

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Youth, Education & Libraries

Re: Calling upon the New York State Legislature to amend the New York Public Officers Law to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to be appointed to and serve on New York City community boards as full participating members.

Full Board Vote: 24 In favor 7 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **supports** Resolution 1348-2008 of the NYC Council, introduced by Council Member Gale Brewer on April 16, 2008, asking the New York State Legislature to amend the New York Public Officers Law to allow 16- and 17-year-olds to be appointed to and serve on New York City community boards as full participating members, as follows:

Whereas, the involvement of youth in civic affairs is a vital part of engaging and enfranchising youth early in life; and

Whereas, Article 2 of the New York Public Officers Law states that no person should hold a civil office unless that person has attained the age of eighteen years; and

Whereas, 16 and 17 year olds are therefore disenfranchised from an essential part of American citizenship; and

Whereas, In the State of New York, a 16-year-old is eligible to obtain a driver learner's permit; and

Whereas, Currently New York law allows 16- and 17-year-olds to be charged and tried as adults; and

Whereas, Even though a 16- or 17-year-old must have parental consent, under New York State law, he or she would be able to obtain a marriage license; and

Whereas, According to the National Youth Rights Association, at least 80% of high school students work before graduation; and

Whereas, In New York State, many 16- and 17-year-olds are working and paying taxes and should have some say as to how their taxes are being spent; and

Whereas, Anya Kamenetz, author of the book, "Generation Debt" states that from a developmental and vocational point of view, the late teens are the right starting point for young people to think seriously about the future; and

Whereas, Ms. Kamenetz also states that government can help in this process by bestowing adult rights along with responsibilities to our youth; and

Whereas, Denying 16- and 17-year-olds the right to participate in the democratic process of their communities while simultaneously imposing adult charges and responsibilities upon them makes them second class citizens; and

Whereas, In 2002 a CIRCLE/PEW Civic research found that citizens are built during the high school years through active community participation, while living at home and attached to teachers; and

Whereas, 300 high school students at the Future Voters of America and Police Athletic League 2007 New York City Youth Congress resolved to campaign for youth enfranchisement through community board membership; and

Whereas, One way to ensure that 16- and 17-year-olds are included in making important decisions and contributions to their community is to allow them to serve as full participating members in their local community boards;

Now therefore, be it Resolved, That the Council of the City of New York calls upon the New York State Legislature to amend the New York Public Officers Law to allow 16- and 17- year-olds to be appointed to and serve on New York City community boards as full participating members. (Supports Bills A10439 and S7354 that have been introduced in the Assembly and Senate.)

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

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RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: West 97th Street Greenmarket.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #M7-050 to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits by the Council on the Environment to conduct a farmers market on Fridays on the north side of West 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. *Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public Members: 5-0-0-0.*

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Joan Franklin

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** installation of a plaque on West 75th Street and West End Avenue in honor of Ms. Joan Franklin, a long-time president of the West 75th Street Block Association, as soon as CB7 commemoration plaque policy is completed.

Committee: 6-0-1-0. Public Members: 5-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 249-251 Columbus Avenue (West 71st – 72nd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1103658 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CMR, Corp., d/b/a Café Ronda, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 19 seats.

Committee: 6-1-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 430 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jakes' Dilemma, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats.
Committee: 6-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84th – 85th Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1190694 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hale Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a The Neptune Room, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 20 seats.

Committee: 6-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 642 Amsterdam Avenue (West 91st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1130054 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Miyako Sushi Corp., d/b/a Miyako Sushi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

Committee: 7-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 668 Amsterdam Avenue (West 92nd –93rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1139454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Talia's Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Talia's Steakhouse & Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats.

Committee: 6-1-0-0.

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Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 2737 Broadway (West 105th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1109932 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Westside of Broadway Rest Group, Inc., d/b/a Carne, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.
Committee: 6-0-1-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 285 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1190722 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York Corp., d/b/a Tenzan, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 466 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd – West 83rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application DCA# 1276898 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi Hana Japanese Fusion, Inc., d/b/a Sushi Hana, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: Hamilton Fountain, West 76th Street, Riverside Park.

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

The following facts and concerns were taken into account at arriving at our conclusion:

The fountain was built in 1906 of Tennessee Marble and designed by Warren & Wetmore Architects of many well known buildings in New York.

The project is basically to clean the fountain and restore it to working order.

The surrounding Plaza will be repaved with asphalt octagonal pavers; four American Elm Trees will be planted and six new benches will be installed.

All materials will be historically appropriate.

Maintenance will be by Parks Dept. staff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **supports** the restoration work proposed for the Fountain and the surrounding Plaza and applauds the Riverside Park Fund and Parks Department for their work.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 366 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Shake Shack (West 77th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 4 Against 1 Abstention 1 Present

The following fact and concerns were taken into account at arriving at our conclusion:

This is a limited design change to the façade of the storefront.

The building will be cleaned and painted and a screen with growing plants will cover the West 77th Street wall to screen the garbage form the adjacent building.

Signage will be back lighted and painted black.

The opening of a door on the north side of the building will be used for deliveries and not interfere with the patrons.

An elevator will be installed to assist elderly and handicapped people reach the bottom floor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed work to the façade.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 316 West 75th Street (West End Avenue.)

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

The following facts and concerns were taken into account at arriving at our conclusion:

The architect was receptive to our suggestions last month and agreed to postpone his appearance at the Landmarks preservation Commission and to come back to the Committee in April.

It was agreed that crimped metal painted dark reddish brown would be the most historically correct material for the penthouse addition.

The penthouse is only minimally visible from the back of Riverside Park since it is nestled in among taller buildings.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the installation of the penthouse addition at 316 West 75th Street.

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

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Date: May 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 49 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue - Central Park West.)

Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

The following facts and concerns were taken into account at arriving at our conclusion:

There already are three studio apartments on the roof of the building.

The extension of these, which will be combined, will be in the rear of the roof and very minimally visible from 73rd and Columbus Avenue.

The windows will match those already on the building.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application.

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