

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson**  
**Fordham University**  
**June 3, 2008**

Helen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:09 pm.  
Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 28-0-3.

**Chairperson's Report: Helen Rosenthal**

- City Planning Commission will vote on the West 86<sup>th</sup> Street/West End Avenue garage on July 2; the applicant reduced the number of parking spaces requested down to its as-of-right amount of 9 (although they are requesting 13 spaces) and a curb cut; this issue will not be referred back to CB7 for further discussion.
- She announced committee appointments for new Board Members.
- Invited board members to participate in CB7's new table at multi-block street fairs; and
- Gave results of the May question of the month that asked whether people wanted more or less parking (See [www.nyc.gov/mcb7](http://www.nyc.gov/mcb7) for a summary of the comments).
- June's question: Which park do you plan to use this summer and why, and what improvements would you like to see in your local playground?
- She reported a victory in conjunction with the elected officials, whereby HPD will be rejecting the Trinity House sale.
- **Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairperson of the Green Committee**, reported and presented two resolutions: 1) To reduce the idling time from 3 minutes to 1 minute (listed as Resolution 27), which was adopted: 29-1-2-0; and 2) To make NYCHA facilities more green and to provide support for the operating and capital budget to help the Housing facilities become more energy efficient (listed as Resolution 28), which was adopted: 33-0-0-0. The Green Committee will meet on June 25.
- **Andrew Albert, Co-Chairperson of the Transportation Committee**, presented a resolution urging the Department of Buildings to conduct rigorous oversight and inspections of construction cranes so future tragedies like the recent collapses can be avoided (listed as Resolution 29.) Resolution was adopted: 34-0-2-0.

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

A Kodiak crane was involved in the recent collapse. One of these models is in use at 808 Columbus. This crane is being inspected with various techniques, and a report will be issued on Thursday. Until then, work is stopped. There are questions about the safety of the cranes and their age, which date from 1983. CB7 office is monitoring the major construction projects.

**Manhattan Borough President's Report: Jessica Silver**

BP Stringer released a report that public subsidies are going to various commercial establishments that should not be receiving them. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, he submitted testimony opposing the CB budget cuts. On June 11<sup>th</sup>, he will hold a town hall on small businesses on the Upper West Side – 7pm at 120 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Legislators' Reports**

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Council Member Gale Brewer – Introduced Jessie Bodine, her new director of constituent relations; working with the CB7 on traffic; addressing school overcrowding; has bill to improve the speed of bus transit; working on crane issue and construction problems at 230 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway); June 21<sup>st</sup> party at the Brandeis School Garden (Amsterdam and 84<sup>th</sup> Street) 4-8pm; budget fight is ongoing for schools and NYCHA.

## Reports by Legislative Representatives

- Micah Lasher, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's office –EPA agreed to address and clean-up the PCB contamination at P.S. 199; congratulated CB7 on the Trinity House victory; urged the Board to adopt the resolution on the WEA historic district.
- Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office – The gender non-discrimination bill passed the Assembly.
- Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office – Green Book will be coming out in the next few weeks; congratulated the new CB7 members and announced a training session on June 23<sup>rd</sup>; CB BBQ will be on July 23<sup>rd</sup>; on June 21<sup>st</sup> music will be performed at public spaces throughout the City; applications are now online for Greencarts; public arts fund will be turned on June 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Jarred Chausow, State Senator Tom Duane's office – Working on the PCB issue at P.S. 199; bill to
- to have MTA provide more accommodation for disabled passengers and to require daily inspections of elevators and escalators.
- Calvin Solomon, New York County DA's Office – May 24<sup>th</sup> homicide at Wise Towers, two 16-year-olds allegedly involved were arrested; 9 of the 51 student interns at the DA office this summer are from CD7.
- Sandra Duque, Comptroller William Thompson's office – Spoke.
- Jeffrey Margolis, Congressman Charles Rangel's office – Introduced himself; he is taking over for Dan Berger.
- David Weinberg, Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office – Announced that Kaytrue Ting, who is going to law school, will be replaced by Rena Lipsitz; Ms Rosenthal will be co-hosting a quality of life forum on June 9<sup>th</sup> at Goddard Riverside.
- Matt Bitz, Councilwoman Inez Dickens' office – Working on budget for NYCHA.

## Public Session

- Elinor Ellsworth – Concerned about project on West 94<sup>th</sup> Street; it is important to take care of the mentally ill people at the site and to make sure that the community is protected.
- Gerard Martin, 10 West End Avenue property manager - Problems with the drainage on WEA at W.59<sup>th</sup> and W.60<sup>th</sup> Street, sinkholes have developed, leading a truck to fall into the street, major flooding going over the manholes; the area is dark and needs more streetlights.
- Paul Bunten, Westsiders for Public Participation – A lawsuit has been filed against the developers of the Park West Village project seeking greater public participation and an environmental review under SEQR. Updates can be requested from [Westsiders@earthlink.net](mailto:Westsiders@earthlink.net)
- Harriet Frank, Hudson Rivers Helicopter Noise Coalition - Helicopter flights and the noise pollution of helicopters traveling up Riverside Drive is increasing; would like CB7's assistance.
- Maggie McLean, Stern resident - Wished Shelly Fine and Klari Neuwelt a quick recovery; the Stern building will be demolished, but residents will be housed in the Kaufman building.

- Victor Gonzalez, CB7 Housing Committee Co-Chairperson – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, the committee will discuss the NYCHA budget crisis and impacts on CD7 developments.

**Business Session**

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

1. **150 West End Avenue** (West 67<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** application #1334-66-BZ to the Board Standards and Appeals for an extension the term of a variance that allows the operation of a transient parking garage in the cellar and sub-cellar of 150 West End Avenue for a period of ten (10) years from May 5, 2008 was adopted: 37-0-1-0.
2. **N050402** - Amendment to the NYC Zoning Resolution Text with regard to Large Scale Residential Developments was adopted: 22-11-6-0.

**100 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street, aka Leader House/Site 20** (Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** the design of the commercial and community facility addition to the Leader House currently on file with the City Planning Commission, subject to passage of an amendment to the Zoning Resolution Text was adopted: 21-7-8-0.

**Parks & Preservation Committee, Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

3. **West End Historic District.** The resolution to support the designation of a new West End Avenue Historic District was adopted: 33-1-1-0.
  - Erika Petersen, West End Preservation Society - Over 200 people involved in WEPS, approximately 20 of whom attended the board meeting; many people are interested in preserving WEA.
  - Farid Moussavi, WEPS - Seeking to protect WEA from the reckless, predatory nature of developers who are not interested in best interests of WEA; diversity of the UWS is being threatened.
  - Christiana Pena, Landmark West! – Read statement in support of the WEA historic district, as it vividly tells the story of the UWS from the 1890s to the 1930s.
  - Allison Greenberg – Supported resolution because WEA is a special place in NYC, preserving the diversity of the community.
4. **Riverside Park South.** The resolution to **approve** the Riverside Park South proposed design for the outdoor café at Pier I was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

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

5. **West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Central Park West-Riverside Drive.** The resolution to **approve** the NYC Department of Transportation’s proposal to install bike paths on the north and south sides of West 106<sup>th</sup> Street was adopted: 25-3-2-0.
  - Tila Duhaim, Transportation Alternatives’ UWS Street Renaissance Program - Supported efforts to devote space to safe cycling on West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Peter Goldwasser, Transportation Alternatives - Supported the DOT effort to create the West 106<sup>th</sup> Street bike lanes.
  - Jean Jaworek, Duke Ellington Boulevard Neighborhood Association - Opposed to the creation of the bike lanes: concerned about placement of the bike lanes due to the slope of the hill and the lack of connection to other bike transportation paths, and the lack of outreach to the community.
  - Laura Boylan, West 107<sup>th</sup> Street resident and VP of Ivy Court Tenants Association - Supported the creation of the bike lanes on West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - Mary Beth Kelly, West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street resident - Supported the creation of the bike lanes because it is part of a comprehensive vision of a more bike-friendly city; her husband was killed while riding a bike.

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6. **Newsstand at Broadway and West 87<sup>th</sup> Street.** The resolution to **approve** application #1278273 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Khan Newsstand to construct and operate a newsstand at Broadway and West 87<sup>th</sup> Street was **not adopted**: 10-18-1-0.

- Jem – Opposed the newspaper stand because of its effect on disabled and wheelchair-bound people; urged CB7 members to visit the site.
- Christine Emery, leasing agent for the property - Committed to a vibrant retail operation; opposed the newsstand.
- Barbara Morales, from the building’s managing agent - Construction in the building will disrupt and rip up the sidewalk; opposed the newsstand.
- M.D. Rahman, works at newsstand at Broadway and West 86<sup>th</sup> Street - Opposed the newsstand due to the number of newsstands in the area.
- S.H. Abbas, works at newsstand in area - Opposed the new newsstand.
- Applicant – Reported on outreach in the affected area.

7. **695 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 94<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application #B01527 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Family Radio Dispatcher, Inc. for a For-Hire base station license was adopted: 27-0-0-0.

***Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:***

8. **183 Columbus Avenue** (West 68<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 0835735 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by V K Food Shop Inc., d/b/a Elite Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

9. **193 Columbus Avenue** (West 69<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1216111 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Yunhua on Columbus, Inc., d/b/a Empire Columbus Kyoto , for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

10. **241 Columbus Avenue** (West 71<sup>st</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 0895637 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Burrrito Junction, Inc., d/b/a Harry’s Burritos, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

11. **414 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1016775 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Bek Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Savann Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 17 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

12. **433 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1027125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Haru Amsterdam Avenue Corp., d/b/a Haru, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

13. **483 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1027927 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Good Enough to Eat Uptown, LTD, d/b/a Good Enough to Eat, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 31 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

14. **570 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87<sup>th</sup> – 88<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1068447 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Rancho West Corporation d/b/a Rancho, for a

two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-0.

15. **2756 Broadway** (West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 0890575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wild Rose Mgmt, Inc., d/b/a Meridiana, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 31 seats was adopted: 27-1-0-0.

16. **654 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.) The resolution to **disapprove** 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 was adopted: 26-0-0-0.

***New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:***

17. **594 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 89<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **disapprove** 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 was adopted: 26-0-0-0.

18. **1900 Broadway** (West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1259520 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 64 West Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Bar Boulud, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 38 seats was adopted: 22-4-2-0.

- Richard Juliano, Lincoln Square BID - Supported the café for Bar Boulud.

19. **2012 Broadway** (West 69<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1282959 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nanoosh Broadway, LLC, d/b/a Nanoosh, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

20. **2170 Broadway** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1283503 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CGM OTA LLC, d/b/a The Fatty Crab, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

21. **2178 Broadway** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1282510 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by NS 77<sup>th</sup> Street LLC, d/b/a The West Branch, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

22. **467 Columbus Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> – West 83<sup>rd</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve** 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 was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

23. **201 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1282774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 Rest. 95<sup>th</sup> Street Corp., d/b/a Buceo 95, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 21 seats was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

24. **2637 Broadway** (West 100<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1280169 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sav Associated, Inc., d/b/a Turkuaz, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats was adopted: 24-3-1-0.

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**

*New applications to the NY SLA for on-premises liquor licenses:*

25. **2170-2178 Broadway.** The resolution to **approve** CGM OTA LLC, d/b/a Fatty Crab, for a two-year on-premises license was adopted: 26-0-0-0.

26. **220 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street.** The resolution to **approve** KT d/b/a (to be determined) for a two-year on-premises license was adopted: 26-0-0-0.

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

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**Parks & Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 12, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

New members were welcomed and introduced as were visiting board members.

**1. 170 Central Park West, New-York Historical Society (West 76<sup>th</sup> – 77<sup>th</sup> Street.)** Application to the Department of Transportation for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use modified stoops and ramps, proposed kiosks and lighting. **Joint with Transportation**

Presenting for applicants were Andrew Buon Pastore, NYHS Vice President and Scott Duenow, Architect. Landmark Preservation Committee has granted its approval.

The application specifies modifying the stoop at the Central Park West entrance, flanked by two kiosks; further modification on the stoop on 77<sup>th</sup> Street providing a 11'10" clearance gaining 1.3" of sidewalk space. Installation of façade lightning focused on the lower part of the building and imbedded into the sidewalk to eliminate any impediment to pedestrians and to automatically turn off in daylight.

The existing fire hydrant and bus stop (with sign) to be moved to the southern end of the block at 76<sup>th</sup> Street. The existing parking spaces (3) will be relocated close to 77<sup>th</sup> Street.

Work on the 77<sup>th</sup> Street modification schedule to start in July 2008 and on Central Park West one year later.

The project will be reviewed by the MTA. Andrew Albert, Co-Chair of the Transportation Committee supported the application with the changes discussed.

The application was approved and resolution to be drafted stating accordingly.

Voting was: Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-1-0.

**2. Presentation by Lane Addanzio, Central Park Conservancy.**

The Conservancy is seeking volunteers to assist with its planned user survey to commence in July. This will be a four season project with other counts planned for October, February and April. Training will be conducted for volunteers. High school students are also being recruited.

The Conservancy seeks through the project to ascertain a count of users, the demographics of visitors and general comments. Last survey was conducted on 1982.

The need for improvement signage in the park was discussed. The matter is under consideration. CB7 will put the call for volunteers on the website.

**3. 140 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus - Amsterdam Avenue.)** Application #08-8115 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for restoration of the buildings front façade and installation of an awning over the main entrance.

Presenting the application Matthew Cardone, Project Manager and Susan Terrano, Architect.

This is a former hotel converted to a Co-op. Several coats of brown latex paint has damaged the original brownstone. The applicants plan is to strip the paint, repair the pitting and restore the original brownstone. The Mansard roof to be covered with slate and flashed with copper.

The applicant further proposes installing a copper awning over the central entrance, extending four feet from the building and will be open-sided. Two lantern-style, copper-finished, lighting fixtures will flank the doorway above the awning. The copper slashed roof, the awning and the lightning fixture will be a coordinated finish.

Concern was raised about the security of the site during the restoration, as well as environmental issues. The project manager explained that the building will be netted for dust abatement. The Committee chair suggested that neighbors be given a number to contact in the event of complaints.

A resolution will be crafted approving the application.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

4. **334 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street** (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application #084655 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of garbage bins at front yard.

Applicant represented by Steve Wygoda, Architect and Michelle Addane, Building Manager.

This is the second presentation to the Parks & Preservation Committee who commended the application on deferring their LPC presentation in order to incorporate the Committee suggestions. The suggestions included sloping the cover of the proposed bin to facilitate drainage and include ridges to the surface. Height of container reduced to four feet to provide more clearance for window; access to bin from the top; perforations on bottom for ventilation; metal bin painted black with mesh on side for texture.

Resolution to accept the application as redesigned.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

5. **601 West End Avenue** (West 89<sup>th</sup> Street) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement.

Windows last changed in 1980. All windows will be ½ double hung except for a small casement on 89<sup>th</sup> street side. There are no original windows remaining in the building.

Aluminum sash frames will be installed; the color will be dark brown or black. Resolution to approve application.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

6. It was announced by the chair that the Parks & Preservation District Needs Statement to be distributed for final review. The statement is consistent with the Parks Department. The priority issue is the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street ramp. Committee input solicited.

7. Paul Evans, Manager for the Riverside Park, reported on the damage done by the recent windstorm (June 10<sup>th</sup>) including a loss of approximately sixty trees. He further commented on the collaboration of several city agencies to deal with the emergency.

Klari Neuwelt reported on her meeting with the Parks Department on the problems with the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Transverse. The walls are deteriorating with no real plan or design process to restore and maintain. There are no dollar allocations for upkeep of the transverse in general and the suggestion of private funding efforts was raised.

Lenore Norman distributed an e-mail from the Citizens Emergency Committee to Preserve Preservation (CECPP) to the City Council asking for support for the restoration of the \$300 Thousand cut to the LPC budget proposed by the Mayor. The CECPP soliciting support from elected officials and advocates.

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.  
Submitted by Balnche E. Lawton.

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**Present:** Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Lindsey Boylan, Molly Gordy, Blanche E. Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz and Jeffrey Siegel. **Board Members:** Andrew Albert, Mark Diller, Paul Fischer and Lillian Moore. **Absent:** Miki Fiegel and Phyllis E. Gunther.

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**Green Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Elizabeth Starkey and Melanie Wymore, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 25, 2008**

1. Discussion of New York City Infrastructure -- Dan Garodnick, New York City Council  
New York City Council Member Dan Garodnick presented an overview of City Council's newly formed Infrastructure Task Force. Primary objectives include enumerating the city's assets and state of repair, developing an investment plan, planning for the growth projections outlined in PlaNYC, and coordinating the political elements necessary to achieve on-going, comprehensive maintenance of the city's infrastructure.

Additionally, the Task Force will investigate the following areas of concern:

- a. Climate Change -- Coastal flooding prevention, evacuation plans, and effective land use
- b. Alternative Energy Sources -- Net metering, solar energy, ultra low sulfur fuel
- c. Storm Water Management
- d. Local Sustainability Incentives -- Possible creation of a development corporation (like Fanny Mae) that can provide loans and grants to local government and industry for infrastructure projects

The Task Force will conduct a public hearing at the end of July 2008.

2. Recommendations for Climate Change Preparedness -- Eva Handheart, Pratt Institute  
Eva Handheart discussed how New York City might prepare for a possible storm surge that could raise the sea level by 25 ft. She outlined 5 recommendations:

- a. Land Use Zoning and Development -- Limit residential growth in high-risk areas like the Far Rockaways and Gawanus. Enforce environmental impact statements. Convert flood-prone areas into parks and recreational facilities that can be easily evacuated.
- b. Building Code -- Enhance code to ensure that buildings are prepared for winds and flooding from storm surges, mandate rooftop exits, fund NYSERDA to conduct more assessments and education of the public.
- c. Permeable Surface -- Maximize permeable surface throughout the city so less storm water enters the sewage system. Create incentives for public plazas with extensive vegetation. Create incentives for NYC to acquire land for parks and wetlands. Discourage development near or on the water.
- d. Toxics -- Study the potential for bacteria, metals, and chemicals to mix with flood waters. Complete clean-up of super fund sites that can leach into other areas. Inventory and map toxic sources. Provide clothing and training for evacuation workers. Elevate toxic sites above the flood plain.
- e. Evacuation -- Create neighborhood evacuation plans. Identify evacuation locations. Implement a public education program. Evaluate the flood potential for bus and subway systems. Inspect and maintain bridges, tunnels, and roads. Identify/create temporary housing near flood areas. Take an inventory of small craft that can assist in evacuation.

The next meeting of the Green Committee will be on Wednesday, July 30, 7pm.

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons  
June 10, 2008**

***Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:***

1. **477 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0890575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 83<sup>rd</sup> Amsterdam Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a Hi-Life Bar & Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 16 seats. Owner Earl Geer posted signs. Committee votes to **approve** the renewal application: 6-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0; 1-1-0-0.

2. **2728 Broadway** (West 104<sup>th</sup> – 105<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1221141 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tokyo Pop, LLC, d/b/a Tokyo Pop, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats.

Manager Alain Chebreux presented.

Committee votes to **approve** the renewal application: 6-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0-1.

Dan Zweig arrived late to the meeting at 7:15pm due to an MTA transportation delay. The Tokyo Pop application had already been heard and voted upon by the committee. Mr. Zweig told the committee that Tokyo Pop consistently and habitually operated and extended their café significantly (2 to 3 feet) beyond the 9 foot depth. In addition, Tokyo Pop often places a sandwich board and a menu stand outside even the extended distance taking up even more of the intended pedestrian passageway and attracting groups of people to congregate in the already restricted pedestrian way. For regular and persistent failure to limit operation even reasonably close to the mapped space for the café, Dan strongly recommended rehearing and disapproval of Tokyo Pop café.

**Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee**

3. Proposal by the IS44 GreenFlea/GreenMarket to relocate temporarily the flea market to the sidewalk on the west side of Columbus Avenue between 76<sup>th</sup> and 77<sup>th</sup> Streets and the south side of West 77<sup>th</sup> Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, along the front of the school building, and to the PS87 playing field on Sundays during reconstruction of the IS44 playground (approximately 3 months beginning in July.) The GreenMarket would be relocated to the east side of Columbus Avenue between 77<sup>th</sup> and 81<sup>st</sup> Streets.

Jeanie Kirwin, parent in the IS 44 complex spoke first and explained that the playground would be closed from July 1 through end of summer. Her group would like to relocate the flea market and green market because it brings significant revenue to the school. She proceeded to explain the proposal for temporary relocations. Flea market portion would be moved partially around school line on West 77<sup>th</sup> Street and then the playground. Does not know the exact footage that will be needed for the side street flea market and the planner has been apprised of the required space needed .

Cathy Chambers, operations manager, of the Green Market spoke first. The temporary location is between 77<sup>th</sup> and 79<sup>th</sup> Streets and there would be a 10-foot clearance for pedestrians. The contingency plan if the playground is not completed by end of summer is to extend the temporary location through end of September.

Barbara Adler, executive director of the Columbus Avenue BID, spoke and said the Parks Commissioners Benepe and Castro approved. She spoke with the museum and they said unofficially they approved. Daisy Rodriguez from the Museum said they had not yet approved. Penny Ryan said that there would probably be approved.

Objection by Judith Bronfman, West 76<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association about taking the PS 87 playground for the weekend. She said that losing that area for even one day presents a hardship. Another objection came from Roxanne Evans, a member of West 77<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association. Marni Muehler from West 77<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association also objected because she felt the tree guards would be compromised. She would like people to sit down with her group.

Penny Ryan said that only a Greenmarket could go on the sidewalk bordering Theodore Roosevelt Park without the necessity for an RFP and a lengthy process, so the Flea market has to be separated.

Elizabeth Starkey pointed out that better notice must be made. Another point she made was the lack of transparency between the vendors, school and neighbors.

Andrew suggested an open dialogue between Ms. Kirwin's group and the block associations. Penny discussed curbside drop offs and queues of lines of trucks. Andrew suggested finding out what kind of vendors will be in the school and which ones will be on the street. Answers are forthcoming vis-à-vis Judy Gehrke, director of Greenflea.

Committee **approves** the temporary relocation of Greenmarket on Sundays from July 1 through September, absent any objections from the Museum.  
8-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0; 3-0-0-0.

Committee will not vote on the temporary relocation of Flea market pending additional information being provided by GreenFlea.

4. Application #1286576 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jasmin Parvin to construct and operate a newsstand at the northwest corner of Broadway and West 68<sup>th</sup> Street.  
Ms. Parvin presented.

Richard Guiliano, Lincoln Square BID opposed to another newsstand. His group feels that no newsstands should be allowed to apply until all the old ones are converted.

Dan Zweig replied that there should be no moratorium at all. There is no reason to totally halt the establishment of new ventures by new entrepreneurs seeking to earn a living because some small number of established vendors might potentially need to move their locations."

Mr. Guiliano cited an example where an extraneous stand in his area stood fallow for two years. Lester Schwab, owner's representative, Ogden Cap Properties, said he did not receive any notice of the website and added that he felt the location would negatively affect his ability to rent a soon-to-be vacant store, currently leased by Oreck. He thought the location was a bad one. Ms. Parvin's representative said he did post signs.

Alan Flax made four points: the biggest obstructions today include sidewalk cafes and pedestrians; Cemusa is problematic and Commissioner Sadik-Khan defers to them; the fear of crime is not an

argument; and finally, it is the position of the board and transportation that we not interfere with commerce. Anne Raphael made points that newsstands rarely attract queues.

The Committee votes to **approve** the application for a newsstand located mid-block at the northwest corner of Broadway and West 68<sup>th</sup> Street: 7-0-0-1; 0-0-0-0; 1-2-0-0.

5. Discussion of ways to enforce NYC biking regulations and to address safety concerns with commercial and private bicyclists.

Officers LaRosa and Maio from the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct discussed pedestrians being injured by delivery bicyclists. The bicyclists are supposed to wear reflective vest, identifying restaurant or commercial venue, lights and horn.

Andrew discussed the advent for bike lanes on the West Side, specifically citing West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, and inquired whether cyclists breaching the designated lanes would be subject to summons for violations. More discussions ensued.

Officer Maio suggested community board contact Lt. Carbone to report delivery problems. Andrew suggested an education campaign, perhaps a joint effort with Transportation Alternatives.

Jem suggested that CB encourage legislation for mandatory safety education and licensing of vendor bicyclists.

Dan Zweig suggested we look into opportunities for better enforcement of bicycle rules and that we look into additional uniformed units that might provide additional enforcement. In addition, CB7 will work with both precincts to ascertain repeat offenders and will consider these when renewing their licenses for sidewalk cafés and liquor licenses.

Resolution:

Whereas bicycle injuries have become epidemic on the West Side; and

Whereas bicyclists are often unidentified with company affiliations,

Community Board 7 encourages registration and licensing for all bicyclists in operation with commercial establishments.

8-0-0-0; 0-0-0-0; 3-0-0-0.

Where the City has provided dedicated bicycle lanes, the City must make every effort to enforce the correct usage.

8-0-0-0; 0-0-0-0; 3-0-0-0.

Pulled:

6. **230 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street, aka 2210 Broadway and Two Amsterdam Avenue (59<sup>th</sup>-60<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

Applications by Telebeam to the Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications to relocate three public pay telephones as a result of the 96<sup>th</sup> Street IRT Station Renovation to 230 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street and Two Amsterdam Avenue.

7. New business.

a) Problems with the exit from the 79<sup>th</sup> Street egress at Riverside Drive.(Marc Glazer)

b) Problems with southbound Broadway lane being used for free parking. (Alan Flax)

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c) Problems with Georgia's Bake Shop expanding (Jem).

**Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Blanche E. Lawton, Anne Raphael and Oscar Rios. **Absent:** Bobbie Katzander and Barbara Keleman.

**Health & Human Services Committee Minutes**  
**Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 17, 2008**

Lillian Moore is on the staff of the Federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid. She will help with information on senior programs and investigations of facilities using federal M & M funds.

District needs statement needs filling out and support of more data. Dan will re-write Madge's first draft with more data for support

**FAMILY LEAVE ACT**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is the only industrialized country not to have any paid family leave benefit in connection to the birth or adoption of a child, despite American workforce demographics having changed significantly over the past several decades with women entering the workforce in increasing numbers and many households with children having two full-time working parents as a matter of necessity; and

**WHEREAS**, national policies have failed to adjust accordingly by requiring workplace policies that support the needs of working parents and their families. The United States is alone among developed countries – and virtually alone in the world – in its failure to support working parents and their families through flexible time and leave policies. Government-backed solutions are crucial to better assist working families and support adults with family responsibilities; and

**WHEREAS**, with so many workers in NYC are unable to afford the loss of even a day's pay, employee leave must be compensated in order to best help adults meet their family needs. It is essential that workers not be forced to compromise their families' economic security in order to take time off from work to care for a family member. Government should lead by example, offering broad based work-life protections and paid leave benefits to all workers

**BE IT RESOLVED:** Community Board 7 urges the New York State Legislature to pass a TDI (Temporary Disability Insurance) expansion bill mandating wage replacement benefits to employees who take family leave, either to bond with a child under the age of one, or to care for a sick relative.

Approved - *Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Present:** Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Daniel Meltzer and Lillian Moore. **Absent:** Miki Fiegel, Sonia Garcia and Barbara Keleman. **Public members:** Judy Martinez (VOA), Ruth Ellen Simmons (One Stop Senior Center).

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