

# June 2011 Full Board, Committee, and DSC Minutes

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## **COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN Minutes, Full Board Meeting, June 7, 2011**

Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, June 7, 2011, at Jewish Home Lifecare, 120 West 106th Street in the District. The meeting was chaired by CB7 chair Mel Wymore, and was called to order at 6:40 pm. The following topics were discussed and actions taken.

*Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting.*

VOTE: 26-0-0.

*Our Neighbors of the Month Recognition: Ms. Kim Wickers, Director of Horticulture, Roosevelt Park; (Ms.) A.J. Rathmann-Noonan, Principal, The Urban Assembly School for Green Careers; Stephanie Astacio, Senior Intern/GreenLife, and Arnold Fung, Senior Intern/GreenLife.*

Presentation by Peter Wright – Friends of Roosevelt Park (f/k/a Friends of Museum Park).

- Proud of successful "Greenlife" partnership started 6 years ago with Brandeis HS, now continued by the Urban Assembly HS for Green Careers at Brandeis.
- Student interns work 9 months a year, and are able to take advanced courses at the American Museum of Natural History at no cost.
- Kim Wickers: 9<sup>th</sup> grade interns form leadership and responsibility skills, and learn horticulture along the way.
- Interns become leaders/teachers for successive generations of interns.
- AJ Rathmann-Noonan: Pleased to continue the relationship with Friends of Roosevelt Park. Interns representative of successful students at UA Green Careers.

*Chair's Report: Mel Wymore:*

District Needs Statement – Louis is our point person. Implementing new process.

- District needs and budget process will be discussed at each committee's June meeting.

Urban Planning Working Group:

- Arrived at set of core principles for CB7 as a whole – will present at each committee in June.

SRO Working Group:

- Building database of affordable housing. Tracking loss/preservation of units.
- Working with agencies re enforcement and on a viable model for SROs as permanent affordable housing.

Tree Pits:

- Helen Rosenthal brought awareness to tree pits along Columbus Avenue.
- Local merchants, particularly Nick of Quality Florist, did a beautiful job planting at 81<sup>st</sup> Street.

Committee initiatives:

- Resolution seeking eliminating cars from Central Park taken up by the Borough Board .
- BCI working on new guidelines for sidewalk cafes.
- Land Use working on guidelines on parking, urban renewal open space, retail.

*Community Session:*

Marjorie Cohen - West Side Crime Prevention:

- Successful WCPP program closing as of June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- No longer needed. Crime no longer a driving issue in our community as it was when WCPP and Safe Haven were formed.

Ian Alterman – 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council (646-489-3444; 20pctissues@gmail.com):

- #1 crime is theft of unattended property.

- CERT provides free presentations on emergency preparedness. Tornadoes in unusual places shows need.

Donald Bernstein - Attorney for liquor license for On The Ave. Hotel:

- Objections from The Opera residents – spent months and money to address a/c noise complaints.
- Performed sound tests in Opera (in parallel with City agencies) – passed tests, no violations.
- Client will continue to address concerns as they come up.

James Capozzi – FBI "Infragard" Program:

- Nationwide program to protect City infrastructure (water, transportation, health care, landmarks).
- Difficult to protect sectors that government does not own or operate - need local partnerships.
- FBI has only 1200 agents for 30 counties in lower NYS. [www.infragard.net](http://www.infragard.net). Applications available on-line.

Jason Rivera – NearSay.com:

- Website for local news, neighborhood restaurants and bars. 125,000 readers – welcomes articles to publish.

Petra W. Kolokotronis – Administrator, Riverside Branch, NYPL:

- Library used even more during economic downturn. Letters and e-mails sought to help preserve funding.
- \$40MM cuts in budget. Hours will be cut at all locations; service only 4 days per week; some to be closed.

Tricia Blanchard – Semipermanent Housing Program:

- Outreach program – applications and info session 6/22. Looking for volunteer childcare coordinator.
- Marjorie Cohen/Westside Crime Prevention Safe Haven Program – thanks for help.

Jillian Moya – HCZ – Beacon Program at Booker T. Washington:

- Adult event – “Old School 80’s” to engage adults. 6-12 midnight.
- Community Advisory Board – needs help – needs unity. Brainstorming over the summer.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- Family Days in May a huge success. Neighborhood Tour – Old Bloomingdale 6/26 at 11 am.
- New York Classical Theater – Roving outdoor Moliere play “School for Husbands” in Central Park.
- Make Music NY 6/21 – 13 locations in BID area.
- Annual meeting 6/30.

Larry Marcus:

- Garbage cans at Verdi Square subway entrance overflowing – unsightly, odor, and attracts vermin.
- Owns company that makes solar-powered garbage compactors - under study by City.
- Whether using his product or something else, community should address this problem.

Mark Diller (CB7 member wearing community hat):

- Beacon Hardware (Bruce and Steve Stark) sponsoring a blood drive 7/26 11-5. Please confirm donation.
- Especially important to donate blood in the summer, when shortages are most acute.

Deborah Whitfield:

- Concern re conversion of SROs needed for permanent affordable housing to supportive housing units.
- Oversaturation of UWS – 2000 supportive housing units in our neighborhood. Concern re supervision.
- Concerned about St. Louis – proposed to house dual-diagnosis patients without supervision.
- Must avoid a return to the conditions that existed in the neighborhood 30 years ago.

Aviva Rahmani:

- Concern re saturation of shelters in small area of the UWS. Neighborhood cannot afford to be passive.
- John Jay data show economic model does not work - inefficient. Need a better solution.
- People leaving prison disassociated – recidivism high. Must help those disenfranchised.

Robert Atkins – Resident at St Louis:

- Lantern Group seeking to displace tenants. Seeking to evict him.
- Plans changed to require long-term tenants to share bathrooms with at risk population.
- At risk/ex-convict and HIV tenants not same as working poor who need permanent affordable housing.
- Concern that CB7 memo agreement not signed - need to enforce conditions re maintaining separate status.

John Marcus:

- St. Louis and Alexander both being converted. Alexander stalled as Samaritan Village pulled out.
- Could have had over 400 at-risk residents on one block.
- Reaching a tipping point on conversions. CB7 should accelerate efforts to oppose.

Aaron Biller – Neighborhood in the Nineties:

- St. Louis has dangerous conditions – e.g. mold, asbestos.
- Running roughshod over tenant safety without a committee – renovations while tenants in place.
- Concerned about other SROs – that St. Louis will be template for City placements.
- Syringes in hallways, other horrific conditions – many legitimate fears.
- City making a huge land-grab. Could be 3500 units per BP's report.
- CB7 should work with owners to fix. Legislators passed flawed bill and then failed to clean up their mess.

Reports by Legislators:

Rep. Jerrold Nadler - Member, U.S. House of Representatives:

- Budget negotiations taking on a different character than in previous years. House Republicans maintaining that country is broke and so must cut everything. Supposedly balances budget by 2040.
- Proposals would decimate Medicaid, Medicare; slash non-defense discretionary spending from 12% to 3%.
- Adjusted for inflation, tax rates on rich at lowest point in generations.
- Response should be we are not broke, NOT to debate which items to cut.
- Starve the Beast theory - saddle government with debt so it cannot afford programs they oppose.
- Economy slow to recover. Private sector created 1.2MM jobs; public sector laid off 1.1MM workers.
- Divided government with split in policy objectives normally results in compromise.
- Concern that the need to raise the debt ceiling will be a means for the House majority to impose its view.
- Failure to raise the debt ceiling will be catastrophic to country - especially Republican middle class.
- Debt ceiling raised 7 times during George W Bush's tenure.
- New class of House members not heeding Wall Street's advice re consequences of default. Leaders get it.
- House majority seeking to unwind 100 years of progressive action back to the Triangle Shirtwaist Fire.
- Afghanistan: eliminating al Qaeda became nation-building that has no precedent since Alexander the Great.
- War Powers Act implications in Libya. Post WWII, exigency dictated president assume greater military power.
- Secretary of Defense – no imminent threat to US. Plenty of time for UN, Congressional action.
- Framers clear that no one person should take our country to war. Should narrow exigencies that bypass Congress. Supports Kucinich amendment. War should be declared by Congress or halted within 60 days.
- Libya is a war of choice that has already been going on for 75 days and cost \$1B.

State Senator Adriano Espaillat:

- Agreement on Ethics reform.
- Conceptual basis for Property tax cap is troubling.
- Rent reform is the issue of the day. Need to continue to pressure the Governor to protect.
- Must extend and strengthen rent regulations, including repealing vacancy decontrol, changing rules on certain major capital improvements. Passed Assembly – must pass Senate.
- Need presence in Albany. Governor must hear this is as important as property tax is to suburbs.
- This is a fight for the spirit and soul of our City. Need help and support.

Council-Member Gale Brewer:

- Need \$1B restored to City budget; last year restored \$395MM. Huge lift for teachers, child care slots.
- Negotiating is very difficult. Will go to the very end of June. Still pushing hard for \$8K for CBs.
- Bill requires all Executive Orders and MOUs to be placed online. Make Agency operations transparent.
- Open Data bill – all databases to be open to the public. Prof Beth Novich at NYU Law.
- 6/21 Brandeis Garden Party – make music. 6/24 AMNH with Jessica Lappin – event for seniors.
- NYCHA Family Days – 7/16 at Wise; 7/31 at Amsterdam Addition. 8/13 Jazzmobile
- Sydney Morrison – street naming ceremony on West 92<sup>nd</sup> – at PS 84. Great educator and agitator.
- Central Park – deal reached re pedestrian safety in cross-walk – bikes must stop if pedestrian in cross-walk.

Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito:

- Budget cuts overwhelming, devastating. Losing 17K child care spots; teacher layoffs; litany of despair.
- Pressing the Mayor – with a projected deficit next year of \$5B, we must address revenue side.
- Rent reform: 12 Council-Members met with Republican leaders in Albany - good meeting.
- Senator Golden should support rent reform -- has 40K units in his District.

- Marriage Equality – Ruben Diaz does NOT speak for the Latino community; supports equality.
- Excessive marijuana arrests, stops-and-frisks in communities of color.

Verun Sanyal – City Council Member Inez Dickens’ Office:

- New liaison.

Gideon Martin – Assembly-Member Daniel O’Donnell’s Office:

- Voted for moratorium on hydrofracking for another year. Supports bill to ban no 6 oil.
- Co-sponsoring strong bill to extend rent regulation.
- Marriage Equality – high priority.

Jared Chausow – State Senator Tom Duane’s Office:

- Rent laws will be the Senator’s top priority next week until laws are successfully strengthened and extended.
- Concern re campaign finance reform.
- 6/28 LPC to hear expansion of West End – Collegiate Hist Dist – part of proposed WEA Historic District.

Michael Kaplan – Assembly-Member Richard Gottfried’s Office:

- Introducing Brian Miller as new liaison. Michael is leaving for Sweden.
- Opposing hydrofracking. New Health Bill – single-payer bill.

Ben Schachter – State Senator Adriano Espaillat:

- March for rent regulation extension and reform on 6/11 at 10 am.

Suzanne Jimenez - Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer’s Office:

- BP released report on dirty fuel. Incentives exist to replace burners without passing cost along to tenants.
- Launching "New York City Taxpayer Receipt" – shows how taxes are used.
- Wrote to DoE and OMB opposing contracts for services other than in classrooms rather than teacher layoffs.
- LGBT Pride event at the Center on 13<sup>th</sup> Street, 6/23 from 6-8 pm.

### *Business Session*

#### **Transportation Committee**

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

1. NYC Department of Transportation on traffic plan for Riverside Boulevard.
  - Amend resolution to one north of 66<sup>th</sup> and one south of 66<sup>th</sup> – not those specific blocks.
  - Add; “after 6 months following their implementation” in last sentence.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 34-1-1-0.

2. **PS75** (West End Avenue, West 95<sup>th</sup>-96<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Traffic calming measures to address pedestrian safety concerns around the school.

Ronit Silverman – parent at PS 75:

- Passage of resolution needed. DoT painted lines called for in plan, but need more than incremental progress.

Board Comment:

- Committee may consider additional measures after implementation of first set steps in resolution.
  - “Crucial signage” includes approaching school zone – and limit ability to make turns during school hours.
- After deliberation, the resolution in support of the pedestrian safety plan proposed by PS 75 parents was adopted.

VOTE: 36-0-0-0.

3. **135 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Request by Red Oak Apartments to replace “No Standing Anytime Except Authorized Vehicles, Ambulettes” to “No Standing Any Time” to stop the abuse from drivers with handicap plates or permits from blocking the handicapped accessible ramp to the building.

- Eliminates off-duty emergency vehicles from clogging designated areas.

After deliberation, the resolution supporting the change of signage was adopted.

VOTE: 35-0-0-1.

#### **Preservation Committee**

##### **Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons**

4. **121 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application #118513 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition.

- Rear yard visible from the street through police precinct parking lot. Materials included a lot of wood and glass.
- Not appropriate – confusion of scale; inappropriate materials for rowhouse; adding bulk at top that is overbearing.

Board Comment:

- Existing condition is not that bad, but proposed new rear façade quite different.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove the application was adopted.

VOTE: 33-1-2-0.

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

#### **Mark Diller, Chairperson**

5. The impact of teacher layoffs on District 3 overcrowding.

- YEL goal from report to BP seeks to address pernicious effects of overcrowding.
- Layoffs will exacerbate already overcrowded District schools. Class sizes already too large.
- Larger class sizes correlate with reduced student achievement.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 31-0-1-0.

### **Parks & Environment Committee**

#### **Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons**

#### **Joint with Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons.**

6. Funding for lighting on Riverside Park South bicycle path in F/Y 2012 budget.

- Need for lighting on bike path – used more than ever expected.
- Funding available. John Herrold – RSP Administrator asked for resolution to speed approval.

Board Comment:

- Concern that funding would come from scarce Parks funding instead of DoT (who should foot the bill).
- RSPS funds should be used for park improvements. Lighting should be done by DoT.
- Resolution phrased to stress urgency and leave room for Parks and DoT to sort out funding.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve funding for lighting improvements in RSPS was adopted.

VOTE: 29-3-2-0.

7. Resolution in support of a motor vehicle-free Central Park.

- Committee proposal to eliminate cars from July 4<sup>th</sup> through the Marathon. Borough Board seeks shorter trial.
- Thorough traffic study needed - must allow traffic impact to be sorted out. Hence need for longer trial.
- Also need a study on how to manage bikes, pedestrians in absence of cars. Current lanes would be obsolete.
- Resolution 8 below seeks the longer trial advocated by Committee. Asking for support for both resolutions.
- Concern over am rush hour traffic impact on West Side. Trial is to measure impact rather than speculate.
- Exemption for concessions, such as the Boat House restaurant.
- FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Last “resolved” change “implement” to “study.”

After deliberation, the resolution to support a trial car-free Central Park was adopted.

VOTE: 32-1-1-0.

8. Borough Board resolution in support of a car-free Central Park trial this summer.

- Shorter period – similar position. Authorizes Mel to vote in favor at Borough Board.
- Other CB Chairs favored CB7’s trial – BP wanted just the summer.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 29-1-1-0.

### **Housing Committee**

#### **Victor Gonzalez and Nick Prigo, Co-Chairpersons**

9. Amending Major Capital Improvement rent increase/recoupment formulas for energy efficiency work.

- Loophole: MCI encourages building owners to maintain buildings. Most improvements are dead costs.
- In contrast, energy efficiency upgrades actually save LL operating costs (and energy).

- Passing to tenants cost of improvements that create savings for LL is double-dipping.
- Can be " triple-dipping" – LL enjoys energy savings, passes along cost, and uses grant funding for costs.
- Ts should not be forced to subsidize changes that LL would make anyway as good business.

Community member Bob Wyman:

- MCIs should not be used for improvements that enhance LL's internal rate of return.
- LLs can also get subsidized bank funding as well as grants. Some pay back immediately.
- Do not need MCI incentive to encourage LL to make changes that improve IRR, enhance profits.

Board Comment:

- Concern that small LLs have equal ability to access benefits. Issue is benefit, not size.
- Resolution links closing loophole to LL operating costs, avoiding need to categorize by type of work.
- Should distinguish work that enhances employee efficiency from environmental improvements that pay back.

After deliberation, the resolution to support amending the MCI recovery rules was adopted.

VOTE: 22-6-2-0.

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

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

**Applications to the SLA for a two-year liquor licenses:**

**NOTE resolutions re-numbered and appearing out of sequence.**

10. Resolution to approve two-year liquor licenses at:

- **373 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 78<sup>th</sup> Street) Sagi Restaurant, d/b/a La Vela
- **416 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street) Hummus Kitchen Inc, d/b/a Hummus Kitchen.
- **519 Columbus Avenue** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street) Delafontaine, LLC d/b/a “To be determined”.
- **Central Park & West 67<sup>th</sup> Street**, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Ladle of Love Ltd., d/b/a Ladle of Love Truck.

After deliberation, the resolutions to approve the applications were adopted.

VOTE: 27-1-1-0.

11. Resolution to approve two-year liquor licenses at:

- **Central Park & West 67<sup>th</sup> Street**, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Dumplings on the go, LLC, d/b/a Rickshaw Dumpling Truck.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 22-2-3-0.

12. Resolution to approve two-year liquor licenses at:

- **2170-2178 Broadway** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street) NY 2178 Broadway Operating LLC, d/b/a On The Ave.

Community Comment:

Linda Kass – Neighbor at the Opera - 2166 Broadway (adjoining On the Ave.):

- Concern re need for noise abatement for 16<sup>th</sup> floor premises. Committee deferred to seek agreement on noise.
- Concern that applicant will not continue to address noise once urgency lifts. Current abatement insufficient.

Neal Riss – Neighbor at the Opera - 2166 Broadway:

- Taken applicant 3 years to address noise - work done only when license sought. Sound is persistent issue.

Patrick Durando - Neighbor at the Opera - 2166 Broadway:

- Noise test that applicant passed was “borderline.” Adding rooftop lounge to will be disruptive.
- Must avoid repeat of issues at the rooftop at Empire Hotel.

Mira Seeker - Applicant:

- HVAC with improved soundproofing already installed. Sound measured at 50dB - within limits.
- Spent \$200,000 in last 2 years to make noise and other improvements.

Board Comment:

- Small terrace - fits 20 people - different issue than Empire Hotel.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 21-3-4-0.

### 13. **Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:**

- **1900 Broadway** (West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA#1274931 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi A-Go-Go, Inc., d/b/a Sushi A-Go-Go, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.
- **225 Columbus Avenue** (West 70<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0982077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mare Mare Inc., d/b/a Bistro Cassis, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.
- **302 Columbus Avenue** (West 74<sup>th</sup>–75<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA #1339241 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lenny’s 74<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC, d/b/a Lenny’s, for a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.
- **370 Columbus Avenue** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1337067 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gari International, Inc., d/b/a Gari, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.
- **384 Columbus Avenue** (West 78<sup>th</sup> -79<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1190075 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, d/b/a Ocean Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats.
- **201 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC., d/b/a Nice Matin, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats.
- **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern, Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats.
- **466 Columbus Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> – 83<sup>rd</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1318895 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Blossom Restaurant & Cafe, d/b/a Café Blossom, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.
- **522 Columbus Avenue** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer, Corp., d/b/a Firehouse Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats.
- **722 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1307957 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Best Boat Seafood restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Charm Thai Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

#### Comment:

- Should not subsidize restaurants to the disadvantage of other businesses.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the applications was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-2-0.

14. **485 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup>–84<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a Cilantro, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

- Disapproved without prejudice because the applicant failed to appear at the committee or full board.

VOTE: 28-0-0-0.

#### ***Reapply Café Application:***

15. **650 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Reapply application DCA# 1352255 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Olivia Ava Corp., d/b/a Edgard’s Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 28-0-1-0.

#### ***New Unenclosed Café Applications:***

16. **185 Columbus Avenue** (West 68<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1386349 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 185 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Jalapeño, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 18 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 27-0-1-0.

17. **435 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1387587 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 357 Hospitality, Inc., d/b/a Spice, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats.

Ian Alterman:

- Concern that applicant's delivery bikes ride and park on sidewalks, blocking and threatening pedestrians.

Board Comment:

- Concern over concentration of bikes on the block among several restaurants (Spice, Haru, others).
- Bikes should be stored in café space - should not get seats and still block sidewalk with bikes.
- Committee strict about bike compliance - starting to take hold in the community.
- Appropriate to scrutinize use of sidewalk.
- No such issue on Columbus where there is a bike lane. Should use street parking space for bikes.
- Applicant removed abandoned enclosed café - should approve unenclosed café.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 22-2-3-0.

***New /Change of Ownership Enclosed Café Application:***

18. **221-223 Columbus Avenue** (West 70<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application under change of ownership to operate existing DCA #1354470 to the Department of Consumer Amber West 70, Inc., d/b/a Amber, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

- Should consider as a new application and enforce the goal to move away from enclosed cafés.
- Not a new application - Just a change of ownership.

After deliberation, the resolution to support the application was adopted.

VOTE: 14-7-2-0. Quorum not present.

VOTE: 18-7-2-0.

**Postponed: 45 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue.)** Application for a two-year liquor license.

Adjourned: 10:45 pm

Respectfully submitted by Mark Diller, co-secretary.

**Present:** Mel Wymore, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Issac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Mark Diller, Tila Duhaime, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Jennifer Gomez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Ulma Jones, Blanche E. Lawton, Marisa Maack, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Oscar Ríos, Suzanne Robotti, Haydee Rosario, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Cara Volpe. **Absent:** Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd, Hope Cohen, Sheldon J. Fine, Victor Gonzalez, Joanne Imohiosen, Dalia Mahmoud, Gabriella Rowe, Eric Shuffler, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig.

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**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Mel Wymore, CHairman**  
**June 21, 2011**

Called to order at 6:35 PM

1. Community Board outreach

For about 6 months, newish members have been working on a 3 tiered outreach program: social media, print media and video. The impetus for this undertaking was a lack of community knowledge about the board.

Elizabeth Caputo presented a print outline of a Facebook page proposal to serve as a method to reach unaffiliated community residents and provide event notification as well as promotional/PR tool.

Among the topics broached in the extensive discussion were:

The need to strive to maintain a level of decorum on the Wall at all times

Concerns were expressed that as this technology moves ahead, the website will be out-of-sync.

The need for this alternative information source.

Various ideas for inclusion on the page were introduced: community announcements, board schedule, moderated questions/polling of community stances, pictures/materials of impending/past votes

Concerns about posts on minor issues that would spiral out of control in this online format were expressed.

Su Robotti presented on palm cards and distributed markups of 3 possible fronts and a potential back. Linda Alexander volunteered to assist with graphic design pending agreement on text by Steering.

Marisa Maack discussed the youth initiatives- a newsletter and video project. Students would attend meetings and develop stories according to their interests. The video will be a joint project from the Westside Y and LSNC at MNN to create a PSA about CB7.

Also raised was that at present we are unable to track community members by issue, looking into getting an intern to manage a database of all meeting sign-ins and public session speaking forms.

2. Public member policy

A current member of the board is unable to fully commit to the requirements of membership and at their behest a review of the CB7 public member policy was undertaken.

Among the points discussed were:

- This could present quorum issues for an individual already struggling to attend the meetings they wish to have a role in
- We changed the policy b/c BP stipulated stricter rules according to reinterpretation of charter
- We recently tried to pass bylaw reforms instituting public members before scrapping it according to discussion about the BP ruling
- This is a really nice thing for the individual concerned but a really bad policy for the board; the respect granted to former members is sufficient doesn't require this change

Vote to not change current policy request was withdrawn; no provisions to vote on this.

The individual concerned will be encouraged to reapply.

3. Planning fellow

All but one committee has had a discussion of possible projects. Penny Ryan suggests having the fellow to develop a GIS mapping system designed for the CB7 area with layers created for each committee, which was unanimously accepted by Steering.

#### 4. DNS

Everyone but HHS has received new process. All materials are due 6/30.

#### 5. Core principles

Discussion included:

- Some people are uncomfortable with “value”
- Want to shift conversation from reactive to proactive, envisioning community
- Would be more interested in this expression of values if there was evidence of people that are allied against it
- Affordability does not translate into capacity
- Each building possessing community space creates an insular space that is exclusive and segregating
- Some of the pie in the sky principles are necessary of inclusion
- The idea of CB7 rules constraining discussion of individual divergent applications make this project troubling
- We are inconsistent in voting on identical issues even within the same night
- This was countered that this is exactly the reason to oppose this effort to regiment approaches to issues
- We are not one community even within the CD7 bounds- it is very difficult to construct an abstract to apply to all. This is a dangerous move, an imposition of feelings and thoughts
- Others support a vision statement that looks decades into the future
- This should be simplified and shortened to perhaps 10
- We need additional time to review, this was not presented appropriately at all committees we need to return and clarify
- It is incredibly difficult to squeeze a process like this at the end of the year like this

#### 6. Holiday review

An extensive discussion was had of our policy in scheduling meetings on religious holidays. At present we will continue to reschedule for the existing holidays we recognize and will strive to create opportunities for all members of the community to participate according to their custom.

**Present:** Mel Wymore, Linda Alexander, Louis Cholden-Brown, Page Cowley, Marc Glazer, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Nick Prigo, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, and Dan Zweig. **Board Members:** Elizabeth Caputo, Marisa Maack, and Su Robotti. **Absent:** Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Victor Gonzalez, Michele Parker, Madge Rosenberg and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

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**Business & Consumer Issues Committee**  
**Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 8<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

**June 8<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes**

*Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:*

1. **70 West 68<sup>th</sup> Street, (Columbus Avenue)** Second Wind Restaurant LLC, d/b/a “To be determined”. Represented by Robert Bookman (attorney).

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0- 1-0-0-0**

2. **2350 Broadway** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street) BT Restaurant Enterprises LLC, d/b/a “The Bretton”. (represented by Donald Berstein, (attorney). Opening late November.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0- 1-0-0-0**

3. **240 Columbus Avenue** (West 71<sup>st</sup> Street) “To be formed by Greg Hunt” d/b/a “Tallulah” Applicant states that he will need the existing enclosed café to proceed. Applicant to return to a special BCI meeting on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> for a vote on the café, providing his application has been received by CB7 and has posted properly. One resident, Jann Holt of West 71<sup>st</sup>, expressed concerns about the type of establishment. Applicant responded that the venue would be a wine bar with a light menu available.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0- 2-0-0-0**

4. **429 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street) VAI UWS, LLC d/b/a VAI Restaurant Represented by Vincent Charico, (owner). Opening September.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0- 2-0-0-0**

5. **474-476 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street) Spring Natural Corp. d/b/a “To be determined”. Represented by Ross Shoenholt (owner). Opening September.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0- 2-0-0-0**

6. **410 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street) 410 Amsterdam LLC d/b/a Tolani. Represented by Turgot Balikkie, (owner). Issues over noise in the rear courtyard restaurant by neighbors in an adjacent building. This applicant to meet with the residents and explore solutions. Applicant and residents to return to CB7 on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to report on efforts to ameliorate the noise problem. Applicant returned on June 30<sup>th</sup> with news that special umbrellas were installed and provided a signed letter from the residents who stipulated that improvements had been made. One resident, Ms. Susan Ogberg was present and confirmed.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0**

7. **447 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street Anemonas Rest. Corp. d/b/a Amsterdam Diner. This is a re-application for a previously approved license. The applicants attorney submitted an incorrect application to the SLA.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0- 2-0-0-0**

**New Unenclosed Cafés:**

8. **938 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1387898 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 938 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a Amsterdam Tavern, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 12 seats. Application had been previously been disapproved without prejudice for not attending the Committee meeting. His friend attended the June meeting to advise us that there had been a death in the family and he was unable to attend. Applicant to return on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to re-apply.

**NO VOTE WAS TAKEN**

9. 519 Columbus Ave. New application by De La Fontaine, LLC d/b/a “to be determined”, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 42 seats, Opening in September.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-1-0-0 2-0-0-0**

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10. **240 Columbus Avenue** (West 71<sup>st</sup> Street) “To be formed by Greg Hunt” d/b/a “Tallulah”

Applicant states that he will need the existing enclosed café to proceed. Applicant to return to a special BCI meeting on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> for a vote on an enclosed sidewalk café, providing his application has been received by CB7 and has posted properly. One resident, Jann Holt of West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, expressed concerns about the type of establishment. Applicant responded that the venue would be a wine bar with a light menu available. **APPLICANT MUST PRESENT FULL PLANS TO CB7 PRIOR TO JULY 5<sup>TH</sup> FULL BOARD MEETING.**

**COMMITTEE APPROVES LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION 9-0-0-0- 2-0-0-0**

**COMMITTEE APPROVES ENCLOSED SIDEWALK CAFÉ APPLICATION 9-0-0-0**

11. **485 Columbus Ave.** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> – 83<sup>rd</sup> Streets) Renewal application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, D/B/A Cilantro, for a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0**

12. **938 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1387898 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 938 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a Amsterdam Tavern, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 12 seats. Application had been previously been disapproved without prejudice for not attending the Committee meeting. His friend attended the June meeting to advise us that there had been a death in the family and he was unable to attend. Applicant to return on Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM to re-apply. Applicant returned for vote on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMITTEE APPROVES 9-0-0-0 1-0-0-0**

13. **45 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street (Columbus Ave.)** Application to the SLA for two-year liquor license by Calle 8, LLC,d/b/a Calle Ocho. Represented by Mr. Jeff Kadish, owner. The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by 45 West 81st, Calle Ocho unless the following conditions are agreed to by the applicant:

- Last call for liquor service will be one hour after last seating, which will be:
  - Monday - Thursday: 4pm to 10:30pm (last call 11:30pm)
  - Friday: 4pm to 11:30pm (last call 12:30am)
  - Saturday: 12pm to 11:30pm (last call 12:30am)
  - Sunday: 12pm to 10pm (last call 11pm)
  
- Customers will enter/exit exclusively through the main hotel lobby door
  
- Noise/Odor disruptions will be minimized:
  - Amplified music outdoors will be prohibited
  - Service doors will be closed at all times
  - Emergency doors will be for egress only
  - Waste bins will be maintained inside the fenced driveway of the building
  - Waste removal will not occur between 2am and 6am
  - Cooking odors will be minimized using industry standard equipment and venting

- Applicant will adhere to all NYC codes, including Certificate of Occupancy and Fire Department regulations
  - Applicant will not apply to alter the Certificate of Occupancy to accommodate more than 200 people
  - Vehicular disruptions will be minimized:
    - Parking restrictions in front of the premises will not be changed
    - Vehicles (customers, deliveries, staff etc) will not double-park
    - Vehicles will not idle in front of the premises
  - Sidewalk disruptions will be minimized:
    - Service will not be provided outdoors
    - Congregation or assembly on sidewalks or near service entrance will be prohibited
    - Rope lines, checkpoints, or check-in tents will be prohibited
    - Plaques will be posted: "Please respect the peace and quiet of our neighbors"
  - Promoters or third party booking agents will not be used
  - A designated community liaison will be available by telephone to receive and respond to concerns 24/7, and to meet with community residents monthly or as requested
  - A designated staff person will ensure smooth flow of traffic and quiet on the sidewalk
- COMMITTEE APPROVES THE RESOLUTION TO DISAPPROVE 9-0-0-0. 1-0-0-0

**Present:** George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michele Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Anne Raphael and Eric Shuffler. **Board Members:** Louis Cholden-Brown and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Joanne Imohiosen.

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**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Victor Gonzalez and Nick Prigo, Co-Chairs**  
**June 13, 2011**

Suggested housing projects for Urban Fellow

- Inventory of open space around public and private buildings, including the type, condition and availability of the space
- Inventory of developer's promise of open space around housing development and what actually exists

Other issues that were brought up but not deemed suitable:

- Look at fostering development of strong ties between preservationists and public housing anti-privatization groups to help impede the erosion of public housing. Deemed too complicated for this project and/or to be referred to preservation committee.
- Analyze the sale of air rights of SRO buildings to bring in revenue to improve that housing stock for existing residents. Deemed undoable and not in SRO best interests.
- Analyze J51 buildings and under what circumstances that housing stock has been diminished. It was noted that Sue Susman is looking into affordable housing stock in CB 7 for a separate independent project.
- A community member asked if Coop/Condo taxes could be included as a topic. It was decided it was not appropriate and that the committee will continue to look at the issue, bringing in expertise to make sense of the data.

District Needs (Member Responsible)

1. Preservation of SRO units (Robert)
2. Preservation of public housing, its open space and play areas (Victor)
3. Preservation of all types of other affordable housing (Louis, Linda)
4. Address sustainability in all housing on Upper West Side (Nick)

Data Box Add:

- breakdown of heating oil types for buildings
- breakdown on number and type of buildings, not just units that have been added to area.
- breakdown of number of buildings not just units for Mitchell Lama housing and when they can apply out of the program
- breakdown of NYCHA buildings which have been subcontracted to private management.

Data Box Change:

- Delete line, "New mortgage/refinance loans totaling more than \$1Billion/year"
- Delete line, "a significant number of owners/renters spend more than 50% of their income..."

New Business

- Paul Reale presented the draft of the Working Principles proposed by the urban planning working group. Asked committee to look at and comment on housing section.

**Present:** Victor Gonzalez, Nick Prigo, Robert Espier, Marisa Maack, Suzanne Robotti, Oscar Rios, Linda Alexander. Board Member Mark Darin. Absent: Gabriella Rowe, Lillian Moore, Cara Volpe.

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**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs**  
**June 14, 2011**

Co-Chairs Andrew Albert & Dan Zweig called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M.

**Mobile Food Vendors**

Avi Weiss, from West 68<sup>th</sup> Street, brought a plan of action to the Committee, which basically consists of the following:

1. Codify existing laws concerning mobile food vendors.
2. Update equipment requirements.

Mr. Weiss further stated that the summonses that some vendors receive were considered just a cost of doing business, and didn't enforce any behavioral changes. The number of food trucks is growing in the area, with apparently no way of stopping them. City agencies are not coordinating food truck issues.

Legislation by the City Council may help alleviate certain problems. City Agencies involved in the mobile food truck issues are DOT, DEP, NYPD, DOH, DOS, & FDNY. Representatives of the 20th precinct were on hand to answer questions, but basically they feel their hands are tied on the issue. They can only enforce existing laws.

Mr. Weiss stated that retailers attract foot traffic, which encourages food vendors. These vendors can compete with local merchants, which many area residents believe is unfair, since retailers pay rent, taxes, etc. The police have given summonses, and can give ECB violations as well. Many food vendors are parking illegally, which means their vehicle may be impounded.

Joseph Okolie, a mobile food vendor, took issue with many statements of the residents of West 68th Street, and stated that he must go every day to a Commissary with his truck, where it is inspected.

Residents claimed that parking spaces are "reserved" overnight by other vehicles, who then give them to the mobile food trucks during the day, thus depriving local residents of parking.

An inter-agency task force was recommended, and the Committee will look into starting one. As far as DEP goes - there are only 10 inspectors city-wide!

Food carts are a problem as well. Problem areas are the east side of Broadway in the 60's. The Department of Health knows how many licenses they give out - but have no idea where the individual trucks end up.

The Chairs announced that they would invite FDNY, DOH, DEP to the next Transportation Comm meeting.

**P.S. 165 Play Street**

Brett Gallini, Principal of P.S. 165, appeared before the Committee.

P.S. 165 is located on 109th Street between Broadway/Amsterdam Avenue. He requested to temporarily close West 109<sup>th</sup> Street because of a construction project at the school. The request is to close 109th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue M-F, 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. for a period of approximately 1-2 years. The Committee discussed the issue, noting that 107th Street also has a play street.

After discussion the committee passed the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that CB7 approves the request by M.S. 165 for a temporary play street, for West 109th Street between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., for the duration of the construction project.

Vote: Comm: 9-0-1-0. N.C.B. 2-0-0-0

### **Urban Fellow**

District Manager Penny Ryan explained that the services of an Urban Fellow would be made available to CB7, and would be available to the various committees. It would only be for 15 hours a week, but that this could be valuable to each committee, including Transportation, with its various projects. Possible uses for the Urban Fellow could be: a mapping/G.I.S. project, which has been discussed before, a pedestrian intercept project, time-lapse photography of traffic, economic impact of residential parking permits, dedicated bus lane study, impact of non-enforcement of various traffic violations creating problems for community boards, etc.

### **District Needs Statement**

This must be ready by June 30th. Committee members will send to the Board office by the end of next week. (June 24)

### **Field Trip**

The Committee will revisit the intersection of 96th & Broadway on Wednesday, June 29th, at 5:30, to investigate pedestrian/automobile interaction in a P.M. rush hour. The Committee had previously inspected an A.M. rush hour period. Upon completion, the Committee will possibly recommend changes to the traffic patterns and/or timing of traffic signals at this complex intersection.

### **New Business**

Chair Mel Wymore brought up the subject of the Board's Core Principles. The Committee will discuss the transportation section of these at the July transportation committee meeting. These principles are not about policy, but rather philosophy.

#### David Zelman

Mr. Zelman brought up the issue of dangerous roads - particularly West 79th Street, citing the bus layover at Riverside Park, and the lack of visibility these articulated buses bring to vehicles exiting the Henry Hudson Parkway. Mr. Zelman wanted to know what the committee was doing about this & other issues he brings up? Mr. Albert explained that he had brought this issue to the bus division of NYC Transit, and they were exploring the issue, but no answer yet.

#### Evie Rich

Evie Rich, of Project Open at Lincoln Towers, brought up safety issues at the intersection of 70th & West End Avenue. Ms. Rich also mentioned several near-misses at Freedom Place & 70th Street, as well as Riverside Blvd & 70th Street. She requested a stop sign for 70th St & Freedom Place, as well as one for Riverside Blvd & 70th Street in the North/South direction. Mr. Albert mentioned several traffic-calming devices DOT is considering for West 70th Street, particularly for the 70th & West End intersection.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:25 P.M.

**Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Tila Duhaime, Ulma Jones, Blanche Lawton, Lillian Moore, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. **Board Members:** Louis Cholden-Brown and Mark Diller. **CB7 Chair** Mel Wymore.

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**Community Board 7/Manhattan  
Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
June 15, 2011**

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Wednesday, June 15, 2011. The meeting was chaired by Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, committee co-chairs. The committee met a second time in June 2011 to consider one application which could not be presented during the committee's regularly scheduled meeting due to a religious holiday observance.

**305 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street** – Application to construct a dormer on the east face of the pitched roof running from front to back (south to north).

Presented by Sohui Kim, architect, Baxt/Ingui Architects PC.

Owners: Ruppert and Alexandra Ratcliffe.

- 3-storey townhouse plus basement.
- House built by Frederick White, architect, ca. 1885.
- Current condition along the side is a steeply pitched roof with a flat rooftop alleyway (finished rooftop) running from front to back.
- Proposal is to build a dormer into the pitched roof extending to the east.
- Dimensions of proposed dormer: Width = 12'6"; Height = 8'8" above the roof/alleyway; Depth of the flat roof of the dormer is appx 6'.
- Does not extend farther than the foot of the current pitched roof.
- Dormer faces a bulkhead on adjacent building (303 West 78<sup>th</sup>) and a chimney.
- Partially visible from alleyway between two apartment buildings on West 79<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Side materials is stucco tinted red (or bunt umber); doors are glass in bronze aluminum-clad wood. Existing skylight is bronze finish, so doors will match skylight.
- New dormer will have a red shingle roof (same as current condition).

Deborah Aschheim, 383 WEA

- Questions on logistics of construction – debris – how ensure back yards kept clean. Past history has experienced debris.  
A: Architect to provide contact information to open pipeline for construction issues.
- Concern about attracting vermin due to construction.  
A: Committee: Monitor and call architect and 311.  
A: Architect: construction not extensive – no jack-hammering.  
A: Architect: new kitchen in basement – no jack-hammering. Interior is a separate application so permits have been issued for interior.  
A; Architect: Hours 8-4 M-F; try to keep noisy work until after 9.

Resolution to approve the application as presented.

VOTE: 5-0-0-0.

Calendared at LPC on 6/21.

**Present:** Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Mark Diller and Mark Glazer. CB7 Chair, Mel Wymore.

**Absent:** Brian Byrd, Miki Fiegel and Blanche Lawton.

**Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Mark Diller, Chairperson**  
**June 16, 2011**

**1. Core Principles for Envisioning Manhattan's Upper West Side**

**Discussion:** Mel Wymore, CB 7's Chair, presented the draft prepared by the Urban Planning Group at CB 7 which contains a core set of working principles that can serve to guide our decision-making process and to frame future discussions in urban planning and discussions relating to major construction development projects. The group worked with stakeholders, experts and other municipalities servicing the UWS. These principles are not aimed at providing solutions. Rather, the idea is to guide the process and to help set the tone in the discussion of the various issues that are often addressed by the CB7.

Mel asked our committee to provide feedback concerning the principles contained in the draft and asked us to submit our comments for consideration before the final draft is submitted to a vote

It was agreed that the committee will discuss this draft at our next meeting on July 21<sup>st</sup> to carefully review the language and the principles that are now outlined in the draft. We will submit our comments before the full board votes on this document.

**2. Presentation by service providers regarding the needs of programs serving teens and youth. The purpose of the presentation was to inform and assist us in the preparation of the CB7's District Needs Statement.**

**Discussion by Todd Seward of Lincoln Neighborhood Center:** Todd Seward presented an overview of the services offered to teens and of the challenges involved in servicing this population. After school programs for teens are part of the services provided by the Lincoln Neighborhood Center ("LNC")/

Todd noted there are two categories of teens: the younger teens who are 14 and 15 years old and the older teens ranging from 16 years to 19 years old. Most older teens, he has learned, are clear about what they want. Generally, they are mostly excited about opportunities to generate money or are simply interested in recreational activities where they can meet other teens and are able to relax. After spending a full day in school, teens are usually not interested in tutorial programs *unless* is connected to a different set of opportunities.

The LNC is in the process of creating a Project Based Learning Program for teens to identify a project with the community and to make a presentation about their finding at the completion of the Project. As an incentive, teens may receive a small stipend or may be allowed the use of computers that they can bring home.

For the younger teens, it is important to create an environment where they feel welcome. In this respect, the type of staff serving them is important. You need charismatic and engaging staff members who are able to connect with the younger teens. Younger teens are usually interested in activities relating to the social media and opportunities to move forward and improve their communicating skills.

As for teens-at-risk, with a sense of rebelliousness and disregard for authority, it is important to provide non-traditional counseling. The type of relationship you create with them is what makes the difference. What is essential with these teens is to develop relationship that allows them to look at their values and can assist them in acquiring new values and a new perspective.

The drastic budget cuts have had a devastating effect obtaining the resources that are needed. There are private foundations offering financial assistance but this does not begin to cover for the necessary expenses. There is a need to create new internship opportunities and more summer work for the youth. However, the funding in this regard is very limited.

**3. Discussion by Jillian Moya of the Harlem Children's Zone/Beacon Program at Booker T.**

**Washington:** the Beacon Program is a network of after schools programs located throughout New York City. Beacon serves children in 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The focus is on academic work and not on recreational activities. Tutoring is provided by teachers, and they have social workers who work with students' IEP. The students leave at 6:30 p.m. then the schools have night programs which run until 8:30 p.m.

The initial idea of the Beacon Program was to have schools servicing the community while providing some of the services the community needs, such as the after school programs. She noted teens and the youth are the "eyes and ears" of the community. This is why Beacon has a Council of Youth (similar to a community advisory board) to involve the youth with issues affecting their neighborhood, such as the crime prevention.

Providing these students with the necessary technology and equipment is a challenge. Most schools are not equipped with the number of computers or equipment needed for them to work online. Also, having the necessary space to house all their students they serve is a challenge.

Beacon also has a Youth Employment Program for about 20 students. In addition, Beacon needs to assign about 30 senior students who are searching for internship opportunities. Finding placement for these students and assigning them to the right place is a challenge.

**4. Discussion by Cassandra St. Vil of the Westside Y Teen Programs, which includes the Grosvenor Youth Program:**

Cassandra discussed the need for more internship opportunities and summer work for our youth. For example, she has 55 applicants for internship programs and only 36 slots. Also, she only has 60 positions for summer work program, across the sites she serves, which are created by SYEP. This number does not begin to address the number of youth in need of summer work and internships. There are about 500 students who are incredibly qualified who are right now without the necessary placement. Securing a job for the summer for them to get paid is always a challenge in time of limited resources. Not everyone can volunteer just to get experience.

PLA is the biggest contractor for teens seeking summer work. PLA hires them and then assigns the youth to programs such as the YMCA and the Beacon Program. Also, Cassandra discussed how most summer camps servicing our community are dependent on the youth employed by SYEP to meet the ratio of counselors which are needed to properly supervise the children at these the summer camps. Thus, the drastic cuts in funding for SYEP to hire youth for summer work, is also going to affect the availability of summer camps for children in our community.

There is a need to provide incentives for the business community to provide these opportunities for our youth. Usually, people are hesitant to take young interns. Cassandra's focus and work, in great part, is to ensure the students are properly trained for their internships. Her program provides a three-weeks training program to prepare them.

Different suggestions were discussed on how to create incentives for programs to hire youth or to place them as intern, including organizing an event where the business community can come in to talk about these issues with the various organizations servicing our teens and youth.

There was also a general discussion about how to prioritize during a time of limited resources. Specifically, there was a brief discussion on whether is wise to invest millions of dollars in new buildings in communities that have so many other competing needs. The consensus was that there is a need to have these new structures in place.

The need to create placement for summer work in non-skills job, such as construction or in the service industry, was also discussed. Some noted this is difficult because of the nature of the construction industry and because is mostly a unionized sector and due to all the unemployed people who are currently looking for employment in skills and non-skills jobs. Cassandra also pointed that she wants the youth in her program to get summer work and internship where they can learn the skills they need to succeed in the future.

**5. CB 7 Youth Outreach Project-the ‘Youth Beat’ newsletter/blog and PSA video on CB7 produced by and for youth.**

Marisa Maack discussed the ongoing efforts to improve the outreach to the youth community and to change the manner in which CB 7 communicates with the youth. The ongoing efforts of the Project consists of: (1) the ‘Youth Beat’ newsletter/blog and (2) the PSA video on CBA produced by and for youth.

The newsletter/blog will be written by high school students to address issues of interest to the youth community that are being considered by CB 7. It will be posted on the CB 7’s Facebook page and its website as well as CB 7 listserv. It will start at the Frank McCourt high school during the school year 2011-12. This school was chosen because it has a community service component. The project will focus on writing and communication and the desire to support a new high school in the CB 7 area. This is a long term project. It will provide community service credits for the participants. The participants will be supervised by Marisa Maack.

The PSA video on CB 7, a video from the perspective of the youth. This project will take place in coordination with Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center Program (“LSNC”) and the Manhattan Neighborhood Network Youth Channel (“MNN”). Participants from LSNC and other neighborhood high schools will have the opportunity to learn, free of charge, all aspects of video production and the opportunity to produce a short video about CB 7. The video will run on the MNN Youth Channel. The teens will also present the video to other neighborhood schools and organizations such as YMCA, Goddard Riverside and the Beacon Program. It is an intense 7 weeks video production, which is scheduled to start in September, 2011.

The Project will also serve as a ‘job training’ program, and the participants will receive a small stipend paid by LSNC. Participants will be supervised by Marisa Maack as well as a representative from the LSNC program.

There was a general discussion about the various ways to show the video to the general public, including posting it on YouTube. Marisa will discuss this suggestion with MNN and LSNC.

**6. Potential Project for CB 7’s urban planning fellow for September 2011 through April 2012.**

It would be best to get someone with an educational background in urban planning or sociology. The work of the fellow will include, in part, data collection, inventory, surveying unmet needs of the day care centers in the area and looking at the demographics of our community.

**7. Discussion on YEL contribution to CB 7 Needs Statement for FY2013.**

Louis Cholden-Brown agreed to review our draft of the Committee's Needs Statement. We agreed to review the draft we previously prepared to identify things that should be on the list and things that should be removed from the list. We need to submit comments, point to any issues or concerns that need to be included and submit all suggestions by email no later than June 27, 2011.

## **8. New Business**

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Haydeé Rosario

**Present:** Mark Diller, Brian Byrd, Louis Cholden-Brown, Paul Fisher, Marisa Maack, Haydee Rosario, Eric Shuffler and Cara Volpe. **Absent:** Isaac Booker, Helen Rosenthal and Gabriella Rowe.

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**Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 28, 2011**

Meeting convened by Barbara Van Buren at 7:12PM

**HOW ARE BUDGET CUTS AFFECTING YOUR AGENCY?**

**Wendy Golub for Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center**

Demand for services has increased but cuts will make it impossible to meet the demand. The center has 800 cases but with the cuts, the new capacity is for 400 cases; support services also cut. There will be a greater reliance on volunteers

- youth programs suffered a \$10,000 cut;
- no funds are available for services to anyone in need between 12 and 59 years old;
- funds for case managers for home bound elderly is cut by 15% (overall, 25%);
- seniors have lost one out of three case workers due to DFTA cuts;
- a classroom teacher has been cut which eliminates day care for 20 children.

**Ruth Ellen Simmons of One-stop Senior Services** thinks that NORCs will be okay but cuts in case management services and case assistance at One-stop will be significant; cuts will translate into higher caseloads per case manager.

**Doreen Wohl of Westside Campaign Against Hunger**

Doreen walked the committee through her finely detailed Annual Report for 2011 and handed out copies.

The Campaign has had a 47% increase in demand for services since 2008, with less funding to address the need. DYCD has cut poverty grants by 40%. WSCAH supplies 6,000 meals to 250 households daily, in addition to making 5,500 referrals yearly for food stamps and other entitlements. Each client receives food for three days per month.

- fortunately, wholesale prices for produced and products have not increases (though retail have);
- we face a \$101,000 shortfall in federal funds which we anticipate may actually translate into a \$200,000 loss.
- the increase in state funds from \$315,000 to \$350,000 will be tempered by a \$55,000 cut in state funds.

**Fern Fleckman of Ryan Center**

Ryan Center has lost Medicaid *tie-in funding* and gets very little money from the city. Mobile *Shout Van* services to at-risk youth has been eliminated, which will deprive these young people of counseling and referrals for HIV intervention services, MH screening and social services. Mental health case management services are now funded by the federal government rather than the state. The number of homeless and unemployed persons who have lost health insurance is increasing, and the loss of funds for primary care and mental health services will result in people hospitalized at greater costs to the city and state. St. Lukes Hospital will close its Adult Primary Care services and refer patients to Ryan Center.

- new funding will support up to 30 MH visits per year, after which the rate of payment will be continuously scaled back;
- there is a rumored 10% cut in federal funds for WIC but nothing definitive has been decided;
- funding for federal 220 centers (Ryan Center, Boriken, for example) has remained steady; there have been no increases in memory.

**Discussion on advocacy vis-à-vis cutbacks**

The consensus of the committee is that the community board is an ideal forum for educating the community on the gravity of the cuts and what the consequences of the cuts will be; how we will all be affected.

It was also agreed that effective advocacy must be accompanied by current dollar amounts and statistics. Barbara Van Buren reminded the group of the success the AIDS community had in advocacy; that we might learn from their advocacy tactics.

Barbara also mentioned the *Facebook* plans the board has, and this will prove an effective way of *getting the message out*. Phyllis Gunther would want to hear presentations from Community Board 7 agencies on what impact the cuts will have on their services. Mel Wymore thought it was an excellent idea and that September might be best for these presentations.

### **District Needs Statement process**

Met outlined the process for committee development of District Needs Statements.

Mel and Roberta Semer reviewed the DRAFT *Working Principals for Envisioning Manhattan's Upper West Side* developed by the Urban Planning Working Group of CB7. The committee is urged to discuss the DRAFT and propose changes, from substance to language.

### **Community Board 7 Planning Fellow**

The committee is leaning toward recommending that the Fellow take on the task of attaching pertinent data from MCB7 and other sources that would quantify the District Need Statement.

Fern Fleckman of Ryan Center would want to see a database that included travel times from home to service centers. On this note, Robert Espier chimed in that this feature could easily be integrated into a directory with links that would connect the user to maps and agency service details, along the lines of Google Maps. Shelly Fine of West Side Federation of Senior Housing reminded the committee that we have a regular community member, Bob Wyman of Google, who might provide us with guidance. Espier thought there might even already be an app for exactly what the committee is talking about.

Respectfully submitted by Madge Rosenberg and Robert Espier

**Present:** Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Jennifer Gomez and Phyllis Gunther. **Absent:** Haydee Rosario. **Public:** Christine Embry (West View), Fern Fleckman (Ryan Center - Mental Health), Wendy Golub (Lincoln Square Neighbor Center), Ruth Ellen Simmons (One Stop Senior Center) and Doreen Wohl (West Side Campaign Against Hunger.)

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## MCB7 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES

Penny Ryan, District Manager

June 22, 2011, 9:30-11:00AM

250 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street

Welcome to Rosalyn Smith, new commander of NYPD Traffic enforcement.

### Updates:

**Truck & Sidewalk Mobile Food Vendors.** Review of regulations, discussion of coordinated enforcement, and recommendations for additional regulations.

- Agencies will continue to review regulations and report findings to CB7.
- Tracking recidivist – 20<sup>th</sup> Pct is tracking chronic repeat offenders. The precinct has begun issuing ECB summonses which are given directly to the operator holding the license of the cart or mobile truck; DCA can track these summonses.
- PO can issue either an ECB or criminal court summons.

### MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COURT

Meeting on the bicycle rentals in and around Columbus Circle. Met in CB7 office.

### DOHMH

Pilot project on West 87<sup>th</sup> Street and its expansion: Experimenting with using mesh in tree pits to reduce rat nests. Program is expanding to include several other locations in the district; has been a success.

### FDNY

FDNY does yearly inspections of SROs operating as transient hotels, homeless shelters, and supportive housing by local firehouse for egress issues and other fire code regulations. CB7 requested updates of SRO inspections and fire code checklist.

FDNY gave CB7 copies of general use inspection lists. There is no specific form for SROs. FDNY will give SRO inspection summary report to CB7.

### DEP

Noise mitigations for outdoor events. Started at Lincoln Center – doing measurements sound checks near source of noise then going to residents' apartments. Sound permits will have noise levels written into the permit. NYPD legal is looking into code levels.

### Agency Reports and Follow-up.

Please give a summary of the year-to-date for your agency and one district need/problem that you would recommend be included in CB7's FY2013 District Needs Statement. The DNS is submitted every year to City Planning and then distributed to the agencies for budget consultations. The need/problem can be about your agency or the district.

**DSNY** – Needs an extra truck and salt spreaders.

### Goddard

- Has had 402 placements since inception; 1,205 people are off the streets permanently since the 2007 Manhattan Consortium started; 98% stay in permanent housing.
- About 40 individuals remain homeless and are out in the streets; sixty are in transient status.
- The Goddard office needs a permanent location around the Upper West Side area.

## **DOB**

- Construction outside the regular schedule (7AM to 6PM, Mon – Fri) is illegal without a permit. 311 callers must tell service agent that there is construction without a permit outside normal hours.
- 311 construction noise complaints go directly to DEP and are not reported to DOB.
- 732 WEA – sewer work will begin this weekend for three weekends on West End Avenue.
- DNS need is to expand technology.

**DOT** at the end of July and during August, milling in the district will begin. Also, munimeters will be installed in the upper area of the district. Bike racks will be put on old meter poles throughout the district.

**Mayor's Office** – Lolita Jackson's last meeting. Leland Dyer will be the new contact.

**ConEd** – Is working out temporary hook-ups for Fashion Week power needs.

**Parks** – need more staff in general. Will put in writing. Summer on the Hudson is very successful.

**PSA6** – There have been three index crimes; there was an arrest in this 28 day period for a rape committed last year. General index crimes are down. Blood drive this Saturday at the Pct on 140<sup>th</sup> Street & Fredrick Douglass.

**FDNY** – total incidents are down. YTD down in fires. Staffing is an issue, 5<sup>th</sup> person is out which effects all issues. Engine companies down to four.

## **NYPD 24<sup>th</sup> Pct.**

- Crime is down 22%; Felony assaults up ytd; 44 summons to bicyclist for going the wrong way or going through red light. Accident injuries are up with bicycles – NYPD to follow up with data.
- QL summons are being issued for fireworks; signage has been posted in neighborhoods warning people of use.
- The precinct is talking to bar owners and reminding them to tell patrons to be quieter and keep doors/windows closed.

## **NYPD 20<sup>th</sup> Pct.**

- Major crimes are down 20% . There were 400 C summonses issued, 40% to vendors.

**DEP** – The agency needs more air and noise inspectors. This will be Chris Villari's last DSC meeting, Humberto Galarza will be his replacement.

**CCHR** – Bullying and cyber bulling has been added to human rights commission. Considered as discriminatory.

Columbus-Amsterdam BID to work out a streetscape with DOT on 102<sup>nd</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

Majorie Cohen the Westside Crime Prevention office is closing because they have accomplished much of their goals. She thanked the Cabinet for its help throughout the years.

The next DSC meeting is September 28, 2011 at 9:30 AM.

We have invited DoITT and 311 to the September 28 DSC meeting since they were unable to attend the June meeting. Please bring any specific questions for them to the June 22 meeting.

**Present:** Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager, Mel Wymore, Chair, CB7; Capt. John Cappelmann, PSA 6; Capt. Chris McCormack, PO S. Connors, PO D. Spiegel, Sgt. J. Hanvet, Jerry Clarke, 20<sup>th</sup> Pct, Det. Vassallo; Matthew Bases, PO Vinny Durante, 24<sup>th</sup> Pct; Rosalyn Smith, NYPD Traffic; Russ Regan, Lt. Marty Farrell, FDNY; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Terese Flores, Parks; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Supt. C. Hancock, DSNY; Jesse Bodine, CM Brewer's Office; Abigail Hook, Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office; Chris Villari, DEP; Ben Schacter, Sen. Espallat's office; Rachel Stein, AM Rosenthal; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Travis Craw, Columbus Ave BID, Rich Juliano, Lincoln Center BID.