

RESOLUTION

Date: December 4, 2012

Committees of Origin: Parks & Environment and Transportation

Re: Columbus Avenue, West 77th-81st Streets. Department of Parks & Recreation's Request for Proposals for the Columbus Avenue arts and crafts fair.

Full Board Vote: 29 In Favor 5 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

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

There has been a multi-weekend arts and crafts fair operated by the same concessionaire at this location for about thirty years. The current license, which is for six two-day weekends per year, three each in May and October, expires after the May, 2014 sessions. The Department of Parks and Recreation is considering issuing a new request for proposals for an arts and crafts fair with similar terms starting with three weekends in October, 2014.

When the crafts fair started at this at this location, and for some years afterward, the neighborhood was considerably less safe than it is now. Furthermore, there was no competing use for this space until several years ago, when the Greenmarket started to operate there on Sundays.

The Greenmarket at this location is extremely popular with residents of the neighborhood, including those of closely neighboring buildings. However, on those weekends when the crafts fair takes place, it displaces the Greenmarket, which then must move to smaller and less visible space in the schoolyard across the street.

There are now substantial other outdoor crafts events in Manhattan, including, for instance, the Holiday Market in Central Park at Columbus Circle.

Numerous representatives of neighboring buildings and of neighboring block associations, and other community members, attended the November, 2012 meeting of the Parks and Environment Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan, at which a representative of DPR discussed the potential new RFP. Also, the Columbus Avenue Business Improvement District submitted a letter in advance of the meeting opposing the proposed new RFP. The community's sentiment was overwhelmingly that the disadvantages of the existing crafts fair, and of any potential new crafts fair – specifically displacing the Greenmarket, adding to crowding in an already very congested area and taking business from local merchants who pay rent and otherwise support the community – outweigh any advantages to the community of continuing it.

The Parks and Environment Committee believes that, whatever benefit to the community the Columbus Avenue arts and crafts fair might have provided in the past, it is not appropriate for it to be continued in future years, in light of the conditions mentioned above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan accordingly requests that Department of Parks & Recreation not issue any RFP for an arts and crafts fair at Columbus Avenue for any period after the expiration of the current license.

Committee: 4-1-0-0.



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Date: December 4, 2012

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Henry's, 2745 Broadway (West 105th Street.) Proposal to the Department of Transportation for 23 feet of on on-street bike parking (bike corral) in front of Henry's restaurant.

Full Board Vote: 34 In Favor 1 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Henry's Restaurant has applied to Department of Transportation for placement of a free bicycle parking corral on Broadway at the northwest corner of West 105th St and Broadway replacing 23 feet of meter controlled parking directly north of the crosswalk, and

Department of Transportation has agreed to modify the original 8 bicycle/4 large planter plan to allow additional bicycles to park in the street space proposed to be used,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the plan for the bike corral on Broadway at the northwest corner of West 105th Street, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan asks NYC Department of Transportation to look to further reduce the size of the planters so that the space which is designated for the corral will have the maximum number of bikes that the corral can accommodate within that designated space and asks NYC DOT to identify other spots within MCD7 that could be used for on-street bike corral parking.

Committee: 7-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

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Date: December 4, 2012

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Upper West Side Streets Renaissance proposed bike rack locations.

Full Board Vote: 21 In Favor 12 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

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

The Upper West Side Streets Renaissance has reviewed Broadway, Amsterdam, and Columbus Avenues from 59th Street to 110th Street to identify 136 sidewalk locations that would qualify for placement of bicycle racks according to Department of Transportation requirements.

In a mailing to building owners of the properties at these locations, 45 responses with objections were received and those locations were eliminated, 3 responses were received with a positive response, and 86 of these locations received no response at all (no objection),

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the installation of bike racks by Department of Transportation at the following 3 locations identified by Upper West Side Streets Renaissance for which they have received approvals from their building owners' mailing:

- 2828 Broadway (written approval via email)
- 606 Columbus Avenue (verbal approval via telephone conversation)
- 2099 Broadway (written approval via email).

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Date: December 4, 2012

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: 1900 Broadway (West 65th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 38 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

The applicant did not attend the committee meeting,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** the renewal application DCA# 1282969 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 64 West Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Bar Boulud, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 38 tables and 79 seats.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: December 4, 2012

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: 434 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.)

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1357136 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by MHBK Associates, Inc., d/b/a The Tangled Vine, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 30 seats.

Committee: 6-0-1-0.