

**Full Board Meeting
Lawrence Horowitz, Chair
October 7, 2003**

Chair Larry Horowitz called the meeting to order.

Chair's Report

Announced there was a “hiccup” in The School at Columbia University’s lottery process. A public meeting will be held on October 14th to discuss this matter. Emily Lloyd, Vice President of Columbia University, was introduced to give an update on the school. The year began on September 17th with grades K-4. 91 community children were selected by lottery, and 52 received financial aid (\$17,500 being the average). Outreach for next year’s lottery has begun for K-6. November 3rd is the deadline.

Legislators’ Reports

Councilmember Bill Perkins spoke in support of the keeping the garages on West 108th Street. He is confident that the Council will pass the Lead Poisoning Bill before Thanksgiving.

Councilmember Phillip Reed announced that almost all DFTA contracts are up for renewal, and he is against making cuts across the board.

State Senator Eric Schneiderman spoke on budget concerns. NYC is under funded in almost every area. The budget crisis has overwhelmed many other legislative goals. NYC community and business leaders lobby less than any other groups upstate, and need to mobilize. Prospects to repeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws don’t look great.

Councilmember Gale Brewer spoke on two buildings West 83rd Street and Columbus Avenue; owners have harassed tenants. Her office is currently working on filling every tree pit that is vacant on the West Side. On October 29th 7-9PM she will hold a public meeting on public housing.

Elections of Officers for 2003-2004

The following Board members were elected:

Hope Cohen, Chair
Sheldon Fine, 1st Vice-Chair
David Harris, 2nd Vice-Chair
George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, 3rd Vice-Chair
Bobbie Katzander, Co-Secretary
Melanie Wymore, Co-Secretary

Committee Reports

Barbara Van Buren, Health and Human Services Committee, announced a panel discussion on domestic violence at the October 28 meeting.

Helen Rosenthal, Budget Committee, spoke on the draft District Need Statements and the budget priorities.

Public Session

1. Hector Santana spoke on CB7’s Public Housing Task Force, expressing concern that CB7 has not done anything yet.
2. Sandy Darrell, St. Christopher’s Family Day Care, spoke on possible budget cuts that may affect their program.
3. Carolyn Kent asked the board to support efforts to preserve Cathedral of St. John.

4. Alan Flacks spoke on public pay phones and announced Democrat party meeting on October 9th at the American Youth Hostel.
5. Dan Cohen announced the same meeting.
6. Joyce Goodman, Assemblyman O'Donnell's office, called attention to a letter from Assemblyman O'Donnell supporting preservation of the parking garages on West 108th Street.
7. Jason Haber, Assemblyman Scott Stringer's office, announced there was a great turnout at the Green Expo and the Assemblyman is fighting for federal funds for school transportation.
8. Shirley Jones, Amsterdam Houses, asked when the board would begin its Public Housing Task Force.

Business Session

Land Use Committee

Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen

Joint with Transportation Committee

1. Resolution to approve application #813-63-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by Howard Zipser/Stadtmauer Baikin, LLP, to permit the extension of a certificate of occupancy, which expired on January 22, 2002, permitting within an R8 and R10A zoning district the use of 30 parking spaces within an existing garage for transient use at 699/717 West End Avenue was adopted: 32-0-1-0.
2. Resolution on recommendation to the Department of Housing Preservation and Development on the disposition of city-owned properties at 103, 137, and 151 West 108th Street, which currently have active garages on them was adopted: 20-15-3-1.

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3. Resolution to approve application by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to the City Council to sell 11-15 West 108th Street to the West 108th Street Housing Development Fund Corporation and tenants under HPD's Tenant Interim Lease Program was adopted: 36-0-0-1.

Transportation Committee

4. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA# 0922086 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Basta Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Aegean Greek at 221 Columbus Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 34 seats was adopted: 33-1-1-0.
5. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA# 1147364 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hillview Specialty Foods, Inc., d/b/a 107th West Restaurant & Bar at 2787 Broadway, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats was adopted: 33-1-1-0.
6. Resolution to approve renewal application DCA# 1021550 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 100 West 79th Street NYC, Corp., d/b/a North West at 392 Columbus Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 40 seats was adopted: 33-1-1-0.
7. Resolution to approve the request by Pioneer Supermarket, 289 Columbus Avenue, to the NYC Department of Transportation for a "No Standing, except trucks loading and unloading, 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM" zone was adopted: 32-1-0-0.
8. Resolution to disapprove application #1145872 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kaiser Akram to construct and operate a newsstand on the northeast corner of Broadway and West 66th Street was adopted: 33-0-0-0.
9. Resolution to disapprove application #1145870 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tauseef Haque to construct and operate a newsstand on the northeast corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 72nd Street was adopted: 33-0-0-0.
10. Resolution to approve renewal application #B01743 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Two Way Black Cars & Radio Group at 2642 Broadway for a For Hire Base Station license was adopted: 34-0-0-0.

The following spoke in support of the proposal: Lynne Mueller, Duke Ellington Society/Friend of Chico O'Farrill, Arturo O'Farrill, Jr., Friends of Chico O'Farill/Jazz at Lincoln Center and Maritza Bolanos, Friends of Chico O'Farill/The Juilliard School.

11. Resolution to approve the request by the O'Farrill family for a secondary naming of West End Avenue and West 88th Street to honor Arturo "Chico" O'Farrill, Latin-jazz composer and bandleader was adopted: 34-1-0-0.

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

Joint with Parks and Transportation Committees

12. Resolution to approve the application by the Central Park Conservancy to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the reconstruction of the pedestrian street lights on Central Park South between Grand Army Plaza and Columbus Circle was adopted: 29-0-0-0.

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Joint with Transportation Committee

13. Resolution to approve the application by the Columbus Avenue BID to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install pedestrian lighting arms on the lampposts on Columbus Avenue from West 67th to West 82nd Street was adopted: 24-1-1-1.

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14. Resolution to approve the Ethical Culture School's plans to install two banners to mark the School's 105th Anniversary at 33 Central Park West was adopted: 24-0-1-0.

15. Resolution to approve application #041228 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rooftop addition and install a fire escape on the rear façade at 101 West 70th Street was adopted: 29-0-0-0.

16. Resolution to disapprove application #041374 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of air conditioning units and metal panels without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits at 155 West 78th Street was adopted: 23-7-3-0.

17. Resolution to approve application #031735 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a chimney flue on the north façade at 175 West 76th Street was adopted: 31-0-0-0.

Board Members Present: Larry Horowitz, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Janet Alvarez, Richard Asche, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Sheldon Fine, Deborah Gobble-Lewine, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Douglas Griebel, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, William Meyers, Eric Nelson, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Michael Roberts, Barry Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Hector Santana, Ethel Sheffer, Elizabeth Starkey, Patricia Stevens, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Board Members Absent: Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Georgette Gittens, Betty Katz, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios, Evelyn Tamarin.

Youth Committee
Co-Chairs: Joyce Johnson and Sharon Parker-Frazier
October 21, 2003
at Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council
563 Columbus Avenue

1. Presentation by Kelley Williams, Executive Director, Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council, on their various programs.

Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council has been in the community since 1959. Along with their youth program, they offer eviction prevention services and a food share program. Ramon Cuevas, Director of Youth and Community Services, gave an overview the youth services, which consist of an after-school program and summer day camp. Participants, ages 8-12, come from local schools in Community School District #3. Strycker's promotes a strong literacy program with no sports. Due to an expired lease, they are currently looking for space that can accommodate 30 children in their after-school program.

2. Discussion with Deputy Commissioner Janice Molnar, NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), on the agency's reorganization.

The DYCD was created in 1996 as a result of a merger between the Department of Youth Services and a community development agency, which was part of the Human Services Administration. DYCD is the youth bureau and community action agency that receives state dollars, primarily in the form of youth development funds. The department also distributes community service block grant funds, which were established in President Johnson's War on Poverty Program. Unlike the Department of Education and other agencies, the department is a contract agency and does not deliver services. Local community-based organizations (CBOs) know the needs the best and are able to provide services. Periodically, through a competitive process, DYCD issues requests for proposals (RFPs.) State, federal or city tax revenues are awarded for program operations.

With the consolidation of the social services agencies and the signing of a new local law, the Department of Employment no longer exists. Youth employment programs are now handled by DYCD and adult employment programs by the Department of Small Business Services. DYCD will soon be managing after-school programs, which are presently handled by the Administration for Children Services (ACS). The cross over will occur in three phases. Phase I involves free-standing school programs. Contracts will be moved from ACS to DYCD and registered with the Comptroller's office. From the point of the participants, the services will remain the same. During 2004 DYCD will issue an RFP for the funds that were previously administered by ACS. Phase II involves programs with consolidated contracts that have a previous relationship with DYCD. Phase III involves programs that also have consolidated contracts with DYCD but no previous relationship. DYCD will acquire 150 employees for the Department of Employment and none from ACS.

Stephanie Pinder, Executive Director, Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, questioned the status of the YDDP contracts for next year. The deputy commissioner said the RFPs are currently in the reconciliation process, which is the last phase. This fiscal year the City cut YDDP by \$10 million dollars. This program is funded fifty-fifty by city tax levy and state YDDP dollars. Each city dollar leverages a state dollar; therefore, if the department loses \$10 million city dollars, it loses \$10 million state dollars, for total lost of \$20 million dollars in a \$21.5 million dollar program. The commissioner is having conversations with the Office of

Management and Budget and City Hall to find a resolution. In the meantime, DYCD is unable to make commitments to the contract agencies.

3. Discussion of and decisions on committee priorities for the FY05 NYC Capital and Expense Budgets.

The attendees were asked to review the list of existing budget priorities. Jane Lewis, Crossroad School, requested funds for technology.

4. New Business

Several of the CBOs said they could not afford the rental fees for spaces in local public schools. Private organizations rent spaces, such as gyms. Sharon Parker-Frazier is checking whether rental funds directly benefit the schools.

Stephanie Pinder stated with all the budget cuts, the Community Board should have guidelines for give backs for major developments. CBOs should have a direct benefit from corporations such as AOL and Trump.

The committee co-chairs announced that due to committee restructuring, the Youth Committee will merge with the new Community Development Committee.

Committee Board Member Present: Joyce Johnson, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Debroah Gobble-Levine, Patricia Stevens. **Committee Members Absent:** Peter Bailey, Guillermo Gonzalez, Evelyn Tamarin.

Transportation Committee Minutes
Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig
October 14, 2003

1. Apthorp distinctive sidewalk.

Andrew Fredman, from the Apthorp, made the presentation.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application by the Apthorp to the Arts Commission for a distinctive sidewalk in front of the Broadway entrance.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

2. Lincoln Square Business Improvement District.

Richard Juliano reviewed the request, which is the same as the closings for last year's event.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits by the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District for curb-line and street closures on December 2 for the Winter's Eve at Lincoln Center.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

3. NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) briefing on proposed changes to traffic patterns at West 95th/96th Streets & the Henry Hudson Pkwy and West 96th Street & Broadway that will facilitate safety at the various intersections/exits/entrances.

Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione explained that DOT engineers had done their own traffic counts and had refined the Sam Schwartz traffic study. DOT's proposals and timeline are based on the high number of accidents and safety concerns. She, DOT staff and NYPD distributed an overview of the project and presented the problems and solutions.

A) On Henry Hudson Parkway (HHP), the problems are weaving conflicts for traffic entrances and exits; high accident locations; and pedestrian safety issues. Proposed solutions are to close the on-ramp at West 95th Street to all traffic; prohibit HHP northbound vehicles from exiting at West 95th Street; prohibit HHP southbound vehicles from exiting at West 96th Street.

B) At Broadway and West 96th Street, the problems are poorly performing intersection due to turning vehicles; pedestrian safety issues. Proposed solutions are to install left turn signal phase and left turn bays on Broadway; replace meters on the Broadway blockfaces to the north and south of the intersection with truck loading zones.

C) To discourage the use of West 95th Street as a through street, proposal is to install alternate side parking on the north side of the street between Riverside Drive and Amsterdam Avenue and on the south side between West End Avenue and Amsterdam Avenue; No Parking 8AM-6PM, Mon-Fri, on the south side between Riverside and West End.

D) Lane markings will be installed on Riverside Drive between West 95th and 97th Streets.

In the AM peak hours (8-9AM), vehicles per hour (VPH) are anticipated to increase from 433 to 463 at the West 95th Street exit and from 1135 to 1352 at the West 96th Street entrance; and to decrease from 243 to 213 at West 96th Street exit and from 433 to 0 at the West 95th Street entrance.

In the PM peak hours (4-5PM), VPH will increase from 786 to 839 at the West 95th Street exit and from 893 to 1045 at the West 96th Street entrance; and to decrease from 396 to 343 at the West 96th Street exit and from 303 to 0 at the West 95th Street entrance.

The net gain in parking is 87 spaces.

DOT will begin implementation of the solutions on November 15 and will continue to collect and monitor data. The borough commissioner will meet with P.S. 75 to discuss their concerns and will evaluate the need for a left turn signal at West End Avenue and West 96th Street. Councilmember Bill Perkins asked to be included in any discussions with the school.

Recommendations from the public included an improved signal, possibly an arrow light, at Amsterdam and West 95th Street to warn drivers of the one-way street and a turn signal for southbound traffic at Riverside Drive and West 95th Street. Questions included how drivers would go from Riverside Drive to West End Avenue and if alternate side parking on West 95th Street would cause traffic congestion when trucks are on the block or the garages are very active.

Residents of The Columbia asked for a loading zone in front of their entrance on West 96th Street to allow vehicles to pull to curb and not be standing in the traffic lane. Commissioner Forgione recommended that they send a letter to her office requesting the loading zone.

4. 188 West 88th Street, New York Service Program for Older People, Inc. (Amsterdam Avenue.)

The agency provides comprehensive mental health services to older people and has two programs for 35 disabled seniors on weekdays. SPOP provides transportation in the morning (8:45-10:30 AM) and in the afternoon (2-4PM), and at various times during day.

The building in which they are located wants the program to use front entrance on West 88th Street. If the driver drops participants off there, the bus blocks traffic. SPOP is requesting one space for the bus, Monday-Friday, in front of the entrance on West 88th Street.

The agency has a NYC-DOT on-street parking permit for the 12-passenger bus. The driver usually parks on Amsterdam Avenue between West 87th -88th Street. Since the entrance is around the corner, the participants, most of whom are disabled, have to walk a long distance. Winter conditions add to problem. In addition, Fresh Direct trucks are monopolizing the Amsterdam Avenue spaces and cars park in metered spaces; so the SPOP driver double parks.

Committee had concerns about length of time to get special sign, setting a precedent, and appropriate DOT regulations for these circumstances.

Committee members adopted the following resolution. They will visit the site and caucus before the November full board meeting.

WHEREAS, Community Board 7 is making an exception because of unique program conditions and the age and disability of the older clients;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request by New York Service Program for Older People, Inc., 188 West 88th Street, to the NYC Department of Transportation for a one-car-length "No Standing, except vans loading and unloading, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday" zone in front of 188 West 88th Street.

Committee: 4-0-3-0. Public Member: 2-0-0-0.

5. 154 West 93rd Street, Manhattan School for Children (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.)

Diane Tortu presented for the school. She distributed photos of the street, showing the existing 4-car-length loading zone. Children arrive on 7 busses. Many are disabled children who are part of a new program. There isn't enough room for the buses; there is no loading area in front of the disabled ramp; and the buses cause traffic backups. Drop-offs cannot be staggered.

The school is requesting 4 additional spaces east of current zone; the 8 spaces would accommodate 2 buses. Current regulations are alternate side parking.

The committee decided to visit the site, and will caucus before the November full board meeting to deliberate and vote.

6. 2724 Broadway (West 104th-105th Street.)

New application DCA#1132659 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hot Bread of 104th Street, Inc., d/b/a Hot Bread at 2724 Broadway, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 30 seats.

Michael Kelly presented the application.

The committee had questions about requirements for wait service and non-disposable tableware and will caucus before the November full board meeting to deliberate and vote.

7. 934 Amsterdam Avenue (West 106th Street.)

Antonio Costa, owner, presented the application.

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to submit plans showing a 9-foot café and to sign a letter of agreement;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA#1150466 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Acosta Deli Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Acosta Deli at 934 Amsterdam Avenue, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats.

The committee will caucus before the November full board meeting to vote.

8. 100 West 106th Street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue.)

Jose Live presented the application. The agency has 50 cars; they are not stored on the street. Drivers come to the base once a week.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application #B01397 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by U. C. Columbus Radio Dispatch at 100 West 106th Street for a For Hire Base Station license.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

9. Resolution re: open street lamp bases (Joint with Uniformed Services/Environment Committee.)

WHEREAS, the number of open street lamp bases with exposed wiring and the potential for serious shock Community District 7 is creating a public safety hazard for pets, small children, visually-challenged persons with metal-tipped canes, and the public at large; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7 has continued to diligently report each open lamp post to the Department of Transportation, yet the problem continues district-wide; and

WHEREAS, these open lamp post bases represent a serious liability issue for the City of New York;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the Department of Transportation to act quickly and efficiently to seal these lamps with a base that can be accessed only by DOT personnel.

Uniformed Services/Environment Committee: 6-0-0-0. Transportation Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board member: 1-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

10. New Business.

Klari Neuwelt expressed disappointment that the memorial street signs are same as other street signs. Recommended writing a letter to Councilmember Brewer about signs not being distinctive.

Andrew Albert reported on LED signs at subways entrances. It is a revenue issue. In addition to advertising, signs can also provide public service announcements about problems in subway.

Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Oscar Rios, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren. **Committee Members Absent:** Bobbie Katzander, Marc Landis.

Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee Minutes
Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann
October 9th, 2003

1. Presentation by NYC Department of Parks and Recreation on a proposal to install a temporary sculpture exhibit by Tom Otterness on the Broadway Malls in the fall and winter of 2004.

Presenter: Tom Otterness, artist, and Patricia Hamilton, Department of Parks.

Discussion: Tom Otterness described how he would present larger pieces in most spacious areas. 90- to 700-pounds distributed over 25 feet, but Dept. of Transportation is reviewing. The installation will be up from three- to six- months. Looking for spots where pieces would relate best to the area.

David Reich, chair of the 102-103 Block Association, asked about the timing of the exhibition.

Resolution to approve :

Whereas, the proposed temporary sculpture installation by Tom Otterness, a world-class sculptor is to place over 20 pieces of art between 60th Street and 168th Street on the Broadway Malls for a period of 3-6 months, with 13 works between 60th Street and 103rd Street, and

Whereas, the sculptures are bronze, with many being planned for placement in the plazas (where they will not impede the flow of traffic) as opposed to the planted areas of the malls, and

Whereas, the installation, planned for a year from now and part of a public art program will lend enormous visual pleasure for those who see it,

Be it Resolved that Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the installation of artworks by Tom Otterness on the Broadway Malls between 60th Street and 168th Street.

Committee vote: 3/0/0/0

2. Discussion of having a GreenMarket in Riverside Park South.

Barbara Adler lead the discussion. Weekends only during clement weather seasons.

Resolution to approve:

Whereas, there is no Green Market west of Broadway, and very limited opportunity to purchase food of any type in Riverside Park despite large crowds of people who congregate there on the weekends, and

Whereas, during a recent West Side Fair held by NYC Dept. of Parks and Recreation included a lone fruit seller that proved to be enormously popular, and

Whereas, the trucks will not be visible except for unloading and loading of produce, and will enter and travel along the access road from West 59th Street directly to the pier without having to travel in the park,

Be it Resolved that Community Board 7 approves the establishment of a Sunday Green Market at the base of the new pier at the Hudson River and 70th Street in Riverside South Park, with the understanding that trucks will not be visible except for the unloading and loading of produce.

Committee vote: 3/0/0/0

3. Review of Department of Parks and Recreation's RFP for advertising in bathrooms citywide.

Postponed to November meeting.

4. Discussion of and decisions on committee priorities for the FY05 NYC Capital and Expense Budgets.

Presenter: KC Sahl, Riverside Park Administrator

Discussion: Mr. Sahl agreed with the recommendations coming out of the district budget consultation with the Department of Parks, and emphasized the positive aspects of the ball fields at West 103rd and 107th Streets.

Suggested that CB7 consider supporting the lighting, which will not have an impact on the neighbors. The 99th Street stairway is on its last leg, as is Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

Approval of priorities, as presented, for Department of Parks and the NY Public Library: 3-0-0-0

Committee Members Present: Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander, Michael Roberts. **Committee Members**

Absent: Bob Herrmann, Dan Cohen, Phyllis Gunther, Betty Katz, Klari Neuwelt, D. Maria Watson.

Land Use Committee
Co-Chairs: Richard Asche and Hope Cohen
October 15, 2003

1. 61 West 62nd Street (Central Park West – Broadway)

Fred Becker, attorney for New York Sports Club, presented application #69-91-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) for extension of the term of a previously granted special permit that allows operation of a 'physical culture establishment' (i.e. health club) at 61 West 62nd Street.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application #69-91-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals for extension of the term of a special permit to operate a physical culture establishment at 61 West 62nd Street (Central Park West – Broadway).*

Committee Member vote: 4-0-0-0

Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0

2. Committee priorities for the FY2005 NYC capital and expense budgets

The Committee endorsed implementation of MCB7's housing-related budget priorities for FY2004. These priorities are:

- security cameras in lobbies at Wise Towers, De Hostos Apartments, Frederick Douglass Houses, and Amsterdam Houses and Addition (capital)
- increased maintenance funding to repair and upgrade intercom systems at Wise Towers, De Hostos Apartments, Frederick Douglass Houses, and Amsterdam Houses (expense).

These are both New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) items to which the NYC Office of Management & Budget (OMB) response to MCB7 was "This project will be approved if the City receives sufficient Federal and/or State Funds." As the Committee has no way of knowing at this point whether "sufficient Federal and/or State Funds" were received, the Committee is recommending that MCB7 again submit these requests. Although NYCHA is not a mayoral agency and therefore not as clearly subject to MCB7's priority-setting process, the Committee believes the need must be communicated to the responsible public entity no matter what the funding and governance situation.

Barry Rosenberg suggested identifying a portion of the city-wide funds for housing development (i.e. mayoral initiative) to be used in Manhattan Community District 7. Identifying the appropriate portion and where it should be used is the challenge (see item #3 below). He suggested 1000 of the 60,000? city-wide should be MCB7's goal.

3. Discussion of approach to identifying opportunities for developing affordable housing

Committee discussion identified two major areas of concern:

1. identifying locations/opportunities for developing new affordable housing
2. retaining the stock of affordable housing that currently exists in the neighborhood.

Concerning point #1, Hope Cohen suggested:

- using Geographical Information System (GIS) tools to identify possible locations; ADM John Martinez could demonstrate them to the Committee
- the Committee could perform a physical survey of Manhattan Community District 7.

Richard Asche suggested having students at university planning programs to assist with such a project.

Concerning point #2, Tom Vitullo-Martin explained that significant populations have housing now, but could lose it soon because:

- the 'natural' maturation process (i.e. of rent increases) will price residents out of rent control in approximately 5 years
- the conversion of Mitchell-Lama housing into fully private cooperatives.

Steve Strauss pointed out that the steady shift from sublet to owner-occupied units is another factor in this trend. MCB7 needs to find ways (probably legislative) to prevent these losses, which would greatly worsen the already difficult housing situation.

The Committee agreed on the need to learn more about the mayoral housing initiative, funding for housing development, and zoning options. The Committee will sponsor an educational forum on the subject sometime in the next few months.

NYCHA housing is the only stable stock of affordable housing in the neighborhood, and MCB7 has been hearing that this housing has been experiencing management, maintenance, and operational problems. This housing stock needs to be supported. Richard Asche suggested that the focus of the November meeting of the Committee be to start to learn the issues related to NYCHA housing; the Committee would meet with residents of Frederick Douglass Houses, Amsterdam Houses, De Hostos Apartments, etc.

Activities after the November meeting:

- Learn how GIS can be used for these planning activities (presentation by ADM John Martinez and/or The Planning Center of the Municipal Arts Society at December meeting)
- Organize educational forum on housing development with presentations by the Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD), the Department of City Planning (DCP), and the Office of the Mayor
- Recruit student interns/partners for physical survey, etc.
- Perform physical survey of Manhattan Community District 7.

Purpose of these activities:

- legislation to assist those burdened by honest economic hardship
- support of capital programs to sustain housing that for its future will provide housing for working poor (NYCHA properties, etc.)
- efforts to create some agreed to number of new housing units for middle and low income families while tackling issues of contention
- development of supportable budgetary requests for FY2006 and beyond.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, William Meyers, Melanie Radley, Barry Rosenberg, Tom Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson.

Land Use Committee Members Absent: Janet Alvarez, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Doug Griebel, Betty Katz, Lenore Norman, Ethel Sheffer, Evelyn Tamarin.

Landmarks Committee Minutes
Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens
October 16, 2003

1. **West 70th Street and Broadway.** Application #032777 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a metal and glass newsstand at the sidewalk. The applicant was not present to discuss the application.

2. **489 and 491 Columbus Avenue** (West 84th Street). Application #041412 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a one-story rear yard addition at each building.

Gregg Rothstein, Architect presented the applications.

489 Columbus Avenue. Tenement with small yard; the application is to build a small extension in the rear yard. The extension will not be visible from the street. It touches the rear lot line and so it has come before the committee. The rest of the yards in courtyard are 5 feet higher than the yard in question, and there is a retainer wall on east side. The one-story addition will be 27 feet long by 11 ½ feet wide. Materials: concrete block, parged.

WHEREAS, the extension is not visible from the public thoroughfare, the committee approves the application as presented.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

491 Columbus Avenue. Next building to the north; only one half of the extension will abut a retainer wall. The extension will block a lot line window of the building on West 84th Street. There will be an internal ladder for egress to adjacent yard.

WHEREAS, the extension is not visible from the public thoroughfare, the committee approves the application.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

3. **105 West 72nd Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.). Application #042003 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the removal of a balcony on the 11th floor without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits. The applicant was not present to discuss the application.

4. **158 West 72nd Street, d/b/a The Triad** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue). Application #040740 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of new storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

Matt Gliddon, General Manager presented the application.

The ground floor was rented to Ony, a Japanese restaurant, and they changed the storefront without LPC permits.

The Triad occupies the second floor and wants to legalize a sign and two entry lights. Since the Triad has no street visibility, they need signage. The existing sign is large and unattractive and would be replaced with smaller signs. However, applicant did not have pictures of new signs.

Existing lights were installed without permits. Lenore Norman agreed conceptually that lights were needed, but the committee had to see the kind of lighting.

WHEREAS, the applicant did not provide drawings showing the lighting and signage, stating that Landmark West! kept them;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Landmarks Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan cannot offer a recommendation Application #040740 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the

installation of new storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits, and asks LPC to instruct the applicant to return the committee with an appropriate presentation.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public: 1-0-0-0.

5. **46 West 73rd Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.). Application #041127 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install signage and to legalize modifications to a ground floor window without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits. The applicant was not present to discuss the application.

6. **285 Amsterdam Avenue, aka 175 West 73rd Street, d/b/a Vinny's**. Application #040740 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of a new storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits. The applicant was not present to discuss the application.

7. **10 West 74th Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application #037166 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of windows without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

Paul Fitzpatrick, architect, presented the application.

The building was designated in 1977. Original windows were casements. Prior to 1977 some casements were replaced with double hung windows. Now there is a hodgepodge of windows. New owner would like a master plan to replace all with one-type of window, but application is to legalize only post 1977 windows.

Robert Frye, tenant, stated the previous landlord replaced windows as tenants left in order to raise rents. New landlord wants a master plan to replace windows so he can raise rents as well. Landlord has already begun the process without LPC permits. Irving Stern, neighbor, stated the new owner should listen to tenants.

Application will be carried over because committee needs more details before it can comment on legalizing windows that were replaced since 1977. Architect was asked to come back with a master plan for future replacements.

8. New business

1. The committee is writing a letter to be read at City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks supporting the designation of the entire site of the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine.
2. Community members have asked the Tri-Board Task Force on Columbus Circle to request a LPC hearing on the designation of 2 Columbus Circle. MCB 4 and MCB5 have declined. Ms. Norman would like to do additional research before making a decision.
3. The committee is unable to offer an opinion on schematic design for renovation of the 59th Street IRT station.

Committee Members Present: Lenore Norman, Patricia Stevens, Ulma Jones, William Meyers.

Absent: Janet Alvarez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Marlene Guy.

Health and Human Services Committee
Co-Chairs: Barbara Van Buren and David Harris
October 28, 2003

1. Panel discussion on domestic violence

P.O. Thomas Silva, Domestic Violence Officer, 20th Precinct reported:

- Reacts, but tries to be proactive
- Visits families about 2 times a month and call about 5 times a month
- Disputes tend to escalate to violence
- Last week a child in CD7 was seriously hurt and removed from his/her family
- Shared a blank Domestic Incident Report (DIR) with the committee
- Goes to school with unit
- Asks gym teachers to look for bruises is children are wearing shorts
- Only 124 officers in the 20th precinct now, but they try to do their best
- Used to be three people doing his job, now just him
- His visits get a lot of positive feedback, although occasionally people are embarrassed by them.
- Sees about 30 cases/month

Susan Xenarios, St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital's Crime Victims Unit reported:

- Program established 26 years ago initially as rape crisis program
- Trained community members as advocates in emergency rooms (ER) for rape survivors
- Asked to replicate their program
- Created basically a multi-level program
 - Screening process, every woman over 18 gets 4 questions before leaving an ER, can't leave without being asked.
 - Hired formerly battered women with stipend s to respond as "advocates"
 - Geared toward early intervention and to start a paper trail
 - Encourage victims to fill out DIR's
 - Currently training 74 people from neighborhood
 - Staff of 14 made up mostly of social workers, including legal advocate and psychologist
 - Do lots of legislative work – can't do this work effectively if you don't

Sister Mary Nerney, Steps to End Family Violence reported:

- Began by trying to get victimization recognized in court when a victim of DV is brought up on charges
- Obviously needed to do more
- First group to help was children
 - Needed therapy, not babysitting
- Started with children ages 4-14 who have witnessed abuse in the home
- Made many presentations to groups
- Developed a teen abuse program in high schools
- Developed an accountability program (mostly court-mandated) with young men

- Lawyer on staff and 3 legal interns
- Last year had city money for legal services that was eliminated this year
- Have government funding for adult services

Committee Discussion

- Presenters were asked if they could help provide CD7 statistics to show what the scope of the problem was in our district, what need was being met, and if there was any unmet need
- It was recommended that the committee contact the Mayor's office of Domestic Violence for stats
- We were told that the 20th and 24th precincts have low statistics for DV (relative to the rest of the city)
 - Unable to determine at the time if pockets of our district had higher prevalence rates than others.
- Ms. Xenarios and Sister Nerney offered to be helpful in our gathering of information

Committee Conclusions

- Committee agreed to gather information so that we could have a better understanding of need (met and unmet) in order to better inform our budget priorities in the coming year.

2. Discussion of committee priorities for the FY05 NYC Capital and Expense Budgets.

The committee made the following wording changes to our budget priorities:

- On SRO's, strike last sentence, and insert: "With the City's new policy of moving to memoranda of understanding that would involve savings, the committee recommends that the savings be used to fund an appropriate level of on-site services and the space to provide such services."
- On DFTA, Barbara Van Buren will insert the updated language after the Thursday Lincoln Square NORC meeting.
- No changes to DOHMH wording.

With two consecutive straw votes and some disagreement, the committee prioritized the three budget requests in the following order:

1. SROs
2. NORCs
3. Study of municipal pesticide application

It was noted that the Citizen's Commission on Children could provide CD7-specific data for the Youth Committee budget priorities and may be especially relevant for Head Start and day care.

3. New Business

Report on HASA meeting.

- The co-chairs reported on their meeting with HASA
 - It was noted that the new Memoranda of Understanding may not be used by the city as the Board and public members would like – namely to leverage the large

city dollars being spent to get appropriate levels services, space, and security for our neighbors.

Meeting ended at 9:30 PM.

Committee Members Present: Barbara Van Buren, David Harris, Annette Averette, Georgette Gittens, Deborah Gobble-Lewine, Phyllis Gunther, Elizabeth Starkey. **Committee Members Absent:** Jean Green-Dorsey, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis.