

FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Andrew Rigie, Acting Chair

September 6, 2022 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

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Present: Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Kristen Berger, Steven Brown, Elizabeth Caputo, Courtney Clark Metakis, Joshua Cohen, Christian Cordova, Ken Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Beverly Donohue, Robert Espier, Sheldon Fine, Sonia Garcia, Miranda Goodwin-Raab, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, K Karpen, Natasha Kazmi, Doug Kleiman, Blanche Lawton, Sara Lind, Ira Mitchneck, Klari Neuwelt, William Ortiz, Michele Parker, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Peter Samton, Susan Schwartz, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain, Erana Stennett, Kristina Villarini, Benjamin Wu, and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Daniela Alvarado, Kevin Corte, Catherine DeLazzer and Anthony Thomas. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet, Yassiel Nieves and Ashley Lopez.

The full Board of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022, on the Zoom online platform. Interim Chair Andrew Riggie called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm after the Secretary confirmed a quorum was present. The following discussions were had and actions taken.

Chair's Report, Andrew Rigie

- A brief update was given on the extension of the Open Meetings Law Emergency Measure. It is unclear what will happen at the end of the month. But, the Board Office will report with any updates.
- Thanks to the office for the smooth transition as Steven Brown stepped down and I took over.

District Manager's Report, Maxwell Vandervliet

- Thanks to Andrew for the support during this transition period. It has been an interesting and busy summer.
- We have reinstituted the CB7 Newsletter which Ashley Lopez sends out every Wednesday.
- CB7 is now using AirTable, an app that can help us track various operations and resolutions. CB7 will be the second Manhattan Community Board to use this. It should increase our transparency and be a good tool for board members.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting. *Vote: 38-0-0-0.*

Nomination of Board Officers for 2022-2023

Joshua Cohen, Chairperson of the Elections Committee

- We will open up the nominations for the following positions:
 - Chair
 - Courtney Clark Metakis nominates Beverly Donohue
 - Polly Spain nominates Shelly Fine
 - Vice Chair
 - Andrew Alpert nominates Doug Kleiman
 - Sara Lind nominates Melissa Rosenberg
 - Linda Alexander nominates William Ortiz
 - Barbara Adler nominates Seema Reddy – *Nomination has been withdrawn.*
 - Treasurer
 - Elizabeth Caputo nominates Seema Reddy
 - Co-Secretaries
 - Roberta Semer nominates Daniella Alvaredo and Kevin Corte
- Each candidate will be asked to submit a short statement (maximum 500 words) to us, within ten days. Each candidate will be given no more than five minutes to speak on their own behalf at the October board meeting.
- Will there be an opportunity to ask questions of candidates after their prepared remarks?
 - Josh: We have done this in the past.
 - Andrew: Perhaps Josh and the election committee can discuss this and get back to us all with the format for this?
- There will only be one vice chair going forward.
- The elections will be held on the first Monday of October (10/3/2022) because of the holidays.
- Because Andrew Riggie is an Interim Chair, the newly elected chair shall take over immediately after their election, during the October meeting. But for the rest of the officers, they shall serve until the end of October. The new

Treasurer may take over immediately upon election. All these details shall be discussed and finalized by the Interim Chair and the election committee, and then communicated to the Board.

Business Session

Youth, Education and Libraries Committee, Blanche Lawton and Courtney Clark Metakis, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

1. Greater Oversight and Increased Communication for Longer-Duration SCA Projects

Courtney Clark Metakis:

- These are important construction/renovation projects to undertake and finish, and yet they are extremely disruptive to families and the community.
- To address delays in these projects, we have asked the parent representatives to join District Cabinet meetings and other relevant forums to keep them informed and involved throughout the process.
- We also wanted to understand the data behind these projects and delays. These severely delayed projects in our district were not representative of typical SCA projects, and in fact were extreme outliers! But, when projects hit a certain point of delay and complexity, they should be getting more attention to help resolve the outstanding issues. This resolution addresses this by proposing: regular meetings; greater transparency with bi-weekly updates; etc.

Doug Kleiman: Is this for existing or new projects?

- Courtney Clark Metakis: This is for projects that run longer than three years, as that brings them into being outliers among typical SCA projects.

Vote: 43-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

2. 2642 Broadway (West 100th – _101st Streets.) Renewal Application #B00256 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Fast Operating Corp. d/b/a Carmel Car & Limo Service, for a renewal of their For Hire Base Station License.

Vote: 40-0-0-0.

3. Open Street on West 103rd Street (Amsterdam Avenue - Riverside Drive.) Proposal by DOT to enhance the Open Street on West 103rd Street by incorporating traffic calming measures and pedestrian space.

- Andrew Alpert: We approve of their initiative and hope they track and continue it.
- Shelly Fine: As a resident of the block, and having consulted the local community, everyone seems to be in favor of this. It is so necessary on those blocks.
- Wayne Duvall: Between Amsterdam and Broadway on these blocks, it can be quite hairy! How will these gestures affect traffic? Will there be improvements? Can cabs still drop off in front of our building?
 - Howard Yaruss: There will still be traffic on that street. It will just be calmer and slower.
- Brian Stein: I am a resident on the street. John P. texted me to speak on his behalf because of tech difficulties. What will happen to the fruit vendor on the corner of W103rd Street and Broadway? He has been there for more than 12 years and shouldn't be displaced.
 - Peter Frishauf: There will be accommodation made for the fruit vendor. He was adversely affected by the construction on the corner and the tough winter.
- Mark Diller: I want to emphasize that two different things are called Open Streets. This version does not prevent traffic from going through. With respect to vagrancy, the object of this street initiative is to have more pedestrians and other non-vehicular traffic on the street to make it safer. It was nice to see this meeting happen with so many different points of view represented. It was a productive meeting!
- Kristen Berger: I am concerned about the community member that was opposed and not familiar with the plans. How many of the street's residents are aware of the idea and participated in the meeting.
- Andrew Alpert: DOT was very exhaustive in addressing every concern. And significant outreach was done. This block should be safer and more available for use. It should help, and DOT is committed to making changes as needed.
- Shelley Fine: I want to suggest to Brian to call the office and to raise the issue a week from Thursday at the Build a Block Meeting / Commanders Advisory Meeting.

Vote: 38-1-0-0.

4. Request to DOT to replicate the traffic calming interventions, including intermittent red brick surface, found on two blocks of West 94th Street to other crosstown blocks in the district.

- Andrew Alpert: This resolution calls for similar calming measures on this block.
- Jay Adolf: This is not the same as West 103rd Street. This is a normal cross-town street. But the brick calms traffic and also has historical significance from a preservation perspective.
- Shelley Fine: I think the West 94th Street situation is very important. Coming off the highway, people often go to 94th St. to go west past Amsterdam. So, the calming forced by the brick is very important to slowing down the fast traffic. Many of the elderly residents on the block welcome the slowing down of traffic as it makes them feel safer.
- Richard Asche: The repaving has been completed between Central Park West and Columbus Avenue, and the red brick is still there. It would be even better if the brick could also be repaired. I think the roadway narrowing is actually what causes the traffic slowing rather than just the red brick.
- Several board members talked about the need for greater outreach to these community members to better understand the desire for such calming measures in this area.

Vote: 39-1-1-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

5. New applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

- **Mid-Park at 65th Street, The Heckscher Ballfield in Central Park.** Panda Bubble Tea CP, LLC d/b/a The Ballfields Café.
- **68 West 71st Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Taylor Morabito d/b/a Friend of a Farmer UWS, LLC.
- **206 West 79th Street** (Broadway – _Amsterdam Avenue.) 206 West Restaurant Corp. d/b/a To be determined.

Vote: 38-0-0-0.

6. New and Temporary Retail Permit applications:

- **200 West 60th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by ESQ 60th, LLC d/b/a Emmy Squared Pizza.
- **27 West 72nd Street** (Columbus Avenue – _Central Park West.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Empellon 72nd, LLC d/b/a To be determined.
- **222 West 79th Street** (Broadway – _Amsterdam Avenue.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Harlem ADR, LLC d/b/a Mochi Dolci.
- **102 West 86th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by G&A 86, Inc d/b/a To be determined.
- **590 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 88th – _89th Streets.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by PST Amsterdam, LLC d/b/a Poulet Sans Tete.
- **914 Columbus Avenue** (West 105th Street.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by The New Ranchito Latin Fusion Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Rancho Latin Fusion.

Vote: 38-0-0-0

Method of Operation:

7. 984-986 Amsterdam Avenue (West 108th – _109th Streets.) Method of Operation application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Amity Hall Uptown, Inc. d/b/a Amity Hall.

Vote: 39-0-0-0

Preservation Committee, K Karpen and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

8. 50 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness to replace existing fixed pane windows with four-over-four double hung windows.

- Michele Parker: Provided a brief description of the application.
- Elizabeth Caputo: In the past, this block has had concerns about noise from the restaurants. Was this raised as an issue with this project.
 - Michelle Parker: No, this issue was not raised.
- Page Cowley: Can the applicant return to explain the plan for the awnings? Is this part of the application?
 - Michelle Parker: The awnings are not included in the application. But perhaps they should be.

Vote: 34-0-3-0

9. **159 West 72nd Street** (Amsterdam - Columbus Avenues.) Application LPC-22-10388 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness to reclad the façade.

- Page Cowley: This really is a no-style building.
- Ira Mitchneck: This is a very undistinguished solution to a building that had some architectural style before. Have any probes been done to determine the substrate condition? This also seems likely to be a place for graffiti. How will this be addressed?
 - Applicant Representative: They are unable to touch the façade unless LPC approves. There is brick behind the tile, as can be seen from areas where tiles have fallen.
- Erana Stennet: Will the façade be easy to clean graffiti off of it?
 - Applicant Representative: A graffiti-resistant coating can be applied if LPC approves it.

Vote: 35-1-1-0

10. **86 Riverside Drive** (West 81st Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a rooftop addition to include an elevator overrun and glass-enclosed stair bulkhead with surrounding railings.

- Michele Parker: We disapproved this application as inappropriate in terms of style, bulk, and visibility.
- Several committee members discussed how the application was offensive in terms of the Riverside Park skyline, and very tone deaf to the architecture and built environment there. Too much, too tall, wrong materials, etc.

Vote: 32-0-4-0.

11. **270 West 89th Street, B_’N_a_i_ _Jeshurun** (West End Avenue - Broadway.) Application LPC-22-07597 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for restoration and refurbishment of historic wood windows, replacement in kind of steel-framed fire-rated windows, and installation of ballistics-resistant windows behind the historic windows.

Vote: 34-0-0-0.

12. **258 West 97th Street, The Fortune Society** (West End Avenue – _Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for:

- a. converting an existing window into a doorway to create a new accessible entrance at primary façade; and
- b. Installation of Exterior Insulation Finishing System cladding (EIFS) over existing surfaces on non-primary facades and Bulkhead.

•K Karpen: This was an illegal hotel that is being converted by a very accomplished nonprofit. The application was thoughtful and sensitive.

Vote: 33-0-0-0.

13. **780 West End Avenue** (West 98th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Master Plan for Window Replacement and Through-The-Wall AC Unit sleeves.

Vote: 32-1-0-0.

14. **353 Riverside Drive** (West 107th – _108th Streets) Application LPC-22-10740 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for a vertical extension of an existing elevator shaft and the addition of an elevator mechanical room.

Vote: 30-2-2-0

Community Members

Nicole Paynter: We will be doing Taste of the UWS, originally founded by Barbara Adler. Second, there will be a runway fashion show during Open Streets this Sunday 9/11/2022. Models will be 19-92yrs old. Please come and check it out!

Zac Campbell: From the American Museum of Natural History. Regarding the Gilder Building Project, we have started installing some of the façade stone on the project. We are also working on the Park projects as well. Please contact me with any follow up questions.

Community Session

Emmitt Sklar, NYC Councilmember Shaun Abreu's Office

- We are doing a drive, along with Gale Brewer's office, for new and used clothing to help migrant families in transitional housing – from Thurs through Sunday at PS 145.

Mark Levine, Manhattan Borough President

- Regarding the Emergency Order, it has been extended again through September 23, 2022. At that point, the CB7 will need to move into the new hybrid world.
- Emmitt spoke up about the asylum seekers brought here from Texas. I am proud of how New Yorkers have welcomed these migrants with open arms. The City has applied to FEMA for assistance, which I hope and expect to receive. We are doing a collection drive at the West 125th Street office and also at 1 Centre Street on weekdays from 10am-5pm. Please help if you can!
- Regarding Monkeypox vaccines, we are finally NOT facing a shortage of appointments. Now, there is a plentiful supply of vaccines and appointments (scheduled or walk-in) are available. We are still seeing 50 cases/day. Please spread the word that vaccines are available.
- Regarding the covid vaccines, a new formulation of boosters is available in certain places. We will soon have wider availability in the coming days. Some of the city-run sites will also have the new vaccine in addition to the private providers. For young people, the booster rate has been low, and hopefully this will change.
- K Karpen: We just began taking in asylum seekers for temporary shelter. We would love to talk about ways to collaborate and find additional support.
- Mark Levine: Eric Cuello in my office is the person to connect with on that.
- Shelly Fine: We have to pre-empt the possibility of disparities in the distribution of vaccines this time. In addition to locations, educating people is important. There has been inexcusable inequality here during the pandemic that needs to be addressed.
- Natasha Kazmi: I am concerned about the smoke shops that are opening all over, especially as relates to legalizing cannabis.
- Mark Levine: This is a big problem. They are not licensed to sell cannabis – the storefronts or the trucks. They should not be permitted to continue to sell. A new regulatory regime will allow certain legal stores to open soon, with a focus on equity and diversity. You can let our office know about specific sites. We can pass that information on.

Brad Hoylman, NYS Senator

- Each and every one of the cannabis shops and trucks are illegal! There are no licenses to sell cannabis in NYS right now. The Office of Cannabis Management doesn't have the enforcement ability or right yet. It is of great concern! I am worried about the impact on the unknowing consumer, in addition to the quality-of-life issues.
- Every year we publish the Parent & Family Resource Guide. Please call for copies and also to help add to it.
- We passed the first legislation that will address helicopter noise. It is ready for the Governor's signature – she must sign it. Please encourage her to sign S7493A.
- We have been campaigning to get Midtown Community Court reopened. It is a problem-solving court that is specifically designed to provide support to people coming out of sentences. The Court is open only one day/week now. It must be fully opened. It is well past time!
- Finally, I want to acknowledge my colleagues who are collecting items for asylum seekers. They need our assistance! Thank you for anything you can do to help.
- I have new legislation I am proposing:
 - Speed limit assistance technology to be standard in all cars
 - Times Square has been declared a gun-free zone!
 - A bill to facilitate federal funding for violence prevention programs
- AND, it is Councilmember Gale Brewer's birthday today!

Courtney Clark Metakis: The cannabis trucks are often parked by schools! I have had parents reach out to me about this concern. Should we be telling people to call their local precinct/311? Is data gathering helpful here.

- Brad Hoylman: Please call 311/the precinct to report this illegal activity that is happening in plain sight.

Roberta Semer: Congratulations on your primary win! The Midtown Manhattan Court is something we wanted to put on our budget priorities. Can I please call your office and get info on it? It's important to us and we appreciate all the work you are doing.

Beverly Donohue: What is your sense about what the barrier is to re-opening the Midtown Court? What are the constraints? Because the lack of ability to promptly adjudicate low-level crime is leading to many of our quality-of-life issues.

- Brad Hoylman: The issues are: covid, money (although we have given them all they have asked for), staffing issues (new court clerks and other officers), etc.

Robert Espier: Several times a day, I can smell marijuana on my balconies.

- Brad Hoylman: Is your building management company permitting this? Please address your concerns to them.

Gale Brewer, NYC Councilmember

- In terms of education, schools are hurting more than any other aspect of our society right now. We are trying very hard to get the \$600M rollover of the DOE budget. It hasn't happened. The appeals that every school petitioned have been somewhat successful. Schools have had some funding restored but not all – all in an effort to keep some teachers. Money for arts and language are not there.
- On 9/8/2022, we will flier about resources parents may be interested in. I want to thank Mark Diller for all of his work. NYCHA and School Principals need to work together. I am still worried about class size and what the governor will do.
- Congestion Pricing – Thanks to Max for organizing the zoom. We have lots of work to do. It is a high priority. I don't know if residential parking permits are good or bad. LS BID also did a great study on parking garages in their area. We need an ongoing task force of any Community Board on the 60th St. line.
- Working Papers backlogs in terms of asylum seekers need to be addressed by the Feds!
- NYCHA and water testing – it has created a huge concern for the development on the Lower East Side but the issue is potentially relevant all over. We will do a hearing to get more info on all of this. NYCHA handled it badly. Not sure about how DEP handled it. All NYCHA developments should be tested!
- It is the 75th Anniversary of Amsterdam Houses. We were pleased that NYS Senator Andrea Stewart-Cousins attended!
- Our district office is open every day. New Yorkers are in trouble. A lot of people are struggling as we emerge from covid.
- Smoke Shops – we have a list of all of the legal shops in CB7, and would be glad to share it. But, that doesn't guarantee that those shops are doing everything correctly. It is hard to know who is breaking the law and who isn't.
- West 71st Street and Broadway is a block that has so many issues! Gale will share them. We need to all work on these together.
- We want to do a task force on ebikes. The Central Park Conservancy is working on this as well. We need to collaborate with them.
- I did a tour with the DSNY. Rats are a problem, garbage pick-ups, etc. If you look at the data, complaints about sanitation are down! The two time/day trash pick-ups help. Please compost!
- Amazon and Fresh Direct delivery trucks are a perennial problem.
- I also have been complaining about construction at the schools. I didn't get a good answer at SCA, but we continue.
- W94th Street Bricks need to be worked on. The bricks need to be smoothed out. We have to figure out something. It's beautiful but also not totally safe yet.
- Catalytic converter theft is ubiquitous in the city. We have some bills to stop that.
- The NY City Council might propose from April to Oct, you can have a roadway restaurant that can be taken away. Your outdoor café will be much more streamlined in terms of process. This will come up soon in city council. Some outdoor dining will be changed dramatically.
- Times Square will be voted on soon as a gun free zone!
- The state of the municipal work force is not ideal. The number of openings are so high across the board. People don't want to work for the city right now. There will be a hearing regarding this on Friday 9/9/2022.
- On 9/7/2022, our monthly housing clinic will be held.
- September is National Literacy Month.
- On 9/13/2022, at 330-6pm at Dinosaur Playground in Riverside Park, we will have a session about what the community would like to see at that playground. \$7.5M to renovate the playground is available. The Sol Bloom Playground session will also be held on 9/20/2022.
- On 9/16/2022, there will be an online Rat Academy
- On 10/2/2022, Ballet Hispanico will display their street naming sign

- Participatory Budgeting begins from 9/12-11/12/2022.
- On 9/29/2022, the City Council will vote on the list of initiatives that will be funded.
- Regarding ebike batteries, we need safe, affordable batteries for bikes.
- A tree Survey was done for vacant tree pits. Hopefully they will be filled soon!
- Work on Soldiers and Sailors will continue – a task force is to be created. It is possible to get money for this.
- I am still waiting on West Park Presbyterian and LPC!
- Please sign up for our newsletter!

Linda Rosenthal, NYS Assemblymember

- I have also been working on the smoke shops issue. There are many shops near my office. I got one of them inspected. They are selling to underage people in addition to selling cannabis illegally. At some point, there will be licenses, but not yet. There must be some balance once the licenses are given out. But there are way too many shops right now. CB7 has way more than our share. The state and the city are not communicating properly on this.
- In terms of abortion, the horrible Dobbs decision has criminalized abortion in 11 states and several more to come once their trigger laws go into effect. Here in NYS, we are a safe haven for those seeking reproductive care. I am proposing legislating to protect providers who are doing legal procedures for out-of-state residents. I am working with a coalition of groups on that legislation.
- We need to get money back to DOE for the kids! Kids are educationally behind and now is not the time to cut school budgets!
- I will have the following events with more details to come:
 - Shred Day in November
 - Mamogram day in October
 - Soon a flu shot day

Hannah Weinerman, Congressperson Jerry Nadler's office

- The House reconvenes next week, and I will have more of a legislative update next week.
- We have some guidance on student loan forgiveness for you. Please reach out – there is a good 1-page explainer document that I will send to Max in the office.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:23pm.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Michele Parker and K Karpen, Co-Chairpersons

September 8, 2022 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/stOD6CO8ezg>

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, September 8, 2022, via the Zoom online platform. The meeting was called to order promptly at 6:30 pm by Preservation Co-Chairs Michele Parker and K Karpen.

Present: Michele Parker and K Karpen, Co-Chairs; Jay Adolf, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Klari Neuwelt, Madge Rosenberg and Peter Samton. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Doug Kleiman (Vice Chair). **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet (District Manager) and Yasiel Nieves (Associate Director of Community Affairs).

The following discussions were had and actions taken.

231-33 West 74th Street (Broadway – West End Avenue). **Application #LPC-22-02413 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness for wholesale façade reconstruction.**

The subject pair of buildings are each 3-story plus basement townhouses constructed ca. 1885-86 in the Queen Anne style by architect William J. Merritt. They are included in and contributing buildings to the West End – Collegiate Historic District Extension (I). The front facades are primarily composed of rusticated brownstone on the basement and parlor floors, and common red brick above. Building 231 is distinguished by a full-height 3-sided bay with an angled pointed turret roof.

Presentation by: Michael Novaro, architect.

- The application is to completely dismantle and remove the front façades and then rebuild them using salvaged materials from the demolition and additional materials to match with the goal of restoring the condition of the front façades as they existed circa the 1940 tax photo.
- The reason the applicant seeks the dismantling and wholesale reconstruction of the façade rather than restoration in place is that the existing condition reflects profound settling of the buildings with severe, noticeable leaning-in of the façade toward the center party wall between the pair of buildings.
- The deterioration includes profound settling of the building, evident through significant cracks and gaps in the bricks, spalling of surface materials, erosion or loss of mortar and joints, cracking of lintels above windows and pulling-apart of brick and stone elements.
- The applicant contends that the building is in too precarious a condition to allow workers to attempt to restore it.
- The cause of the settling and deterioration of the façade is thought to be due to leaks over a period of years of a central steam distribution system of pipes below grade that disproportionately affected the façade.
- The application is solely to remove and rebuild the façade; the interior of the building behind is not settled to the same extent and is not a part of this application.
- After a previous permit expired, applicant re-applied for wholesale façade removal and reconstruction.
- LPC engaged its own structural engineer, who opined that total façade removal was not required, and the Staff-level permit was not granted.
- The only safe way to restore this façade is to rebuild it from scratch.
- Repointing and repining will not get the job done.
- Restoration will include rebuilding the existing stoop.
- Rebuilding will use the same materials as the existing condition to the extent possible and will match new materials to the re-used materials.
- Will install a new mansard roof and turret roof.
- Many of the effects of settling of the façade are visible to the naked eye – e.g., the leaning and gaps of the stairs, the pulling-apart of bricks on the façade, the off-center lines of courses of bricks.
- Project will also include replacing the stonework at the area way knee wall.

Committee Comments and Questions:

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- Concern for violations dating back to 2008 and owner's inaction to stabilize since that time.
- Q: How has restoration been documented?
- A: Only the front façade needs to be removed and rebuilt; rest of walls are not settling in toward the center.
- Condition does not seem to be beyond simple repair.
- We need detailed documentation to establish a standard against which any reconstruction is to be measured. No such documentation effort is presented with this application.

Klari:

- Concern that the description includes a reference to a collapsed party wall.
- A: Party wall is intact; façade collapsing in toward the party wall.
- A: Trying to avoid a result that will include a crooked façade tilting in toward its center.
- This owner has been engaging in demolition by neglect for over 14 years.

Jay:

- CB7's role is to evaluate whether the restored façade once rebuilt is appropriate.
- How the applicant documents and engineers the reconstruction of the façade is beyond the scope of CB7's review.

Mark:

- A Community Board review includes the appropriateness of demolishing a structure within an Historic District in addition to the appropriateness of what replaces it.
- Here the wholesale removal of the façade is in effect a demolition of the portion of the building that contributes to the Historic District, so its removal as well as its rebuilding are appropriate subjects for our review.

Doug:

- This building has been vacant and in disrepair for ages. Has become a blight, seeing use by vagrants and drug sellers etc.
- The Block Association deserves relief from this condition.

Peter:

- Q: To what extent can the baffles be salvaged?
- A: Most can be salvaged and re-used. Have done so successfully on other projects.

Madge:

- Q: Will the removal and rebuilding weaken the other structural walls?
- A: No- it should strengthen them by knitting them together to a stabilized façade.

Mark:

- Proposed a resolution as follows:
 - CB7 to take no position on whether or not the wholesale removal of the existing façade is indicated or appropriate given the engineering implications of the existing condition.
 - Assuming removal and reconstruction are appropriate, CB7 resolves to approve, conditioned on:
 - The applicant conducting and completing a detailed inventory and documentation of the original condition of the façade as reflected in the 1940s tax photo, including use of current technology (such as photogrammetry) that allows micro-detail documentation of the existing condition and compares that to plans for restoration.
 - The façade is rebuilt to match as exactly as possible the condition represented in the 1940s tax photo included with the application.
 - The rebuilding be accomplished using only salvaged materials or new materials of the same type and nature selected to match the original materials, and that in no event will the rebuilding be done using substitute or synthetic materials on any visible surface.

Jay:

- CB7 should simply applaud the reconstruction. Past projects have been approved without these conditions – CB7 should not question the applicant's methods or motives.
- The rebuilding is not a demolition – we should not use that term. We are nit-picking.

Klari:

- Concern about this project given so much bad history with this building to date.
- No confidence in the deconstruction process.
- Agrees with resolution not opining on the appropriateness of the demolition.

Community Member David Termine:

- Lives on the block and has witnessed the decay of this building for 30 years.
- The building has been the bane of the Block for at least 15 years.

- Used frequently as a place to do drugs, urination etc., and a hangout for people with no business on the block.
- Concern for length of time to finish project.
A;; Estimate 2 years
- Concern that if this project is not approved, there will be no remedy to this awful condition.

Resolution duly seconded and the question called.

VOTE: *Preservation Committee: 5-2-1-0; Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

Not yet calendared at LPC – will seek a date after October 3, 2022.

Re: 2211 Broadway, the Apthorpm (Broadway to West End Avenue; West 78th-79th Streets). **Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness to remove an existing concrete staircase leading to a first floor office entrance door and replace it with a granite stair to match the surrounding ground floor detail.**

The Apthorp Apartments is an individual landmark that is also located in the West End-Collegiate Historic District Extension. It is a limestone masonry structure with a steel frame superstructure designed in the Italian Renaissance palazzo style by Clinton & Russell and built between 1906-1908. The façade features a three-story rusticated limestone base, limestone string courses at the 3rd and 10th floors, balconettes at each corner of the 5th floor, and limestone ornamentation above the east and west arched entrances and 12th floor windows. The building is capped by a decorative limestone cornice with copper acroteria. There is a large open courtyard that is also clad in limestone. The north and south roofs are topped by one story colonnaded penthouse loggia structures that house the building's water tanks.

The base of the building on the West 79th Street elevation includes granite walls that surround an areaway and continue west from Broadway to frame ground floor entrances to offices and an underground parking garage.

Presentation by: Joseph Lombardi of Socotec Inc., contractors and consultants.

- The existing condition consists of a concrete stair build to provide access to a first-floor office suite that is slightly elevated from ground level.
- The entrance fronts West 79th Street just west of an areaway enclosed by a hip-height wall composed of granite with modest carved lateral lines and caps. The areaway and adjacent bench were subjects of a previous application heard at CB7 in December 2020.
- LPC requested that the applicant remove the concrete stair and build a granite stair to match the stair to a different office entrance immediately to the west.
- The proposal is to create such a stair out of granite, including the outward-curving detail at the base of the stair and the carved handrail caps and modest plinth.
- The applicant was able to locate the shop drawings for the creation of the existing granite stair to the west and will use to fashion the matching stair.

Community Comment:

- [none]

After deliberation and discussion, a motion to approve the application as presented was made, seconded and adopted.

VOTE: *Preservation Committee: 7-0-0-0; Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

Calendared at LPC 10/4/22.

New Business:

The Co-Chairs thanked the Committee members for attending two Preservation Committee meetings over the summer hiatus.

HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Louisa Craddock and Kristina Villarini, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Catherine DeLazzer and Sheldon Fine, Co-Chairpersons

September 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM

Meeting Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_LC3CXOhXTy-IN5p4W6L8-A

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V5liXg4OrEU>

Louisa Craddock, Co-Chair of Housing and Shelly Fine, Co-Chair of Health and Human Services welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Louisa Craddock, Robert Espier, Ira Mitchneck, Melissa Rosenberg, Ethel Sheffer and Polly Spain. **H&HS:** Sheldon J. Fine, Audrey Isaacs and Sara Lind. **Non-Committee Board Member:** Page Cowley, Mark N. Diller, Beverly Donohue, Doug Kleinman and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Kristen Berger, Miranda Goodwin-Raab, Madelyn Innocent, Susan Schwartz and Kristina Villarini. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet and Jessie Nieves.

They introduced the topic for the meeting, The Mayor's Plan for Housing and Homelessness. Shelly introduced the Panelists from Mayor Adam's Administration: Sheena Kang, Deputy Chief of Staff to the NYC Chief Housing Officer. Iris Rodriguez, DHS Deputy Commissioner, and Ahmed Tigani, HPD First Deputy Commissioner.

Ms. Kang gave a 25-minute presentation of the Plan and then she, Mr. Tigani and Ms. Rodriguez responded to questions during the question-and-answer session that followed the presentation
The information and explanation including the following:

This past June, Mayor Eric Adams released [Housing Our Neighbors: A Blueprint for Housing and Homelessness](#), his administration's plan to address New York City's affordable housing crisis. The Blueprint discusses making the city a welcoming and homely place where people can stay and grow together as a family by creating housing that is available and affordable for people from all walks of life. The Blueprint speaks to five key housing pillars:

- (1) Transforming the New York City Housing Authority;
- (2) Addressing the Homelessness and Housing Instability;
- (3) Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing;
- (4) Improving the Health and Safety of New Yorkers; and
- (5) Reducing the Administrative Burden.

Transforming the New York City Housing Authority

The New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) began implementing the Transformation Plan in 2021. The plan empowers local property management teams to address residents' issues, leverages new partners to create a fund for residents' benefit, allows resident voices to be heard in housing decisions, and invests in the health and safety of NYCHA residents by providing healthy food access and public safety.

Highlights from the plan include passing a Work Order Reform to decrease total repair time, creating a resident-focused scheduling system, and increasing the scheduling efficiency, and gaining funding for projects through NYCHA Trust, air rights and federal funds. NYCHA also plans to improve janitorial schedules and implement a new model of waste collection to ensure that common areas and grounds are well-maintained and that residents are proud of their homes. Funding is the biggest issue for NYCHA, both in not having enough funds, funds being mismanaged, and it not being clear how funding will be used – the blueprint highlights transparency, getting more funding, and using that for repairs and renovations.

Ahmad Tigani HPD First Deputy Commissioner stated, "With the major new funding for NYCHA being made available through the establishment of the Public Housing Trust, this plan represents significant progress toward improving housing for millions of New Yorkers."

Addressing the Homelessness and Housing Instability

The Adams administration plans to implement a new system for tracking and measuring homelessness to provide more people with housing stability. New York has an [estimated](#) 91,271 cases of homelessness, many of whom are New Yorkers, immigrants, migrants, refugees, or asylum-seekers. And many people who do have homes, are at risk of becoming homeless for reasons including: financial difficulties like not receiving sufficient public assistance shelter allowance, unsafe housing conditions, tenant harassment, being subject to violence, and emergency or hazardous conditions. The Adams

administration plans to develop strategies to increase access to information, resources, public assistance and services, and safe, affordable, permanent housing for all New York residents and homeless people.

One such strategy is by implementing a new system, that will include all five shelter systems to determine the exact state of NYC homelessness so that the City could provide more consistent and reliable means of measuring progress of dealing with homelessness. In conjunction, the Adams Administration will allow those people who have been in shelters and experienced homelessness to identify where the systems have worked and where they fell short.

Sheena Kang, Deputy Chief of Staff for Chief Housing Officer Jessica Katz stated, "By including NYCHA and homelessness for the first time ever, we are elevating directly impacted New Yorkers into the heart of our housing strategies to ensure that everyone finally receives the safe, stable, and affordable housing they and their families deserve." For those within shelter systems, the administration will work to improve their health and well-being by expanding the shelter and services providing to meet the residents' needs, because being healthy makes it easier to get and retain a home.

Creating and Preserving Affordable Housing

The Adams Administration addresses many issues that come with creating new affordable housing including construction and maintenance costs, [removing unnecessary bureaucratic barriers](#) to housing development, increasing the unit sizes and housing types by expanding the zoning and housing regulations, and increasing federal resources to implement affordable housing changes. With more New Yorkers wanting to live alone, the administration plans to build more studios and one-bedroom units.

The plan identifies creating more Accessory Dwelling Units and converting vacant hotels to affordable housing. The administration also discusses increasing housing in transit-rich neighborhoods, redeveloping underutilized government owned land, creating more housing for elderly and disabled people, providing federal assistance to very-low and extremely low-income New Yorkers, helping owners of low-cost, affordable housing to stabilize the physical and financial conditions of their buildings, increasing opportunities for affordable homeownership, and promoting housing stability for renters. The administration also plans to create new childcare centers on the ground floor of affordable housing to ensure that commercial and community facilities are improving New Yorker's quality of life.

Improving the Health and Safety of New Yorkers

The Adams administration plans to enforce certain measures to decrease lead exposure and asthma cases in underserved communities. Many low-income communities and communities of color suffer from various maintenance deficiencies like rodent and or pest infestations, leaks, mold, inadequate heat and air-conditioning, lead paint, the lack of fire safety measures, among others, leading to health deficiencies such as asthma and lead exposure. Poor housing conditions can also become very dangerous during climate changes such as unbearable heat or cold, hurricanes, and floods in basements. Approximately 43% of NYCHA residents and 27% of residents in rental housing reported three or more maintenance deficiencies in their homes. The Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will work with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the Fire Department of New York (FDNY) to proactively inspect questionable buildings even where no complaints were filed and to require property owners to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Reducing the Administrative Burden

The Adams administration plans to implement near-term and long-term fixes to assist New Yorkers on their road to getting affordable housing. Such fixes include eliminating the Absent Parent Form in applying for Section 8 housing to reduce administrative burden, stress, and trauma for households, and digitizing aspects of the Section 8 application for housing. New Yorkers looking for supportive housing often are required to provide basic information about their mental health – the administration plans to eliminate the need for clinical evaluation where other avenues exist to obtaining such information. The Adams administration will also keep tabs on the impact that the housing investments has on residents and evaluate whether the regulations and processes behind applying for the different programs relating to housing are unnecessarily burdensome and possible to simplify or change.

For new business, Shelly informed us of a problem with the water at local NYCHA locations. He asked Cynthia Tibbs, Tresident of the Tenants Association of the Upper West Side Urban Renewal Brownstones to provide the details. Shelly asked Man, our District Manager to contact DEP and have them investigate this problem.

The meeting concluded at 8:00 pm

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with **PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE**

William Ortiz and Polly Spain, Co-Chairpersons

September 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/kzz9tDEoHz8>

Meeting called to order at 6:34p

Present: Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairs; Barbara Adler, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Doug Kleiman, Sara Lind and Erana Stennett. **Public Safety Task Force Present:** William Ortiz and Polly Spain, Co-Chairs; Jay Adolf, Richard Asche, Courtney Clark Metakis Mark Diller, Sheldon Fine and Benjamin Wu.

Non-Committee Board Members: Roberta Semer. **Board Office:** Max Vandervliet, Jessie Nieves and Ashley Lopez.

Public Safety Task Force

1. Explore the possibility of getting guardrails at the 70 s Street and 96 free train Station and Broadway on the 1, 2, 3 line. Earlier this year we had a woman who was shoved into the transition of 47 Street, and sadly passed away and you know I feel like that's something that's could have been prevented. Explore what other parts of the world have done (guardrails)

Shows presentation with photos of global examples – guardrails (India, Japan).

Polly Spain: In Feb, MTA launched pilot in Times Square (+ 2 other locations)

Andrew Albert: MTA will be doing a test at Times Square on the 7, 3rd Ave on the L, Queens on the E. Host of issues as to why the kind of rails that were just shown won't work in NYC. One of the basic is that we have lots of different car types; don't all line up in the same way. 2nd (72nd and Bway), if you were to install rails, would not have the ADA clearance by the stairways going up to the street. Ones being tried / looked at are much heavier, not all platforms can support the weight. MTA looked at every station – only 40% of stations can take these guards. Are looking at other ways to prevent pushing/falling. Has picked up during COVID.

Ben Wu: Question re: finances, heard 6-7B + upkeep. Update on that front?

Andrew Albert: no updates on costs, depends on how many, indoor/outdoor station, but will bring that back as soon as we have done some testing.

Shelly Fine: 72nd may be in the top 3 dangerous stations in the city. Narrowness + wary of being on that platform, too many people moving, losing balance, etc. Even if there can't be a total rail / total protection because of ADA, perhaps we should ask MTA to look at partial solution so more people are safe.

Barbara Adler: System in Paris – gate come down at bottom of steps so no one is allowed to enter when train is entering station, closes off when certain # of people on platform. If nothing else can be done on 72nd, something that should be looked at.

Jay Adolf:

- MTA is considering alternative methods of preventing people from being pushed other than gates/barriers, can you give examples?
- Understand that nothing has been settled but any cost estimates done?
- I'm not an engineer, but has anyone considered just putting poles on platform space so people can hold on to something?

Andrew Albert: MTA initial estimates – will be in the billions of dollars. Poles: others have mentioned, host of things are being considered but would rather let MTA make that presentation.

Ken Coughlin: Streetsblog estimated for low-tech gate (red) would be \$400/foot. For 6 stations, about \$12-13M. So it depends on the design. Cost/benefit analysis. How many incidents have there been?

Andrew Albert: Service levels are very much tied to the crowding at 72nd street. Very open to making more trains available, esp on weekends. More trains = less crowded that platform will be.

Roberta Semer: Years ago when Riverside South was built, we got money from the developer – couldn't widen the platforms but they lengthened it. Didn't solve too many problems.

Polly Spain: Also please look at 96th Station.

Andrew Albert: that's wider but yes still a priority. Must keep it safe, must get people feeling/being safe.

Barbara Adler: Suggest joint resolution. Ask them to consider any means they can to install safety barriers.

Discussion of resolution:

- Andrew Albert: Explore all options. Understand station is old, but safety of riders is most important.
- Howard Yarus: explore options, yes. But we don't have hard info. So not calling on them to do something, no.
- Call on MTA to take immediate steps to explore options of safety measures to prevent passengers from falling or going onto the tracks at 72nd and 96th.
- Urgently explore options
- Preamble should be the reasons for it (danger).
- Needs to emphasize saving lives
- Reference recent incidents in station

Resolution passes Transportation/Joint Committee: 14-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

2. MTA updates:

- Mask mandate lifted
- Ridership is up – Tuesday after Labor highest ridership since COVID
- Metrocard machines are being phased out. Happening in the end of 2022/beginning of 2023. Will take quite a while as they phase in omni
- Congestion pricing: those against aren't saying how they would substitute that amount of money to MTA capital plan... to make cars, signals, better. Allow MTA to bond money.
- MTA Capital Program – just a few weeks ago LIRR completed 3rd track to Hicksville – will allow reverse peak commuting. Have seen the LIRR terminal – it is really deep. Will take 7 minutes to get to the street from platform. Downside – if you usually had a train that went right to Atlantic Terminal, will most likely need to transfer at Jamaica.
- These kinds of major capital work – to build new tunnels, new cars – this is why the congestion pricing plan is so important. Not city vs. suburb bc of Metro North + LIRR.
- New map being tried – remake of old vignelli map. Uses all lines. Seems to fare well in testing.
- This capital plan will also extend 2nd ave line up to 125th.
- Political season: Lee Zeldin has said he will not allow it.
- Staten Island – could give them some more service

Jay Adolf: Congestion pricing – basic ID system is a photographic system of license plate, like what they're doing with tolls. Accommodation being made for Manhattan residents who live above zone who are to/from places like Lincoln/Midtown tunnel.

Andrew Albert – accommodations have been made for those who live within, not above. Looking at – if you're coming down Hudson, there will be a route to go to the tunnel which will give you credit/refund you for going right into the tunnel vs. into zone. Opposite (coming into tunnel?) Looking at – if you paid a port authority or MTA bridge and tunnel toll would get credit for congestion. Depends on the TMRB.

Ken Coughlin: Timetable? What hurdles still need to be cleared? Talking late '23 or early '24.

Andrew Albert: What could derail it is an election in November, too many exemptions, which means it won't bring in the money MTA really needs. Don't see other options unless state/federal money. Have 40% of mass transit riders, get 16% of federal mass transit funding.

Polly Spain: Explain how Omni system will work?

Andrew Albert: all discounts available on Metrocard will be available on Omni, will have explanation. Tapping is faster than sliding, esp on a bus. Will be instructional use. Eventually will be available on Metronorth, LIRR, PATH. Right now can purchase from Duane Reade an Omni Card linked to bank account/credit card.

Erana: several questions

- For corporate employees that have the transit program (tax deductible) what happens to that metro card? Can they tap that card? Or will they get a new card?
- Is congestion pricing 24 hours? Rush hour

- How much will Penn Station station get funds as part of the redevelopment plan money?

Andrew Albert:

- Everyone will be converted to Omni.
- Main hours – M-F 6a-8p. Assume lesser rates at other times/weekends. Rate varies by axels. Car vs. truck etc.
- Penn Station: entrances, but likely to go to NJT.

Doug Kleiman: Anywhere along boundaries – west side highway/FDR outside of zone. Correct. MTA app has stopped working so functionally. Used to show really accurately when a bus was coming. Now it's got this wonky thing where it doesn't show latest. Do you know anything?

Andrew Albert: Go to Bus Time it's far superior for the buses.

Jay Adolf: on conversion to metrocards to Omni. Senior discount – will I be getting a card? Yes – senior discount omni card. It's a card, you're going to tap it.

Barbara Adler: When can we get in someone who can really answer all the questions about Congestion Pricing?

Andrew Albert. Don't know what the final product that the TMRB is going to recommend. Will know more after the election.

William Ortiz: Is the Omni Card similar to what Chicago has? Yes, very similar. Pay as you go, monthly all still available.

3. 20-30 West End Avenue, Abraham Joshua Heschel School (W.60-61 Sts). Petition form for a new revocable consent to DOT by the school to construct, maintain and use security bollards around the perimeter of a school.

Alan Schefen and Kyle Goodwin (Stonefield Engineering & Design) presented for the school. Project has already been completed as LPC approved it at staff level and they were unaware of CB7's role. The purpose of the project was to create a level of protection for school kids and adults at a time when anti-Semitism has sadly been on the rise. A short presentation was made, and the bollards, which are stainless steel, go around the perimeter of the block.

Committee: 10-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

4. 68 West 83rd Street (Columbus Avenue). Petition for a new revocable consent to DOT to construct, maintain and use a proposed fenced-in area including planters and steps. Caroline H. Van Scheltinga and Charlotte Dewald presented. The project seeks to replicate the details of other buildings on the block. It includes new stairs, pavers inside the areaway, new planters and new handrails. LPC approved this project at staff level and approved the work.

Committee: 6-0-2-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

5. Secondary Street Naming "Monkey's Way. Request by the Neighbors of the Manhattan Valley to name secondarily W 108th Street & Amsterdam Avenue on the NE corner in honor of Rafael Delgado, aka Monkey. Jennifer Pliego presented for the block. Mr. Delgado served in Vietnam, and was an important person and contributor to 108th Street. He routinely helped the elderly and neighbors, and his loss is deeply felt by the neighborhood from 106th to 110th. After discussion, the committee asked that the name be Rafael "Monkey" Delgado Way, rather than just Monkey Way, in keeping with other secondary street namings.

Committee: 7-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

6. New Business:

- Elizabeth Caputo asked if the committee would take up the issue of Horse Carriages in Central Park, joint with Parks & Environment. There is a movement to replace the horse-drawn carriages with electric vehicles.
- Erana Stennett is concerned that food carts on Central Park West are staying parked in place overnight instead of being carted away each evening.
- Ken Coughlin said there is no effort to rebalance (replenish and repair) the Citibikes on the Upper West Side, since the company was taken over by Lyft.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Courtney Clark & Barbara Adler

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

September 14, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/pSCMTfLLlhg>

Business & Consumer Issues Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met via the Videoconferencing application Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm by Co-Chairperson Christian Cordova.

Present: Linda Alexander, Christian Cordova, Joshua Cohen, Doug Kleiman, Erana Stennett and Anthony Thomas.

Chair: Andrew Rigie. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Ira Mitchneck, Seema Reddy, Michelle Parker and Natasha Kazmi.

Absent: Madelyn Innocent.

New Application to the SLA for two-year liquor license:

1. 2624-2626 Broadway (West 99th Street) Metrocinema 1, LLC d/b/a TBD.

Presenting for the Applicant: Heather Kirk, heather@helbraunlevey.com, Helbraun & Levey; Owner Mikey Trafton, mikey@metrocinema.com; Owner Tim League, tim@metrocinema.com;

- The plan is for an upscale version of Alamo Draft House, the brand Mr. Teague owns with multiple units citywide. In 2013, his plans for an UWS unit of Alamo Draft House the Metro Cinema space were waylaid because of cost hike precipitated by Hurricane Sandy.
- This new iteration will have multiple screens, a small downstairs bar, and an elevated menu and wine list.
- The building is already soundproof and further upgrades are being prepared.
- The space can accommodate up to 176 patrons.
- The hours of operation are 7 p.m. to 3 a.m.

Comments:

- The overall response was positive, but comments from neighbors in the adjacent buildings included requests for additional soundproofing.
- One community member who identified herself as a senior, requested earlier hours of operation.
- Another community member asked for captions for people who are hard of hearing.
- Both times, Mr. Teague confirmed there could be accommodations.
- Dan Cohen, Friends of Metro Theater, expressed his enthusiasm, as did Peter Arndsten of the Columbus-Amsterdam BID.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 4-0-0-0.

New and Temporary Retail Permit Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

2. 320 Columbus Avenue (West 75th Street) Columbus Avenue Hospitality, LLC d/b/a TBD.

Presenting for the Applicant: Member Jeffrey Lefcourt, jlefcourt@ctrnyc.com;

- Jeffrey Lefcourt, who owns the Smith brand of restaurants, including the one at 1900 Broadway, and owned the former Neptune Room on Amsterdam and 83rd Street, is opening a pizza and Italian themed restaurant and café.
- The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 1 a.m., seven days a week.

Comments:

- The committee was enthusiastic, given Mr. Lefcourt's track record in the community.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0.

3. 635 Amsterdam Avenue (West 91st Street) Miah Management, Inc. d/b/a Cibo NY.

Presenting for the Applicant: Owner Rangu Miah, licenses@nycrbs.com; Ariel Ferreira, licenses@nycrbs.com;

- The owners are opening an upscale, family-style seafood restaurant, with lunch and dinner services.
- Because the interior space is relatively small, they will take advantage of the building's outdoor space in front of the restaurant on Amsterdam Avenue in warmer weather and year-round, they will additionally have a curbside shed on West 91st Street.
- The hours of operation will be: weeknights, 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; weekends, 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Comments:

- The Committee asked questions about the operation with answers to their satisfaction.
- The previous tenant was Blockheads.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted
Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0.

4. **768 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 97th – 98th Streets) **Rincon Mexicano, Inc. d/b/a Pico De Gallo Bar & Kitchen.**

Presenting for the Applicant: President Omar Tejeda, omartejedapm@gmail.com; Arelia Taveras, arelia@NYBusinessLicensing.com;

- Applicant is applying to operate indoor/outdoor dining, including the existing outdoor dining shed and rear yard, with live and recorded music limited to indoors.
- Hours of operation: weeknights 11am-12pm, weekends 11am-2am.
- Owners working with the New York City Department of Buildings to address noise issues since the exterior was sound proofed.
- The owner is currently operating, awaiting temporary liquor license. There is no license to serve alcohol outdoors.
- In the event of noise complaints, the owner's contact information will be posted for residents.

Comments:

- Doug Kleinman- Is generally in support but pointed out at least four noise complaints had been reported in 2021 concerning the use of the outdoor space by the previous tenant, Guacamole. Doug recommended the owner monitor the situation closely.
- Peter Arndsten of the Columbus-Amsterdam BID recommended umbrellas to reduce the noise to make customers aware they are in a residential area.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted
Committee: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0.

Class Change Application to the SLA for two-year liquor license:

5. **2130 Broadway** (West 74th – 75th Streets) **KDK, LLC d/b/a Viand Café Restaurant.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Erick Kontogiannis, erickk@mac.com;

- Applicant already has an existing liquor license for wine and beer, but after the closure of Beacon Bar on the other side of the Beacon Hotel, more customers are requesting a full liquor program. Applicant is applying for a full liquor license.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted
Committee: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 3-0-0-0.

Alteration Application to the SLA for two-year liquor license:

6. **49 West 64th Street** (Broadway – Central Park West) **9W64 Restaurant LLC & Monte Carlo Hospitality Group, LLC d/b/a Atlantic Grill.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Manager Alex Teisanu, TeisanuAlex@yahoo.com;

- Applicant, who has a full liquor license is applying for an alteration in order to extend the bar by three feet.
- In addition, the restaurant plans to change the oyster bar to a chef preparation area.
- Hours of operation: weekdays 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; weekends Noon-10 p.m.

After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted
Committee: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 3-0-0-0.

7. **Presentation by Vincent Vela from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce to brief the committee on the Small Business Resource Network (SBRN) that represents small businesses in the five boroughs.**

- SBRN provides operational, technology, business, website and financial support and consulting services to businesses in the aftermath of the pandemic and sends out representatives to small businesses to promote their services.
- There are currently more than 30,000 businesses engaged with the programs.
- Mr. Vela will provide the PowerPoint presentation to post on the community board website.
- Mr. Vela stated there are micro grants available for businesses through the New York State Small Businesses SEED program for businesses with up to \$1million in sales, which is used to determine grant size that can cover operational expenses incurred between September 2018 to January 2022.

Comments:

- Natasha Kazmi asked if smoke shops selling illegal cannabis can be reported to SBRN. Mr. Vela explained the Small Business Resource Network primarily operates as a resource center, connecting small businesses to city and state government. He doesn't believe smoke shops are in the network. Regarding Cannabis retail, SBRN only supports businesses already legalized.
- Doug Kleiman asked whether nail salons, who received a two-year reprieve due to the pandemic to upgrade their ventilation, and are now required to make the improvements, may apply for a grant to cover the expenses which are considerable. Mr. Vela explained that only those expenses incurred during the timeframe are reimbursable.

8. New Business

- Natasha requested the removal of the dining shed at 402 Amsterdam left behind after Bettola closed. The shed is taking up two parking spaces, and is attracting rats, garbage, and people urinating.
- Nicole Paynter, Executive Director of the Columbus Avenue BID, suggested Natasha notify 311.
- Doug Kleiman believes there already may be a new tenant taking the space, which may explain why the shed is still in place. Long-term, he said unused shed may be addressed by new regulations that may make all sheds seasonal and removable. He also encouraged Ms. Kazmi to contact 311.
- Linda Alexander will ask the Board office to contact NYCDOT.
- Nicole Paynter invited everyone to attend *Taste of the Upper West Side*, Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1st where 30 restaurants each night will be featured in an open-air set-up.
- Peter Arndsten announced the Open Streets program between 106th and 110th Streets will continue through the end of October. The Association is celebrating *Hispanic Heritage Month* and *Mexican Independence Month* Saturday, September 17th. They will also host an E-Waste collection with the Lower East Side Ecology on Saturday, and a textile collection each Saturday.
- Doug Kleiman is pleased the Office of Cannabis Management has committed to attending the October BCI meeting to respond to the lack of coordination between law enforcements. He added, retail brick-and-mortar stores are already selling cannabis illegally with zero enforcement. He believes it is dangerous because people don't know what they are purchasing, and the city and state are losing revenue.
- Christian reported this may be the last virtual committee meeting, with hybrid meetings beginning in October. Governor Hochul relinquished the emergency powers which allowed her to extend the date in which the open meetings law could be suspended to allow for full virtual meetings.

The meeting ended at 7:40 p.m.

SENIOR TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Roberta Semer, Chair

September 15, 2022 at 10:00am via ZOOM

Present: Roberta Semer, Chair; Louisa Craddock, K Karpen, Anne Becker (DOROT), Lisa Beth Miller (Lighthouse Guild), Aaron Rooney (Goddard Riverside), Paula Seefeldt (LILY), Grant Dennis (NY Senator Jackson) and Hannah Weinerman (Congressman Nadler). Board Office: Max Vandervliet and Ashley Lopez.

1. K Karpen discussed the work of Westside Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH). They have a grant to have Door Dash deliver 60 meals a week. People who request the food are evaluated by the Social Service Team. The Pantry at 86th street always has lines around the block when they are open. They also provide food at 30 sites around the city. Each month they provide food for over 300,000 meals - up 400% from before the Pandemic. Inflation has added to food insecurity. One Quarter of the food is provided at the 86th site. Other sites include NY Presbyterian Hospitals around the city, Make the Road NY, the Mexican Coalition, and WSCAH trucks. It is a large volunteer effort and volunteers are always needed. Most of their volunteers come from NY Cares. There are 6 social service counselors. Phone: 212-362-3662, website: wscah.org.
2. Aaron Rooney said the Goddard is looking to hire new staff including a clinical MSW. All programs are increasing attendance. They collaborate with electeds to provide flu shots for seniors. Over 100 seniors have been participated in the daily lunches. Volunteers are needed. This year the Holiday Meals will be grab and go and delivery.
3. Anna Becker said that the Thanksgiving meal will not be in person but will be delivered. DOROT has stopped the program to assist seniors to medical appointments and to shopping but is working closely with Search and Care. Some programs are now on site. They are making in-home assessments for friendly visits. Their University Without Walls is popular and offers many programs. Anna's email is abecker@dorotusa.org
4. Paula Seefeldt said they are planning the Celebrate our Elders lunch in October and an annual Gala.
5. Lisa Beth Miller (Lighthouse Guild) said they are looking for funding to pay for eyeglasses for the uninsured. They operate 4 Guild Care programs across the State with one in Manhattan.
6. Grant Dennis said that they had a successful Senior Day Event.

Next Task Force meeting, Thursday October 20th at 10 am

YOUTH, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Courtney Clark Metakis and Blanche Lawton, Co-Chairpersons

September 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://youtu.be/nmsVwOX-4dw>

Present: Blanche Lawton and Courtney Clark Metakis, Co-Chairs; Kristen Berger, Mark Diller, Bev Donahue and Ira Mitchneck. **Non-Committee Board Member:** Roberta Semer. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet.

Discussion of DNS/Budget Priorities

- DNS: Need for language in DNS to address asylum-seeker families/ children in CB7 school(s), both in DNS + Budget Requests. Members agree.
- Bloomingdale Library: Needs still exists about the basement, 2 items were merged. Basement currently being used as storage, space for cutting plexiglass – not reflective of CB7 District needs.
- U3K schools/updated: was in from last year, not sure if still relevant.
 - Shifts in enrollment – some because they lose their slots, great feeder for K. Ask that it be directed to under enrolled schools?
 - For the DOE to approve putting in a new 3K/UPK, DOE would require they had this. So, getting infrastructure in would help under enrolled schools – but don't know if they did it. If you could cite specific schools that would help.
 - Not put this in the Budget Priorities and put it in language in DNS. Can advocate.
- School Accessibility – only one elementary school needed
- School Safety
 - DOE reasons why they don't want to harden buildings, other options? Since we don't know what they should put in
 - Discussion of putting it in expenses vs. capital. Want parents to know we're concerned
 - Need for staffing in tandem with tech (people to monitor cameras)
 - Suggestion of a study; concerns about whether that sends a sufficiently strong message about the importance this has for parents
 - Stays in capital, but broader language to avoid specificity of technology
- School Safety Agents
 - Bigger impact on school safety vs. technology
- Crossing Guards: Unbundle crossing guards and SSAs from budget item re: school nurses and social workers
- Library: STEM equipment.
- School Funding:
 - This is for FY24 – Federal funding will expire. Comes out of Budget Priorities because moving target (court case, etc.) language stays in DNS
 - More specificity related to this in other budget priority items
- Youth programming
 - If recommendation is to hold funding steady, does it require a specific request?
 - Yes – is in as #4
 - Have to show enough increase so purchasing power remains the same
- Training – social emotional.
 - Made that #9
 - Training + professional development – combining items. (in-person)
- Technology for students
 - Remove from budget priorities – add language in DNS – maintain the ability to provide students with access (e.g. laptops and wifi)
- Language Access Programming: important, especially given the asylum seekers / children in CB7 schools
- Special Education: Several items
 - Pay parity – accomplished? We think so. Ask Max?
 - Parents spoke to the need for resources for students with IEPs

- Both money and a hiring problem. Because city can pay for families to go to private options. Resistant to doing.

New Business

- Topics to be covered in future months
 - DYCD – youth programming. Hoping to get them in for October meeting.
 - Library
 - High Schools – for DOE representation, automatically think CSD3, however has not jurisdiction in our district. Love to see someone from Manhattan HS Superintendency. Not as tuned in there, aware of unique HS issues and needs. Would be helpful.
 - Special Education – keeps falling through the cracks. Not sure who should come speak? Advocates for Children but can we think more broadly – who can give us a sense? Would be helpful to hear from parents firsthand.

Meeting concludes: 8:17pm

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Barbara Adler and Natasha Kazmi, Co-Chairpersons

September 19, 2022 at 6:30pm via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=apNHZAeTB4o>

Present: Barbara Adler and Natasha Kazmi, Co-Chairs; Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, William Ortiz, Susan Schwartz and Polly Spain. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Mark Diller, Ira Mitchneck and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Daniela Alvarado.

Co-Chairs Opening Statements and Updates

Meeting began at 6:30pm with a greeting and announcement by Barbara Adler, Co-Chair about the new Parks Commissioner whose name is Anthony Perez. She also informed the committee that there is a new President and CEO of Riverside Parks Conservancy whose name is Merrick Burnbaum. Ms. Burnbaum will attend the October's meeting to discuss her plans for Riverside Park.

1. Presentation by DPR on the proposed design for Anibal Aviles Playground.

Whitney Talcott, Landscape Architect for NYC Parks shared a Powerpoint presentation with the committee in which he discussed the upgrades that will take place at the Anibal Aviles Playground.

- Mr. Talcott highlighted specific goals that were chosen due to feedback from the community and the board. The goals are as follows: upgrade active play capacity for the park and the neighborhood, facilitate passive use and community events, enhance and add to the environmental amenities of the site, improve access , circulation and site lines in the park, upgrade site utilities and amenities.
- Anibal Aviles Playground has a new spray shower, comfort station, play equipment and a new sidewalk which is part of the WSHFC senior housing development.
- Mr. Talcott shared with the committee that they are looking at the drainage system within Anibal Aviles playground to see how it can be improved.
- Mr. Talcott shared the new plans with the committee which includes four new trees, reduced asphalt area, increased green space, new pavement and colors, synthetic turf area includes a new stage, artwork near sitting area, picnic and game tables, bike racks, new lighting
- Mr. Talcott displayed various equipment for toddlers, adolescents and physically challenged children will have access to inclusive equipment. The spray showers will have a timer. There will be big belly trash receptacles, bottle filler and water fountain.

Questions and Comments:

- A community member opposed the park fencing.
- Committee members asked questions relating to the timeline, the project cost, length of park closure and coordination between HPD, NYC Parks, WSHH.
- Mr. Talcott informed the committee that comfort stations can be used by unaccompanied adults.
- Committee members also asked questions regarding the trash receptacles, bike racks, flooding and removal of London Plan trees.
- A vote was taken by the committee in favor of the project:
- Committee Members: In favor (7) Against (0) Abstain (0) For Cause (0) Non-Committee Members: In favor (3) Against (0) Abstain(0) For Cause(0)

2. Presentation on a temporary public art installation at Tecumseh Playground (fall 2022).

Naiomy Rodriguez, public arts coordinator and Aviva Klein artist displayed a photo exhibit which tells a story on how aging has impacted the lives of various individuals. Aviva Klein is an artist who was awarded a residency with the Lower Manhattan Community Center which paired her with JASA which is a Jewish American Senior Center. Her goal was to bring visibility to the elderly. The subjects of the photos selected their backgrounds, the clothing, the props and learned the fundamentals of professional photography. Ms. Klein described her proposal which illustrates the subject's work on a banner and installed it at Tecumseh Playground this Fall. The installation would reside at the playground for thirty days. The Tecumseh Playground is located on West 77th Street and Amsterdam Avenue near the JASA Center. The title of the series is called "Legacy". There will be an opening to celebrate the launch of

the exhibit attended by the subjects of the exhibit who will answer questions about their work.

Questions and Comments:

- Committee members inquired about the identity of the photographer. Ms. Klein confirmed that the subjects created the photos with her guidance and what she taught them in her classes.
- In addition, questions were asked about the project's impact on the environment, (committee members offered suggestions on how to recycle installation material), the type of equipment, the creative strategies, and the availability of background information posted at the installation.
- Ms. Klein thanked everyone and Barbara Adler, Co-Chair informed committee members that there will be no vote on this matter.

3. Discussion on the P&E Committee's 2024 Capital and Expense Priorities

Barbara Adler, Co-Chair asked the committee members if they had any concerns regarding specific capital and expense priorities.

Ken Coughlin referred to lawn bowling at Central Park, sidewalk perimeters, PEP officers' enforcement, electric bikes, rats and composting. There was a discussion among committee members regarding the language of the priorities. The list will be presented at the Steering Committee meeting.

4. New Business

- Elizabeth Caputo informed the members that this week is Climate Week and that the members can visit climateweeknyc.com to get information about various events.
- Peter Arndtsen informed the members that the Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group will host a talk on Waterways on Wednesday, September 28th, it will be a Zoom Meeting. In addition, on Saturday, October 22nd an Eco Arts Festival will be hosted by the Columbus Avenue BID.

Natasha Kazmi closed the meeting by thanking everyone for their input and attendance at the meeting,

The meeting ended at 7:56 PM

Minutes recorded and submitted by Polly Spain, Committee Member

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Andrew Rigie, Acting Chair

Joint with **STRATEGY & BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Roberta Semer, Chair

September 20, 2022 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPwNLF1HgF8>

Present: Andrew Rigie, Acting Chair; Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Christian Cordova, Ken Coughlin, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Beverly Donohue, Shelly Fine, Natasha Kazmi, Doug Kleiman, Blanche Lawton, Michele Parker, Seema Reddy, Susan Schwartz, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain, Kristina Villarini, Benjamin Wu and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Elizabeth Caputo, Josh Cohen, K Karpen, and William Ortiz. **Board Office:** Max Vandervliet and Jesse Nieves.

Andrew Rigie called the meeting to order at 6:38.

BUDGET HEARING

Roberta Semer, Chair of the Budget and Strategy Committee opened the budget hearing, noting that Board members had received copies of the draft Capital and Expense Budget Priorities prior to the meeting. The task of this meeting was for Board members and the public to comment on the draft, making changes as the discussion required. A separate vote would be taken on Capital and Expense priorities, which, if approved, would then be submitted to the Full Board for a vote at the October Full Board meeting. October was the last Full Board Meeting before the deadline for CB7 to submit its District Needs Statement and Budget Priorities to the Department of City Planning.

The draft Capital Budget Priorities were shared on the Zoom screen. After discussion and accepted amendments, the following ordered Capital Budget Priorities were put to a vote.

1. **NYCHA:** Preserve New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) as a source of deeply affordable housing by working to repair and maintain all property and individual apartments, including front doors, elevators, and security systems.
2. **Playgrounds:** Provide funds to ensure that all playgrounds are in working condition, clean, updated and inviting. Specifically, prioritize upgrades to Frederick Douglass Playground and the Happy Warrior Playground.
3. **NYCHA Broadband:** Install infrastructure for free high quality and safe broadband for all NYCHA households, enabling access for educational, tele-health, social services, economic and workforce opportunities.
4. **Bloomingdale Library:** Secure funds for the reconstruction of the basement of the Bloomingdale Library for broad and flexible community programming, including space for meetings, learning opportunities, etc. The design should incorporate input from established local service providers. Provide funding for refurbishing the second floor, including a Children's room, classrooms, and public meeting spaces (cost \$1 m).
5. **Argus Cameras for NYPD:** Provide funds for Argus cameras (\$10K each) in locations selected by the 20th and 24th NYPD Precincts, including Amsterdam Corridor, Broadway Corridor, 72 street, Amsterdam Houses, Wise Towers and Douglass Houses.
6. **Street Safety Improvement:** Install Street safety improvements, including count down timers, speed cameras, speed bumps, thermo-plastic street markings throughout the district; and "Stop Here on Red" signs at every intersection on Broadway.
7. **Safe-Haven:** Create a Safe-Haven (residence) to address the rising number of those living on the street in the district. This shelter must have supportive services provided by a reliable service provider.
8. **Affordable Housing in SROs:** Create permanent affordable housing in SROs in CD7 threatened with conversion in partnership with Project Find.
9. **Comfort Station:** Construct two comfort stations in Riverside Park South, one at 62nd Street and one at 66th Street.
10. **Manhattan Valley Affordable Housing:** Create permanent affordable housing in Manhattan Valley under HPD's Pillars Program with Project Find.
11. **Fire Alarm System for Library:** Library for the Performing Arts needs an upgraded Fire Alarm System (estimated cost \$3 m), a life-saving system.
12. **Ramp at 68th in Riverside Park:** Rebuild the ramp in Riverside Park at 68th street down to Pier 1 to make it ADA accessible.
13. **Sidewalks in Riverside Park (95-110):** Reconstruct interior path and perimeter sidewalks from 95th to 110th in Riverside Park.
14. **Cellular Service in Central Park:** Install working cellular service in remote areas of Central Park where there is none.
15. **Handicap Accessible Schools:** Obtain 2020-2024 Capital Plan Funding for 1 additional elementary in CSD3 to ensure that at least one-third of these schools are handicap accessible.

16. **Accessible Subway Stations:** Increase the number of accessible subway stations including adding escalators or elevators at the following: on the 1 line at the 79th, 86th, 103rd and 110th stations; on the BC line at the 81st, 96th and 110th stations.
17. **Safety Technology for Public Schools:** Upgrade school facilities to improve school security.
18. **Technology Equipment at Riverside Library:** Provide funding for technology equipment for both children and adults at Riverside Library to enable the library to provide STEM programs.
19. **Riverside Park Entrances ADA Accessible:** Several entrances into Riverside Park need repair. It is important that all entrances to Riverside Park become ADA-accessible.

The motion passed. Steering Committee Members: 20-0-0-0; Non-Steering Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

The draft Expense Budget Priorities were then shared on the Zoom screen. After discussion and accepted amendments, the following ordered priorities were put to a vote:

1. **Food Insecurity:** Increase funding for programs that address food insecurity including West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) and Get Food NYC. The Meal Gap, NYC's measure of food insecurity, represents families' and individuals' missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In Manhattan Community District 7 the annual Meal Gap is over four million. Over 20 percent of residents in the district are food insecure. WSCAH serves over 300,000 meals each month.
2. **Free Broadband for NYCHA:** Provide operating funds for free broadband service for all New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) households and on-going technical support for residents.
3. **Homeless Outreach:** Provide additional funding for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium (MOC), a multiagency effort established by Goddard Riverside.
4. **DYCD Funding:** Increase funding for Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) programs sufficient to provide the purchasing power to cover increased costs for community programs, including Summer Rising, community-based centers/camps, after school programs (Cornerstone, Beacon, SONYC, Compass), Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), Work-Grow-Learn (WGL) and other programs for youth.
5. **Children's Mental Health:** Provide child-centered mental health training in CD7/M (Ryan Health Center, Mt Sinai West) to provide training for medical providers in trauma informed care and forensics (to identify, report and care for children who are victims of sexual assault and abuse).
6. **Crisis Stabilization Center:** Establish a Crisis Stabilization Center in CD7/M. Too often unhoused individuals are released from the hospital after undergoing a mental health crisis with no place to go, ending up back on the streets. Frequently they are too sick to return to shelters. Crisis Stabilization Centers provide medical respite beds filling a critical need and provide people time and space to recuperate.
7. **Traffic Enforcement for Safety:** Request increased enforcement of all vehicles (including cars, trucks, motorcycles, bikes and all alternative vehicles) for all traffic violations with the intention of reducing death and injuries in CD7/M. Provide funding for increased staff.
8. **Support for Special Needs Students:** Secure funding to support the programs and specialists needed to provide service for students with special needs including in-school and after school programming.
9. **Dedicated Pre-K Evaluators:** Provide funds to hire and train staff at UPK and Pre-K programs run by Community Based Organizations (CBO) to enable the staff to make timely referrals for children with special needs.
10. **Nurses and Social Workers:** Provide funding so that each elementary school in CSD3 has a full-time nurse and social worker on staff.
11. **School Safety Support Staff:** Secure funding to ensure that every public elementary school has appropriate school safety support staff; and that every school has a crossing guard at every essential crossing.
12. **Professional Development for Teachers:** Provide Department of Education (DOE) funding for in-person professional development for teachers to address gaps from several years of reduced/remote-only training; including training on differentiated learning from remedial instruction to accelerated learning.
13. **Social Emotional Training:** Provide Department of Education funding for ongoing training of those who work with students (e.g., social-emotional learning for teachers, principals, administrators, and any personnel in contact with students), and professional development.
14. **Language Access Programs:** Provide funding to support the expansion of CSD3 language access programs such as dual language schools/language enrichment programs. A large influx of refugee families makes this need urgent.
15. **Crime Victims Treatment Center:** Address sexual assault of adolescents and adults by providing funding for the Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC) to administer and provide services for sexual assault survivors, including training of SAFE evaluators.

16. **Solar Trash Compactors:** Install additional solar trash compactors and trash cans in CD7/M and restore litter collection to 7 days per week.
17. **Reduce Rat Population:** To address the crisis of a rapidly increasing rat population, request DSNY to provide the following in Community District 7?M (CD7/M): additional litter basket service in evenings in high foot traffic areas; in addition to the restored regular daily street cleaning provide sealed garbage containers (tilt trucks) in all schools and improve garbage management through containerization in all NYCHA properties.
18. **Parks Staff:** Restore funding for permanent and seasonal staffing for the parks, as well as additional playground associates and recreation specialists.
19. **NYPD Overtime:** Restore overtime funding for the NY Police Department in the 20th, 24th and Central Park precincts.
20. **PEP Officers:** Hire additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers for Central and Riverside Parks.
21. **Signage in Playgrounds:** The Department of Parks needs to provide clear signage outside playgrounds to protect children. There have been several incidents involving possible child predators. Signage that adults are allowed to enter only when accompanying a child is either missing or not prominently displayed in many West Side playgrounds.
22. **Library Staffing:** Provide additional funding for staffing at the three libraries to increase programming for children and teens who have been adversely impacted by the Pandemic and expanded adult service.
23. **72nd Bike Lane Study:** Provide funds for the study of implementing a proposed protected bike lane on 72nd Street from Central Park to Riverside Park.
24. **Traffic Flow Study at 96th Street:** Study the possibility of installing a 96th Street option for south bound traffic exiting the Henry Hudson Parkway.
25. **CB Funding:** Provide increased Community Board budget for CB7/M to take account of cost inflation, the increased needs caused by the Pandemic, and the technology needed to provide hybrid meetings.

The motion passed. Steering Committee Vote: 16-0-1-0; Non-Steering Members: 2-0-2-0.

Roberta Semer then proposed that the Steering Committee approve the three highest priority issues for inclusion in the CB7 District Needs Statement for FY2024. Her proposal was to retain the same priorities that the Board adopted for the FY2023 District Needs Statement, namely:

1. Food Insecurity
2. Affordable Housing
3. Education

The vote to approve was Steering Committee members 19-0-0-0; non-Steering Board members 4-0-0-0.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Chair's Report: Andrew Rigie noted that this was his final Steering meeting as interim Chair. He has tried to communicate regularly with the members and the office and ensure that preparations for the next Full Board meeting are in place. He reported that the September Borough Board meeting raised concerns about unlicensed cannabis shops. He shared information about the recent YEL resolution on the School Construction Authority, which set an example for other districts.

Office Manager's Report: Max Vandervliet reported that CB7 will be hosting one or two graduate interns from the Fund for the City of New York. They will most likely come from Columbia University. Two proposals were submitted, the first concerned planning and the second concerned Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC's). Louisa Craddock will assist with the interns. Yet, there is no update on how long virtual meetings will continue. He thanked Andrew for his leadership,

Committee Reports:

- **Business and Consumer Issues:** The Committee heard 6 applications. They had a speaker from the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce's Business Resource Network. They will try to get a speaker from the Office of Cannabis Management at a future meeting. The Metro Theater provided a particularly well-received presentation.
- **Health and Human Services:** HHS held a joint meeting with the Housing Committee on September 12th. Guests included Sheena Kang, Deputy Chief of Staff to the NYC Chief Housing Officer. Iris Rodriguez, DHS Deputy Commissioner, and Ahmed Tigani, HPD First Deputy Commissioner. They gave a presentation on the Mayor's Plan for Housing and Homelessness and expressed interest in working with CB7. The October Committee meeting will discuss the proposed shelter on 106th St and issues of noise.

- **Housing:** Concerning the joint meeting with HHS, they were glad to get high level agency representatives on the Mayor's Plan for Housing and Homelessness. They will ask them to return in 6 months to provide more specific information.
- **Land Use:** There is currently little zoning activity, but that could change quickly. They hear that there will be an application to up-zone W109th Street for affordable housing.
- **Parks and Environment:** The Committee heard one resolution on the redesign of the Anibal Aviles Playground on W109th St. The design incorporated extensive feedback from the community. Next month they expect to hear from Merritt Birnbaum, the new CEO of the Riverside Park Conservancy.
- **Preservation:** The Committee meeting dealt with two resolutions. The first dealt with the replacement of an existing stair with granite at the Aphorp. The second application was brought by owners of two buildings on West 74th Street between Broadway and West End Ave, which have had scaffolding for 15 years; they applied to remove the facades to shore up what is beneath and then replace the facades. They want to restore the facades to the state they were in as of 1940. The committee deferred to Landmarks whether complete removal is appropriate. There is no update yet on West Park Church.
- **Transportation:** The Committee held a joint meeting with the Public Safety Task Force. They discussed the issue of people not feeling safe on the subways at the 72nd and 96th Street stops on 1-2-3 lines because of the narrowness of the platforms. They are asking the MTA to study the possibility of adding guard railings. They also heard two revocable consent applications and one street naming proposal.
- **Youth, Education and Libraries:** For October, the Committee plans to hear from the Director of the Department of Youth and Community Development. They want to hear more about how the programs work. They also will focus on immigrant services.
- **Budget and Strategy:** The Committee will present the Budget Priorities at the Full Board meeting. Given the tight timeline, next year the Committees will need to complete their work earlier.
- **Senior Task Force:** At the request of the Task Force, they held meetings over the summer, including 3 forums on affordable housing. They are hoping to hold a forum with the DA's office on senior scams.
- **Public Safety Task Force:** Next month they will hold a joint meeting with Health and Human Services on public restrooms to be attended by district managers from other community boards, including Marisa Mack. They want to address e-bikes riding on sidewalks at a future meeting.

Shelly Fine raised the issue of the Danish tourist shot on W103rd St over a dollar. He survived and the Police apprehended the perpetrator. Polly Spain discussed plans for the Public Safety Task Force to address the issue of violence on the streets. Richard Asche suggested developing a working relationship with the Manhattan D.A.'s Office.

Board members thanked Andrew Rigie for his leadership.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28PM.