

**October 2006 Minutes**

**Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairman**

**October 3, 2006**

**American Bible Society**

**Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7: 05 PM.**

**Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 27-0-2.**

**Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine**

- 315 West 94th Street, Montroyal Hotel – Reviewed the history of the Department of Homeless Services' (DHS) shelter for adult families. Continues to ask DHS for a date when facility will close.**
- Mr. Fine announced the following appointments:**
  - Marlene Guy - Liaison for Arts and Cultural Affairs; Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann - Co-Chairpersons of Board Development Committee; Jeff Bank - Co-Chairperson the Business & Consumer Issues Committee.**
  - John Howell, chairperson, Public Safety & Environment Committee, announced Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) will begin on October 16, and run for 11 weeks. To volunteer, call the Board office or send e-mail to [www.cb7.org](http://www.cb7.org).**

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

- City agencies have not found problems at 315 West 94th Street. No community complaints have been made to the Board office.**
- Number of street homeless seems to be increasing. District Service Cabinet is working with Goddard-Riverside's Project Reachout and the Manhattan Bowery Residents' Committee, as well as city agencies, to address conditions in CD7, including West 104th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, West 108th Street and Broadway, West 105th Street, Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues, and all Park properties.**
- All Together Now, an emergency preparedness for buildings and blocks, is launching its next phase in CD7 on October 10.**

**Election of Board Officers for 2006-2007: Dan Zweig, Elections Committee, Chairperson**

**Mr. Zweig reopened nominations for co-secretary since a previous nominee declined.**

**Benjamin Howard-Cooper was nominated and seconded for Co-Secretary. He accepted.**

He closed nominations and explained the balloting process.

The following were elected Board officers for 2006-07: Sheldon Fine, Chairman; Helen Rosenthal, 1st Vice Chair; Melanie Wymore, 2nd Vice Chair; Luis Reyes, 3rd Vice Chair; Jeff Seigel and Benjamin Howard Cooper, Co-Secretaries.

Dan Zweig and the Elections Committee were thanked for their work.

#### Public Session

- Ed and Dawn Massey – Garden in Transit will be painting yellow taxis with flowered motifs designed by children. Information available at Garden In Transit and Portraits of Hope.
- Dana Burde, 109 West 105 Street Tenants' Association - Complained about Jewish Home & Hospital, including noise from loading dock, garbage dumpster, and PA system. Boar office is working on the problem.
- Rick Schwab, New Yorkers for Verified Voting - Voting machine companies are pushing for more expensive but less reliable system. Board of Elections in Albany and NYC will be deciding. NY City Council Res. 228 requires mandatory public testing of whichever voting technology is chosen.
- Richard Barr – Complained about noise and double parking caused Fresh Direct and P.C. Richards on Amsterdam Avenue between West 86th-87th Streets. Refereed to Transportation Committee.
- David M. Sokol and Shera Katz, New Yorkers for Verified Voting - Concerned about the voting machinery and recommended paper ballots.
- Margaret Willis, NYPL Branch Librarian - Asked for additional City funds for both the Expense and Capital budgets.
- Pat Craddick, Parent Job Network - Not-for-Profit that helps parents in local public schools have better access to jobs.
- Lisa Harrison, resident – Asked for information on Extell buildings on Broadway. Referred to Board office. Don Berger, Congressman Charles Rangel's Office - Time to change Medicare Part B, for the seniors who want to do so; may be the next Chair of the Ways and Means Committee.
- Jillian Youngblood, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office - Interested in the voting machine issues; 9/11 Comprehensive Health Act to be provide to anyone who lived or worked in lower Manhattan in the year after 9/11, via Medicaid, is mobbing along.
- Matt Bitz, Councilmember Inez Dickens' Office - Meeting regarding the buses in Upper Manhattan is coming up; working to improve the nightlife loudness problem; awaiting rezoning proposal from City Planning; Council hearing on the voting machine issue on 10/4.
- Carrie Schmitz, Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's Office - Available to address community concerns at 212-866-3970.
- Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Dick Gottfried's Office - HCC tenant conference is coming up; following up on nightlife issues.

- Kay Ting, State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's Office - Tenants Conference on October 14th; call 212-873-6368 to learn more; pursuing SWMP; Special Election Task Force is exploring other ways to hold special elections.
- Ede Fox, City Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito's Office - Taking Council Speaker Quinn on a tour of her district; following up on the bed bug issue; 421-A press conference on tax credits and affordable housing; supports optical scanners for voting.

Manhattan Borough President's Report David Cohen - Vacant lot count; transportation conference will happen on October 12th.

### Reports by Legislators

Council Member Gale Brewer –

John Howell and his daughter were honored at City Hall for their work on emergency preparedness;

Thanked Sheldon Fine, Penny Ryan and elected officials for work on the Montroyal Hotel. LPC designation of Dakota Stable and NY Cab Company is moving forward. Working on SWMP. Illegal Hotels Task Force continues to work on this problem. Good response to Food Stamp outreach program is getting at senior centers. Restored playgrounds PS 75 has a new playground and at Wise Towers. Council looking into opening the public school yards when schools are closed; funding is necessary. Council funded 3 after-school programs in district.

### Business Session

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

1. West 61st Street Rezoning and Citywide General Large-Scale Development Text Amendment.

Paul Selver, applicant's attorney, reviewed the applications and review process. He explained that while the text could be more precise, it has the good purpose of allowing developers more flexibility in design than exists now.

Michael Kourtler presented the project and a simulated fly-over of the surrounding area.

The Text Amendment process is not on a clock. Resolutions on the other applications are due at City Planning on October 16. An additional meeting will be scheduled to accommodate this timeframe. Request was made that additional outreach be made to Amsterdam Houses.

**A) GLSD Text Amendment.**

**Resolution to disapprove the Citywide Zoning Text Amendment, as amended, was adopted: 35-0-3-0.**

**Mr. Asche presented the following amendment, which was accepted:**

**B) Zoning Map Change**

**The resolution to approve the Zoning Map Change was adopted: 40-0-1-0.**

**C) Special Permit for Building.**

**The resolution to disapprove the Special Permit for the Building was adopted: 37-3-0-0.**

**D) Special Permit for Garage**

**The resolution to disapprove the Special permit for a Garage was adopted: 35-4-0-0.**

**2. 44-48 West 63rd Street, Empire Hotel, dba P.J. Clark's (Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to disapprove application ULURP #N060554ECM/ DCA #1229629 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by ERS Enterprise, Inc. to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 46 seats was adopted: 31-1-1-1.**

**Transportation Committee**

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

**3. 346 West 89th Street, Yeshiva Ketana of Manhattan (Riverside Drive.) The resolution to approve a request to the Department of Transportation for new signage for the Yeshiva's existing spaces on Riverside Drive, to read: "No Standing Except Faculty Parking - School Days - Mon-Fri- 7AM-4PM, SU-7AM-1:00 PM" was adopted: 32-1-0-0.**

**4. 610 Columbus Avenue, dba AJO Home & Lumber Depot, LLC (West 90th Street.) The resolution to approve a request to the Department of Transportation to change loading zone to: "No Standing Except Trucks Loading and Unloading 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM" was adopted: 33-0-0-0.**

**5. 410 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1165276 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 317 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Bella Sguardo, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

#### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

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

**6. Lasker Rink, Central Park The resolution to approve application # 06-6530 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the Department of Parks and Recreation to add a new stair from the terrace level to the lower level, and make minor changes to the building elevation and terrace railing was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**7. 2 West 67th Street (Central Park West.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of windows in apartment 2 and 3 D was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**8. 73 West 68th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to approve an application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for removal of retaining wall and lowering of backyard by 3-feet was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**9. 190-198 Columbus Avenue, dba L'Occitane Provence (West 69th Street.) The resolution to approve an application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for exterior ramp at storefront was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**10. 175 West 73rd Street (Broadway.) The resolution to approve application #06-5799 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for establishment of a Master Plan governing the future replacement of windows was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**11. 175 West 73rd Street (Broadway.) The resolution to approve application #06-5801 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for establishment of a Master Plan governing the future replacement of storefronts was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**12. 320 West 78th Street (West End Avenue.) The resolution to approve application #06-7916 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alteration of the front and rear facades and install rooftop railings, as amended was adopted: 21-11-2-0.**

**Friendly amendment to change architect to applicant in the first "whereas" was accepted.**

Public Speaker Norman Appel submitted his comments.

13. 167 West 80th Street, 3rd Floor (Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of windows was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

14. 300 Central Park West, Apt.11L (West 90th Street.) The resolution to approve application #06-4192 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of an additional shed was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 PM.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Jeffrey Bank, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Lance Dashefsky, John Donohue, Josh Feldman, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Chaumtoli Huq, Ulma Jones, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Rios, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Steve Strauss, Barbara Van Buren, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig. Absent: Islande Dupoux, Guillermo Gonzalez, Joyce S. Johnson, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Lenore Norman, Thomas Vitullo-Martin. On leave: Jean Green-Dorsey.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

October 11, 2006 7:00 PM

**RESOLVED 4 -0- 0: Cabaret License is approved for Columbus 72 with the following memorandum of understanding:**

1. Marc Glazer, 50% owner, must send provisions of his lease that pertain to noise to this committee and to the President of the Condo Board at 100 West 72nd Street, Eric Diefenbach
2. Mr. Glazer will provide sound engineering report requested at the last committee meeting.
3. NYS Club Task Force will monitor and ensure that no more than 280 people are in the club at any time.

There are no further developments on OTB's efforts to relocate to 143 West 72 Street.

**RESOLVED 4 - 0 -0: Renewal of Liquor License for Mona at 988 Amsterdam (108th-109th Street.) with the following Memorandum of Understanding:**

- 1. Owner of Mona will instruct front door men to move crowds away from door and down the street. Windows and doors will not be kept open after 11 pm, preferable after.**
- 2. 10 pm to mitigate noise complained of by neighbors (Jorgelina Sabez, William Porto in person and written complaints.) Neighbors do not want to close Mona, just to lessen crowds and noise and drug dealing on street.**
- 3. More lighting will be provided to illuminate the sidewalk in front of Mona.**
- 4. Mona will hire a sound engineer to determine out how to abate noise. Mona will implement their recommendations.**
- 5. Capacity of 74 people, including staff, will not be exceeded.**
- 6. Mona will more closely monitor the age requirements to insure that no more under aged drinkers are given admission. This is particularly important given that the club has already been cited twice for serving minors.**

**Lt. Basis from the 24th Precinct says that since the 24th is operating at 40% of manpower due to lack of funding, it has no foot patrolmen and only three car patrols, which is impacting their ability to effectively monitor the area around Mona and respond to noise complaints. BCI committee wants to bring this to the attention of the District Needs Committee.**

**Peter Arndtsen, District Manager of the Columbus-Amsterdam Ave BID, points out that the west side of Amsterdam between 108th-110th Streets is a hangout for drug dealers in cars and a traffic problem. He suggests that the Transportation Committee study banning parking from 8 PM to 6 AM on those blocks. George will follow up with Transportation Committee.**

**The BCI hearing for a liquor license brought police needs and traffic problems to the Board's attention, and allowed neighbors to voice their concerns and suggest solutions. This committee wants to continue reviewing SLA applications as a window into the community. Jeffrey proposes working with the Youth Committee as well as with Gale Brewer on summer jobs and internships. Community concerns have also been raised with Committee members regarding the perception that Time Warner Cable is acting in a "monopolistic" manner and not responding to consumer complaints in a timely fashion.**

**Present: Jeffrey Bank, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Lance Dashefsky and Madge Rosenberg.**

**Absent: Ulma Jones and Raphael.**

**Youth and Education Committee**

**Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons**

**October 19, 7:00PM**

**Resolution calling upon the New York City Department of Education to hold open for public use, outside of school hours, playgrounds and other recreational equipment located in school yards.**

**Whereas, Most neighborhoods in New York City, especially those that are densely populated, lack sufficient open space for recreation and, in particular, lack sufficient open space suitable for recreation for children, such as playgrounds; and**

**Whereas, The New York City Department of Education operates approximately 1300 public school buildings, of which approximately 800 are elementary schools; and**

**Whereas, Under New York State law, all public elementary schools are required to have outdoor recreational space attached to, or associated with such schools; and**

**Whereas, The New York City Parks Department operates approximately 1000 playgrounds citywide, some of which are attached to public schools; and**

**Whereas, At least several hundred public schools have playgrounds and other recreational equipment located in school yards controlled by the Department of Education; and**

**Whereas, Not all school yards operated by the Department of Education are open and available for public use outside of school hours, and such school yards remain empty and unused during such periods; and**

**Whereas, A study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association in 2003 found that adolescents who had low fitness levels were three to six times more likely to develop conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure than were adolescents with high fitness levels; and**

**Whereas, The health and recreational needs of City children would better be served if such school yards operated by the Department of Education were open and available for public use outside of school hours; and**

**Whereas, Allowing Department of Education school yards to be shared and used by community members as well as school children would serve to encourage a relationship between both groups, which are often dissociated from each other; and**

**Whereas, Seven (7) out of 33 schools in Community District 3 are open to the public after school hours (6 covered by the City Department of Parks and Recreation as well as West Side H.S).; nineteen (19) out of 33 schools are closed to the public after school hours; and seven (7) District 3 schools have no school yards; and**

Whereas, The cost per school for jointly operated school yards is estimated to be \$44,000; and

Whereas, Three (3) city agencies, DPR, DOH and DYCD, have expressed support for supports Resolution 134-A, introduced by City Council Member Gale A. Brewer,

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan calls upon the New York City Department of Education to hold open for public use, outside of school hours, playgrounds and other recreational equipment located in District 3 school yards; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports Resolution 134-A; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan requests that any process for determining the public use of space in school yards after school hours provide for input by Community Boards.**

**Present: Alberto Cruz, Luis Reyes, Islande Dupoux, Marlene Guy and Sharon Parker-Frazier. Absent: Guillermo Gonzalez, David Harris and Benjamin Howard-Cooper.**

**Transportation Committee**

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

**October 10, 2006**

**Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Andrew Albert @ 7:05 P.M.**

**300 Central Park West Garage (El Dorado)**

**Request to increase existing number of spaces in garage by 40. There is room for it, and the present 81 spaces are totally utilized by tenants. The new 40 spaces will also be solely for tenants of the building. The garage is run by co-op employees - not a parking company. Resolution to approve the new spaces -**

**Comm: 3-0-0-0.**

**M96 Bus Discussion**

**Ted Orosz of Manhattan/Bronx Bus Planning, NYC Transit, appeared at the Committee. Cy Adler's suggestion of using the area of Riverside Park & West 96th Street was discussed in detail, with maps and diagrams. Mr. Orosz pointed out that no government entity would fund a circle for the bus to turn around, since this would put it in direct conflict with exiting traffic from the Henry Hudson Parkway.**

Other options were discussed, including a special bus-only left turn arrow at West 97th Street & Broadway to facilitate the bus's movement through Broadway. DOT has looked favorably on this request. It was decided that this should be pursued, as well as writing State DOT to investigate the possibility of completing the loop at West 96th & Riverside Park for a possible bus turn-around.

#### **Extension of M66 & M72 to Riverside Blvd.**

Mr. Orosz also discussed the possibility of extending these bus routes to Riverside Blvd. NYC Transit is very willing to do this, when the streets are fully extended. In the case of the M72, after the joining of Riverside Drive & Riverside Blvd is completed, the bus would travel west on West 72nd Street to Riverside Blvd., turn south, proceed east on West 70th Street to West End Ave, north to West 72nd Street, and then east on its regular route. A similar loop would bring the M66 to Riverside Blvd, south to West 64th Street, east to West End Avenue, and then resume its regular route.

#### **Winter's Eve**

The Committee discussed the street arrangements and closures for this year's Winter's Eve Celebration, sponsored by the Lincoln Square B.I.D. It will be Monday, November 27, 2006. A request was made to close the bus stop on the east side of Broadway & West 63rd-64th Streets from 8 AM to Midnight! The Committee felt this was far too long, and agreed that 4PM to 9PM would suffice. This is an important bus stop, as the M104, M7, plus express routes to the Bronx all stop here. Richard Juliano, of the B.I.D., agreed to this change.

The committee voted to approve the B.I.D.'s requests concerning the Winter's Eve celebration. Comm: 6-1-0-0. NCB: 1-0-0-0

#### **Olympic Flame Diner (enclosed cafe renewal)**

The restaurant is at 200 West 60th Street, on the corner of Amsterdam Avenue. This is a renewal, with no changes. A discussion ensued about where garbage is left, and after that, a resolution of approval was voted. Comm: 6-1-0-0. NCB: 1-0-0-0.

#### **107 West**

This is a renewal of an enclosed cafe. The Committee voted to renew approval. Comm: 5-2-0-0.

#### **Newsstand - Columbus Ave between West 92nd & 93rd Streets (west side)**

The applicant was present to discuss the proposed newsstand, which is between West 92nd & West 93rd Streets, on the west side of Columbus Avenue. There is an extra wide sidewalk here, and no businesses - just an apartment building. After a discussion, it was decided that since there was no

rendering of the proposed newsstand, or what materials were being used, the applicant agreed to come to the full board with these, and the Committee would meet prior to the full board meeting & discuss it.

#### **DOT Proposal-Broadway & West 110th Street**

Josh Orzeck of DOT was present to discuss this proposal. The Board had requested an advance protected eastbound turn on to West 110th Street from southbound Broadway, as much traffic as well as the M4 bus uses this route. DOT has explained that if this goes into effect, there will no longer be a westbound turn onto West 110th Street from northbound Broadway, a situation we were not aware of. The Board office will notify MCB9 and the affected blocks and add this item to the November agenda.

#### **Budget Priorities**

Under Department of Transportation - #21 should split Increase current staffing levels for pothole repair, and Increase number of sign replacement personnel. Now they are joined - should be two separate items. #9 is funded, so it can be deleted. #26 - we will give some possible locations for the cameras, since the state has funded this. Under Capital - move up the Riverside Drive Reconstruction.

#### **New Items:**

**CAPITAL** - Install count-down timers at key heavy pedestrian locations. (We will give a list.)

**EXPENSE** – “No-bicycles” decals on sidewalks, as in MCB8. (This was funded by a councilmember.)

Under Continuing support - MTA - Reconstruction of the 59th St. station - remove the #9 train from the list!!

The Committee understands that the construction of Riverside Boulevard is being funded by the developer, but wants to make sure this is ongoing and timely. The Committee will send a letter to DOT

to show the urgency of this.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, John Donohue, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones and Barbara Keleman. Board Members: Phyllis E. Gunther and Helen Rosenthal. Absent: Bobbie Katzander, Anne Raphael and Oscar Ríos.

#### **Parks and Preservation Committee**

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuelt, Co-Chairpersons

October 12, 2006

**1. Central Park. Presentation by Central Park Conservancy on reconstruction of the Oak Bridge and Bank Rock Bay, the northwestern-most extremity of the Lake, near West 77th Street.**

Lane N. Addonizio, Kathleen Leessard, and Tom Rinaldi of CPC presented plans for the 5-year phased restoration of the Central Park Lake shoreline and reconstruction of Oak Bridge and the Bank Rock Bay on the northwest corner of the lake. The wooden bridge, built in 1869, has been plagued with problems and wood rot. Repairs have not been made since the 1890s and early 1900s.

The historic bridge will be replaced with a metal superstructure, oak plank deck and painted handrails. Cost is \$1 million, which has been privately raised by CPC.

Resolution to approve the final design for the reconstruction of the oak bridge at the Lake was adopted: Committee: 5-0-0-0; Board members: 2-0-0-0.

**2. Central Park. Central Park Conservancy update on plans for the Ancient Playground at East 85th Street.**

CPC provided a revised final design on the project that the Board approved in June 2006. The turrets around the trees will be full circles; the Osborn gate will be moved a few feet east and installed in the original piers, and will be the primary entrance to the playground; the concrete Datner Obelisk will be rebuilt and the grade of the circle surrounding it will be raised by 1-2 feet.

Resolution to approve the revised final design for the renovation of the Ancient playground was adopted: Committee: 4-0-0-0, Board member: 1-0-0-0.

**3. 22 West 75th Street (Central Park West- Columbus Avenue.)**

Gregg Rothstein, architect, presented the application to rebuild a stoop with perforations in the masonry. Perforations can also be found on the brownstones at 108 West 75th Street, 114 West 75th Street, and 110 West 75th Street.

Resolution to approve Application #07-1538 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for reconstruction of stoop was adopted: Committee: 4-0-0-0; Board member: 1-0-0-0.

**4. 200 West 84th Street (Amsterdam Avenue) dba Spiga Restaurant.**

Daniel O'Connor, architect, presented. Committee members expressed an interest in making the storefront more historically sensitive and asked applicant to consider changing the color of the facade from orange to a more appropriate color.

Resolution to approve windows that were installed without LPC permits and a recommendation that the orange color be changed to natural brick or painted

the color of the brick above was adopted: Committee: 4-0-1-0; Board member: 1-0-0-0.

**5. 119 West 87th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)**

Gilles Depardon, architect, presented on behalf of the owners Sarah and Steven Youngwood. The rear of the building will be extended 11 feet on the first 2 floors and 3 feet on the third floor. The extension will be red brick with large windows. The rooftop addition will be 12 feet, 3 inches tall (from the top, which is a sloped pitched roof), and will be 10 feet from the parapet and 11 feet, 4 inches from the back.

Resolution to approve application #07-0224 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear-yard and rooftop additions, on the conditions that the entire rooftop addition will be faced with brownstone-colored stucco; all windows will be 1-over-1; front facade will have stucco wrapping around both corners from the sides, so that the width of the total fenestration on the front facade is reduced to approximately 2/3 of the total width of the front facade; there will be a pair of French doors at the center of the front facade, flanked on either side by translucent windows; there will be stucco lintels over the rear windows was adopted: Committee: 5-0-0-0, Board member: 1-0-0-0.

Resolution to approve the rear extension as presented was adopted: Committee 3-2-0-0; Board member: 0-1-0-0.

**6. 101 West 87th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)**

Alfredo Carballude, architect, presented application #06-6776 to expand a 1980s modern building by 40,000 square feet (of the 64,000 square feet available under the existing zoning.) Applicants want to take down the existing penthouse (which takes up about 1/3 of the roof ) and add a full-floor with a cornice on the roof, and an additional penthouse which would be visible from the street.

Len Fogee 115 West 87th Street spoke in opposition to the 87th Street façade, but supported the Columbus Avenue façade. Ms. Youngwood (owner of 119 West 87th Street) also was opposed.

Resolution to approve the addition of an additional floor, with cornice, to the main existing part of the structure at West 87th Street and Columbus Avenue; and to disapprove the proposed new rooftop addition because of its visibility; and to disapprove the proposed designs for the courtyard areas and the West 87th Street facade; and to encourage the applicants to redesign each of the disapproved elements to reconfigure the use of bulk, setbacks and cornice lines in order to present a design more appropriate to the Historic District was adopted: Committee 5-0-0-0, Board member 1-0-0-0.

**7. New business/public comment:** A resident of West 84th Street asked about plans by Congregation Rodeph Shalom to expand its footprint.

## **8. Proposed Priorities for NYC Capital and Expense Budgets for FY2008.**

The Committee prioritized their budget recommendations, as follows:

### **Capital Priorities:**

- 1. West 72nd Street Pedestrian Ramp on West Side of the 72nd Street Tunnel. Riverside Park  
\$750K**
- 2. Frederick Douglass Playground. Amsterdam Avenue and West 100th-101st Streets \$1.2M**
- 3. Equipment.**

**District 7 parks and playgrounds and Theodore Roosevelt Park (Columbus Avenue, West 77th-81st Street), Broadway Malls.  
\$100K**

- 4. Reconstruct Skateboard Facility at West 109th Street, Riverside Park  
\$150K**
  - 5. Soldiers and Sailors Monument \$500K**
  - 6. Restore Carrere Stairs \$1M**
  - 7. Restore Riverside Drive Pedestrian Areas, West 91st to West 95th Streets  
\$1M**
  - 8. Restoration of the perimeter sidewalk along Central Park West between 59th Street and 110th Street.**
  - 9. Fund Planting of New Street Trees \$1M**
  - 10. Reconstruction of the Naumberg Band Shell, Central Park \$3.095M**
- Continuing support: The Rotunda \$10M**

### **Expense Priorities:**

- 1. Landmarks Preservation Commission Personnel \$50K/staff member**
- 2. Park Enforcement Personnel. \$36K/Officer**
- 3. Increase the CD7 workforce to assure safe, clean and well-maintained parks and playgrounds.  
\$30K/worker \$40K for Assistant Gardener**
- 4. Playground Associates. \$6.6 K/P**

**Present: Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Lance Dashefsky, Phyllis E. Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz, Jeff Siegel. Board members: Helen Rosenthal, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero. Absent: Benjamin Howard-Cooper.**

### **Housing Committee**

**Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons**

**October 16, 2006 7:00PM**

**The meeting began at 7:15 P.M.**

**The Board members introduced themselves and the Co-Chair introduced Douglas Apple, the Manager of the New York City Housing Authority. Mr. Apple thanked the Board for inviting him to this meeting and shortly thereafter began**

his presentation on the Section 8 Voluntary Transition Program for NYCHA Residents.

Mr. Apple gave a brief explanation as to how NYCHA plans to preserve public housing in New York City. This includes transitioning 8,400 residents or apartments if you will, out of the 20,000 units in the 21 city and state funded developments. They plan to ask HUD or the federal government to get funded in order to get these vouchers. Once approved, these federal subsidies will be given to NYCHA to administer the program and begin the transition. This all came about due to increasing costs to utilities, maintenance, payrolls, and of course, decreased funding from the federal government. When costs go up and income and, funding go down, this creates a deficit. In essence capital funding was cut by 27% and operating funds stayed flat.

Mr. Apple gave some numbers in order to elaborate! NYCHA needs from 60,000 to 80,000 to run these facilities and of the 800,000 million that the government puts aside NYCHA only gets less than 10%. Currently there are 90,000 units of Section 8 in the city. It is the plan to convert 200 units at Rabbi Wise Towers and then go to 135,000 families on the waiting list through out the City. At this time, he concluded his presentation distributed the handout/literature and asked for questions.

Various questions were asked and answered, but the final outcome is that Mr. Apple will send Helen Rosenthal a 5 year comparison of the people moving out and a list of the realtors in this district that accept the vouchers. He encouraged everyone to read the materials and said goodnight. Shortly thereafter (8:30) Helen Rosenthal sat with the housing committee members in order to prioritize the CB7's budget recommendations.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Present: Victor Antonio Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, Chamtoli Huq, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, and Barbara Van Buren. Board Member: Helen Rosenthal. Absent: Charles Simon, Josh Feldman, Joyce Johnson, and D. Maria Watson.

Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren, Chairperson

Tuesday, October 17, 7:00 PM

**SPECIAL MEETING:** CB7 is making its annual Budget Requests to City Agencies. If you or your agency have projects that need new or additional funding from the Department for the Aging, Human Resources Administration, Department of Homeless Services, Department of Health and Mental Health

(includes alcoholism and substance abuse services), Health and Hospitals Corporation, and the Mayor's Office on Domestic Violence, we urge you to come to the meeting so our requests can fully reflect community concerns, Be sure to have specific details for items you're suggesting, and an estimate of what the cost would be. Let us know if you're coming, so we'll have adequate space. Call 212-603-3080 or e-mail office @cb7.org.

Land Use Committee

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

**Agenda**

**Tuesday, October 10, 6:30 PM**

**West 61st Street Rezoning and Citywide General Large-Scale Development Text Amendment.**

**Environment and Public Safety Committee**

**John Howell, Chairperson**

**Monday, October 16, 6:30PM**

**First Session of Community Emergency Preparedness Training (CERT)**

**At Young Israel of the West Side, 210 West 91st Street (Amsterdam Avenue-Broadway)**

**District Service Cabinet**

**Penny Ryan, District Manager**

**October 25, 2006**

**1. Update on Homelessness: Outreach efforts have been extensive.**

**In Riverside Park, PEP has been breaking up encampments, resulting in homeless being scattered throughout the park. PEP is conducting day and evening patrols. Riverside Park administration is starting to keep homeless statistics.**

**CD7 Parks: Sweep at Strauss Park displaced many individuals. Strauss and Douglass Parks have the highest number of homeless. Sweeps will continue in parks as needed.**

**20th Pct: W. 77th Street and W. 86th Street are problem areas; police patrol them twice a day, everyday. The Church at W. 79th Street & Broadway is referring homeless to Goddard Riverside services. The Church approved removal of homeless from their property.**

**Other priority locations are the 79th Street Boat Basin, where police patrol every night, and Verdi Park. The number of homeless cases is down for the year.**

**24th Pct: Met with the pastor of the church at W. 86th Street and West End Avenue. They want a resolution to the homeless problem on their steps. Police**

patrol the 96th Street underpass and in front of the Salvation Army store on W. 96th Street.

Other priority locations are:

- Broadway 108th and 110th Street, the precinct continues to work with DSNY to clean up area. Police conduct sweeps very often, but homeless continually return. It is a constant struggle to keep the strip clean.

- In front of Grosvenor House continues to be a problem. Community Affairs should be contacted whenever needed.

- A group gathers at the corner of 107th Street and Amsterdam Avenue and drink alcoholic beverages. Community Affairs will investigate.

- The Bowery Residences' Committee (BRC) is mapping the City's homeless data.

## 2. Update on SROs:

315 West 94th Street (Montroyal) and 211 West 101st Street (Frant)

24th Pct: Not a lot of serious problems have been reported. Montroyal had 24 calls for service; Frant had 44 calls for service. There were drug arrests near the Frant.

3. Discussion with Dean McCann, Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting, on filming in CD7. An emergency precluded Dean McCann from attending the Cabinet meeting; however, CD7 will meet with Dean McCann to discuss the increasing number of film shoots in the district and the impact on UWS residents. There were 23 shoots within the first 20 days of October in CD7.

## 4. Agency reports and updates:

Report of high accident locations for three months, and recommendations to DOT for mitigation.

24 Pct: There were two major accidents at the intersection of 96th Street & Broadway, both of which were vehicle on vehicle.

20th Pct:

- There are three high incident locations: 66th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, 81st Street and CPW, and 72nd Street and Broadway.

- Precinct gave an intelligence report to the Department of Transportation on the traffic conditions at 79th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

- There were two recent fatalities due to pedestrian error, one at 73rd Street and Broadway which involved a 66 years old homeless man, the other at 75th

**Street and Amsterdam Avenue, which also involved a senior, an 85 years old woman who was struck by a truck as she crossed the street.**

**DOT: Amsterdam Avenue undergoing milling & resurfacing from 65th Street to 90th Street.**

**Parks: CB7's Parks Committee will review dog runs in Riverside Park and Theodore Roosevelt Park.**

**24th Pct: Overall crime is down 12% for the year. Grand Larceny Auto is also down.**

**20th Pct Overall crime is down 12.5 %, Grand Larceny Auto up slightly. Honda and Camry models were the most stolen vehicles.**

**DEP**

**- 62nd Street and CPW sinking condition. An inspection found no fire hydrant leaks or other water leaks. DEP has returned the problem to DOT for review. DOT is working with DOB inspectors and engineers to determine cause of the problem.**

**- Noise: construction and barking dogs were the top complaint categories.**

**- The Board inquired if DEP will be conducting briefings on the new noise code law.**

**Transit District 3: Arrests up 35%. Schools are the big concern, especially those that use the 96th Street stations. There are two uniformed police officers and a crime team assigned to the 96th Street stations. Criminals are snatching cell phones and ipods. Contact community affairs for any homeless problems or aggressive panhandling.**

**DA's office**

**- Apple Hotel has introduced a new policy for reporting incidents. Recidivist arrests will be flagged and reported to hotel management. Recidivists will be moved to other locations.**

**- A Gun Forum will be held on Monday, 11/27/2006 at the Harlem State Office Building, 163 West 125th Street, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm.**

**- The 2007 Summer Internship Program for teens is accepting applications now. Please call (212) 335- 9082 for information.**

## **DSNY**

- **Rat Problem at 65th Street:** In an effort to abate the rat problem, the school on W. 65th Street will now put out garbage between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; the 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. route will then pick up the garbage.

- **Rat Problem at 24th Pct and Playground:** Fredrick Douglass Houses has agreed to not use the area close to precinct as garbage storage. Also, the 24th Pct building now has daily pick-ups.

## **PSA 6**

- **Crime is up due to an increase in domestic assaults.** The Captain assigned an experienced sergeant to help domestic assault cases.

- **There was a double homicide at Fredrick Douglass Houses.** The suspect has been charged with burglary and may be charged with homicide when DNA results are returned.

- **The blue-light program started at PSA 6.**

**Human Rights Commission:** There were three anti-bias incidents in CD7 this year, all were closed, no arrests made.

**Announcement:** Winter's Eve will be held at Lincoln Center on November 27.