

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN RESOLUTIONS
MARCH 2002**

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Housing

Re: Tenant Interim Lease Program

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the applications by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to the City Council under the Urban Development Action Area Project for the disposition of 100 West 88th Street; 103-109 West 88th Street; 108 West 95th Street to the current tenants under the Tenant Interim Lease Program:

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: U.C. Columbus Radio Dispatch, 100 West 106th Street.

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application #B01397 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by U.C. Columbus Radio Dispatch Inc. at 100 West 106th Street for a For Hire Base Station license.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: New Family Radio Dispatch, 695 Amsterdam Avenue.

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application #B01527 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Family Radio Dispatch Inc. at 695 Amsterdam Avenue for a For Hire Base Station license.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Joint with Transportation

Re: Installation of bollards on the Broadway Mall.

Full Board Vote: 25 In favor 6 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS,, there are several intersections on Broadway within Community District 7 where there are no safety barricades at the ends of the Broadway malls; and

WHEREAS,, the addition of some form of safety barricade would enhance the safety of pedestrians crossing Broadway and those sitting on the Broadway mall benches; and

WHEREAS,, the malls, which do not now have safety barricades are suitable for the installation of bollards, which are more attractive safety devices than the concrete barricades now located at the ends of other malls;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the installation of bollards on those Broadway malls, which do not have safety barricades at this time.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Transportation Committee: 1-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries

Re: Proposal to install a free public kayaking program on the Hudson River between West 70th and 72nd Streets in Riverside Park.

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 1 Present

WHEREAS,, the Downtown Boathouse, a not-for-profit organization which sponsors free public kayaking programs in the Hudson River has proposed to staff and maintain a public kayak facility in Riverside Park at approximately 70th Street; and

WHEREAS,, the facility would utilize the existing sewer outflow platform and provide for a new 20 x 40 foot floating dock connected to the sewer outflow by a forty-foot gangway; and

WHEREAS,, the facility would be open to the public from May through October with approximately 8-10 kayaks available for use; and

WHEREAS,, the Downtown Boathouse would provide the necessary oversight for the program and in consultation with the Parks Department, suitable storage of the kayaks when not in use;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the plan for the public kayaking program in Riverside Park in the summer and fall of 2002 with the proviso that the program be re-evaluated at the end of the 2002 season.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 1 West 67th Street

Full Board Vote: 39 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS,, the new structure is located in the rear of the building and does not increase the floor area, it will not be any more visible from the street and Central Park West than the present structure; and

WHEREAS,, the new shape is much more simple than the present shape; and

WHEREAS,, the metal and glass railing on top of the parapet wall will be removed; and

WHEREAS,, the terrace will be generally cleaned up with new flooring and better drainage; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #023092 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace a greenhouse on the roof with a new rooftop addition.

Committee: 2-1-0-0. Public Member: 0-0-1-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 111 West 71st Street. Project Find

Full Board Vote: 39 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS,, the applicant is replacing the windows with standard sized one over one windows which the Committee did not find objectionable although they do not replicate the original fenestration; and

WHEREAS,, the applicant is upgrading the exterior entrance and installing colorful awnings on the storefront; and

WHEREAS,, the applicant is upgrading the finishes and lighting;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #020414 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for building-wide window replacements and installation of a new storefront infill, with the condition that the lighting fixtures be black rather than brass color.

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Uniformed Services/Environment

Re: LifeBeat

Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board/Manhattan **approves** the application by LifeBeat to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for sidewalk and street closings around the Beacon Theater, Amsterdam Avenue, West 74th and 75th Streets, for the Urban AIDS concert on April 9, 2002, as agreed to with 20th Precinct and Community Board 7 on March 5, 2002.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 316 Columbus Avenue, Pappardella.

Full Board Vote: 38 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 806050 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 316 Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Pappardella at 316 Columbus Avenue (West 74th-75th Streets) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 441 Amsterdam Avenue, Louie's Westside Café (enclosed).

Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 2 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 936784 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Sloves Inc., d/b/a Louie's Westside Café at 441 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street) for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 5 tables and 16 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 441 Amsterdam Avenue, Louie's Westside Café (unenclosed).

Full Board Vote: 36 In favor 2 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 813464 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Sloves Inc., d/b/a Louie's Westside Café at 441 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 3 tables and 8 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 270 Columbus Avenue, S.Q.C.

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 2 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1098670 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S.Q.C. Food Production, LLC, d/b/a S.Q.C. at 270 Columbus Avenue (West 72nd-73rd Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 15 tables and 30 seats.

Committee: 6-1-0-0. Board Members: 4-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 718 Amsterdam Avenue, Acqua.

Full Board Vote: 38 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1099811 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iano Corp., d/b/a Acqua Restaurant at 718 Amsterdam Avenue (West 94th-95th Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 12 tables and 38 seats.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committees of Origin: Land Use and Transportation.

Re: 1926 Broadway, Glenwood Management.

Full Board Vote: 23 In favor 10 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Glenwood Management has applied for a special permit to construct and operate a 150-space public parking garage at 1926 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, after hearing extensive public testimony and reviewing conflicting opinions of traffic experts, and having weighed the perceived need for a garage against the possible adverse consequences; and having concluded, based upon submissions by the proponent's expert, that garages within a quarter-mile of Lincoln Center operate at 75% of capacity during peak theatre hours; and having considered that the garage proposes to operate using three elevators, rather than a ramp system for moving cars, and the proponent's expert having opined that during the peak pre-theatre hour there will be a substantial number of cars exiting from the garage, thereby requiring that one lane remain open at the street level and making uncertain the efficacy of the proposed ten-space waiting area in front of the elevators; and the experts having been in conflict over whether the operation of the garage will cause a spill-over back-up at peak pre-theatre hours onto the intersection of Broadway and 64th Street, an intersection which has already been identified as a significant bottleneck; and

WHEREAS, although the proponents opine that 100 of the spaces in the proposed garage will be devoted to monthly parkers, it is likely that a significant number of the spaces assigned to monthly parkers will be, at any given time, unoccupied and available for transient parking; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan cannot, therefore, conclude that the perceived benefits to the public of a parking garage 75ft from the intersection of Broadway and 64th Street outweigh the possible adverse consequences;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the application #010602ZSM to the Department of City Planning by Glenwood Management for a special permit to allow the construction of a new public parking garage with 150 spaces (exit/entrance on West 64th Street) in a 29-story mixed-use building at 1926 Broadway.

RESOLUTION

Date: March 5, 2002

Committee of Origin: Steering

Re: Manhattan Borough President's proposed term limits for community board members.

Full Board Vote: 30 In favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Borough President has invited response to a proposal of imposition of term limits for community board members; and

WHEREAS, appointees serve 2-year terms which under current procedures, the Borough President may reappoint or not at her sole discretion; and

WHEREAS, the Borough President does seek the advice of other elected officials as well as the current board leadership; and

WHEREAS, community boards may benefit from the historical knowledge and experience of long serving appointees; and

WHEREAS, term limits would establish an arbitrary condition to service and deprive the Borough President of the ability to reappoint members on a case by case basis;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves the imposition of term limits to community board appointments.

DO NOT USE

WHEREAS,, an option of imposing term limits for appointments to terms of Community Board members has been made public, be it known that Community Board 7/Manhattan sees the concept as working against the best capabilities of the Board.

Currently the process by which Council Members nominate candidates to the Borough President for two year terms and such appointees must reapply bi-annually for appointment allows the elected officials to easily limit the time in office of any non-performing Community Board member, and simultaneously Chairs can bring to the attention of the Borough President or Council members information about the clear lack of interest demonstrated by non-participating members so that the effort to assess performance is of minimal effort.

Long standing members of the Community Board often represent a knowledge base that can be helpful to newer board members as issues that look to precedents or history for guidance are to be resolved by the Community Board, they can help newer members by mentoring efforts and by their demonstrated commitment can help Board Members engage in serious research on subjects as well as healthy debate before voting.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves that it is not in the best of interest of the local community or the Board's work to limit terms of Community Board members.