

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN****Minutes of Full Board Meeting****June 5, 2012**

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, June 5, 2012, at the Jewish Home Lifecare facility at 120 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street in the District. Chair Mark Diller called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**: 30-0-0.

Chair's Report: Mark N. Diller

- Incident involving discharge of a handgun last month at 71<sup>st</sup> St. McDonalds. Elected officials, schools, community businesses and CB7 held meeting about discouraging congregating that leads to such incidents.
- 207 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street - CB7 had voted to disapprove BSA application, which has been subsequently postponed repeatedly, with the applicant relying on revised bases for required findings. Last month, CB7 sent letter to BSA regarding applicant undermining CB7 authority by serial revisions of their application. Applicant has since withdrawn application.
- District Needs Statement for FY2014 work is ongoing; committees to finalize their respective input.
- Encouraged all members to attend ongoing Manhattan Borough President Academy sessions.
- CB7 has enlisted help of DOB regarding issues at 732 WEA. DOB will independently verify concrete quality at 732 WEA.
- Homestretch of commercial rezoning- hearing on 6/19 at the NY City Council.

Community Session

- Peter Arndtsen - St. Paul and St. Andrew's Church, WEA and 86<sup>th</sup> Street, is seeking to retire \$900,000 of debt that was taken on to complete the nearly \$5M renovation of its social service space. The congregation wants to retire the debt, which was incurred because NYC OMB did not provide promised grant money, before beginning the exterior renovation. The congregation appreciates C-M Brewer's efforts to have the City keep its commitment.
- Peter Arndtsen, District Manager, Columbus Amsterdam BID - Great upcoming events including classical music and theater. Representative Jerrold Nadler is giving a talk on political club history 6/11. Annual meeting to be held 6/28.
- Peter Kim, Museum of Food & Drink - Food is culture that affects our identity. Wants to create multisensory interactive journey through human history of food. Looking for UWS space.
- George Gasparis, Executive Director, Columbia IRB - Want to educate community about considerations before participating in research.
- Jennifer Lee- Asking to oppose NYPL central library plan which calls for sale of SIBL and Mid-Manhattan.
- Jeff Wice, Auxiliary Member of Traffic Task Force - Conducts work in parks, and at street fairs and parades to augment precincts.
- Jane Thompson, 736 West End Avenue - Hopes for creation of legislation to restrict sliver buildings. Meeting with DOB, CB7 and A-M Rosenthal's and C-M Brewer's offices yesterday regarding recent noise, flooding and poor construction.

- Roberta Roden, 736 West End Avenue - Unpleasant experience this afternoon. DEP inspector told worker today to remedy concrete in catch-basin. The worker subsequently became verbally abusive. NYPD took report. Everybody at CB7, A-M Rosenthal, C-M Brewer's offices have been so supportive.
- Marc Glazer-Sidewalk cafes are not gifts to restaurant but generate additional revenue, taxes and employment. They are vital to community and economy. They are entitled to maximize earning potentials. We should be listening to residents who love these cafes. They do not double restaurants' business but help them retain.
- George Espinal, Marketing Director, EssenMed HouseCalls - Brings medical professionals to homebound seniors.
- Olive Freud - West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street bus shelter was removed during construction; the community's senior population has repeatedly asked for its restoration.
- Michael Marino - Daughter attends Ascension School. Currently have play street on West 107<sup>th</sup> Street. Don't understand why resolution wasn't posted on website. Advocating no vote, otherwise children won't have anywhere to play. This is simply an issue of noise. Majority of street residents support preserving play street.
- Barbara Zitwer- Discovered that 7 parking spots at West 85<sup>th</sup> Street and WEA were removed for Montessori School. Many cars were towed. Here to protest this decision. Why can't restrict this to only school hours?
- Deborah Ascheim- Drastic reduction in public parking around West 79<sup>th</sup> Street and WEA. Apthorp has had two dumpsters on block for over 18 months. 393 WEA construction has also removed parking as has the extension of bus stops. Makes it difficult for residents to receive service calls. Please restore parking.
- Gabriella Rowe, Head of School, The Mandell School -Thanks to C-M Gale Brewer & Senator Tom Duane for the Green Spaces Project at the Mandell School. 7<sup>th</sup> graders made a film about what green space means to them. Screening on 6/11 at the school.
- Joyce Johnson- End Stop & Frisk march Father's Day 6/17. A good policy has degraded into bad practice. Separate but equal can never be equal. What does this do to the hearts and minds of those disproportionately affected?

Manhattan Borough President's Report- Rebecca Godlewicz

- New senior guide forthcoming includes all city services.
- This Thursday, prevention workshop for parents regarding abuse in schools.
- Pride month celebration upcoming.

Reports by Legislators:

Gale Brewer – City Council Member, 6<sup>th</sup> District

- Budget hearings tomorrow at 10am. All are webcast. The public is invited to speak at 4pm. Many afterschool and pre-school programs were cut.
- The Landmarks Preservation Commission will vote on the proposed West End Avenue historic district on June 26.
- On Monday June 25<sup>th</sup>, DOT will present an education event for businesses with commercial bike deliveries. This is a very big issue with seniors and the DOT has listened. Individual visits are being made to stores with commercial bike delivery people
- Events: Folk Art Museum, Property Rights Night; Make Music Night.



- Working with DOT and Parks Departments on Riverside Park lights, which are on all night. There is an issue with the ability to turn them on and off.
- DOT and the Parks Department responded well to a broken water main, restoring water to the parks.
- Westside Community Garden – a newly constructed shed received a fine. Worked with the gardeners and DOB to get rid of the fine and gain time to fix the shed.
- Good food and aging in place: met with Grow NY, GreenMarket, City Meals on Wheels and seniors. All are working together to get fresh, local food to seniors at centers and in home delivered meals

- Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Jared Chausow, Senator Tom Duane's Office

- The President endorsed same-sex marriage recently.
- Senator Duane announced retirement, will continue to be vigorous advocate for all district residents.
- Seeking to cap rent burden of those living with HIV/AIDs at 30%; only those on public subsidies in state paying above that cap.
- Encourages all to participate in silent march against Stop and Frisk on June 24.

Paul Sawyer, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Electronic cigarette bill passed assembly unanimously.
- Mosquito Town hall incredibly well-attended. Agencies created taskforce to develop model to combat infestation.
- Additional SCRIE clinics upcoming.

Dominic Lee, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- 6/28 legal clinic.
- Cell phone drive ongoing for those who require them in cases of emergency.

Joe Taranto, C-M Melissa Mark-Viverito's Office

- Continuing to work on retail rezoning and preventing derailment by banking interests.
- Been receiving complaints from Park West Village regarding harassment.
- Looking to host housing forum on West Side.
- Governor has come out in support of decriminalization of marijuana.

## **Business Session**

### **Parks & Environment Committee**

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

##### **1. Damrosch Park. Use of Damrosch Park for non-park events.**

Co-chairs: Concessionaires, which include Fashion Week, Restaurant Associates and Big Apple Circus, effectively keep the public from being able to enjoy the park for about ten months of the year. A public park has now been privatized to the point where it does not look or act like a private park. Deleting point 3 of the introduction to the resolution to avoid ambiguity.

Board discussion:



- Why not request the permanent removal of the tent? The City has a contract with Lincoln Center and sponsors which have years to go. We are focusing on operational issues.
- Is Big Apple Circus the problem? It's been in the park for more than 25 years. No, in the past we were able to maintain trees and other park features co-existing with Big Apple Circus.
- The advent of Fashion Week led to the removal of trees etc. Fashion Week happens two times a year with significant time for set up before and breakdown after. In addition, there is a general use tent up for about two months each year. Lincoln Center is the effective landlord and receives the revenue from Fashion Week. This is a City park and these actions circumvent the community input process. It privatizes a public park and the public has lost any voice in the use of the park.
- Fashion Week brings significant revenues to the neighborhood: the services, the restaurants, etc.
- Many parks have events that the community supports and protect the park. We need to work with Fashion Week and other events to benefit both the consumer and the business.

Friendly amendment that point 4 move to point 1. Accepted.

After deliberation, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

VOTE: 37-4-0-0

#### Transportation Committee

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

#### **2. 242 West 76th Street, The Milburn Hotel (Broadway-West End Avenue.) Request to the Department of Transportation to extend the loading zone in front of the hotel.**

The parking restriction will be only from 8am to 8pm. This will add ten feet to the loading zone (from 40 to 50 feet). It will now accommodate tour busses.

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

VOTE: 33-1-2-0

#### **4. The West Side Transportation Study recommendations for curb extensions and channelization at the West 70<sup>th</sup> and West End Avenue intersection.**

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted with an amendment to include West 70<sup>th</sup> Street and Riverside Boulevard.

VOTE: 35-0-0-0

#### **5. Ascension School Play Street, West 107th Street (Broadway-Amsterdam Avenue.)**

Public Speakers:

- Tony Vellela, block resident - Thank you to the Transportation Committee for sticking with this and helping us to solve this. The resolution satisfies our concerns.
- Carol Rosen: Second what Tony just said. We feel grateful to the Committee.

*Proposed amendment to eliminate point 3 on the Resolution.*

Board discussion on the amendment:

- Agree with amendment, without a long-term solution we should keep options open.
- Disagree with the amendment; any play area should come before CB7. This is not an issue of the children not having a place to play but our making certain the public has a voice in where they play.
- It is not clear that public notice was correctly given when the West 107<sup>th</sup> Street closing was voted on by CB7. This will correct that possible notice violation.



PROCEDURAL VOTE: 24-10-3-0

*Amendment – substitute item 3: CB7 requests that DOT bring Ascension’s request to re-open a play street on 107<sup>th</sup> Street, 108<sup>th</sup> Street or elsewhere before CB7 before it is granted.*

This establishes the Community Board’s right to have input on the use of our streets.

PROCEDURAL VOTE: 28-8-0-0

Marisa Maack - The YEL Committee should have been involved in this process; please include when the time comes.

After deliberation, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

VOTE: 23-6-1-0

**6. Newsstand, S/E/C Broadway & West 96th Street.** Application # 1423810 to the Department of Consumer Affairs for a proposed newsstand at southeast corner of Broadway and West 96th Street. This is a **disapproval**.

Public Speaker: Alan Flacks

After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted

VOTE to DISAPPROVE: 36-1-1-0

### **7. Sidewalk Café Guidelines.**

Proposed amendment: *Replace paragraph 32 with: A moratorium on new enclosed sidewalk cafes.*

Board discussion on amendment:

- We are frequently saddled with an empty enclosed sidewalk café when a business closes. We have many times asked for the City to create a required bond or other funding for getting rid of abandoned enclosed sidewalks.
- We have tried to force landlords to remove the enclosed cafes but that is unenforceable.
- New enclosed cafes are pre-fab and can be put up or taken down in a matter of days. There are very few opportunities in the lower part of the district, but many in the upper part. These extra seats can make a small restaurant viable.
- Past chairs worked with the City to set up a procedure for empty café to be taken down.
- City fees for enclosed cafes SF \$75 for first 75 SF/\$32 SF for the year. Rent for a 7x12 enclosed café is \$500.
- An enclosed café does not add to the street life, unlike an outdoor cafe.
- If we pass a moratorium restaurants will by-pass us completely and we will lose any ability to negotiate with restaurants.
- The City has promised in the past to address issues with sidewalk cafes and has never honored that promise. CB7 can propose any guidelines in the world, but a moratorium would make a statement and encourage the City to address the issues that are needed.
- Clarify that moratorium means that our guidelines will call for us to vote “no.”

After deliberation, the amendment was not adopted.

VOTE: 17-19-3-0

### **Preservation Committee**

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

**8. 162 West 72nd Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Application #12-7504 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a ramp and modify storefront infill.



After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 38-0-0-0

9. **53 West 72nd Street**, d/b/a The Dakota Bar (Columbus Avenue.) Application #12-3667 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for storefront replacement.  
After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 36-2-0-0

10. **250 West 77th Street**, The Belleclaire (Broadway.) Application #12-7548 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a canopy and skylight.  
After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 38-0-0-0

11. **47 West 70th Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application #12-8912 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to excavate the rear yard and construct rooftop and rear yard additions.  
After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 34-2-2-0

12. **25 West 88th Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application #12-9373 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct rooftop and rear yard additions, alter rear facades, and replace windows.  
After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 36-0-0-0

#### **Housing Committee**

##### **Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown, Co-Chairpersons**

13. NY City Council efforts to address tenant harassment legislation: Int. 477: Tenants' Bill of Rights.  
After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.  
VOTE: 34-0-1-0

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

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

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

- **208 Columbus Avenue** (West 69<sup>th</sup> Street) Birote Corporation, d/b/a To Be Determined.
- **507 Columbus Avenue** (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street) 507 Columbus LLC, d/b/a To Be Determined.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.  
VOTE: 35-0-0-0

15. **215 West 94th Street** (Broadway) Beverley Hotel Associates LLC, 94th Street Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Days Hotel / Serafina Restaurant.

Public speaker: Adelia Ramos de Almeida - Alleges the tenants are being harassed, and she is being harassed. The tone of the building is changing into a nightclub. They have very many violations.

#### Board Discussion:



- We should not be rewarding the landlord for the violations and harassment that these tenants are suffering. Trying to fight back against harassment is very difficult and this is an opportunity to combat harassment.
- We have a mission to be advocates. We are to serve people, not just business. We should not reward the landlord's bad behavior. There is some question that the property does not have a valid certificate of occupancy.
- Three or four restaurants have tried to come into this space but have not been able to get the licenses. The space has been vacant for not less than four years.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was **not adopted**.

VOTE: 8-28-0-0

Motion to disapprove application of 215 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street SLA application was made.

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

VOTE: 27-6-0-0

16. **446 Columbus Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.) Application to the State Liquor Authority for a two-year liquor license by NYC1890 LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Amendment: Add *Because the applicant has agreed to the stipulations.*

After deliberation, the resolution, as amended, to **approve** was adopted.

VOTE: 34-0-1-0

17. **2446 Broadway** (West 90th Street) Application to the State Liquor Authority for a two-year liquor license by Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill.

Committee requests disapproval without prejudice because the applicant did not respond

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

#### **Petition to Modify Consent:**

18. **283 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 73rd - 74th Street.) Petition to modify consent application DCA# 1321660 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nabucco, LLC, d/b/a Salumeria Rosi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats instead of 7 tables and 15 seats.

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

VOTE: 29-1-0-0

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

- **241 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0895637 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Burrito Junction, Inc., d/b/a Harry's Burrito Junction, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats.
- **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st – 82nd.) Renewal application DCA #1341925 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by D & D Thai Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a, Land Thai for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 11 seats.
- **483 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) Renewal application DCA #1027927 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Good Enough To Eat Uptown, LTD, Corp., d/b/a, Good Enough To Eat Uptown for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 15 seats.
- **2398 Broadway** (88th Street) Renewal application DCA #1351071 by Aged 88 Street, LLC d/b/a Age Bar N Grill for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed café with 17 tables and 26 seats.



• **650 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd 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 applications was adopted.

VOTE: 30-0-0-0

**20. New Unenclosed Café Applications:**

• **422 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) New application DCA #1424906 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amelia B 1, Corp., d/b/a, Island Burgers & Shakes for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

• **447 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st – 82nd.) New application DCA #1422698 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Anemonas Rest Corp., d/b/a Amsterdam Diner, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 15 seats.

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

VOTE: 30-0-0-0

**Re-Apply Café Application:**

21. **2726 Broadway** (West 104th – 105th Street.) Re-apply application DCA# 1247774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by McConner Street Holding, LLC, d/b/a McDonald's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

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

VOTE: 28-2-0-0

**Present:** Mark N. Diller, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Ian Alterman, Laura Atlas, Issac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Hope Cohen, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Marc Glazer, Phyllis E. Gunther, Joanne Imohiosen, Lee P. Kwan, Blanche E. Lawton, Marisa Maack, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Evan Rosing, Gabriella Rowe, Roberta Semer, Eric Shuffler, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Stephen Vazquez, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Cara Volpe, Mel Wymore and Dan Zweig. **On-Leave:** Lenore Norman. **Absent:** Richard Asche, Brian Byrd, Sheldon J. Fine, Ulma Jones, Haydee Rosario, Ethel Sheffer and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.



**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 11, 2012**

The chairs called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM.

Co-chairs Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown prepared committee members for the submission of the FY2014 District Needs Statement. All members were given the opportunity to offer issues that wanted to include in the housing section of the District Needs Statement. The following categories were proposed: translation services, NYCHA, SROs, tenant protections, HDFCs, and affordable housing. All members volunteered sections to prepare; editing will be done collaboratively electronically.

Guest speakers Diane Lapsin, president of the Independence Plaza North Tenant Association, and Seth Miller, the lawyer representing the Independence Plaza North tenants, were introduced. Diane recounted the process of discovering her building's J-51 benefit and mobilizing her co-tenants to battle their post-Mitchell-Lama deregulation. She noted that 40% of the original, stabilized tenants have had to leave Independence Plaza North because of the now exorbitant rents.

Seth Miller recounted the legal battle, from Roberts v. Tishman Speyer Properties, LLP (2009) to Denza v. Independence Plaza Assoc., LLC (2012) and the implications of the latter. He argued that the Denza case creates a precedent wherein landlords are given the right to deregulate apartments by retroactively refunding benefits from a J-51 exemption and therefore abandoning any contract with HPD that protects rent regulation. Specifically, this allows buildings with low income-based tenants to be deregulated. He noted that permission to appeal the case has been filed and that Community Board 1 has passed a resolution in support of an amicus brief to be filed by elected officials seeking leave to appeal.

Housing members discussed the alternative courses of action. A resolution to join an amicus brief to the appellate court on the grounds that this case represents an issue of vital importance that is worthy of finality and clarity was introduced and seconded. The motion to approve the composition of a resolution based upon this language carried by a vote of 5-0-1-0/2-0-1-0.

Without objection, the committee meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM.

**Present:** Louis Cholden-Brown, Nick Prigo, Linda Alexander, Laura Atlas, Robert Espier, Marisa Maack and Cara Volpe. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Board Member:** Mark Darin. **Absent:** Lillian Moore and Suzanne Robotti.



**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons  
June 12, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm

1. Presentation by Marty Hartman of the Department of Design and Construction on proposals to improve safety at crash-prone intersections near three schools: MS54, Ascension School and Collegiate School. The proposals are part of DOT's Safe Route to Schools project, which, based on crash data, has identified 135 schools throughout the city as "priority schools" in need of street treatments to improve students' safety.

The recommendations consist of curb extensions at a number of intersections near the schools, the installation of school crosswalks or the upgrading of pedestrian crosswalks to school crosswalks and the rebuilding of pedestrian ramps. Construction is set to begin summer 2013. There were committee questions about the choice of corners for the curb extensions, in particular why curb extensions are proposed for all four corners of 80th and Broadway when it is so far from Collegiate and when the intersection of 79th and Broadway has more crashes. Kim Lua of DOT said he wasn't sure why the 80th Street corner was selected but perhaps it was added on from another project/study. Marcos Mossad, also of the Department of Design and Construction, spoke on the safety value of curb extensions, which are "proven to reduce the rate of accidents." He was asked why curb extensions aren't put on every corner, given that they are demonstrated to be life-saving improvements. Lua replied, saying that "neckdowns are really expensive and sometimes we have to take out parking spaces." Hartman said that "not many" parking spaces would be lost with the curb extensions being currently proposed. The Committee asked DOT/DDC to provide an actual count for each location of how many parking spaces would be lost.

There was committee discussion of whether the committee should take a vote at the meeting, and if not, when the vote should take place, in light of the fact that DOT needs a response from us by the July full board meeting. Committee member Ken Coughlin argued to take a vote now. Committee member Mark Darin argued to take a conditional vote and change it if needed before the July full board. Other members of the committee felt it necessary to visit the affected intersections before voting, so it was decided to take the vote immediately prior to the July full board meeting.

2. Request by P.S. 87 to turn West 78th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus into a temporary play street while the West 77th Street schoolyard is under construction. Representing the school were Principal Monica Berry, along with Parent Association members Katie Miller and Ann Binstock. Berry said the school has 965 students and the play street would run from 11 am to 2:15 pm on school days, beginning the first Thursday of September after Labor Day until the end of construction, which is expected to be completed on or about January 2013. Berry said 45 notices were posted on the affected block of W. 78th. Several residents of the block attended and expressed concerns, such as what would happen to the cars. Berry said the cars can stay and that the children will not be playing ballgames that could damage a car. Street cleaning will be changed to other hours. The school will post staffers at both ends of the block to move barriers and adults will supervise the children in the play area at all times. The committee stressed the need for those operating the barriers to have cell phones or other devices to communicate with a central number at the school that residents could call when an Access a Ride van or other vehicle needs access to the block. Committee strongly recommended that the school's designated phone number for this be widely disseminated to block residents. Council member Gale Brewer told



Berry, "You have to be very vigilant because there are lots of things that come up. There may be businesses that you don't know about maybe a home business has a delivery that has to be at exactly 12 noon."

Resolution to approve, joint with YEL committee:

*Committee members: 8-0-0-0. Non-c board members: 3-0-0-0*

3. District Needs Statement for FY 2014: The committee will work on finishing it up by e-mail.

4. Update on committee members' survey of secondary street namings. Committee member Mark Darin reported that there are no secondary street names between 73rd and 78th streets. There was a brief discussion of street names for victims of 9/11 – that they should be distinguished from regular street names in some way. Committee members were asked to complete their survey of street names on the blocks they have been assigned by the next meeting.

5. New Business.

- Andrew Albert e-mailed DOT to see if they have any objection to reversing the direction of West 61st Street, between Amsterdam & West End Avenues so it runs east to west rather than its current west to east.
- The possibility of making the entire district a 20-mph zone was discussed. Board chair Mark Diller noted that when you take into account all the schools, senior centers and other facilities for vulnerable street users, and put a 700-foot zone around each one, it would encompass nearly the entire Upper West Side. There was discussion of how to create such a map. Lisa Sladkus of the Upper West Side Streets Renaissance said she could help.
- Andrew Albert gave a transit update. He said that while it is unlikely that we will be able to get subway token agents restored where they have been removed for budget-cutting reasons, he said there is a major problem for disabled riders traveling uptown on the Broadway IRT. Because of the loss of token agents, these riders must cross to the downtown side to enter the station. There is an effort to either restore agents to the uptown entrances so riders can be buzzed in, or install intercoms that allow agents on the downtown side to buzz in these riders. Albert said a Transport Workers Union representative may come to a future committee meeting to talk about this. "If you have a particular problem with a station, let me know," he said. He also said that a 7.5% fare hike is looming for February 2013 but that there is a big push to restore \$20 million of services that have been cut, such as the shortened routes of the M10 and M104 buses.
- Committee member Ken Coughlin observed that another meeting had gone by without the committee receiving any useful information from the 20th or 24th precincts regarding crashes in the district over the past month. Albert said he would ask district manager Penny Ryan what is going on with this. Non-committee board member Ian Alterman said he would bring the issue up again with the 20th Precinct.
- Lisa Sladkus inquired about getting rid of the advance-turn signal for westbound cars turning left off of 86th to go south on Columbus. She said it is unsafe but the DOT likes it because it allows more cars to be processed. Mark Diller suggested that the dedicated left-turn signal be moved to the end of the cycle, after most pedestrians would already have crossed Columbus. Coughlin suggested this could be paired with a leading pedestrian interval.
- Ian Alterman claimed that pedestrians are being ticketed for jaywalking at 79th Street and Amsterdam.



- Albert said he is still trying to get someone to speak to the committee about residential parking permits. He also said he is trying to get transportation guru Sam Schwartz to present his bridge-toll plan to the committee.

**Transportation Committee Members Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Ulma Jones and Anne Raphael. **Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Members Present:** Marisa Maack, Paul Fischer. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Board Members:** Ian Alterman, Lee Ping Kwan. **Absent:** Blanche Lawton, Lillian Moore and Roberta Semer.

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes  
Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons  
June 13, 2012**

*Meeting came to order with quorum approximately 7:25pm.*

***SLA Applications***

**1. 722 Amsterdam Avenue (West 95th Street) Opai Thai Inc, d/b/a Opai Thai.**

*Contact: Ian Polow, [ianpolow@ianpolowesq.com](mailto:ianpolow@ianpolowesq.com); Yan Bing Chen, [tenzance@gmail.com](mailto:tenzance@gmail.com)*

- Open 7 days, 11:30am-11:30pm
- Management agreed no music would play
- Ulma didn't see any signs. Yan responded that signs were inside. They agree to put up signs again for full board meeting – she'll put it on the grating, the windows and lamppost.

*Vote to approve the SLA application for a two year liquor license:*

- o *Committee approves 7-0-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approves 3-0-0-0*

**2. 994 Columbus Avenue (West 109th Street) d/b/a To Be Determined**

*Contact: Michael Kelley; [mlk@aol.com](mailto:mlk@aol.com)*

- Paul says there is nothing there in terms of signage. Response is that venue is still under construction.
- Hours of operation 7 days/week, 11am – midnight
- Same management as Bucca-Bettola
- Music will come from an iPod and will be background music only, no live music/bands, etc.

*Vote to approve the SLA application for a two year liquor license:*

- o *Committee approves 7-0-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approves 3-0-0-0*

***Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications***

**3. 433 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.)** 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.

*Contact: Jamyang Gurung – [amsterdam@harusushi.com](mailto:amsterdam@harusushi.com)*

- 2 year consent to operate unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats
- Linda says signs were very visible – Ian concurs
- Mark reminds Jamyang that bikers should park bikes close to curb on curbside of expansion
- Michele reminds him about the picnic tables and reminds him that they may need to break down picnic tables to comply with sidewalk café guidelines.
- Mark says Haru is a good neighbor when it comes to boundaries and cleaning the sidewalk.

*Vote to approve two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats –*

- o *Committee approved 6-1-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approved – 4-0-0-0*

**4. 570-572 Amsterdam Avenue (West 88th Street.)** Renewal application DCA# 1419343 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Rancho Vida, LLC, d/b/a Mamajuana Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.



Contact: Victor Santos [victorsantos@mamajuanacafenyc.com](mailto:victorsantos@mamajuanacafenyc.com)

- Linda went to visit and commended the café
- Last time they transferred from Rancho to Mamajuana. Now they need to transfer license.
- They plan to have delivery; no live music and a flamenco show.
- Ulma asks about performers and outdoor tables.
- Mark says there may be a fire egress issue (unrelated to approving the application)
- Michele mentions that we have revised the café guidelines for him to review for the next time.

*Vote to approve a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.*

- o *Committee approves 7-0-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approves 4-0-0-0*

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

5. **269 Columbus Avenue (West 72nd – 73rd Street.)** New application DCA# 1423787 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 72nd & Columbus Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Columbus Tavern, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

Contacts: Jeremy Wladis [Jeremy@therestaurantgroup.com](mailto:Jeremy@therestaurantgroup.com); Eddie Schwartz [eddies@therestaurantgroup.com](mailto:eddies@therestaurantgroup.com)

- Anne saw the space and will make a recommendation. Fine with the posting.
- Concern is that when weather is good patrons will go to other restaurants because nobody wants to go to an enclosed café.
- Michele doesn't think there will be support from the full board.
- Louis says that the current plan isn't flush with Sido sign. Mark remarks that the outdoor café should be flush with Sido. They're going to queue up on sidewalk.
- Mark recommends that they design a way where patrons can walk into restaurant without there being a bottleneck.

*Resolution to approve two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats... with caveat that restaurant must adhere to the 9 foot footprint –*

- o *Committee approve – 5-2-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approve – 2-0-2-0*

6. **426 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th – 81st Street.)** New application DCA# 1428051 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lukes Lobster III, LLC, d/b/a Lukes Lobster, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.

Contact: Ben Conniff – [ben@lukeslobster.com](mailto:ben@lukeslobster.com)

- Michele asked about bike rules – she asks about the fencing around the café. He says they'll add in flower boxes but they need to be on the inside of the perimeter and within the footprint. Old wooden lobster crate...first space with an outdoor – unique layout few seats inside compared to outside. They're operating only one bike per time and there is a bike rack nearby.

*Resolution to approve a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and six seats.*

- o *Committee approve - 6-1-0-0*
- o *Non-committee approve - 4-0-0-0*

Meeting adjourned approximately 9pm.



**Present:** Michelle Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Joanne Imohiosen, Ulma Jones and Anne Raphael. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Board Members:** Ian Alterman, Louis Cholden-Brown and DeNora Getachew. **Absent:** George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Marc Glazer, Suzanne Robotti and Eric Shuffler.



**Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
June 14, 2012**

**1) 159 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Presenter: Marvin Mitner, Attorney  
405 Lexington Avenue, 26<sup>th</sup> Fl, NYC 10174**

**Presenter: Virginia Kindred, Architect, Red Top Architects  
29 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, 4th Fl, NYC 10011**

An application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC") for construction of a partial one-story vertical enlargement on the existing four-story building. The application was heard jointly with the Land Use Committee.

Marvin Mitner gave an overview of the project. There were two separate applications for the committee's consideration: 1) The roof top addition, 2) the BSA multi-dwelling law waiver.

Virginia Kindred began the presentation with an overview of the renovation of the fourth floor and the roof top. She described the garden and the bulkhead on the existing roof; replacing the fence and the top front and rear windows; cleaning the brick. She presented photos of the mock up to show that the addition is not visible from the street.

There are existing additions on both sides of the building. The roof line of the new addition is 16' 10' back from the front facade cornice. The set back from rear is 4'. The height of the addition is 10'-10". Materials on addition's front façade: all glass, light grey colored cement board resembling horizontal siding, aluminum window panes, windows are 1 over 1. None of the windows on the building are original. The cornice acts as a railing. Back façade: a lot of glass and grey, replacement casement windows and sliding doors to be white, aluminum clad wood; railing horizontal metal, warm grey color.

**Questions and comments:**

Libby Evans, 134 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street, asked if they would you consider replacing the front top floor windows with 9 over 1 like all the other windows on the front facade. The response was none of the windows are original, but if the tax photo showed 9 over 1 windows, they would reconsider the 1 over 1. They also noted that the building is a co-op, but did not know if they had a master plan. The co-op board has not approved the plans, though co-op members (there are only 4) have seen the plans and have not voice concerns. It was suggested that they touch base again with the co-op owners before they go to Landmarks.

The issue of construction timing was raised. The PS 87 playground will close for renovations in September, and closing part of West 77<sup>th</sup> for recreation was approved. This could be an issue for construction, i.e. dumpsters, deliveries, etc. The presenter stated that work won't begin until December, at the earliest, and there will be no cranes, instead the materials will be walked down the street. They will coordinate all activities so as to not disturb the school.

It was decided the application was to be considered in three parts:

**a. Rooftop addition.**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The roof of the addition sits 16'-10" back from the front façade and 4 feet back from the rear façade.



- The addition's front and back facades are clad in medium gray cement board resembling wood siding, framing large single-pane aluminum-framed windows and sliding doors.
- The rooftop addition is not visible from the street.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the rooftop addition is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the rooftop addition.

*Preservation and Land Use Committees: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

#### **b. Front façade, fourth floor window replacement.**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The three existing double-hung wood windows are nine-over-one. Although not original to the building, they match all the other existing windows in the front façade.
- The proposed replacement windows are one-over-one double-hung wood windows.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that, in the absence of a Master Plan to replace all of the front façade windows to one-over-one double-hungs, the proposed design of the replacement windows for the fourth floor front is not reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District. The Committee strongly recommends that the building develop a Master Plan for window replacement

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in the absence of a Master Plan for front facade window replacement, Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the proposed fourth floor front replacement windows.

*Preservation and Land Use Committees: 6-2-1-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

#### **c. Rear façade, fourth floor window replacement.**

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The rear façade is composed of a mixture of window and door types, including nine-over-nine double-hung, tri-partite single pane windows, and single-pane glass doors.
- The replacement windows will be aluminum-clad single pane wood casement windows, white in color to match the other existing rear façade windows.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed design of the replacement windows for the fourth floor front is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposed fourth floor rear replacement windows.

*Preservation and Land Use Committees: 5-2-2-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 0-0-1-0.*

Marvin Mitzner gave an overview on the multiple dwelling law waiver. It was originally granted by the DOB but the BSA determined that decision fell within their domain. A definition of practical hardship, code compliance and public safety followed.

The Land Use and Preservation Committees of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believe that the board should take **no position** on whether the current conditions satisfy the statutory requirement of a protracted difficult or unnecessary hardship.



*Preservation and Land Use Committees: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 0-0-0-1.*

Following the review of the Landmarks application, the committee discussed the BSA application brought before Land Use. The Land Use Committee is writing up this resolution.

The gist of the Land Use resolution is as follows:

1. They have no objection to the proposed enlargement aesthetically.
2. They feel that the enhanced fire and life safety measures are within the spirit and intent of the Multiple Dwelling Law regarding public health, safety, and welfare.
3. They take no position on whether or not the proposed enlargement satisfies the statutory requirement of practical difficulty or unnecessary hardship.

Resolution to **approve**:

*Preservation and Land Use Committees: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

## **2) 25 Central Park West (West 63rd Street.)**

**Presenter: Edward Mills, Architect**

**401 Broadway, #401, NYC 10013**

**Eric Lyons, Superintendent; Laura Bruno, Managing Agent; and Thomas Capobianco, Engineer.**

An application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for revised window master plan for installation of through-wall air conditioners.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- There will be two widths of through-wall air conditioners, small (36" wide) and large (42" wide) to be installed under smaller and larger windows at specified locations.
- The position of each new through-wall air conditioner opening will be consistent within each vertical row of windows, as specified in the overall design.
- The air conditioner grilles will be frameless "architectural" style, horizontal linear grilles. They will be installed flush with the outer face of the building.
- The grilles will be aluminum with a baked-enamel finish, colored to match the specific area of brick within the facade
- There will be different sections of the architectural grilles to match the different sections of the façade masonry. Grilles will be flat when they are installed within flat brick or cast stone, shaped (i.e. moving in and out) when they are installed within shaped brick.
- All new air conditioners will be installed through-wall.
- As existing window air conditioners require repair, they will be removed, replaced with new through-wall air conditioners.

Several residents of the building were in attendance and were supportive of this plan. The building is a condo and was built in 1931.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed installation of new through-wall air conditioners is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the revised window master plan for the installation of through-wall air conditioners.



*Preservation Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 2-0-0-0.*

**3) 43 West 70<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.)**

**Presenter: Juan Carlos Matiz, Matiz Architecture and design (MAD)  
1123 Broadway, Suite 707, NYC 10010**

Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for reconstruction of the front stairs and entry, extension of the rear portion of the lowest three floors, and a rooftop addition.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The existing multi-unit building will be returned to a single family dwelling.

**a. Front façade and front stoop:**

- The three upper floors of the front facade will be stripped of peach-colored paint, re-faced in brown stucco to recreate the original brownstone details.
- The missing architectural detail will be restored and the brownstone repaired at the bottom two floors, modeled on neighboring buildings of the same original design.
- All existing one-over-one double hung wood windows will be replaced with new one-over one wood windows, painted black.
- An L-shaped stoop will be constructed of concrete faced in brown stucco, to match the design of the original stoop.
- The original Parlor Floor entry will be recreated. A new pair of glazed front doors will be installed, using re-claimed or new pair to match the original doors.

**b. Rear façade and rear yard:**

- The bottom three floors will be extended out 4 feet to the 30-foot setback line. The three story extension will be clad in red brick.
- The existing rear-yard addition will remain. It will be re-clad in matching red brick, with a vertical band of light grey limestone at the inner corner. The existing window openings will be enlarged at the rear and side.
- The fourth floor rear façade will remain in its original plane, with the masonry stripped and repointed.
- All rear facade windows will be aluminum-clad wood casements and doors, off-white/light gray in color.
- A “temporary” greenhouse, already approved by DOB, will be installed at the Basement level, extending out into the rear yard.
- The Cellar will be excavated 3’-7” down to increase the headroom of both the Basement and Cellar floors. Excavation work and concrete pours will be done in phases to minimize the possibility of damage to adjacent structures.
- The Cellar area will be extended to the rear by excavating the rear yard out to 4 feet from the rear property line.
- The rear yard will be paved, with plantings at the rear and in around the sides.

**c. Rooftop addition:**

- A small stucco-faced rooftop addition (the bulkhead to a large stair landing) will be constructed, with a rear deck with hot tub, and roof-mounted air conditioning units.
- The addition will not be visible from the street.



- The front roof will be leveled, raised 1'-6", but still concealed behind the existing street façade's cornice.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design for the reconstructed front stairs and entry, the extension of the rear portion of the lowest three floors, and the rooftop addition are all reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the reconstruction of the front stairs and entry, extension of the rear portion of the lowest three floors, and the rooftop addition.

*Preservation Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

#### **4) 53 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)**

**Presenter: John Woell, Steven Harris Architects**  
**50 Warren Street, NYC 10007**

Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for approval of a new stoop that has been constructed.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The existing building is part of a 16-unit brownstone developer's "terrace", comprised of 6 different façade designs arranged in a complicated rhythm. 14 of the original units remain, in varying condition.
- The LPC Designation Report description states that number 53 was one of four units designed in its particular style. Number 43 was designed in the same style.
- The existing stoop was modeled on the design of the existing stoop at 43 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the new stoop is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the new stoop as constructed.

*Preservation Committee: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

#### **5) 63 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)**

**Presenter: William Leeds**  
**140 East 40<sup>th</sup> Street, #1A, NYC 10016**

Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of four windows on the basement and first floor with a combination of one double door and windows and replacement of one window enlarged in the rear.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- At the existing Basement and Parlor Floor levels, the two existing pairs of double-hung windows and brick cladding sections below will be removed to create a single large opening, extending down to the ground. The width of the new opening will remain the same.
- The original limestone lintel at the Parlor floor will be retained.



- New steel-clad French doors, with fixed and operable window units above will be installed within the enlarged opening. Each door or window unit will be multi-paned, separated by horizontal muntins.
- An existing window opening at the side of the existing rear yard addition will be extended down to the ground. A new black steel window of similar design with “doggy door” will be installed.
- The railing on top of the existing rear yard addition will be replaced with glass panels on a stone or cast stone coping.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the new windows in the rear façade is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the rear window replacement.

*Preservation Committee: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Full Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

Mr. Leeds expressed his frustration with the inconsistency of Landmarks regarding when a Public hearing is required. He said that while this application had required a Public Hearing, other similar applications he has submitted in the past were able to be reviewed at staff level.

At the end of the meeting, Gabby distributed a revised version of the Preservation Section of the DNS 2013, for inclusion in the DNS 2014 document. This version was prepared by Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz, incorporating comments from the other Preservation Committee members.

**Present:** Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd, Lee P. Kwan and Blanche E. Lawton. **Land Use Committee Present:** Richard Asche, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, DeNora Getachew, and Page Cowley. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Absent:** Miki Fiegel and Mark Glazer.



**Parks & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons**  
**June 18, 2012**

Meeting Begins: 7:05

Topic 1: Update on Riverside Park  
(Speaker – John Herrold, Riverside Park Administrator)

- Funding and Staffing:
  - 3 types of Staff
    - Year-Round – Tasks that require skilled long term knowledge of the Park.
    - Job Training Participant – Assigned to a fixed area and do tasks in that area (e.g., remove garbage at a regular basis).
    - Summer – Typically late crew and assigned to locations such as skate parks.
  - Reduced Funding = Reduced Staff
    - Year-Round - Attrition and hiring freeze. Lost 4 workers since 2008.
    - JTP – Numbers are down 45% since 2008 and therefore JTPs are more mobile.
    - Seasonal Staff – No seasonal staff in the budget.
  - Consequences of Reduced Staff: Park’s upkeep is more difficult.
    - Grass can’t be mowed as frequently
    - Trash can’t be removed as often
    - Repairs can’t be completed as fast
  - Solutions
    - Write letters to Council Members and other elected officials stressing the importance of services and the need to provide them.
    - John Herrold will report back with numbers and specific projects.
    - Leverage budget priorities.
    - Can’t leverage resources in Riverside South for the north part of the Park because of contractor type status of such resources.
    - Contracting repairs are generally more expensive and certain tasks require long term knowledge and consistent performance so can’t use volunteers.

The Committee decided to send an immediate letter to the relevant City Council members and Speaker Quinn seeking to have funding restored for workers this summer, as well as other DPR funding. [The Committee did send the letter later in the week. A substantial amount of DPR funding, including for summer workers, was in fact restored in the final FY ’13 budget negotiations.]
- Cobblestones on Bike Path near 62<sup>nd</sup> Street: Sizable section of the bike path that is comprised of cobblestones and presents a dangerous situation if bike tires get caught in the gaps.
  - Cobblestones were installed as an experiment to encourage bikers to slow down. Was not successful and Parks will look into paving them over.
- Stairs and Stage near Soldiers and Sailors Monument: Deteriorating conditions and a safety risk for Hudson Warehouse performers.
  - Placed stone screenings and compacted them. Parks will monitor.



- Status on Rodent Proof Garbage Cans
  - Riverside Park Fund bought 56 “rat-proof” cans and DPR started to install them. Should have all of them installed within a month, but only if sufficient staff available to do the installation.
- Recycling Cans within the Park
  - Have not installed recycling cans, but will continue to explore possibilities and have a good relationship with Department of Sanitation.
- 72<sup>nd</sup> Pedestrian Ramp: After fixing the upper part of the ramp, a second sink hole formed half way down the ramp and has made the ramp unusable.
  - No funds left from other requirement contracts.
  - Beyond capabilities of Riverside Park staff to fix.
  - Look into parlaying another contract.
  - Suggestion from Committee Member to improve barriers to keep motor vehicles from accessing the ramp.
- Phase 5 Status
  - Working on the construction drawings. Specifications need to be completed, approval of the contract package needs to occur and drawings have to be fixed into “blue prints”.
  - Expected start date late winter/early spring 2013.
- 76<sup>th</sup> Street Playground Restoration:
  - On schedule and restoring 2 staircases at Hamilton Fountain as well.
- Update on Comfort Station at Clay Tennis Courts at 95<sup>th</sup> Street
  - \$1.2 million was allocated by Council Member Brewer. Approximately \$4 million is needed for the project.
- Demonstration Light Post: Request by community member Olive Freud for solar light post to be installed in Riverside Park.
  - Riverside Park can install a single demonstration light post without approval from DOT so long as it is off the grid of lights maintained by DOT. Location of the light post is TBD.
- Projects Using Riverside Center South Money
  - Still going forward taking into account Council Member ideas. Community will have involvement.
- Operations of Cafe I on the Pier: Concern in previous years of expansion past their space.
  - Running very smoothly this year.
- Dog waste Complaints Riverside Boulevard (West Side)
  - Less concern in this area this year.
- Other Projects
  - 98<sup>th</sup> Street stairway (Carrere Stairs) repairs coming along nicely.



- Hamilton Fountain (at 76<sup>th</sup> Street) now fully functional.

Topic 2: Update on Lighting on the RSP Bike Path  
(Speaker – John Herrold)

- Concern with regard to the installed white lights. The flashing white lights can be mistaken for bike headlights at eye-level and do not illuminate path.
  - White lights will be turned to steady and red and yellow will continue to flash
  - White lights are intended to designate edges of the bike path and are not intended to illuminate path.
- Inquiries by Committee Members as to whether the white lights can be lowered or modified such that they can illuminate the path (e.g., cap on the top of the light).
  - Lights are high because less likelihood to be hazard or be damaged.
  - Parks will look into modifying bracket to make it safer for bikers.
  - Committee suggested duct tape on upper parts of the lights if capping them is not feasible.

Topic 3: Update on Committee Discussions

- Bikes & Central Park
  - Work continues on changing signs and lanes on the cross-path at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to make the road more bike and pedestrian friendly.
  - Indications are that a car free Central Park trial may happen next year. Efforts led by CB7 for a trial this year were not successful.
- Recreational Roundtable Meeting Report
  - 35 Accidents in Central Park; less than half were between a bike and a pedestrian.
  - Racing Cyclists are causing most of the problems.
  - Focusing reach out effort to triathlon groups.
  - Enforcement efforts by the NYPD and Parks seem to be conflicting.
  - New 96th Street cross-path is not under-utilized by bicyclists, though it is not heavily utilized.
  - 72<sup>nd</sup> Street crossing is going to provide a narrow buffer zone for cars to help reduce speeding.
  - Bike Share program not extending to the UWS.
- Fredrick Douglas Circle: After reconstruction it has been a target for skateboarding. Working group has been created to help in the effort to cut down on skateboarders taking over the area.
- New Riverside South temporary sculpture exhibit has been installed.
- Lifeguard Meeting



- Report by Elizabeth Starkey and Mark Diller of recent meeting with DPR, Gale Brewer, etc. Not much movement on the issue even though the meeting was well attended by elected officials.

Topic 4: Review of District Needs Statement for FY2014

- Car Free Central Park
- Emissions on Henry Hudson Parkway
- Financial cuts to Parks Budget
- Recycling Mixed Plastic
- Dirty Buildings
- Rats

Topic 5: New Business

- Bob Wyman, community member: \$100 million in financing is being made available by banks for landlords to change from dirty oil to cleaner fuels.

Adjourned 9:30

**Present:** Klari Neuwelt, Elizabeth Starkey, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Phyllis E. Gunther, Evan Rosing and Stephen Vazquez. **Board Member:** Louis Cholden-Brown. **Absent:** Elizabeth Caputo and Tom Vitullo-Martin.