

## **October 2005 Minutes**

### **Full Board Meeting Hope Cohen, Chairperson**

**October 6, 2005**

**Hope Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. Minutes from previous full board meeting were**

**approved: 22-0-1.**

#### **Chairperson's Report, Hope Cohen**

**Elections for CB7 officers will occur during the meeting.**

**Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson of Strategy & Budget Committee, announced that the District Needs Statement for FY06 is available at [www.cb7.org](http://www.cb7.org). She asked that Board committees review and update budget priorities for NYC Budget for FY07 at their October meetings.**

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

**Rodent abatement continues to be a focus for CB7 and relevant city agencies.**

**Following up on last month's meeting: 40 buildings in Manhattan Valley were recently sold to Pinnacle Management by Barry Singer. The Board office, Councilmember Phillip Reed's office, the SRO Law Project, and HPD Emergency Services and Enforcement Division have been working with superintendents who were fired, and in many cases evicted, from 17 of these buildings; with residents of 964 Amsterdam Avenue, who were displaced by a fire; and with residents of all of the buildings on the need for repairs and maintenance. The Councilmember is seeking a meeting with the new owners.**

#### **Election of Board Officers for 2005-2006, Dan Zweig, Chairperson, Elections Committee**

**The candidates for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary gave brief introductions and summaries of their platforms. Ballots were distributed and collected. Dan Zweig announced the new officers:**

**Chairman – Sheldon Fine**

**1st Vice Chair – Melanie Wymore**

**2nd Vice Chair – Helen Rosenthal**

**3rd Vice Chair – Marlene Guy**

**Co-Secretary – Chaumtoli Huq**

**Co-Secretary – Barbara Katzander**

## **Public Session**

**Joshua Bocian, of City Councilmember Gale Brewer's office, asked that people proceed normally in response to a recent terrorist threat and conserve water due to low reserves. He discussed a bill sponsored by Councilmember Brewer to strengthen human rights in the City and announced a new parking holiday at the end of October.**

**Ian Campbell, of West 89th Street, discussed noise and rowdy behavior after dusk in the playground at Wise Towers, 585 Amsterdam Avenue.**

**Thomas DeLaney, of 966 Amsterdam Ave Tenants Association, complained about the terrible response of landlord after a fire occurred on September 8, 2005 in which one tenant died.**

**Robert Swarthe, of 230 West 105th Street, inquired about the process through which developers gain approval for developments, with specific concern about West 100th Street and Broadway.**

**Jane Collende, a Columbia University nurse and resident of West 110th Street, complained of book vendors and their sales of electronic goods on West 108th and 109th Streets.**

**Alan Flacks, of 313 West 100th Street, sent salutations from a former CB7 chair, Ludwig Gelobter.**

**Thomas Vitullo-Martin, of Friends of West Park, presented update on progress to determine the appropriate preservation and usage of West Park Presbyterian Church.**

**Charles Simon, of CB7, announced a community human rights event at 6pm, October 11th, at the Eleanor Roosevelt statue in Riverside Park at West 72nd Street.**

## **Business Session**

**Parks & Preservation Committee, Lenore Norman, Chairperson**

**Joint with Land Use Committee, Richard Asche, Chairperson**

**1. 8 West 70th Street, Congregation Shearith Israel (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)**

**The amended resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of an 8-story building with 2 additional penthouse floors, with 4 floors above grade for school/community house purposes and four full floors plus two penthouses for residential uses, was adopted: 27-3-4-0.**

**Sam White, architect, gave a PowerPoint presentation on the project. He and Shelly Friedman, attorney, responded to questions. The two changes in the design are: terra cotta on the West 70th Street facade have been replaced with**

a buff-colored bricks (resolution changed to reflect this) and the rooftop pergola has been eliminated.

The committee co-chairs did not feel these changes substantially affected the application and the Committees' resolution could go forward. They explained the reasons for the Committees' disapproval and referred people to the extensive minutes of the September 21 meeting.

Ann Farley, of 101 Central Park West, argued that the proposed building design does not meet standards of beauty appropriate to Central Park West. She urged the Board to not accept the height of the building.

Ron Prince, of 18 West 70th Street, pointed out that the proposed building height (124 ft.) is 25% higher than the building adjacent to the site. Mr. White did not have the exact height of the adjacent building since he has not been able to access the roof, but explained that Mr. Prince was comparing the total height of 8 West to the cornice-line height of 18 West; 18 West also has a penthouse and mechanical equipment.

Ben Goodman, on behalf of State Senator Richard Gottfried, urged the Board to reject the building on the grounds that the proposed building does not meet contextual requirements and that the applicant did not work with neighbors to achieve an acceptable design.

There was a lengthy discussion of the references to height and bulk in the resolution and the effects these could have on the Board's future decisions on the applicant's land use applications to the Board of Standards & Appeals. Lenore Norman argued that appropriateness must address the height and bulk of the building as part of the design. Klari Neuwelt offered an amendment to eliminate all mention of height. Chaumtoli Huq seconded. The amendment failed: 2-24-1. Ms. Neuwelt also objected to the reference to the symmetry of the building, citing the lack of symmetry on the north and south facades.

The resolution was amended, as follows:

Reference to bulk deleted.

Change references to height and symmetry to "height is acceptable from an esthetic point of view and the symmetry of the eastern façade is pleasing."

Parks & Preservation Committee, Lenore Norman, Chairperson

2. West 99th-101st Street. The resolution to approve the construction of paved paths along the "desire lines" between Riverside Drive and the service road was adopted 19-12-0-0.

**Margaret Bracken and KC Sahl, of Department of Parks and Recreation, presented the project.**

**Jim Dowell, of Riverside Park Fund, spoke in favor of paving the desire lines. It would serve to contain erosion and provide a sense of dignity to the memorial site.**

**Bill Crane, of Citizens for a Green Riverside, spoke against pavement of a natural dirt path within the park.**

**Laurel Douglas, Riverside Park Fund, spoke in favor of pavement because maintenance of naturally eroded paths is very difficult.**

**Tom Siracuse, of Citizens for a Green Riverside, expressed his opposition to the pavement because natural soil is healthier for animals.**

**Ken Pincus, a park volunteer, spoke in favor of the pavement as a means to limit erosion.**

**Janet Koenig, a park volunteer, spoke in favor of the pavement as a means to limit erosion.**

**John Moran, of Citizens for a Green Riverside, objected to the formality of paved pathways in Riverside Park and to privatization of the project.**

**Ellen Crane, a park user, argued that pavement would not prevent desire lines. She suggested berms with dirt paths.**

**3. West 108th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve the final design for the renovation of the playing field at Booker T. Washington/MS 54 was adopted: 30-0-0-0.**

**4. 41 West 73rd Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of a railing was adopted: (bundled with 4, 5, 7, 8) 30-0-0-0.**

**5. 2112 Broadway, Central Savings Bank (West 74th Street.) The resolution to approve application #058953 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to modify the West 74th Street entrance was adopted: (bundled with 4, 5, 7, 8) 30-0-0-0.**

**6. 450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) The resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of a new storefront by EKD Tavern Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet was adopted: 29-0-1-0.**

**7. 475 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a Sofia Storage Center (West 82nd-83rd Street.) The resolution to approve application #061121 to the Landmarks**

Preservation Commission to install a painted wall sign was adopted: (bundled with 4, 5, 7, 8) 30-0-0-0.

8. 323 West 88th Street (West End Avenue-Riverside Drive.) The resolution to approve application # 056509 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rear yard addition was adopted: (bundled with 4, 5, 7, 8) 30-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert, Chairperson

9. 2387 Broadway (West 87th -88th Streets.) The resolution to approve the renewal application DCA#0949283 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café 87 Inc., d/b/a Hot & Crusty, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats, adopted: 28-0-1-0.

10. 50 West 72nd Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to disapprove the new application DCA#1202582 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ West 72nd Street Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidienne, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats was adopted: 26-2-0-1.

Michael Castagnetti, of Pain Quotidienne, offered to answer questions about the café.

Tony Trigiani, of Mayfair Towers, expressed opposition to the café in order to maintain clear sidewalks for pedestrians.

Marty Algaze, of Mayfair Towers, expressed opposition to the café in order to maintain clear sidewalks for pedestrians on the busy street.

Mr. Albert presented letters against the cafes from many buildings on the block.

11. 494 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84th Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA#1207810 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ West 84th Street Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidienne, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats was adopted: 28-1-0-1.

12. 450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA#1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 11 seats was adopted: 24-5-1-0.

Meters:

13. A resolution opposing removal of Sunday parking meter charges was adopted: 27-1-1-0.

Eugenia Taylor, of West 108th Street, expressed disappointment that parking would not be available for people going to church on Sundays.

Chaumtoli Huq suggested the resolution be amended to remove references to religion. Committee Chair accepted the suggestion.

Members Present: Hope Cohen, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Lance Dashefsky, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Chaumtoli Huq, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Barbara Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Luis Reyes, Oscar Rios, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Charles Simon, Sean Small, Patricia Stevens, Steve Strauss, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Members Not Present: Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander, Annette Averette, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Douglas Griebel, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John Howell, Melanie Radley, Freddie Richardson, Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey. Member on Leave: Betty Katz.

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Wymore.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert, Chairperson

October 11, 2005

1. Application to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits by the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District for curb line and street closures on November 28, 2005 for the Winter's Eve at Lincoln Center.

Richard Juliano appeared on behalf of the Lincoln Square B.I.D. He explained the street

closings and the use of the sky-trackers, the high-intensity lights that are used at special events. As there were virtually no changes in the requests from last year's Winter's Eve, the Committee adopted the following resolution of approval:

Be it resolved that Community Board 7 approves the Lincoln Square B.I.D.'s street -closing plans for their Annual Winter's Eve Celebrations on November 28, 2005.

Vote: Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

**2. 2642 Broadway (West 100th Street.) Renewal application #B01743 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Two-Way Black Cars & Radio Group Transportation Inc. at 2642 Broadway for a For Hire Base Station license.**

**John Mazzia appeared for 2-Way Black Car. They are using off-street parking for their vehicles, specifically in garages between 100th & 101st Streets. The Committee adopted the following resolution:**

**Be it resolved that CB7 approves the renewal application of 2 Way Black Car for a For Hire Base Station at 2642 Broadway.**

**Vote: Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public: 0-0-1-0.**

**3. Request by the Movie Place to name secondarily West 103rd Street (Broadway-West End) in honor of Humphrey Bogart.**

**Gary Dennis, of The Movie Place appeared to support the secondary naming of 103rd Street between Broadway & West End Avenue as Humphrey Bogart Place. Marlene Lee, the treasurer of the 103rd Street Block Association also spoke in favor of the proposal. Humphrey Bogart lived on the block for 22 years! His residence, at 245 West 103rd Street, is owned by the City. After a lengthy discussion, the Committee adopted the following resolution:**

**Whereas Humphrey Bogart is one of America's best-known and beloved actors, and**

**Whereas Humphrey Bogart lived at 245 West 103rd Street for 22 years, and**

**Whereas very few people are aware that Mr. Bogart was a Westsider for most of his time in our City,**

**Therefore Be it Resolved that CB#7 approves of the secondary naming of West 103rd Street between Broadway and West End Avenue as "Humphrey Bogart Place".**

**Vote: Committee: 4-2-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.**

**4. 240 Columbus Avenue (West 71st Street.) Renewal application #0925987/ULURP#N050330 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Penang Corp., d/b/a Penang for a two-year consent for an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 40 seats.**

**Morgan Humphries, manager of Penang appeared before the Committee. They have been in the building 10 years, but that may be soon coming to an end. There is a new owner of the building, and they are only giving Penang another 9 months or so. The Committee voted to approve the renewal.**

**Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Penang's application for a renewal of their ENCLOSED sidewalk cafe, with 12 tables and 40 seats. (no change)**

**Vote: Committee: 5-1-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.**

## **5. Discussion of the NY State Transportation Bond Act.**

**Andrew Albert gave out flyers explaining what projects the Bond Act would help fund, and how important it was that this Bond Act be approved, as millions of dollars of Federal Aid hinge in the balance. The Committee adopted the following resolution:**

**Whereas the NY State Transportation Bond Act on the ballot on Tuesday, November 8, 2005 will help fund major expansion projects all over our subway, bus, & commuter rail system, including the Second Avenue Subway, East Side Access for the Long Island Railroad, and the purchase of fuel-efficient hybrid-electric buses, commuter railcars, and much much more, and**

**Whereas the health of our transportation system is vital to the economic vitality of not only the NYC region, but the entire state as well, and**

**Whereas there are vital road and bridge funds for upstate communities, as well as the NYC region, and**

**Whereas Federal matching funds will only be granted to the MTA's major expansion projects, such as the 2nd Avenue Subway & LIRR East Side Access if matching funds are produced locally, and**

**Whereas it is likely that these projects will not proceed without Federal support, and**

**Whereas many other cities across the country are vying for the same, limited transit appropriations to help expand their systems,**

**Therefore Be It Resolved that CB#7 supports the passage of the NY State Transportation Bond Act (Proposition #2).**

**Vote: Committee: 6-0-0-0.**

## **6. Review of committee's priorities for the City's Capital and Expense Budgets for Fiscal Year 2007.**

**The Committee decided to change the language on two of our budget priorities, but to leave the priorities as they are. The changes are: on expense # 17- change the language to increase staffing levels. On Capital #11 - add 100th Street between the Riverside Drive service road & West End Avenue, and 71st Street between CPW & Columbus Avenue.**

**Vote: Committee: 6-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.**

**Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Sheldon Fine, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Oscar Rios, Dan Zweig. Committee Members Absent: Eric Nelson, Charles Simon.**

### **Parks and Preservation Committee**

**Lenore Norman, Chairperson**

**October 17, 2005**

**Ms. Norman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.**

**The following items were discussed:**

## **Riverside Park**

**Department of Parks & Recreation presented final plans for the construction of the Riverwalk from West 83rd to West 91st Streets adjacent to the Hudson River. The Committee had approved previously the preliminary design. Douglas Nash, Manhattan Capital Team, made the presentation, with the assistance of KC Sahl, Riverside Park Administrator and Margaret Bracken, Riverside Park Landscape Architect.**

**The walk will not be cantilevered, as originally designed, but will now be a 14-foot wide pathway – 4-foot wide for pedestrians and 10-feet for bicyclists. Every 15 feet, there will be a bollard that can be lighted. A 6-foot high fence will be installed at the River's edge. The walkway will be composed of asphalt with colored concrete on the wall areas.**

**Bid requests will be sent out in March 2006. Construction can begin in early summer and will take about 18 months. Construction materials will be delivered by barges.**

**Resolution by K. Neuwelt to approve the final design was seconded by P. E. Gunther. The resolution was adopted: 3-0-0-0. The project goes to the NYC Art Commission.**

## **Riverside Park South, Phase IV, West 62nd-West 59th Streets.**

**Michael Koontz, Landscape Architect, of Thomas Balsley Associates, and the Department of Parks & Recreation presented the design. There will be three grassy play areas. One for young children will be recessed one foot and have a steel edge and field turf. Another will be raised with graduated levels for older children's play. An old train engine, which has a cab that may be open to be entered at certain hours, will be put at the edge of the park.**

**A mixture of furniture will be placed in different areas. It will consist of stools, tables and chairs - some moveable - and picnic tables. By the river's edge, there will be overlooks with six different types of benches and some with canopies overhead to provide shade. The Maritime Cafe, which is at the end of the pier, plans to have a short term satellite operation in this part of the park. There will also be two water fountains and lamp posts throughout the park. Spartina will be planted in one of the coves to develop a marsh.**

**At West 62nd Street, there will be a ramp access from Riverside Boulevard. Douglas Korves about an elevator, which he understood was in the original plans. He pointed out that while the West 68th Street ramp technically complies with ADA standards, it is believed to be too steep for wheelchairs.**

The Committee encouraged the designers to add a lot more "table" furniture, particularly at the southern end of the site, and Michael Koontz's agreed to do so.

The use of field turf brought objections from several people. Subsequently, the Committee sent a letter to DPR, objecting to its use.

#### **Certificate of Appropriateness Applications**

**120 West 86th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.**

The presentation was made by Harry Kendall and Elise Quasbarth of BKSK Architects. This 12 story 1911 rental building by the architects George and Arthur Blum.

The plan is to replace the cornice which had been removed years ago. The cornice will project out from the building 6' and rise 13'. It will be made of fiber glass with metal brackets painted dark green. A row of windows 5' high will be added and will be somewhat hidden by the projection of the cornice that would be similar to the rooftop addition would house an apartment of 3200 square feet that would encompass 75% of the roof area. It would be constructed of dark tan brick similar to the adjacent building.

A resident of the building, Howard Mette, expressed his pleasure that the cornice was being replaced.

Resolution to approve. Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

**22 West 75th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear yard and rooftop additions.**

Roberto Sosa and Richard Allon, Architects, presented plans for a rear yard addition to this 4 story plus basement and cellar brownstone is being converted from multi to single family use. The penthouse addition already was approved by the Landmarks Commission. There currently is a rear yard addition which is being expanded. The ground floor green house extension will project across the width of the entire building and encroach on the 30' rear yard which is permitted by code. New windows and doors will be included in the project. The windows will be casement windows with very small paned glass which does not appear anywhere else on the building and appear totally inappropriate for the building. We asked the architect to reconsider the windows and come back right before the full board meeting. He declined to do that and we advised him we would have to turn down his application.

Whereas we felt we were seeing a portion of the project and had no idea of how the entire building would look and

Whereas we thought the windows in the rear were entirely inappropriate;

**And whereas we offered the architects the opportunity to rethink the design of the windows and they refused**

**Therefore, the Committee denied the application.**

**Committee: 2-1-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.**

**208 West 79th Street, d/b/a Knitty City (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.)  
Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a storefront infill.**

**Arvin Chin whose family has owned this brownstone for many years wants to open a crafts/knitting store on the ground floor. New glass would be installed as well as new doors. The flagpole and awning have been on the building. It was suggested that the 5 by 6 retractable awning be of dark green or dark blue and that white lettering be used for the sign. We suggested that that no banner be installed. He agreed to those conditions.**

**Resolution to approve the store front with the change in color for the awning, removal of the banner and for the door to be anodized aluminum.**

**Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.**

**170 Central Park West, New-York Historical Society (West 76th Street.)  
Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install banners.**

**David Mandel of the New York Historical Society presented photographs of the 5 perpendicular banners, now in place temporarily. The application is to permit the Society to keep them up permanently. The banners on either end would be blank and the ones in the middle would indicate the current shows and the Society's name. The banners are between the pillars.**

**Resolution to approve, allowing the Society to keep the banners up permanently.**

**Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.**

**275 Central Park West (West 85th-86th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacements.**

**James E. Jackson presented the management's plan to change the windows throughout this rental building. The windows would be aluminum casement windows with small panes of glass on the front of the building. There would be transoms at the bottom of the windows to accommodate air conditioners. Double hung windows with muntins would be installed on the rear and the side of the building.**

**The Committee approved the application to change the windows provided that the windows on the side which wrap around the building should be casement and match the ones on the front.**

**Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.**

**150 Riverside Drive, Kateri Residence (West 87th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install security cameras.**

**Robert Sussingham, Associate Administrator of the Kateri Residence, an assisted living center, requested approval of their application to the Landmarks Commission to install security cameras. The residence has 440 beds for long term care patients and 80 beds for short term care patients. The cameras are about 10 inches, painted black and shaped like a wall lamp. There would be 2 cameras on Riverside Drive and 4 on West 87th Street, as well as fixed security cameras on the roof. The cameras will be monitored from the inside.**

**Resolution to Approve: Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.**

**The meeting ended at 10:20 p.m.**

**Present: Lenore Norman, Phyllis E. Gunther, Klari Neuwelt. Board Member: Madge Rosenberg. Absent: Sheldon Fine, Gabrielle Palitz, Patricia Stevens.**

**District Service Cabinet**

**October 2005**

**CB7 Report on Municipal Services**

**Penny Ryan, District Manage**

**1. Con Edison: Pat Richardi introduced Dan Held, new community liaison at Con Ed. Prices for gas will increase an estimated 30% for residential customers, and electricity is going up as well. Level billing plan is available to all customers.**

**· Update on gas leak at 245 West 99th Street: Truck at construction site broke a gas main. CB7 will ask for clarification on which City agency is responsible for marking utility lines at construction sites.**

**· Update on security protection of Con Ed's facility at WEA and West 66th Street: Con Ed is working with police to revise security plans. Final plans are not expected until next year because NYPD Counter Terrorism Unit must approve plans and DOT must approve the street furniture. CB7 requested a contact at CTU to help expedite the approval process.**

**2. Permits for Sukkoth, (An eight-day Jewish festival of booths (or tabernacles) and the fall harvest.) – Permits may not be needed as long as structures do not impede pedestrian traffic.**

**3. Updates and discussion of follow-up on:**

- Reports on inter-agency inspections and violations and YTD calls to NYPD and FDNY for the Kent, 155 West 83rd Street and Broadway, 230 West 101st Street. Agencies will be sending CB7 individual reports.

- o Kent – HPD will inspect every month for overcrowded conditions. The DA’s office will request that the owner of the Kent re-enroll in their Criminal Trespass Program.

- o Broadway – interagency inspection last week produced multiple violations. CB7 requested that DSNY make the Broadway a priority.

- Future inspections and YTD calls to NYPD and FDNY for the Park Royal, 258 West 97th Street and Yale, 316 West 97th Street – Report will be mailed to CB7.

- SROs undergoing illegal conversions to tourist hotels, including the Devon, 306 West 94th Street; Montroyal, 315 West 94th Street; St. Louis, 316 West 94th Street. Several City agencies – DOB, HPD, and the Dept. Of Finance, have different classifications or use of SROs, making it difficult to enforce regulations or litigate. CB7 is working with each agency to determine jurisdiction.

- Properties in Manhattan Valley, including FDNY and DOB reports on fire at 964 Amsterdam Avenue.

- o Council Member Reed’s office and CB7 will meet with Pinnacle next week.

- o Tenants claim that interior conditions are not very bad and some tenants should be allowed to move back in. In response, the Council Member will request that HPD inspect the building for move-in suitability.

- o Tenants claim that someone ransacked their apartments, stealing documents and jewelry. Tenants missing articles from their homes will file a report with the 24th precinct.

- o There is now a list of 40 buildings belonging to Pinnacle.

- o Report of 27 evictions at 207 West 109th Street.

- o FDNY will forward a report on the use of paints that act as a natural fire accelerant.

4. Rodent infestation and DOHMH and DSNY responses. DOH gave CB7 a list of buildings that had secondary inspections – 76 % passed. DOS will inspect list of buildings for appropriate garbage containers and give CB7 a report.

5. Discussion with Department of Consumer Affairs on general street vendors and enforcement.

NYPD: Regulations are too complex to enforce. In order to help clarify the rules, DCA will go out with PD to vendor locations twice a month. CB7 would like a report of violations and findings.

DCA: General merchandisers are not allowed on Broadway, 59th to 97th Street, unless they have a disabled veteran’s license. First Amendment vendors are not

allowed on Broadway unless there is a licensed disabled veteran vendor on the same block. DCA reported that they issued 464 violations – 110 were adjudicated. DCA will mail report to CB7. New procedure: Café borders will be marked on sidewalk so boundaries can be visible.

FDNY concerned about vendors blocking access to buildings and hydrants.

6. Update on bars on Amsterdam Avenue, West 108th-109th Streets and Amsterdam Avenue and West 80th-81st Street.

CB7 and the 24th Precinct will have a follow up meeting with the uptown bars owners.

Gin Mill customers are blocking pedestrians and consuming alcohol on the sidewalk. 20th Precinct will do a site visit and talk to owner.

7. Agency reports on 311 complaints, services stats, change in services or personnel, and any other follow-up.

24th Pct – Burglaries up, all other crime down. Big campaign going on in neighborhood to educate public on burglary prevention: Lock doors and windows, lock both door locks, and do not leave laptops, ipods, etc. visible from fire escape windows. Informational flyers are being left in lobbies and under doors.

20th Pct – Slight increase in robberies, all other crime down. Schools - IS 44 main problem in precinct, working with principals to help resolve issues.

Transit District 3 – Bag checks will continue, and a new camera system is going forward. Checking of bags will be replaced by scanning soon.

FDNY – Fires are down, medical emergencies are up.

DOHMA – Free flu shots will be given out on November 1 to all over the age of 4. Call 311 for information.

DEP – Noise complaints continue to be major complaint category.

DSNY at 99% garbage pick up. This year, night garbage pick up will be between 100 and 110th Streets.

DA's office – Criminal Trespass program at 120 buildings.

PSA 6 Crime is down.