

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN

Full Board Meeting

December 2, 2003 7:00 PM

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

1000 Tenth Avenue

Chairperson Hope Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Minutes for the November 2003 full board meeting were approved (15-0-3-0).

Manhattan Borough President's Report

Sherrie Taft-Leonce spoke about the importance of preserving Mitchell-Lama housing.

District Manager's Report

District Manager Penny Ryan reported the following:

- Crime data are about the same year-to-date for the 20 and 24 precincts. In the past 60 days, no violent crimes have been reported in the Manhattan Valley area and 22 felony narcotics arrest have been made. The 24 Precinct made arrests in the domestic violence death of a man and stabbing of a woman on West 107th Street and in a convenience store robbery on Central Park West.
- She presented the Federation of Block and Neighborhood Associations' service award to the Manhattan #7 Sanitation Department supervisors the night before. The Department's 112 workers collect over 110,000 tons of household refuse each year; 263 tons per day. *New York Times* article reports that the mayoral administration is looking for new ideas to replace garbage export. The Board could consider garbage reduction strategies, including commercial packaging, and budget implications of the export program.
- The Department of Transportation reported that approximately 250 notices were issued to newsbox operators in response to complaints from CB7 and Councilmember Gale Brewer's office. DOT will re-inspect the boxes in 30 days and issue violations for those not in compliance.
- All clubs/cabarets in CD7 have closed. The Department of Consumer Affairs is issuing new draft regulations that eliminate cabaret regulations and establish a Nightlife License for establishments that operate after 1 AM and have more than 75 patrons and music. The Commerce Committee will review the new regulations that will apply to many locations in CD7.
- The NYC Marathon and the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade went smoothly; there was concern about the huge crowds on Thanksgiving eve for the pre-parade balloon inflation. The Board and the Columbus Avenue BID will meet with Macy's next year to plan for better clean up of the area and the closing of subway station entrances.
- The two wild turkeys in Riverside Park at 91st Street are doing well and, as yet, have not been named.
- The opening of the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in the new Time Warner Center marks the end of the need for the inter-agency/community construction task force, which she chaired for three years.

Reports by Legislators

State Senator Tom Duane:

- Incarcerated people, who are often mentally ill, are treated poorly. Advocated placement of the Department of Corrections within the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.

City Councilmember Gale Brewer:

- The web-based employment program she developed with city agencies and the developer of the Time Warner Center to encourage local hiring has been successful. 285 permanent jobs have been filled at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel. 242 additional jobs will be offered by other businesses in the building.
- Her office is focusing on affordable housing in the District.

- Her District is participating in a Federal program to improve educational standards and help local schools develop effective after-school programs.
- Thanked Tom Vitullo-Martin for his work to preserve the West Park Presbyterian Church.
- Announced up-coming efforts to establish budget priorities for the District and invited the Board to be part of this.

State Assembly Member Scott Stringer:

- New York State economy is improving; budget deficit problems continue.
- Democratic elected officials are trying to save affordable housing units, specifically Mitchell/Lama units, and have urged the Mayor to work with the Governor on affordable housing. Advocated for the creation of incentives to preserve affordable housing.

State Senator Eric Schneiderman:

- Need affordable housing in New York City and a larger share of State funds for City services, especially for schools and transportation systems (MTA).

Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Hope Cohen discussed the following issues:

- Charles Simon, a lawyer with the New York State Department of Criminal Justice, has joined CB7. Mr. Simon introduced himself by discussing his long residence on the Upper West Side.
- The Steering Committee will meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month. The Steering Committee approved the Chair's proposal to change standing committees. Sheldon Fine moved that the Full Board also ratify the proposed standing committees and Helen Rosenthal seconded the motion. The new standing committees were ratified by the Full Board (Approved 27-1-4).
- CB7 Members should review new committees and meeting times and attend all required meetings. The Membership Development Committee will develop a comprehensive program to improve Member and Board effectiveness.
- At times, there is a discrepancy between counted votes and signed votes. Board Members were reminded to sign their ballots. Roll call votes will be taken on close votes.
- CB7 had a positive meeting with the new Provost of Columbia University as part of the Board's continuing work on community-inclusive admissions for The School at Columbia.
- The April 2004 Board meeting will need to be rescheduled because of Passover. It will most likely be held on Wednesday, April 7.

Public Session

Benjamin Ryan of the *New York Observer* announced that he will be on sabbatical through the winter.

Jane Smulyan urged the Community Board to carefully review the Department of Consumer Affairs' new nightlife policy, and watch for loopholes, especially with respect to impacts on neighboring residential buildings. CB7 response: The new Commerce Committee will be reviewing the proposal once released and holding appropriate hearings.

Aaron Lowenstein of Councilmember Reed's office announced the opening of a new ball field at Amsterdam Avenue and West 102nd Street. . He discussed a meeting with Department of Transportation about dangerous intersections, poor sidewalks, and rush hour traffic. He also discussed progress on programs to reduce rats.

Susan Rosenfeld discussed sidewalk clutter, including pay phone enclosures. She urged CB7 to advocate for ULURP review of the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise.

CB7 response: This is an issue of longstanding interest to CB7, which will continue to work closely with appropriate City agencies. When opportunities for CB7 review arise, the issues will be handled by the Transportation Committee.

Altagracia Heraldo of Dominican Sunday Inc. discussed termination of Section 8, which will cause many local families to lose housing benefits. She asked CB7 to work to extend Section 8.

CB7 response: Land Use Committee Chairperson Richard Asche will investigate and take appropriate action.

Tom Vitullo-Martin reported that the Friends of West Park are working to save West Park Presbyterian Church by looking for compatible co-users of the space.

Business Session

Transportation Committee

Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig

1. Application by Greenmarket to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits to extend the season at the Tucker Square market through June 2004, and to be open Thursdays as well as Saturdays. (Approved: 33-0-3-0).

2. **2745 Broadway** (West 105th Street.) Request by Henry's Restaurant to the Art Commission to install a historic street lamp in front of 2745 Broadway. (Approved: 31-2-1-0).

Following a suggestion by Helen Rosenthal, Dan Zweig moved that the resolution be amended to make property owner responsible for the lamppost. Bobbie Katzander seconded the motion. Many questioned whether the amendment could be effectively enforced. The amendment did not pass. The original resolution was approved.

3. Application #1089923 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sajjad Zaheer to construct and operate a newsstand on the northwest corner of Broadway and West 95th Street. (Referred back to Committee).

Tim Frost, President of Princeton House Condo Board, spoke against the proposed newsstand. The Board discussed the possible impact of the impending Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise on specific newsstand approvals, and whether it would be effective to disapprove an individual newsstand for reasons such as traffic or sidewalk congestion. It was established that, for this application, neither residential nor commercial buildings were adequately notified. Resolution to approve the newsstand did not pass (Not Approved 13-17-7-0). Reverse resolution to disapprove the newsstand also did not pass (Not Approved 15-14-5-0). The item was referred back to Committee.

4. Intro 541, a Local Law to amend the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to the improper placement of stickers on privately owned property. (Approved: 33-0-1-0).

Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee

Co-Chairs: Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann

5. Central Park Conservancy final design for the reconstruction of the Heckscher playground and adjacent landscape. (Approved: 34-0-1-0)

Land Use Committee

Chair: Richard Asche

6. **2-11 West End Avenue** (West 59th-60th Street.) Applications #030214ZMM and #030215ZSM to the Department of City Planning by 2-10 West End Avenue Associates, LLC, for rezoning of the eastside of West End Avenue from West 59th to 60th Street from M1-6 to C4-7, and a special permit for an accessory parking garage. (Approved: 33-1-0-0, 32-2-2-0, 32-2-0-0)

Richard Asche explained that the resolution has three components: 1) zoning change to C4-7, 2) allowing inclusionary housing in C4-7 districts, and 3) public parking garage (150 spaces). The Board discussed the benefit of changing zoning for this particular site. The inclusionary housing bonus would result in 5 extra stories on the building and 15 units of affordable housing. There was discussion of inclusionary housing, which has long been a complicated issue for the Board. This particular development would build the inclusionary housing on-site, which the Board has consistently preferred to off-site. In addition, this text amendment would allow an inclusionary-housing bonus on only one other property in District 7 – and as that site is part of Riverside South, any such use would have to be approved by CB7 first. Richard Asche accepted a friendly amendment from Elizabeth Starkey to resolution #2 to record CB7's satisfaction that the inclusionary housing will be built on-site.

Peter Jenkins expressed concern about the potential danger of buried gas tanks. Marvin Mitzner, attorney for the applicant, explained that that a restrictive declaration between with developer and the Department for Environmental Protection was part of the application to City Planning. The agreement requires the developer to submit a scope of work, test samples, and, subsequently, plans for any mediation DEP finds necessary.

Votes were taken for each resolution component:

- Zoning Change (Approved: 33-1-0-0)
- Inclusionary Housing (Approved: 32-2-2-0) including friendly amendment to precede the existing text with "CB7 applauds the applicant for committing to build inclusionary housing on-site at 2-11 West End Avenue and"
- Garage (Approved: 32-2-0-0)

Landmarks Committee

Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Patricia Stevens

7. **56 West 66th Street, ABC Studios** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application #042706 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows. (Approved 34-0-0-0).

8. **27 West 74th Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application #0442507 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a stoop gate. (Approved 34-0-0-0).

9. **175 West 76th Street** (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue.) Application #0031735 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a chimney flue on the north façade. (Bundled with #8, Approved 34-0-0-0).

10. **329-337 West 85th Street** (West End Avenue-Riverside Drive.) Application #0042654 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install aluminum sashes within existing square-headed window frame and to paint the stone on the facades. (Bundled with #7, Approved 34-0-0-0).

11. **257 Central Park West** (West 85th-86th Street.) Application #033536 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to apply a stone veneer to the base of the building. (Bundled with #7, Approved 34-0-0-0).

12. **105 West 72nd Street** (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue.) Application #042003 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the removal of a balcony on the 11th floor without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits. (Bundled with #7, Approved 34-0-0-0).

13. **75 Central Park West** (West 67th-68th Street.) Application #042335 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of single-pane windows without Landmark Preservation Commission permits. (Bundled with #8, Approved 34-0-0-0).

14. **407 Amsterdam Avenue, dba Bar None** (West 78th - 79th Street.) Application #042496 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a new storefront infill. (Bundled with #7, Approved 34-0-0-0).

15. **410 Amsterdam Avenue, dba Bel Sguardo** (West 78th - 79th Street.) Application #040036 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a new storefront infill. (Bundled with #7, Approved 34-0-0-0).

Present: Hope Cohen, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Janet Alvarez, Richard Ashe, Annette Averette, Sheldon Fine, Deborah Gobble-Lewine, Georgette Gittens, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John Howell, Joyce Johnson, Ulma Jones, Barbara Katzander, Barbara Keleman, William Meyers, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Michael Roberts, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

Absent: Peter Bailey, Dan Cohen, Guillermo Gonzalez, Douglas Griebel, Marlene Guy, Betty Katz, Marc Landis, Barry Rosenberg, Hector Santana, Jr. Patricia Stevens

Respectfully submitted by Melanie Wymore and Bobbie Katzander.

Transportation Committee Minutes
Andrew Albert, Chairperson
December 9, 2003

1. Application by Greenmarket to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits to conduct a market on Fridays on the north side of West 97th Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues.

Presenter: Kathy Chambers – Sr. Coordinating Mgr. of Greenmarket. She is now in charge of 97th St. location. Greenmarket and 24th Pct. have reached an agreement for safe operation.

Outcome/Resolution: Resolution to approve for the coming year with agreement worked out by precinct and Greenmarket. Committee: 6-0-0-0 non-Committee 1-0-0-0

2. 40 West 69th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.). Application by 40 West 69 LLC to the Department of Transportation for a revocable consent for a fenced-in area with planters and trash receptacles.

Presenter: Tom Vail – Architect. Posting was done on 69th and 68th St. Already approved by Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Outcome/Resolution: Resolution to approve. Committee: 4-2-0-0 non-Committee: 0-1-0-0

3. 156 West 94th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.). Application by 156 West 94 LLC to the Department of Transportation for a revocable consent for a fenced-in area with planters and trash receptacles.

Presenter: Tom Vail - Architect

Discussion: Bobby Katzander observed a problem with narrow paths after the recent snowfall.

Klari Neuwelt expressed concern regarding the permanence of the proposed modification on public property intended for private use. She further expressed that if you are doing this and, in effect, permanently take public property, there should be a compelling reason to do so. The 69th St. location already works as is, keeping garbage cans in a recessed area below grade, and leaves 6ft more space for the sidewalk. There is no compelling reason to take as much of the sidewalk as proposed. Neither property, however, extends out farther than the original stoop lines.

Outcome/Resolution: Resolution to approve. Committee: 4-1-1-0 non-Committee: 0-1-0-0

4. Application #1089923 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sajjad Zaheer to construct and operate a newsstand on the northwest corner of Broadway and West 95th Street.

Presenter: Sajjad Zaheer. Letter was provided on Dec. 3 to retail establishments.

Charles Simon says that the area is too congested and has enough newsstands and will vote against. Steve Straus said that the newsstands don't pay enough and should not have use of this much public sidewalk. Eric Nelson said the argument should be with city hall, which passed the law allowing newsstands in the current fashion; he enjoys them because they make a NYC a place where you can get magazines on the street anytime.

Outcome/Resolution: Resolution to approve. Committee: 3-2-1-0 non-Committee: 0-0-1-0
(The committee did not adopt the resolution, but will present it to full board.)

5. Request for a left turn arrow for cars coming out of West 66th Street transverse onto southbound Central Park West.

Presenter: Wendy Sue Fogel of 55 CPW.

Discussion: Primary problem is westbound traffic on 66th St turning from the transverse left onto Central Park West. Hazard to pedestrians crossing CPW as cars speed to make the left turn.

Outcome/Resolution: The Committee will ask DOT to study the location.

6. Discussion of LEDs and installations on Broadway at 86th and 79th Streets.

Presenter: Jason Haber from Scott Stringers office called earlier.

86th St sign has been removed – 79th St. sign will remain for the present.

Susan Rosenfeld: Concerned about the overall impact of advertising on the West Side: subway signs, telephones, newsstands, bus shelters, etc. These advertising signs should be looked at all together, not piecemeal. She surveyed telephones in the area and found them in violation of DoITT's rules for placement regarding position and the number of enclosures on the block.

New 'walk' 'don't walk' signs are glaring at night.

Outcome/Resolution: Ask DOT about the necessity to keep the signs so bright at night. They are blinding, especially the white 'walk' signs.

7. New business:

Steve Straus – asked for a discussion of federally funded transit improvements.

Henry's at W105 and Broadway has had sidewalk café railing out for weeks without operating – it is blocking half the sidewalk. Ask them to remove the fence.

Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Eric Nelson, Charles Simon, Dan Zweig. **Committee Member Absent:** Oscar Rios. **Board Member Present:** Klari Neuwelt.

Strategy and Budget Committee
Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson
December 15, 2003

- 1) Helen Rosenthal distributed and reviewed CB7's FY05 capital and expense budget priorities and the year-long budget process schedule.
- 2) The committee decided to consider three priorities in the coming months:
 - a) Capital: 59th Street Recreation Center
 - b) Expense: After-school programs and housing/commercial SROs
 - c) Committees would be invited to submit any additional priorities.
- 3) Tuesday, January 20, 2004 committee meeting agenda (date changed because of Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday):
 - a) 59th Street Rec Center – Melanie Wymore
 - b) After-school programs: Reports from the following:
 - i) Gale Brewer's office
 - ii) Joyce Johnson, Community Development Committee
 - iii) Elizabeth Starkey – views of parent representatives
 - c) Strategies for getting budget priorities implemented - working with CD7's elected officials – David Harris
 - i) Membership on committees
 - ii) Officials' budget priorities
 - iii) Schedule of breaks in Albany and Washington when officials would be available to meet.
- 4) February committee meeting agenda:
 - a) Housing/Commercial SROs - David Harris with Barbara Van Buren, Health and Human Services Committee, and Tom Vitullo-Martin
 - i) Short-term – quality of life concerns and need for on-site services
 - ii) Long-term - conversion to permanent housing
 - iii) Decisions on how to pursue each area
 - b) Early childhood care and education – day care and head start
 - c) Report on District Needs Statement (DNS) analysis – Elizabeth Starkey
- 5) Outreach to board committees and community:
 - a) Send the DNS to constituents and post on web site
 - b) Send DNS to community leaders, identified by committee chairpersons based on their committee's purview, with requests for comments
 - c) Ask chairpersons to identify topics they want the S&B Committee to study.

Committee Members Present: Helen Rosenthal, David Harris, Elizabeth Starkey; Board Chairperson Hope Cohen; District Manager Penny Ryan. **Committee Members Absent:** Janet Alvarez, Robert Herrmann, Hector Santana, Melanie Wymore.

Steering Committee Meeting
Hope Cohen, Chairperson
December 18, 2003

Chairperson Hope Cohen called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Announcement: The next CB7 full board meeting will be at the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway (61st Street) on January 6, 2004.

1. Discussion of community notification procedures by relevant applicants (newsstands, cafes, Certificates of Appropriateness, etc.)

Action: Applicant to submit to the appropriate committee a list of locations notified (residences and businesses). The list should include the name and title of employees of businesses notified, as well as the name of the establishment.

2. Coordination / policy of issues (e.g. newsstands and street furniture franchise)

Agreement: The Board should always have a uniform approach to similar issues/ applications. In the case of newsstand applications in the context of the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise, Transportation and Parks & Preservation committees will examine all new applications jointly. In addition, the sense of the Steering Committee was to look at newsstand applications with an eye to what sites would and would not work within the Franchise (as operators of the latter will be compensated by City funds).

3. Strategy & Budget Committee report — David Harris

The committee will take a pro-active role, focusing on (researching lobbying for) 2-3 MCB7 Capital budget priorities and 2-3 MCB7 Expense budget priorities. The Committee has not selected these yet. When it does, if other Standing Committees want additional priorities included in the intensive effort, those committees need to let S&B know and work with them.

4. Borough Board report — Shelly Fine

- Request to assess the needs (equipment, physical plant, clothing) of the Fire Department companies within MCB7 within the next 6 weeks.

Action: The District Manager, Penny Ryan, will discuss needs with local battalion chiefs at the next District Cabinet Meeting.

- A “pedestrian safety grant” has been awarded to the MBPO for distribution to appropriate project(s).

Action: The District Manager will find out what the parameters of the grant are and will inform Andrew Albert, Chairperson of the Transportation Committee.

- Discussion of needs identified in The Grier Report and their relation to the Mayor's 5-Year Capital Plan.

Action: The District Manager will ask for a copy of the report and the Capital Plan.

- Report regarding the ongoing concern concerning growth of railroad freight in New York and New Jersey. The infrastructure for the "New York Connecting Railroad" is in place, but ultimately-all deliveries have to be made by truck.
- Report on City Council Resolution 191A which requires low-sulphur diesel fuel for all commercial vehicles operating south of 14th Street.
- According to the City Charter, every Community Board has the right to hire a City Planner for its staff. No indication of where the budget for such a position might be found.

Action: Shelly Fine will attend the next Borough Board meeting on January 15, 2004.

5. The Regular Roundtable (Committee Reports)

Membership Development: Recommendations by Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander

- Bring refreshments to all committee meeting for both the members and the public.
[Steering Committee disagreed with this recommendation.]
- Establish an MCB7 softball team
- Establish a "Winter Doldrums" party, an MCB7 'open house' to which Commissioners, community leaders, et al. would be invited to get together with Board Members
- Members of the Membership Development Committee will attend committee meetings during the month of January
- Guide for the entire Board membership is in preparation and will include: mentoring procedures, discussion of minute-taking, glossary of terms, meeting lateness and absenteeism, etc.

Land Use: Richard Asche

- Is in process of studying environmental impact statement (EIS) for proposed change to Zoning Resolution concerning zoning for 'community facilities'.

Commerce: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero

- Will be reexamining the question of requiring Street Fair Sponsors to contribute to other local community-based organizations (CBOs) that do not sponsor street fairs.

Health and Human Services: Barbara Van Buren

- Overview of the broad scope of work of this committee, and the areas of intended emphasis in this year of the committee's work
- Particular concern re need of organs for transplants

Parks and Preservation: Lenore Norman

Transportation: Andrew Albert

6. Committee Reports for the January MCB7 Full Board meeting, after the Chairperson's report, will be in the following order:

- Health and Human Services
- Parks and Preservation
- Transportation
- Commerce

7. Additional note / action: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero will invite Victor Gonzalez, Chair of the Neighborhood Advisory Board, to the January meeting of the Steering Committee.

Committee Members Present: Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Shelly Fine, David Harris, Bobbie Katzander, Lenore Norman, Barbara Van Buren, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

Committee Members Absent: Larry Horowitz, Joyce Johnson, Helen Rosenthal, Melanie Wymore

Non-Committee Board Members Present: Linda Alexander

Respectfully submitted by Bobbie Katzander

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF PARKS AND PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
LENORE NORMAN, CHAIRPERSON
COMMUNITY BOARD 7, MANHATTAN
DECEMBER 11, 2003**

Committee Members Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Patricia Stevens, Phyllis Gunther
Committee Members Absent: John Howell, Betty Katz, Michael Roberts.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Chairperson Lenore Norman.

**1. REVIEW OF PARKS DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS FOR ADVERTISING IN COMFORT STATIONS**

David Kovall, Project Manager for the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, explained the RFP (Issue Date: October 2003) and answered questions.

He stated that it was not too late for CB7 input, although the date for submissions of proposals had expired. Two vendors have submitted bids. The project would involve advertising in the interiors of selected comfort stations, probably in the toilet stalls and above urinals. The expected revenue would be about \$1/4 million in the first year, of which about half would go to routine maintenance of comfort stations and the rest of which would go to general city revenues. DPR is interested in a vendor that would do a pilot project with about 100 comfort stations in the first year. Revenue per station for maintenance would thus be about \$1000.

The aim would be for the program to be city-wide, with no more than 35% of the locations in Manhattan, though the placement would depend on potential revenues from the vendor. Mr. Kovall reported that the reaction from some community boards has been favorable, and that from some others, including Board 8, Manhattan, has been negative.

Committee members expressed concern about the proliferation of advertising on public property generally within our District, and also about the size, nature, location and other attributes of the proposed advertising under this RFP. They also expressed concern about the small amount of revenue that would be raised as against the principle involved, and about the precedent of permitting New York City to avoid its obligation to maintain comfort stations in the ordinary course under its regular expense budget. They also expressed concerns that the advertising panels would attract graffiti.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Community Board 7 is concerned about the proliferation of advertising on public property in our District, and frequently hears complaints from our constituents about this issue; and

WHEREAS, the proposed advertising would be intrusive and would attract graffiti; and

WHEREAS, the amount of revenue that would be raised would be insignificant in relation to the cost of regular maintenance of the comfort stations, and would be far too small to support any capital improvements of the comfort stations; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7 believes that the principle of avoiding the proliferation of advertising on public property outweighs any benefits that would be gained from this proposal, Community Board 7:

- (1) requests that DPR withdraw this proposal city-wide; and
- (2) requests that, in any event, no advertising be placed in comfort stations within Community Board 7's District, including Central and Riverside Parks; and
- (3) requests that, in any event, should a vendor be licensed under this proposal, Community Board 7 be permitted to review and veto, if it so chooses, any comfort location proposed within its District.

VOTE: Committee members: 4-0-0-0

Non-committee board members: 1-0-0-0

Public members: 1-0

2. Report On Operations At 79th Street Boat Basin

KC Sahl, Administrator of Riverside Park, delivered to Committee members a report dated December 11, 2003 on the operations at the 79th Street Marina, which is not managed by the Riverside Park administration, but is managed by DPR.

3. Application For Certificate Of Appropriateness For A Rooftop Penthouse Addition And Rear Extension Addition At 163 West 85th Street.

Dagan McCann, a representative of the owner family trust was present, along with Gabriella Oliveri, architect, and Mr. Sheffield, architectural consultant. Several neighbors, including the owner of 165 West 85th Street, were also present.

As explained, the matter was before the Committee, although it would not be visible from the street, because of an anomaly in the regulations. Several neighbors expressed concern about noise from the site and during construction, but did not comment on the design. Several Committee members commented that certain of the design elements, including the windows and the facade material, were inappropriate to the design of the original building. However, it was pointed out that the additions would not be seen from the street.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, although Community Board 7 believes that certain of the design elements of this project are inappropriate to the design of the original building, the additions will not, as presented, be visible from the street, and

WHEREAS, although several neighbors were present, none objected to the proposed design,

Community Board 7 approves the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

VOTE: Committee members: 4-0-0-0

Non-committee board members: 1-0-0-0

Public members: 1-0

4. Application For Approval Of A Newsstand At
The Southwest Corner Of Broadway and 70th Street

The applicant was not present.

The Committee also expressed concerns about what would happen with existing new newsstands when the proposed Uniform Street Furniture Franchise went into effect, involving a uniform design and dimensions for all newsstands.

RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, the applicant was not present,

Community Board 7 disapproves the application for a newsstand at the southwest corner of Broadway and 70th Street.

VOTE: Committee members: 3-010-0

Non-committee board members:1-0-0-0

Public members: 1-0

New Business

The Chair reported on the status of a potential Manhattan Valley Historic District. She reported that community members are interested but have not done much to further the idea. Ms. Norman and Dan Cohen, the former Co-Chair of CB7's Landmarks Committee, had taken photos of the area, and the idea had been proposed before.

Ms. Norman also gave an update on the status of the Shearith Israel development proposal.

The meeting was adjourned about 8:45 p.m.

Minutes by Klari Neuwelt

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
BARBARA VAN BUREN, CHAIRPERSON
MINUTES 12/16/03

Meeting was chaired by Barbara Van Buren.

The agenda was to develop priorities for the coming year. Public members Lani Sanjek, Art Springer, and Amy Horowitz contributed significantly.

1) A follow-up on the Health Department's profile of the health status of CB7. This would include asking the HD how they will follow-up on the problem areas identified by them in the district, such as smoking, diabetes, alcoholism, mental illness, HIV/AIDS, as well as inviting the health facilities primarily used by community members, such as St Luke's / Roosevelt and the Ryan Health Center to share their activities in those areas, as well as trouble spots they have identified for their patients. Discussions will be held as to how any gaps in health care can be addressed.

2) The census indicates a higher proportion of older individuals living on the Upper West Side, and the Committee would look at resources needed for this group. Although the HD didn't highlight this population, the Committee wants to look at the special geriatric services provided or needed in local health care facilities. Discussions would be held with such groups as the West Side Inter-Agency Council for the Aging, and the NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) in the area to learn the gaps in health service their participants have identified. A recent Court decision has ruled that services needed by special populations, such as the physically handicapped, or the aging, must be provided in the community, and that no one should have to move to an institution in order to receive them. The Governor has set up a Panel to address this, and the Committee will invite someone to inform us on the details, either from the panel, or the NYS Coalition for the Aging. Community groups will be invited to share their ideas on what resources are needed. One would be affordable housing, and the Committee will explore what the Land Use Committee can do to insure that development on the West Side includes affordable housing that lasts with the life of the buildings.

3) Children's health is another concern, and the Committee would want to work with the Community Development Committee on this. The West Side has not yet reached the national standards for a healthy infant birth weight or for women receiving prenatal care. The WIC Program will be invited to share their efforts to address this.

Lead poisoning is a problem on the Upper West side, and there are currently various approaches to it, - there is a study being made of its prevalence in our community;; the HD has identified it as a problem, and a recent bill was passed concerning it in the City Council. A meeting will be held to pull together what exactly is happening in CB7.

There have been rumors that the Child Health Stations in our district may be reduced. We will want to hear from the HD exactly what services are currently being provided, and what impact reductions would have.

There is concern that all children have access to adequate health care, and awareness that many families may not be able to afford health services, and yet not be able to utilize Medicaid. The Commerce Committee will be contacted to explore whether it is possible to encourage local

employers who are unable to provide inexpensive family coverage to their employees, to provide information about government programs such as Child Health Plus.

4) The Committee will also be continuing its efforts to insure that City agencies provide appropriate services for their clients whom they place in CB7 housing.

At the Committee's next meeting, January 20th, the Public Health concern of rats in our community will be addressed by the Sanitation and Health Departments.

There will also be a presentation on Organ Donation and Transplantation.

Committee Member Present: Barbara Van Buren. **Committee Members Absent:** Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Deborah Gobble-Lewine, Jean Green-Dorsey, Barbara Keleman.

Community Development Committee
Joyce S. Johnson, Chairperson
December 8, 2003

1. Discussion with Sheryl Rencher, Parent Coordinator Supervisor, NYC Department of Education, Region 10, on Parent Coordinators.

- Represents school districts 3, 5, and 6; K-12.
- The regional office provides technical assistance, keeps the parent coordinators informed on Chancellor's Regulations and parents rights.
- Principals and administrators focuses on students' performance. Parent coordinators are the community connection to the school. Parent coordinators are not expected to resolve every issue. They do the intake and seek out resolutions; let parents know that concerns are being addressed.
- Community should take ownership of the schools; the academics are just a portion of an entire picture. Youth and family development is the mission. New regulations are looking at children's health needs and family services. All must be in place for successful student. The Parent Support Center is part of the division of Family and Youth Services, and works with Safety Prevention Coordinators and Health Directors.
- Results of the reorganization may not be seen until 2004.

Shelly Fine: Connection and partnership with CB7 and parent coordinators are crucial.

Hope Cohen: Private business/organizations use public school facilities, closing out community-based organizations (CBOs).

Sheryl Rensher: Schools are open to community. Permits and fees are required. CBOs could use the spaces in coordination with the PTAs, which have hours available to them. Un-used hours carry over month to month.

Penny Ryan: Questioned how parent coordinators bring CBOs into schools.

Sheryl Rencher: CBOs usually reach out to the school about their programs. Region also has a CBO Coordinator who researches each CBO.

Sharon Parker-Frazier: Middle-school choice changing to zoned schools. There are not enough high schools on the Upper West Side.

Sheryl Rensher: New models will be created over the next few years. One of the proposals is to link schools with private corporations.

Peter Arndtsen, Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue BID, spoke about violence and safety in the middle schools.

Sheryl Rensher: They meet with local precincts and school safety. Due to cut backs they have limited resources but try to cover all the problematic locations.

2. Discussion with Joselinne Minaya, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, on youth related services.

- Legal Bound Educational Programs: series of educational workshops geared towards youth about the criminal justice system. Some of the curriculum topics are "How you can better your community," guns, domestic violence, gangs, bias and hate crimes.
- Summer Internship Program/Legal Bound Program: 30-35 slots in a six-week program for junior and high school students; receive a weekly stipend. Students are assigned to various jobs around the office. At the end of the program, students present a mock trial. Assistance is needed to publicize programs to local schools and CBOs.

Shelly Fine: recommended reaching out to the five CBOs who received money through Department of Youth and Community Development's Youth Violence Preventive Measures Program, and connecting with Region 10 to piggy back on their existing curricula to bring in new programs.

Joyce Johnson: supported the idea of writing a letter to the Region 10 schools and CBOs endorsing the DA's programs.

3. Committee discussion of mission and plans for the coming year.

- Shelly Fine: Identify the resources and create topics, sponsor community forums on issues not being addressed.
- Marlene Guy: Decimate information sheet on programs available.
- George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero: Form partnership with CBOs, schools and businesses.
- Sharon Parker-Frazier: Branch out and make the necessary connections and come up with strategies.
- Joselinne Minaya: Improve on collaboration and networking efforts.
- Narciso Cruz, Dome Project: Work directly with the young people and make them aware and to take advantage of all the available resources.
- Georgette Gittens: Make services and resources known. Functions and responsibilities should be known and understood so the committee can have hands-on approach. Would like to get the teens involved; Youth Council.
- Joyce Johnson: CB7 and CBOs should make the necessary connections to create the necessary structures to pool all the resources in the interest of the children.
- Penny Ryan: go to leadership groups.
- Hope Cohen: Get a better understanding of the needs and resources through GIS and resource directories. Community Development Committee is a hub to the agencies such as police, safety, fire and libraries.

Committee Members Present: Joyce Johnson, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Marlene Guy, Sharon Parker-Frazier. **Committee Member Absent:** Guillermo Gonzalez.

Commerce Committee Minutes
George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Chairperson
December 10, 2003

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero announced intentions to:

- reexamine at Street Fair Guidelines over the next few months, especially in context of proposed rule changes (see #2 below)
- develop more streamlined forms / paperwork.

1. Public hearing on applications for 2004 multi-block street fairs (see attached).

Discussion of in-kind contributions by street fair sponsors to other community organizations. Mr. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero pointed out that MCB7 Street Fair Guidelines do not permit in-kind contributions. Mort Berkowitz of Mort & Ray Productions responded that the requirement of 20% contributions to other community organizations is not legal, and that enforcing the rule against in-kind contributions would cause Mort & Ray Productions to explore legal remedies. Andrew Albert of the West Side Chamber of Commerce and Todd Berman of Clearview Festivals agreed that MCB7's requirement is illegal and burdensome. All urged the Committee to revisit the Guidelines.

2. Request for comments on proposed rule changes relating to street activity permits:

- a) To impose a one-year moratorium on new events. (Comments due on or before December 16, 2003.)

Mr. Berkowitz explained that the mayoral administration's position is that current operators are 'grandfathered'; there will be no additional street fairs (i.e. dates or sponsors) during this administration.

- b) To include insurance requirements. (Comments due on or before December 16, 2003.)

Mr. Berman explained that a \$1M policy can cost \$1000-\$15000, depending on the size of the fair. Discussion of potential impacts on sponsors.

Mr. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero responded that the Committee would be reexamining the Guidelines and application process, especially in the context of these new rules.

3. Committee discussion of the strategic vision for Commerce.

Mr. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero read the Committee description and mentioned:

- Helping business know their rights (and responsibilities)
- Directory of small businesses in the neighborhood

Mr. Berkowitz recommended contacting Tom Allen (*The West Sider*) about publicizing the work of the Committee.

Discussion of flexibility on time and place of meetings (i.e. get out in the community).

**Proposed 2004 Multi-block Street Fairs
December 10, 2004**

Date	Sponsor's Name	Fair Location	XStreet1	XStreet2	Producer
4/25/04	Veritas Family & Children's Services	Broadway (east side)	W. 96th Street	W. 104th Street	Mort & Ray
R. Ursu appeared for the Veritas Family & Children's Services. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
4/25/04	Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association	Broadway (east side)	W. 104th Street	W. 108th Street	Mort & Ray
B. Jannarone appeared for the Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
4/25/04	24th Precinct Community Council	Broadway (east side)	W. 108th Street	W. 110th Street	Mort & Ray
T. Burnett appeared for the 24 th Precinct Community Council. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
5/2/04	Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council	Broadway (east side)	W. 93rd Street	W. 96th Street	Mort & Ray
K. Williams appeared for the Strycker's Bay Neighborhood Council. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
5/2/04	Broadway Mall Center	Broadway (east side)	W. 86th Street	W. 93rd Street	Mort & Ray
M. Febus appeared for the Broadway Malls Center. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
5/9/04	Committee for Environmentally Sound Development	Broadway (east side)	W. 60th Street	W. 65th Street	Clearview Festival

O. Freud appeared for the Committee for Environmentally Sound Development. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
5/16/04	West Side Chamber of Commerce	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 77th Street	W. 96th Street	WSSC
A. Albert appeared for the West Side Chamber of Commerce. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 0-1-0-1					
5/30/04	Coalition for a Livable West Side	Broadway (west side)	W. 72nd Street	W. 82nd Street	Mort & Ray
B. Lewton appeared for the Coalition for a Livable West Side. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
5/30/04	Safe Haven West Side Basketball League	Broadway (west side)	W. 82nd Street	W. 86th Street	Mort & Ray
M. Berkowitz appeared on behalf of Eileen Paley of the Safe Haven West Side Basketball League. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/6/04	Westside Crime Prevention Program	Columbus Avenue	W. 86th Street	W. 91st Street	Mort & Ray
M. Cohen appeared for the Westside Crime Prevention Program. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/6/04	Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition	Columbus Avenue	W. 91st Street	W. 96th Street	Mort & Ray
M. Berkowitz appeared for the Mitchell-Lama Residents Coalition. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/13/04	West Side Federation of Neighborhood and Block Association	Broadway (east side)	W. 72nd Street	W. 82nd Street	Mort & Ray
M. Febus appeared for the West Side Federation of Neighborhood and Block Association. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/1/04	The Broadway Mall Association	Broadway (east side)	W. 82nd Street	W. 86th Street	Mort & Ray

M. Polayes appeared for the Broadway Malls Association. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/20/04	Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers	Broadway (west side)	W. 66th Street	W. 72nd Street	Mort & Ray
C. Loomanitz appeared for the Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
6/20/04	Valley Restoration, LDC	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 97th Street	W. 106th Street	Mardi Gras Festival
B. James appeared for Valley Restoration, LDC. Application is not complete (audit is missing). APPROVAL contingent on receipt of audit by April 1, 2004. Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
8/1/04	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Columbus Avenue	W. 66th Street	W. 72nd Street	Clearview Festival
S. Pindar appeared for the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center. Application is complete. APPROVAL contingent on receipt of revised application by December 12, 2003 and canceled checks by April 1, 2004. Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
9/19/04	West Side Chamber of Commerce	Columbus Avenue	W. 66th Street	W. 86th Street	WSCC
A. Albert appeared for the West Side Chamber of Commerce. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 0-1-0-1					
10/10/04	St. Matthews & St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 76th Street	W. 81st Street	Clearview Festival
C. Hatcher appeared for the St. Matthews & St. Timothy's Neighborhood Center. Application is complete. APPROVAL contingent on receipt of revised application by December 12, 2003 and canceled checks by April 1, 2004. Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
10/10/04	Concerned Citizens for Community Action	Amsterdam Avenue	W. 81st Street	W. 86th Street	Clearview Festival

G. L. Jones appeared for Concerned Citizens for Community Action. Application is complete. APPROVAL contingent on receipt of revised application by December 12, 2003 and canceled checks by April 1, 2004. Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
10/17/04	NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch	Broadway (west side)	W. 86th Street	W. 90th Street	Mort & Ray
U. Jones appeared for NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 2-0-0-1 Board: 1-1-0-0					
10/17/04	Symphony Space	Broadway (west side)	W. 90th Street	W. 96th Street	Mort & Ray
E. Budz appeared for Symphony Space. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
10/24/04	Bloomingdale Area Coalition	Broadway (west side)	W. 96th Street	W. 106th Street	Mort & Ray
E. Lopez appeared for the Bloomingdale Area Coalition. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					
10/24/04	One Stop Senior Services	Broadway (west side)	W. 106th Street	W. 110th Street	Mort & Ray
M. Ventura appeared for the One Stop Senior Services. Application is complete. APPROVAL Committee: 3-0-0-0 Board: 1-1-0-0					

Committee Members Present: G. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, D. Griebel, U. Jones
Committee Members Absent: M. Landis, W. Meyers
Board Members Present: A. Albert, H. Cohen