

April 2003 Resolutions

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

1. Re: 150 Riverside Drive, Kateri Nursing Home (West 87th-88th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the new addition will only be visible from a very small part of Riverside Drive;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #032330 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

2. Re: 134 West 88th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue).

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the alteration will be an improvement and will be in keeping with many other entrance wells on the block;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #033886 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace broken cement entrance well floor of building with brick pavers.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

3. Re: 12 West 71st Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue).

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the addition will improve the building esthetically; and

WHEREAS, it will not be visible from the street;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #033162 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rear-yard addition.

Committee: 4-0-1-0.

4. Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Re: Request to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits by Council on the Environment to operate a GreenMarket on the sidewalk along West 97th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue, from April 3 - December 26, 2003.

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

WHEREAS, the Greenmarket on West 97th Street has been a popular and successful operation serving the local neighborhood for the past several years;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application for a street activity permit to operate on Fridays from April 3 to December 26, 2003.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Public: 0-0-01.

5. Re: Application #1129553 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jayesh Patel to construct and operate a newsstand adjacent to the subway entrance on the east side of Broadway between West 93rd-94th Street.

Full Board Vote: 21 In favor 5 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #1129553 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jayesh Patel to construct and operate a newsstand adjacent to the subway entrance on the east side of Broadway between West 93rd-94th Street.

6. Re: 334 Amsterdam Avenue (West 76th Street.) Application by the Jewish Community Center of Manhattan, 334 Amsterdam Avenue, to the Department of Transportation to install planters and a bike rack on the west side of Amsterdam Avenue in front of their building.

Full Board Vote: 22 In favor 1 Against 6 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, quick action is needed to insure the security and safety of this location;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the plan to install large planters about the perimeter of the Jewish Community Center in Manhattan at Amsterdam Avenue and West 76th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT to improve the plan, the JCC add an additional bike rack or two if they can be positioned not to further impede pedestrian flow, and that the JCC and Department of Transportation explore ways to improve the lighting of the sidewalk and street along their Amsterdam Avenue frontage.

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

7. Re: Proposed construction of a 2nd Avenue subway.

Full Board Vote: 27 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the East Side of Manhattan, New York is historically and currently underserved by local public transportation and the only subway line, the Lexington Avenue 4, 5, and 6 trains, currently operates with passenger loads that exceed New York City Transit guidelines and the overcrowded conditions are expected to increase; and

WHEREAS, increased East Side accessibility would lead to necessary development and redevelopment in vital economic hubs as well as in economically marginalized neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2nd Avenue Subway project is intrinsically connected to the redevelopment of Lower Manhattan as the increased accessibility would promote growth in Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, the Long Island Railroad's eastside access to Grand Central

Terminal is scheduled to open in 2012 and will deposit many more passengers on the already severely crowded Lexington Avenue subway line,

WHEREAS, a 2nd Avenue Subway would provide a viable alternative for Metro North commuters disembarking at the 125th Street station instead of the over-crowded Grand Central Terminal; and

WHEREAS, already \$1.05 billion have been earmarked in the 2000-2004 MTA Capital Program and are currently being used for the design and engineering of the proposed 2nd Avenue Subway line; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority has adopted an aggressive schedule, with initial construction scheduled for 2004;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the construction of the 2nd Avenue Subway is vital to the development and accessibility of the East Side of Manhattan as well as Lower Manhattan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board petitions the United States Senate and House of Representatives to give the proposed 2nd Avenue Subway construction project top priority and provide the necessary funding; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board encourages the United States Senate and House of Representatives to reauthorize the TEA-21 legislation, which has been responsible for the successful upgrade of transportation infrastructure across the country.

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

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Robert Herrmann

8. Re: Reconstruction of Frederick Douglass Circle at Central Park West and Cathedral Parkway.

Full Board Vote: BACK TO COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Douglass Circle Reconstruction Project has been planned for years; and
WHEREAS, an artist has been chosen and a design approved after careful consideration and review; and

WHEREAS, many community meetings have taken place with the involvement of the local residents and Manhattan Community Boards 7, 9 and 10;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the design of the Douglass Circle Reconstruction Project, as a much-needed traffic calming device, and a tribute to the memory of a great African-American Patriot, Frederick Douglass; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the NYC Department of Transportation and the Department of Design and Construction to continue to meet with the residents of Towers-On-The-Park to help address their concerns.

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



Health and Human Services

Co-Chairs: Barbara Van Buren and David Harris

Re: Request to the NYS Department of Health by the CitiWide Harm Reduction Coalition for implementation of syringe exchange program in the Royal Park Hotel, Broadway Studios, and Malibu Hotel.

Full Board Vote: 19 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, New York City continues to be the epicenter of AIDS in the United States; and
WHEREAS, a major risk factor for the infection is the use by IV drug users of contaminated syringes; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Surgeon General Satcher stated that the provision of clean needles does not increase the use of illegal drugs, and that when it is part of a total program, it has often reduced the use of drugs by participants; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 New York State authorized waivers to regulations prohibiting open sale of syringes for the establishment of syringe exchange programs; and

WHEREAS, since that time, infection of IV drug users with the HIV virus in New York has been reduced by over 50%, as found in a 2002 study by the NYS Department of Health; and

WHEREAS, The CitiWide Harm Reduction program has been providing a comprehensive program of outreach, counseling, testing, medical treatment, case management, syringe exchange and disposal, in specific commercial SROs where the City has placed clients of the HIV/AIDS Services Administration, (HASA), including two in Board 7, at the Riverside, 312 West 109th Street, and the Marion, 2612 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, CitiWide wishes to expand the syringe exchange program to the Royal Park Hotel, 258 West 97th Street, Broadway Studios, 230 West 101st Street, and the Malibu Hotel, 2688 Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the AIDS Institute of the New York State Department of Health, which funds and closely monitors syringe exchange programs, requires that the local Community Board support the extension of the program;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **supports** the request of CitiWide to expand its syringe exchange program to include the Royal Park Hotel, Broadway Studios, and the Malibu Hotel.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.