

## April 2007 Minutes

### Full Board Meeting

Sheldon Fine, Chairman

April 11, 2007

Red Oak Apartments

Helen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 24-0-5.

#### Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

- Mr. Fine was recently honored to be a member of City Counsel Speaker Christine Quinn's Middle School Committee.
- Welcomed the new Community Board members.
- On April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007, the Department of Homeless Services will stop using the Mount Royal at 315 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street to house homeless adult families.

#### District Manager's Report: Penny Ryan

- Welcomed new community Board members.
- Thanked CB members for their patience during the completion of the office renovations.
- Invited people to contact the CB office if they have any questions about construction and infrastructure projects, such as the water tunnel construction at 68th and CPW, repaving drives in Central Park, PWV; Red Cross Building under demolition and construction.
- Invited people to attend the dedication of the Peter J. Sharpe Children's Glade at the Great Hill in Central Park, Sunday April 22, 2007.
- 212-362-4008 is the phone number for the CB7 Office at 250 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street.

#### Barbara Adler, Board Development Committee

- Invited comment on the committee's proposals to enhance Board effectiveness. The proposal will be discussed at the April Steering Committee meeting.
- Asked for volunteers for Board Development Committee's "Board Buddy" program— Linda Alexander, Helen Rosenthal, Elizabeth Starkey, and David Harris responded.

#### Public Session

- **Peter Arndtsen, Columbus/Amsterdam Avenue BID** – On Saturday, April 14th, 3pm, a ceremony will be held at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, West 100<sup>th</sup> Street, in advance of removal of the windows, prior to the PWV construction at Amsterdam and 100<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Theodosia Edwards, Commerce Bank** – talked about a new branch at Columbus Avenue and West 86<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Carrie Marlin, Assemblyman Daniel O'Donnell** – On May 10, 2007 a quality of life forum will be held at Children's Aid Society, 104<sup>th</sup> Street and Columbus Ave.
- **David Chang, State Senator Thomas K. Duane** – Computer Recycling Day will be hosted by PERSCOLIS at Stephen Wise Synagogue, West 68<sup>th</sup> Street,

10am -3pm on April 15<sup>th</sup>; submitted testimony to Landmarks Preservation Commission asking them to w/hold a vote on the New-York Historical Society until all expansion plans are presented to the public

- **Ede Fox, Council Member Mellissa Mark Viverito** – Coalition to Preserve Park West North has decided to help convene a task force to handle the concerns about the construction.
- **Michael Kaplan, Assemblyman Richard Gottfried** – New State Budget increases funding for City schools and health care for kids.
- **Michael Meade, State Senator Eric Schneiderman** -- New State Budget increases health care funding for kids and funding for city schools. \$700 million for new schools, \$100 million for stem cell research, and increase of funds for the Dept. of Environmental Conservation.
- **Jessica Silver, Manhattan Borough President's Office** – Welcomed new Board members. Called for a new rezoning of West Harlem; Hosted successful March 3, 2007 conference on Mitchell-Lama Housing
- **Tom Vitullo-Martin** – Update on the West Park Presbyterian Church. Plan is to demolish Eidlitz building and build low income/affordable housing (premised on the City's funding). Low income housing entrance is separate from the luxury housing. \$5 million of \$11 million is from city funds.
- **David Weinberg, Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal** – NYC schools will get 43% of the State school funds. City approved new OTB facility on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street between Columbus Avenue and Broadway; working to aid workers striking against Saigon Grill at Amsterdam and West 90<sup>th</sup> Street.
- **Jill Greenbaum, Police Liaison Group** – Schools Unite Network provides information on crime affecting young people. Group available to make presentation at schools.
- **Dr. Kenneth Kellner, Coalition to Preserve West Park Presbyterian Church** – Urged people to take action to save the West Park Presbyterian Church and the Eidlitz Building.
- **Martha Ma, Columbus Circle Community Supported Agriculture** – Invited people to join CSA and talked about the benefits of bringing locally grown produce to NYC.
- **Jane Collentine, Community Senior** – Commented on the poor quality of service and food at the West Side senior centers.
- **Jocelyn Minaya, NY County District Attorney's Office** – Forum on tenant issues Monday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Adam Clayton Powell State Office Building, 125<sup>th</sup> Street. Downtown forum on June 1, location TBD.
- **Aaron Biller, Neighborhood In the 90s** – Crime and other problems caused by the inundation of SROs and other types of supported housing in the West 90s.
- **Daniel Kassell, Met Council Senior Resident** – Studio apartments for seniors available at 315 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street.

#### Legislators' Reports

- **State Senator Bill Perkins** – Reported on developments in the State Senate (100 day report), he is ranking member of Committee on Corporations, Authorities and Commissions and on Pensions, Judiciary, Codes Committee; working city's rat problem and lead paint. Addressed questions related to night subway service in Harlem, ways to reduce childhood asthma.
- **Council Member Gale Brewer** – Helped Riverside Park get a new truck and working on renovation between 81<sup>st</sup> and 90<sup>th</sup> Streets. District is getting \$25,000 for after school program hosted by Lincoln Square BID at Martin

Luther King, Jr. High School; working on development blog, Speaker Quinn is putting together a group to preserve faith based institutions' buildings, addressing the traffic; working on pedicab bill.

### **Business Session**

**Helen Rosenthal** -- Asked committee co-chairs to review 2008 District Needs Statement and begin updates for FY 2009 DNS.

### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

#### **Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

1. The resolution to approve the New York Sun Works' Science Barge Program was adopted: 31-0-4-0.
  - **Marc Landis** – Spoke in support.
2. The resolution to approve the Department of Parks and Recreation's plans for the restoration of the sidewalk along the east side of Columbus Avenue from West 77<sup>th</sup> to 81<sup>st</sup> Streets was adopted: 36-0-2-0.
3. The resolution to approve the Wildlife Conservation Society's new snow leopard exhibit at the Central Park Zoo was adopted: 37-1-2-0.
4. **3 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street** (Central Park West.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for façade restoration, new windows, penthouse modifications, and new parapets and bulkhead was adopted: 37-0-3-0.
5. **130 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear-yard addition was adopted: 37-0-3-0.
6. **461 Columbus Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for painting of ground-floor façade and corner shop front was adopted: 37-0-3-0.
7. **49 West 85<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue-Central Park West.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of work done without LPC permits, including repainting the exterior, window replacements, and installation of canopies was adopted: 23-8-10-0.
8. **264 West 91<sup>st</sup> Street** (Broadway.) The resolution to approve application #07-4783 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of rear-yard addition was adopted: 37-0-3-0.
9. **121 West 69<sup>th</sup> Street** (Broadway – Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve the application for a façade renovation, new windows and a new stoop restoration was adopted: 37-0-3-0.

### **Transportation Committee**

#### **Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

10. **441 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.) The resolution to approve the 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 was adopted: 38-1-1-0.
11. **584 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 88<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to approve the 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 was adopted: 38-1-1-0.

12. **2726 Broadway** (West 104<sup>th</sup> Street.) The 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 was withdrawn by the applicant. The application will be heard at the April Transportation Committee meeting.

**Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**

13. **135 Central Park West** (73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to approve the application to the Department of City Planning for the addition of 6-parking spaces to an existing accessory garage at 135 Central Park West was adopted: 33-2-4-0.

14. **2672 Broadway** (West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street.) The resolution to approve the new application DCA# 1063188 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Plaza Mexico Inc., d/b/a Mama Mexico, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 40 seats was adopted: 33-3-4-0.

- **Hector Santana** – Spoke in support and praised the owner's community service here and in Mexico.

**New Business:**

New-York Historical Society - Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman gave update on the March LPC public hearing. LPC will hold a public meeting on the application on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

**Present:** Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Jeffrey Bank, Hope Cohen, Alberto Cruz, John Donohue, Islande Dupoux, Sheldon J. Fine, Phyllis E. Gunther, David Harris, Lawrence Horowitz, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Chaumtoli Huq, Ulma Jones, Barbara Keleman, Blanche E. Lawton, Daniel Meltzer, Jhonette Murray, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Miki Fiegel, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Ríos, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Liz Samurovich, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Absent:** Page Cowley, Josh Feldman, Sonia Garcia, Victor Gonzalez, Robert Herrmann, Bobbie Katzander, Sharon Parker-Frazier and Melanie Wymore.

**Steering Committee**

**Sheldon Fine, Chairman**

**April 24, 2007**

**1865 Broadway**

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

He reviewed submissions by committees of two 2006 achievements and two initiatives for 2007. Business & Consumer Issues, Health & Human Services, Housing, Transportation and Board Development Committees have responded. He will follow-up with co-chairs of the remaining committees, and will issue a Board report to the community.

The Board Development Committee proposal for enhancing effectiveness of the Board was reviewed. The recommendation to bundle resolutions was seen as an affirmation of a committee's work. Board members are encouraged to attend committee meetings for full discussion of an item. The Committee voted to approve the proposal and to recommend it to full Board on May 1<sup>st</sup>: 13-0-0-0.

Membership booklet updates are due by May 1<sup>st</sup>. After that, the current committee descriptions will be used.

The May 29<sup>th</sup> new Board members' orientation will include a three-minute presentation by each committee. Board Development Committee will contact new members about the event. Board advisors who will be available to help new members are: Klari Neuwelt, Sheldon Fine, Dan Zweig, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, and Helen Rosenthal, in addition to members who volunteered at the April 11<sup>th</sup> full Board meeting.

Helen Rosenthal asked committee co-chairs to include discussion of Fiscal Year 2009 District Needs Statement on their May committee meeting agendas. She will forward relevant sections of the FY08 DNS to each committee.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero is concerned about new policies at Time Warner Center and Lincoln Center regarding public use of meeting spaces. Business & Consumer Issues Committee will take this up.

Mr. Fine reported on Department of City Planning's certification of the rezoning between West 97<sup>th</sup> and 110<sup>th</sup> Streets; the anticipated designation of the Manhattan Avenue Historic District; the closing of Claremont Riding Stables; and the Lantern Group's requests for approval of their proposed social service program at 319 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street, and for approval of variances from the Board of Standards & Appeals for the site.

Klari Neuwelt reported the Court of Appeals reversed a lower court ruling that would have allowed current owners of 333 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street to sell the property to a developer. She recapped the Landmarks Preservation Commission's hearing on the New-York Historical Society. Revised plans were approved by LPC.

**Present:** Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander, Bob Herrmann, Klari Neuwelt, Helen Rosenthal, Madge Rosenberg, Jeff Siegel, Charles Simon, Barbara Van Buren, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig. Board Member Elizabeth Starkey. District Manager Penny Ryan.

**Strategy and Budget Committee**  
**Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson**  
**April 11, 2007**

Delivery of Services Survey.

Elizabeth Starkey suggested that CB7 Board Members participate in Public Advocate Betsy Gotbaum's "Delivery of Services" Survey. It may also be something that

Borough President Scott Stringer's Office would be interested in participating in as well. Elizabeth and Helen will follow up.

Strategy and Budget Summary Paragraph.

Shelly Fine has asked all Committee's to develop a paragraph describing the work of their committee. This will be used for the new Board members.

District Needs Statement.

The revised CB7 DNS is due to the City in July. We will begin work with each of the Committee's to revise their section. Phyllis will cover Parks; Elizabeth will cover Health as well as Transportation; Helen will cover Education as well as Housing. Each of us will attend Committee meetings to answer any questions they may have about updating the DNS.

Budget Priority Follow-up.

We will send a letter to our three City Councilmembers to bring their attention to our top budget priorities and, specifically, those that are located in their district.

**Present:** Phyllis Gunther, Helen Rosenthal and Elizabeth Starkey.

## **Transportation Committee**

**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

**April 23, 2007**

### ***Sidewalk Cafe Renewals***

1. **267 Columbus Avenue** (West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1072082 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Classic Food, Inc., d/b/a **Sido**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

2. **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application and petition to modify consent DCA# 0806050 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 316 Restaurant Corp., d/b/a **Pappardella**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

3. **2161 Broadway** (West 76<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0917301 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 76 LTD, d/b/a **Niko's Mediterranean Grill and Bistro**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

4. **359 Columbus Avenue** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0953473 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by R.S.V.H, d/b/a **Isabella's**, for a

two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 28 tables and 74 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

5. **377 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 78<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0926105 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Miridula Restaurant Corp., d/b/a **Shining Star Restaurant**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

6. **201 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street** (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.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

7. **417 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0929109 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gilli, Inc., d/b/a **Al Dente**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 19 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

8. **473 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street) Renewal application DCA# 1008999 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Club America, Inc., d/b/a **Bistro Citron**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

9. **517 Columbus Avenue** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0812902 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp, d/b/a **Jackson Hole**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

10. **718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1099811 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iano Corp., d/b/a **Acqua**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 40 seats.

The Committee voted to **approve** the renewal application.

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

11. **2799 Broadway** (West 108<sup>th</sup> 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.

The applicant did not attend. **No Action taken.**

12. Application #1249609 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mostaque Ahmed to construct and operate a newsstand at the southwest corner of **2nd Avenue and West 80<sup>th</sup> Street?**

*This application was referred to **Community Board 8**, due to location of newsstand.*

13. Request by St. Paul the Apostle Parish Community to name secondarily West 59<sup>th</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues "Fr. Isaac T. Hecker Place" in honor of church's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

The Committee voted to **approve** the temporary secondary street naming through the end of 2008.

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

### ***New Applications***

14. **485 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street) New application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a **Cilantro**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats. **Approved**, pending revised plans demonstrating a café depth no more than 9ft.

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

15. **215 West 85<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) New application DCA# 1250443 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2350 Broadway Rest. Corp., d/b/a **Dean's Pizzeria**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

Owner present, request was for café to be located on a primarily residential side street (85<sup>th</sup>). The Committee voted to **disapprove** the application.

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

16. **519 Columbus Avenue** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1251454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Food 01 Corp., d/b/a **Zeytin**, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 42 seats.

Considered a new application due to request for modification. Owner present to request 4 additional tables 8 seats on 85<sup>th</sup> Street corner. **Approved**, pending revised plans, excluding the additional 85<sup>th</sup> Street tables.

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

17. **2726 Broadway** (West 104<sup>th</sup> 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.

Owner present. Café will be operated from 8am-12 am. It will operate as a non-smoking, full service café, staffed with waitstaff at all times to avoid trash build-up and loitering. **Approved**, pending revised plans demonstrating a café depth no more than 9ft.

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

18. **808 Columbus Avenue** (West 97<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> 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.

A draft resolution was submitted and read. Through extensive community discussion, the Committee agreed to revise the resolution, incorporating community recommendations. This will be posted on the cb7 Web site and presented at the

monthly Board Meeting on May 1<sup>st</sup>. To get a sense of the community's stand on the vault issue, a straw poll was conducted.

On the straw poll to **approve** the resolution as is, the following votes were recorded:

*Committee Members: 3-0-2-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-1-0-0.*

*Community\*: 10-5-7-0*

**\*As this was a straw poll and not a Committee vote, the entire Community present participated, not just the Public Members. 17 of the 22 Community votes are attributed to Public Members.**

**Present:** Andrew Albert,

Dan Zweig, John Donohue, Ulma Jones and Barbara Keleman. Sheldon J. Fine, Chair and Blanche Lawton, Board Member. **Absent:** Linda Alexander, Bobbie Katzander, Anne Raphael and Oscar Rios.

## **Business and Consumer Issues Committee**

**George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons**

The committee did not meet in April.

## **Parks and Preservation Committee**

**Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons**

**April 12, 2007**

1. 225 West 86th Street, The Belnord. Application to revise the storefront master plan.

Page Cowley of Page Cowley Architects presented the project, recusing herself from the Parks and Preservation Committee for this item. Also present for the presentation were Carlos Carrera, Gustavo Carrera and Randy Sanford of Page Cowley Architects, and Valerie Campbell of the law firm Kramer Levin, LLP.

Ms. Cowley's firm was engaged by the Belnord to restore the courtyard fountain, and to design new decorative gates and a security kiosk at the residential entrance. During the course of the work, it was learned that several of the storefronts had not complied with the master plan window guidelines developed in 1998, and that one store – P.C. Richard, had several outstanding violations from LPC. These violations must be removed before any further work can take place anywhere in the building.

Ms. Cowley gave a brief description of the history of the Belnord's storefront master plan from its inception in 1998. Her firm has investigated the different storefront installations, which all vary from the master plan by differing degrees. Through this work, they discovered that three of the building's original windows still exist. They are located at the western end of the 87<sup>th</sup> Street façade (side windows of Club Monaco). These windows have provided the architects with a point of reference in reviewing the details of the current storefronts, and helped the architects prepare proposed revisions to the storefront master plan. The revisions are necessary because the window details from the original master plan no longer comply with the building code, and the windows specified are no longer manufactured. The details of

the P.C. Richard's windows are the closest to those of the original windows; these will become the prototype for the revised master plan.

Because of the different commercial lease lengths, it will take between three and eleven years for all the storefront windows to be changed so that all are in compliance with the revised storefront master plan.

In addition to the window details, Ms. Cowley presented two other proposed façade changes:

--the installation of a gate in front of several existing residential egress doors on 87<sup>th</sup> Street. The gate is intended to prevent homeless from sleeping in the alcove, trash from collecting, etc. The gate will be simple, unadorned metal (unlike the highly ornamented ones at the main entrance on 86<sup>th</sup> Street), painted the color of the Belnord's limestone base in order to fade into the alcove.

--installation of a pressed steel flush metal garage door at the residential service entrance to the building, also on 87<sup>th</sup> Street. Like the gate, it will be a limestone color, and will be set back from the face of the building.

The architect will return next month to present these two façade elements in greater detail.

*Resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the revision of storefront master plan.*

Committee vote: 6-0-0-1

2. 324 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street. Application to replace one curved-glass, third story window with a new straight-glass window.

James Wiedenhorn, a member of the brownstone building co-op and window installer presented this application. The five story brownstone co-op plans to replace all the windows with new Marvin aluminum clad wood windows, retaining the wood brick molding. Mr. Wiedenhorn had been in communication with Rob, a staff member at LPC about the requirements for window replacement, who told him that the overall window replacement plan does not need to be presented to the Parks and Preservation Committee, only the proposed change to the one curving window: This is located within the curving center bay of the building, on the third floor (two stories above the garden level); it is curved in plan.

Mr. Wiedenhorn pointed out that the window immediately over this window, also in the center of the curving bay, is straight, not curved. Also, Marvin does not make curved windows (nor do other standard window manufacturers), so the co-op is proposing to replace this curving window with a straight one-over-one double-hung window to match all the other new windows being planned. The only way to replace the curved window with a curved window would be to have it custom-made, costing \$7,000-\$9,000 (vs. the \$2,000/ window cost for a straight window).

*Resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of a one curved-glass, 3-story window with a new straight-glass window.*

Committee vote: 6-1-0-0.

3. 50 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street. Application to alter the front stoop and areaway and to construct a rear-yard addition.

The architect Benjamin Baxt of Baxt / Ingui Architects, assisted by Jordan Wyatt, Project Manager, presented the project. The brownstone owner, Tod Sandoz, was also present.

This building is a two-family residence. The Sandoz family plans to renovate it, retaining a studio apartment on the garden level, front for possible rental; the space at the garden level, rear will become additional family space.

The existing stoop has been partially modified from its original form. It still retains the L-shape and some of the original masonry side walls, but the lower run of its stairs has been changed, and the lower "cheek wall" has been eliminated. Furthermore, while the original stoop would have matched the color of the building façade (limestone-colored stucco), the stoop is now red color stucco and red brick, with several brick stairs between brick planters leading down to the garden level front court. There is also a low masonry wall with metal railing to the west, separating the courtyard from the neighboring courtyard at 52 West 76<sup>th</sup> street. The brick and the railing are not in good condition. Mr. Baxt showed a photo of a nearby stoop in its original form at 40 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street which he used for guidance in this stoop re-design.

On the street façade, the owners propose to:

--Reinstall a new masonry knee wall at the stoop, similar to the original one (although not identical because the stair configuration has been altered.) Because of its solidity, the architect proposes cutting several openings in the side of the new knee wall to allow light to pass through to the garden level window beyond. The stoop will be limestone-colored stucco to blend in with the building's limestone base.

--Install a locked metal gate at the street plane to secure access to both the stoop and the steps down to the garden level courtyard. The gate, 36" high above the sidewalk, will turn at the edge of the property and run back to the building façade along a low (24" high) masonry wall separating the front court from # 52, creating an L-shaped section of black metal railing. An intercom unit will be mounted on the gate at the street plane.

--This renovated stoop will also allow for the creation of an enclosure to conceal garbage.

--In addition, a replacement gate at the garden door entrance under the stoop is proposed.

Several neighbors were present: Joseph Bolanos, president of the group Landmarks of 76<sup>th</sup> Street, and Betty Sheinman, owner of 52 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street. Both were concerned about the installation of a gate. Mr. Bolanos observed that it would be the first on the block, changing the character of the block into something more like the "gated community" of West 78<sup>th</sup> Street. They were also concerned about the noise on the street from the intercom. The committee echoed a number of these concerns, particularly regarding the metal gate and side fence, the intercom, and the height of the new knee wall.

At the rear, the owners propose to expand the existing three story existing rear yard addition, widening it to extend the full width of the building. The new piece of the addition will extend it to its maximum permissible depth of 11 feet (up to the 30-foot rear yard line. The existing rear yard addition is 14.5 feet deep, extending into the 30-foot rear yard space.) The corbelling detail at the top of the existing addition will be retained, but not extended to the new part of the addition.

The entire rear façade is grey painted brick. The existing paint will be stripped from the existing rear year addition, matched by new red brick at the addition's expansion, which will also incorporate exposed steel lintels, painted dark blue-grey. However, the upper two stories of the rear façade will not be stripped or repaired.

The existing double-hung windows in the existing addition will be replaced by new larger fixed panes of glass with several narrow operable casements, matching the contemporary style of windows in the new portion of the addition. The windows

will be mahogany, medium-brown color. A simple black metal railing will sit on top of the addition at the fourth floor terrace. No changes to the existing double-hung windows at the upper two stories are proposed.

Concerns from the neighbors included the introduction of large unbroken expanses of glass (birds fly into these), and increased shadows. The committee expressed concerns about the lack of a wholistic approach to the renovation and urged the owner to repair and strip the upper portion of the rear façade as well.

*Resolution to approve application #07-5114 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alteration of stoop and areaway and construction of rear-yard addition, subject to the following modifications and recommendations:*

*--disapprove the gate and fence and intercom.*

*--recommendation that the architect revisit the design and height of the stoop's new knee wall to reduce its height, possibly eliminating the need for the cut-outs.*

*--take a wholistic approach to the renovation of the rear façade, including restoring the upper stories of the rear façade, and re-visit the window design in the addition, considering the possibility of breaking down the scale of the unbroken panes of glass.*

Committee vote: 7-0-0-0.

4. 36 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Bard College (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to construct a one-story rooftop addition (plus mechanicals within copper-clad screened enclosure) and small infill addition (approximately 10' wide by 18' deep) at the rear yard; replace street facade windows; restore existing decorative copper mansard and dormers at street facade; reconfiguration of windows at rear facade; and reconstruct/restore the existing roof cornice at rear facade.

Lori Cuisinier of the law firm Friedman & Gotbaum LLP introduced the project, then turned the presentation over to the architects, Polshek Partnership. The description of the work was led by Susan Rodriguez, assisted by Joanne Sliker and Bruce Slocum. Lorraine Bacalles, Director of Finance and Administration of the Bard Graduate Center, was also present.

As exemplified in the very detailed application description on the Parks and Preservation Committee meeting agenda, the architects made a very thorough presentation of the existing conditions and the proposed renovation work. 36 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street will be joined to 38 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, expanding the school's the library, classroom and seminar spaces. The two building will be connected through new openings cut into the existing party wall as well as through a new rear yard extension, infilling between the two existing rear yard extensions.

On 86<sup>th</sup> Street, the façade will be restored, mirroring the work done several years earlier at the adjacent structure. Like the original service door at 38 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, the service door at 36 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street will be widened approximately 6"-8" to provide the door width required for egress. The additional rooftop mechanical will be set back from the front façade, concealed almost completely by a copper-clad screened enclosure when viewed from street level.

At the rear, the existing portion of the extension will be treated in a more traditional fashion (windows set into a masonry wall). New windows will align with the existing windows at the adjacent rear yard extension at 34 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street. As the face of the rear façade moves back, the architectural vocabulary will become more modern, with increased use of glass and metal, relating to the rear façade of Bard's 38 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street structure.

The committee supported the design wholeheartedly and praised the architects for their excellent presentation.

*Resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of a one-story rooftop addition (plus mechanicals within copper-clad screened enclosure) and small infill addition (approximately 10' wide by 18' deep) at the rear yard; replacement of street facade windows; restoration of existing decorative copper mansard and dormers at street facade; reconfiguration of windows at rear facade; and reconstruction/restoration of existing roof cornice at rear facade.*

5. 304 West 91<sup>st</sup> Street. Application to construct a roof-top addition. Architect John Torborg presented the project. Chris Frost, owner of the one-family brownstone, was also present.

Mr. Torborg began the presentation by explaining that the street facade and rear yard addition work (the latter originally listed on the agenda) would be reviewed at staff level at LPC. A Certificate of Appropriateness will not be required for this work because along this block of 91st Street there continue to exist many precedents that can be drawn upon as models for the restoration and reconstruction details (including a very similar rear-yard addition at 310 West 91<sup>st</sup> Street). In spite of not being required to, Mr. Torborg described the overall restoration work plans, which include stripping the existing stone, replacing the existing windows, and re-creating the original details, as well as re-building the original stoop. The new rear-yard addition will use traditional details as well, including limestone sill and lintels, new brick to match the existing.

Only the rooftop addition requires a Certificate of Appropriateness and therefore review by the Parks and Preservation Committee. The brownstone sits at the end of a row of brownstones, next to a corner limestone faced church. The east wall of the brownstone is visible beyond the church, as will be the east side of the rooftop addition. Mr. Torborg said that its massing was kept as low as possible. Its exterior will be faced in a stucco; the color will be selected to be as unobtrusive as possible – a “cementitious” “background” color, possibly similar to the church roof visible in the foreground. They will do paint mock-ups to assist in this determination.

*Resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a roof-top addition.*

Committee vote: 7-0-0-0.

6. 36 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, aka 33 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Columbia Grammar & preparatory School. Application to enlarge the existing school building, including building out of setbacks and addition of two floors.

Howard S. Weiss, of the law firm Davidoff Malito & Hutcher, LPP introduced the project, then turned the presentation over to the architects, Cathy Draskalakis and Peter Samton, of Gruzen Samton Architects. School Headmaster Richard Soghoian was also present.

This application is before the Parks and Preservation Committee for review of the appropriateness of its design as part of the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness from LPC. It will also be presented to the Land Use Committee because a zoning variance from the Board of Standards and Appeals will be required for the following reasons:

--The addition encroaches slightly into the sky exposure plane. Height waiver required.

--The rear yard addition is too high at 92<sup>nd</sup> Street. Setback waiver required.

The existing school building extends through-block from 93<sup>rd</sup> to 92<sup>nd</sup> Street and houses the lower school and the fifth and sixth grades. Currently, the seventh and eighth graders are housed in the high school building further east on the block. One of the primary goals of the renovation is to increase the space in the lower school building to accommodate the seventh and eighth grade students as well, thereby enabling the school to create a separate middle school division (5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades). The school will also be able to increase its enrollment by 20-40 students.

Along both the south side of 93<sup>rd</sup> Street and the north side of 92<sup>nd</sup> street, there is great variation in building types and heights, rather than the mid-block brownstone rows typical on other many other Central Park West to Columbus blocks on the Upper west Side. On 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, the school sits between a turn-of-the twentieth century six-story apartment building to the east and a one-story garage structure to the west. On 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, the school is situated between a turn-of-the twentieth century seven-story tenement building to the east and a pre-war fifteen-story apartment building to the west.

The proposed expansion of the school building includes adding two stories to the existing five story structure (four stories plus setback penthouse) at the 93<sup>rd</sup> Street side of the building, and adding one story plus a double-height studio space to the two story structure at the 92<sup>nd</sup> Street side of the building.

The existing school building, built in 1994, is clad in reddish-brown masonry, with large windows, and a strong blue metal horizontal band defining each floor. The proposed new addition will be metal clad. To visually reduce the impact of the new volume on top of the existing structure, a "transition zone" in a darker color will be created before shifting to a metal clad exterior. Illustrations of both copper and lead-coated zinc options were shown. The committee far preferred the darker, greyer zinc option. A clock near the top of the building on the northern end of the west façade (visible from Columbus Avenue walking east) is also proposed.

Several neighbors attended and voiced their concerns: Beth Gannon, 325 CPW; Robert Doyle, resident of 6-story apt. bldg on 93<sup>rd</sup> St. to east of the school; a female resident of 333 CPW; Jim Weinshap, 325 CPW. Concern was expressed about the proposed addition not being in keeping with the character of the block; its being too tall, blocking the views of the historic buildings along CPW; the choice and color of the metal; the street and sidewalk congestion caused by the school, which they felt would be exacerbated by the expansion.

The committee in general did not feel the design was inappropriate to this particular context.

*Resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the enlargement of existing school building, including building out of setbacks and addition of two floors, provide the metal cladding is the greyish zinc metal (not the green copper).*

Committee vote: 6-0-1-0.

## 7. New business.

A lengthy discussion occurred regarding the West Park Presbyterian Church at 86<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Page Cowley presented historical photos of the church, as well as the more recent history relating to the development potential of the site. Currently, the "tower building" built by Leopold Eidlitz in 1874, and located just east of and adjacent to the 1889 corner church structure, designed by Henry Killburn is slated for demolition in ten weeks, to be replaced by a high-rise luxury condominium with separate affordable housing. Page Cowley and Peter Sampton had been hired by Friends of Park West after several earlier plans to raze the existing

Romanesque church to make way for a new high rise structure with a new church fell through. Ms. Cowley and Mr. Sampton were engaged to investigate other, more historically respectful ways of developing the site while preserving the church structures.

The current development plan to construct a new luxury high-rise condominium on the Eidlitz was described by Ms. Cowley as neither good preservation nor good architecture, and definitely not a good model for incorporating affordable housing, because the affordable units are set at the bottom of the building, behind a masonry façade with small windows; residents will access their studio apartments through an entrance separated from the entrance to the high-rise, glass-enclosed condo tower above. A general discussion about the potential threat to non-designated historic churches confronted with changes in the make-up and needs of their congregations, in need of money, and with development potential then ensued.

Dr. Ken Kellner then voiced his concern that the Landmarks Commission needs to be urged to act now to designate the Eidlitz building, one of the oldest buildings on the Upper West Side, and a significant architectural structure. (This is Eidlitz's only building in NYC.) Lenore Norman suggested that the most efficient way to do this would be for Dr. Kellner and other supporters to go to LPC directly.

The meeting concluded after 11:00 pm.

*Submitted by Gabby Palitz*

Present: Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons; Page Cowley, Sheldon J. Fine, Phyllis Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz, Jeffrey Siegel.

## **Housing Committee**

### **Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons**

**April 17, 2007**

#### **421-a Tax Incentive Program -- Discussion continued from February 2007 meeting**

Because the Mayor recently signed Local Law No. 58 of 2006 – New York City legislation that would, if accompanied by analogous changes from the New York State Legislature, significantly amend the 421-a property tax incentive program – the Housing Committee met with two experts on 421-a at its February 2007 meeting – one from City Council staff, one from the Manhattan Borough President's Office – and learned that, among other things, the New York City legislation proposes to expand the 421-a geographic exclusion area (that area in which developments are required to provide affordable housing in order to be eligible for 421-a tax benefits) and to abolish the negotiable certificate program (so that any property within the geographic exclusion area would now be required to provide affordable housing within the same building, not off site, in order to be eligible for 421-a benefits). The Housing Committee also learned that other amendments had been considered or proposed but not incorporated into the New York City legislation, including a change in the ratio of market to affordable housing required within the geographic exclusion area in order to make a development eligible for 421-a tax benefits and a change in the duration of the affordability of the affordable housing units created under 421-a.

At its April 2007 Meeting, the Housing Committee received a legislative update from Kay of Assemblymember Rosenthal's office and Michael from Assemblymember Gottfried's. They briefed the Committee on legislation that had been sponsored in the Assembly (and now the Senate, as well) that, among other things, requires a higher percentage of affordable housing units for a development to be 421-a eligible and mandates that the affordable housing units created under 421-a continue to be affordable for the life of the development. Kay noted that, because there are many 421-a buildings in our community, this legislation has a direct impact on us. After extensive discussion including many non-Committee members of the Board who were present, a straw poll was conducted among all those present; the highest priority of those participating was the establishment of permanent affordable housing units under 421-a. Also highly ranked was the proposed increase in the percentage of affordable housing units.

[Based on the meeting, Charles Simon drafted a resolution on 421-a that was circulated electronically to Committee members for their vote prior to the May Full Board meeting.]

**Information Presentation on the New Rental Building to be Developed Just North of St. Michael's Church at 100<sup>th</sup>/Amsterdam.**

A powerpoint presentation was made by Chris Cirillo of Richman Housing Resources (the Developer) and Sherida Paulsen, the architect for St. Michael's Church which is selling the property to Richman. (See powerpoint on file.) Also present was Jim Davidson, the architect of the new building, although he did not present. In short, Ms. Paulsen focused on the history of St. Michael's and its plans to develop the sight. She also described the Church's plans to seek landmark designation for the Church and its buildings (parish and rectory) in Fall 2007.

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Questions were raised about the ownership structure (answer: two condo units – one made up of all the rental units to be owned by Richman, one made up of community space and a few apartments for clergy to be owned by the church); most expensive apartment (comparable to surrounding rentals); whether preference for Community Board residents can be further limited to residents of the immediate area (no, because City rules don't permit); protections for church and Ukrainian library during

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Meeting was adjourned.

**Present:** Charles Simon, Victor Gonzalez, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, D. Maria Watson. Board Member Page Cowley. **Absent:** Josh Feldman, Chaumtoli Huq.

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**Land Use Committee**

**Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**

**Joint with Youth, Education & Libraries Committee,**

**Alberto Cruz and Luis O. Reyes, Co-Chairpersons**

**Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee**

**Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

**April 17, 2007**

**At Jewish Home and Hospital**

Meeting called to order by Richard Asche at 7:10 PM.

YELC members in attendance: Luis O. Reyes, Islande Dupoux

**36 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, aka 33 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street, Columbia Grammar & Preparatory School** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Informational presentation on an application to the Board of Standards and Appeals for the enlargement of existing school building, including building out of setbacks and addition of two floors.

The architect for Columbia Grammar, Peter Sampton, presented the plans for enlargement of existing school building, including building out of setbacks and addition of two floors, in order to establish a middle school division in the building. There would be an additional 17 classrooms with only 20 additional students. Four (4) zoning issues on the R7.2 site were addressed: the height and setback; rear-yard equivalent; lot yard coverage; and height limitations on a narrow lot. Almost all the addition is in noncompliance. Use is by right. The beneficial impact is that fewer students will have to move between this site and from the other Columbia Grammar site. There will be 300 students (5-8<sup>th</sup> grades) in 33 W. 92<sup>nd</sup> St building full-time. Now, there are 150 5-6<sup>th</sup> graders there full-time and 150 7-8<sup>th</sup> graders part-time.

**Resolution Re:**

**227 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street, The Beacon School** (Amsterdam-West End Avenues.) New York City School Construction Authority's proposed acquisition of Block 1154, Lot 108, for continued use as an approximately 850-seat high school facility.

The attorney for the School Construction Authority presented on the proposed acquisition of the existing Beacon School on 227 W. 61<sup>st</sup> St. lot; and, he answered questions as to the Findings and the issue of possible use of eminent domain by SCA: unneeded in this case. The HS bldg. has +60,000 sf of developable FAR.

Vote on the Joint Reso: 8 / 0 /2.

*Submitted by: Luis O. Reyes*

**District Service Cabinet**  
**Penny Ryan, District Manager**  
**April 25, 2007**

***Update oh Homelessness in District  
Riverside Park (RSP)***

- RSP staff reported that the warmer weather is bringing in the homeless. One homeless man is hiding in the 100<sup>th</sup> Street alcove.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Pct homelessness in general has been good. There was a report of vandalism at the Hudson Beach Café.
- RSP staff will give the 24<sup>th</sup> Pct Lt. Commander homeless locations so officers can conduct late night patrols.
- Homeless were observed regularly at 69<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway; 107<sup>th</sup> – 102<sup>nd</sup> Street on Amsterdam Avenue (drinking on sidewalk); and in front of Grosvenor near 104<sup>th</sup> – 105<sup>th</sup> St, after 12 PM.

***Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP) Officers – Operations in District 7***

- Sgt. Johnson is in charge of enforcement in RSP. She heads a team of five officers.
- All parks are patrolled on a regular basis in the district; they also patrol the Broadway mall medians.
- Consistent homeless problem on the 75<sup>th</sup> Street Broadway mall – man collects “stuff” and places it on the mall, which closes at 1 a.m. PEP officers requested assistance from the 20<sup>th</sup> Pct to eject homeless after closing.

***Bennerson Park Summer Activities***

- The Parks Department is concerned for the safety of their lock-up crew at Bennerson Park. The 20<sup>th</sup> Pct advised Parks to call 911 at time of lock-up and a sector car would be dispatched immediately.
- Parks and the community are working on a plan to lock the park between 10 and 11 p.m.
- Basketball teams have not made applications for summer tournaments; only a day camp has requested to use the park and the courts.

***NYPD PSA 6 Trespass Program at NYCHA***

- The NYCHA Trespass program is based on arrests not convictions. Individuals arrested for narcotics are only allowed to go to their apartments and common grounds. They are not allowed to go to other apartments, punishable by arrest.

***Agency Updates***

- **PSA6:** Overall crime is down 15%, with a 60% crime reduction within the 24<sup>th</sup> Pct. Going after the drug dealers and making them part of the trespass program has significantly reduced the crime rate.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Pct:** Overall crime is down 3.5%, YTD down 9%. The major crime problem continues to be Grand Larceny – stolen unattended property in restaurants, cafes, and breaking into cars. The homeless population is under control.
- **24<sup>th</sup> Pct:** Overall crime is up 12% for the 28 day period due to grand larceny and burglaries. YTD overall crime is down 33%.
  - o Construction at Park West Village – Safety Officers are issuing over 50 summonses per visit for illegal parking, idling, and other infractions. Some fines are \$5,000. Truckers are getting the message.

**DEP:**

- o There were 491 complaints for the previous month, majority in noise. DEP is working with CB7 at Park West Village and St. John the Divine to help reduce construction noise. On July 1, 2007, the new noise code goes into effect.
- o 62<sup>nd</sup> Street between Central Park West and Broadway is still sinking. Con Ed and DOT determined it was a DEP sewer problem. DEP to determine if they performed a camera scan in the sewer to locate the sinking problem.
- o On July 1<sup>st</sup>, DEP will have a customer service event, hosted by Allen Gershin, to discuss the rate increase.

**DOT:**

- o In response to a demand by constituents of Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell to increase pedestrian cross time on the Riverside Drive service road, between 104<sup>th</sup> and 108<sup>th</sup> Streets, a three phase signal light was installed which reduces the green light for northbound traffic to eight seconds.
  - As a result of this change, CB7 has received numerous complaints from the 108<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association regarding excessive horn honking and vehicles dangerously backing up to 107<sup>th</sup> Street.
- o DOT received DEP's request for the placement of 12 No Honking signs at 81<sup>st</sup> & CPW. DOT is reviewing the report and will let CB7 know which signs are approved. CB7 requested a meeting with DOT prior to installation to review choices with the museum and the block association.
- o Pedestrian ramp on the northeast corner of 106<sup>th</sup> Street & Broadway was temporarily repaired with asphalt until there is a new pedestrian ramp contract.

**DSNY:** Most complaints to the district office are late night truck noise. In response to the community, the Supt. shifted basket collection to days. Amsterdam Houses is now fully containerized.

**FDNY:** Last month there were 67 structural fires and 33 non-structural fires. On the Broadway mall median, from 96<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Street, there is stray voltage from holiday lights connected through the base of a street lamp. The Broadway Mall Association will work with the sponsor to inform them how to connect lights safely and remove them in a timely manner.

**DA's Office:** 299 arrests for the 28 day period. The DA's Office is holding a Landlord Criminal Action Forum on Monday, May 21, 2007 at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building, 163 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The meeting will inform the public on how to distinguish between criminal and civil tenant issues.

**DOB:** After hour variances which permit construction on weekends are only issued if the applicant can show that the work they are going to perform on the weekend cannot be done during the week; they must also show there is a safety issue.

**DCA:** Spring initiatives – Inspecting packages for correct measurements in supermarkets; sidewalk café inspections starting up; tow truck and driver inspections; newsstand enforcement.

**Present:** Penny Ryan, District Manger, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager, CB7; Sgt. Kim, PO Revels, 24<sup>th</sup> Precinct; PO Clark Tiger, Lt. Corbine, 20<sup>th</sup> Pct; Supt. John Quirk, DSNY; W. McPartlan, FDNY; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Ryder Pearce, DOT; Crista

Carmody, Paul Evens, Parks; Capt. McCants, M. Delos Santos, R. Johnson, Parks; R. Bodgas, DCA; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Ryder Peare, DOT; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, LS BID; Pat Richardi, Con Edison; Michael; Dave Lipsky, DEP; Josh Bocian, MBPO; Capt. Catalina, NYPD PSA-6; Peter Goldnisser, CM Gale Brewer's office, Marjorie Cohen, WCPP.