

May 2003 Resolutions

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

Joint with

Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Robert Herrmann

1. Re: Reconstruction of Frederick Douglass Circle at Central Park West and Cathedral Parkway (West 110th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Douglass Circle Reconstruction Project has been planned for years; and
WHEREAS, many community meetings have taken place with the involvement of the local residents, institutions in the area, and Manhattan Community Boards 7, 9, & 10; and

WHEREAS, a competition was held for artists and an artist selected and a design approved after careful consideration and review; and

WHEREAS, several meetings were held to address the concerns of the residents of the Towers-On-the-Park buildings;

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, with the following conditions:

1. DOT will perform a study of truck routes in the neighborhood.
2. After implementation, DOT will conduct a study of the effectiveness of the "Barnes Dance" (all-stop) situation, as it affects throughput, level of service, and diversion of traffic to other areas.
3. Signage to indicate the continuing route of the bicycle lane on Central Park West to Frederick Douglass Blvd. must be provided.
4. "No Standing" zones for the Towers-On-the-Park buildings must be provided, on Cathedral Pkwy (for the N building, and Central Park West for the S building), with these zones returned to public parking after 6 PM.
5. The underground stream problem in the NE corner of the circle must be addressed.
6. Trees must be planted in front of the Towers buildings, if feasible.
7. An advisory committee will be set up to monitor the construction and effectiveness of the new circle, and will meet before, during, and after the project is completed.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-6-0-0.

2. Re: NY Water Taxi proposal to install a water taxi service, on a temporary basis, at Pier I (70th Street) in Riverside Park.

Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 3 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the NY Water Taxi would provide Westsiders with alternative transportation to and from midtown and downtown areas; and

WHEREAS, the NY Water Taxi is more environmentally friendly than regular ferries and puts up far less of a wake; and

WHEREAS, the NY Water Taxi is trying to serve many more areas of Manhattan giving Manhattanites many new travel options;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** New York Water Taxi's application for a service to & from Pier I at 70th Street, with the understanding that this service will move to the new, restored gantry at 69th Street when it is completed.

Transportation and Parks Committees: 5-0-1-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

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3. Re: Requests for secondary street namings to honor the following who died on September 11, 2001 in the WTC:

- West 83rd Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues for Fire Fighter Ruben Correa of Engine Company 74, 124 West 83rd Street.

- West 73rd Street at Amsterdam Avenue for Fire Fighter Kevin Bracken of Engine Company 40, 131 Amsterdam Avenue, who lived on West 73rd Street for over 10 years.
- The west side of West End Avenue from West 85th to 86th Street in honor of Sareve Dukat, who lived at this location for 20 years.

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, secondary street renaming at the request of family is city policy for the recognition of persons who perished in the September 11, 2001 event; and

WHEREAS, the facts that these are secondary street namings which retain the original well known names of the streets being designated; and

WHEREAS, this is for a uniquely special situation and is appropriate for a special response; and

WHEREAS, most important of all, that all the above individuals are distinctly worthy of this honor;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the above street renamings.

Committee: 6-0-1-0. Public Members: 0-2-0-0.

4. Re: Request to reinstate the secondary name of Thelonius Monk on West 63 Street, east of West End Avenue (which ends in Thelonius Monk Circle), where he lived.

Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, this secondary renaming is merely asking for the restoration of a previously approved and installed naming; and

WHEREAS, this location is particularly appropriate since the short block ends at Thelonius Monk

Circle;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the restoration of the secondary naming of West 63rd Street from West End Avenue east to Thelonius Monk Circle in the name of Thelonius Monk.

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

5. Re: Recommendations in the Manhattan Borough President’s Traffic Study of the West 96th Street Corridor, conducted by the Sam Schwartz Company, and CB7 priorities for the NYC Department of Transportation.

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the immediate implementation of the following recommendations of the Traffic Study:

- An advance left turn arrow signal from both north and south traffic on Broadway at West 96th Street.
- Installation of ‘Stop - Wait for Green’ signs in the mall area on Broadway at 95th, 96th, and 97th Streets.
- Signage suggesting that traffic turn left on Columbus Avenue as the best route to the Henry Hudson Parkway. Suggested text was ‘Use Columbus Avenue and 96th Street for Henry Hudson Parkway.’
- Signage on Henry Hudson Parkway northbound before 95th—96th Street exit saying ‘Best Route to the Eastside – Use West 96th Street’; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan reserves the right to support additional recommendations of the Study based on further review.

Committee: 9-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-1-0-0.

6. Re: 971 Columbus Avenue (West 107th-108th Street.) Renewal application #B01760 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Special Inc. at 971 Columbus Avenue for a For Hire Base Station license.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #B01768 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Special Inc. for renewal of their For Hire Base Station license at 971 Columbus Avenue.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

Parks, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee

7. Re: Intro 160 – A Local Law to amend the administrative code in order to clarify the authority of the commissioner of parks and recreation to regulate the vending of written matter within the geographical areas under the jurisdiction of parks and recreation.

Full Board Vote: 2 In favor 24 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Intro 160 is a clarification of the general vending law, and seeks to protect public parks from unregulated commercial intrusion; and

WHEREAS, Intro 160 does not threaten the first Amendment rights of artists and other vendors of written material, and is not anti-artist or anti-art; and

WHEREAS, this bill seeks to regulate vendors and artists in parks by use of a lottery system with a nominal fee attached, and would simply subject vending to reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions, as many First Amendment activities already are;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** Intro 160, thus allowing the Department of Parks and Recreation to better manage commerce in the parks.

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

8. Re: Preliminary design for the reconstruction of Heckscher Playground and adjacent landscape in Central Park.

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Heckscher Playground and adjacent landscape in Central Park is in need of restoration; and

WHEREAS, there is private funding available for the restoration; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design takes into consideration the multiple uses of the playground and adjacent landscape;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the preliminary design for the reconstruction of Heckscher Playground and adjacent landscape in Central Park.

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

Sidewalk Task Force

Chair: Hope Cohen

Joint with Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

9. Re: Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise.

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has come to understand that the purpose of the proposed Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise is essentially to replace newsstands and bus-stop shelters 'in kind', but at a higher level of quality of materials, manufacture, and maintenance, yielding increased advertising revenues for the City of New York as well as a more attractive streetscape; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has come to understand that the siting criteria and process for a franchise structure (i.e. each newsstand, bus-stop shelter, and automatic public toilet) will be

unchanged from current rule and practice (i.e. that the Community Board will have the same role of recommendation, review, and approval/disapproval for siting such structures as is currently the case); and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has come to understand that contracts and franchise agreements currently in place preclude the inclusion of public pay telephones (PPTs) in this proposed Franchise at this time, but that the Request for Proposals (RFP) has been written to encourage proposers to consolidate functionality in franchise structures (e.g. allowing for PPTs to be built into bus-stop shelters); and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has come to understand that possible sites for automatic public toilets (APTs) will include smaller public spaces such as squares and triangles (e.g. Columbus Circle) as well as recognizable parks; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has a record of opposing advertising in public parks; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has long been concerned about the low license fees paid by sidewalk newsstand operators in return for use of valuable sidewalk real estate, frequently involving display and sale of items other than publications protected by the First Amendment;

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan **endorses** the proposed Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise, and **encourages the City Council to pass** the resolution authorizing the Department of Transportation to grant nonexclusive franchises for the installation, operation, and maintenance of coordinated franchise structures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan looks forward to **continuing to fulfill its important role of recommending, reviewing, and approving/disapproving sites** for franchise structures in its district; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan **strongly urges the administration to consult with Community Boards** during the development of: plans for special designs for franchise structures in landmark districts; designs to ensure that newsstands display only appropriate newsstand merchandise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan endorses advertising inside APTs and **opposes advertising on the outside** of APT structures (i.e. to be situated on public park land); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the RFP for the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise should encourage the provision of trash baskets of uniform design that also meet functional needs better than the current wire baskets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends that the City revisit the license fees for newsstands, the financial responsibilities of whose operators (i.e. for construction, installation, and maintenance of newsstand structures) would be diminished by the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise.

Joint Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Hope Cohen and Richard Asche

10. Re: 302 Columbus Avenue (West 74th-75th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA #1077541 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Janine's Place Inc., d/b/a Diwan Curry House at 302 Columbus Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats. *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

11. Re: 421 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th-81st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA #0885890 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café Monaco Corp., d/b/a Café Monaco at 421

Amsterdam Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate and unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 34 seats for two-years.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

12. Re: 429 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th-81st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA #0955642 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amorluz Corp., d/b/a Luzia's Restaurant at 429 Amsterdam Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

13. Re: 522 Columbus Avenue (West 85th-86th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA#0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer Corp., d/b/a Firehouse at 522 Columbus Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

14. Re: 718 Amsterdam Avenue (West 95th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA#1099811 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iano Corp., d/b/a Acqua at 718 Amsterdam Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 40 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

15. Re: 2799 Broadway (West 108th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the unenclosed sidewalk café has existed unchanged in its current configuration since 1984; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has approved renewals of the café in its current configuration several times since 1984; and

WHEREAS, the café is located on an unusually wide 31-foot-wide sidewalk segment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA#1102405 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S&P 66 Inc., d/b/a Lime Leaf at 2799 Broadway, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 32 seats, with the caveat that at least 18 feet of pedestrian space remains outside of the café's boundaries.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

16. Re: 513 Columbus Avenue (West 85th-86th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA #1133460 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 513 JJT Corp., d/b/a Martell's Grill at 513 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 38 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

17. Re: 654 Amsterdam Avenue (West 91st-92nd Street.)

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to change the configuration of the proposed sidewalk café to eliminate 4 tables and 4 seats (including 2 tables and 4 seats proposed for West 92nd St.) and reduce the depth of the café to 9 feet; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document these changes and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1131538 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Yak 1 Inc., d/b/a Pizzabolla at 654 Amsterdam Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.