

***Full Board Meeting  
Eric M. Nelson, Chairman  
March 6, 2001***

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

**Public Session:**

1. Olive Freud of the Committee for Environmentally Sound Development announced that they are bringing a lawsuit against the Related Companies project at Columbus Circle.
2. Linda Herd of the Department of City Planning announced that she is the new CB7 liaison.
3. Brad Usher of Senator Duane's Office discussed the reintroduction of the commuter tax.
4. May Song a supporter of Falun Found asked people for support.
5. Michelle Travis of the HERE Union spoke about concerns over the Lincoln Center renovation plans and the lack of public review of City commitment of \$240 million tax dollars.
6. Russell Pinsley objected to candidates for City Council having leadership positions on the Community Board.
7. Larry Hirsch of the Columbus/Amsterdam BID spoke and made calendars available.
8. Larry Sauer of P.S. 199 announced an open house on March 8<sup>th</sup>.
9. Susannah Vickers of Scott Stringer's Office discussed the layoffs in Community School District 3 and the Final EIS of the Miller Highway Project.
10. Linda Rosenthal of Congressman Nadler's Office announced that a hearing is being called regarding the President Bush's plans for faith bases initiatives and a Federal Election Monitoring Act is being proposed.
11. Anna Hunter of State Senator Schneiderman's Office announced that there was a great turnout at the meeting regarding the State education lawsuit. She commented on objections to a health bill that allows insurers to pay for contraceptive services. The Senator's office has contacted City DOT about the elimination of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street off-ramp and the Riverside South development.

**Manhattan Borough President's Report**

Noah Pfefferblit of the Manhattan Borough President's Office introduced Christine Argentina as the new liaison to CB7.

**Legislator's Reports**

Councilmember Phillip Reed called attention to the elected officials' letter against the Columbia University project at Broadway and 110<sup>th</sup> Street. He discussed the proposal to eliminate term limits and how its discussion has paralyzed the City Council. He also spoke about the Tweed Courthouse restoration and the proposal to install the Museum of the City of New York there without community input.

**Business Session:**

1. Resolution to approve new application DCA#0835735 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by VK Food Shop Inc., d/b/a Elite Café at 183 Columbus Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 chairs was adopted: 26-3-0-0.
2. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1016775 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BEK Enterprise, Inc. d/b/a Savann Restaurant at 414 Amsterdam Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 17 seats was adopted: 28-2-0-0.
3. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1002039 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pensu Corp., d/b/a Roppongi Japanese Restaurant at 434 Amsterdam Avenue, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 25 seats was adopted: 31-1-0-0.
4. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1023819 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West Side Deli LLC, d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen at 2290 Broadway, for a five-year consent to operate and unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 60 seats was adopted: 31-1-0-0.
5. Resolution to approve modification of application DCA#1003589 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sugar Bar Inc., d/b/a Sugar Bar at 254 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, for a five-year (extension of one-

- year consent) consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats was adopted 26-3-3-0.
6. Resolution to approve Economic Development Corporation proposal for the long-term leasing of commercial space on the ground floor at 2724 Broadway, Regent Family Shelter was adopted: 34-0-0-0.
  7. Resolution to approve application #01-4130 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to establish a master plan governing future window replacement at 91 Central Park West was adopted: 36-0-0-0.
  8. Resolution to approve application #01-3195 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace the entrance door at 35 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street was adopted: 35-1-0-0.
  9. Resolution to ask NY City Transit to remove yellow paint on West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street granite curbs located in bus stops was adopted: 23-5-1-1.
  10. Resolution to approve closing, for safety reasons, the sidewalk on the west side of Amsterdam Avenue between 73<sup>rd</sup> and 74<sup>th</sup> Streets from 9:00 PM to 6:00 AM, in conjunction with the reconstruction of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street IRT subway station was adopted: 31-2-1-1.
  11. Resolution to approve traffic control during multi-block street fairs was adopted: 31-0-1-0.
  12. Resolution to approve Department of Parks and Recreation's RFP to construct and operate a cafe in Riverside South Park at 70<sup>th</sup> Street

*Deliberations:*

Charles McKinney, Administrator, Riverside Park, spoke about the need to beautify the park space as well as make it conducive to social activities.

Batya Lewton of the Coalition for a Livable West Side strongly insists that the facility should have two restrictions: (1) tables should not have waiter service and (2) no alcoholic beverages should be served.

Jo Jordan recommended a deferral of one year in order to consider the aspects of the facilities.

Robert Shanley announced that he spoke in support of the plans.

Michael O'Neal promoted the idea of waiter service.

Madeline Polayes of the Coalition of a Livable West Side expressed concerns about the public toilet and security.

Michael Bradley of the Riverside South Planning Corp spoke in support of the plan as a workable compromise.

Olive Freud disapproved to having commercial developments in parks.

Joel Ponazecki claimed that the location was misrepresented and the 24 tables will not fit in the designated area. He also opposed the serving of hard liquor.

Nella Gill believed that a concession stand is appropriate for "a cheap, good bite." She opposed tables.

Jean Lerner objected to the smell of grilling hamburgers up at 105<sup>th</sup> Street. She hoped that the Board would be mindful of this negative aspect in considering proposed food services.

Elena Levine praised Charles McKinney's work and responsiveness to public concerns.

*Board Member's Deliberations:*

Klari Neuwelt proposed two friendly amendments to the resolutions and the Committee Co-Chairs accepted both amendments.

Hector Santana questioned the use of tables. Charles McKinney clarified that anyone may use the tables whether they made a purchase or not.

Phyllis Gunther asked whether the Trump Organization could fund the bathrooms. Charles McKinney indicated that the Trump's allocations have been previously determined.

The resolution was adopted: 37-2-0-0.

13. Resolution to disapprove application #265-00-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by Fredrick Becker, Esq. for 142 LLC, a variance pursuant to Sections 23-145 and 23-32 of the Zoning Resolution to allow the construction of a six-story plus penthouse, five-family residence at 44 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, aka 142 Manhattan Avenue, by permitting: 1) an increase in the lot coverage from 80% to 100%; and 2) an increase in the number of permitted dwelling units from two to five was adopted: 21-11-2-0.
14. Resolution to disapprove application ULURP #000550ZSM to the Department of City Planning by Town Sports International for a second special permit pursuant to Sect. 74-711 ZR (prior one granted Oct. 2, 1995, #C 950227 ZSM to permit health club on first floor and basement of 23 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street) to

covert 892 sq. ft. for studio use in the basement and 2,387 sq. ft. for aerobics use in the cellar was adopted: 38-0-0-0.

15. Resolution to approve application #306-00-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by Columbia University for variances to allow the construction of the Columbia University School for Children and Faculty Housing at the southeast corner of Broadway and 110<sup>th</sup> Street.

Deliberations:

George Goodwill, Chair, Manhattan Community Board 9, gave background on CB9's participation in the process with Columbia University. There were concerns about transportation and safety; some were addressed.

Morgan May spoke in favor. Felt the increase to the educational facilities would be welcomed.

Luis Roman member of the Committee for Community Action spoke out against the plans. The proposal will not address Columbia's housing needs and will create safety hazards. The proposal is a mistake for an educational institute to devote its resources to private education.

Larry Sauer opposed the school plans. He feels the catchments area is too broad and the promise to the school district is too thin.

Oliver Conant spoke in support of the school and expressed support for public education and the creation of a private school.

Barbara Hohol spoke in support of Columbia's proposal and feels that the school will be an addition to the changing neighborhood.

Barbara Butler opposed the proposal and believes that Columbia University in moving into CD7 and it's only the beginning.

Cynthia Doty read a letter in the public record, signed by Assemblyman Sullivan, Congressman Nadler and Senator Paterson, Senator Schneiderman, Councilmember Perkins and Councilmember Reed.

Judith Korner spoke in support of the project and feels the school will be a diverse asset to the community.

Carolyn Brideu of the West 110<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association spoke against the plans regarding safe reason and feels a private school is unnecessary.

Joyce Goodman opposed plan and believes Columbia should invest in the neighborhood.

Jean Lerner spoke in support of the project and feels the corner will be developed one way or another.

Barbara Batcheler spoke in support of the plans. There is an overwhelming need for housing and school for children of faculty members.

John Lipsett a resident of 110<sup>th</sup> Street opposes the project and believes the amenities are not enforceable.

Architecturally the building does not blend with the streetscape.

Aida Rodriguez opposed the proposal and feels the plan will monopolize the neighborhood and control the community.

Zenobia White-Farrell spoke in support of the school and believes that it will increase the diversity of the school's faculty.

Danny O'Donnell opposed the school and commented on employee benefit. Chancellor Levy spoke in support of the plan to work together in public education.

Beverly Sutherland opposed the project and feels private school is good but not at the expense of public needs.

Bob Roistacher spoke in support of the plan and feels that the building is less intrusive than it could be.

Sharyn O'Halloran spoke in support of the variance and school.

Steve Strauss opposed the variances on the grounds that they enable the school to exist. Retail space is diminished and there are no loading zones, leading to additional vehicle congestion. It also flies in the face of public education.

Kevin Robbins opposed the plans. As a student of Columbia University, he supports public education. The school will create a two-tier facility that only the elite can utilize.

Renate Clynes spoke in support of the school and stated it will be a benefit.

Susanna Brumeister stated the school is divisive and will exacerbate hostilities between the school and residents.

Schools are better than they have been. Columbia should work to revise the poor perception of public schools.

Elizabeth Capone-Newton opposed the plan and believes it is an irresponsible decision on the part of the University. In addition schools and housing in not enough.

Michelle Page spoke in support of the plan.

Sarah Richardson opposed the project and feels the promises will be unenforceable.

Cutis Arluck, Democratic District leader, spoke in support of previous projects especially in consultation with community. Columbia did not consult this time, and therefore he is in opposition.

Boyana Konforti spoke in support of the plans.

Kevin McGee requested postponing the issue until better interaction will CB7 and CB9.

Laura Lee Ross presented a letter against the project and stated the drug problem due to the methadone clinic is serious.

Richard Rosenberg spoke in support of the plans and said the school will provide employment options and foot traffic with will increase the spending along Broadway.

Robin Shweder opposed the project.

Paula Diamond-Roman opposed project. By constructing a private school, Columbia is abandoning its educational responsibilities.

Board Member's Deliberations:

Ethel Sheffer added some additional material to the CB7 resolution.

Jean Green Dorsey stated that if Columbia lives up to what they indicated in their letter she would support the project.

Sharon Parker-Frazier spoke in support of the public-private partnership.

Guillermo Gonzalez hopes that the tremendous energy being put into this issue would be put into the problems of drugs and jobs for this community.

Ulma Jones questioned the legitimacy of the "community" spokespersons and questioned whether they represent the community.

D. Maria Watson spoke on behalf of postponing a decision until the Board hears from the West 109<sup>th</sup> Street community.

Elizabeth Starkey questioned whether Columbia could be held to the language of the proposal over time. She opposed the resolution.

Hope Cohen spoke in support of the variances as preferable to the as-of- right alternative.

Klari Neuwelt posed the question, "Do the benefits of the variances outweigh the as-of- right building that can be built without the variances?"

Evelyn Tamarin believes that Columbia has made a commitment to make bridges through addressing many of the community's issues.

Andrew Albert stated Columbia is very sensitive to the concerns that have been raised.

Sheldon Fine opposed the school in that location and to a proposed school that has not been developed with true public school involvement.

The resolution, as amended, was adopted: 20-17-0-1.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourn at 12:05AM.

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Chairman, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Ashce, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Beverly Finegold, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Joyce S. Johnson, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Lydia Padilla, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Robert Zuckerman, Daniel Zweig.

Penny Ryan, District Manager; John Martinez, Assistant District Manager; Shanifah Rieara, Community Associate.

Absent: Steve Carbo, Dough Griebel, Betty Katz, Marc Landis, George Price, Barry Rosenberg, Angela Wiggins.

**Transportation Committee**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs**  
**March 13, 2001**

**11 Riverside Drive**

The residents of 11 Riverside Drive submitted a fact sheet, detailing their problems, and the reasons for the proposed loading area on West End Avenue. They have requested approximately 10 feet of loading zone, which, most committee members believe is not enough to make any difference. (Approximately one car length - no room to maneuver in & out). They point out that trucks bound for Citarella & Fairway wait in a queue on the east side of West End Avenue, causing one uptown lane to be lost, right across from their building. Street cleaning is M-F, 11-2 PM. There is currently no parking in front of the Esplanade Hotel, one block north. Schwab House is an extremely large building, taking up the entire block from Riverside Drive to West End Avenue. West End Avenue entrance is the only one that is accessible to the disabled. The committee decided to visit the site & assess the conditions of double parking, deliveries, etc. & discuss & vote on the issue at the April meeting.

**West End Service Corp.**

This renewal of a base station was deferred until the committee can get more information from the Board office, such as: How long is the renewal for? Are there still exposed electric wires dangling from the upper stories of the building to service the base?

**97 Street Greenmarket**

Gabrielle Langholtz from the Greenmarket attended the meeting & answered questions. The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application by the Council on the Environment/97<sup>th</sup> Street Greenmarket to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for a permit to close the sidewalk on the north side of West 97<sup>th</sup> Street from Amsterdam to Columbus Avenues from 6AM to 6PM on Fridays for the period of May 25-December 21, 2001.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Public Members: 1-0-1-0

**Project Cart**

Armina Freas, Director of Project Cart for the NY Foundation for Senior Citizens, requested a letter of support from CB#7 to the Department for the Aging. The committee agreed (with the matter to be discussed at the Health Comm, as well) to send the letter, with a mention that no other proposals had been received by the April 5 deadline. The committee voted 5-0-1-0 to send the letter.

**FAA Hearing**

Diana Schneider, of ROAR (Residents Opposed to Aircraft Racket) attended the meeting & spoke about having the Board testify at the upcoming April 25, 2001 FAA hearing on the Metropolitan Airspace Redesign Project. The committee decided that the Board

should write several elected officials - Congressman Nadler, Congresswoman Maloney, Senators Schumer & Clinton - urging them to support CB#7's position. It was also decided that in the letters to the elected officials, we should request a quick response. Someone from CB#7 may also testify at the public hearing.

### **Newsstand Survey**

Assignments were given out at the meeting, with each member assigned a specific Avenue & number of blocks to survey. We will be looking at: 1) locations 2) condition 3) storage of papers 4) visibility for vehicles of pedestrians 5) type of articles sold 6) Proximity of stores selling papers 7) Vacant newsstands, as well as many other items. Special forms will be sent to each committee member. If possible, pictures will be taken of the stands.

### **Bus Stop Benches**

Two bus stops will be fitted with experimental benches. The committee decided that the two locations in District 7 that should be the trial locations are: 66th & West End Avenue, on the Southbound M57 route; and 103rd & Broadway, on the southbound M104 route. The committee suggested that signs should be placed on the benches indicating they are "trial benches" and asking riders to comment on their design. It was hoped that for the future, a variety of styles might be chosen from, instead of having to settle on just one style of bench.

### **District Needs Statement**

The District Needs Statement for FY2001 was discussed, with many on the committee indicating that, at least for the transportation section, the statement needed updating. As newsstands & newsboxes have been on the minds of the committee lately, it was noted that there is no reference in the DNS of the crisis that the proliferation of newsstands & newsboxes has brought to our district.

*Committee Members Present:* Andrew Albert, Gale Brewer, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios, Elizabeth Starkey.

*Committee Members Absent:* Dan Zweig, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Van Buren.

**Parks, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Bob Herrmann and Barbara Adler**  
**March 8, 2001**

**1. Presentation by the Central Park Conservancy on the final design for the 100<sup>th</sup> Street Pool and surrounding landscape.**

Ed Benson, Rachel Kisker, and Gary Dearborn, from the Central Park Conservancy, presented. Ms. Kisker explained that the Pool was formed by Olmstead and Vaux in the late 1800's from a stream called Montayne's Rivulet, a body of water in Central Park that is part of a natural system, making it unique to the park. A water main break on Central Park West in 1961 washed away the former rock island near the north shore and filled in the two water coves of the Pool, causing the water area to be reduced by 25% of its original size. The purpose of the project is to improve the health of the water body, enhance the quality and diversity of the plantings, and restore the landscape amenities and infrastructure. The Parks Committee approved preliminary plans for this project several months ago. The final presentation showed details of the project, including the choice of a rustic bench, hand crafted by Parks Department employees. Klari Neuwelt raised the issue of choosing a bench without partitions, though most everyone seemed pleased in general by the attention and good taste given to detail throughout this project. A motion to approve the design as presented was made by Ms. Neuwelt and seconded by Doug Griebel.

Resolution to Approve Final Design for 100th Street Pool and Surrounding Landscape:

Whereas, the project is designed to improve the health of the water body, enhance the quality and diversity of plantings, and restore the landscape amenities and infrastructure, and

Whereas, the work has been carried out in a very sensitive way, which promises to live up to its goals,

Be it resolved that Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the request by the Central Park Conservancy to approve the final design for the reconstruction of the pool in Central park.

*Committee vote: 4-0-0-0.*

**2. Budget and DNS.**

The committee discussed FY2002 parks and libraries issues for the District Needs Statement and, responding to a request from the Budget Committee, ranked them according to priority: Parks:

1. Frederick Douglass Field, at Amsterdam Avenue bet. 100<sup>th</sup> -102<sup>nd</sup> Street. 2. Riverside Park Pedestrian Area bet. 79<sup>th</sup>-87<sup>th</sup> Streets. 3. Riverside Park 104<sup>th</sup> Street ball field. 4. Rehabilitation of the 73<sup>rd</sup> Street path in Riverside Park to make it ADA compliant. There were positive remarks made regarding the Children's House in Riverside Park at 101st Street, but it received no ranking. Libraries: Renovation of the St. Agnes and Bloomingdale branches.

**3. New business.**

A presentation was made by Kaishin Yen Montanar of the spiritual group Falun Dafa. This group meets at Central Park West and 81<sup>st</sup> Street and at Riverside Park at 100<sup>th</sup> Street every Sunday morning. It is open to everyone, and is free.

Respectfully submitted, Doug Griebel

**Land Use Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz**  
**March 21, 2001**

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

**1. Columbus Café, 565 Columbus Avenue.**

The architect disputed board member claims that the deli did not provide waiter service or non-disposable utensils. The owner agreed that he would install a full time waiter and in the next month, provide appropriate documentation that a waiter was on staff, that china and glass service is and will continue to be provided, that signs would be amended to read Waiter Service Only and all table service would be by waiter only. The application was withdrawn until the April Land Use meeting.

**2. Items 2 through 5 including Senor Swanky, the Saloon, Baci, and Baluchi's were approved unanimously.**

**3. Harry's Burrito Junction, 241 Columbus Avenue.**

No representative attended, and there is a question as to whether waiter service with china is provided. The item was held over.

**4. Classic Food, 267 Columbus Avenue.**

*WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to reduce the footage from 9'11" to 9' and will present revised stamped plans before the April 3, 2001 Full Board meeting; and*

*WHEREAS, the restaurant will provide waiter service, reduce the number of tables from 4 to 3, and has agreed to use non-disposable eating materials;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application.*  
*Committee: 2-2-0-0.*

**5. Darna, 600 Columbus Avenue.**

*WHEREAS, Darna has agreed to discuss neighbors' complaints that the restaurant is venting food odors directly on the street at the April 18, 2001 Land Use Committee meeting;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application for a sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.*  
*Committee: 4-0-0-0.*

**6. Fujiyama Mama, 467 Columbus Avenue.**

*WHEREAS, Fujiyama Mama has agreed to amend their application from 3 tables and 12 chairs to 6 tables and 12 chairs and will present amended, approved plans before the April 3, 2001 Full Board meeting;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application.*  
*Committee: 4-0-0-0.*

**7. Silver Moon, 2740 Broadway.**

Incomplete drawings will be held over until the April Land Use Committee meeting.



**Landmarks Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Dan Cohen and Lenore Norman**  
**March 15, 2001**

Dan Cohen and Lenore Norman called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

1. **315 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street** (Broadway-West End Avenue). Application #01-0338 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to alter a window opening to accommodate a door.

Arthur Harris, architect, presented the application to install French windows in the Juliet balcony. The Committee approved the application: 4-0-0-0; Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

2. **171 West 85<sup>th</sup> Street, DOROT** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues). Application #01-2987 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install new ground floor infill, a marquee and to construct and elevator bulkhead.

Vivian Erlich of DOROT gave a brief overview of the agency's mission to serve older people and help them remain in their homes. 75% of the clients are below the poverty level; average age is 87 years.

Natan Bibliowicz, architect, explained the need for the elevator and bulkhead on the sixth floor. The building was constructed as a funeral home with an elevator in the front. To bring the building into ADA compliance and provide access to the top two floors, the elevator will be moved inside the building and the bulkhead will be constructed on the roof. The facade will be restored and the addition will be stucco and brick to match the existing building.

The entrance doors will remain the same size with clear safety glass in the main entrance on the right side and opaque glass in the door to the basement on the left. A marquee with the DOROT logo and a white canvas top will be installed over the entrance.

After some discussion, the applicant agreed to install the security camera inside the lobby, out of view, rather than on the facade.

The plans also require a BSA variance.

The co-chairs had visited the building and found the expansion is needed and this design is a good solution.

The committee approved the application with the condition that the security camera be placed in the lobby: 4-0-0-0; Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

3. **270 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street, The Abraham Joshua Heschel School** (Broadway-West End Avenue). Application #01-4812 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition and create window openings.

Rob Frasier, the applicant's representative; Liz Newmark, head of the Planning Group for the Lower School; and Doug Edelstein, architect, gave the presentation.

The plans are designed as an enhancement of the existing school, which includes pre-school through 4<sup>th</sup> grade. The number of students will not increase. An existing bulkhead sets the height limit of the one and one-half story addition. The addition will house arts programming, a gym and a rooftop playground, which has an 8' arch covered with stainless mesh over it and a wrought iron fence around it. The addition will be set back and faced in brick. The AC units on the front of the building will be removed and central AC will be installed.

The visibility of the addition from street level will be minimal, but it will impact the adjacent residential buildings. BSA variances will be required.

Representatives of neighboring buildings were not present. The school plans two community meetings in late March. The committee decided to hear the application at its April meeting so affected building residents could be present.

4. **159 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues). Application #014695 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to demolish the historic stoop, replace a modern entry stair and alter the basement level windows.

Paul Cali, architect, presented the application. The existing staircase will be removed and replaced with a historically accurate staircase of masonry with wrought iron railings. The door at the basement level will be replaced with a window. The entrance to the basement apartment will be under the staircase. The building facade will be re-pointed and repaired, and painted a brick color. The entrance door will be replaced by a metal and glass door. The committee members found the door to be too ornamental. Mr. Cali agreed to simplify the design and to return to the committee with the new design and material samples.

With the conditions cited above, the committee voted to approve the application: 4-0-0-0; Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

5. **325 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street** (West End Avenue-Riverside Drive). Application #01-2289 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition.

Elaine Schiff, owner, and James Wagmen, architect, presented the application. The 15 ' high addition will be partially visible from an alley. It will be a cement wash and brick finish. Committee members expressed concern about the growing number of rooftop additions in CD7. Ms. Schiff stated that she plans to install plantings on the roof to soften the edges and minimize the visibility of the structure. The committee included the plantings in its approval of the application: 3-0-0-0; Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

6. **135 Central Park West** (West 73<sup>rd</sup>-74<sup>th</sup> Streets). Application #01-4433 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows on the tenth floor.

The applicant did not attend the meeting. The committee disapproved the application without prejudice.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Present were: Committee Members Dan Cohen, Lenore Norman, Ulma Jones, Patricia Stevens. Board Member Klari Neuwelt. District Manager Penny Ryan. Absent were Committee Members Beverly Feingold and Angela Wiggins.

**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**Barbara Van Buren and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairs**  
**MINUTES 3/27/01**

The meeting was opened by the Co-Chair Barbara Van Buren

Present: Steve Carbo, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren.  
Absent: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Annette Averette, Georgette Gittens, David Harris, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis.

1) The major presentation was a description of the detrimental effects of pesticides used in New York on the health of the community, and suggestions for changes. Ludovic Blaine, of NYPIRG, (New York Public Interest Research Group) led the discussion. The material presented was based on reports from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation.

One of the difficulties in insuring safe uses is that NYC is precluded by state and federal law from taking actions concerning the private use of pesticides. However, the City is able to take action on ways in which the City government controls pests.

New York City has the heaviest pesticide use in the State, almost entirely for interior pest control and lawn care. The City is responsible for those used in schools, parks and City owned buildings. Even though there are safer alternatives, a substantial percentage of the overall pesticides used have serious toxicity risks as well as do the most heavily used individual pesticides. Many are classified by the EPA as known or suspected carcinogens, many are suspected of having endocrine disrupting activity. The top pesticide reported used in 1998 was banned by EPA in 2000 for all non-agricultural uses because of its high toxicity. The second highest pesticide used was also banned by EPA in 2000, because of its risks to children. The products used by the City to control mosquitoes in 2000 related to the West Nile scare, contain ingredients suspected as endocrine disruptors, and linked to immune suppression and potential chromosomal damage.

The concern is that pesticides are being used without any real study of their effectiveness and safety. The most toxic, rather than the safest, chemicals are used.

It was recommended that NYC should examine its own use of pesticides as a first step in determining where safer alternatives can be used. The City Council should fund and evaluation of the city's current pest control policies, practices, and programs to assess potential health consequences associated with municipal pesticide use, and to develop recommendations for pesticide use reduction. The city could also encourage pilot programs to control pest problems in high-risk indoor settings, such as apartment buildings and schools, without resorting to synthetic pesticides. Funding is available from the state for training in non-toxic pest control

The City should also adopt the State's Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law, which would require advance notice of pesticide applications on lawns in order to give neighbors the opportunity to take measures to protect their families and property from pesticide exposure.

It was decided to present a resolution to the Board recommending these actions. It was unanimously agreed that Steve Carbo should prepare a resolution based on our discussion, circulating it for comment to those Committee Members present. If there are no disagreements, it will be presented to the Board at its next meeting.

Vote : Committee Members 5-0-0-0  
Public Member 5-0-0-0

2) A request was received from Project Cart for a letter of support. It was not clear what the support was needed for. Due to some confusion at a Transportation Committee meeting, the agency was told that it would be considered at this Committee, and it would not be necessary for the agency to be present. The agency runs a paratransit program for senior citizens in Manhattan Community Boards 1 through 8. It was not known if they were seeking money to expand, or if they were planning on being a substitute for Access-A-Ride. Some of the public members present knew them to be a good program, and utilized by Upper West Siders.

It was agreed that additional services for senior citizens are needed, but that we should know more about this particular request. Because the agency had been willing to attend this meeting, but was told there was no need, it was agreed that we would attempt to clarify the situation by phone. If this is not a situation where we would have to hear from other agencies before we could give support, (such as if they were hoping to take over another agency's program), a letter of support would be sent, based on the on-going need for services, and the agency's good record.

(After the meeting, a call was made to Armina Freas, contact person for Project Cart. The agency is totally funded by the Department for the Aging (DFTA) and its contract is currently up for renewal. They have had the contract for over ten years. They are able to charge less for their rides than Access - a -Ride because they are not connected to the MTA. Their renewal application is needed at DFTA by 4/5, and it was hoped there could be a letter of support by then. Ms Freas was advised of the Committee's decision)

3) There was a brief discussion of plans to get community input for the District Needs Statement. The Board Office is getting information on meeting dates of community coalitions so groups can be reached at those meetings. Special contact will be made with mental health groups which have not had input into the Statement. A special letter will be sent to religious groups in Board 7 asking them to come to our next Committee meeting to share the health and social service concerns of their congregations. Since there is more likely to be a response if we have direct contact with the groups, Committee Members agreed to make telephone calls. The board office has been asked to have a listing of all those groups at the next Board meeting so Committee members can check off the names they will follow-up on.

Meeting was adjourned.

**NYC Budget and Capital Planning Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: John D. Howell and Ethel Sheffer**  
**March 27, 2001**

John Howell called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.

**Discussion of the FY2002 District Needs Statements ("DNS")**

Mr. Howell reviewed the schedule for the DNS:

- DNS for FY2001 and outline for FY2002 were distributed to all board members in February
- Each committee was asked to review their sections of the above and submit changes and initial comments to the Budget Committee by March 27<sup>th</sup>
- Each committee is now asked to submit final drafts of their sections to the Budget Committee by the end of April
- The Budget Committee will have a final draft document at the end of May, and will distribute the completed document to the full board at the July meeting.

**Budget Liaison Reports**

Jean Green Dorsey reported on the various components of the Housing Committee's review of the DNS. Tom Vitullo-Martin is finalizing the housing comments, and will forward them to the Budget Committee.

Hope Cohen reported that the Uniformed Services/Environmental Committee has not worked on DNS.

Elizabeth Starkey reported that the Health and Human Services Committee will hold a community meeting at its April meeting to discuss the DNS, and Bob Herrmann will forward the Parks Committee's comments to the board office.

Ulma Jones reported that the Landmarks Committee plans to add some updates to its section.

David Harris, who was unable to attend, sent word that the Youth Committee will also hold a public hearing on youth issues at its April meeting.

**Committee actions on FY2002 budget priorities**

In March, committees were asked to review CB7's capital and expense budget priorities and to develop plans to advocate for priorities that will not be discussed with CB7's councilmembers and the Manhattan Borough President's office. No committee has reported to the Budget Committee on this.

**Next Meeting:**

The Budget Committee will meet on Wednesday, May 2, 7PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Present were: Committee Members John Howell, Hope Cohen, Jean Green Dorsey, Ulma Jones, Elizabeth Starkey; District Manager Penny Ryan. Absent: Committee Members Ethel Sheffer, David Harris, D. Maria Watson.