

**Full Board Meeting  
Eric M. Nelson, Chairman  
June 5, 2001**

Eric Nelson called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM. Chairman Nelson called attention to a letter of correction from Columbia University regarding the project at Broadway and 110<sup>th</sup> Street. He also provided an update on the Riverside South RFP for Youth, Senior and Job Programs; the submission deadline is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

Melanie Wymore thanked Peter Bailey, Patricia Stevens, and Roni Wattman for reviewing, on behalf of CB7, proposals from CD7 youth agencies for Department of Youth and Community Development grants. She also reported that the "Youth Council" that has been meeting under the auspices of the Youth Committee and the YMCA is seeking to become an "official" part of Board.

Andrew Albert spoke about a letter, drafted by the Housing and Transportation Committees, to the FAA and elected officials the FAA's Airspace Redesign Project and the impacts of fixed-wing aircraft on the West Side. The letter also request support for increased funding of Amtrak to reduce air travel.

**Election**

Dan Zweig chaired the Elections Committee. The following were elected Board Officers for 2001-2002.

Larry Horowitz, Chair

Melanie Wymore, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair

Dan Cohen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair

Steve Carbo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair

Sheldon Fine, Co-Secretary

David Harris, Co-Secretary

**Public Session**

- Patricia Ryan, President, Amsterdam Addition Tenants Association, Fredrick Parson, Madeline Saigano, David McKay, Ebony Ford, Diamond, Thomas, Julissa Wiley, Rashida Thomas, Angelo Matos, and Stacey Matos, all young residents of Amsterdam Houses and Addition, spoke in favor of the outdoor pool at the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Rec Center.
- Barbara Adler, Executive Director, Columbus Avenue BID, announced their annual breakfast on June 14, 8:30AM, at Isabella's. Call 721-5048 to attend.
- Brad Usher, State Senator Tom Duane's office, expressed gratitude over the fight to prevent Time Warner Center from receiving tax benefits. He also mentioned legislation to create public hearings and term limits.
- Maria Guzman, announced that Dan Gallo will be the new representative to CB7 for Assemblyman Dick Gottfried's office.
- Susan Jonas, resident of 450 West End Avenue, commented on the Calhoun School expansion. She expressed dismay over the lack of community participation.
- Robert Pertrie, member of the Westside Preservation Committee, also commented on the Calhoun School and condemned the expansion plans without community input.
- Olive Freud, Committee for Environmentally Sound Development, expressed gratification that tax benefits were denied to the Time Warner project.
- Anna Hunter, State Senator Eric Schneiderman's office, gave an update on gun control legislation, and the Women's Health and Wellness Act.
- Arlene Morini of the New York Public Library-St. Agnes' Branch announced a book sale.
- Ron Kapon, 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council, talked about the NYPD's Comstat and stated that crime is down year to date. He gave updates on quality of life issues.
- Elizabeth Starkey announced a breakfast with Mayoral Candidates on preservation issues at the Saloon, and also mentioned the forum with Attorney General Eliot Spitzer.
- Susannah Vickers, Assemblyman Scott Stringer's office, reported on a survey of school districts' lack resources, and suggested "School Stat" like NYPD's Comstat.

## **Borough President's Report**

Christina Argentina announced a reception for the opening of an art exhibit at the Borough President's office, and gave information on SCRIE.

Eric Nelson introduced former CB7 Assistant District Manager Victoria Caramante, currently MCB8's District Manager, and acknowledged her work at CB7. All wished her well as she begins a one-year maternity leave.

## **Business Session**

### **1. West 59<sup>th</sup> Street Recreation Center Task Force**

#### **Co-Chairs:**

**Peter Bailey and Melanie Wymore, CB7 Youth Committee,**

**John Doswell and Pamela Frederick, CB4 Waterfront and Parks Committee**

Peter Bailey and Melanie Wymore answered questions raised at the previous full Board meeting. They stated that the conclusion of the task force report is that a second pool and gym are needed. The recommended alternative, which may cost \$24 million, accommodates children, neighborhood and local school concerns. \$2.65M is available for implementation. The task force recommends the following allocations: \$75K to an architect to design plans, cost the model, and develop phased implementation; \$25K for fundraising of the \$24M needed to bring the plans to reality; remaining funds in a Trust & Agency account. The co-chairs acknowledged Mary Rosado, Phyllis Gunther, Raphael deValle, and Community Board 4. Joshua Laird, Department of Parks and Recreation, said that Parks would accept the recommendation, but funds had to be identified.

The resolution to approve the Final Report and Recommended Alternative for the redevelopment of the 59<sup>th</sup> Street Rec Center, with deletion of the recommendations to consider construction on the parking lot and use of the outdoor pool space for a playground, was adopted: 44-0-2-0.

### **Landmarks Committee**

#### **Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Dan Cohen**

2. Resolution to approve 302 West 91<sup>st</sup> Street, application #015382 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to construct a barrier-free access ramp was adopted: 38-0-0-0.

3. Resolution to approve 189 Columbus Avenue, application #995062 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission, to legalize the installation of two public pay telephones was not adopted: 4-29-5-0. A substitute resolution to disapprove was adopted: 29-3-3-0.

### **Land Use Committee**

#### **Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz**

4. Resolution to approve application DCA# 1077541 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Janine's Place Inc., d/b/a Diwan's Curry House, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 13 seats was, adopted: 33-1-1-0.

5. The resolution to disapprove the new application DCA#1073294 to the Department Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc. d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery at 2740 Broadway, for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats, was not voted on.

Judith Morell, owner, submitted revised plans, which were not stamped by DCA and had not been seen by the committee.

Alan Flacks spoke against the application because the cafe is a warp-around cafe.

The application was returned to committee: 27-6-1-0.

6. The renewal application DCA#914984 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by La Cocina Mexican Inc., d/b/a La Cocina Mexica at 217 West 85<sup>th</sup> Street, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 13 seats, was returned to committee since the applicant did not submit a letter outlining the owner's agreement to police his delivery people and provide a bike rack.

7. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA# 1021206 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2180 Broadway Restaurant Inc. d/b/a Manhattan Diner at 2180 Broadway, was amended from a five-year consent to

one-year: 27-12-2-0. The resolution to approve a one-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 38 seats was adopted: 36-4-1-0.

### **Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee**

#### **Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann**

8. The Alfred Nobel Monument in Theodore Roosevelt Park.

Speakers:

- Alex Martinez, American Museum of Natural History, spoke on behalf of the location.
- Richard Gordon, Bullmoose Dog Run, supports the location.
- Peter Wright, Friends of Museum Park, stated the Friends oppose the location as obscured from the main thoroughfare.
- Doug Griebel, Columbus Avenue BID, stated that the BID board by a vote of 9-0 supports the location and the monument itself.
- Linda Alexander read a statement from Abby Belkin, Board Member of Beresford, who supports the location.
- Adrian Benepe, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, Department of Parks and Recreation, expressed the belief that the new site addresses the concerns of the Landmarks Commission and members of the Community Board.
- Kjersti Board, Consulate General of Sweden, explained that this is the gift of the Merck Foundation not a gift from the Swedish Government.

Board members argued pro and con for nearly an hour.

The resolution to approve proposed location for the Nobel Monument in Theodore Roosevelt Park was adopted: 23-15-1-0.

9. Installation of Voss Finn's dragonfly dome sculpture from June to October 2001 at the end of Pier I in Riverside Park South.

Roberta Semer, Lincoln Towers resident, spoke against the proposal because children may want to climb on it and recommended that another location be identified, such as the South Lawn.

Nella Gil, Santa Monica resident, spoke against the installation stating it would be a distraction rather than enhancement of the space.

Peter Jenkins, Wets 70<sup>th</sup> Street resident, said the sculpture is appealing and appropriate, and suggest that the sculpture's name be added.

The resolution to approve the installation was not adopted: 0-29-1-0. Manhattan Commissioner Adrian Benepe said DPR would find another location. A substitute resolution was not introduced.

### **Transportation Committee**

#### **Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig**

10. Resolution to approve bill proposed by Councilmembers Ronnie Eldridge and Guillermo Linares allowing livery cabs to accept street hails was adopted: 30-0-1-1.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 PM.

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Janet Alvarez, Richard Asche, Annette Avarette, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Steve Carbo, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Doug Griebel, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Larry Horowitz, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Betty Katz, Marc Landis, William Meyers, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, George Price, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Erana Stennett, Patricia Stevens, Evelyn Tamarin, Barbara Van Buren, Tom Vitullo-Martin, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Robert Zuckerman, Dan Zweig.  
Absent: Oscar Rios, D. Maria Watson.

**Uniformed Services / Environmental Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Melanie Radley and Hector Santana**  
**June 13, 2001**

**1. 511 Amsterdam Avenue**

After hearing presentations for the third time by representatives of the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct about the disproportionate number and violence of crimes associated with Moonlighting, the Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the New York Police Department has documented 2½ years of crimes and violations associated with Moonlighting, 511 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84<sup>th</sup> – 85<sup>th</sup> Streets); and*

*WHEREAS the number and seriousness of these crimes is disproportionately greater than those associated with any other bar/club in the neighborhood; and*

*WHEREAS without a significant change to management approach at Moonlighting, it seems inevitable that serious crimes will continue;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends that the New York State Liquor Authority **disapprove** the renewal application for Moonlighting's liquor license.*

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0 Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0

**2. NY State Legislature bill to establish an NYC Liquor Authority**

Because of the continuing problems associated with enforcing liquor-license regulations, a bipartisan group of State Senators and Assembly Members is introducing legislation to establish a New York City Liquor Authority. A more local oversight entity would be more likely to respond to community concerns and might have additional enforcement capability. Without a pressing deadline, the Committee decided to review the proposed text carefully and discuss it and any alternative ideas at its next meeting.

The language of the legislation is confused, as presented. It speaks of a 'city liquor authority', but the entity as described sounds like a normal mayoral agency rather than a public-benefit authority. The 'NYCLA' would be headed by a 'Commissioner' with up to 3 'Deputy Commissioners' as well as whatever officers and employees are deemed necessary. Does the mayor appoint the Commissioner? How would this entity be budgeted? The 'NYCLA' would be able to issue permits and licenses for retail sale of alcoholic beverages. Would the 'NYCLA' charge a fee for this? If so, would this revenue stream be adequate for full funding of the entity? Would establishments in NYC need to obtain licenses and permits from both NYSLA and 'NYCLA' or would the 'NYCLA' license/permit supersede the NYSLA license/permit? What is the proposed relationship between the NYSLA and the 'NYCLA'? Is establishing a local oversight entity the right way to fix an enforcement problem attributable to the distance of the existing oversight entity?

**3. NY State Legislature bill to improve enforcement of liquor licenses**

To deal with some of the issues caused by problem bars and clubs, communities have been negotiating terms with liquor-license applicants as conditions of the community's approval (e.g. hours of operation, noise and security issues). The New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) is only able to enforce such terms if it can demonstrate that the bar owner made the agreement fraudulently. Assembly Member Gottfried is introducing legislation to enable the SLA to enforce stipulations, terms and conditions attached to liquor licenses.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS community concerns about hours of operation, noise, and security often lead to agreements with bar owners on terms and conditions for approval of their applications for liquor licenses; and*

*WHEREAS the New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) is only able to enforce such terms and conditions when it can be demonstrated that the bar owner fraudulently entered into the agreement; and*

*WHEREAS it is frequently the case that a bar violates such terms and conditions even when the bar owner entered into the agreement in good faith; and*

*WHEREAS violations of such terms and conditions are disturbing and troublesome to the community;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **supports** New York State Assembly Bill 9012, to make liquor-license stipulations enforceable.*

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0

Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0

**Committee Members Present:** Hector Santana, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Oscar Rios. **Absent:** Melanie Radley, Steve Carbo, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones, Ulma Jones. **Public Member Present:** Lisa Lehr.

**Transportation Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig**  
**June 12, 2001**

The co-chairs called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

**Jewish Community Center.**

Bob Drake presented the Jewish Community Center's application to the Arts Commission for a permit to add tint and texture to the sidewalks around their new center at Amsterdam Avenue and 76<sup>th</sup> Street.

The first and second floor of the building will be glass, then dark gray brick. The sidewalk may be aggregate, preferred by the JCC, or smooth.

The Committee approved both styles of the tinted sidewalk.

*Committee: 3-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0.*

**636 West End Avenue (91<sup>st</sup> Street).**

*(Joint with Landmarks).*

Ms. Anna Cypel, property owner, presented the application to the Department of Transportation for a revocable consent to enlarge a front areaway. The Landmarks Commission approved the plan at staff level because it restores the facade to its original design. Members of the committee visited the site and found the adjacent building stoops extend into the sidewalk the same amount as proposed in the application for 636.

Two tenants spoke out against this plan. They felt they didn't have sufficient notice of intent to change the front area. They also claim harassment and attempted eviction. They feel this plan will make the entranceway inaccessible and dangerous during construction.

The committee did not take any action, feeling that holding the application over for a month would resolve the issue of lack of notice. Tenants were advised that the Transportation Committee does not consider issues of harassment, eviction, and DHCR, but they could be brought to CB7's Housing Committee.

The applicant will attend the July Transportation Committee meeting where this plan will have additional hearing.

**Plans for the enhancement of the streetscape on West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, Broadway to West End Avenue, and presentation of a request to DOT to prohibit canopies on the block.**

Mary Barber of Councilmember Ronnie Eldridge's office presented the plan and the request to DOT to prohibit canopies on the block. In 1998, the Councilmember funded the project to replace the sidewalks and curbs, and to install Bishop's Crook streetlamps and munimeters on West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street between Columbus Avenue and Broadway/Amsterdam Avenue. The project was extended to Central Park, and in the current plan, will include Broadway to West End Avenue. \$700,000 is in the budget for this part of the project.

On West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street from CPW to RSD, only CPW to Broadway is part of Upper West Side Historic District. Canopies are prohibited in historic districts, but only businesses on these blocks were asked to remove their canopies during the 1998 restoration. The residential canopies remain.

The Councilmember proposes, through a DOT restriction, to prohibit all canopies, residential and commercial, on West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street between Broadway and West End Avenue. Questions were raised about restricting on this block and rushing to do so prior to rebuilding sidewalks and curbs.

Residents of The Alexandria like the canopies, especially theirs, and object to the plans.

Arlene Simon, Landmark West!, spoke in support of the proposal.

Klari Neuwelt suggested that the Councilmember explore the possibility of grandfathering the residential canopies. Ms. Barber will explore this suggestion.

The committee suggested further discussion between The Alexandria, the affected block, and the Councilmember. The committee was not prepared to take action at this time.

**NYC Fire Department.**

Roger Montesano, NYC Fire Department, gave an informational presentation on plans for the one-year redeployment of personnel from the West 77<sup>th</sup> Street fire house, while the house is being reconstructed, to the West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street house and the installation of a fire-truck cage in front of the West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street house. To assure that the truck can get through the blocks from Columbus Avenue to Broadway for southbound runs, The

Department requests a temporary change in parking regulations on the south side of West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street from Columbus Avenue to Broadway to "No Standing Any Time."

The committee approved the Fire Department's request.

*Committee Members: 5-0-0. Board Members: 1-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0.*

#### **44 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street (aka 142 Manhattan Avenue).**

Mr. Lou Futterman, property owner, presented the application to the Department of Transportation by 142 Manhattan Avenue, LLC for a revocable consent to construct a planted area with a fence, trash receptacle enclosure, and bicycle rack on city-owned property.

Glory Ann Kierstein and others from the Duke Ellington Block Neighborhood Association object to the plans.

The committee asked Mr. Futterman and DEBNA to discuss the plans and try to find a compromise.

No action was taken. It was pointed out at the meeting that without a variance, there would be a wide public sidewalk space much like well used public space on many other parts of West 106<sup>th</sup> Street. This plan proposes to restrict public access to this space. Any plan would need to show that, at a minimum, it was more in the public interest to allow this restriction of access than to otherwise leave it as fully accessible public space.

The applicant will attend the July committee meeting.

#### **103<sup>rd</sup> Street IRT Station.**

Mildred Speise, 103<sup>rd</sup> Street IRT Station Users, presented the need for capital rehabilitation, including public art, of the 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Station. Ms. Speise reported that in February a portion of the ceiling on the southbound side fell, and the MTA hasn't repaired it. Mr. Albert will find out why. MTA Arts for Transit might get involved in upgrading the station.

Ms. Speise also reported that school buses are parking in the southbound M5 bus stop at West 104<sup>th</sup> Street, most often between 1:00-1:30 PM, making it difficult for waiting passengers to see the bus coming down RSD. The committee will ask NYPD to enforce regulations.

#### **New business.**

Peter Jenkins reported that a woman was killed by a bus making a right turn on to West End Avenue at 70<sup>th</sup> Street. The traffic light and don't walk sign do not work properly. The committee will request a copy of accidents at this location as well a traffic study of the intersection.

Al Cohen submitted complaints to the Department of Consumer Affairs six months ago, and is following up regarding newsstand issues.

There being no further business, the co-chairs adjourned the meeting.

**Committee Members Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren.

**Committee Members Absent:** Gale Brewer, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Keleman.

**Board Members Present:** Lenore Norman and Daniel Cohen.

**Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee**  
**Bob Herrmann and Barbara Adler, co-chairs**  
**June 14, 2001 at 6:30 PM in Central Park at the Maine Monument**

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Members of the Parks Committee were treated to a wonderful driving tour of Central Park, by Ed Benson from the Central Park Conservancy. Accompanying him, giving a running commentary, was Sara Cedar Miller, the photographer and historian for the Conservancy. The tour was fascinating and extremely informative, and those who participated were very appreciative to Ed and Sara for this opportunity. Although the tour was open to any members of the public who wanted to go, only members of the Parks Committee turned out. Some highlights of the tour are noted below.

Sara began by showing us an album of pictures of Central Park pre-conservancy days, and then the tour began in earnest. We entered the park at **Merchant's Gate**, traveled a few blocks south, and hit a road-block. Road-runners race in progress! We detoured out of the park, along Central Park South, and while we were driving through regular traffic, learned that every summer, there are four people whose dedicated jobs are to clean every bronze statue and fountain in Central Park. As we approached **The Pond** (to our left) now in reconstruction, we pulled off the road for a closer look, noting that it's been drained of water, and were told that the pond work and the adjacent landscape would be finished by Fall. The fish and turtle pond inhabitants were transferred to another park body of water prior to draining. We re-entered the park at **Grand Army Plaza to The Mall**, where Sara pointed out some spectacular **elm trees** that were planted in 1918. We learned that there are 1800 elms in Central Park, the largest remaining stand in the U.S. In the 1930's, Dutch Elm Disease (a fungus) wiped out almost every stand of elms across America, including many college campuses. It is believed that our were spared because New York is an island, and thus protected. We next went to see **Balto**, off the east drive towards Fifth Avenue. For those of you who don't know (all right, we didn't know either), Balto is a famous dog, and actually gets mail! He's the most sought-after sculpture in the park. Recently, Balto was restored, and a thin leash was replaced around his neck, to conform with current park rules requiring leashes on dogs. Passing the **Billy Johnson Playground** at 67<sup>th</sup> Street near 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, we commented on its beauty and rustic style, and learned it was designed by Paul Friedberg and is costly to maintain. A few committee members noted that on the east side, high-maintenance wooden playgrounds had more of a presence than on the west side. Moving on, near 70<sup>th</sup> Street at the **East Green**, Sara pointed out the lush green areas surrounded by temporary fencing, that once were 'dustbowls'. She told us also that the park has approximately 300 employees, 210 of them out in the field. The rest are mostly educators. We saw the **Adventure Playground** at 72<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, which has just been completed. Just north of this, there is very spectacular and rare tree with low-hanging branches and large shiny leaves, called a **Camperdown Elm**. On past the **Conservatory Water**, where the granite coving has just been replaced, and kids sail their model boats, but not before ogling a mother duck with her ducklings huddled together on a small promontory. Next to the bronze sculpture of **Alice in Wonderland**. Did you know that George Delacorte (of publishing and fountain fame) was the model for the Mad Hatter? When we approached **Cedar Hill** in our green Parks van, we saw several people scamper to leash their dogs, afraid we were there to ticket them! This is a very popular meeting place for dogs and their owners. Sara told us that under the north side of Cedar Hill is New York City's **third water tunnel**, which provides some of our drinking water. Did you know New Yorkers use two billion gallons of water a

day? The **Great Lawn**, in the middle of the park between 80<sup>th</sup>-84<sup>th</sup> looked remarkably verdant. This is the site of many summer concerts, and Sara told us that the NY Philharmonic rehearses around 2 PM the day of performance, something to definitely remember, as anyone can wander by for listening enjoyment. As we passed the **Metropolitan Museum of Art**, we were told that before the Met was built, this area once was a deer park. At 90<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, where runners have congregated for years and the NY Road-Runners begin their races, we observed the just-restored entrance to the running track. The **East Meadow**, around 98<sup>th</sup>-99<sup>th</sup> near 5<sup>th</sup>, is now more or less a dustbowl, but the next big project the Conservancy will undertake. They're raising funds at present for design and construction, though Ed said it was primarily a reconstruction project. Large concerts used to be held here. It was at this juncture, however, that we learned how never to get lost while in the park: On the lampposts are small signs with a coded address. For instance, E9901 is East 99<sup>th</sup> Street, E0102 is East 101<sup>st</sup> Street, and the "02" means it's the second lamppost on that block. The odd numbers are on the east side, and the even ones on the west side. As we exited off the **East Drive** heading east around 106<sup>th</sup> Street, we were fascinated to learn that the road we were on was once a part of the **Old Boston Post Road**, and at one time a major strategic military spot! The British camped in what's now Central Park during the Revolutionary War, and in 1812 the Americans came to the site. Now comes the part that was most fascinating to all of us: There is an *actual fort* from the War of 1812 in Central Park called **Blockhouse #1**! It's closed now to the public, but samplings of the earth that were taken two feet down indicate that this fort was most likely built on top of a Revolutionary War fort. The small stone fort sits on a small hill, and we paused to stare at it for a few minutes. If you want to try and find it, it's located at approximately 109<sup>th</sup> Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard. Circling back around towards the northeastern tip of Central Park, the **Harlem Meer** has never looked more beautiful. Two large blue herons sat on facing rocks jutting into the water from the shoreline like bookends, just a stone's throw from our van. Were we really still in the City? At the **Charles A. Dana Discovery Center** at the north end of the Meer near Duke Ellington Circle, kids (and a few adults) were fishing. Sara told us the Center lends rods in exchange for a picture I.D. Any fish that are caught are to be returned to the water. Coming to the end of our tour, we rounded the North Woods, passing **Great Hill**, looking lush and beautiful. The last site we viewed before disembarking was **The Pool** (not really a pool at all, but a small, irregularly-shaped body of water), that is about to be reconstructed, requiring draining. Of course, all the wildlife will be relocated prior to water removal. The Community Board recently approved the Final Design for this project.

Ed and Sara offered to take us on another tour come Fall when the leaves have turned, and we immediately accepted. This was a really wonderful experience, and we sincerely thank them both. Thank you also to the Central Park Conservancy, for giving the park such tender loving care, and turning it into the city's crown jewel.

The tour ended at 8 P.M., just as daylight was beginning to fade.

*Present: Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander, Phyllis Gunther, Doug Griebel, Bob Herrmann, Klari Neuwelt*

Minutes submitted by Barbara Adler



**Land Use Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Larry Horowitz**  
**June 20, 2001**

**1. St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital**

For Community Board 7's information, Shelly Mayer reported on the hospital's intention to sell two properties within the boundaries of Community Board 9: the Pell and Scrimser buildings (Morningside Drive between 113<sup>th</sup> and 114<sup>th</sup> Streets). She confirmed that there are no plans to sell the properties to Columbia University.

**2. 53 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Glenford Brown, Training Manager for U.S. stores, presented the renewal application for an enclosed sidewalk café for Timothy's World Café. He acknowledged that the café does not have waiter service. Mr. Brown committed to hiring a waiter by the time of the meeting of full Board.

Michael Powell, 15 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, spoke in opposition to the application. The café is an obstruction on the sidewalk and a nuisance to the neighborhood.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the enclosed sidewalk café is an obstruction of the sidewalk at a congested corner; and*

*WHEREAS the café has been operating without waiter service, as required by New York City regulations;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the renewal application DCA# 912513 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Coffees of the World Inc., d/b/a Timothy's World Café at 53 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue), for a five-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 3-2-0-1 Board Member vote: 1-3-0-0 Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0

The Committee did not adopt the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to provide waiter service in the sidewalk café, as required by New York City regulations;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 912513 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Coffees of the World Inc., d/b/a Timothy's World Café at 53 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street (Columbus Avenue), for a one-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 3-3-0-0 Board Member vote: 3-0-1-0 Public Member vote: 0-1-0-0

**3. 2740 Broadway**

Judith Norell, owner, presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. She presented a petition with 400+ names in support.

Ira Manhoff spoke in opposition to the application.

Ron Hoffman, Duke Ellington Neighborhood Association, spoke in support of the application.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the applicant has demonstrated significant community support in favor of the proposed new unenclosed sidewalk café; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to provide waiter service in the sidewalk café, as required by New York City regulations; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to use only non-disposable dishware and silverware in the sidewalk café; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document the new configuration of the café and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1073294 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc., d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery at 2740 Broadway (West 105<sup>th</sup> -106<sup>th</sup> Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 4-2-0-0 Board Member vote: 4-0-0-0 Public Member vote: 1-1-0-0

#### **4. 150 Riverside Drive, a.k.a. 355 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street, Kateri Residence**

Adam Rothkrug, attorney, presented the zoning variance application (#122-01-BZ) pending at the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for a proposed rooftop solarium addition of approximately 1800 ft<sup>2</sup> to a 520-bed nursing home. They will soon make associated applications to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the City Planning Commission. The addition would increase the degree of non-compliance with permitted floor area, required rear-yard, and required loading berth.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the variance application #122-01-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Rothkrug & Rothkrug for Kateri Residence Inc. to allow construction of a rooftop solarium to the Kateri Residence at 150 Riverside Drive.*

Committee Member vote: 4-0-1-0 Board Member vote: 4-0-0-0

[N.B. Richard Asche to provide 'whereas' clauses.]

#### **5. 340 Amsterdam Avenue**

Mark Pahnna, general manager, presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 917771 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 340 Brew Pub, Inc. d/b/a Westside Brewing Company at 340 Amsterdam Avenue (West 76<sup>th</sup> Street), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 47 seats.*

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

#### **6. One Lincoln Plaza**

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 735125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc. d/b/a Fiorello's Roman Café at One Lincoln Plaza for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 24 tables and 49 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 5-1-0-0 Board Member vote: 2-0-0-0

#### **7. 392 Columbus Avenue [Northwest]**

The applicant did not appear. The Committee postponed consideration of the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café until the July 18<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

### **8. 461 Columbus Avenue [Lenny's Corner]**

Russell Blue, architect, presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café on Columbus Avenue and wrapping around onto West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Gina Novendstern and Kenneth Rosenfeld, 73 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, spoke in opposition: lack of notice, sidewalk obstruction, incorrect plans.

The Committee requested that the owner appear to present the application and answer questions at the July 18<sup>th</sup> Committee meeting.

### **9. 2296-2298 Broadway**

Liutee Shu, owner, and George Schwartz, architect, presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. The plans showed a café of 11'9" depth, which the applicant agreed to reduce to 9'; this will reduce the café configuration to 18 tables and 36 seats. The applicant also agreed to keep the line of those waiting to be seated inside the boundary of the café.

The Committee did not adopt the following resolution:

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to change the configuration of the proposed sidewalk café and to reduce its depth to 9 feet, and has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document this change and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs; and*

*WHEREAS the applicant has agreed to assure that diners waiting to be seated remain within the boundary of the café;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA# 1082469 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Chung Cheung Corp., d/b/a Neo Sushi Restaurant at 2296-2298 Broadway (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street) for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.*

Committee Member vote: 3-0-3-1 Board Member vote: 0-1-0-0

### **10. 20 West End Avenue**

Robert Frazier, Project Manager, and Tuck Edelstein, architect, made a preliminary, informational presentation of a project for which application for amendment to a special permit will be made to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) by the Abraham Joshua Heschel School for a high school to be constructed at 20 West End Avenue (60<sup>th</sup> Street).

This is an expansion of the existing school building at this location (formerly the McBurney School). The lot is zoned M1-6, so a school use is by special permit only. The proposal will be to amend the special permit to allow a larger building. Currently a 42,500 ft<sup>2</sup> building exists; the proposal is to add 12,500 ft<sup>2</sup> to the building, consisting of 2,500 ft<sup>2</sup> for a mezzanine and 10,000 ft<sup>2</sup> for a new level. The new school would serve grades 9-12, ultimately with 300 students and 75 faculty.

Discussion of various properties and overlaps, variances, etc. Larry Horowitz made a plea for broader planning vision for this area of the district (immediate neighborhood of M zoning, especially in the context of ABC, Riverside South, Columbus Circle, etc.). Ethel Sheffer recommended that Linda Herd, Department of City Planning (DCP), bring the message back to DCP that larger planning is needed with regard to this particular area. Hope Cohen raised the question to the applicant of larger planning scheme that could bring with it better neighborliness, with controversial variance applications pending both for this site and for Heschel's West 89<sup>th</sup> Street site.

**11. ULURP #N000244(B1)ZRY [Unified Bulk Program, Round #3]**

The Department of City Planning (DCP) is proposing amendments to the Zoning Resolution arising from consideration of the Unified Bulk Program proposal over the past 1½ years. DCP claims that consensus has been reached on these particular amendments. The Committee found the amendments to be a random assortment of proposals, presented without adequate explanation or justification. The Committee requested that Linda Herd, Department of City Planning, let DCP know that the proposal as presented does not allow for an informed voting process. DCP should present the proposed amendments in a coherent manner at the July 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Committee, for the Committee to be able to take action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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**Land Use Committee Members Present:** Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Doug Griebel, Larry Horowitz, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Betty Katz, Maria Watson. **Board Members Present:** Andrew Albert, Barbara Van Buren, Klari Neuwelt, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

**Landmarks Committee Meeting**  
**Co-Chairs: Dan Cohen and Lenore Norman**  
**June 21,2001**

In Attendance: Dan Cohen (minutes), Lenore Norman, Ulma Jones, Klari Neuwelt, Patricia Stevens.

**1. The Abraham Joshua Heschel School, 270 West 89<sup>th</sup> Street.** Application #01-4812 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition for a gymnasium.

Representing were: Mark Levine, attorney, Rob Frazier, project manager and Tucker Halpern, architect. Mr. Levine detailed the current conditions and proposed changes, and then the revisions to the proposed changes. Primary changes include the moving of the elevator tower to the eastern-most side of the addition, moving the cooling tower to the western-most side, based on consultations with the neighbors and residents.

Several residents, neighbors and parents of schoolchildren spoke about the application.

Barbara Reiss, PRO; resident of the Savanna, 250 West 89th Street

Jane Abitanta, CON, 590 WEA Owners Corp.

Neil Smolar, PRO, Heschel parent

Sonja Noring, CON, resident of 267 West 89th Street

Paul Klausner, PRO, Heschel parent

John Casey, CON, resident of the Savanna, 250 West 89th Street

Joan Skurnick, PRO, resident of 216 West 89th Street

Paul Clermont, COE, resident of 251 West 89th Street

Marvin Davis, PRO, resident of 225 West S6th Street Heschel parent

Alan Brill, CON, attorney for Savanna Owner Corp, 250 West 89th Street

Tom Mauskopf, PRO, Heschel parent, resident of 670 WEA

Michael Levine, CON, representative of West 89th Street Block Association

Jeffrey Kahan, PRO, Savanna resident 250 West 89th Street, Heschel parent

Phil Brina, CON, resident of 590 WEA

Gloria Stem, CON, Savanna resident - 250 West 89th Street

Nancy Ryan, CON, resident of 590 WEA

WHEREAS, the main standard for judging whether a building violates the spirit of a historic district is determined by street level visibility,

WHEREAS, the street level visibility for the project is not unduly violated, except for in very select and highly limited circumstances,

WHEREAS, the portion of the project visible from street level is of a relatively neutral design that does not call attention to the proposed addition,

WHEREAS, especially with the removal of front window air conditioners on the façade of the building, it is an improvement over current conditions,

WHEREAS, the material and design of the proposed addition are appropriate to the structure,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 7 approves the proposed changes, as revised.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. No public Members.

**2. 310 Riverside Drive.** Application #016696 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to enlarge a window on the 19th floor.

No Show. No action taken.

**3. 57 West 94th Street.** Application #016696 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a stair bulkhead on the roof and a rear yard addition.

Michael Kostow, the architect for the owner, made the presentation for the proposed changes- The bulkhead is for roof access, and the rear yard addition involved removing an existing rear yard extension, and flattening and lengthening the new addition.

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are minimally visible from the public thoroughfare, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Landmarks Committee approves the changes as proposed.

Committee: 3-0-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. No public members.

**4. 50 West 90th Street.** Application #015502 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition.

Greg Rothstein the architect for the owner, made the presentation for the proposed changes. The rooftop addition was barely perceptible from the street.

WHEREAS, the proposed changes are minimally visible from the public thoroughfare and do not have a impact on the building,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Landmarks Committee approves the changes as proposed.

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. No public members.

**5. 333 West End Avenue.** Application #016952 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a building-wide window replacement.

Judith Salzman, the architect for the building presented a comprehensive plan to replace all of the windows throughout the building, with care being taken not to diminish the quality moldings and details of the window openings and frames.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee is pleased that a systematic building-wide master plan for window replacement is being undertaken, and

WHEREAS, the windows are an improvement over the current fenestration, and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Landmarks Committee approves the changes as proposed.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. No public members

**6. 214 Riverside Drive.** Application #016200 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of a curbside telephone pedestal without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

Dan Alfonso, an employee of the operator, gave a tale of woe that included calls from the Mayor's Office to install a phone, and an eager-to-please phone operator who responded out of civic duty. He pled ignorance to the Landmark rules, and that DoITT did not mention them in the discussions of installation. Mr. Alfonso also mentioned that there wasn't another phone for 6 blocks in either direction, and that it was a recent assault that led to the call from City Hall requesting the installation, and that he wasn't making any money at the site and would remove it if requested.

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 7 generally frowns upon street furniture, in particular phone installation in non-commercial portions of Landmark Districts, and

WHEREAS, there isn't another telephone within 6 blocks in either direction, so this phone does provide a public service,

WHEREAS, it contains no advertising beyond a small steel flag that indicates the location of the phone,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Landmarks Committee approves the phone in its current location.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. No public members.

**Housing Committee**  
**Co-Chairs: Beth Berns and Thomas Vitullo-Martin**  
**June 7, 2001 7:00 PM**

**Report on HPD's Cornerstone/Third Party Transfer**

Public review of the disposition of the three city-owned lots at West 109<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Streets by the Community Board will take place when the Department of City Planning certifies the project. This may be over the summer. Bruce Armstrong reported that the Upper Manhattan Valley Community Association met with HPD on May 16<sup>th</sup> and 45 attendees were in favor of the proposed project. In the Third-party Transfer Program, HPD has authorized Artemis and Manhattan Valley Development Corporation to begin contacts with 350 West 110<sup>th</sup> and 89-91 West 109<sup>th</sup> Street, respectively. They will advise CB7 of future meetings with the residents.

**Update on Mitchell Lama buildings in CD7**

Bob Woolsey, Mitchell Lama Residents Coalition, spoke about a buyout by owners of properties and pending buyout of 70 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street. Lefrak went to court to stop rent stabilization for buildings after buyouts. The Mitchell Lama Residents Coalition will host a Mayoral Forum on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Update on Rent Control/Rent Stabilization Issues**

Tom Siracuse introduced a resolution for CB7 to approve regarding the appointments to the Rent Guideline Board be approved by the City Council. Tom Vitullo-Martin recommended that the committee further develop the resolution. The Rent Guidelines Board will hold a hearing on June 13, 2001 at Schaumburg Center regarding rent increases.

**Follow-up on concerns of residents of NYCHA developments in CD7**

A meeting was to be set up with NYCHA and CB7 regarding NYCHA problems discussed at last meeting. Victor Gonzalez, Wise Towers Tenants Association President, set up a meeting with Manhattan Director to discuss problems. He will report the results to CB7.

Milgros Stanley, 201 West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street Tenants Association President, reported new problems: garbage being torn, rats, cockroaches, arson (weekly). CB7 will follow up to make sure Fire Dept. & NYCHA conduct an arson investigation. Again she requested security cameras major security problems-drug sales.

**Coalition for the Homeless Briefing Paper on Access to Emergency Shelter for Homeless Single Adults in NYC**

The committee discussed the closing of HRA intake/drop-in centers and lack of homeless facilities. The committee adopted a resolution against single intake centers; utilization of existing centers for separate women and men; and expansion of drop-in centers.

**New Business.**

41 West 90<sup>th</sup> Street (10 apartments), Owner: Devi Realty (William Urban, 529 Miniford Avenue, Bronx, NY 10464) 53 West 88<sup>th</sup> Street (10 apartments)

Residents explained that the owner is not renewing leases because he is planning to demolish apartments. All are rent stabilized. The owner is trying to coerce tenants to move out and not doing repairs. The residents say he is harassing them.

The committee suggested that the residents may want to retain an attorney. DOB and HPD inspections have been requested. Mr. Castanza wants to have a rally in September to get issue on the political agenda.

**Committee Members Present:** Beth Berns, Tom Vitullo-Martin, Jean Green-Dorsey, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Evelyn Tamarin. **Absent:** Annette Averette, Gale Brewer, Barry Rosenberg, Bob Zuckerman.

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**  
**HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES 6/26/01**

**Present:** Steve Carbo, Jean Greene Dorsey, Georgette Gittens, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, George Zeppenfeldt-Cesteros

The discussion on the proposed closing of the City Child Health Clinics was tabled, as the City Council has restored funding for them. The Committee agreed to send letters of appreciation to the Borough President, Victor Robles, Chair of the City Council Committee on Health, and to our local Council Member on the Health Committee, Phil Reed, for their work in sustaining health care services for children.

Brad Korn, representing St. Luke's/ Roosevelt, gave an update on the hospital's plan to move all in-patient pediatric patients to the St. Luke's site as of July. Clinics will remain at both sites, but children needing hospitalization will be admitted to St Luke's. As a result of funding difficulties, and a decrease in the use of in-patient beds, it was necessary to close one of the in-patient sites. As more of the patients come from the St Luke's site, that was the one kept open. As of July 1<sup>st</sup>, there will no longer be a Pediatrics Residency program, due to the decreased patient load. This will mean that all children will be seen by attending physicians, rather than interns and residents.

A discussion was held on living conditions in local SROs, particularly the Marion and Camden, about which there have been many complaints from the community. There is overcrowding, and it is known that people with AIDS are being placed in medically inappropriate housing. There was concern that people should be afforded better, safer, housing, but also that actions should not be taken that might address the issues, but do harm to the people currently living in these settings.

It was agreed that we should get as much information as possible before considering recommendations and actions. The police have been asked for reports on the building, and we will probably have that information by the next meeting. The manager of the Marion has expressed concerns, and is willing to meet with the Committee. George, Steve, Elizabeth, and Barbara agreed to be part of a subcommittee that would meet with him, and report back to the next meeting. The office will be asked to set the meeting up. There are many Mexicans living in crowded conditions. Robert Cordero, Public Member from the Ryan Health Center, will speak with Casa Pueblo, a Mexican support group, about what they see as problems. DASIS will be contacted about the services they're providing to the people with AIDS they place in the SROs.

The SRO Law Project will be asked about the services they provide. Clergy in the neighborhood who are working with this population will be consulted. It is known that St Michael's and Ascension are both concerned. CB7s Housing Committee should be alerted to our interest.

At our next meeting we will have reports on the Mexican community, the from manager of the Marion. The consensus was that we would go slowly, and insure that we were being helpful to the people living in the SROs.

The Committee was alerted to plans for a study of the area between 72<sup>nd</sup> and 96<sup>th</sup> Streets, to determine services needed to be available to enable older individuals to remain in their homes, rather than have to move to an institutional setting. The Visiting Nurse Service, which has the contract to do the survey, is interested in exploring with the Committee how this can best be done. They will be at the next Committee Meeting.

Elizabeth Starkey asked for recommendations for the District Needs Statement. Increased services for the older population, such as the NORCs; on-site support services for people placed by City Agencies in local SROs; a web site for people to access links to needed services were suggested. ( The web site suggestion had come from religious leaders who didn't know where to refer people who asked for help. It was thought the lists of linkages could be on CB7s web site) People were asked to contact Elizabeth with any other suggestions.

There being no New Business, the meeting was adjourned.