about potential development sites, the Committee decided to hold off on submitting a resolution asking LPC to calendar consideration of designation of the First Baptist Church, but to closely monitor the situation and to be prepared to act if necessary. The committee suggested that Sheldon Fine, CB7 Chairman, send a letter to the church leadership encouraging continued dialogue and laying out the current situation as we understand it.

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Page Cowley, Lance Dashefsky, Sheldon J. Fine, Phyllis Gunther, Jeffrey Siegel. **Board Member:** Elizabeth Starkey.

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

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Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

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Environment and Public Safety Committee

John Howell, Chairperson

District Service Cabinet

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