

## March 2006 Resolutions

### **Committee of Origin: Transportation joint with Lincoln Center Task Force**

**Re: Pedestrian Improvements in Lincoln Square Bow-tie.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the Department of Transportation's pedestrian improvements to the bowtie area, but acknowledges that these are short-term improvements to a very problematic intersection; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 calls, once again, for a more comprehensive study and solution to the Lincoln Center area's unique traffic problems.

*Committee and Task Force: 11-0-0-0.*

### **Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: Final design for the reconstruction of the Promenade, West 82<sup>nd</sup>-91<sup>st</sup> Streets.**

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

WHEREAS, the Promenade project has been on Community Board 7's list of capital budget priorities; and

WHEREAS, the proposed project will repair and improve a seriously deteriorated major recreational feature of Riverside Park that is heavily used by recreational users,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, **approves** the final design for the reconstruction of the Promenade in Riverside Park.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

### **Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: Temporary public art project in Riverside Park.**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Riverside Park Fund have proposed a temporary art installation of approximately seven or eight site-specific works commissioned to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Riverside Park Fund, to be installed from May through September, 2006 at various locations in Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan, applauds the work that the Riverside Park Fund has done and continues to do in supporting Riverside Park, and congratulates the Riverside Park Fund on its 20th anniversary;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the concept of the installation of approximately seven or eight site-specific art works in Riverside Park from May through September, 2006.

*Committee: 7-0-0-1.*

### **Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: 56 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street, ABC (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

WHEREAS, the proposed replacement cooling tower is smaller and of less obtrusive material than the existing cooling tower, and does not have a top railing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7, Manhattan, **approves** the application of ABC to modify the cooling tower on the roof of 56 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: 15 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)**

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

WHEREAS, the existing rooftop addition was built in noncompliance with a Certificate of No Effect; and

WHEREAS, the application is to correct such violation; and

WHEREAS, the materials originally presented to the Parks & Preservation Committee were not adequate for the Committee to make a determination as to the appropriateness of the application; and

WHEREAS, the applicant refused to meet again with the Committee, but agreed to submit additional information by e-mail; and

WHEREAS, the additional information submitted by the applicant was still not sufficient for the Committee to make a determination; and

WHEREAS, the applicant declined to agree to seek a postponement of its hearing before the LPC, and the LPC declined to postpone the hearing;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, **disapproves** application #06-1588 to modify a rooftop addition at 15 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.

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**Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: Plaque in honor of Minerva Bernardino, the first ambassador to the US from the Dominican Republic.**

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

WHEREAS, Minerva Bernadino is an appropriate subject for public recognition on account of her substantial contribution to world affairs; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plaque honoring Minerva Bernadino is of appropriate design;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7, Manhattan, **approves** the application of the Department of Parks and Recreation to place a plaque honoring Minerva Bernadino in the Greenway at 110<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**Committees of Origin: Parks & Preservation and Land Use**

**Re: 120 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 5 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present**

WHEREAS, on January 12, 2006 the applicant presented a design to the Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan, that was not fully detailed, and that raised numerous significant concerns as to its appropriateness; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 19, 2006, Community Board 7/ Manhattan, expressed numerous concerns about that design, and requested that the Landmarks Preservation Commission adjourn its scheduled February 7, 2006 hearing on the application in order to permit the Parks & Preservation Committee to consider a modified and more fully detailed design at its next scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, the LPC adjourned its hearing on this application to February 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the applicant presented a substantially modified and more fully detailed design to the Parks and Preservation Committee on February 9, 2006;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, **approves** application # 06-4311 to construct a new 16-story building at 120 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, except that it **disapproves** the design for the residential entrance, and urges the applicant to modify the entrance design to make it more distinctive; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, with regard to the color of the limestone base and brick upper floors of the facade, urges the applicant to choose materials toward the "cream" end of the spectrum between "cream" and "gold" being considered for those design elements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, expresses its appreciation to LPC for adjourning its hearing on this application at Community Board 7's request; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan, expresses its appreciation to the applicant for modifying its initial design to address many of the concerns expressed in Community Board 7's January 19, 2006 letter.

*Joint Committees: 8-1-0-0. Board Member: 0-1-0-0.*

**Committees of Origin: Transportation and Land Use**

**Re: 27 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, The Olcott Hotel**

**Full Board Vote: 17 In favor 19 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

**The resolution was not adopted.**

WHEREAS, the owner has supplied a written commitment that the garage will not be rented out on a transient basis without seeking a modification of the permit for an accessory garage; and

WHEREAS, the owner has provided the conversion plan referring to the garage with a plan delineating the total number of parking spaces at 15 and a schematic plan that shows the location of the 15 spaces;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 7 / Manhattan approves the project at 27 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street (a.k.a. the Olcott) as described on ULURP N050489ZAM to the Department of City Planning for development of a 15-space accessory parking garage with the entrance and new curb cut on West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street.

**Committees of Origin: Land Use, Housing, Health & Human Services**

**Re: 210 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Full Board Vote: 25 In favor 6 Against 0 Abstentions 2 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 / Manhattan **approves** the project at 210 West 102<sup>nd</sup> Street, a Quality Housing Program, for 23 single parent families with children under 10, and acknowledges the cooperation of Settlement Housing Fund Inc. – Park Summit Reality, Zeckendorf Development LLC and SLCE Architects in modifying the façade to incorporate the following requested changes: Changing the string coursing between floors to a darker brick soldier course in lieu of light cast stone, changing the set back to a simpler metal railing in lieu of the cast stone and cut out previously presented, modifying the entrance doors, removing the deep upper parapet to the set back portion of the building and revising the design of the entrance to separate the service door from the tenant entrance. This approval is granted with the hope that the applicant is encouraged to improve and alleviate the cutout for the thru-wall air-conditioning units on the façade beneath the first and second floor windows.

*Joint Committees: 6-1-1-1.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 412 Amsterdam Avenue (West 79<sup>th</sup>-80<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA#1158198 to the Department of Consumers Affairs by 412 Amsterdam Avenue Corp., d/b/a Bettola, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

*Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 414 Amsterdam Avenue (West 79<sup>th</sup>-80<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA#1016775 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BEK Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a Savann Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 17 seats.

*Committee: 4-1-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 718 Amsterdam Avenue (West 94<sup>th</sup>-95<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new (modification) application DCA#1217245 to the Department of Consumers Affairs by Iano Corp., d/b/a Acqua, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 425 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80<sup>th</sup>-81<sup>st</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new (modification) application DCA#1218074 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 425 Amsterdam Avenue Corp., d/b/a McAleer's Pub, for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

*Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 476 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82<sup>nd</sup>-83<sup>rd</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new (modification) application DCA#1218332 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Rest Corp., d/b/a Fred's, for a unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

*Committee: 4-1-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 462 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82<sup>nd</sup>-83<sup>rd</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application DCA#1218320 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sol Y Sombre Ltd., d/b/a Sol Y Sombre, for an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats. *Committee: 4-1-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 100 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.)**

**Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application #B01397 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by U.C. Columbus Radio Dispatch, Inc. at 100 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street for a For Hire Base Station license. *Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0.*

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 143 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

WHEREAS, the proposed site for an OTB betting parlor is in the Upper West Side – Central Park West Historic District, and the former site was outside the historic district; and

WHEREAS, residents and merchants on the block came out in large numbers to oppose this seven-day-a-week, 11:30 am to 11:00 pm business; and no one within the district spoke in favor of the site; and

WHEREAS, OTB patrons congregate on the sidewalk to smoke and borrow money, creating excessive noise and trash and drive away shoppers from local stores;

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan **refuses** to give a "Letter of No Objection" to the Off Track Betting Agency to move its betting parlor to 143 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street from a site on 72<sup>nd</sup> Street west of Broadway.