

Transportation Committee
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs
March 14, 2000

1. Layover of M57 bus on eastside – After discussion, the following resolution was passed.

Whereas the M57 bus has had its layover at Verdi Square for years, with no east side layover, resulting in uneven spacing of buses on the route; and

Whereas air quality considerations are a major concern to westsiders, with the 72nd & Broadway area ranking as one of the worst on the West Side in amounts of ozone and other particulates; and

Whereas, due to the reconstruction of the 72nd Street station, there is far less space available for the layover of buses around Verdi Square than there was previously; and

Whereas political considerations rather than good planning were responsible for the lack of parity between east and west side layovers in the first place;

Therefore Be It Resolved that Community Board #7 demands that NYC Transit take immediate steps to establish and east side layover for the M57 bus.

Committee: 4-0-0-0 Non Committee Board: 2-0-0-1 Public: 2-0-0-0

2. Free transit for seniors – Herbert Cruz from CB9 presented – already passed as resolution from CB9 in 1997. Proposal is for free transportation for seniors from 9am-4pm M-F and all weekend days.

Already done in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Suggested that it be financed by MTA or by the NYS Lottery. It was asked if this proposal was for free fares for all seniors or if this was limited to income needy seniors... answer...all seniors. The committee will ask the TA to look into projected costs for such a plan.

3. Newstands discussion for reviewing and developing regulations – currently covered by Local Law 29 – revised by Local Law 41 – Items discussed/questions raised included: Appropriate items to be sold at a newsstand; Sale of Lotto tickets; maintenance obligation, who is the operator, do newsstand operators pay taxes, sales taxes, etc., what number should be allowed, where, currently no design criteria: should there be some? how about by landmarked buildings?; price for permit – same fee for all or different prices for different locations – competitive bids are taken for food carts in parks – perhaps something like that is appropriate for newsstands, for how long should permits be granted?, permanently renewable?, concerns raised for display of items unsuitable for children to see, ads on back of newsstands – art commission for guidelines – committee to summarize issues and propose solutions. Newsboxes – Alex from Councilman Miller's office - no permits – no cost – they are reviewing legislation from Sarasota FL, Boston, San Francisco, St. Louis to determine what can be done that is legal and respectful of the First Amendment. Typically, regulations of time, manner, and place of speech are upheld; regulation of the type of speech will not be upheld. At meeting one problem expressed was that these boxes contain advertising rather than news – Jan Levy said regulations needed to insure maintenance of the newsbox – phone numbers should be on box for service – if empty for 3 months, vendor should be obligated to remove box.

4. Metal plates – NOISY plates placed during construction are a problem – Can remain for days, banging loudly all day and night. Con Ed currently doing a lot through contractors – Con Ed 24/7 complaint hotline is 212-683-8830. Also call CB7. Process and regs regarding in street construction will be reviewed at a future transportation meeting.

5. Lamppost bases which are open are dangerous – one open at Columbus Ave. and 71st St. If in park, is it Parks or DOT responsibility? To be reported at next meeting.

Street resurfacing will be commencing shortly – 10 miles of roadway will be resurfaced – report to CB7 office blocks in dire need of resurfacing.

6. New Business –

- a. Backed up storm drains – with mosquito problem in the city, hopefully that can be addressed.
 - b. Problem on WEA bet. 66 – 72nd St. – rush hour and after Lincoln center lets out – traffic backs up and drivers honk horns disturbingly – need DON'T HONK signs and enforcement.
 - c. Nough Foundation – requesting No parking area – removed 6 years ago in front of 322 W.108 St. bet. RSD and Bway. Tooraj Pourmand presented requesting return of this area. Will be reviewed by committee.
 - d. Report - 86 St. and Bway station 1/9 train – Fri. 3/10/00 – Blocked station – no announcement by TA.
7. Old Business – 86th St crosstown bus – Columbus Ave stop – when all articulated buses are deployed on the route, the TA will look at restoring the stop moved a couple years ago back to the East side of the street.

Present were: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren, Bob Zuckerman (7:30PM).

Absent: Joyce Johnson, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Elizabeth Starkey. Pubic Members present: Peter Davis, Te Revez.

Youth & Education Committee
Co-Chairs Peter Bailey & Melanie Wymore
March 21, 2000

♦ **6:00 PM Youth Council Meeting**

Community Board 7's Youth Council Members unanimously decided to act as youth activist in support of summer jobs and protest the propose cut and elimination of the Summer Youth Employment Program- SYEP. Today the group is formulating an appropriate arena to make their position known. A member proposed face to face meetings with public officials. The group has elected to opt the Youth Rally in Albany for a local initiative.

♦ **7:00 PM Youth Committee Meeting**

Re: Summer Youth Employment Program

Phone Hook-Up with Sandino Sanchez, Coordinator for the campaign for Summer Jobs, Board Members participated in a question and answer session where important questions were answered about City and State budget and summer job money allocations.

Re: Parks and Recreation, 59th Street Recreation Center Plaza

Committee was informed of three options- "of the way to go"- in regards to the disposition of the 59th Street Recreation Center Plaza nothing has been finalized or accepted at this time.

Re: FY2001 District Needs Statement

1st Initiative Committee will review and prepare on site visit to area Board 7 Day Care Centers.