

***Full Board Meeting
Eric M. Nelson, Chairman
November 1, 2000***

Chairman Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:25 P.M. Mr. Nelson called attention to the FAA letter and the persistence of helicopter noise problems, and the letter to the Mayor regarding the use of Central Park West for the Marathon's Family Reunion staging area.

Public Session

Laura Sutherland, NYPL announced various programs that the library is offering.

Alene Moroni, NYPL handed out flyer for a book sale.

Karen Jorgenson, neighborhood update on the proposed Columbia Grammar School addition, legal action has been filed.

Joyce Goodman, announced the upcoming rat summit on November 9th.

Andrew Berman, Senator Tom Duane's Office announced that the Hate Crime Law took effect this month. Sexual Assault Reform Act has been signed into law by the Governor. Senator Duane expressed support for the Transportation Board Act.

Battikarr, appalled and overwhelmed by the "street furniture" newsboxes.

Marilyn Briskin, voiced similar concerns about the newspaper boxes, and expressed the need for regulation.

Joshua Wolinsky, Monday there will be a meeting regarding the radio station at WBAI. At Fair Office 130 West 125th at 7PM. Mr. Wolinsky also expressed complaints about the Boat Basin Café and also about street fairs for their lack of local participants.

Larry Hirsh, made announcements regarding the Columbus/Amsterdam BID and congratulated the Board for supporting cameras in the De Hostos residence.

Michelle Sinota, spoke about carriage horses in the city, and expressed concerns that they are being abused and wanted to know why there wasn't greater enforcement of animal regulations.

Assemblyman Scott Stringer, raised the issue of the proposed Jets Stadium on the Upper West Side and the battle ahead to stop it. He said he supports bringing the Olympic to NYC.

Referenced his call to the Mayor regarding spraying the insecticide and the outdoor food stalls. Will propose legislation to get this made into law. Supported the Transportation Bond Act. Has proposed a same day vote registration law in the legislature now.

Denis Ditt, Morningside Park announced their monthly meeting at 90 Morningside Drive on November 11th at 7:30PM.

Roger Madon, introduced himself as a candidate for State Senator in the 30th Senatorial District. Supporting bringing the Olympics to NYC and bringing an Amtrak station to the West Side.

Vincent Kenredy, introduced himself as the new director of security at Lincoln Center.

Nicole Johnson, Manhattan Borough President's Office announced the Manhattan Borough President's Office is looking into improving the newsbox problem. The Borough President sent out a RFP for creative ideas for the West Side, other than a stadium. An art exhibit is on display between 9 and 4 daily until November 12th at the Borough President's Office celebrating Hispanic Heritage.

Business Session

Resolution to approve priorities for the NYC Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 adopted: 31-1-0-0.

Resolution to approve priorities for the NYC Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2002 adopted: 33-1-0-0.

Resolution to approve application #011506 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to remove windows at the rear façade was adopted: 27-0-0-0.

Resolution to approve application #007300 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of a sign at the garage door without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits was adopted: 31-1-0-0.

Resolution to approve preliminary design for the reconstruction of the 100th Street Pool and adjacent landscape, Central Park the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

Resolution to disapprove a new application to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mireybi Vega, d/b/a Mireybi Vega Game Room at 71 West 107th Street, for an arcade license was adopted: 35-0-0-0.

Resolution to approve a renewal application DCA#0858188 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Au Petit Beurre, Inc., d/b/a Au Petit Beurre at 2737 Broadway (104th-105th Streets), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 35 seats was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

Resolution to approve a new application DCA#1061502 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by D & J Venture, Inc., d/b/a Tal Bagel at 2446 Broadway (90th-91st Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats was adopted: 19-11-5-0.

Resolution to disapprove a new application DCA#1034982 to the Department of Transportation by the Café Salsa Entertainment, Inc., d/b/a Sabor at 462 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd-83rd Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats was adopted: 31-2-1-0.

Resolution to disapprove application #433-65-BZ to the Board of Standard and Appeals by Omar Fenick Architects for 15 West 72nd Street Owners Corp to reopen and extend the term of the variance which expired on June 22, 2000, permitting the addition of transient parking for the unused and surplus tenant space in an existing multiple-dwelling accessory garage was adopted: 17-10-5-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Chairman, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Douglas Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Robert Herrmann, John D. Howell, Joyce S. Johnson, Ulma Jones, Betty Katz, Marc Landis, Jan Levy, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Lydia Padilla, George Price, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Hector Santana Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

Absent: Richard Asche, Beverly Feingold, Jean Green-Dorsey, David Harris, Lawrence Horowitz, Barbara Keleman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Oscar Rios, Elizabeth Starkey, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Angela Wiggins, Jeffrey Zahn, Robert Zuckerman, Daniel Zweig.

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59 Street Recreation Center
Task Force

5 pm 59th Street Recreation Task Force — Planning Meeting

Present: Peter, Melanie, John, Fiona, Mary, Colleen

Melanie and Peter proposed an agenda for the upcoming public hearing.

1. Review the process by which the task force will derive the scope of work
 - a. Community Needs Assessment: Informal Survey of Institutions, Demographics, and Individual Questionnaires
 - b. Rec Center Review: Conditions of Physical Plant, Programmatic Offerings, Usage
 - c. Vision development based on community needs and input
 - d. Project cost and identification of potential funding sources
2. Report on outreach activities and results
3. Report on Center usage
4. Public Discussion

6 pm 59th Street Rec Center Task Force — Public Hearing

Peter Bailey, Melanie Wymore, and Pam Fredrick of CB7 proposed to the Task Force a process by which to assess community needs related to the center and define a scope of work by 31 December 2000. The process included:

- €17 October--Organize Task Force, Agree on Process
- €23 October--Compile of Outreach List between 48th/70th and Broadway/Hudson River
- €25 October--Assign Outreach Activities
- €25 October--Review of Report on Facility Users and Conditions (By Parks)
- €07 November--Deliver Outreach Results to Task Force
- €Compile Draft Report
- €21 November--Public Hearing--Present Report on:
 - A) Facility Usage
 - B) Facility Conditions
 - C) Outreach Data
 - D) Possible Alternatives
 - E) Funding Sources
 - F) Contextual Background as necessary
- €Incorporate input from Hearing of 21 November
- €Draft Board Resolution
- €19 December--Public Hearing--Present Revised Report
- €Incorporate input from Hearing of 19 December

€ 2 January 2001--Present Resolution to Board 7

€ 3 January 2001--Present Resolution to Board 4

The group discussed, clarified, and approved the process, then reviewed and edited the proposed community survey.

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Youth Committee, 7:30 pm

The Youth Committee discussed its three initiatives for 2000:

- 1) Evelyn reported on the 59th Street Rec Center as described above;
- 2) Orlando reported on research related to reclaiming school gyms. The group discussed a list of questions including
 - a) How are prices set for gym rental?
 - b) How are renters selected?
 - c) Where do gym rental revenues go?
 - d) Is there an umbrella policy covering school gym renting?
 - e) What other organizations might be interested in this issue?
- 3) Dave reported on the District Needs Statement. He outlined the process by which the district will be assessed over the coming year.

The group reviewed/approved the CB7 Expense and Capital priorities related to youth for 2002. Evelyn volunteered to represent the Youth Committee on the Budget Committee.

The following announcements and reports we made:

- 1) Dave announced a joint meeting between the Health and Youth Committees to discuss child health insurance on 24 October 2000.
- 2) Laura offered the services of the NY Public Library to publicize events, host meetings, and provide information.
- 3) Roxy offered to host the Youth Committee at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.
- 4) Orlando and Rafael announced three new youth programs at St. Matthew's/St. Timothy's including:
 - a) GRE preparation
 - b) Newsletter for literacy
 - c) Photography/literacy workshop
- 5) Melanie reported on the Youth Council and solicited the involvement of more organizations in the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Uniformed Service Committee
Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana
November 8, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Co-Chair Hector Santana.

Mail Deliveries

Invited to speak on behalf of the US Postal Service were Managers: Felix Figueroa, Ansonia Station, John Derdgosists, Planetarium Station, Bob Rinkle, Cathedral Station. Addressed were concerns of CB7 residents and businesses regarding late delivery, open mail, undelivered mail, mis-delivered mail, and undelivered mail. The committee and community were assured that short of hiring additional personnel, which individual Post Office can not do these problems were being addressed. Community Advisory Councils are being re-activated, large development will be gain separate zip codes business with multiple office sites (17) such as ABC will have all mail delivered to one site. Post Office has an "Adopt-A-Box" program for voluntarily painting the green relay boxes, but not the blue boxes. Information can be obtained from local post office. Recommendation: Committee agreed to send letters to CB7's US Representatives and Post Master General.

Street Fair Application

Committee questioned if Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center filed correct papers for 2001 Street Fair on Columbus Avenue. Barbara Adler, Columbus Avenue BID, stated merchants on the fair route say they did not know of last year's fair until the morning. Todd Berman, Clearview Festivals has pledged to work with the committee and the BID to ensure that merchants on and adjacent to Columbus Avenue receive notification in ample time. Committee will consider a revision of the guidelines for multi-block street fairs as serious questions arose with regards to signatures needed for street fair applications. What if anything, are merchants required to sign? Having signatures from residents and/or businesses in contingent areas? Recommendation: Sponsors must contact merchants affected by street fairs.

The committee will ask Valley Restoration to begin its fair at West 97th Street, not 96th Street, and to select a Saturday date.

Issues of Latin Quarters and Club Ivy will be discussed at next committee meeting.

Committee given copy of Department of Sanitation memo re: Intro 249- advertisements, etc. placed on vehicle windshields. Resolution to support the Intro was adopted. Committee member Steve Carbo provided the language of Intro-249.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Ulma Jones

Present: Melanie Radley, Hector Santana, Steve Carbo, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones, Marc Landis, Oscar Rios. *Absent:* Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine. *Board Members Present:* Barbara Adler, John Howell, Jan Levy.

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

The committee considered three agenda items.

1. 44 West 69th Street. This was a new application to the NYC Department of Transportation to reconstruct the stoop and fenced-in area. The committee heard a presentation by Dan Caperwithz, who is the architect for the project. Representing the owners, Mr. Caperwitz pointed out that the project had the approval of staff level personnel at the Landmarks Preservation Commission, and that the scope of the project involved basically reconstructing what had previously been in place, complying with limits regarding distances from sidewalk curbs and use of masonry material for the stoop and its railing.

Co-chair Albert questioned the architect about residents' concerns about: noise abatement, daily starting times and days of the week for construction, the placement of refuse dumpsters on the street, and if a diesel generator was going to be used. Replies to these questions satisfied the committee that the construction would cause minimal hardship to the neighborhood.

Transportation and Landmarks presented the application for joint committee approval.

Joint Committee: 5 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 abstention

Public 2 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 abstention

2. The committee's consideration for a new application to the NYC Department of Transportation by Grand America Association, LLC, d/b/a Hotel Lucerne, to install a "Bishop's Crook" lamp post and a conduit at 201 West 79th Street (Amsterdam Avenue) was referred to the Landmarks Committee for review at their meeting on November 16 because representatives from the Lucerne were not present at this meeting.

3. The committee entertained a lengthy and spirited discussion with representatives of the NYC Transit concerning issues of M79 and M86 bus routes. A large number of community residents attended and spoke critically about the impact of the service and operational components of these routes on their lives, on residential buildings, and on street and pedestrian traffic.

NYC Transit representatives Steve Strauss, Dave Collum, and Robin Williams were present to hear and respond to issues. The overarching complaint from residents living near the Westside layovers for these routes was that they feel they "live in a bus depot". Residents complained about buses that are bunched up, double parked, blocking crosswalks and building service entrances; about bus engines idling beyond the limit; and about dispatchers and drivers ignoring residents' questions and complaints.

NYC Transit representative described the increased service requirements on these routes because of significant increase in riders, especially during morning and evening rush hours, as the underlying cause for some problems. They talked about the need to keep buses staged within close proximity of one another to maintain route schedules.

They assured the community that senior management pressures the operations division to enforce compliance with five-minute legal limit for idling and other areas.

They acknowledged problems with bus operators and invited the public to use the customer service complaint number (1-888-692-8287) to report incidents. While co-chairs, committee members, and NYC Transit agreed that ongoing discussions were necessary to solve the more problematic operations of the M86 route, all parties agreed to a one-month trial for modified operations on the M79 route. Steve Strauss said that they would talk with St. Paul's about establishing a lunch "swing room". NYC Transit agreed to store westbound buses adjacent to Filenes's at 79th and Broadway.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Joyce Johnson, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren. Absent: Gale Brewer, Georgette Gittens, Barbara Keleman, Elizabeth Starkey. Board Members Present: Jan Levy, Marc Landis.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Eric M. Nelson, Chairman

November 29, 2000

1. Report by West 59th Street Recreation Center Task Force.

Melanie Wymore reported on the Task Force. The Task Force developed a survey, outreached to a broad cross-section of the community, and conducted a heuristic study using the medium of that survey. Extensive data was gathered through this process.

The goals are to renovate the Recreation Center in a way that the community's needs will be addressed, and to plan to spend the money previously designated for the outdoor pool in a way that the affected community will receive the benefit.

Eric Nelson asked that CB7's Parks Committee also to be involved, along with the Youth and Land Use Committees, in the ongoing work of the Task Force.

2. Proposed amendment to CB7 By-laws.

Mr. Nelson presented his proposed amendment to CB7 By-Laws:

"Absent unanimous consent, no member shall be a candidate for Board office until he or she has completed two years of Board service."

Sheldon Fine recommended two amendments: eliminate the words "absent unanimous consent" and substitute "one year" for two years.

After extensive discussion, "one year" was substituted for "two years" by consensus.

"Absent unanimous consent" was eliminated by a vote of 10-3-0-0; 1-0-0-0 non-committee Board Member.

Vote on proposed amendment to CB7 By-Laws as doubly amended: 13-0-0-0 (passed unanimously) and 1-0-0-0 non-committee Board Member.

Andrew Albert proposed another By-Law amendment:

"In order to participate in Board Elections, Board Member must have previously served as a Board Member for two months and have attended two Board meetings."

In the same spirit, Dan Zweig proposed a change of election month to October and a requirement for voting of four months appointed service and attendance at least two Board meetings.

After considerable discussion, the following amendments to the By-Laws were proposed:

1. Change of Election Calendar
 - Announcement in July
 - Nominations in September
 - October Elections
 - November 1st new officers take office.

Vote: 13-0-0-0, passed unanimously.

2. In order to vote in a Board Election, a Board Member must have attended at least two Full Board Meetings as an appointed Board Member prior to the meeting at which the election is held.

Vote: 13-0-0-0, passed unanimously.

3. Riverside South Task Force.

The report by the Riverside South Task Force was postponed. Concern about the conflict in timing between the December 13th Uniformed Service and Task Force. The meeting was resolved by moving the Task Force up at 6:30 PM and moving the Uniformed Services Committee meeting to 7:30PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Beth Berns, Dan Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Larry Horowitz, John Howell, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Hector Santana, Barbara Van Buren, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Richard Asche, Peter Bailey, Robert Hermann, Ethel Sheffer, Tom Vitullo-Martin.

Board Membr: Jan Levy.

Land Use Committee
Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz
November 15, 2000

1. 229 Columbus Avenue

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 908448 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flej Inc., d/b/a Pomodoro at 229 Columbus Avenue (West 70th-71st Streets) for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 6 tables and 12 seats.*

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

2. 2672 Broadway

Juan Rojas Campos, owner, and David Turner, architect, presented two applications: one for a new wraparound enclosed café with 11 tables and 41 seats; and one for a new unenclosed café with 4 tables and 12 seats. The internal restaurant is being expanded by a factor of three (i.e. approximately 100 new seats). The proposed enclosed café is approximately 4 times the size of the existing enclosed café. Approximately 15 building residents and others attended the meeting to testify in opposition to the applications. Approximately 20 people attended the meeting to testify in support of the applications.

Teresa Tehranifar (resident of 216 W.102nd Street, the building in which the restaurant is housed) testified that there is excessive noise generated by the restaurant, including live music until after 11:30pm. She also testified that there are very long lines to get into the restaurant, blocking the sidewalk completely for extended periods of time. Another resident (name?) testified that current restaurant construction poses hazards, including interference with building fire escapes.

Aaron Weitz (resident of 216 W.102nd Street, 7th floor) testified that the existing enclosed café is the deepest obstacle on the sidewalk on Broadway between 96th and 112th Streets. He also testified that the noise is excessive. Mr. Fortune (resident of 216 W.102nd Street, 2nd floor) testified that noise is constant and overwhelming.

Jorge Hernandez, Jerry Dominguez, and Luis Nunez testified in favor of the application. They praised the restaurant for its food, as well as for its extensive service to the community (feeding homeless, building a health clinic in Mexico, teaching young people about Mexican culture, etc.).

Doug Griebel and Larry Horowitz urged the applicant to work with neighbors to address the noise issue. Mr. Horowitz urged the applicant to hire a professional acoustician to recommend noise mitigation strategies. **MR. GRIEBEL WILL FACILITATE A MEETING TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 7PM AT THE COMMUNITY BOARD OFFICE, 250 WEST 87TH STREET.**

The plans submitted to the Committee are not final; the Department of City Planning has not yet approved the proposed plans. Under the circumstances, the Committee proposed and the applicant agreed to put the applications on hold while noise issues are studied and proposed plans are finalized.

3. Museum of American Folk Art

Attorney Howard Zipser and architect David van Handel presented a proposal for a zoning amendment by the Museum of American Folk Art. The Museum, as a not-for-profit community benefit, occupies a building arcade that once provided a development bonus to its building, located at Columbus Avenue & 65th Street. The Museum is able to serve the public entirely free of charge at this location, in part because of the revenues raised from the gift store

next door. Rising rents make occupancy of the store location impossible after 31 December 2000. Thus the Museum proposes to reconfigure its own space, moving the gift store there as well as making the entry more welcoming.

The Museum will expand its hours, opening at 11am rather than 11:30am. In addition, the Museum will be open 11am-6pm on Mondays.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Museum of American Folk Art provides a unique benefit to the community by offering educational and cultural programming free of charge;

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the Museum's efforts to serve the public in its current location at Columbus Avenue & 65th Street, and **approves** its proposal for*

- a minor amendment (ULURP# M880002BZAM) to Special Permit (N880002ZAM) to locate the Museum's gift shop into a portion of the Covered Plaza, which is now occupied by the Museum;*
- and a modification of Special Permit (M880002 (A) ZAM) to permit an increase in the hours during which the Covered Plaza operates.*

Committee Member vote: 6-0-0-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Beverly Feingold, Doug Griebel, Betty Katz, Larry Horowitz, Maria Watson. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Lenore Norman, Lydia Padilla, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer. **Board Members Present:** Hector Santana.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairs
November 28, 2000

The meeting was opened by Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chair.

The focus of tonight's meeting was the NORCs in the CB7 area which received funding from the City in July as a result of the RFP issued by the Division for the Aged. An initial presentation was made on NORCs by Fredda Vladek, of the United Hospital Fund, and then each group spoke.

NORCs, or Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, are communities where residents have aged in place, in contrast to deliberately created Senior Communities. People originally moved in with their families, who have now grown and moved away, and they are beginning to need services they never thought of when they were younger. They are not interested in moving away, and are looking to develop flexible, on-site supportive services to meet their needs.

Penn South and Morningside Gardens were the first NYC complexes to address this concern in an active way. Penn South was early able to develop funding to bring in professional health care and social services. Programs then developed in the Lower East Side and in Brooklyn. Each was unique, and was specifically designed for that community. Residents have a strong role in determining what services are needed, and they varied from direct health care to photography clubs. Funding became available from government, private philanthropy, housing operators, and the residents themselves.

Composition of specific programs is often determined by the funding source. NYS requires that 50% of the tenants be sixty and over. NYC requires 45%. Distinctions are made between heads of household and family members. In some programs, there is an income limitation. Basically, community residents come together to address a perceived need. Groups ineligible for government funding have started their own programs and raised their own money.

Last year, NYC, through the Division for the Aging, issued an RFP to fund 14 NORCs to develop their own flexible service program. Through the extensive efforts of Ronnie Eldridge and her staff member Fiona Oliphant in educating the West Side Community concerning this program, three grants were made to three very different West Side groups. Outside our area, 5 were made to public housing groups, 2 were made to rental organizations, (Starrett City), 2 were made to garden apartments, and 2 were made to middle income co-ops.

West Side Groups

1) Lincoln House. Fifty-seven percent of the tenants are sixty or older. This is a co-op which had already begun a program directed to its older residents. In 1995 they had hired a social worker to come one day a week. By 1996, they had funds for a full time worker. The Building had a Community Room, which they were able to make extensive use of for their activities. Shirley Zaiman was given credit for originally pulling the program together. Dorot has been

providing social services. With the City funding, they will be able to greatly expand the program, which includes counseling, referrals, health services, group activities. Dorot has been drawing on its intergenerational experience to bring special services into the program, and has been involving school children in activities. Susan Topol is the Social Worker; Phyllis Gunther, a Committee Member living at Lincoln House, spoke highly of the program.

2) Amsterdam Houses, Amsterdam Addition, and 110 West End Avenue (co-op). This is a unique combination of a public housing complex, and a moderate income co-op which was interested in developing a NORC, but was too small to be funded separately. Lincoln Square Neighborhood House, NYCHA, and St Luke's/Roosevelt are the sponsoring groups. LSNH initiated the proposal.

There are 800 seniors in the buildings. LSNH is reaching out to all of them, to bring them into the program. Because it was not initiated by the tenants themselves, special efforts were made to include residents in the staff. The Director, Joanne Ricci, was raised in Amsterdam Houses, and knows many of the tenants personally. Neighbors are making referrals of people they see as isolated and needing help. Funding and staffing were only started in July, but there have already been instances where people were brought over to the Hospital Emergency Room whom the doctors stated would have been dead if they did not come as soon as they did. Social Services, educational programs, recreational activities are being offered to the residents. There will soon be a Resident's Advisory Committee to plan needed programs. St Luke's/ Roosevelt has provided a nurse on site as well as geriatric services and home health aides.

Medical services are seen as a prime need, as most of the residents have no primary care physician. NYCHA has designated a top person in their Central Office to work with the NORCs within NYCHA. Stephanie Pinder, the Executive Director of LSNH has over-all responsibility for the Program.

3) West Side Cluster This is made up of three Mitchell-Lama co-ops on the Upper West Side, one which had begun starting a NORC, and two which learned of the program from Ronnie's office. There are 900 residents in the three buildings, 53% are sixty and older.

St Martin's had an active Resident's group, which persuaded their Board to provide funds for a part-time social worker from Goddard Riverside. Columbus House and Stryker's Bay are new to NORCs, and are still in the beginning phases of involving the buildings tenants. With the City funding, GR has been able to provide a part-time social worker in each building and a Coordinator for the entire program. Initially they have seen medical care access as a primary concern. Most residents have health coverage, but figuring out how they can best meet their medical needs is extremely complicated. Medicare, private insurance, long-term care coverage, Medicaid for home care, present a myriad of challenges. Transportation coverage, supportive services for caregivers, recreational and wellness programs are seen as some of the services that residents are interested in. Debbie Rothman, a tenant, spoke of the need to involve all tenants in the planning. Erica Teutsch, Marya Gilborn, and Rebecca Robinson spoke on different aspects of the program.

All groups gave much praise to Ronnie Eldridge and Fiona Oliphant.

It was clear that there was no one way of providing services to the aging-in community. It was agreed that the Community Board would stay involved, and would be looking for ways to help expand the program further.

Present: Barbara Van Buren, David Harris, Phyllis Gunther, Barbara Keleman, Committee Members. Shirley Silverberg, Fern Lynn Fleckman, Public Members.