

Full Board Meeting
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
May 7, 2002

Chair Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Mr. Horowitz announced that Columbia University is planning to uphold their commitment to the Community Board.

Nominations for Office of 3rd Vice-Chair

Dan Zweig, Chair of the Elections Committee, took nominations for the 3rd Vice-Chair. Hope Cohen was nominated.

Public Session

Peter Hoontis, Director West Side YMCA, welcomed and thanked the board meeting at the West Side YMCA.

Stephanie Garry, Plaza Jewish Community Chapel, announced that their non-profit organization provides bereavement support and other social services.

Patti Karri, FLORA (volunteer organization that maintains 72nd Street Dog Run in Riverside Park) asked for continued support from the Board.

Mario Castro, CB7 Youth Council, announced in September the West Side Y would spearhead recruitment to other youth organizations for the Council.

Dean Smith, NY Public Library, announced that City Council would hold its budget hearings regarding the libraries on Tuesday, May 14th.

Dan Zweig brought to the Board attention the housing and health concerns such as smoke and fire risks in his apartment building where Fountain House operates three apartments.

Frank Douglas spoke about Fountain House. Works professionally with chronically mental ill. Nine people in his building need supervision and aren't getting any. Concerned that landlord is trying to push out rent-stabilized tenants.

George Francos spoke about Fountain House. Supportive of efforts to help people who are mentally ill with supportive housing. The landlord is taking advantage of the mentally ill tenants using them to move out others.

Kevin Bothwell spoke about Fountain House. Presented a letter signed by 28 people from 48 apartments in the building.

Alan Flacks spoke about overworked staff in NYC Buildings Department. Planning and zoning is CB7's primary concern.

Phyllis Gunther announced a demonstration at City Hall on May 8th against cuts to senior programs and a community forum on "What can be done about Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant?" on May 23rd at Rutgers Presbyterian Church.

Dan Cohen informed the Board that the mosaic at the Regent Family Shelter, 104th Street and Broadway, which was covered, is now being restored and preserved.

Russell Pinsley played a recording of the sound of replacing boilers in his building. He felt this is against the interest of the tenants and the Board is wasting taxpayer money. He also mentioned that the Housing Committee has not submitted any minutes for the year.

Peter Bailey announced that on May 10th the Youth Committee and some community-based organizations would attend hearings at City Hall regarding youth services.

Brian Sogol, Senator Duane's office, announced that Senator remains opposed to 1926 Broadway garage and is working to preserve 2 Columbus Circle for cultural purposes.

Jason Haber, Assemblyman Stringer's office, reported on the Governor's cut back on textbooks in city schools, while increasing funds for Long Island and upstate.

Alyson Spindell, Senator Schneiderman's office, announced that the Assembly passed a bill to renew housing regulations this year before elections and is leading to get this done in the Senate.

Borough President's Report

Blain Roberts reported that the Borough President is working on a petition to make sure new medallion cabs are handicap accessible.

Business Session

Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann

Joint with Landmarks Committee

Chair: Lenore Norman

1. Resolution to approve the application #023720 by the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the reconstruction of the Plaza and the West 88th Street stairs was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

2. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#1039396 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Brother Jimmy's LLC, d/b/a Brother Jimmy's at 428 Amsterdam Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 20 seats was adopted: 36-1-0-0.

3. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#812902 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp., d/b/a Jackson Hole at 517 Columbus Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats was adopted: 33-0-1-0.

4. Resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#1009280 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by City Bites, LLC, d/b/a City Bites at 2061 Broadway, for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats was adopted: 36-1-2-0.

Landmarks Committee

Chair: Lenore Norman

5. Resolution to disapprove the application #023327 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize alterations to the ground floor façade, including stucco work and painting, and installing a door, signage and light fixture without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits at 103 West 77th Street was adopted: 36-0-1-0.

6. Resolution to disapprove the proposal to house the Board of Education and a new school in the newly renovated Tweed Court House on Chambers Street was adopted: 22-11-5-0.

Uniformed Services/Environment Committee,

Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana, Jr.

7. Resolution to disapprove the application to the NY State Liquor Authority for a liquor license renewal by Moonlighting Lounge, 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd-84th Streets.) was withdrawn. A letter will be sent to the SLA.

8. Resolution to approve Intro No. 25 to the NYC Council by Council Member Bill Perkins to amend the administrative code in relation to requiring plastic bags used for solid waste disposal to be placed within containers was not adopted.

9. Resolution to approve Intro No. 89 to the NYC Council by Council Member Phillip Reed to amend the administrative code in relation to increasing civil penalties for the improper disposal of commercial and residential solid waste was not adopted.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

10. Resolution to disapprove NYC Department of Transportation installation of advertising on parking meters on Broadway from West 67th to 96th Streets, as part of a one-year pilot project, beginning in May 2002, was adopted: 39-0-0-0.

11. Resolution to approve the application to the Office of the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office by the Council on the Environment to operate a Greenmarket on the north sidewalk of West 97th Street, between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, on Fridays from 6:00AM to 6:00PM, from May 24 to December 20, 2002, was adopted: 38-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee

Joint with Transportation Committee

A presentation was made regarding the modifications of 1926 Broadway.

Deliberations:

The following persons spoke in support of the parking garage: Peter Hoontis, West Side YMCA; Mike Price, Icon Parking; Monica Blum, President, Lincoln Center BID; Kenya Smith, The Athena Group; Stephen Jacobs.

The following persons spoke against the parking garage: Jacqueline Kroschell, West 65th Street Association; Ellen Cavanaugh, Transportation Alternatives; Moiszuk Blechman, West 64th Street Block Association; Clare Beckhardt, West 65th Street Block Association; Kevin Cleary, One Lincoln Plaza; Kate Wood, Landmark West!; Jeff Peters, West 65th Street Block Association; Tamara Peters, West 65th Street Block Association; Lewis Boxenbaum, 15 West 72nd Street Owners Corp.

12. Resolution to approve the modifications to application #010602ZSM to the Department of City Planning by Glenwood Management for a special permit to allow the construction of a new public parking garage with 150 spaces (exit/entrance on West 64th Street) in a 29-story mixed-use building at 1926 Broadway was adopted: 22-14-0-0.

Present: Lawrence Horowitz, Chair, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Janet Alvarez, Richard Asche, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Doug Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Ulma Jones, Betty Katz, Barbara Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, William Meyers, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, George Price, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Robert Zuckerman, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Beth Berns, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren.

Youth Committee
Co-Chairs: Sharon Parker-Frazier and Peter Bailey
May 21, 2002

1. Community School District #3 will have a \$4 million budget cut in which \$1.5 million is being passed on to the district office. The remaining \$2.5M cuts will have a very negative impact on 33 schools in the district:

- Loss of attendance teachers, guidance counselors, school aides, paraprofessionals, school secretaries.
- Supplies and materials for classrooms.
- Reduction in School Leadership Team funding.
- Further cuts to the after-school sports program for middle school students.
- Reduction in staff and professional development for teachers and principals in schools.

2. Libraries facing reduction in operating hours during the week and weekends. Also not replacing retiring staff members. Concern was expressed on where were children who are without after-school can go if libraries are no longer open?

3. Youth council held its last meeting at the Westside YMCA. More participation is needed from other youth programs. Other outreach strategies are suggested.

4. Summer school will take place for CSD #3 students in grades 3-8 during the month of July into August for 5 weeks.

5. An 8th grade student from M.S. 54, Booker T. Washington, was assaulted by 4 youths on May 3rd at 3:35pm on the corner of 110th St. and Amsterdam Ave. The student was hospitalized and released to go home. The 24th precinct has reported a serious problem has arise during lunch time at M.S. 54 in which High school students are preying on middle school students for gang recruitment and activity. More communication is needed between all middle school principals, teachers, parents, students, CBOs', residents and law enforcement to ensure the safety of our youth.

5. Columbia Independent School Task Meetings- CB7 Member Eric Nelson is attending the meetings as the CB7 representative. Still waiting to hear an update.

6. District Needs Statement of the Youth/Education section for 2003:

- The 59th Street Recreation Center.
- Full funding for CSD #3 schools.
- Increased funding and expansion for all after-school programs.
- Develop and expand more weekend recreational programs facilities for the youth in CB7.
- Restore all cuts to public libraries.

Committee Members Present: Sharon Parker-Frazier, Peter Bailey, Evelyn Tamarin.

Committee Member Absent: Guillermo Gonzalez, Bob Zuckerman.

Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee
Barbara Adler and Robert Herrmann, Co-Chairs
May 9, 2002

Committee Members present: Robert Herrmann, Barbara Adler, Douglas Griebel, Linda Alexander, Phyllis Gunther, D. Maria Watson, Klari Neuwelt, Daniel Cohen. Committee Members absent: Joyce Johnson, Betty Katz, Bob Zuckerman.

The meeting was called to order by the Co-Chairs at 7:12 p.m.

Bill Castro, the new Borough Commissioner of NYC's Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR), Jim Dowell, Executive Director of the Riverside Park Fund, Ronnit Bendavid-Val, horticulturist for the Theodore Roosevelt Park, and KC Sahl, Riverside Park Administrator, were introduced.

1. Discussion with Bill Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, DPR

Mr. Castro described a number of ongoing initiatives in CB 7's area. There are a number of projects in Riverside Park; Dante and Tucker Parks will be widened on the Columbus side; the Broadway Malls Association and the Lincoln Square BID are working on a project for placing bollards on more of the malls; there are improvements underway in the Booker T. Washington playground; and an irrigation project in the Avilas playground. He said that Manhattan now has 250 Greenstreet triangles.

Mr. Sahl said that Riverside Park is interviewing for a landscape architect, a position presently vacant.

Ms. Neuwelt raised the question with Mr. Castro and Mr. Sahl of DPR and other vehicles being left for extended periods in Riverside Park with their motors running unnecessarily. They responded that it is a matter of raising the consciousness of DPR and other employees.

2. Discussion by KC Sahl of the 72nd Street Dog Run in Riverside Park

Mr. Sahl said that the City had been sued by local residents, though the status of the lawsuit was unclear. He said that he had kept FLORAL informed, and that they had also said that they would take legal steps. He said that there would be meeting on the issue on Monday, May 13 at Assembly Member Scott Stringer's office. Phyllis Gunther and Klari Neuwelt were designated to attend the meeting on behalf of the Committee.

Mr. Sahl also told the Committee that he had put a new dog run in Riverside Park at 72nd Street at the river level under the "vestigial highway".

3. Discussion with Deley Gazinelli of Proposal to Create a Sculpture Park In Riverside Park.

Deley Gazinelli, Director of Contemporary Art for Americans, made a presentation. He said that the mission of his group was to create a historical sculpture park in Manhattan, by which he meant a permanent display site for massive sculptures by well-known American sculptors. He proposed creating such a park in the promenade in Riverside Park between 81st and 91st Streets, with 10-30 sculptures at any one time. Jim Dowell, Executive Director of the Riverside Park Fund, said that the Fund was

strongly opposed to the proposal, and felt that it would change the character of Riverside Park. Members of the Committee expressed various concerns. Co-Chair Herrmann concluded that the sense of the Committee was that the proposal was not suitable for the park. The Committee indicated that it would consider proposals for a single sculpture at a time if presented in the future.

4. Presentation by Chris Williamson Concerning Speed Bumps at the Boat Basin

Chris Williamson, a resident of the 79th Street Boat Basin, presented a proposal to install speed bumps in front of the boat basin. He said that the area has become very hazardous since the Boat Basin Café became popular and since the bicycle paths have been extended. He said that there have been several accidents. He suggested speed bumps every hundred feet though that area and also additional signage. Mr. Saul said that he was working with DOT and the DPR counsel on the issue, and was exploring temporary speed bumps. Mr. McIntire, of the tennis association, said that speed bumps were also needed at the river from 91st Street up past the tennis courts.

The Committee encouraged Mr. Sahl to try temporary speed bumps at the Boat Basin, as well as at the 91st Street location if the traffic warranted it. There was a feeling that it was premature to install permanent speed bumps in the asphalt at this time.

5. Presentation of Final Design for East Meadow of Central Park

Ed Benson, Gary Dearborn and Judy Bastick of the Central Park Conservancy presented the proposed final design for the East Meadow of Central Park. Since the discussion with the Committee on the preliminary design, they had considered the Committee's suggestions and obtained further community input. They had concluded that natural turf was the appropriate surface for the ball-playing areas. They had decided to retain the steps at the southwestern edge of the site. The Committee discussed questions of the turf and the grading. After discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks & Recreation (DPR) and the Central Park Conservancy have taken into account Community Board 7 and user group concerns and comments concerning the proposed restoration of the East Meadow landscape; and

WHEREAS, the proposed final design strikes an appropriate balance among user group needs and pays appropriate heed to the historical design of this area of Central Park and of surrounding landscapes,

Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the final design for the restoration of the East Meadow.

Committee Vote: 7-0-0-0

6. Presentation Concerning Restoration of Fence Around Central Park Reservoir

The same representatives of the Conservancy gave a presentation concerning the proposed restoration of the fence around the Reservoir. Ms. Adler pointed out that the Committee could not act because the matter had not been publicized as part of the meeting's agenda.

The original fence, dating from about 1865, was like that in Ridgewood Reservoir in Queens, where it can still be seen. The fence was replaced in about the 1920's. The Committee was shown a life size mock-up of the proposed restoration fencing, which would replicate the original but be taller, 5' in height, and set in a granite curb. It would have steel and cast iron pickets. DEP, which still has

authority over the Reservoir, is supportive. Ms. Adler pointed out that the black iron rods were like jail bars, and objected to it being painted black, stating that a visual disturbance may annoy runners using the running path surrounding the reservoir. She suggested it be painted a color to blend more with the sky and water. After discussion, the Committee passed the following resolution, subject to discussion with the Board Chair, to see if a presentation would be made at the Full Board meeting, or if the issue should be reheard so that the public could have adequate notice:

WHEREAS, the proposed new fence for the perimeter of the Central Park Reservoir is a sympathetic restoration of the original fence; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new fence is stylistically sympathetic with other permanent fencing in Central Park,

Community Board 7/Manhattan, approves the design for the restoration of the fence around the Central Park Reservoir.

Committee Vote: 7-0-0-0

7. Discussion of Budget Priorities

Dan Cohen reminded the Committee of its role in CB7's budget priority process. The Committee discussed working on drafting next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Land Use Committee
Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen
May 15, 2002

1. 451 Amsterdam Avenue.

The lawyer presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café and assured Land Use members that waiter service is provided for outside diners.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA#1028803 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West Burritoville, Inc. d/b/a Burritoville at 451 Amsterdam Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

Committee Member vote: 1-0-1-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

2. 2470 Broadway.

The owner presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café. He has added shifts of three waiters and is installing a dishwasher.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA#1073294 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc. d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery at 2740 Broadway, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 23 seats.

Committee Member vote: 4-1-0-0. Public Member vote: 2-0-0-0.

3. 249-251 Columbus Avenue.

Although this is a new business, the owners already operate several restaurants with sidewalk cafes on the Upper Westside.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA#1103658 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CMR Corp. d/b/a Puerto Argentino at 249-251 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 20 seats.

Committee Member vote: 4-1-0-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

4. 466 Amsterdam Avenue.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA#1103575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 466 Amsterdam Avenue, LLC d/b/a Sushi Hana at 466 Amsterdam Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats.

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

5. 656 Amsterdam Avenue.

Plans for the outside café include a wrap with 6 tables and 12 chairs on West 92nd Street, a residential thoroughfare. The committee disapproved the café application 2-1-1-0, Public 1-1-0-0. The committee suggested the owner eliminate the wrap and add an additional table to the corner, thus reducing the café to 9 tables and 18 seats.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to change the configuration of the proposed sidewalk café to 9 tables and 18 seats and to reduce its depth to 9 feet, and has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document this change and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new/revised application new application DCA#1104296 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wing Li Loug, Inc. d/b/a Yuki Japanese Restaurant at 656 Amsterdam Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0.

6. 320 Columbus Avenue.

The owner presented that the renewal application. He explained he has operated Mughlai for many years and applied for a one-year consent because he had not negotiated a new lease. Lease negotiations however are now finished and he would prefer another five-year approval. The resolution for a five year approval is conditional upon a stamped approval by the Department of Consumer Affairs of the new lease by the June Board meeting.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan documents stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs verifying the new lease agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA#738544 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 320 Columbus Avenue, Inc. d/b/a Mughlai Indian Cuisine at 320 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year (revised to five-year) consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 26 seats.

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0.

7. 201 Columbus Avenue. (West 69th Street).

Renewal application DCA#907282 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by World on Columbus Inc., d/b/a World Café at 201 Columbus Avenue, for a three-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 30 seats.

The applicant was not present and will be invited to the June Committee meeting.

8. The Jewish Theological Seminary.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America did not present the plans to construct an as-of-right 60-unit graduate student dormitory at 814-816 Amsterdam Avenue (southwest corner of West 100th Street). A tenant in rent-stabilized apartments owned by the Seminary spoke in favor of the proposed building, which is viewed as a positive alternative to the Seminary's previous efforts to evict tenants from their rent stabilized apartments in order to convert the building to a dorm.

9. Monterey Garage, 137 West 89th Street.

The NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) has control of the city-owned site occupied by the Monterey Garage, the oldest continuous operating free-standing garage on the Upper West Side. The City has the option of disposing of the site when West Side Urban Renewal program ends this year. Congregation B'Nai Jeshurum has expressed an active interest and is investigating the possibilities of purchasing the site for use as a community center and temple center for offices and temple programs. Several other community groups with programs in the community would also like the opportunity to occupy the site. HPD has asked the community

board for a recommendation on offering the site as a sole source—giving the current tenant the right of first refusal - or as a restricted RFP for not-for-profits or as an open auction. Representatives of B’Nai Beshurun, including lawyer Mark Levine, presented the Temple’s expressed interest in the property and the value of advising HPD to offer it to not-for-profits through a restricted RFP.

Richard Asche said the committee would look at all aspects of the issue but reminded not-for-profits that the site posed environmental problems and the committee would certainly consider the financial viability of any proposals and urged the Temple to collaborate with other not for profits who are also interested in the site.

Kenneth Mans operates the 5-story, 25,000 square ft garage. He and his attorney, Steve Kramer, were present. Mr. Kramer reminded the committee that in 1988 when HPD planned to sell the site as part of a corner parcel to a developer, the board passed a resolution supporting the garage owner’s right to purchase the garage. The operator is considered a title-vested tenant and is currently on a month-to-month lease. He is responsible for all repairs and renovations on the building. The garage parks approximately 100 cars. HPD has the discretion to set rents. Because the garage has only one elevator, which breaks down, and almost all cars are parked on the upper floors monthly rentals (from \$250-\$340) are considerably below rates for underground garages in the surrounding neighborhood. Mr. Mans is prepared to purchase the garage, which will probably be marketed for around \$3M, although the assessed valuation is around \$1.7M. The owner of the Claremont stables, Paul Novograd, reminded the committee that he too had been in a similar situation and that HPD’s usual precedent has been to permit the title-vested tenant to have the right of first refusal on the site.

New Business

Alex Meduedew made a presentation on the cell tower that had been placed on his building at 200 West 106th Street without any notification to the tenants. The installation caused two severe power outages and a ceiling collapse. He demonstrated that there have been a proliferation of towers, primarily clustered in Manhattan Valley, and he is concerned about the safety, the health ramifications, and the aesthetics. Currently, city codes treat cell tower installations as similar to installing a regular antennae i.e. television, shortwave, etc. and are not regulated properly. The committee will investigate. Lenore Norman volunteered to speak to the Department of Buildings to clarify current regulations.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Melanie Radley, minutes.

Committee Members Present: Richard Asche, Melanie Radley, Linda Alexander, Lenore Norman.
Committee Members Absent: Hope Cohen. **Board Members Present:** Lawrence Horowitz

Health and Human Services Committee
David Harris and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairs
May 28, 2002

1. Discussion of the health, human services and aging sections of CB7's District Needs Statement for FY2003 and district/borough consultations for FY2004 - Jean Green Dorsey, Committee Liaison to CB7's NYC Budget and Capital Planning Committee.

A. Jean Green-Dorsey presented information on this topic. She suggested that we add to the section on housing to request that whenever the city places people in housing in our neighborhood that they provide the proper supports for those people and in addition that whenever the city contracts out for these placements that they require the contractors to also provide proper supports.

B. David Harris ask that we add a piece to the district needs statement on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) post 9/11. With the recent release of the Board of Education study findings that 10.5% of school children from 4th through 12thgrade citywide have PTSD, we call on the city, state, and federal government as well as ngo's to provide the necessary funds to address this critical need. Left untreated, PTSD can cause delays in development, hinder school achievement, and lead to other social ills. To measure the extent of PTSD, post 9/11, and not address the need would be a terrible mistake.

C. Barbara Van Buren asked what city agencies should come before the board. Suggestions included HRA, Dept. of Mental Health, DFTA on NORCs, and ADC on early childhood programs.

2. Discussion of pesticide spraying and related issues with special emphasis on problems faced by those who live in New York City.

Mitchell Cohen, author and Coordinator of the No-spray Coalition

Joel Kupferman, NY Environmental Law Project

Leslie Lowe, representative of New York Public Interest Research Group

A. Annette Averette and Georgette Gittens, who coordinated this issue, opened this section of the meeting.

B. Joel Kupferman presented a brief history of his work on this issue:

... There is a connection between pesticide spraying and what has happened with the air at the World Trade Center

... The law project has been around for 10 years

... Mitchell Cohen contacted Joel 2 1/2 years ago for help on spraying.

... The city was incessantly spraying mealthyone - a nerve gas

... They later switched to something less toxic.

... This year they want to use "Scourge"

... They used trucks to spray and claimed there would be no drift

... The No-Spray coalition tried to do a public campaign through advertising.

... Spray workers contacted them and four problems were identified

1. They were not certified to work with the pesticide

2. They were not given proper equipment

3. They sprayed haphazardly over people and water bodies

4. Some workers - 7 or 8 - were getting sick

... Problems with dermatitis and breathing

... Most regulations on pesticides have to do with rural, flat land

... These pesticides were sprayed in city canyons in high winds.

... At the WTC, when the EPA said the air quality was livable, that was based on OSHA standards with are based on eight hours of exposure.

... With both West Nile spraying and the WTC, children and the elderly breath in 2 times what others do.

... Exposure makes previous problems worse.

... People went to emergency rooms after 9/11 to complain of respiratory problems.

... The Health Dept. didn't tell ERs what to do. - they just said it was safe

... The No-Spray Coalition wants a full education program

... EPA said complaints were anecdotal

... They are now in court

... EPA got DEC to investigate and DEC gave a \$1mm fine to the spraying contractor

... The next year the city sprayed again, however, last year there was no aerial spraying

... This year the city has put out another bid for laticide to be sprayed which is less toxic. No one bid for aerial spraying this year.

... Mitchell: The city attorneys could renew last year's contract

... The EPA has been helpful, but the NYC Health Dept. has not been helpful

C. Mitchell Cohen presented a brief history of his work on this issue:

... Founded the No-Spray Coalition

... Neal Cohen said the air quality was okay by the WTC, as did his successor, as did Whitman, as did Giuliani

... Don't lie to people about the air

... The same individuals are lying to us repeatedly

... Check out their website: www.nospray.org

... The EPA refused to acknowledge that buildings needed to be cleaned up

... Last year every single Community Board signed on in opposition to spraying and using safe alternatives to control West Nile Virus. CB7 was the first to do so.

... They want no spraying and so far this is happening.

... Brooklyn is the largest user of pesticides in the whole state, followed by the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens.

... The city doesn't look at the effect of its use of all pesticides together

... The city refuses to set up a hotline with a registry for pesticide use

... The city set up a hotline for West Nile Virus, but they want to talk to you about one for pesticide

... The no-spray coalition would like CB7 to do six things:

1. For CB7 to ask the city to meet with them and negotiate with them. CN7 could facilitate

2. To help set up an environmental oversight committee with representatives from different Community Boards and interest groups

3. To ask the city to set up a hotline for pesticides

4. To put out a release asking people to change their air conditioner filters before they turn them in

5. To ask the city to hire organic pest control workers

6. To ask the city for full disclosure of ingredients in pesticides for medical monitoring.

D. Leslie Lowe presented a brief history of her work on this issue:

... She has worked with the NYC coalition to end lead poisoning

... NYC is 1% of the land mass of NYS, and represents 23% of the gallons of pesticides used and 36% of the pounds of dry pesticides used

... The Housing Authority, Parks Dept, uses pesticides on lawns, as rodenticides

... Rodenticides only equal about 4% of pesticide use in the city

... Particularly concerned about young children

... They have longer lives ahead of them

... Their skin is more sensitive and there is a larger effect on a smaller body mass

... Children's development is critical

... CB7 does not have a big lead problem

... NYS has a new pesticide notification law

... Schools and childcare facilities must give parents notice of pesticide use

... Retail outlet are selling banned goods - industrial strength pesticides are bought in bulk, and split up and sold in markets for home use

... CB7 should help get the City Council to fund a study of city pesticide use and start training city building staff and landlords to learn alternative pest control methods such as the one employed my Mount Sinai.

... CB7 should also urge the Parks Department to employ integrated pest management and to engage citizens in this effort.

E. Discussion

... Committee member Phyllis Gunther suggested that we bring a resolution to the full board to address the concerns raised

... Committee member Elizabeth Starkey suggested that we contact the city first and ask them to weigh in

... David Harris asked for answers to skeptics who may raise issues of cost of alternative methods, both in less effective West Nile Virus management, and in monetary terms.

... The committee decided to invite representatives of the City Health Dept. as well as other interested parties to their June meeting to have a further airing of the issues from all sides and to consider bringing a possible resolution to the July full board meeting

3. New business.

... It was agreed that next month's agenda would include two items:

... Further discussion of pesticide use in CB7 with representatives of the City and No-Spray Coalition available for presentations and Q&A.

... A discussion of a resolution calling on the state to consider extending marriage to single sex couples with a presentation and Q&A from David Thompson, Marriage Equality New York.

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