

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN MAY 2002 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries

Re: The Plaza at Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument (Riverside Drive, West 87th-89th Streets).

Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the proposed design for the reconstruction of the Plaza and the West 88th Street stairs from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Riverside Drive between West 87th-89th Streets is tastefully thought out and consistent with the feeling of the Riverside Park; and

WHEREAS, the design strives to create a sense of place that is unique, while creating a greener setting for the monument than it currently has, by enlarging the planting areas and adding four trees; and

WHEREAS, the details for the Plaza have been well chosen, such as the use of granite members to create a design that is filled with hexagonal pavers; the Hoof Bench (aka City Hall Bench) designed in 1902 for the City Beautiful Movement; moving the chess tables away from the Yeshiva across the street, so that players are no longer in danger of students' stray balls hitting them; and the addition of a water fountain; and

WHEREAS, the budget of \$1.2 million, which includes design, construction, a \$100,000 endowment for maintenance, 10% overruns etc., and is a partial donor/partial capital project with its funding already in place, though construction will not begin at least until next spring; and

WHEREAS, the stairway leading to the dog-run below will receive new treads and handrails,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #023720 by the Department of Parks and Recreation to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the reconstruction of the Plaza and the West 88th Street stairs.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 428 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street).

Full Board Vote: 36 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to continue to observe a café closing time of 11pm; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to continue to require café patrons to purchase food as well as drink; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to work with the 20th Precinct to address any outstanding noise concerns; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 1039396 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Brother Jimmy's LLC, d/b/a Brother Jimmy's at 428 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street) for a one-year (not five-year) consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 12 tables and 20 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 517 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 33 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 812902 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp., d/b/a Jackson Hole at 517 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 2061 Broadway (West 70th Street).

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 1009280 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by City Bites LLC, d/b/a City Bites at 2061 Broadway (West 70th Street), for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 103 West 77th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)

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

WHEREAS, the applicant did not attend the committee meeting; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the building façade are inappropriate to the Historic District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves application #023327 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize alterations to the ground floor façade, including stuccowork and painting, and installing a door, signage and light fixture without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

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

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Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: Tweed Court House (Chambers Street.)

Full Board Vote: 22 In favor 11 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the New York City Courthouse, also known as the Tweed Courthouse, was the first permanent government building erected by the City after the completion of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the designation report issued by the Landmarks Preservation Commission states that the building contains some of the finest mid-century interiors in New York, including cast-iron staircases, an octagonal rotunda and a spectacular courtroom; and

WHEREAS, the City has just spent a considerable amount of money for the restoration of this long neglected building; and

WHEREAS, the proposed use as offices will not permit the public regular access and enjoyment of the interiors of the building and would cause the fabric of the building to sustain tremendous wear and tear;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the Mayor not to reuse the building as headquarters for the Board of Education or any other office uses.

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

Uniformed Services/Environment Committee,

Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana, Jr.

7. Re: Moonlighting, 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd-84th Streets), application to the NY State Liquor Authority for liquor license renewal.

Withdrawn.

8. Re: Intro No. 25 to the NYC Council by Council Member Bill Perkins to amend the administrative code in relation to requiring plastic bags used for solid waste disposal to be placed within containers.

WHEREAS, rat infestation continues to be a major source of concern and a health hazard to the residents of CD7;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports Intro 25.

Intro No. 25

Section 1. Subdivision a of section 16-120 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended to read as follows:

The owner, lessee, agent, occupant or other person who manages or controls a building dwelling shall provide and maintain in accordance with this section separate receptacles for the deposit of incinerator residue and

ashes; refuse, and liquid waste. The receptacles shall be provided for the exclusive use of each building or dwelling and shall be of sufficient size and number to contain the waste accumulated in such building or dwelling during a period of seventy-two hours. The receptacle shall be made of metal or other rigid material of a grade type acceptable to the department, the department of health and the department of housing preservation and development. Receptacles used for liquid waste shall be constructed so as to hold their contents without leakage. Refuse and liquid waste shall be stored directly within a bag made of plastic or such other material as the commissioner may authorize which shall be placed within a receptacle. Metal containers Containers shall be provided with tight fitting metal covers.

9. Re: Intro No. 89 to the NYC Council by Council Member Phillip Reed to amend the administrative code in relation to increasing civil penalties for the improper disposal of commercial and residential solid waste.

WHEREAS, rat infestation continues to be a major source of concern and a health hazard to the residents of CD7;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports Intro 89.

Intro 89.

Subdivisions f and h of section 16-120 of the administrative code of the city of New York are amended to read as follows:

f. Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be liable for a civil penalty of [not less than twenty-five nor more than one hundred dollars] one hundred seventy five dollars for the first violation three hundred fifty dollars for the second violation committed within a two-year period; seven hundred dollars for the third violation committed with that same two-year period; and for the fourth or subsequent violation committed within that same two-year period, the penalty shall be doubled the penalty that may be imposed for the immediately prior violation.

h. In the event that a person fails to answer such notice of violation within the time provided [therefore by the environmental control board, that person shall become liable for additional penalties. The additional penalties shall not exceed [fifty] one hundred dollars for each violation.

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Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: NYC Department of Transportation installation of advertising on parking meters.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) pilot project to place advertisements on 250 parking meters on Broadway between West 67th and West 96th Streets and encourages DOT to expand the muni-meter installations to other areas on the Upper West Side.

Committee: 5-0-1-0. Public Members: 4-0-1-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: West 97th Street Greenmarket.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office by the Council on the Environment to operate a Greenmarket on the north sidewalk of W. 97th St. between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, on Fridays from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, from May 24th to December 20, 2002.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 7, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use joint with Transportation

Re: 1926 Broadway

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

Modifications to 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 180 spaces (exit/entrance on West 64th Street) in a 29-story mixed-use building at 1926 Broadway.