

**Full Board Meeting**  
**Eric M. Nelson, Chairman**  
**October 3, 2000**

Chairman Eric Nelson convened the meeting and gave his report.

**Public Session**

*Olive Freud, Committee for Environmentally Sound Development*, spoke about the Columbus Centre development and requested that the Board pass a resolution opposing a West Side Stadium.

*Denis McGee, Project Return Foundation*, spoke about their programs.

*Marion S. Henry, Republican Candidate for US Congress*, announced her candidacy for Congress.

*Alene E Moroni, St. Agnes Branch of The New York Public Library*, announced that the semi-annual book sale will take place on November 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

*Brand Usher, State Senator Tom Duane's Office* expressed the Senator's opposition to a West Side Stadium and the helicopter noise over Manhattan.

*Deirdre Stanforth*, a 33-year resident of the West Side spoke out about aircraft noise and pollution.

*Michael Davidson, Infoneighbor* spoke about his new website.

*Linda Lopez, a resident of 736 West End Avenue*, spoke about the health hazard and nuisance condition on 95<sup>th</sup> Street between Broadway and West End Avenue. She identified Gristedes and the Williams Residence as the sources of the problem.

*Anthony M. Borelli* spoke about his online voters forum [www.savvyvoter.org](http://www.savvyvoter.org).

*Linda Podles, NY Public Library Bloomingdale Regional*, spoke about vacancies at her branch as well as the extensive service provided over the past year.

*Diana Schneider*, a self-described West Side Citizen Activist spoke out about the aircraft noise.

*Dough Griebel and Barbara Adler*, spoke about the Columbus Avenue BID's planned event scheduled for October 17<sup>th</sup>. The 6PM-9PM event will include discounts, tastings, fashion shows, complimentary gifts and food.

*Alan Flacks*, announced that there will be an on-site voters registration on Oct 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> for 1-9PM.

*Julie Greenberg, Assemblyman Scott Stringer's Office*, spoke about freezing taxes on energy bills this winter. In addition, the Assemblyman is advocating inside storage of produce during pesticide spraying.

*Ethel Sheffer*, spoke about the work of West Side Crime Prevention Program, which provides tutoring, a Safe Haven Program and a conflict resolution training. All are invited to a Fall Foliage Cruise on October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*Dan Cohen, Westsiders for Viable Neighborhood*, spoke about his group's fight against the CVS at 102<sup>nd</sup> Street. They will have a Halloween-type protest on October 29<sup>th</sup> in front of the store. For information call (212) 536-7576.

*Dirk McCall, Manhattan Borough President's Office* announced the Borough President's continuing efforts to deal with the rat problems. A hotline (800) RAT-1550 has been set up.

**Business Session**

Resolution to approve 7 West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street Tenants' Association on proposed plans to co-op their building through the Tenants' Interim Lease Program was adopted: 40-0-0-1.

Resolution commenting on the NYC Housing Authority's Annual Plan for 2001 was adopted: 43-1-1-1.

Resolution to approve new application to the NYC Department of Transportation by the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway, to install 7 planters on Broadway and West 61<sup>st</sup> Street, was adopted: 39-1-1-0.

Resolution to disapprove application #1038041 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shadur Nabi to construct and operate a newsstand on the west side of Broadway between 67<sup>th</sup> and 68<sup>th</sup> Streets, was adopted: 32-9-5-0.

Resolution to approve a modification to application #C990055ZSM to the Department of City Planning by Belnord Realty Associates, L.P. for a special permit to waive use restrictions in conjunction with the development of 30, 598 sq. ft. of space on the cellar level and 4,881 sq. ft. on the ground floor of 201-225 West 86th Street, was adopted: 42-1-2-0.

Resolution to approve new application ULURP#N 010065 ZRY by the Department of City Planning to the City Planning Commission for a zoning text amendment that would modify the City's sign regulations was adopted: 41-0-0-1.

Resolution to approve renewal application #895537 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by the ERS Enterprise, Inc., d/b/a Iridium at 44 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street (Broadway - Columbus Avenue), for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 43 seats, was adopted: 38-3-0-0.

Resolution to approve new application #1028803 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West Burritoville Inc., d/b/a Burritoville at 451 Amsterdam Avenue (81<sup>st</sup>-82<sup>nd</sup> Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats, was adopted: 27-11-2-0.

Resolution to approve application #010358 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to enlarge and alter an existing penthouse at the roof and to construct an addition on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor was adopted: 33-2-0-0.

Resolution to approve application #004232 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition was adopted: 33-2-0-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Present:* Eric M. Nelson, Chairman, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Beverly Feingold, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Jean Green-Dorsey, Douglas Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Joyce S. Johnson, Ulma Jones, Betty Katz, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Jan Levy, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Lydia Padilla, Sharon Parker-Frazier, George Price, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Hector Santana Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Angela Wiggins, Melanie Wymore, Jeffrey Zahn, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Robert Zuckerman, Daniel Zweig.

*Absent:* Guillermo Gonzalez, Oscar Rios.

**Youth Committee**  
**Peter Bailey and Melanie Wymore, Co-Chairs**  
**October 18, 2000**

**5 pm Youth Council**

The Youth Council convened and discussed the process of involving youth from organizations throughout the district in the activities of the Youth Council. Emily Lopez, Teen Director of the West Side YMCA, discussed her police training. The Council adjourned to enjoy pizza together.

**6 pm 59th Street Rec Center Task Force**

Peter Bailey, Melanie Wymore, and Pam Fredrick of CB4 proposed to the Task Force a process by which to assess community needs related to the center, and define a scope of work by 31 December 2000. The process included:

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  - 19 December--Public Hearing--Present Revised Report
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The group discussed, clarified, and approved the process, then reviewed and edited the proposed community survey.

**7:30 pm Youth Committee**

The Youth Committee discussed its three initiatives for 2000:

- 1) Evelyn reported on the 59th Street Rec Center as described above;
- 2) Orlando reported on research related to reclaiming school gyms. The group discussed a list of questions including
  - a) How are prices set for gym rental?
  - b) How are renters selected?

- c) Where do gym rental revenues go?
  - d) Is there an umbrella policy covering school gym renting?
  - e) What other organizations might be interested in this issue?
- 3) Dave reported on the District Needs Statement. He outlined the process by which the district will be assessed over the coming year.

The group reviewed/approved the CB7 Expense and Capital priorities related to youth for 2002. Evelyn volunteered to represent the Youth Committee on the Budget Committee.

The following announcements and reports we made:

- 1) Dave announced a joint meeting between the Health and Youth Committees to discuss child health insurance on 24 October 2000.
- 2) Laura offered the services of the NY Public Library to publicize events, host meetings, and provide information.
- 3) Roxy offered to host the Youth Committee at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.
- 4) Orlando and Rafael announced three new youth programs at St. Matthew's/St. Timothy's including:
  - a) GRE preparation
  - b) Newsletter for literacy
  - c) Photography/literacy workshop
- 5) Melanie reported on the Youth Council and solicited the involvement of more organizations in the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Committee Members Present: Melanie Wymore, Peter Bailey, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, George Price, Evelyn Tamarin. Committee Members Absent: Guillermo Gonzalez, Sharon Parker-Frasier, Patricia Stevens, Angela Wiggins, Bob Zuckerman.

**Transportation Committee**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs**  
**October 10, 2000**

**WEST 66TH STREET**

Fred Green, of 3 Lincoln Center spoke (160 W 66 Street) Residents of 165 West 66 Street were also present. They are requesting a change in the parking regulations on the western end of the block, between Broadway & Amsterdam Avenue. While some would like all parking removed from the block, this group is requesting the elimination of approximately 5 parking spaces, basically in front of 165 W 66 St. There is frequent double-parking, causing bottlenecks at this end of the block. Buses, fire engines, etc. could be caught in these bottlenecks, so the residents are asking for a change. The Committee felt this would be a far-reaching change, and needed to hear from more residents. A public hearing on the topic will be held at next month's Transportation Committee. Public notices about the hearing will be posted on the block, and given to both buildings, to be distributed throughout the buildings.

**BUS DRIVER COURTESY**

Dan Zweig brought to the attention of the Committee problems he's been experiencing with bus drivers not pulling all the way to the curb, as well as other courtesy issues. We will request that someone from the Department of Buses attend next month's Transportation Committee to answer questions about bus driver courtesy, as well as address other bus issues, such as the large number of buses laying over at 86th Street & West End Avenue. If you see a bus idling, and you think it shouldn't be, you can call 800-692-8287 & report it.

**BUDGET**

The Committee went over various Expense & Capital budget items from last year's budget, removing some & adding others. A principal addition this year is the 59th St.-Columbus Circle subway station. The Committee also adjusted the wording on some of last year's proposals.

**AIRCRAFT NOISE**

The Committee, with the assistance of Housing Committee co-chair Tom Vitullo-Martin, went over the proposals for curtailing both aircraft & helicopter noise over CB #7's district. Diana Schneider, of the Helicopter Coalition also participated. Several problems emerged in the discussion, and this necessitated removing some language, and adding some. To sum all of it up, CB#7 doesn't want aircraft traversing the district - they should utilize water routes as much as possible. Helicopters should not be allowed to fly below 1500 feet. All flights - helicopter & VTOL included, should be under air traffic control. Please see letter on these topics for more information.

*Committee Member Present:* Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Klari Neuwelt, Elizabeth Starkey.

*Committee Members Absent:* Gale Brewer, Georgette Gittens, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Keleman, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren. *Board Member Present:* Hope Cohen, Tom Vitullo-Martin, Marc Landis.

**STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**Eric M. Nelson, Chairman**  
**October 25, 2000**

Eric Nelson convened the meeting at 6:45 PM. He reported that letters were sent to the FAA on the agency's helicopter noise study and on the proposed aircraft noise policy, and to the Mayor regarding the Marathon family reunion area. All will be distributed at the November 1 full board meeting.

**1. Report on Fund for the City of New York Project / ComNet**

Melanie Wymore reported on CommNet, a project of the Fund for the City of New York. On Sunday, October 22, six board members, ADM John Martinez, two community representatives, and staff from the Fund conducted a survey of 110<sup>th</sup>-108<sup>th</sup> Streets and 77<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> Streets, Park to Park. Data from the survey will be processed by the Fund, and a report will be presented to the Board. Board members who participated said the handheld computers and the software were difficult to use, and the process of recording each problem was tedious. They also thought specific criteria and additional training were needed. The Steering Committee commended all who participated in the project.

**2. Review of CB7 priorities for NYC Capital and Expense Budget for FY 2002.**

Ethel Sheffer reported on the Budget Committee meeting, which was held before Steering. She distributed draft copies of the priorities, and reviewed them. She then asked the committee co-chairs to prioritize their recommendations. Only Parks had done so. The final recommendations will be presented to the full board on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

**3. Review of the November 1 full board agenda.**

The agenda was reviewed. Mayfair Towers garage will take some time to present since it is a complicated issue.

**4. New business.**

Mr. Nelson asked co-chairs and/or the office to check with the relevant councilmember in advance of a committee meeting when an item that he/she is working on, or has expressed interest in, is on the agenda.

Since the regular meeting date for Steering falls on Thanksgiving eve, the November meeting will be rescheduled to November 29.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Present:** Eric M. Nelson, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Dan Cohen, Robert Hermann, Larry Horowitz, John Howell, Ethel Sheffer, Hector Santana, Barbara Van Buren, Tom Vitullo-Martin, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppendfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

**Absent:** Richard Asche, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Sheldon Fine, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley.

**Land Use Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz**  
**October 18, 2000**

**1. 15 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Mayfair Towers Garage.**

The applicant and opposition came to the meeting to provide further information and materials in support of their positions, as requested by the Committee at the September meeting. Attorney Ida Greer presented the application #433-65-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Omar Fenick Architects for 15 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Owners Corp. to reopen and extend the term of variance which expired on June 22, 2000, which variance allows transient parking for the unused and surplus tenant space in an existing multiple dwelling accessory garage. The variance needs to be renewed every ten years. The garage is required to use 126 of its 176 spaces for building residents; the remainder, under the terms of the variance, may be used for transient parking. Several building residents came to the meeting to oppose the application, saying that the garage operator keeps monthly rates uncompetitively high to drive away monthly parkers and make room for transient parkers. The opposition plans to introduce an alternative definition of 'transient parking' to the attention of Community Board 7/ Manhattan.

The applicant claims that approximately 50 building residents park in the garage with monthly contracts; the opposition claims that the number is closer to 40. The garage operator claims that at any particular time, there are approximately 185 monthly contracts active (i.e. more than the total spaces available in the garage, demonstrating that the monthly rates are competitive). In the month of September, there were more than 200 monthly contracts active.

At the September joint meeting of the Land Use and Transportation Committees, the Committees failed to adopt the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the Application #433-65-BZ to the Board of Standard and Appeals by Omar Fenick Architects for 15 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Owners Corp to reopen and extend the term of the variance which expired on June 22, 2000, permitting the addition of transient parking for the unused and surplus tenant space in an existing multiple-dwelling accessory garage.*

Committee Member vote: 4-4-0-0.

**2. 2737 Broadway**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 0858188 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Au Petit Beurre Inc., d/b/a Au Petit Beurre at 2737 Broadway (West 104<sup>th</sup>-105<sup>th</sup> Streets) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 17 tables and 35 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 5-0-0-0.

**3. 2446 Broadway**

Owner James Park and representative Michael Kelly presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. The plans showed a café greater than 9 feet in depth. Furthermore, the establishment currently emphasizes takeout business, and has no waiter service. The owner is considering introducing waiter service inside (thus transitioning the establishment to become a true restaurant). He committed to providing waiter service in the unenclosed sidewalk café, as

required by New York City regulations; he also committed to using non-disposable dishware and silverware in the unenclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to reduce the depth of the sidewalk café in question to 9 feet, and has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document this reduction and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to provide waiter service in the sidewalk café, as required by New York City regulations; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to use only non-disposable dishware and silverware in the sidewalk café;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1061502 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by the D&J Venture, Inc. at 2446 Broadway (West 90<sup>th</sup> – 91<sup>st</sup> Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 10 tables and 20 seats*

Committee Member vote: 4-2-0-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Land Use Committee Members Present:** Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Beverly Feingold, Larry Horowitz, Lenore Norman, Ethel Sheffer. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Doug Griebel, Betty Katz, Lydia Padilla, Melanie Radley, D. Maria Watson.

Landmarks Committee Meeting  
Co-Chairs: Dan Cohen and Lenore Norman  
October 19, 2000

*In Attendance:* Dan Cohen (co-chair), Beverly Feingold, Ulma Jones, Jan Levy, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman (co-chair), Angela Wiggins (minutes)

1. **1 West 67<sup>th</sup> Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue). Application #011506 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to remove windows at the rear façade. Mr. Keari Horiuchi and Architect with Bogdanow Partners represented the property. The applicant proposes to remove windows, including a stained glass window that is only visible from the inside, on the rear facade of the apartment. An entire panel of the rear façade will be replaced to accommodate the new window treatments. The stained glass window to be replaced will be capped by a demi-arc (half-moon). The new masonry will match the current façade.

The Landmarks Committee was concerned about the lack of uniformity on the proposed new window treatments, especially the window with the demi-arc. Klari Neuwelt suggested that the window in question be squared off to match the other windows on the rear façade. The property in question was formerly a hotel and no original plans of the buildings' design are available.

*Resolution:* Whereas the stained glass window that is being removed is not original to the building; whereas the portion of the building being changed is not visible from the street; and whereas there are no building plans to determine the original design of the building; therefore be it resolved that the committee approves the changes proposed with the condition that the demi-arc be removed and the window squared off. Be it further resolved that the committee also urges that a master plan for the building windows be developed.

*Vote:* The resolution passed 6 in favor and 1 abstaining.

2. **144 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue-Columbus Avenue). Application #011380 to the Landmark Preservation Commission to construct a rear yard addition. Ms. Nancy Goshow of Goshow Architects represented the property on behalf of her client. The building, constructed in 1895, is being converted from a two family to a one family occupancy. The applicant proposes a new extension at the rear of the building to accommodate a new deck at the first floor rear of the building. The extension would also extend the existing cellar. The materials on the extension will match the buildings original masonry.

Beverly Feingold is familiar with the property and offered this resolution.

*Resolution:* Whereas the Landmarks Committee does not usually approve of the incursion rear yards; whereas, in this particular case, the proposed extension

presents a more attractive improvement to the property. And whereas the proposed extension will not diminish the amount of natural light to the property or its neighbors, be it resolved that the committee approves the proposed changes.

*Vote:* Motion passed 7 in favor.

3. **323 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street** (Riverside Drive-West End Avenue). Application #007300 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of a sign at the garage door without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits. The property's owner, Mr. William DeSeta, presented his case. Mr. DeSeta is contending the Landmarks Commission that there is an illegal sign on the garage door of his property which he maintains has been there for the last twenty eight years. In addition to the curb cut painted yellow, Mr. DeSeta installed a signpost at the curbside next to the curb cut, which DOT removed. In spite of these efforts, people have continued to park in front of his garage hindering access to his property.

*Resolution:* Whereas the Landmarks Committee is not in favor of the present sign; whereas the Landmarks Committee is sympathetic to Mr. DeSeta's need for a sign to demarcate his parking space entrance, be it resolved the committee disapproves the current sign in use, but will write a letter in support of his efforts to have it replaced in compliance with DOT and Landmarks Commission requirements.

*Vote:* The motion passed 6 in favor.

4. **Macy's Balloon Hooks**  
Community Board 7 was recently informed that Macy's is planning to install removable balloon hooks into the curb on the Museum side of West 77<sup>th</sup> Street and the south side of 81<sup>st</sup> Street, the south side of 77<sup>th</sup> Street and the north side of 81<sup>st</sup> Street. The hooks will be used to anchor balloons prior to the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The application was submitted without notification to the Community Board or the general public.

*Comments:* The Landmarks Committee does not disapprove of the installation of removable hooks by Macy's for safety reasons. The hooks will be covered when not in use and pose no immediate danger to pedestrians or pets. However, the Committee opposes Macy's attempt to circumvent the process of notifying the Community Board and the public. Dan Cohen will write a letter to express the Committee's concerns.

5. **Old Business**  
The Committee has been asked by Elizabeth Starkey to revisit the issue of public pay telephone booths surrounding the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street Kiosk.

*Comments:* The Committee will review a copy of our original resolution before any further action is taken.

**6. New Business**

Ulma Jones offered to represent the Landmarks Committee during the CB7 budget process.

The Committee has planned a Sunday walking tour to survey various properties in our area that we will consider proposing for landmark designation. Jan Levy will coordinate the walking tour.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Barbara Van Buren and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairs**  
**10/24/00**

The meeting was opened by George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Barbara Van Buren. Rima Cohen, Vice-President, Insurance Options, of the Greater New York Hospital Association, gave a presentation on Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus.

**Child Health Plus** has been in the news recently on two issues:

- 1) Most of the States have not developed their programs, and it was announced that the money originally allotted to them was to be withdrawn and distributed to the nine states who have started programs, which includes New York. It is expected that there will be some efforts made to rescind this announcement.
- 2) In those states that have programs, it has been found that 40% of the children should have been enrolled in Medicaid. These children will have to be transitioned into Medicaid. (Child Health Plus is intended for those children whose family income is too great to be eligible for Medicaid, but who fall below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level. For a family of four, this translates to \$42,600, covering many children of the working poor.)

Families will be notified of the need to change registration by a letter. There is no over-all plan by the government to follow-up this letter to insure that the children are enrolled in some health plan. It is expected that those health plans which accept both Medicaid and Child Health Plus funds will make sure the children are switched, but if enrollment is with a program such as Blue Cross, which does not accept Medicaid, it is not expected there will be extended efforts to insure coverage.

Government funding will be provided to establish Community Based Enrollment to insure that families are aware of their options. At this time, Alianza Dominicana would be the community group for this area. David Harris will follow up on further additions to facilitated enrollers for CB7. The Children's Defense Fund, and the Children's Aid Society are the best sources.

The question was raised as to why so many children were wrongly enrolled. Both the health providers and the families preferred Child Health Plus. The reimbursements were greater and simpler for the providers. The application was less onerous and simpler for the families. Under Medicaid, more documentation, long application lines, more complications, - finger imaging, alcohol and drug testing, complicated applications. 50% of the children registered for Medicaid drop out after the first year when a complicated recertification takes place. The children's advocacy groups are the best source of information on efforts to simplify the Medicaid process. This issue will be followed in both the Youth Committee, and this Committee.

**Family Health Plus** is a new New York entitlement program to extend health coverage to up to 1 million New Yorkers. It offers health insurance at no cost to low-income, uninsured adults. Adults with no dependent children can earn up to 100% of the poverty level, \$8,400 for an individual. Adults with dependent children can earn up to 150% of the poverty level, \$25,600 for a family of four. (Persons earning more than \$4,200 are not eligible for Medicaid.) There will be a simple enrollment process, which can be done through health providers and community based organizations. Enrollments are expected to start in 2001. The program will be funded - 50 % Federal, 25% City, 25% State.

Both these initiatives have the goal of reducing the high number of uninsured persons.. The Committee will follow-up on how effectively they work..

## **CITY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee decided to renew previous appropriate recommendations, (this eliminated technical assistance for the NORC applications, which has already been done) and to recommend the following new items:

### **Department for the Aging**

- 1) Provide funding for out-reach program offering social services to home-bound older adults. Senior Centers are limited by staff and funding to serving those individuals who are mobile and coming to their centers.. They are also limited in their ability to identify the home - bound. Many older persons need services but are not able to go out to agencies. An out-reach program could be attached to a meals -on-wheels program, or to a faith - based center which is able to identify those who are home-bound.

### **Human Resources Administration**

- 1) Increase the funding for emergency housing placements for homeless people with AIDS. Because of their low immune system, the City is not permitted to place homeless people with AIDS in the City Shelter system, where their health condition would be seriously compromised. It had been their practice to place these clients in emergency housing until a more permanent placement could be made. Starting this past summer, many people with AIDS seeking emergency housing were told there was none available, and they'd have to find something on their own. Those who were given referrals often learned that there was no such address as they had been given, or that the hotels had no record of referrals from DASIS, or that they had been given referrals after the cut-off time given to the hotels. Some hotels refused to accept the referrals because DASIS did not pay their bills. DASIS should have adequate funds to insure that there are placements available for all the people with AIDS who require them.

### **Department of Health**

- 1) Fund a study of municipal pesticide application. More toxic chemical pesticides are commercially applied in New York City than elsewhere in the state. Children, families and municipal employees are regularly exposed to toxic pesticides in buildings and facilities owned and operated by the City of New York. The City should assess health hazards associated with the pesticides used by City agencies and develop least toxic alternatives to current pest control policies, programs, and practices.

## **Minutes of 59th Street Rec Center Task Force**

**October 17, 2000**

(Please see update below)

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***Changes in Task Force schedule(bold ital):***

***November 2, 2000***

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07 November--Deliver Outreach Results to Task Force ***November 15***

Compile Draft Report ***November 8 - 20***

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- A) Facility Usage
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***November - Public Hearing at CB4, as above.***

Incorporate input from Hearing of 21 November

Draft Board Resolution

***Monday, 18 December--Public Hearing at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, 250 West 65<sup>th</sup> Street*** - Present Revised Report

Incorporate input from Hearing of 19 December

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