

April 2005 Minutes

Full Board Meeting Hope Cohen, Chairperson

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Hope Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm

The March full Board minutes were approved (16-0-0)

Chair's Report: Hope Cohen

- Land Use Committee will meet Fordham University, Columbus Avenue and West 60th Street on Wednesday 20 April. Presentation of Fordham's Master Plan for the Lincoln Center Campus is on the agenda.**
- CB7's Team SWMP and MCB4 will hold a community meeting on the proposed Solid Waste Management Plan at John Jay College, 10th Avenue between West 58th and 59th Streets, Wednesday 27 April**
- Introduced Madge Rosenberg, new CB7 member**

District Manager's Report: Penny Ryan

- Working with Departments of Sanitation and Health on rat abatement with increasing success**
- Working with Police precincts on bicycles and graffiti**
- Gristedes market in the new Columbia University building at Broadway and 103rd Street is having grand opening on April 6. Sheldon Fine will attend for CB7.**

Manhattan Borough President's Report

John Mullens, of the Borough President's office, discussed upcoming Community Board appointments. He announced that 32% of Manhattan fire houses have emergency back-up generators and the Borough President advocates funding of generators for all fire houses in NYC.

Public Session

Danielle Podlucky, of NYS Senator Tom Duane's office, announced the senator's opposition to budget cuts and West Side Stadium. She discussed continued work on the Rockefeller drug law reform, especially regarding its impacts on women.

Joyce Goodman, of NYS Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office, announced glee over completed budget and work to stave off resurrection of the death penalty.

Christina Harvey, of NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman's office, discussed work to stop circumvention of ban on assault weapons. She noted that the Senate continually voted down opportunities to debate issues on the Senate floor.

Linda Rosenthal, of US Congressman Nadler's office, discussed the appropriation of \$5Million for Lincoln Center Improvements and \$2Million for West 79th Street Rotunda.

Mark Wallace, of Postgraduate Center for Mental Health, announced a new clinic at 130 West 97th Street.

Bill Crane, of 801 West End Ave, expressed his opposition to new plans to place artificial turf at 150th Street in Riverside Park.

Elana Elster, Principal of MS 54, expressed concerns about the redevelopment plan for the park adjacent to the schools, including the loss of basketball courts and the prolonged timing of the project.

Diana Schneider, a West Side resident and Chair of ROAR, discussed upcoming FAA plans to change air traffic routes in the eastern corridor without consideration to noise pollution and safety over NYC.

John Ruiz, Democratic District Leader, announced a new constituent service office at 177 East 100th Street and a new Democratic Club, also at 100th Street. His number is (212) 534-0197.

Helen Rosenthal, of CB7, announced that Strategy & Budget Committee members will be meeting with each standing committee in April to discuss CB7's District Needs Statement for FY2007.

Larry Horowitz, of CB7, officially challenged Elected Officials to a softball game.

Phyllis Gunther, Democratic District Leader, announced that the five West Side Democratic clubs have asked to meet with US Senators Clinton and Schumer about Social Security.

Business Session

Parks & Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman, Chairperson

1. Central Park. The resolution to approve Central Park Conservancy's plan to restore the Mall and Literary Walk, mid-park from 66th-72nd Street, was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

2. Riverside Park. The resolution to approve application #05-5457 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the Department of Parks & Recreation to create River Walk, West 85th -91st Street (cantilevered promenade) was amended to approval of "preliminary plans" and was adopted: 25-1-7-0.

Margaret Bracken, Department of Parks and Recreation, responded to questions about the project and stated DPR would return with final plans for the Board's review.

3. Riverside Park South. The resolution to disapprove proposal to install two binocular viewing machines at the western tip of Pier I at West 70th Street was adopted: 27-4-3-0.

4. Booker T. Washington/MS 54 (West 107th-108th Street, Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue.)

The resolution to approve Department of Parks & Recreation's plan for the reconstruction of the playing field was sent back to committee.

· Peter Arndtsen, Director, Columbus-Amsterdam BID, testified that basketball courts to be eliminated are heavily used.

· Board discussion focused on the potential loss of basketball courts. The committee will visit the playing field and discuss options with DPR, and discuss at the April 14 meeting.

5. 128 West 87th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a 2-floor addition on an existing rear yard addition.

The applicant did not attend a special committee meeting before the full Board meeting. He will be invited to the April 14 committee meeting.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert, Chairperson

Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee, Lenore Norman, Chairperson

6. The resolution to explore participation in the Henry Hudson Parkway Scenic Byway initiative was adopted: 35-0-0-0.

Alan Flacks reported that advertising will not significantly change and urged approval of the plan.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert, Chairperson

Joint with Land Use Committee, Richard Asche, Chairperson

7. 6-14 West 66th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue). The resolution to approve application #12970BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeal by Sheldon Lobel, P.C. for an extension of term of variance for use of unused and surplus parking spaces for transient parking in a 32-story multiple dwelling was adopted: 33-1-0-0.

Transportation Committee

Resolutions # 8-10 to approve Enclosed Sidewalk Café applications were adopted: 25-4-3-0.

8. 202 Columbus Avenue (West 69th-70th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0696556 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lenge Saimin, Ltd., d/b/a Lenge, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 39 seats. 25-3-4-0 (Grouped with 8-10, Approved)

9. 366 Columbus Avenue (West 76th-77th Street.) New application (Change of Assignment of Consent) DCA#1162243/ULURP#N050005ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jacques Imo Restaurant NYC, Inc., d/b/a Jacques-Imo's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 36 seats. (Grouped with 8-10, Approved)

10. 2483-2485 Broadway (West 92nd-93rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#0916146/

ULURP#N040341 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hussien Environmental, Inc., d/b/a Cleopatra's Needle, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 16 seats. (Grouped with 8-10, Approved)

Resolutions #11-18 to approve Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafes were adopted: 28-1-1-0.

11. 201 West 79th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA#1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC, d/b/a Nice Matin, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

12. 442 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th-81st Street.) Renewal application DCA#0953744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a The Mill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

13. 461 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd-83rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1137611 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Basswood Restaurant Association, LLC, d/b/a Kitchen 82, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 12 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

14. 503 Columbus Avenue (West 84th-85th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0957290 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by J&D Operators, LLC, d/b/a Prohibition, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

15. 2340 Broadway (West 85th-86th Street.) Renewal application DCA#1000314 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway Desserts, Ltd., d/b/a French Roast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 47 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

16. 2450 Broadway (West 91st Street.) Renewal application DCA#0940252 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Carmines 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. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

17. 656 Amsterdam Avenue (West 92nd-93rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1104296 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wing Li Long, Inc., d/b/a Yuki Sushi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

18. 732 Amsterdam Avenue (West 96th Street.) Renewal application DCA#1138270 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Le Se Amsterdam 732 Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Dive Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats. (Grouped with 11-18, Approved)

Base Station:

19. 921 Columbus Avenue (West 105th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application #B01768 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Superior Radio Group, Corp. at 921 Columbus Avenue for a For Hire Base Station license was adopted: 35-0-0-0.

Newsstand:

20. The resolution to approve Application to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mushtaq Ahmed to construct and operate a newsstand on the southeast corner of Broadway and West 67th Street failed. Substitute resolution to disapprove passed: 31-2-2-0.

Richard Juliano, of Lincoln Square BID, urged disapproval of the newsstand based on area congestion and proximity to multi-floor retail stores.

Health & Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren, Chairperson

21. The resolution on proposed Social Security reform was returned to Committee: 31-1-0-0.

Board discussion focused on changing the resolution to encourage development and public debate of specific plans. Many suggested writing a letter of opinion instead of, or in addition to, the resolution. Suggested changes to the resolution should be forwarded to the Committee Chair.

Present: Hope Cohen, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Douglas Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Barbara Katzander, Eric Nelson, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Luis Reyes, Oscar Rios, Michael Roberts, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Charles Simon, Sean Small, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Steve Strauss, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Linda Alexander, Janet Alvarez, Annette Averette, Jean Green-Dorsey, John Howell, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Chris Policano, Freddie Richardson, Ethel Sheffer, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

On leave: Betty Katz

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Wymore

Steering Committee

Hope Cohen, Chairperson

April 26, 2005

Hope Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Lance Dashefsky, new board member, introduced himself.

Membership Development update: Teambuilding event.

Barbara Adler reported. Received 37 responses to questionnaire. Reviewed menu. Ms. Cohen asked chairs to encourage committee members and mentees to attend.

Attendance/lateness update.

Office will send note to members on a quarterly basis who have been missed 50% of their meetings in the past three months.

Board appointments.

Ms. Cohen reviewed board appointment process with Manhattan Borough President's office and the status of appointments. Waiting for 2 new appointments to fill vacancies. If she doesn't have information about the two people she recommended to fill these vacancies, she plans to report this at the May 5 full Board meeting.

She distributed list of board members, committees, # of members on each committee, and other appointment information. Concerned that committee have enough members with the appropriate skills. Asked chairs to let her know if any of their members need to change committees.

Capstone

Barbara Van Buren reported that she and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero were interested in health insurance for small businesses. Health & Human Services would like to see research project on what other cities are doing re: isolation of seniors. No form of outreach to them. She will talk with George and decide which project to pursue.

Borough Board report and representative for May 19 meeting.

Sheldon Fine was not present. He will be asked to attend the May meeting.

Usual roundtable.

Barbara Van Buren - reviewed the committee's work on the DNS. Heard H&HC is staffing the 100th Street clinic formerly run by DOHMH.

Andrew Albert – Transportation is presenting a resolution on Intro 621.

Hope Cohen reported for Land Use. Fordham University presented the Master Plan for the Lincoln Center Campus.

Lenore Norman reviewed agenda items. Café at Pier I at West 70th Street will be added to the May agenda. Council Member Phil Reed is working with Parks to add more basketball to the Booker T. Washington (West 108th Street) playground design.

Helen Rosenthal asked for update on liaisons' meetings with committees on DNS. May need to rethink the coordination of the update of the DNS. Looking at the strategy side of the committee and doing outreach to the community.

New business:

Barbara Adler asked for help in getting Department of Consumer Affairs and Department of City Planning to agree on tree guards along Columbus Avenue. Café applicants are told to remove the tree guards in order to have needed clearance.

Steve Straus asked that sidewalk cafes be moved from Transportation to Commerce.

Andrew Albert reported that renovations of the 96th IRT subway station and 59th Street subway station were still included in the MTA's capital budget.

Present: Hope Cohen, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Marlene Guy, Larry Horowitz, Bobbie Katzander, Lenore Norman, Helen Rosenthal, Barbara Van Buren. Board Member Linda Alexander.

District Manager Penny Ryan.

Absent: Richard Asche, Sheldon Fine, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

Community Development Committee

Marlene Guy, Chairperson

April 28, 2005

Marlene Guy call the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Guest Speakers

- **Jennifer Marino, Associate Deputy Commissioner for Child Care and Head Start, Administration for Children's Services (ACS)**
- **Earlnora King, Neighborhood Services, ACS**
- **Susan Feingold, Director, Bloomingdale Family Program**

Ms. Marino gave an overview of Child Care and Head Start programs in New York City. Discussion focused on programs operating in Manhattan and on the Upper West Side. She outlined several important issues, including:

- **Head Start is a federally funded early childhood education program for 3-4-year-old children who live below the poverty line. There are 7 fully funded Head Start programs in CD7.**
- **ACS Child Care is a government funded (city, state, federal) day-care program for children 6- weeks to 5-years-old who live at or below 200% of the poverty line, but are not on public assistance. There are 10 fully funded ACS Child Care programs in CD 7.**
- **All government funded early childhood programs in Manhattan have struggled with:**
 - **budget cuts under the Bush administration**
 - **unrealistic eligibility requirements for Manhattan**
 - **migration of impoverished families to the Bronx**
 - **inadequate funds to offer full-day services for working parents**
- **New York City will lose \$60-78 Million (15%) this year, the equivalent of 12,000 day care slots.**

Ms. Feingold discussed the head start program at Bloomingdale. She noted that illegal residents are among the most needy population in CD 7, especially Mexicans. She said Bloomingdale combines funds from Head Start, ACS Child Care, Universal Pre-K and CACFP (food support) to stretch services for children in need of full-day care. She explained that the ACS initiative to coordinate

programs within services areas (Service Planning Areas) are critical to identifying pockets of need and fighting against budget cuts.

District Needs Statement

The group discussed assignments for the Community Development Section of the District Needs Statement for CB7.

- Georgette Gittens stated that the libraries are well funded at this time and renovations at St. Agnes will take place in 2005-6.
- Luis Reyes discussed his edits to the education pertaining to undocumented residents.
- Sharon Parker-Fraiser said she would provide further amendments to the education section next week.
- Marlene Guy stated that all sections should be completed during the month of May.

She adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Wymore.

Present: Marlene Guy, Georgette Gittens, Sharon Parker-Fraiser, Luis Reyes.
Board Member Melanie Wymore.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert, Chairperson

April 12, 2005

1. 61 Columbus Avenue (West 62nd Street.) New application DCA#1190070 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West 62 Operating, LLC d/b/a Rosa Mexicana, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

Appearing: Doug Griebel, Bob Bookman, Counsel. Approval- Vote: 6-0-0-0.

2. 355 Amsterdam Avenue (West 77th Street.) New application DCA#1190269 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Harco, Inc., d/b/a Harrison's Tavern, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 32 seats.

Appearing: Keith Harrison. Approval pending arrival of new plans removing the wrap-around.

Approval-Vote: 6-0-0-0.

3. 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 85th-86th Street.) New application DCA#1190694 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hale Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a The Neptune Room, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 23 seats.

Appearing: Jeff Lefcourt, Owner, Bob Bookman, Counsel. Edith Morning, Manager of 170 West 85th Street, appeared to say there wouldn't be enough room for pedestrians to pass. Approval-Vote: 5-1-0-0.

4. 2665 Broadway (West 101st-102nd Street.) New application DCA#1189644 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kieffer & Norell, LLC, d/b/a Picnic, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats.

Laid over - will submit revised plans showing 9 ft. café. Will bring prior to Full board.

5. 1900 Broadway (West 63rd-64th Street.) Renewal application DCA#1134053 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi A Go Go, Inc., d/b/a Sushi A Go Go, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 24 seats.

Appearing: David Ruggerio, Manager. Approval- Vote: 7-0-0-0

6. 100 West 67th Street (Columbus Avenue-Broadway.) Renewal application DCA#0955781 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Honest Food Company, LLC, d/b/a Nick & Toni's Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

Appearing: Brian Richey, Manager. Approval-Vote: 7-0-0-0.

7. 2173-75 Broadway (West 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0955758 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kiman Coffee Shop, Inc., d/b/a Big Nick's Burger Joint & Pizza, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 24 seats.

Appearing: Sherry Kern, Manager. Approval-Vote: 7-0-0-0.

8. 285 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1190722 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York Corp., d/b/a Tenzan Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 20 seats.

Appearing: Bob Bookman, Counsel. Approval-Vote: 6-0-0-0.

9. 380A Columbus Avenue (West 78th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0933173 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West 78 Restaurant Corp., d/b/a The Evelyn, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 15 seats.

No one appeared. Approval-Vote: 4-1-2-0.

10. 384 Columbus Avenue (West 78th Street.) Petition to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, LLC, d/b/a Ocean Grill, to modify consent DCA#1190072 for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats and instead of 16 tables and 35 seats.

Appearing: Patrick Bryant, General Manager, Laurel Cudan, Director Food Safety, Bob Bookman, Counsel. Approval-Vote: 4-2-0-0.

11. 424 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th-81st Street.) Renewal application DCA#1075283 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café Con Leche, Inc., d/b/a Café Con Leche, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 18 seats.

Appearing: Chander Malik, Co-Owner. Approval-Vote: 7-0-0-0.

12. 522 Columbus Avenue (West 85th-86th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer Corp., d/b/a Firehouse, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats.

Appearing: Phil Ballatore. Approval-Vote 7-0-0-0.

13. 654 Amsterdam Avenue (West 92nd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1131538 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Yak Inc., d/b/a Pizzabolla, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats.

Appearing: Joseph Aguilar, Managing Partner. Approval-Vote 7-0-0-0.

14. 2020 Broadway (West 69th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0769760/ULURP# N050354 to the Department of Consumers by First West 69th Street Realty Corp., d/b/a Westside Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats.

No one appearing. Approval-Vote: 5-1-1-0.

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

Appearing: Larry Good, Owner. Approval-Vote: 7-0-0-0.

16. 2799 Broadway (West 108th Street.) Renewal application DCA#1102405 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S & P 66, Inc., d/b/a Lime Leaf, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 32 seats.

17. 75 West End Avenue (West 63rd Street.) Request to the Department of Transportation by the River School at 75 West End Avenue for a drop-off and pick-up zone.

Request for a 2-car pick up/drop off zone in front of the school. Currently no parking/no standing zone. Richard Kresch, Executive Director of the school appeared. Committee will visit site and ascertain the logistics of such a zone. DOT contacted and currently no parking allowed anywhere in the cul-de-sac due to trucks turning around there. Subject will be revisited next meeting.

18. West 66th Street. Request by the American Red Cross in Greater New York to name secondarily West 66th Street between Columbus Avenue and West End Avenue "American Red Cross Way."

Rosemary Mackay, Chief Business Officer appeared and explained the request. Even though the Red Cross will be moving, they will not be moving prior to the year of the temporary secondary naming of 66th Street between Amsterdam & West End Avenues. Discussion ensued, leading to the following resolution:

CB #7 APPROVES the temporary secondary naming of West 66th Street between

Amsterdam & West End Avenues as "American Red Cross Way".

Vote: 6-1-1-0.

19. Intro 515 - to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to street numbers (Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee.)

Laid over until Committee can view the actual legislation.

20. Review and update of District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2007.

Laid over due to lack of appearance of anyone from Strategy & Budget Committee.

New Business:

21. Proposed street vendor legislation (Joint with Commerce Committee.)

Discussion ensued with a greatly negative feeling about what this bill would accomplish.

Whereas there is continuing concern about vending in many parts of CB#7's District; and

Whereas Intro 621, while well-meaning, introduces vending in places that are currently free of sidewalk vendors; and

Whereas Intro 621 mandates specific types of vending on blocks that are currently vendor-free, a nightmare to enforce; and

Whereas Intro 621 doesn't take into account the various types of areas vendors would use, especially residential vs. commercial, landmark vs. non-landmark:

Therefore Be it Resolved that CB#7 opposes the passage of Intro 621, and stands ready to work with the City Council on a viable enforceable vendor bill that is fair to all, and respects the individuality of the many types of areas in the CB#7 District.

Vote to be taken prior to full board.

Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Oscar Rios,

Charles Simon, Dan Zweig, Shelly Fine, Eric Nelson.

Commerce Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Chairperson

The meeting commenced at 7:25 P.M. The chair opened the meeting by having everyone introduce themselves as well as welcoming our newest member, Madge Rosenberg, The chair then proceeded to outline what the committee's role is within the board and community, along with the challenges we face of balancing the quality of life issues of residents and the business development of retail/commercial interests in CB7.

The committee discussed how to develop stronger relationships between community residents and the commercial sector, including our plan to get to know the businesses within the community.

Madge Rosenberg asked how we intend to get the message out to everyone, including schools, and where to begin. Doug Greibel talked about the different types of realtors and the success or failure of attaining our goals with realistic agendas. Outreach options discussed for our June Forum were: emails to

businesses; Westside Chambers of Commerce assistance; and CB7 office mailings. Other routes to be taken will be including a list to Jonathan Mintz of the Department of Consumer Affairs, request for funds. Madge Rosenberg was assigned to call and coordinate the contacts at the schools. We asked Madge to do outreach to the schools regarding summer employment and internship interests so we might facilitate that with community businesses. George and Doug plan to speak with Council Member Gale Brewer to further clarify the agenda and panelists for our June Forum.

The chair moved to a discussion and review of the CB7 District Needs Statement for FY2006 for Business and Commerce. We also prioritized the CB7 DNS statement originally submitted to the board based on a conference call with Bob Herrmann, DNS Committee Member. Priority "A" being the highest priority and Priority "C", a more long-term activity.

The Commerce Committee will explore various opportunities to work with businesses within the community, including:
PRIORITY A

- Discuss quality of life issues related to night-life business development and resident concerns.
- Promote and communicate employment opportunities available at local businesses.
- Announce student summer job opportunities and internships.
- Determine a process for identifying new retail establishments entering CB7 in order to initiate community-related discussions, including workforce development
- Publish and distribute Department of Consumer Affairs' consumer rights information to retail businesses
- Analyze the impact resulting from the proliferation of national chain retail establishments on established small businesses
- Advocate on behalf of local consumers regarding issues such as debit card acceptance/fees, minimum purchase requirements, truth in-advertising, in-store pricing, and sales-tax breaks

PRIORITY B

- Develop a mechanism (such as a brochure) for linking retail businesses with City agencies and the services they provide to local businesses.
- Promote and expand the West Side Crime Prevention Program's Safe Haven decal program that designates screened safe sites for children and/or elderly in trouble.

PRIORITY C

- Explore the creation of a small business incubator on the Upper West Side.
- Examine commercial vacancy rates and lease provisions
- The chair ended the meeting at 8:12. Unless otherwise mentioned our next meeting will be held at CB7.

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero (Chair), Victor Antonio Gonzalez, Doug Greibel, Ulma Jones and Madge Rosenberg.

Community residents present: John Rosenquist and Cami Homann of Tyger Realty LTD.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman, Chairperson

April 14, 2005

1. Riverside Park South. Frannie Eberhardt, Consultant, Mike Bradley, Executive Director, Riverside South Planning Corporation.

Presentation of existing condition, preservation, and future uses of the floatbridge at West 69th Street.

- Structure will be stabilized and made safe; much of the original structure has deteriorated.
- North platform will be restored; wooden handrails with steel mesh inserts will be added.
- There will be an ADA accessible gangway for water taxi access.
- Materials: corrugated metal treated to look old, wooden decking.

The committee voted to approve as presented: 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

2. 104 West 74th Street. Application to install an awning.

Sam Elmagdy, Owner. Store front recedes 6' from property line and can not be seen from the street. Owner currently uses a removable sign. Awning, which will be similar to Alice's Tea Cup, will be black with white lettering on the apron (LPC's suggestion) with a small bracket sign on the west side.

The committee voted to approve as presented: 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

3. 22 Riverside Drive. Howard Spivak, Architect. Application to replace a window and balconette and to add new line of windows.

Window replacement and balconette were done at staff level of LPC. Plans were presented to create a new line of windows on left side of front facade to

balance with existing comer windows on right side. These will be done when possible so the facade will be uneven for some time.

Since this would mean cuffling through brick and will be done in a piecemeal fashion the committee voted to disapprove the application. 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

4. 115 Central Park West. Jennifer Sage, Architect. Application is to update the building's master plan for windows and AC units to include the first floor.

There is an existing window master plan from the 2E floor and up. The windows and doors on the first floor are mismatched. They will be replaced and will correspond to the windows on the second floor giving the building a uniform look.

Committee voted to approve as presented: 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

5. 175 West 73rd Street. Mary Jo Burke, Architect. Application to replace windows. Original windows were 8 over 1 (which still exist in shaft way windows) and were replaced with 1 over 1's. Existing windows have deteriorated and are in disrepair. Replacement will be in kind.

Committee voted to approve as presented. 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

6. 314 West 92nd Street. Jeff Friedman, Owner and Architect. Application to build roof-top addition.

This project has not been calendared at LPC. The addition can be seen through an alley. A mock up was installed and damaged during a storm. The owner has agreed to install another mock up. The committee requested that this mock up be as representative as possible. Committee did not vote on this issue.

7. 128 West 87th Street. Richard Allen, Architect. Application to construct a two-story addition on an existing rear yard addition.

Plan is to replace 2 small windows with larger window and a French door. Existing addition will be enlarged and brick will be changed for uniformity.

Committee voted to approve as presented: 3-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

8. 5 West 95th Street. Greg Rothstein, Architect. Application to construct a rooftop addition. Addition is set back 25' from front but is visible from 94th Street through a 5' alley.

A resolution was made to approve: 1-2-0-0. Public: 0-1-0-0.

Present: Lenore Norman, Phyllis Gunther, Patricia Stevens. Public Member Michelle Kidwell. Absent: Klari Neuwelt.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche, Chairperson

April 20, 2005

Fordham University

Present: Richard Asche, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer, D. Maria Watson, and Tom Vitullo-Martin, Hope Cohen.

Fordham invited the Land Use Committee to a presentation of the current status of its master plan for the development of the Lincoln Center campus. The presentation was headed up by Brian Byrne, VP for Administration, and a team including the architectural firm of Cooper, Robertson, who directed the planning process.

The Master Plan was called for by the Fordham Board of Trustees in 1996, when they realized that the Lincoln Center campus was taking a different development path than originally expected, and was overcrowded and needed more classroom and residence hall space even while the superblock it occupied was greatly underdeveloped for its zoning.

Originally, the Lincoln Center campus had only 3,500 students. Today it has 8,000 students, in the undergraduate college, and four growing professional schools: Law, Education, Social Service, and Business.

The various buildings on the site now provide 800,000 sq. ft. of space. The master plan calls for 1.6 million additional sq. ft. to be constructed on a reconfigured site, including a portion—700,000 sq ft—that would be for two private-development residential towers. The full undeveloped potential of Fordham's property at present is 3,000,000 sq. ft. The Master Plan envisions development of 2.3 million sq ft.

The sale of those towers/development rights would help finance the Fordham expansion plans. Mr. Byrne emphasized that Fordham, because and that it is very important to keep the tuition affordable to the students it now serves. Fordham has only a limited \$300 million endowment, and is tuition dependent. The two residential towers, to be placed at the east corners of the site, would provide revenues for the construction of other buildings and thereby help keep the tuitions lower.

Fordham emphasizes that much of the plan is “as of right”. Their special district has a FAR of 10 for mixed use. The plan has some elements that are not as of right, and would require some waivers, including relief from the Lincoln Square Special District (LSSD) zoning. These are:

modification of height and set-back requirements for the 60th-Columbus Avenue-61st Street proposed construction;

the construction of 3 garages

some modification of requirements governing distance to nearby buildings. This concerns the NW corner, where the new residential building would share a lot line with the existing condo, the Alfred.

The plan is as-of-right under existing FAR. There is no change in use, lot coverage, floor area from existing regs. First floor design regulations for the special district will be adhered to.

A focus of this plan is its relationship to Lincoln Center. Right now that connection is more tenuous than it should be. Fordham occupies a double block, but the actual dimension is smaller because 61st street is 20 ft wider than the normal street (shared with Lincoln Center.) Currently on the site are a 4 story law school, 15 story residential hall, and 21 story classroom and office building. The plan is to build out the current 819,993 sq ft of coverage out to 2,300,000 sq ft within the next 10-15 years. The total coverage permitted under the zoning is 3,187,000 sq ft.

The redesign has certain goals and requirements:

Establish a Fordham address on Columbus Ave, close to the subway.

Emphasize residential uses on the west side of the site, Amsterdam, while the academic uses are on the Columbus side and more visible to the community.

Bring the central open space together, making it more square, as a campus commons open to the community during regular hours.

Make the library the center of the college, and bring it above ground.

Put the taller buildings on the avenues, and bring up the side street heights to the 20 stories. The two residential towers would be 57 stories at NW corner, 47 at the SW corner, and the two academic towers would be 35 stories each at the NE and SE corners.

Stage project with dorms built first, and the Law School (which of course must continue to operate during the construction phase.) Thus construction along Columbus would be a later phase.

During construction, they will maintain existing north axis for entrance to law school, and install an additional stair to 62nd Street.

Create an internal service network, with loading done on 62nd Street, which would also have the student center and a garage entrance.

Parking is planned for three levels. It is expensive to build. Level 1 would be 45,000 sq ft, level 2 55,000 sq ft and level 3, 57,000 sq ft. This would conform to the standards permitted given the residential space, in blocks adjacent to the LSSD.

Total parking is 515 bays, of which their survey shows that 185 are needed by Fordham faculty and students. The parking, too, is to be built in 2 phases. In phase 1 it will be attended-parking, in phase 2, self-parking—much more suitable for a university usage.

Plan involves street level access to the garden area from the East side, and a kiosk garden café at the corner.

In total bulk for the site, 60% of the coverage is below 15 stories, 40% is above 15 stories.

There was some discussion of the massiveness of the planned building wall along Columbus. The architects argued that the new plan was attempting to address that with setback and the café and garden openings.

Richard Asche commented that the planned project was massive, and changed the idea of the Lincoln Center area from being a low-rise area. Fordham seeks some zoning variances, based on a design that is only at the concept stage, with no individual buildings actually designed. City Planning has given indications of approving this concept, but Richard sees this as a change from the low-rise original concept for Lincoln Center that included two blocks to a single Lincoln Center block. This could be problematic. He asked for some definition of the buildings that are now just white boxes, particularly along Columbus and the side streets, and asked Fordham for what outreach they were engaged in with the community, and in particular the Amsterdam Houses

Robertson responded that the zoning being used is the original zoning, that the surrounding blocks have been built with high towers and that the campus is responding to that environment.