

April 2007 Resolutions

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: New York Sun Works' Science Barge Program.

Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 0 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Science Barge program proposed for Riverside Park at approximately 71st Street for July and August, 2007 appears to be an innovative, free educational program that would be of benefit to New York City children and other residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation supports the proposed project at this location; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that Riverside Park has the infrastructure to support the Science Barge program at this location;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposal for the Science Barge program at Riverside Park at approximately 71st Street for July and August, 2007.

Committee: 3-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: Department of Parks and Recreation's plans for the restoration of the sidewalk along the east side of Columbus Avenue from West 77th to 81st Streets.

Full Board Vote: 36 In favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation proposes to restore the Columbus Avenue perimeter sidewalk adjacent to Theodore Roosevelt Park using the same materials and design elements employed in the ongoing restoration of the three other perimeter sidewalks of the park, which Community Board 7/ Manhattan, previously approved; and

WHEREAS, restoration of this sidewalk is badly needed, and the project, including regrading the sidewalk, replacing the hex block paving materials, enlarging and enhancing the planting in the tree pit areas, adding and replacing trees and adding and replacing benches, has been fully funded; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation has assured the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan that the sidewalk in question will remain amenable to the installation of a public toilet, should the site be chosen for one under the city's new public toilet program;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the final design for the restoration of the perimeter sidewalk along the east side of Columbus Avenue at Theodore Roosevelt Park.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: Wildlife Conservation Society's new snow leopard exhibit at the Central Park Zoo.

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 1 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Conservation Society proposes to create a snow leopard exhibit in the Central Park Zoo that would involve constructing two viewing pavilions and a holding pen building; and

WHEREAS, the normal historic Olmstedian aesthetic applicable to Central Park is necessarily relaxed with regard to structures within the Zoo area; and

WHEREAS, the three proposed structures will be largely screened by plantings, and are of design and materials appropriate to their use as zoo buildings and consistent with the design vocabulary of other structures within the Central Park Zoo;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the final design for the snow leopard exhibit, including the three proposed structures, in the Central Park Zoo.

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

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 3 West 73rd Street (Central Park West.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the elegant existing building facade facing 73rd Street is intact, with mostly original materials; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed one-over-one window replacements for the 73rd Street façade, including employing curved sashes and glass for the eastern projection, with the frames painted in a complementary light color, is appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the penthouse bulkhead are only minimally visible from the service alley to the east and are not otherwise visible from a public way, and the Committee believes that the proposed changes to the penthouse bulkhead, including replacing the center French doors and employing beige stucco with an applied trellis for the south elevation of the penthouse, are reasonably appropriate to the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the east wall of the building was apparently constructed without windows in anticipation of a possible adjoining building that was not built, and the construction of the adjacent apartment building with a service alley left a blank wall on this building, which the owner wants to pierce with new lot-line windows; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed new lot-line windows, comprising three new one-over-one windows near the front at the third through fifth floors, two similar windows near the rear – all in kind with the windows on the front façade -- and eight smaller, staggered windows in stained glass corresponding to the alignment of the internal staircase at the center of the east façade, though visible to some degree from the service alley, will not unreasonably interfere with a viewer's appreciation of the largely intact, elegant front façade of the building; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's approval of this group of proposed lot-line windows on a previously blank secondary façade should not be construed as a precedent with regard to any other situation; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed rear elevation of the new rear-yard extension, which is not visible from any public way, but is visible from numerous neighboring rear yards, is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, several members of the Committee believed that the proposed fenestration for the west facade of the new rear-yard addition is too formal, too fussy or too busy, and expressed specific suggestions to the Committee and the

applicant's representatives, but no such position was adopted by a majority of the Committee as to any specific element of the fenestration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposed changes to the front façade and the penthouse at 3 West 73rd Street, as well as the proposed new windows on the eastern wall and the proposed new rear-yard addition.

Committee: 5-1-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 130 West 82nd Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed new rear-yard addition will be of design and materials reasonably appropriate to the building and to the Historic District, including the use of one-over-one windows; and

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from any public way,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, **approves** the proposed rear-yard addition for 130 West 82nd Street.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 461 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd Street.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the building façade in question is already painted a shade of blue/green for which the applicant seeks approval; and

WHEREAS, the architect representing the applicant before the Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan agreed to the Committee's request to confine the blue/green color to the shop front area of the façade, and to restore the remaining portion of the first floor elevation on 82nd Street to natural brick, if practicable, and otherwise to paint it a brick color matching the brick of the building; and

WHEREAS, given the cacophony of colors in this commercial area of the Historic District, the Committee believes that the blue/green color for the shop front only is reasonably appropriate to its location in the Historic District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the existing blue/green color for the corner shop front only at 461 Columbus Avenue at West 82nd Street, subject to the applicant's agreement, as described above, to restore the remaining portion of the ground level façade on 82nd Street to natural brick, if practicable, and otherwise to paint it in a brick color to match the existing brick of the building.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 49 West 85th Street (Columbus Avenue-Central Park West.)

Full Board Vote: 23 In favor 8 Against 10 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has received a notice of violations with regard to the repainting of the façade, the installation of replacement windows, the installation of canopies over the front door and flanking first-floor windows and the installation of a security camera; and

WHEREAS, the façade was originally glazed light blue brick, which had no relationship to the brownstone facades of most buildings on the block; and

WHEREAS, the current paint color approximates the color of brownstone; and

WHEREAS, numerous neighbors support the application; and

WHEREAS, the security camera is unobtrusive; and

WHEREAS, a significant minority of the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan expressed the opinion that the window canopies are inappropriate and should be removed, but the majority of the Committee believes that all the above-listed conditions are reasonably appropriate to the Historic District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the legalization of the above-listed conditions at 49 West 85th Street.

Committee: 5-1-1-0. Board Member: 0-1-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 264 West 91st Street (Broadway.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed rear-yard addition will be of design and materials reasonably appropriate to the building and to the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the addition will not be visible from any public way;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** application #07-4783 for the proposed rear-yard addition for 264 West 91st Street.

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

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 121 West 69th Street (Broadway – Columbus Avenue.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant notified Community Board 7/ Manhattan of its application too late for it to be placed on the already very crowded agenda for the Parks and Preservation Committee meeting on March 8, 2007; and

WHEREAS, therefore the Committee was not able to review the application;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** the application for a façade renovation, new windows and a new stoop restoration at 121 West 69th Street, and **requests** that the LPC hold open its record with regard to this application to permit the applicant to make a full presentation at the Committee' regular April, 2007 meeting, and to permit the Committee to adopt a substantive resolution and submit it to the LPC.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 441 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application DCA# 0813464 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Sloves, Inc., d/b/a Louie's Westside Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 584 Amsterdam Avenue (West 88th Street.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1247422 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Bodrum, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 135 Central Park West (73rd-74th Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 33 In favor 2 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the Department of City Planning for the addition of 6-parking spaces to an existing accessory garage at 135 Central Park West.

Committee Members: 5-0-3-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

Date: April 11, 2007

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 2672 Broadway (West 102nd Street.)

Full Board Vote: 33 In favor 3 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application DCA# 1063188 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Plaza Mexico

Inc., d/b/a Mama Mexico, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 40 seats.

Committee Members: 5-2-2-0. Board Members: 3-0-1-0.