

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN JULY 2001 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: The Abraham Joshua Heschel School, 270 West 89th Street.

Full Board Vote: 11 In Favor 11 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

The resolution was not adopted by the Full Board.

WHEREAS, the main standard for judging whether a building violates the spirit of an historic district is determined by street level visibility; and

WHEREAS, the street level visibility for the project is not unduly violated, except in very select and highly-limited circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the project visible from street level is of a relatively neutral design that does not call attention to the proposed addition; and

WHEREAS, the removal of front-facade-window air conditioners is an improvement over current conditions; and

WHEREAS, the materials and design of the proposed addition are appropriate to the structure;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #01-4812, as revised, to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 50 West 90th Street.

Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are minimally visible from the public thoroughfare and do not have a negative impact on the building;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #015502 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition.

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

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Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 57 West 94th Street.

Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are minimally visible from the public thoroughfare;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #015930 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop and rear-yard addition.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 333 West End Avenue.

Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 7 is pleased that a systematic building-wide master plan for window replacement is being undertaken; and

WHEREAS, the windows are an improvement over the current fenestration;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #016952 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a building-wide window replacement.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 214 Riverside Drive

Full Board Vote: (TO TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE)

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 7 generally frowns upon street furniture, in particular phone installation in non-commercial portions of Landmark Districts; and

WHEREAS, there isn't another telephone within 6 blocks in either direction, so this phone does provide a public service; and

WHEREAS, the phone contains no advertising beyond a small steel flag that indicates the location of the phone;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #016200 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of a curbside telephone pedestal without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Kateri Residence, 150 Riverside Drive, aka 355 West 87th Street.

Full Board Vote: 26 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the variance application #122-01-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Rothkrug & Rothkrug for Kateri Residence Inc. to allow construction of a rooftop solarium to the Kateri Residence at 150 Riverside Drive.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Timothy's World Café, 53 West 72nd Street.

Full Board Vote: 25 In Favor 2 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the café has been operating without wait service, as required by New York City regulations, and has agreed in writing to provide this service;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 912513 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Coffees of the World Inc., d/b/a Timothy's World Café at 53 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue), for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Silver Moon Bakery, 2740 Broadway.

Full Board Vote: 21 In Favor 4 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has demonstrated significant community support in favor of the proposed new unenclosed sidewalk café; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to provide waiter service in the sidewalk café, as required by New York City regulations; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to use only non-disposable dishware and silverware in the sidewalk café; and

WHEREAS, the applicant submitted to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document the new configuration of the café and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1073294 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc., d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery at 2740 Broadway (West 105th -106th Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Committee: 4-2-0-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0. Public Members: 1-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: La Cocina Mexican, 217 West 85th Street.

Full Board Vote: 24 In Favor 3 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA#914984 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by La Cocina Mexican Inc., d/b/a La Cocina Mexica at 217 West 85th Street (Broadway-Amsterdam Avenue), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 13 seats, and is in receipt of a letter outlining the owner's agreement to police his delivery people and provide a bike rack.

Committee: 4-1-0-1.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Westside Brewing Company, 340 Amsterdam Avenue.

Full Board Vote: 24 In Favor 2 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 917771 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 340 Brew Pub, Inc. d/b/a Westside Brewing Company at 340 Amsterdam Avenue (West 76th Street), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 47 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Fiorello's Roman Café, One Lincoln Plaza.

Full Board Vote: 24 In Favor 3 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 735125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc. d/b/a Fiorello's Roman Café at One Lincoln Plaza (64th-65th Streets), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 24 tables and 49 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: Neo Sushi Restaurant, 2296-2298 Broadway.

Full Board Vote: 27 In Favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to change the configuration of the proposed sidewalk café and to reduce its depth to 9 feet, and has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document this change and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to assure that diners waiting to be seated remain within the boundary of the café;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1082469 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Chung Cheung Corp., d/b/a Neo Sushi Restaurant at 2296-2298 Broadway (West 83rd Street) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 18 tables and 36 seats.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Uniformed Services and Environment

Re: Application by Moonlighting, 511 Amsterdam Avenue, to the State Liquor Authority for a liquor license renewal.

Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the 20th Precinct of the New York Police Department has documented 2½ years of crimes and violations associated with Moonlighting, 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84th – 85th Streets); and

WHEREAS, the number and seriousness of these crimes is disproportionately greater than those associated with any other bar/club in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, without a significant change to management approach at Moonlighting, it seems inevitable that serious crimes will continue;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends that the New York State Liquor Authority disapprove the renewal application for Moonlighting's liquor license.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Uniformed Services and Environment

Re: Assemblyman Richard Gottfried's Bill A.9012 that would give the SLA authority to enforce terms and conditions as part of a liquor license.

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

WHEREAS, community concerns about hours of operation, noise, and security often lead to agreements with bar owners on terms and conditions for approval of their applications for liquor licenses; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) is only able to enforce such terms and conditions when it can be demonstrated that the bar owner fraudulently entered into the agreement; and

WHEREAS, many establishments make a good faith effort to comply with existing laws and regulations, others ignore their responsibility to the community by allowing violative conditions to affect the district's quality of life; and

WHEREAS, violations of such terms and conditions are disturbing and troublesome to the community and most often involve crimes committed within and outside of the subject establishment that endanger the lives and welfare of the residents in the surrounding neighborhoods;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports New York State Assembly Bill 9012, to make liquor-license stipulations enforceable.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Jewish Community Center.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the Jewish Community Center's application to the Arts Commission for a permit to add tint and texture to the sidewalks around their new center at Amsterdam Avenue and 76th Street.

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: NYC Fire Department proposal to change parking regulations on the south side of West 83rd Street from Columbus Avenue to Broadway.

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

WHEREAS, the New York Fire Department, during the one-year reconstruction of the West 77th Street fire house, will relocate personnel from West 77th Street to the West 83rd Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues) house, and install a fire-truck cage in front of the house; and

WHEREAS, West 83rd Street is a highly congested street and the fire trucks need a clear path for northern runs via Amsterdam Avenue and southern runs via Broadway; and

WHEREAS, the NY Police and Fire Departments have agreed to enforce the new traffic regulations;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves a request by the NY Fire Department to the Department of Transportation for temporary change in parking regulations on the south side of West 83rd Street from Columbus Avenue to Broadway to "No Standing Any Time".

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

RESOLUTION

Date: July 10, 2001

Committee of Origin: Health

Re: Coalition for the Homeless Briefing Paper on Access to Emergency Shelter for Homeless Single Adults in NYC.

Full Board Vote: 29 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has long expressed its concern for homeless individuals residing on city streets and in other public places, and for the best way to help the street-bound homeless chain shelter and services; and

WHEREAS, there are many homeless individuals in Community Board 7/Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, ensuring access to emergency shelter for the homeless prevents the death and injury of street-bound homeless individuals and improves conditions in city neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeless Services has announced plans to substantially reduce the number of entry points to the emergency shelter system for homeless single adults; and

WHEREAS, for homeless single men, currently there is only one entry point to the emergency shelter system citywide (the Vacancy Control Unit, located at the 30th Street Men's Shelter in Manhattan) and no entry points to the emergency shelter system in Brooklyn, Queens, or the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeless Services has announced plans to create a new non-shelter intake center which would replace the existing intake center for homeless single men, and would replace the existing entry points for homeless single women (currently located in three assessment shelters in Queens the Bronx, and Brooklyn); and

WHEREAS, the current system, with limited entry points to the emergency shelter system has created barriers to shelter and services for many street-bound homeless individuals; and

WHEREAS, the record of non-shelter intake centers such as the Bronx Emergency Assistance Unit (BAU) for homeless families (where the City, in violation of court order, has forced thousands of children and adults to sleep over night on floors and benches) and the Vacancy Control Unit for homeless single men located at the 30th Street Men's Shelter prove that such non-shelter centers create significant barriers to shelter for homeless people; and

WHEREAS, most homeless service providers including street outreach teams, advocate the creation of multiple entry points (including specialized shelter beds catering to street-bound individuals who are unable initially to remain at structured programs or large assessment facilities) for the emergency shelter system, to make it easier for vulnerable street bound homeless individuals to obtain shelter and services in all of the boroughs; and

WHEREAS, homeless outreach teams report that the number of homeless individuals on the streets has risen substantially in recent years, and currently more than 26,000 homeless men, women and children sleep in the New York City municipal shelter system each night, representing a substantial increase from the average daily shelter census of 21,288 in 1998; and

WHEREAS, investments in supportive housing have proven effective in diminishing homelessness, yet the City's investment in supportive housing has reduced over the past several years; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Department of Homeless Services abandon its plans to create non-shelter intake centers for homeless single adults; and

RESOLVED, the Department of Homeless Services utilize existing shelters to provide at least one intake shelter for homeless single men and one intake shelter for homeless single women in Manhattan, Brooklyn the Bronx and the Queens, respectively: and

RESOLVED, the Department of Homeless Services include low demand shelter beds in intake shelters to encourage long-term street-bound homeless individuals to obtain shelter and services; and

RESOLVED, the Department of Homeless Services expand investments in supportive housing and rental assistance to provide long-term solutions to the problem of homelessness.