

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committees of Origin: Transportation and Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: Request for Information by the Department of Information Technology &**

**Telecommunications re the future of public pay phones on New York City sidewalks and potential alternatives or additional forms of telecommunications facilities on New York City's sidewalks.**

**Full Board Vote: 42 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **recommends** that the following be included in any New York City public pay phone request for proposals and franchise:

- Full service phones should be supplemented by emergency 911 contact phones for coverage
- Phones should be capable of 311, 511 calling
- Phones should be solar-powered, with backup power. Phones should be full-service, with capability of emergency-only use
- Phones should remain, at least in part - land-line based
- Phones should be sited based on need - not solely on advertising revenue
- Maintenance guarantee should be built into contract
- Incentive to include small businesses to participate in making public phones available
- Phones should be designed to be easy to maintain
- Phones should have built-in limits on visual clutter - i.e. no rolling/flashing images
- Phones should have calls made/received logs to assess usage
- Have some placement near bus shelters where pedestrian path is already somewhat reduced and incremental obstruction can be minimized
- Bonded deposit to insure performance and removal if unit is not being used or maintained
- Design should be less "enclosed".
- Phones should have a smaller footprint
- Phones should contain voice-enhancement for hearing-impaired customers
- All old and non-working phones should be removed
  
- And - most importantly - **all locations and design should be approved by the local community board!**

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

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**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Layover for the M60 Articulated Buses.**

**Full Board Vote: 41 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

The MTA is beginning the immediate implementation a six-month emergency trial to accommodate the new articulated buses on the M60 bus route.

The articulated buses will require longer bus stops and a layover area.

The NYC Transit plans to site the last stop and layover of the M60 on the west side of Broadway just north of West 107<sup>th</sup> Street and the first stop for the route on the south side of West 106<sup>th</sup> Street between West End Avenue and Broadway.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan is aware of this plan and requests that in the future the NYC Transit provide planned changes with more time before implementation so that a plan like this can be fully vetted by the affected community and so the opportunity for modification with the benefit of local input can be provided to be sure that adverse impact on the community can be kept to a minimum.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 25 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue.)**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** without prejudice application EIN#123-58-0470 to the Department of Transportation by Kurt Roeloffs for a Revocable Consent to construct, maintain and use front entrance stoop at 25 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: The "VineLine".**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **supports** continued exploration of architect Laurence Tamaccio's proposal to beautify the Joe Dimaggio Highway.

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

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**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 658 - 660A Amsterdam Avenue (West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the application to the State Liquor Authority for a two-year liquor license by 658-660 Amsterdam Corp. d/b/a To be Determined.

*Committee: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications.**

**Full Board Vote: 39 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the following unenclosed café renewal applications:

- **2014 Broadway (West 68<sup>th</sup> – 69<sup>th</sup> Streets.)** Renewal application DCA# 1326142 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 68<sup>th</sup> Street Café, Inc., d/b/a Luce, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.  
*Committee: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*
- **410 Amsterdam Avenue (West 79<sup>th</sup> – 80<sup>th</sup> Streets.)** Renewal application DCA# 1165276 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 317 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Tolani, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.  
*Committee: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 491 Columbus Avenue (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application DCA# 1440354 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nidja, LLC, d/b/a Gastronomie 491, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

*Committee: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 43 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street (West 61<sup>st</sup> Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of the non-original (1980's installation) front entrance doors.**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

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

- The existing hinged entrance doors at the exterior and inner vestibule will be replaced with new automatic sliding glass doors.
- The new doors will be frameless, clear laminated glass, with acid-etched designs reminiscent of the Egyptian Revival façade entrance details.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the new front entrance doors is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the replacement of the non-original front entrance doors.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 152 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for possible window replacement on the front façade and for rear-yard and roof-top additions.**

**A. Rear yard addition**

**Full Board Vote to disapprove: 40 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

- Open space to the east of the existing dogleg rear yard addition to be filled in, resulting in a full-width rear yard addition, 3 stories tall, and adding 312 sf. total floor area. This is the first rear-yard infill addition in this entire row of buildings within the block interior. It would represent the first step at eroding the open space within the block interior and interrupt the rhythmic in-and-out flow of open space at the perimeter of the block interior along the rear facades.
- New “removable”, unconditioned greenhouse enclosure to be constructed on roof of rear yard addition, concealing almost the entire rear facade of the building’s top floor.
- New full-width addition to be clad in buff color brick, incorporating some of masonry details from original rear façade, including brick corbelling at top of rear façade wall, limestone sills, etc.
- New addition to have new multi-paned, arched-top casement wood windows, fixed windows and French doors, including a large-scale central double-height door and window element at the lowest two floors, visually distinct from the surrounding rear facades within the block interior, with their many smaller-scale, flat-topped window and door openings.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the rear yard addition, in being out of scale with the surrounding rear yard facades, and in employing an architectural vocabulary, rhythms and massing that are inconsistent with and insensitive to the surrounding architectural and spatial context, is inappropriate to the historic character of the building, the block interior, and the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the rear yard addition.

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

**B. Rooftop addition**

**Full Board Vote to disapprove: 38 In Favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

- New rooftop addition to be 673.5 square feet, set back 10 feet from front façade. Addition and new elevator bulkhead to be clad in light beige stucco, with sloping metal roof, buff brick at chimney extension.
- New windows to be wood. Windows to have no muntins in front facade, be multi-paned at rear façade, each treatment related to the window vocabulary of the lower floors.
- New arched central dormer at rear, relating to new arched window vocabulary introduced in new rear yard addition.

Because no mock-up was constructed, there was no definitive demonstration that the addition will not be visible from the street. Therefore, although the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan originally found the design of the rooftop addition to be minimally appropriate to the historic character of the

building and of the Historic District, following Full Board discussion and comments from the community at the October 2 Full Board meeting, Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes the design of the rooftop addition to be inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the rooftop addition.

*Original Committee vote to approve: 4-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 0-2-0-0.*

### **C. Front façade restoration.**

**Full Board Vote to approve: 29 In Favor 10 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

The restoration includes the following:

- Painting and repairing cornice
- General maintenance of front facade cladding.
- Replacing existing wood windows with new thermal wood windows to match existing one-over-one double hung windows, painted brown.
- Removing window air conditioners.
- Refurbishing existing wood and glass front doors.
- Installing more historically appropriate light fixtures.
- Replacing stoop side rail enclosures with more historically accurate side enclosures, modeled on neighboring stoops.
- Replacing wrought iron gate with new metal gate, modeled on existing.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believe that front facade restoration work and window replacement work are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the front façade restoration work and new windows.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: October 2, 2012**

**Committee of Origin: Youth, Education & Libraries**

**Re: Manhattan Borough Board resolution supporting school busing improvements for special education students.**

**Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the Manhattan Borough Board resolution supporting school busing improvements for special education students.

*Committee: 10-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*