

**Full Board Meeting
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
September 4, 2001**

Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order and informed Board the he will be making committee assignments in the coming days. He announced the formation of two new task forces: Community Social Responsibility and Communications Task Force, to be chaired by George Zeppendfeldt-Cestero, and the Planning Task Force, to be chaired by Ethel Sheffer. He also introduced the G.I.S. Committee, which will consist of Board members Melanie Wymore, Hope Cohen and Dan Zweig.

District Manager's Report

Penny Ryan updated the Board on the plans and traffic conditions for MTV awards at Lincoln Center. She informed the Board of upcoming resurfacing work on Central Park West and West End Avenue. She reported that traffic regulations on the west side of Amsterdam Avenue between 59th-110th streets have been changed to metered parking. DOT Deputy Commissioner's will look into the lack of community notification and street cleaning issues.

Legislators' Reports

Councilmember Phillip Reed reported the 3rd Party Transfer Program is going well and Happy Warrior playground on 97th Street and Amsterdam Avenue has been completed. He recommended convening a task force on redistricting and urged everyone to vote in the upcoming Primary Elections.

Public Session

Anna Hunter, State Senator Eric Schneiderman's Office, reported that the Senator lead the effort to keep subway token booth staffing at current levels, and has won. MTA will hold public hearings on matter. Andrew Berman, State Senator Tom Duane's Office, informed the Board that their office has moved. They can be reached at (212) 268-1049. There will be a meeting with Grey Line Buses to anticipate and prevent problems similar to the Big Apple Tour buses.

Ron Kapon, 20th Precinct Council, reported that in the last eight years crime is down 68%. He also mentioned the ongoing problem with postering.

Roni Watman, Community School Board #3, reported that public schools will be opening with many shortfalls due to citywide cuts.

Steve Carbo, reported on NYC Election Watch.

Parvati Devi, spoke about the need to change the current poster laws.

Alan Flacks, commented on the current library procedures pertaining internet access. He said 30% of Verizon's pay phones are inoperable and only seventy-five cents can be refunded per month.

Dean Smith, introduced himself as the new west side regional librarian. He office will be located in the Bloomingdale Branch.

Kevin Winkler, announced the reopening of the Performing Arts library at Lincoln Center.

Tom Vitullo-Martin announced there will be space available for displays on the Belnord's Broadway façade.

Mia Oberlink, Visiting Nurse Service of NY, announced they will be conducting telephone surveys with seniors.

Business Session

Land Use Committee

Co-Chair: Richard Asche

1. The resolution to disapprove renewal application DCA#1021550 to the Department of Consumer by 100 West 79th Street NYC Corp., d/b/a Northwest at 392 Columbus Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 40 seats, was adopted: 29-2-3-0.

Youth Committee

Co-Chairs: Melanie Wymore and Peter Bailey

2. The resolution to establish a CB7 youth council was sent back to committee for further discussion.

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz

Joint with the Parks Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann and the Riverside South Task Force

Chair: Ethel Sheffer

3. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve application M 920358 (C) ZSM to the City Planning Commission by Hudson Waterfront Associates to modify the Restrictive Declaration with regard to the phasing and design of the Riverside South Interim Park, 59th-68th Streets, along the Hudson River was not considered. After considerable discussion of the creation of a marshland in the Hudson, the item was sent back to the Parks Committee for further discussion.

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz

4. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve new/change of ownership application DCA#1085915 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ixhel Corporation, by Café Frida at 368 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats, was ratified by the Full Board.

5. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve new application DCA#1081298 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 461 Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Lenny's Gourmet at 461 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 26 seats, was ratified by the Full Board.

6. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to disapprove new application DCA#1083477 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Petca Corp., d/b/a Hanafins at 2286 Broadway, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats, was ratified by the Full Board.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Joint with Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Dan Cohen

7. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve the application to the Department of Transportation by David Nahum and Anna Cypel for a revocable consent to enlarge a front areaway, 636 West End Avenue (91st Street) was ratified by the Full Board.

8. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve application (01-6200) to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by BAS Communications to legalize the installation of a curbside telephone pedestal without LPC permits, 214 Riverside Drive (93rd-94th Streets) was ratified by the Full Board.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Joint with Parks Committee

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9. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve the proposal to the Greenstreets Program of the Department of Parks and Recreation to create a Greenstreet on west side of Amsterdam Avenue, south of 110th Street, was ratified by the Full Board.

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

10. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve application (BO1736) to the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission by Limo Link Inc. for a Luxury Limousine Base Station at 250 West 61st Street was ratified by the Full Board.

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Dan Cohen

11. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve Treavor Day School, 1 West 88th Street (Central Park West) application #016754 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install through-the-wall air conditioning units was ratified by the Full Board.

12. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve 6 West 87th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue) application #016899 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition was ratified by the Full Board.

13. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve the Manhasset, 301 West 108th Street (Broadway) application #016147 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to establish a master plan governing the future installation of storefronts between West 108th and 109th Streets was ratified by the Full Board.

Uniformed Services and Environment Committee

Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana Jr.

14. The July 25, 2001 Steering Committee vote to approve Councilmember Bill Perkins' Intro 823 to require plastic garbage cans was ratified by the Full Board.

The Full Board's vote to ratify the July 25, 2001 Steering Committee's votes for the above was:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Larry Horowitz, Chair, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Ashce, Annette Averette, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Steve Carbo, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, John D. Howell, Betty Katz, William Meyers, Eric M. Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Sharon Parker-Frazier, George Price, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Daniel Zweig. *Absent:* Janet Alvarez, Peter Bailey, Doug Griebel, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Lenore Norman, George Price, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Erana Stennett, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, Robert Zuckerman.

**Land Use Committee
Chair: Richard Asche
September 24, 2001**

1. 20 West End Avenue.

Robert Frazier, Project Manager, and Mark Levine, attorney presented the application being made to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for an amendment to a special permit by The Abraham Joshua Heschel School for a high school to be constructed at 20 West End Avenue (60th Street).

This is an expansion of the existing school building at this location (formerly the McBurney School). The lot is zoned M1-6, so a school use is by special permit only. The proposal is to amend the special permit to allow a larger building. Currently a 42,500 sq.ft. building exists; the proposal is to add a floor of 16,800 sq.ft. to the building. The new school would serve grades 9-12, ultimately with 300 students and 75 faculties.

Melanie Radley voiced the concern of the Committee about Heschel's plans elsewhere in the Community District, and suggested that this building and the adjacent site, owned by Heschel, could provide an opportunity for the school to consolidate its operations, thus relieving pressures on neighbors of its other properties further north. Heschel is currently planning to seek variance applications for an expansion of its West 89th Street site.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero emphasized the importance of the school continuing its community service activities.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a school is permitted by special permit at the site otherwise zoned for manufacturing at 20 West End Avenue, owned by The Abraham Joshua Heschel School; and

WHEREAS, The Abraham Joshua Heschel School has programmatic needs not met by the envelope and configuration of the existing school building at 20 West End Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the School proposes to amend the special permit allowing school use at the site to allow an increase in building size of 16,800 sq.ft; and

WHEREAS, the size of the expanded building will still be well within the zoning envelope for the site; and

WHEREAS, there are no immediate residential neighbors affected by the proposed changes to the building;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application BSA 289-86BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals to amend the previously approved special permit allow the expansion of a high school in a MI-6 zone at 20 West End Avenue.

Committee Member vote: 4-0-1-0 Board Member vote: 3-0-0-0.

2. 163-170 West 79th Street, aka 165-167 West 78th Street.

Sybil Pollet presented the application being made to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for a special permit by Congregation Rodeph Sholom to allow expansion of its school facility on West 79th Street. (The West 79th Street facility is connected to school facilities on West 78th Street, but the application is to enlarge and reconfigure the West 79th Street building only.)

The proposal is to add 3600 sq.ft. to the facility to allow the school to expand to include students in Grade 7 and Grade 8. The school would add two stories (each 36' wide and 27' deep) to the existing one-story encroachment in the rear yard; this would create 2400 sq.ft. The existing 45' rear yard predates zoning requirements for a 60' rear yard. The school also proposes to split the height of the existing gymnasium, creating an additional floor of 1200 sq.ft. Moreover, the very fact of the enlargement itself requires a special permit.

Having no time pressure from BSA, the Committee urged the applicant to provide more extensive notice of the proposal to its neighbors. The applicant agreed to hold information sessions for its neighbors.

The Committee requested that the applicant return to the October, meeting bringing with it further information on plans for mechanical equipment that would be installed on the roof of the school.

3. 55-57 West 109th Street 215-17 Manhattan Avenue, 352 Cathedral Parkway.

Beth Berns and Tom Vitullo-Martin, co-chairs of the Housing Committee, briefed the Land Use Committee on the proposal for Cathedral Gardens, and the associated designation of an Urban Development Action Area for the subject area. They presented the Committee with a draft resolution from the Housing Committee. The sense of the Land Use Committee was in favor of the Housing Committee resolution. The Land Use Committee offered some advice about how to ensure that commitments made by the project applicant are enforceable.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Doug Griebel, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer.

Land Use Committee Members Absent: Betty Katz, D. Maria Watson.

Board Members Present: Beth Berns, William Meyers, Tom Vitullo-Martin, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.