

**Full Board Meeting  
Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson  
St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center  
April 1, 2008**

Helen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 30-0-5, as amended. The second 's' was omitted from Frederick Douglass.

**Chairperson's Report: Helen Rosenthal**

Ms. Rosenthal welcomed the new board members. The past month has been a busy month in dealing with city budget cuts. The city has added a 3% budget cut on top of the 5% cut already ordered (meaning that the OTPS budget for the Board office is to be cut by 30%). Ms. Rosenthal was asked by the Manhattan Borough President to organize the other Manhattan community boards to fight against the cuts. She urged community members to testify on budget issues that concern them.

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

Ms. Ryan stated that Magnolia Bakery at West 70th and Columbus Avenue will continue to have a waiting area in the previous café until they receive their café permit for tables and chairs. Trader Joe's is coming to West 72nd Street and Broadway. The Strand café building on West 96th street has been bought by a developer, who plans to construct a 100-foot tall condo building with retail at the base. DOB inspected tower cranes in the district; two received violations. The Manhattan Borough President has formed "Borough Watch", comprised of district managers, elected officials and union representatives who will work on construction issues.

**Public Session**

- Regina Robinson, Director of Admin and Planning of NY Institute of Technology at West 61st Street - Would like to be notified about any changes to the traffic on West 61st Street
- Joseph Bolanos, Landmark 76 – Objected that the two-story addition at 39 West 76th Street was not referred by the Landmarks Preservation Commission to CB7 for public review.
- David Zellman, Schwab House - Reviewed history of community planning boards, noting that the Community Boards are not adequately funded.
- Maggie McClean, Stern Building at 106th Street - Expressed support for the Community Board and hope that she could work with JHH to find housing for the Stern Building residents.
- Linda Alexander – Announced the Co-op and Condo expo at the Hilton NY, West 53rd Street and 6th Avenue, on Tuesday, April 29th

**Manhattan Borough President's Report**

Sari Bernstein – Welcomed new CB appointees; urged the City not to cut the Community Board budgets; working on congestion pricing.

**Reports by Legislators**

Council Member Gale Brewer – Congestion pricing won't become effective until March 2009, residential parking permits will be free forever; urged floor tiles at 96th Street IRT station be tile as opposed to concrete; huge outcry to delay the Department for the Aging's revamping of senior centers; urging that there be no budget cuts in schools; protecting the West End Avenue brownstones; open house in May;

April 3rd MBE event at the Harlem Office Building; West-Park Presbyterian Church proposal may support affordable housing on West 87th Street.

## **Reports by Legislative Representatives**

- Micah Lasher, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office – New US Postal Service box will be installed on West 61st Street and WEA; noted concerns about the Moynihan Station and Hudson Yards projects, and the Congressman's interest in realizing these projects.
- Calvin Solomon, New York County DA's Office – The office has created an immigration assistance unit and will hold a gun forum on Monday, April 21st, at 127 West 127th Street.
- Sandra Duque, Comptroller William Thompson's office - Noted a number of ongoing projects.
- David Weinberg, Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office - Elected officials have urged the City to protect and designate buildings on WEA; concerned about the crane safety; the City should still receive education spending increases from the State.
- Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office – announced a forum on retirement issues.
- Dan Berger, Congressman Charles Rangel's office – Congressman is feeling much better and is back to work; interested in designating more WEA buildings.
- Jarred Chausow, State Senator Tom Duane's office – Wrote letter to the Dept of the Aging and to DHCR to change the demolition requirements.
- Michael Meade, State Senator Eric Schneiderman's office – Working on budget issues; Green Committee will be putting forward a resolution on climate change and urged the Board to support it.
- Ede Fox, Council Member Melissa Mark Viverito's office – Supports congestion pricing and all the benefits it will bring to the district.

## **Business Session**

### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

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

1. **225 West 99th Street**, St. Michael's Church (Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to approve the proposed designation by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the church, parish house and rectory was adopted: 40-0-2-0 (Mark Diller abstained for cause).
2. Central Park. The resolution to approve the proposed expansion of the Zoo Garage (a Parks Department operational facility at the Zoo in Central Park) to accommodate stalls for five Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) horses that were displaced by the closing of Claremont Stables was adopted: 41-0-0-0.
3. Central Park. The resolution to approve the site improvements at the East 102nd Street Access Drive was adopted: 42-1-0-0.
4. **262 Central Park West** (West 86th Street.) (A) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission approve thru-wall air conditioning units was adopted: 41-0-0-0. (B) The resolution to the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to disapprove the application to change the new windows for tilt and turn windows was adopted: 30-10-2-0.
5. **309 West 80th Street** (West End Avenue.) (A) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for, restoration of front and window replacements was adopted: 43-0-0-0. (B) The resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition and rear elevations was adopted: 34-4-4-0.  
Debra Eder with Stefan Ganz - Applauded the decision to disapprove the penthouse and the rear-yard addition because the work would demolish the historic integrity of the row house, and the project would negatively impact the back yard of the townhouses.

6. **6 West 83rd Street** (Central Park West.) The resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear- yard extension was adopted: 24-15-3-0.

**Land Use Committee**

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

7. **344 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 76th-77th Streets.) The resolution to approve application #272-07-BZ by Equinox 76th Street to the Board of Standards & Appeals for a special permit for a new physical cultural establishment in the mixed-use building at the referenced location was adopted: 36-0-2-0.

8. **120 West 106th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve the amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged and the JHH Housing Corp. and Community Board 7/Manhattan was adopted: 38-2-0-0.

John Reisinger, Kramer Levin – Spoke on behalf of JHH in approving the modification.

**Joint with Transportation Committee**

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

**531-539 West End Avenue** (West 86th Street.) The resolution to disapprove applications #C080153ZSM and #N080154ZAM by the Extell Development Company to the Department of City Planning for a 20-space accessory parking garage and authorization of a curb cut on a “wide street” was adopted: 27-10-0-1.

Paul Selver, Kramer Levin for Extell - Reviewed reasons to approve 20-space parking garage: Extell would work to protect children’s safety; agreed to reduce the size of the door from 20 to 15 feet.

Dan Plotner, Sam Schwartz Company – Expect 3 trips per hour and the findings required by CPC will be met for the curb cut and the garage.

Batya Lewton, Coalition for a Livable West Side - Presented a petition with 410 signatures against the project.

Susan Weinberg, West 86th Street - Spoke against the proposal; there had been several accidents on the block, including one recently.

Debra Taylor – Opposed to encouraging more cars in our area.

Beth Friedman and Rachel Margolin (young daughter) – Rachel afraid that it will be dangerous to walk down the street, and that the new garage will be noisy and destructive.

Leslie Paladin, block resident - urged denial of the garage and the curb cut, noted that there is a great deal of pedestrian traffic on the block, lots of people run across the street to get the bus.

Wayne Brelowski – Urged denial, and expressed concern about pedestrian safety.

Ian Campbell, block resident - Opposed; bulk and density of the building will negatively impact the community.

Elana Katz – Opposed; 184 steps to the nearest garage, a 3-minute walk to the nearest garage; concerned about the number of luxury developments on the UWS.

Nancy Aeschback – Opposed; 31 accidents on the street are more than enough reason to oppose the garage.

Rainer Butch – Opposed; no garages on 86th Street and people can walk to the nearest garage.

George Klaus – Supports the garage because people in this building will have cars; most people are opposed to the building; questioned whether garages were inherently unsafe.

William Schwartz, 302 W.86th Street – Opposed; concerned about the safety of adding the garage to the block.

Faith Steinberg - Concerned about the pollution from the cars and emissions of greenhouse gasses; our planet is dying.

Greg Salanowitz – Opposed; aesthetics of the block and pedestrian experience would be diminished.

Dana Ivey – Opposed; concerned about the warning sounds from the garage.

Will Aimesbury , Jim Kelly, Madeleine Polayes, Katherine Wilson, Stefano Giachette, Sylvan Hart, Barbara Mass, Robert Gold, Beth Holden, Chad Hepner, Erica Eisinger, Sally Richardson, Barbara Genast, Susan Weinberg and Ken Slivken, Jacqueline Gardner, Catherine Waterworth, Ken Todd, Naomi Toder, R. Pansen, Ila Brody, Susan Franks, Steve Toder, Lisa Henricksson spoke in opposition to the proposals.

Adam Meagher, NY Dept of City Planning - CPC needs to make a series of findings before approving parking garage and curb cut on a wide street.

Andrew Albert – Transportation Committee will look at the pedestrian safety issues on West 86th Street.

### **Health & Human Services Committee**

#### **Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons**

9. The resolution to approve the resolution on Department for the Aging's plans for senior centers was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

David Gilchrist, Director, Project Find, and Batya Lewton urged disapproval the Department's plans..

### **Youth, Education & Libraries Committee**

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

10. The resolution on school overcrowding was adopted: 31-0-0-0.

11. The resolution on opposition to school-based budget cuts in Community School District 3 was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

### **Transportation Committee**

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

12. **503 Columbus Avenue** (West 84th Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 26-1-2-0.

13. **2463 Broadway** (West 91st Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA# 1277778 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ Upper West, Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, for a two-year consent to operate a 9-foot wide unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats was adopted: 22-6-2-0.

14. **2479 Broadway** (West 92nd Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA# 1278350 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Katouna, Inc., d/b/a Perfecto, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 48 seats, with the following conditions, was adopted: 21-7-2-0:

- The café will be totally non-smoking,
- The café will be 9-feet wide,
- The awning will remain open while the café is being set up and taken down and while in operation,
- The owner will check on noise-deadening materials.

Mira Wolberg – Urged disapproval because of the noise it will create in her apartment, and wanted the installation of a noise-reducing canopy.

15. **718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95th Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA# 1277777 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 20 tables and 40 seats was adopted: 22-2-2-0.

16. **951 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th Street.) .) The resolution to approve new application DCA# 1277938 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ram Eats, LLC, d/b/a Blockheads, for a two-year

consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats, with the following conditions, was adopted: 21-5-2-0:

- Removal of four outer tables,
- Café will have 6 tables and 12 chairs,
- Owner will submit new plans to the Community Board 7 office (received on April 4).

17. The resolution in support of plaques, rather than secondary street namings, to honor people in CD7 was adopted: 31-0-1-0.

Brother of Mario Rivera – urged the Board to honor Mario Rivera, the Ambassador of the Dominican Republic to the US.

18. Intro. 639-2007 - The resolution to approve a local law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the review of curb cuts, and to allow for community board review was adopted: 28-0-0-0.

### **Business & Consumer Issues Committee**

#### **Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**

19. **254 West 72nd Street** (Broadway-West End Avenue), The resolution to disapprove the renewal application of Sugar Bar Inc., d/b/a The Sugar Bar, to the SLA, unless the following stipulations are added to their Method of Operation, in their SLA application was adopted: 23-1-4-0:

- Close windows and doors by 11PM, and make an effort to keep the sidewalk clear of smokers and noise,
- Full-time licensed security person outside of the establishment by the end of March 2008, from 11PM to 1AM on Tuesday and Wednesday and until 3AM from Thursday to Saturday, who will be responsible for controlling noise from customers and the bands, fighting and discourage double parked car with loud music in front of the establishment,
- Upgrade the soundproofing of the establishment's front window,
- Provide better insulation/sealer to the front doors of the establishment

20. **101 West 75th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues). The resolution to approve the renewal application of 101 West 75 Bar & Restaurant Enterprises LTD, d/b/a Dive 75 to the SLA for a two year on-premises license was adopted: 27-2-1-0.

### **Green Committee**

#### **Elizabeth Starkey and Melanie Wymore, Co-Chairpersons**

21. The resolution to approve NYS Senator Eric Schneiderman's proposed bill, "The Climate Change Solutions Act" was adopted: 30-0-0-0.

Alan Flacks - Bottled water standards are not as high as standards for tap water.

Present: Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Rosa Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Molly Gordy, Phyllis E. Gunther, David Harris, Lawrence Horowitz, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Johnette Murray, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Ríos, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, Melanie Wymore and Dan Zweig. On-Leave: Chaumtoli Huq. Excused Absence: Lindsey Boylan. Absent: Sonia Garcia, Robert Herrmann, Daniel Meltzer, Liz Samurovich and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

**Transportation Committee**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 8, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M. by co-chairs Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

1. **W.106th Street, Bike Lanes** – Central Park West to Riverside Dr. - Presentation by Ryan Russo of DOT of plan to install bike lanes on both sides of W.106th St from Central Park West to Riverside Drive. Traffic lanes in each direction would be reduced from two lanes in each direction to a single lane in each direction with a center lane near the avenues to allow for left turns. Various points were made in response to questions from the board and from the public. Taxis should not discharge in the bike lanes. Concern for market on Saturdays at W. 106 St and CPW park side. Concern for possible connecting bike lane on path from park drive to W. 106 St. Jean Juarmin of Duke Ellington Block Association had concern for doing this with pending Jewish Home and Hospital construction imminent. Interest expressed in a two way bike lane and pedestrian mall in center of W. 106 St. Area of W. 106 St West of Broadway has different traffic patterns – will have different markings in DOT plan. Peter Goldwasser spoke noting the large number of people in the room all turning out to support this plan. On poll of public, 15 of 40+ people came primarily for this issue; 22 of 40+ people were in favor of the bike lane. Further outreach to the affected community was needed, the Duke Ellington Block Association would look to survey the public at their upcoming street fair, and subsequent public hearings on this issue would be held. [On the May 13th Committee agenda for a vote.]

2. **Application #M7-050 to the Mayor’s Office of Street Activity Permits** to conduct a farmers market on Fridays on the north side of West 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. Margaret Hoffman spoke for the Greenmarkets – due to construction, some parking space has been lost – ask for perpendicular parking partially on sidewalk for six small vans – they will put wooden wedges at curbs to protect the curbs. Resolution to approve was passed:  
 Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public: 5-0-0-0

3. **Request for Secondary Street renaming** on W.75th St for Joan Franklin, former long time Block Association president. Dee Rieber, current BA president spoke in favor of support for remembering Ms. Franklin. In keeping with preferred commemoration policy of CB7 being formed, supporters agreed with the committee that a plaque remembering Ms. Franklin would be a good compromise. A resolution to approve a plaque for Ms. Franklin as soon as CB7 commemoration plaque policy is completed was passed: Committee: 6-0-1-0. Public: 5-0-0-0.

**Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:**

4. **249-251 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st – 72nd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1103658 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CMR, Corp., d/b/a Café Ronda, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 19 seats. Michael Murakhousky spoke. No changes. W.76 St Block Association supports. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. Public: 4-0-0-0.

5. **430 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jakes’ Dilemma, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats. Mitchell Banchik spoke. No changes. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. No public member votes.

6. **511 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th – 85th Streets.) Renewal 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 20 seats. Jeffrey Lefcourt spoke. No changes. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. No public member votes.

7. **642 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 91st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1130054 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Miyako Sushi Corp., d/b/a Miyako Sushi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats. Mr. Shimminhung spoke. No changes. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 7-0-0-0. No public member votes.

8. **654 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1131538 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Yaki Inc., d/b/a Pizzabolla, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats. No one attended from Pizzabolla – committee did not hear item. [Attending the May 13 Committee meeting.]

9. **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd –93rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1139454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Talia’s Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Talia’s Steakhouse & Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats. Ephraim Nagar spoke. No changes. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. No public member votes.

10. **2737 Broadway** (West 105th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1109932 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Westside of Broadway Rest Group, Inc., d/b/a Carne, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats. Larry Good spoke. No changes. DBA Carne is changing to Toast. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-0-1-0. Public: 2-0-0-0.

11. **285 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1190722 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York Corp., d/b/a Tenzan, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats. James Wong spoke. No changes. Bike problem reported – bikes will be kept off sidewalk pedestrian area. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. Public: 1-0-1-0.

**New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:**

12. **466 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd – West 83rd Streets.) New application DCA# 1276898 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi Hana Japanese Fusion, Inc., d/b/a Sushi Hana, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats. Resolution to approve passed: Committee: 6-1-0-0. Public: 1-1-1-0.

13. **467 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd – West 83rd Streets.) New application DCA# 1279912 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Water Moon at NYC, d/b/a Water Moon, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 12 seats. No one attended from Water Moon – committee did not hear item. [Attending the Committee meeting on May 13th.]

14. **594 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 89th Street.) New application DCA# 1279077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Papa Fresh, Inc., d/b/a Papa John’s Pizza, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 24 seats. Tom Manigult spoke. Wrap around café considered inappropriate for this location. Asked Mr. Manigult to revise application to eliminate wrap around and return to committee in May. [Applicant will bring revised plans to May 6 Full Board meeting.]

15. **New Business** – Oscar Rios reported that at #931 Amsterdam Ave, (W105-106 St), restaurant owner has put out 3 tables without any license for café. Owner maintains he is allowed to do this. Committee suggests notifying owner that this is not permitted; then if he persists, notifying appropriate agencies for enforcement. [The tables are within the building line.]

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman and Oscar Rios. Board Chairperson: Helen Rosenthal. Absent: Blanche E. Lawton and Anne Ráphael.

**Business and Consumer Issues Committee**  
**George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 9, 2008 7:00 PM**

The Business and Consumer Issues Committee will be inviting all 2008 Multi-Block Street Fair Applicants to meet with the BCI Committee so we can have a better sense as to their mission and vision. The initial organizations being invited are Concerned Citizens for Community Action, Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition and Safe Haven West Side Basketball League. The CB7 Board Office will schedule the initial applicants on behalf of the committee. Other applicants will be scheduled during the next few months. In addition to an informal conversation with the applicant's board of director representative(s), we will be asking for a listing of all of their board members on their official letterhead, including contact information. We will also be requesting a copy of their most recent NYS 990 Charities Form for our files.

The BCI Committee also received an update from committee member, Madge Rosenberg, of the most recent Commercial Development Working Group which she attends. On future meetings, the Committee had additional discussions on planning for a meeting addressing employer-sponsored health insurance. A committee member also brought to our attention the increasing presence of dogs in grocery stores and other food establishments. There appears to be a lack of enforcement of the Department of Health regulations on this issue.

Two community commercial tenants attended the meeting in order to receive advice on issues impacting their operations. Mr. Joe Camilo of West Manhattan Grocery was seeking support as to how to restore his EBT machine which had been removed from his establishment at the direction of city agencies due to alleged fraud. He was instructed to contact the board office and continue discussions with the office of his councilmember. We also heard from Carlos Navarro of Don Carlos Restaurant who was concerned that residents in his building might be issuing complaints regarding his Jukebox. We explained to him regulations regarding soundproofing and the BCI SLA guidelines requesting that commercial tenants keep their windows and doors closed after 11:00pm in order to minimize noise.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm

Present: Michelle Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Ulma Jones and Madge Rosenberg. Absent: Rosa Gonzalez and Anne Raphael.

**Parks and Preservation Committee**  
**Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 10, 2008**

Lenore Norman opened the meeting at 7:15 p.m.  
The following issues were discussed:

1. Hamilton Fountain, West 76th Street and Riverside Park.

Margaret Bracken, Riverside Park Landscape Architect, gave the history of the fountain. It was built in 1906 and named after a two-term Assembly member Robert Ray Hamilton. It is built into the Park's retaining wall and on an enlarged area of the sidewalk on the park side of Riverside Drive.

The elaborately carved fountain, designed by Warren and Wetmore, is made of Tennessee Marble and was named "The Drinking Fountain for Man and Beast." The fountain's spigot, which has not worked for years, is the mouth of an animal. The marble is covered with an accumulation of dirt and debris.

Only appropriate materials will be used to repair the fountain. The drains will be restored and a recycling pump installed. Asphalt octagonal pavers will be installed in the plaza with new granite curbs.

The plaza will be planted with four American Elm street trees and six replacement benches will be installed, half on either side of the fountain. Since there is a playground below in the park, the same maintenance staff will keep the fountain and surrounding area clean.

Money for the restoration will come from a private donor.

Resolution: L. Norman applauded the Riverside Park Fund and Parks Department on their restoration plans and recommended approval of plans for the restoration of the fountain and the reconstruction of the adjacent plaza

Vote: Committee: 4 In favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, 0 Present. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

2. **366 Columbus Avenue**, d/b/a/ Shake Shack (West 77th Street) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for modifications to the design of the restaurant facade,

David Swinghamer, President, Growth Businesses, Randy Garutti, Director of Operations of the Union Square Hospitality Group, and Denise M. C. Lee, Architect, contributed to the presentation on the reconstruction plans for the restaurant.

They introduced the plans with their enthusiasm for coming to the Upper West Side and being across from the American Museum of Natural History and Theodore Roosevelt Park..

The Department of Consumer Affairs told them that they could not replace the present glass enclosure.

They plan to repair and restore 50% of the windows. Their plans are to replace the base of the enclosure with a strong, black synthetic material, a sample of which was passed around. The paint from the slopped, glass awning will be removed; a screen with growing plants from top to bottom will decorate the small wall at the corner entrance and extend to the side property on 77th Street, as a way of bringing in a connection to the park and to further conceal the garbage. A low impact channel lighted sign with the restaurant's name in black letters will be placed above the entrance. A side door, located on the north side of the building and already in place, will be opened up for deliveries.

Take out service will be on the street floor level and with enough room to accommodate a long line of customers. On the basement floor, there will be seats for 30 to 40 people. There will be a handicapped accessible elevator. The street phone booth by the entrance door on the narrow sidewalk will be removed. A nearby resident, Dan Unger, and Don Evans, the owner of the Dovetail Restaurant, which is adjacent to the restaurant on 77th Street, welcomed the Shake Shack, as well as Barbara Adler who is a member of

CB7 and Executive Director of the Columbus Avenue Business Improvement District, who stated it would be "fantastic" to have them at that site. The restaurant is expected to open in the fall.

Resolution: M. Fliegel recommended approval of the plans for the Shake Shack restaurant.

Vote: Committee: 5 In Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, 0 Present. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

3. **316 West 75th Street** (West End Avenue and Riverside Drive) Application #06-26-2657 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition.

The Committee had asked Mr. Ellis to return to the Committee after last month's meeting. We felt that the material for the penthouse was inappropriate and asked him to rethink it. He was very gracious about agreeing to that.

John-Malek Ellis, the project Architect, presented a brick sample that the Committee recommended for the exterior of the penthouse the first time he presented. The sample was of light-weight, simulated brick since he said natural brick would be too heavy for the building. When the Committee found it unsatisfactory, Page Cowley recommended crimped metal cladding stating that it would look well and was more historically correct. The windows would be metal clad to match the back windows and there would be a door to the bedroom and bathroom planned for the penthouse. The penthouse would not be visible from street level except from the back of Riverside Park near the highway.

Resolution: B. Lawton recommended approval of crimped metal, painted brown, for the exterior for the penthouse addition.

Vote: Committee: 4 In Favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, 0 Present. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

4. **49 West 72nd Street** (Columbus Avenue - Central Park West) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear extension at the penthouse level.

This 17-story building has three studio apartments on the penthouse floor. Architect Tom Vail, who lives in the building is planning to combine all three and to build a 500-square-foot extension on the rear of the building. The windows would be double hung metal to match the ones below. The pointing of the bricks under Local Law 11 is taking place now. The penthouse would minimally visible from the corner of 71st Street and Columbus Avenue.

Resolution: The Committee approves the combination of the apartments and the extension at the rear of the building at the penthouse level.

Committee: 5 In favor, 0 Against, 0 Abstentions, 0 Present. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Present: Lenore Norman, Miki Fiegel, Phyllis E. Gunther, Blanche E. Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz and Jeffrey Siegel. Board Chairperson Helen Rosenthal. Board Members: Barbara Adler and Tom Vitullo-Martin. Absent: Klari Neuwelt.

**Health and Human Services**  
**Barbara Van Buren and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairs**  
**April 15, 2008**

**UPDATES ON COMMITTEE WORK**

Jewish Home and Hospital Stern residents are “getting closer” to moving into Kaufman Building.

We have not been able to find the link in either the Postal Workers Union or in 32B & J Union and DFTA that will help the community reach the isolated elderly. This will be followed up. The Gatekeepers at St Vincent’s don’t expect to have their program in place before June, but will come to us at that time. Fern suggests contacting Kim Sternhagen at the Geriatric Mental Health Alliance.

Department for the Aging has agreed to slow down their proposed changes for food programs and Senior Centers. We’ll keep in touch with our local Centers and with the Council on Senior Centers to be able to work with them on what the agency actually comes up with.

The Lantern Group has established its Community Advisory Board for St. Louis Hall. A neighbor in the 90s has brought an action against them to prevent them from proceeding with changes in the building. It is expected to be adjudicated by June

A tenant from St Louis about his concerns about the building:

- Low cost phones are needed in SRO’s. St. Louis Hall does not have pay phone in lobby.
- Harassment against the elderly is increasing in the SRO.
- Stop Work Orders have been issued for the St. Louis Hall.

He was told that these concerns would be looked into.

**WEST SIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST HUNGER**

Doreen Wall, Director of WSCAH, says, “Is emergency food the right solution to inadequate income?” Hunger is increasing throughout the City, and extends to middle class families. Food costs are going up, and resources that used to be relied on for assistance are cutting back severely.

Food stamps only provide food for two weeks out of the month. WSCAH supplies additional food, enough for three days, donated by individuals and food companies, purchased from wholesalers and received from USDA surpluses. State funds help with support.

Funding and supplies have been reduced:

- Starr Foundation money has ended.
- State has reduced funds
- Less USDA surplus food is available

WSCAH is also a referral service to other agencies including Children’s Aid Society, Urban Justice Institute, Dress for Success. Clients come from the Bronx and all over Manhattan. The more times clients come, the more likely they are to get the social services they need. About 40% of clients come only once.

Fern suggests CB7 help by supporting an increase in COLA for public assistance, which has not had a raise since the 1990.

Doreen agreed to help us contact the groups which have action steps that the Committee might follow to work on the hunger issue.

Meeting Adjourned.

# COMMUNITY BOARD 7 Manhattan

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Present: Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Miki Fiegel and Lenore Norman.

Board Chairperson: Helen Rosenthal. Absent: Sonia Garcia, Barbara Keleman and Daniel Meltzer.

Public Members: Fern Fleckman and Judy Martinez.

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**Green Committee**  
**Elizabeth Starkey and Melanie Wymore, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 28, 2008**

**1. Congregation B'nai Jeshurun -- Liz Weiss**

The Environmental Committee (Hevra) at BJ is focused on 3 main issues: e-waste, recycling, and solar panels. Having successfully passed an e-waste initiative through city council, BJ will next focus of advocating legislation to promote solar power in NYC.

**2. NYC Housing Authority Green Initiatives -- Margarita Lopez**

NYCHA has 29,000 acres of land, 178,426 apartments, and accounts for 8% of NYC emissions. Efforts to reduce carbon consumption within NYCHA communities will have a major impact on the City. An internal committee was established to coordinate greening efforts. They include: retrofitting water heaters with a NYCHA-developed instantaneous heaters, improving boiler efficiency, including residents in the process of bulb replacement, planting trees and gardens, and investing savings back into other greening initiatives. All programs will include the goals of changing behavior, creating jobs, and educating residents.

**3. Con Edison Report -- Patricia Richardi**

Con Ed is working on demand side management programs to reduce or stabilize carbon production. Most incentives to reduce gas/electric consumption were stopped with deregulation in the 1990's. NYSRDA now provides incentives for energy efficiency programs. Con Ed Solutions offers a way for consumers to offset their carbon footprint by buying "clean" power. However, accurate statistics of gas/electric consumption of CB7 are not available at this time. Information is available at [www.coned.com](http://www.coned.com).

**4. Idle Free NYC -- Carolyn Eberly**

Idle Free NYC seeks to reduce harmful emissions from idling cars and trucks near schools by reducing the legal idle time from 3 minutes to 1 minute. The organization is sponsoring a rally on idling next week.

**5. Alternative Power -- Paul Reale**

Several companies offer clean or green power from wind, hydro, solar, and nuclear sources. Go to [www.poweryourway.com](http://www.poweryourway.com) for more information.

**6. New Business**

Supreme Hardware announced that it is changing its inventory to support environmentally friendly and energy efficient products. They will recycle bulbs.

Present: Melanie Wymore, Elizabeth Starkey and Bobbi Katzander. Board Members: Helen Rosenthal, Mark Diller and Victor Gonzalez. Absent: Hope Cohen, Phyllis Gunther and Charles Simon (SWMP Subcommittee.) Public: Carolyn Eberly, Olive Freud, Paul Reale, Liz Weiss.

Next meeting: Monday, May 19, 2008, CB7

**District Service Cabinet**  
**Penny Ryan, District Manager**  
**Wednesday, April 23, 2008**  
**9:30 – 11:00 AM**

**1. Update by Goddard Riverside on outreach to homeless people.**

- To date there are 80 clients active: 21 are still on the street, 9 are in stabilization beds, 29 are in transitional housing, 11 have permanent housing, and 10 others have been identified.
- Some of the barriers in getting individuals housed: The process of obtaining entitlement; resistant clients; undocumented individuals; couples; people with pets.
- Some hotspots – 96<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway & WEA; 65<sup>th</sup> Street & CPW; 86<sup>th</sup> Street & Amsterdam Ave – church steps have been cleared and housed two homeless.
- Goddard is working very successfully with the 20<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> Precincts as part of the outreach program.
- Homeless in Riverside Park – One individual has been housed, the others remain in the park.
  - Hot spots: 79<sup>th</sup> Street at RS Park, steps to boat basin & 97<sup>th</sup> – 103<sup>rd</sup> St, around Fireman’s Island.
- DA’s office – With regard to religious institutions, area where homeless gather must be enclosed in order for police to enforce trespass laws.

**2. Introduction of “District Watch”, an initiative of the Manhattan Borough President to monitor construction sites (see listing below):**

**a. Review of sites with DOB**

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Stories:</u>	<u>Status:</u>
100 Riverside Blvd (65 <sup>th</sup> Street)	32	Finishing
80 Riverside Blvd (64 <sup>th</sup> Street)		Finishing
239 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street (WEA-Amst)	29	Superstructure
150 Amsterdam Ave (65 <sup>th</sup> Street)	41	Foundation
180 Amsterdam Avenue (68 <sup>th</sup> Street)	8	Foundation
200 West End Avenue (70 <sup>th</sup> Street)	21	Finishing
200 West 72 <sup>nd</sup> Street (Bway)	19	Foundation
205 West 76 <sup>th</sup> Street (Amst-Bway)	21 and 18	Superstructure
230 West 78 <sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway)	20	Superstructure/Crane on 4/26

**This location has major logistical and noise problems because it is a small street, regulations allow street closure and work on the avenue. DOB is working on an audit for this site.**

535 West End Avenue (86 <sup>th</sup> Street)	21	Foundation
401 West 110 <sup>th</sup> Street (Amst)	20 stories	Superstructure

**Excavation has been extremely noisy because of jack-hammering into bedrock. Building is enclosed now; DOB complaints have stopped.**

<b>Park West Village (97<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> Streets):</b>		
775 Columbus	13	Excavation/Foundation
795 Columbus	15	Excavation/Foundation

805 Columbus	14	Excavation/Foundation
808 Columbus	29	Superstructure
801 Amsterdam	15	Superstructure

**Other construction sites:**

96<sup>th</sup> Street IRT Station

Lincoln Center

508 510 WEA, 732-734 WEA – Will be demolished. Plans to be announced.

**b. Discussion of the implementation of the noise code with Gerry Kelpin, DEP**

- Construction companies: DEP worked with Bovis and Turner to implement codes. DEP going out on weekends and before 7 AM. Smaller companies find it more difficult to comply with the new regulations. Meeting at construction sites with companies has proven to be successful in adding mitigation.
- Utility companies: Utility staff and their contractors must be trained on noise mitigation, i.e., using jackets for jack hammers, placing plates as opposed to dropping, changing hours of work to daytime, and using temporary barriers that insulate noise.
- DEP will request that companies bring their contractors to future meetings so they can be aware of noise mitigation as well.
- Each construction project must have a noise abatement plan on site, and where the plan is located must be posted.

**c. Discussion of how various DSC agencies interact with construction sites and information that would be useful.**

- FDNY – Inspects sites that are 75 feet high every 15 days, and every month for those below. Will give report to DSC.
- DSNY responds to any complaints from 311 and through observation by personnel.
- NYPD undergoing construction regulations training, including understanding permits and when it is appropriate for officers to issue summonses. Traffic officers are trained first, then Patrol.
- DOT – all construction sites must have permits for storing on streets, street closures, cranes on sidewalk, lane closure, and storage containers on street.
  - DOT to give stipulations to CB7 for requested sites.
- DEP – At 205 W. 76<sup>th</sup> Street there is major traffic congestion due to construction on Amsterdam Ave between 75<sup>th</sup> & 76<sup>th</sup> Street.

**3. Agency Reports**

**NYPD 20<sup>th</sup> Pct** – no homicides or shootings last year and this year. Traffic stats – few officers assigned to construction.

**NYPD PSA 6**

- Up 15 crimes for the year. Within the 24<sup>th</sup> Pct, felony assaults were up. The nature of these were mostly due to assaults on officers during arrest, domestic violence, and one stabbing but not serious.

- All grand larceny crimes were ID theft. NYPD advises the public to get shredders.
- Douglass Houses crime is low compared to other PSA6 NYCHA buildings.

**DA's office**

- One narcotics eviction in March for 20<sup>th</sup> Pct, 290 index crimes, trespass program still active.
- The summer internship program selection is underway.

**DSNY** – Complaints down over last 6 weeks. Some schools are not cleaning their curbs, as a result, the Supt. met with principals to advise on compliance.

**FDNY** – fires down. Response time is good.

**DOT**

- Successful meeting on the new 106<sup>th</sup> Street proposed bike route. Bike lanes will be painted on the north and south side of the street, narrowing 106<sup>th</sup> Street to one lane. The new lanes will connect Central Park to Riverside Park. Parking will remain on both sides.

- DOT to provide new newsstand locations to CB7.

- CB7 requested the removal of the temporary streetlight at 106<sup>th</sup> & Manhattan Avenue.

(DOT & DDC)

**DOB** – All after hour work permits are on hold.

**DEP** – 500 service requests, mostly noise.

Noise complaints - 66<sup>th</sup> Street, trucks make noise (idling) every night at 9 PM and ABC has 2 AM garbage hauler on same block.

**Parks RSP**

- At 79<sup>th</sup> Street, a DEP dig is looking for a leak.
- The marina is replacing a dock.
- Soldiers & Sailors monument will be finished in May.
- Riverwalk continuing, completion in 2009.
- More graffiti in the park. Parks is documenting all incidents and photographing.

**DCA** – Sidewalk café season is here, all complaints should go to 311. Will be doing patrols on weekends starting in May, mostly along Columbus/Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway.

DSNY can issue summons for café sidewalk violations, waiting on letter from Parks to allow DSNY to issue summonses on Parks property at Verdi Square.

**DDC** – DM conference coming.

**Present:** Penny Ryan, District Manger, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; PO Clark Tiger, Lt. Carbone, Capt. John Glissman, 20<sup>th</sup> Pct; PO White, Capt. Pla, 24<sup>th</sup> Pct; Capt. Elisa Cokkinos, PO John Ramos, PSA6; PO R. Gonzalez, PBMN; Chief John Pellagrini; Aubrey Donadell, Jr, NYPD TD#1; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Paul Everson, Crista Carmody, Parks; Supt. Paul Brown, DSNY; Calvin Solomon, Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Gerry Kelpin, David Lipsky, DEP; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Evelyn Nieves, Kathleen Saunders, DoITT 311; Solly Corrado, DCA; Susan Singer, NYPL; Carlyle Cole, DDC-OCN; Debbie Allen, ACS/NBS/CPI; Wanda Ochshorn, ASS/FPP; Paula Sanders, John McCormick, CCHR; Pat Richardi, ConEd; Tony Brogdon, HPD; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, Rebecca Gerber, LS BID; Barbara Adler, Columbus Avenue BID; Sari Bernstein, MBPO; Rosalba Rodriguez, CM Gale Brewer's office, Alan Flacks, NY County Democratic Committee.