

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson**  
**Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center**  
**September 2, 2008**

Ms. Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

***Chairperson's Report, Helen Rosenthal***

- Introduced Andrew Albert who reported on CB7's Commercial Space Working Group. The group met with a real estate broker and a zoning attorney to discuss ways to save local stores. Mr. Albert also reported on the Enclosed Café Working Group, which is looking to meet with City Planning Commission Chair Amanda Burden to address leasing and zoning concerns and the use and turnover of enclosed cafes in CD7.
- Asked Barbara Van Buren to report on the status of the St. Louis Hall's Community Advisory Board (CAB). Ms. Van Buren listed the members of the CAB. The CAB is expected to get updates on construction, which has yet to commence due to the filing of various lawsuits against Lantern Group for the project. There are many concerns about construction and safety of the tenants in the building and the project's neighbors. Concerns have been raised about the cleanliness of the facility, including a recent report on CBS. The CAB investigated the issue and toured the facility. The Lantern Group responded to the concerns by hiring an additional building manager and working to clean up the facility, and CAB members have followed up by visiting the facility. There also have been concerns about bed bugs and roaches, and exterminators have been visiting the facility twice a week, but some tenants have resisted efforts to exterminate their individual apartments. There also have been a number of concerns raised about noise, most of which comes from loud radios of the tenants. The CAB requested that a hotline telephone number be established where people can call if they notice any problems with the St. Louis Hall, and the Lantern Group set up a number that is staffed by Lantern Group. Calls will be logged and submitted to the appropriate staff member. That number is 888-852-9155. The Lantern Group also installed a security camera to address concerns about after-hours security.
- Ms. Rosenthal reported on two land use issues. City Planning is expected to certify Fordham University's ULURP application in the next few months. Fordham agreed to meet with its neighbors several months ago, but has yet to do so. CB7's Riverside South Working Group has met with Extell Development Company as well as representatives of the various elected officials to discuss their planned development between 59<sup>th</sup> and 61<sup>st</sup> Streets, WEA to the Hudson River. A ULURP application for the Riverside South project will likely be submitted in the coming months. Luis Reyes noted that the working group and Council Member Gale Brewer are working to address overcrowding issues in School District 3 that will be exacerbated by the RSS project.
- Blanche Lawton asked about the status of the Park West Village Coordinating Group. Sheldon Fine reported that the group is still meeting and that its business and agenda are not related to the claims made in the lawsuit brought by the Westsiders for Public Participation.
- Ms. Rosenthal noted that the question of the month will be extended: What budget or priority issues do you see as important for our community?

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 35-0-3-1.

Ms. Rosenthal introduced Mel Wymore, who reported for the Green Committee. She urged people to ride scooters and to drink water from the tap as opposed to bottled water.

***Nominations of Board Officers for 2008-2009, Dan Zweig, Chairperson, Elections Committee***

CB7 has one Chairperson, 3 Vice Chairpersons and 2 Co-Secretaries.

Nominations for Chair:

Helen Rosenthal (accepted)

Nominations for Vice Chair:

Jeff Siegel (accepted)

Luis Reyes (tentative acceptance – later declined)

Miki Fiegel (accepted)

David Harris (not present, so not officially accepted – did accept)

Mark Diller (declined)

Marc Glazer (accepted)

Linda Alexander (accepted)

Nominations for Secretary:

Mark Diller (accepted)

Lindsey Boylan (not present, so not officially accepted – did accept)

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

Thanked Council Member Brewer and Jessie Bodine for efforts to keep IS 44's playground construction on schedule. Trader Joe's is still planning on coming to 72<sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway. NFL event in Columbus Circle will close down the circle and CPS all day. DEP reported that 40% of noise complaints on the UWS were due to construction. 808 Columbus and the Harrison have topped off. The seven-major crimes in the 20 are down 10% and in the 24 are down 8%, with the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct having the lowest reported crime rate in NYC.

***Reports by Legislators***

**Council Member Gale Brewer –**

- Air conditioning bill will be signed that will fine stores that keep their doors open while keeping their AC on. There will be a meeting to discuss RATS on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm at Rodeph Sholom School. Working on: budget issues related to legal services, ways to avoid cuts to capital projects in the district, funding for a conflict resolution group, street vendors on Broadway and 72<sup>nd</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> Streets, and improvements in area playgrounds and the Broadway Malls.
- Addressing the proliferation of cell phone towers. Because of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1966, the City has very little control or influence over cell phone towers.

**Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal –**

- McCain "Payls-in" comparison to the Democrats.
- Working to restore cuts to the local member items that go directly to district services. Approximately \$1.5 billion in cuts have been made and that more were probably coming.

- A number of obstetricians have raised concerns about the medical malpractice rates, and that medical malpractice premiums have been capped by the State for a year until the State commission reports some opposed solution. Testified before NYCHA requesting additional funding for the various public housing developments in the City that have been starved for cash.
- Testified before the DHCR about the “phony demolition” standards.
- The State will be lobbied about whether Mayoral control over the schools should be extended and invited everyone to submit comments and thoughts.

***Manhattan Borough President's Report, Sari Bernstein***

Study is ongoing on how many development rights are available for the creation of affordable housing in public housing developments and how the community could be more involved in the process.

***Public Session***

**Martha Soffer, US Small Business Administration** – Loans are available for buying and leasing as well as renovations. They have small business counseling. She can be contacted at 212-264-9487 or at the local NY SBA district office.

**Sandra Duque, Comptroller William Thompson's Office** – Referred people to the comments in the Board report.

**Calvin Solomon, New York District Attorney's Office** – Referred people to the comments in the Board report.

**Jared Chausow, State Senator Tom Duane's Office** – All seven variances for Shearith Israel were approved by BSA. Referred people to review the comments to the Board.

**Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's Office** – Referred people to the Board comments.

**Micah Lasher, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office** – Attorney General Andrew Cuomo had a successful town hall meeting on the UWS. Congressman Nadler was also one of 14 members of Congress to oppose the Telecommunication Act.

**Michael Meade, State Senator Eric Scheniderman's Office** – Referred people to the Board comments and noted that Mark Diller was the MVP in the CB-elected staff kickball competition.

**Jeff Margolis, Congressman Charles Rangel's Office** – Congressman working to elect a Democratic President and on the various issues from the West Side. Announced West Side tenants conference Sat, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Shane Seger, Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's Office** – Referred people to the comments in the Board report.

**Maggie McClean, Stern Resident** – Noted that a 35-year-old tenant had passed away.

**Luzdarey Giraldo, NYCOSH** --WTC environmental health screening located in Bellevue is ongoing.

**Shelly Fine** – urged people to attend the Upper West Side CERT benefit on September 17 and announced that September is National Preparedness Month.

**Alan Flacks** – Concerned about wraparounds for outdoor cafes for Turkaz on Broadway, and for other restaurants, and asked the CB to review the issue.

**Ulma Jones** – Urged people to attend the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund benefit fund event for the NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch in Marina Del Rey, The Bronx.

***Business Session***

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**Land Use Committee**

**Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**

**Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee**

**Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

1. The resolution to **disapprove** application to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Mount Sinai Medical Center for variances to build a medical science center at East 102<sup>nd</sup> Street between Madison and Fifth Avenues was adopted: 37-1-1-0.

Brad Beckstram, Mount Sinai Hospital, gave a general overview of the project.

**Transportation Committee**

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

2. The resolution to **approve** the application by the Lincoln Square BID to the Street Activity Permit Office to use various locations in and around Lincoln Square for the 2008 Winter's Eve Celebration on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> was adopted: 35-0-0-1.

3. The resolution to **approve** the application by Lincoln Center to the Street Activity Permit Office to close lanes on Columbus Avenue between West 62<sup>nd</sup> and 63<sup>rd</sup> Streets on Monday, December 1<sup>st</sup> for the annual tree lighting ceremony was adopted: 34-0-1-0.

4. The resolution to **approve** the Gateway School's request to the Department of transportation to change the flow of traffic on West 61<sup>st</sup> Street to westbound and to study how the street should be realigned was adopted 33-2-3-0.

(A motion to send the resolution back to committee was denied overwhelmingly by the Board, and a friendly amendment to study the consistency of the circulation issue on was adopted as friendly.)

**Newsstands:**

5. The resolution to **approve** application #1287183 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shamsun Nahar to construct and operate a newsstand at the northeast corner of Broadway and West 70<sup>th</sup> Street was adopted: 25-10-2-0

6. The resolution to **approve** application #1289711 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Anurag Maheshwari to construct and operate a newsstand at the southwest corner of Broadway and West 98<sup>th</sup> Street was adopted: 26-6-4-0.

**Sidewalk Cafe Applications:**

7. **311 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 74<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1289619 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fusha Japanese Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Fusha Japanese Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 61 seats was adopted: 27-8-1-1.

8. **461 Columbus Avenue** (West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** new application DCA# 1290704 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mabu, LLC, Inc., d/b/a Madaleine Mae, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats was adopted: 27-9-1-0.

9. **2728 Broadway** (West 104<sup>th</sup> – 105<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 1221141 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tokyo Pop, LLC, d/b/a Tokyo Pop, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats was not adopted: 7-27-2-0.

9A. **2728 Broadway** (West 104<sup>th</sup> – 105<sup>th</sup> Street.) A substitute resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 27-2-6-0.

10. **366 Columbus Avenue** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** New/Change of Ownership application DCA# 1282506 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shake Shack 366 Columbus, LLC,

d/b/a Shake Shack, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats was adopted: 29-5-2-0.

11. The resolution to approve the raising of grates on Broadway Malls at 79<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup> and 91<sup>st</sup> Streets but to disapprove the design of the benches was adopted 35-1-1-0.

12. **39 West 76<sup>th</sup> Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** petition to the Department of Transportation for a fenced-in planter area was not adopted: 13-16-5-0.

12A. A substitute motion to **disapprove** was not adopted: 17-12-7-0.

Joe Bolanos, West 76<sup>th</sup> Street Landmark Block Association – Opposed to resolution because of egregious actions of the applicant for a 2-story addition that never was reviewed by the CB.

Jeremiah Candreva, Kramer Levin for applicant –Urged adoption of the resolution because of full compliance with LPC regulations.

### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

#### **Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

13. **116 West 71st Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to **approve** application #09-0150 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition was adopted: 29-1-1-0.

14. **163 West 78th Street, Rodeph Sholom School** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to **approve** restoration of the front façade, replacement of front door, enlargement of existing penthouse addition to accommodate an indoor play space, enlargement of footprint of existing one-story gymnasium was adopted: 35-0-1-0.

15. **117 West 81st Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to **approve** application #09-0104 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for expansion of penthouse level & roof terrace, exterior restoration and new windows on front façade, and rear-yard addition was adopted: 35-0-0-0.

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

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

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

16. **1900 Broadway** (63<sup>rd</sup>-64<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **disapprove**, d/b/a/ Sushi A Go-Go Operating Corp was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

17. **127 West 72nd Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues) The resolution to **disapprove**, d/b/a/ Kaya NY Corporation was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

18. **380 Columbus Avenue** (78<sup>th</sup>-79<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **disapprove**, d/b/a/ Roma 380 Equities was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

19. **170 West 75th Street**, a.k.a. 311 Amsterdam Avenue. The resolution to **approve** Fusha Japanese Rest. Inc. was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

20. **226 West 79th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue-Broadway) The resolution to **approve**, Bagicha NY Inc. was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

21. **505 Columbus Avenue** (84<sup>th</sup>-85<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve**, d/b/a/ Kefi LLC was adopted: 32-1-0-0.

22. **507 Columbus Avenue** (84<sup>th</sup>-85<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve** “Japanese Restaurant” (Name to be determined) was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

23. **924 Columbus Avenue** (105<sup>th</sup>-106<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve**, d/b/a/ Sasa's Lounge Inc. was adopted: 32-1-0-0.

24. **999 Columbus Avenue** (109<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Streets.) The resolution to **approve**, d/b/a/ Soundslot Inc. was adopted: 34-0-1-0.

25. **2425 Broadway** (251 W. 89<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** 2425 Broadway LLC, d/b/a (Name to be determined.) was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

26. **392 Columbus Avenue** (79<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** JDM Partners, Inc., d/b/a (Name to be determined.) was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

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

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

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**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons  
September 9, 2008**

**1. 333 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway-West End Avenue), The Atria. Request to reduce size of the Atria loading zone and to prevent employees from parking private vehicles in the loading.**

Norman Siegel, Esq. presenting for Marcia Tepler, who is the plaintiff in a lawsuit against DOT and CB7. He requested removal of Atria's loading zone, which he claimed Atria has abused the use with cars other than buses using it. One proposed alternative is to change the hours from 7a.m. to 7p.m. to 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Corp Counsel Michelle Goldberg-Cahn was present. Dan Zweig asked whether Mr. Siegel could accept a compromise, he said that they prefer not. Ms. Tepler says Atria double parks all the time and illegally holds the space.

Marvin Cohen, managing agent for Atria, says that a white car is often there holding the space, and explained it is another vehicle used for transporting seniors. He says Atria has repeatedly warned employees not to use space for personal vehicles. Says they have terminated several drivers. There new 26-foot bus. DOT has a minimum length of 36-feet for the loading zone.

John Peluso, neighbor, says he never saw a meeting notice. Mr. Cohen said they were posted.

Dan Zweig asked about long term parking by bus when it is supposed to be used exclusively for pick up and drop off. Mr. Cohen said it had to do with meal schedules.

**2. 355 Amsterdam Avenue (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) Discussion with Chirping Chicken on management of delivery bikes.**

Louis Barkoutsis, owner, was present. Says he has spoken with the delivery people about following the rules. However, he did not understand what "driving against traffic" meant. Chirping Chicken has 12-15 bikes. Says he gives instructions to delivery drivers daily.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero said there were four issues: (1) too many bicycles, (2) traffic pattern of bicyclists; (3) he was hit by one; (4) waiter serving outside of barrier. He said Chirping Chicken delivery cyclists have good signage.

Ulma Jones suggested as a solution that they use the 77<sup>th</sup> Street side for parking their bikes. Andrew Albert said that they have to park within their footprint.

Linda Alexander suggested he sacrifice two tables to accommodate the returning or waiting bicycles.

Oscar Rios said the issue is delivery personnel riding on sidewalks and against traffic.

***Enclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:***

**3. 300 Amsterdam Avenue (West 74<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1218880 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by American Specialty Foods, Inc., d/b/a Josie's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 27 seats.**

Elaine Reyes, administrator, presented. Brought the notice that was posted throughout the neighborhood. Has closely monitored delivery bikes. Bobbi Katzander has a comment: is against enclosed cafés.

Committee **approves** 8-1-0-0

**4. 44 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue - Broadway.) Renewal application DCA# 1229629 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by ERS Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a P.J. Clarke's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 46 seats.**

Mike Leuck, expeditor, presented. Brought photos and papers with addresses on postings.

Committee **approves** 8-1-0-0

**5. 2061 Broadway (West 71<sup>st</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1223566 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café 71, Inc. d/b/a Café 71, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats.**

Alexander Zarwi, owner, presented. Has bicycle deliveries but built special section for bicycles and says he is “always on top of his drivers.” Has been in the space for 30 years.  
Committee **approves** 8-1-0-0

**6. 244-246 Columbus Avenue (West 71<sup>st</sup>-72<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1224900 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Madison on Columbus Corp. d/b/a China Fun, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 seats.**

Mike Leuck, expeditor, presented. Question regarding signage, which does not have an LPC permit. LPC has been holding application for a year and a half. Moreover, Mr. Leuck did not have access to paperwork.

Mark Glazer pointed out that China Fun’s bicycle delivery person hit one of his customers and that the bikes are locked to a bus stop pole.

The application was laid over because of the bikes and permit. The committee took no action.

**7. 2290 Broadway (West 82<sup>nd</sup> – 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1119642 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Westside Deli, LLC d/b/a Artie’s Delicatessen, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 26 tables and 54 seats.**

Jeff Bank, owner, presented. Regarding bike messengers, Artie’s have ID, reflective vests and must sign an affidavit they will follow the law.  
Committee **approves** 7-2-0-0

**8. 502 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1146560 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Romagica Corp. d/b/a Celeste Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 10 seats.**

Carmine Mitrone, owner, presented.  
Committee **approves** 7-2-0-0

**9. 2483 Broadway (West 92<sup>nd</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0916146 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hussien Environmental, Inc., d/b/a Cleopatra’s Needle, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 16 seats.**

Maher Hussein, owner, presented.  
Committee **approves** 7-2-0-0

**10. 221 Columbus Avenue (West 70<sup>th</sup> Street.) New change of Ownership application DCA# 1275517 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amber Japanese Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Amber Asian Cuisine, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.**

James Wong, owner’s representative, presented.  
Committee **approves** 7-2-0-0

**11. Discussion of additions to CB7’s sidewalk café guidelines.**

Adding bicycle safety to guidelines. Adding restaurant owner or representative must appear when applying for permits.

**12. Update on plaque program.**

Brief discussion on attractiveness.

**13. Assigning survey of newsstands to committee members:**

Linda Alexander: south side 86<sup>th</sup> Street to north side 79<sup>th</sup> Street; Columbus to Broadway

Mark Glazer: south side West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street to north side 59<sup>th</sup> Street; Columbus to Broadway

Bobbie Katzander: north side West 79<sup>th</sup> to south side West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street; Columbus to Broadway

Oscar Rios: 106<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Streets; Columbus to Broadway

Andrew Albert: north side West 86<sup>th</sup> Street to south side 96<sup>th</sup> Street; Columbus to Broadway

Dan Zweig: 106<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Streets; Columbus to Broadway

Paul Fischer: north side West 96<sup>th</sup> Street to south 106<sup>th</sup> Street; Columbus to Broadway

**14. Dan Zweig reported on discussion with owner of Tokyo Pop. Mr. Zweig read the letter owner sent to committee.**

Paraphrased: Complained that they weren't made aware of scheduled meeting for vote. Said they apologized for any non-compliance of rules. Offered to come to a future meeting to discuss.

**15. New Business:**

- Jean Jaworek, DEBNA, invited everyone to the ribbon cutting for the West 106<sup>th</sup> Street bike lanes at Innovation Bike Shop, 105 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street on Tuesday, September 16, 6p.m.
- Mara Conan and Jane Shultz, who live at 320 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, received tickets for double parking while waiting for their husbands. They feel that because they were in their cars with blinkers on, they were wrongly fined. Oscar Rios said that double parking is illegal. It's an irrefutable law, although some police ask the drivers to move their cars before ticketing. Ulma Jones pointed out that West 86<sup>th</sup> Street is an emergency street and that may be why they elected to ticket Ms. Conan and Ms. Shultz.

**Present:** Andrew Albert,

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

**Parks & Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
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September 11, 2008**

**1. Riverside Park. Informational discussion on proposal by the Department of Parks & Recreation for the development, maintenance and operation of an indoor tennis facility at the West 96<sup>th</sup> Street Tennis Courts.**

John Herrold, Administrator, Riverside Park: Not necessarily a year round operation. Concessionaire would propose pricing, and revenues go into the City's general fund.

Jim Dowell, Director, Riverside Park Fund: The courts (as they exist) are an extraordinary public amenity maintained by private entity, the Riverside Clay Tennis Association (RTCA). They also maintain surrounding area and sponsor activities. RCTA believes that the proposal has enormous potential to impact what they do in a negative way. DPR provides 50 percent of one employee's wage, the rest is provided by RCTA. The courts are operated under a license agreement with the city. DPR Revenue does not understand operation of the courts, or chooses to ignore RCTA. RCTA is one of the most effective groups operating in the park.

Robin Noble, RCTA: Represent over a thousand dues-paying members. This is the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization. Oppose the takeover of the courts by a for-profit concessionaire. We see this as an erosion of our community. We rehabilitated the courts, raised over \$250,000 a year to make rehabilitation happen, and spend almost 2000 hours a year on various aspects of having this keep going. We provide over 85% of the funding for the courts, we have junior and adult programs and support many activities in the park. This for-profit bubble will reduce an element of our programming and thus the loss of community and revenue (support streams).

Mark Mac Intyre, Executive Director, RCTA: Because our courts are clay, we cannot bubble them. Construction would be a serious problem for us. We start our season in early April. Bubbles on courts are usually for a 6-month season, which would go into late April or early May, and would hinder our season. Additionally, we do play on into December. Dues are \$35 a year

Member of Audience: City did not maintain the courts and was going to change flooring. RCTA took over maintenance. People independently come in to care for the park--- planting flowers etc...bubble would desecrate the place. Bubbles are awful...surface like corrugated mud.

Ms. Norman: Having a bubble in the park in the winter when trees are dormant would not be aesthetically pleasing.

Ms. Neuwelt: We will report these problems to DPR.

**2. 28 West 76<sup>th</sup> street (Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for removal of existing rear-yard extension and construction of new flat rear façade.**

Virginia Kindred, Red Top Architects: The project is currently a brownstone with 7 apartments that is being converted into a single-family home. Façade, original stoop and detail has been preserved. Will do some minor improvements to the windows as a part of the project. We will be doing a rear-yard addition, making a larger extension, but it will not extend as far as surrounding buildings. Addition will be 35 feet from the lot line. Material will be beige stucco. Not using brick because it would be considerably more expensive. Not using double-hung window, as in front, because wanted to use the system that would accommodate the most light.

**Committee comments:**

Design does not seem in character of the adjacent buildings

I like the design—it is elegant—but I do not like stucco. Not worried about losing some space, but the vessel would be better in brick.

I also wish it were in brick, I do wish the windows were a bit more articulated. I appreciate bringing in more light, but it seems a bit too modern. But brick is the bigger component of this.

Is it possible to add some throwback to make it fit better with surrounding buildings? That would improve it greatly.

The windows offend more than stucco. They remind me of every post-modern, post-war building in the City.

Joseph Bolanos, West 76<sup>th</sup> Street Landmark Association President: The good news is someone is not taking land space away. Agree with the majority on the brick issue.

Ms. Kindred agreed to take the Committee’s recommendations back to the owner and to attend the October 16 committee meeting.

**3. 67, 69, 71 & 73 West 71 Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard extension of two buildings and remodeling the front facades of all four buildings.**

Greg Rothstein, Architect: 67-73 are four 25-foot rental buildings on the same lot. They were built in the late 1880s. These are converted dwellings that had to have a method of egress. Owner is removing fire escapes. Three buildings have ground-floor commercial use; the fourth has an apartment. We are proposing to convert the ground-floor apartment into a store and fill in the garden. You can do the commercial conversion because it is zoned commercial. There is no “donut” because the buildings on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street take up so much space, there isn’t a lot left on rear. The stores will be extended on first floor and the upper residential floors will stay the same. We would like to restore some of the uniformity to the front of the building by redoing the top of the buildings, some of the lower level elements. Materials will mimic what is existing.

Mr. Rothstein: In the rear, we propose to have two of four buildings extended in rear (the other two have already been extended). There will be no space between the buildings on 72<sup>nd</sup> and 71<sup>st</sup> Streets. It is clearly illustrated as fitting next to each other in the rear after the extensions are in place on the two buildings. Whenever you go to a rear property line you have to go before the community board, otherwise this proposal should not really be under the purview of this committee.

Mr. Rothstein agreed to suggest Ms. Norman’s recommendation of some plantings to the owner.

*The Committee adopted the following resolution:*

This is a combined lot that is zoned for commercial use.

The rear-yard extension of two of the buildings at 67 and 69 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street would be to the rear lot lines, would leave a very small grade level opening surrounded by commercial buildings and would not be visible from any public way.

The architect, on behalf of the applicant, represented to The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan that he would change the proposed store front windows from those presented to the Committee to remove the off-center posts dividing the each group of windows.

The Parks & Preservation Committee believes that the proposed façade remodeling, as modified as described above, is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the buildings, and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed façade remodeling 67, 69, 71 & 73 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, subject to the change in the design agreed to by the architect as described above.

*Committee: 9-2-1-0, and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed rear-yard extension of the two buildings at 67 and 69 West 71<sup>st</sup> Street, but recommends that the roofs of the two buildings be landscaped.

*Committee: 10-0-1-0.*

**4. 303 West 90<sup>th</sup> Street (West End Avenue.) Application #08-8519 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear-yard and rooftop additions.**

Applicant was not present.

*Resolution to disapprove without prejudice was adopted: 11-0-0-0.*

**5. 190 Riverside Drive (West 91<sup>st</sup> Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.**

Ms. Neuwelt: We have heard about the application for a rooftop addition several times and have not approved. It is history and this is a new proposal.

Howard Spivak, Spivak Architects: There is an existing penthouse addition. Only pieces of the new addition are visible from a couple of places in Riverside Park. We have photo montages from each location...before and after. Built in 1910, it is a very nice building, very strong horizontal cornice. LPC asked us to photograph penthouse additions around the area. Riverside Drive buildings have penthouses. You have the precedent of one-story additions. We propose to go up one story in masonry, then smaller additional story up in glass so it almost fades away. LPC asked us not simply to mimic historic design, but take an intentional “point of view” that is contextual, but distinct from the building. Existing penthouse is 2500 sf. We propose to add 2600 sf to make 5100 sf. The upper level will be 2100sf. The height of the addition will be 11 feet. The water tower will be 6 feet higher and will be more visible from WEA. We will use the same elevator line to apt lower level (as is now) and there will be another interior elevator in the apartment. We will not work to accommodate plant-bearing roof area outside footprint of penthouse on the roof. The floor-to-ceiling height on the lower level is 10.6 ft and 9.6 ft for the second floor. The setbacks make the appearance from the park appropriate and do not infringe on the view. We were very sensitive that, from Riverside Drive, you could not see an infringing build-in. There is a more floor area than we could use. Previous iterations of the proposal that had more height did not succeed. The glass will not be highly reflective, but a light gray...not drawing attention to the building.

**Comments:**

Tracy MacCabe, 190 Board: Meeting with applicant on Monday. We think the building is beautiful and are concerned by the volume and are concerned particularly about the cornice. We feel it will overwhelm the building (particularly in the winter). We understand point about cleaning up the roof, but like our roof the way it is. The structure view is bad because of the location near park monuments. We also don't want the committee to think this structure is ok just because they are asking for less than last time. We also do not like how modern the structure is. Could they do one floor and recess more? We understand that you need to make money, but you should want to make us happy as well.

Ronald Gold, lives and works in building: Completely different views in winter and from important monuments, and this presentation did not show that. The precedent used here for a different building was created before landmarks so it is not a useful precedent. Also, this two-story penthouse will inconvenience the neighbors in the building a great deal.

Ann Ragora, Resident in building: We should have been notified and there were no signs. The other thing is that this building has a sister building, on West End and 91<sup>st</sup> Street (645). These two buildings are visible together, and now that they are moving things on the penthouse it further takes away from the

symmetry. Response Spivak—Our office put up notices and sent a booklet to you in the mail. We placed notices (8-9 flyers) in the 190 building and along the street.

Kumi Pucker, former resident: I enjoy the park very much and I share the concern about the park. The zinc color and dark glass do not mesh well. I think it will look vulgar and this building sweep will not look nice from the park .

Glenn Bigalow, nearby resident: This district was made a historic district and this case does not set a good precedent. At some point you have to say, what is the point of having a historic district if you are constantly going to take pieces out.

Louis McCarthy, resident in building: I love the aesthetics of the building, and the interior, and believe in the landmark that it is within. The feeling of the building is such a part of Riverside Drive and I wouldn't want to change that.

Anitha Strong, resident: The cornices on the building are the figurehead of the building. I have been up to the current "penthouse" and that is what it is...that is what the character is under landmarks. I went on the web and found many sources that allude to the importance of water towers as art.

Robert Palmer, penthouse resident since 1979: The views are spectacular and the scale is wonderful. Please consider that. I am in State Supreme Court and they have ruled in my favor.

Colleen Litakenu, resident: We have a jewel, and now that the path on the river is being reduced.

Ethel Sheffer, 194 West End, CB7 member and helped create the Historic District. I live next door and my personal view or location would not be affected by the proposed addition. My building was built by the same architect. I would like to raise a few points: One of which is about the mock up. I deliberately looked at the view from Soldiers & Sailors Monument and other views. It is very difficult to understand what the effect will be if the mockup is not adequate. I also take the point about the sloping of the building...the way the measurement is being described is deceptive. I would encourage the Board to ask the applicant to put up a better mock up. Secondly, I would question the two- story issue for one family. There is a big difference between the 18-20 feet than with just one story. It is unclear to me, why we are moving the water tower...is there another treatment or option? My last point is that it is always hard to visualize things. It is best to see from the pedestrian level and not just from far away...it tells a different story on the ground. I would be interested to know what the owners think about this because there was considerable opposition to this.

Response Fontas—I don't want to diminish the comment about the photos, because it is valid, but we were responding to concerns from LPC. Response Spivak—we thought that the photos were a good tool to get a sense of what was going on.

Response Fontas—We don't have to move the water tower, it is more expensive. Reponse Spivak—the only reason we are moving the water tower is because LPC was concerned about the visibility of the water tower. We could keep it where it is. Last year we had a different reading of the concerns.

Committee comments:

I am troubled by lack of context with the addition. The bulk of it is enormous. I am a real estate broker with 30 years experience and most of the penthouses on the West Side are old maids' quarters.

I don't accept that the primary view is from the park, because people walk around other streets and will see it from other views. I am concerned from eastern view.

The fact that you chose to keep masonry on one side is more appropriate than the glass box. This feels more comfortable to me.

I feel for Mr. Spivak because we are in a trend to do the glass that is Meyeresque and other new architectural vogue. We used to be so concerned with the context. I don't think we need to go to the other

extreme with “everything hanging out.” This building generated several other buildings (twins, etc). This treatment is too jarring.

While I am concerned with what people have said, I don’t think there is any perfect way to do this. If you accept these set backs, no materials and design is going to be “right.”

Just because the building has a right to do more in terms of FAR doesn’t mean it should be done. It is eroding the character of the neighborhood.

It is too large, too imposing, and it will be very visible. I, too, am concerned with the glass. I will say that I think it is a much better proposal than it used to be but you could do better with one story, a lot smaller.

Less jarring would be better, and more in-keeping with the district. If you want to have something that is an addition in a historic district, it should be modest. It is still too big. There is way too much glass.

*The Committee adopted the following resolution:*

190 Riverside Drive is a classic Beaux Arts apartment building of 1909 with a particularly notable and prominent cornice.

The proposed rooftop addition would be substantially visible from Riverside Park and from various points on other public ways.

The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the proposed two-story rooftop addition, with facades primarily of glass that would be considerably closer to the building parapets than the facades of the existing one-story rooftop addition, is too bulky, lacks connection to its context, has no relevant precedent on the Upper West Side and is inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the proposed rooftop addition at 190 Riverside Drive.

*Committee: 11-0-0-0.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lindsey Boylan*

**Present:** Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Lindsey Boylan, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Molly Gordy, Phyllis E. Gunther, Blanche E. Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz and Jeffrey Siegel. **Absent:** Roberta Semer.

### **September 15, 2008 Parks & Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes**

#### **1. 260 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Presentation by Sasha Gendell and Joe Oiveri of Sasha Gendell Assoc.

This is a combination of three brownstones into a single family house. The application is for rooftop and rear-yard additions. This was a poorly presented project with many unanswered questions as to materials, façade, doorways, stoops etc.

*The Committee adopted the following resolution:*

The architect agreed on behalf of the applicant to withdraw its request to the LPC at this time for the façade renovations and to return to The Parks& Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan at a later time to present potentially revised drawings for the façade renovations.

The proposed rooftop additions at the front facades of 258 and 260 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street will not be visible from any public way, and they will be generally of a style and materials consistent with the

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rooftop addition at 262 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street that was previously approved by the Committee and the LPC and constructed on that building.

The proposed rear-yard addition will not be visible from any public way, and is a reasonably symmetrical design that would replace a hodgepodge of non-historic accretions to the three rear facades.

The architect represented to the Committee that the drawing of the proposed rear façade presented to the Committee did not accurately show the fenestration at the fourth floor, and that the plans presented to the LPC would show double-hung windows without divided lights, and similarly undivided glass door panels, at the fourth floor.

The Park & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the proposed front rooftop additions and the proposed rear-yard additions are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the buildings and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Parks& Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed front rooftop additions and the proposed rear-yard additions at 258, 260, 262 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street, and **takes no action** regarding the proposed façade renovation, based on the applicant's agreement to withdraw that portion of its application pending reappearing before the Committee with potentially revised designs for the façade.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

**2. 610 West End Avenue.**

Presentation by Francois Bullock, architect, and Charles Wang.

This is for a restoration of canopy, moat, ground floor courtyard, ground floor windows and lighting, No action was taken. Applicant agreed to come back with a more detailed plan which would integrate into it some of the suggestions made by the Committee.

**3. 428 Columbus Avenue.**

Presentation by Ji Oh of Alexander Neratoff Architects.

This is for an alteration to and expansion of existing rooftop additions.

This plan was seen as an improvement over the existing conditions.

*The Committee adopted the following resolution:*

The proposed altered and expanded rooftop addition will be of materials and design considerably more appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District than the existing rooftop addition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed alteration and expansion of the rooftop addition at 428 Columbus Avenue.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Miki Fiegel*

**Present:** Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel and Molly Gordy, **Absent:** Lindsey Boylan, Phyllis E. Gunther, Blanche E. Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz, Roberta Semer and Jeffrey Siegel.

**Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons  
September 16, 2008**

The Meeting was opened by co-chair Barbara Van Buren.

**Rats**

Jessie Bodine, from Gale Brewer's office, reported on the efforts of their office to respond to the increase in complaints from constituents about the rat infestation on the West Side. The newest hot spots are in the upper 70s and lower 80s. Jessie organized a community meeting, co-sponsored by the Community Board, to address the problem. Present were representatives from the Departments of Sanitation and Health and Mental Health, as well as concerned neighbors. Attempting to humanize the problem was the rodentologist from DOHMH, who attributed part of the problem to the spring breeding season of the rats. When the new ones are born, the older children are pushed out of their homes, and have to find a new place to live and feed, causing them to appear on the streets. The major cause of the increase was seen as the poor handling of garbage. The schoolyards of PS 87 and MS 44 were found to have many rat droppings by the DOHMH, and were fitted with bait and traps. The agency has only 47 inspectors to handle 20,000 + inspections a year and monitor the remedial actions. It was felt that limited success could be achieved when dealing with individual complaints, as the rats just move on to neighbors who are not doing anything to control the situation.

On the DOHMH staff is an educator in charge of training groups on rat management. She would be willing to come to the Committee to share ideas on how to help our community address this as a neighborhood, rather than an individual problem. One person on the block keeping garbage safely covered does not solve the situation.

The Department of Sanitation has a particular problem with restaurants and food stores. They do extensive outreach and training to employees, but the turnover is so rapid that there are soon few at the location who remember the good practices. It was thought the BIDS might be interested in reinforcing the garbage management, to minimize customer complaints in those businesses.

A number was given for complaints about garbage removed by private carters – the Business Integrity Commission, 888- 687- 1188. Complaints about City pick-ups go to 311.

**Projects for the Coming Year**

**Rats**

It was agreed that this would be a major focus, and that we would work with Gale's office on ways to involve neighbors in rat control efforts.

**Food Stamps**

Hunger continues to rise, government budgets for food programs diminish, and local food programs have less food to distribute. Still food stamps are not being fully utilized. Many people hesitate to apply because they don't want to be labeled as needy. Some think they are only for poor people, while current regulations allow families earning \$72,000, depending on the size of their family, to receive them. Others hear they would only receive \$10, while actually many individuals who received the minimal amount when they applied for Medicaid, have their allowance increased when they deal with the Food Stamp Program directly, Farmers Markets accept Food Stamps. The Committee will invite a

representative from the Food Stamp Program of HRA to present ways the Board could stimulate Food Stamp use in our district. It was suggested that faith communities could be involved.

### **HIV/AIDS Curriculum in the Schools**

This is a project we had worked on previously with the Youth and Education Committee. The State has mandated a curriculum in all the schools on HIV/AIDS. Training was held last year for school personnel to train others in their schools on the implementation. However it has not been fully implemented. At the same time, young people are the fastest growing population group being diagnosed with HIV/AIDS. NYAC, the New York City AIDS Coalition, which had advocated for the initial State mandate, is holding meetings on how to insure that the curriculum is implemented. Tom Roberts, a public member from the Ryan Health Center, mentioned how effective the Peer Training Institute had been for teens, but it is no longer funded. He also mentioned their programs addressing older people and AIDS, which is another rapidly growing AIDS diagnosed population.

It was agreed that we would speak with the Youth and Education Committee to see if they want to join us in following up on this.

### **Aging in Place**

The Committee has been involved in looking at services for the isolated elderly in the community. Many of the resources we have been told about have not yet been put into action, and we are continuing to research them. In the meantime, other possibilities have begun to emerge. The Academy of Medicine is looking at ways communities can become friendlier to the aging. (Ruth Ellen Simmons, another Public Member, is involved in this project.) The tenants at Park West Village rental buildings have organized to develop a neighbor to neighbor program. Several block associations are organizing Aging in Place programs. The Committee will keep in touch with these groups as they continue to grow.

The next meeting will be on City Budget Priorities, and community agencies will be invited for their input. The following meetings will deal with the above projects.

Acknowledgement should also be made of the other regularly attending Public Members, Judy Martinez from Volunteers of America, Fern Fleckman from Ryan, and Sonia Stetkiewych from the Jewish Home and Hospital.

Minutes taken by Barbara Keleman

**Present:** Barbara Van Buren, Miki Fiegel, Barbara Keleman, Lillian Moore and Elizabeth Starkey.

**Absent:** Sonia Garcia, Daniel Meltzer and Madge Rosenberg.

**Housing Committee**  
**Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons**  
**September 22, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. Introductions followed.

**Ms. Patricia McCombs, Administrator from NYCHA'S Manhattan Borough Management Office.** We expected the Director as well as an elevator expert from NYCHA, but unfortunately they were unable to attend. Five public housing developments were represented by either their tenants' association president and/or residents (Developments: Wise Towers Proper, Amsterdam Houses, DeHostos, West of Broadway-Douglas Rehab and 74 West 92 Street-WSURA).

The majority of the complaints were of course about bad elevator service or the lack there of. Ms. McCombs promised to provide Victor Gonzalez with answers/updates to all the issues raised at the meeting. The particular issues were introduced by Modesto Orozco Jr. of 70 Amsterdam Avenue who stated that their elevators, whether going up or down, always stop on the 3rd floor and then disappear. Arlene L. Nesbitt of 74 West 92 Street stated that the "A" elevator breaks down mostly and the "B" does not as often. Other concerns were missed appointments by repairmen, bad ticket numbers, and the call center and the management people are giving different answers for the same issues.

Ms. Rosalba Rodriguez of Council Member Brewer's office asked if there's a crew already established at Amsterdam Houses, why is there is an elevator issue there?

Johnetta Murray remind us that at a previous CB7 housing meeting Mr. Conrad Vasquez (NYCHA-ESS) had promised to visit DeHostos to abate the garbage issue, but never addressed that issue.

All of these issues and concerns will be brought back to NYCHA's Manhattan Borough Office Director and he will get back to our committee. In addition, the committee will be expecting an answer to these inquiries. An attempt will be made to get NYC Sanitation and NYCHA together to try and resolve the garbage issue.

The last question was if there is a fine to a resident for feeding pigeons on NYCHA grounds.

**Present:** Victor Gonzalez, Charles Simon, Rosa Gonzalez, Johnetta Murray and Sharon Parker-Frazier.

**Absent:** Sonia Garcia, Lillian Moore and Melanie Radley.

**Elected Officials reps present:** Gregory Monte from Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal and Rosalba Rodriguez from City Council Member Gale A. Brewer.

**DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING MINUTES**

**Penny Ryan, District Manager**  
**Wednesday, September 24, 2008**  
**9:30-11:00 AM**

**Agency Reports** for July-September, personnel or service changes.

**DoITT** – 311 is now accepting pictures and videos with complaints.

*Follow-up: A request was made that 311 furnish DOB complaint categories available to call center specialists on the 311 system.*

**FDNY**

- Big increase in construction site inspections.
- FDNY is recruiting Fire Inspectors, EMT and EMS technicians.

**ConEd**

- Bills are higher due to supply and demand. Level billing plan is available for all residential customers.

**DSNY**

- There are 200 new DSNY workers in the City.
  - Scorecard 100% to 97% clean for the district.
  - Recycle batteries – all rechargeable batteries must be recycled; bins are in all major stores.
- Follow up: CB7 requested an electronic copy of the DSNY battery recycling poster.*
- Canine violations continue. Request enforcement through MN7 or 311 directly.
  - Curb your dog signs are no longer being made by NYC. Decals are available through DSNY if old existing sign is defaced.

*Follow up: DSNY to look into legality of improperly located newsstand boxes.*

**Commission on Human Rights**

- Turning away prospective tenants because of housing vouchers, or “No Programs”, is illegal, report it to 311.

**DOHMH** - Flu clinic will begin late September/October

*Follow-up: DOHMH to send Flu e-notice to CB7*

**NYPD Transit District #1** – Overall crime is down, leading in the City.

**ACS** - looking for toy drives for ACS.

**New requests for interagency coordination:**

- **Rat initiative** – Council Member Brewer, DOHMH and DSNY. Meeting held 9/9/08. After the summer abatement period and reinspections, 12 properties failed final inspection.

*Follow-up: DOHMH will continue to monitor catchment area.*

- **Verdi Square, Amsterdam and West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street** – DOHMH (rats), DPR and DSNY (garbage), NYPD and Goddard (homeless and acting-out individuals.) Rat infestation due to foliage and improper containment of garbage. Garbage pickup can be coordinated between Parks and DSNY staff to help alleviate rat problem.

*Follow-up: (1) Goddard can report what their teams are seeing at Verdi. (2) Set up a walk through with representatives from Council Member, Borough President, CB7 and Agencies.*

- **Fairway, Broadway and West 74<sup>th</sup> Street** – DSNY (garbage and sidewalk obstructions), DOHMH (health-related conditions), NYPD (parking in loading zone and double parking.) Supervisor

inspected and summonsed for sidewalk obstruction and swill leaking from the gate. Will continue to monitor and summons as appropriate. (Barzinnis also continues to be a problem.)

- **ATMs on streets** - Does any agency regulate?  
*Follow-up: DCA to find out which agency regulates. DCA will be given ATM locations.*

**Updates:**

- Updates on homicides in the 20 and 24 Precincts on September 21.
  - Two homicides this past week in PSA6: 24<sup>th</sup> Pct possible drug transaction incident, ongoing investigation.
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Pct murder may be drug related, under investigation. DA’s office/PSA6
  - Identity Theft Presentation available for community groups.
  - Cameras for Amsterdam and Wise.
- Tila Duhaime, Transportation Alternatives, pedestrian and cyclist safety issues through their *Working Cyclist Safety Program*. RSP trail should be part of program.
- Kristen Oates, new director of Goddard Riverside Homeless Outreach Program.
- **NYPD** – Amsterdam and West 109<sup>th</sup> Street – Bars; van playing music late at night; opening of new bar. 107<sup>th</sup> Street & Amsterdam new bar opening.  
*Follow up: BID trying to set up bar meeting with Pct and DA’s office.*
- **DPR** – DSNY is waiting for DPR letter to allow enforcement at Verdi Square.
- **DEP/NYPD** – Enforcement of traffic regulations for coach buses and double-decker buses at CPW and 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.
- **DEP/DOT** - Noise regulations for jackhammers and utilities, esp. ConEd; weekend permits for ConEd.
- **DCA** – Reports on sidewalk café and newsstand enforcement and violations.
- **DEP/ConEd/DOT** – West End Avenue/60<sup>th</sup> Street sink holes. CAU is taking this over.
- **DOT/DSNY** – Completion of WEA and 96<sup>th</sup> Street retaining wall.

**District Watch Construction Updates:**

- **DOB** - Audit report on 230 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway.) Ongoing.
- **DOB** - 508-510 WEA, 732-734 WEA – Demolition plans. Plan conflicts. **No movement.**
- **DOB/FDNY** – Construction site lists.
- **NYPD 20<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> Pcts.** - Status of PO undergoing construction regulations training, including understanding permits and when officers can issue summonses.
- **DOT** - Stipulations to CD7 for construction sites [DOT will provide basic information when requested]

**Construction Projects:**

<b>Address:</b>	<b>Stories:</b>	<b>Status:</b>
208 West 96 <sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway-Amst)	10	Demolition
100 Riverside Blvd (65 <sup>th</sup> Street)	32	Finishing
80 Riverside Blvd (64 <sup>th</sup> Street)		Finishing
239 West 60 <sup>th</sup> Street (WEA-Amst)	29	Superstructure

150 Amsterdam Ave (65 <sup>th</sup> Street)	41	Foundation
Con Ed drilling/construction on weekends		
180 Amsterdam Avenue (68 <sup>th</sup> Street)	8	Foundation
200 West End Avenue (70 <sup>th</sup> Street)	21	Finishing
200 West 72 <sup>nd</sup> Street (Bway)	19	Foundation
205 West 76 <sup>th</sup> Street (Amst-Bway)	21 and 18	Superstructure
230 West 78 <sup>th</sup> Street (Broadway)	20	Superstructure
535 West End Avenue (86 <sup>th</sup> Street)	21	Superstructure

Crane is over WEA, doesn't fold down, it stores over intersection

DOB to confirm permit; DOT to find out about permit over intersection

Park West Village (97<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> Streets)

Con Ed drilling/construction on weekends.

*Follow Up: Con Ed to work with DOT/DEP/BP's office to find out workstips & what the job is – try to minimize noise; fair notice time; better scheduling (minimum weekends) F/U with Gerry Kelpin for utilities noise abatement.*

775 Columbus	13	Superstructure
795 Columbus	15	Excavation/Foundation
805 Columbus	14	Excavation/Foundation
808 Columbus	29	Superstructure
801 Amsterdam	15	Superstructure

96<sup>th</sup> Street IRT Station

Lincoln Center Redevelopment Project

In the Pipeline:

214 West 76<sup>th</sup>/2148 Broadway (SEC) - 21-story condo and garage

210 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street (Hertz garage - Jewish Board of Guardians' Corporate Headquarters

150 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street (Columbus-Amst – garage) - Redeemer Presbyterian Church Community Center

120 West 100<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus-Amst) Department of Health - Gut rehab and addition of one story

Amsterdam and 100<sup>th</sup> Street – St. Michael's Church residential building

120 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus-Amst) Jewish Home Lifecare – New facility and residential tower

Riverside South: 59<sup>th</sup>-64<sup>th</sup> Streets

Fordham University (WEA/60<sup>th</sup>-62<sup>nd</sup> Streets) - Residential tower and dorm

**Present:** Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; PO John Ramos, PSA6; Chief John Holzmaier, Roger Montesano, FDNY; Pamela White, Vinny Durante, 24<sup>th</sup> Pct; Capt. Maguire, NYPD Transit Dist. 1; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Supt. Paul Brown, Sgt. Thane, DSNY; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; David Lipsky, DEP; Evelyn Nieves, DoITT 311; Solly Corrado, DCA; Michael Congo, DOHMH; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Josh Orzeck, DOT; John McComick, CCHR; Melvin Alston, ACS; Pat Richardi, Stephanie Kinlock, ConEd; Tony Brogdon, HPD; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, Rebecca Gerber, LS BID; Jill Greenbaum, SUN; Sari Bernstein, MBPO; Jesse Bodine, CM Gale Brewer's office, Tila Duhaime, TA; Alan Flacks, NY Dem