

May 2006 Minutes

Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairperson

May 2, 2006

School at Columbia

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were amended to reflect that Victor Gonzalez was present and were approved: 36:0:1.

Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

Mr. Fine introduced new CB members: Jeffrey Bank, John Donahue, Josh Feldman, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Anne Raphael and Jeffrey Segal.

Reports by Legislators

· Council Member Gale Brewer reported on Amsterdam Houses/NYCHA. Needs parent support. Mentioned PS 191 Peace Games, a conflict resolution program. Announced www.nycharities.org. Discussed illegal use of apartments as hotel rooms. Announced donation of paint by Beacon Paint to remove graffiti to neighborhood associations. Supports no cars in Central Park in the summer at any hour.

Public Session

· Carrie Schmitz, Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office – He submitted a letter to City Planning Commission in support of down zoning between West 96th and 110th Streets.

· Jeremy Wilson, Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office - Highlighted their newsletters, including one that is geared to seniors.

· Micah Kellner, Council Member Inez Dickens' office - Announced that the district office is open; the telephone number is (212) 678-4505.

· Dan Berger, Congressman Charles Rangel's office – The Congressman urges the Board to hear the community's concerns regarding rezoning and hopes that The School at Columbia University keeps its promise to the parents on financial aid.

· Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Dick Gottfried's office - Gave a community report.

· Michael Meade, Senator Eric Schneiderman's office – Supports the community in its demand for 8A/8B zoning. Their office is looking for interns. Call (212) 928-5578.

- David Change, Senator Tom Duane's office – The Senator and other elected officials will hold a forum with NYCHA and Amsterdam Houses and Addition on May 11, 1:00-3:00 PM, at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.
- Lisa Wager spoke at the last Board meeting about The School at Columbia's tuition policy, and gave an update. Parents conducted a survey of families who may be affected by the policy and found that the average increase is 110%.
- Maggie Reid spoke about a resolution to the tuition policy at The School at Columbia.
- William Porto addressed quality of life issues, particularly concerning bars and their patrons. He requested CB7's help with noise levels in the neighborhood. The speaker was referred to Penny Ryan and to the Transportation Committee to see if there was any way to address the café/bar issues.
- Bob Botfeld, Three Parks Democratic Club, which covers West 96th -110th Streets, the same area that is subject to rezoning. There is overwhelming community support for 8A for the Broadway Corridor and 8B for the mid-blocks.
- Tish Webster is in support of 8A-8B zoning.
- Ray Hoobler spoke in opposition to the height of developments. He was concerned that there are some areas that are not being considered for rezoning and did not want those areas to be ignored.
- Joan Levinson spoke about development in the neighborhood. She urged the Board to pass a resolution to recommend the height of the neighborhood for 8A (12 stories) and 8B.
- Robin Schatell, Riverside Park announced free cultural events for the summer. She expressed concern that high costs are pushing out new artists and supports 8A/8B to maintain the cultural character of the neighborhood.
- Sandra Serber spoke about rezoning.
- Linda Quinones-Lopez, Per Scholars, Inc, announced free computer training for low-income community residents. The speaker was referred to Penny Ryan to notify residents of their services.
- Richard Juliano, Lincoln Square Business Improvement District, supports the garage for 15 Central Park West.
- Debra Blank urged Board to limit the height of new construction. She supports 8A for Broadway.
- Marlyn Baun, Shadow Box Theatre, announced children's theatre @ Upper West Fest.
- Ann Armistead urged the Board to protect the architectural character of the neighborhood. Expressed concern about global warming.
- Gabrielle Le May supports down-zoning and is concerned about rent-regulated housing. Read template letter that urged residents to send to media outlets about the impact of zoning on housing.
- Laura Friedman spoke about The School at Columbia issue and urged the Board to hold the school to their promises. She supports down- zoning.

- Bill Crain, Westsiders for Responsible Development, spoke about rezoning and urged the Board to act.
- Diana Schneider, ROAR, supports zoning because she has been evicted due to current demolition. She also spoke about the FAA airspace redesign project. She strongly urged community to submit comments by June to the FAA.
- Susan Crawford, a School at Columbia parent/faculty member, issued an invitation to District #3's Presidents' Council for May 10th, 6:00 PM, at PS 163.
- Carmella Caridi urged the Board to take action on the rezoning. She was deeply concerned about the delays.
- Caroline Durham urged CB7 to act on the re-zoning issues.
- Cecilia Gullas, Mitchell Lama Housing, spoke about The School at Columbia and its promise to house non-profits. She was also concerned about the building heights in the neighborhood.
- Caroline Press urged CB7 to pass a resolution on or before the FB meeting in June in favor of 8A zoning for Broadway.
- Patricia Ensworth has lived in the neighborhood for 50 years and invited the community to work together in support of 8A/8B.
- Neal Hurwitz, Hurwitz and Assoc., owner of a construction company, urged action on the neighborhood zoning issues.
- Paul Sheehan spoke about reasonable zoning that is also good for developers.
- Ruth Siekevitz supported down-zoning and gave examples of other areas, such as 9th Avenue., where zoning should be established now rather than when it is too late.
- Miki Fiegel, Westsiders for Responsible Development, supports 8A/8B.
- Eve Sinaiko supports 8A/8B and urged the CB7 to represent the views of the community. The neighborhood represents diversity – mixed income, artists etc.
- David Freed, musician, commented that more housing with up-zoning does not assure affordable housing. He urged the CB7 to do the "right thing".
- David Lazarus supported 8A/8B zoning and future development on the same scale. The community does not want up-zoning. The CB7 Task Force must represent the community's point of view.
- Karen Robinson, resident of WEA between 100 and 110th Streets for 42 years, thanked the Board for addressing the zoning issues in a responsible way. She urged that landmarks in Manhattan Valley be protected.
- Susan Sattrich, Opera Owners, supports community efforts on rezoning north of 96th Street, and raised concerns regarding development on West 72nd Street.
- Peter Arndsten, Director, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue BID, addressed zoning issues and announced walking tours to be held on May 6 and May 17.
- Phyllis Gunther announced an event by Working Harbor.

- Jean Green Dorsey announced that a demonstration would be on May 6 at the corner of West 100th Street and Columbus Avenue concerning the eviction of businesses around Park West Village.

Business Session

Steering Committee, Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman

The resolution to approve modifications of CB7 By-laws related to attendance was not adopted.

Motion to return to Membership Committee passed: 39:1:0:0.

CB7 Members were asked to send proposed draft language to Membership Chair Bobbie Katzander or to Penny Ryan. Board members made the following suggestions on changes to the resolution:

- Addition of "in a twelve month period" to eight absences was accepted as a friendly amendment.
- Membership Committee should send a letter to a member to notify that member about possible removal prior to taking any action.
- Members should be given a 10-day notice before a Membership Committee meeting and a 10-day notice before a Steering Committee meeting at which an action might be voted upon.
- The initiating body for removal should be composed of the Executive Committee which is composed of the elected officers.

Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

2465/73 Broadway (West 92nd-93rd Streets.) The resolution to approve application #182-95-BZ & 183-95-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by Equinox Fitness, 2465/73 Broadway for an extension of the special permit approval for an existing physical culture establishment was adopted:

39:0:2:0.

1991 Broadway (West 67th-68th Streets.) The resolution to approve application #M 790651 (E) ZSM to the Department of City Planning by the Bel Canto Condominium to allow installation of a glass wall, plantings, and improved signage in an existing covered plaza was adopted, as amended:
33:2:6:0.

Amendment: CB7 requests that the Bel Canto Board review the placement of the planters throughout the public space.

Joint with Transportation Committee

15 Central Park West (West 61st-62nd Streets.) The resolution to approve application #060402ZSM to the Department of City Planning by 15 CPW Realty, LLC, for a special permit for a public parking garage with 162 spaces, to be located in the cellar of an as-of-right mixed-use building in the Special Lincoln Square District was adopted: 28:9:1:0.

- Motion to remove the phrase from “provided that ...accessory use only” was not adopted: 10:24:0
- Concerns were raised by CB7 Members concerning the actual amount of traffic related to the garage.
- Mr. Asche noted that under existing zoning regulations, there is no way to ensure that parking is limited to residents. The resolution is a way to approach the problem.
- Carol Lamberg and Meg Nolan of Settlement Housing and Beverly Lay of the West Side YMCA in spoke in support of the garage permit.

Parks & Preservation Committee, Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

136 West 72nd Street, 2nd floor, d/b/a Uptown Pilates (Columbus Avenue-Broadway.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of a 3-foot by 14-foot sign was adopted: 39:0:0:0.

308 West 78th Street (West End Avenue-Riverside Drive.) The resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition was adopted: 38:0:1:0.

2112 Broadway, Apple Bank (West 73rd Street.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a marquee at the residential entrance on Broadway and the signage on the West 73rd Street facade, and to disapprove the application for the canopy at the bank entrance on Broadway was adopted: 33:4:2:0.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

237 Columbus Avenue (West 71st Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA#1219794 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wine Bar Café Operating Corp. d/b/a 71 Wine Bar Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats was adopted:

35:2:1:0

2728 Broadway (West 104th-105th Streets.) The resolution to approve new application to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tokyo POP, LLC for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats was adopted: 33:2:1: 0.

1 Lincoln Plaza (West 63rd Street and Broadway.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1137714 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc., d/b/a Fiorello's for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats was adopted:

35:0:1:0.

183 Columbus Avenue (West 68th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0835735 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by V K Food Shop Inc., d/b/a Elite Café Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

241 Columbus Avenue (West 71st Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0895637 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Burrito Junction Inc., d/b/a Burrito Junction, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

320 Amsterdam Avenue (West 75th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1025224 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sutric, Inc., d/b/a Citrus, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 42 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

447 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0990613 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New Store Restaurant Corp., d/b/a E.J's Luncheonette, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 15 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

477 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0883095 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 83rd Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Hi Life Bar & Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 26 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

483 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1027927 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Good Enough to Eat Uptown, Ltd., d/b/a Good Enough to Eat, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 15 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

520 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1006183 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 520 Columbus Ave LTD., d/b/a Nonna, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

217 West 85th Street (Broadway.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0914984 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by La Cocina Mexicana, d/b/a La Cocina, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 13 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

2756 Broadway (West 105th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA# to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wild Rose Mgmt. Inc, d/b/a Meridiana Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 31 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

2330 Broadway (West 85th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0976925 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by North on Broadway LLC, d/b/a Time Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 31 tables and 62 seats was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

2745 Broadway (West 105th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1025180 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Grillo, Ltd., d/b/a Henry's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 94 seats: 36:0:0:0.

695 Amsterdam Avenue (West 93rd-94th Streets.) The resolution to approve renewal application to the Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Family Radio Dispatcher, Inc, for a For-Hire base station license was adopted: 36:0:0:0.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Lance Dashefsky, John Donahue, Josh Feldman, Victor Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, Marlene Guy, Lawrence Horowitz, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Chaumtoli Huq, Joyce S. Johnson, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Eric Nelson, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O Reyes, Oscar Rios, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Steve Strauss, Barbara Van Buren, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, Dan Zweig. Absent: Islande Dupoux, Guillermo Gonzalez, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, John Howell, Lenore Norman, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero. On Leave: Barbara Keleman.

Strategy and Budget Committee

Helen Rosenberg, Chairperson

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Budget Priorities status update of meetings with Elected Officials.

Gale Brewer: she is receptive to our priorities; follow up letter sent.

Inez Dickens: Successful meeting with Micah Kellner; follow up letter sent.

Melissa Mark-Viverito: meeting set for May 9, 9:30am at District Office

Scott Stringer: Confirmed commitment to 59th St. Rec Ctr; follow-up letter sent.

District Needs Statement update Due June 2006.

All DNS sections have been distributed to the committee chairs.

Committee assignments: Elizabeth will work with the Health Committee, Helen will work with the Youth Committee. All committee members will review the DNS on-line.

Additional sections: 96th-110th street development (Ethel Sheffer); 311 update (John Howell or Penny Ryan); Charles Simon (SWMP); Land Use (Hope Cohen).

Block Association meetings and follow-up

Phyllis will contact the 69th Street Block Association.

Helen will follow up on punch list items with Penny Ryan.

Target next Block Associations

Next meeting will precede the full board meeting on June 6 at 6pm; location to be announced.

Present: Helen Rosenthal, Phyllis Gunter. Absent: Robert Herrmann and Elizabeth Starkey.

Steering Committee

Sheldon Fine, Chairperson

Steering Committee

May 23, 2006

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

1. Manhattan Community Board 6 is requesting support for inclusion of their 197a plan, which has not been certified by DCP, in the scope of the environmental impact statement for the ConEd site. Developer is planning building that does not comply with plan and the 197a plan is not included in the scope. MCB7 will send letter to DCP in support of inclusion of the plan in scope.

2. Committee highlights:

Andrew Albert, Transportation - West 96th Street IRT Station and comments to FAA on redesign of the eastern corridor.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Business & Consumer Issues – Department of Consumer Affairs will contact Duane Reade about being more community oriented and improving shelf pricing. Bikes are on agenda for June. No news on the proposed OTB site.

Lenore Norman, Parks & Preservation – Planning process and scope of work for historic designation of Manhattan Avenue.

Helen Rosenthal, Strategy & Budget – Preparing District Needs Statement for FY08 and meeting with electeds on FY07 priorities. Mr. Albert suggested meeting with State officials.

Richard Asche, Land Use – Planning review of the Erstadt Law.

Luis Reyes, Youth & Education – follow-up on kindergarten lottery forum. Recommended looking at funds for public school library and science facilities.

3. Proposed Rezoning of West 97th-110th Streets, Central Park West to Riverside Drive.

Mr. Fine reviewed draft resolution, summary charts, maps, Task Force report, and process. He expressed appreciation to Ethel Sheffer, Task Force

Chairperson, and the task force members for their excellent work. Task Force membership included CB7 members and public members. Department of City Planning (DCP) staff assisted and gave input. Task Force has made recommendations, which Steering will consider. If approved the resolution will go to Full Board and then to DCP.

Mr. Fine reviewed the summary charts, developed by Hope Cohen that presented Task Force votes on proposed rezoning for various sections of study area. The Broadway corridor would be rezoned from R8 to R8A, with added provision for inclusionary housing bonus to R9A.

The Task Force did not make recommendations for Riverside Drive or West End Avenue.

The Land Use Committee will ask for input from DCP and discuss this at the June 21st meeting, and bring a resolution to the July full Board meeting.

The resolution for the rezoning of West 97th-110th Streets was adopted: Steering: 14-0-1-1; Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Victor Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, Chaumtoli Huq, Bobbie Katzander, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Luis O. Reyes, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Barbara Van Buren, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig. Board Members: Ethel Sheffer, D. Maria Watson. District Manager Penny Ryan. Absent: John Howell, Melanie Wymore.

Youth and Education Committee

Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons

Thursday, May 18, 7:00PM At the YMCA, 6 West 63rd Street

Agenda

1. Follow-up on the kindergarten lottery and discussion of next steps on District #3 education actions.
2. Discussion with after-school programs.
3. Updating of youth and education sections of CB7's district needs statement.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

May 16, 7:00 PM

Symphony Space

1. West 96th IRT Subway Station. Presentation by MTA on plans for renovation of the station.

A team of Lois Tandler, Adrienne Taub, and Shirley Moy of New York City Transit, Landscape Architect Kim Matthews, of Matthews & Nielsen, architect Nat Barranco, of Urbahn Associates, and Neil Lucie & Neil Porto, of Daniel Frankfurt Partners, Consultants, made a presentation on the proposed renovation of the 96th Street 1, 2, 3 station. The Broadway Mall between 95th & 96th Street would be largely taken up with a new modern head-house entrance, allowing access to both platforms, as well as handicapped elevator access. The entrances on the sides of Broadway @ 96th Street would be closed. A major renovation of the mall itself would include landscaping, new sitting areas, and a Parks Department concession, selling newspapers, coffee, etc. To accommodate the station house, the mall would be expanded slightly east & west. To maintain three moving lanes of traffic, a piece of the sidewalk on both sides of Broadway between West 95th & 96th Streets would be "shaved", narrowing them slightly. This would also necessitate the removal of 25 trees. NYC Transit would replace these trees & then some - with the addition of 173 trees throughout the area. The southern (94th St.) end of the station would also receive modernization & renovation. A major benefit of the station modernization would be the end of having to go down two levels and back up one level to reach your platform. There was a spirited discussion on the merits of the plan by over 50 community residents.

2. 2642 Broadway (West 100th-101st Streets.) Renewal application to the Taxi and Limousine Commission by Carmel Car & Limo Service for a For-Hire based license.

Avik Kabessa, partner, of Carmel appeared before the Committee. There have been no complaints since Carmel opened their Long Island City facility. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves the renewal of Carmel Car Service's license.

Comm: 6-0-0-0. Pub: 1-0-0-0

3. 53 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue) New (existing) application DCA# 1160306 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PS Café, Inc. d/b/a Columbus Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

Phuman Singh, owner, appeared for Columbus Grill. Wayne Peters, expediter, also appeared. A discussion ensued about the restaurant's cafe, and how it has been passed down from other owners and restaurants. The majority of sentiment nevertheless believed that this owner ought not be penalized for the City's failure to act. The following resolution was passed:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Columbus Grill's application to operate an enclosed cafe with 13 tables & 26 seats at 53 West 72nd Street.

COMM: 4-2-0-0. NCB: 0-1-0-0. PUB: 0-1-0-0

4. 2061 Broadway (West 71st Street.) New application DCA# 1223566 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café 71, Inc, d/b/a Café 71, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats.

Alexander Zarwi, husband of the owner, appeared. There is a new owner to this existing enclosed cafe. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Cafe 71's application for an enclosed sidewalk cafe at 2061 Broadway.

COMM: 5-1-0-0. NCB: 0-1-0-0

5. 311 Amsterdam Avenue (West 75th Street.) New application DCA#1223144 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Dynasty Broadway Inc., d/b/a Mamagoo's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 61 seats.

Rob Bookman, attorney for Mamagoo's, appeared. He stated that the restaurant would probably open in a few weeks or so, and that it would have a new name, and most likely, would be an Italian restaurant. The existing cafe and footprint would be maintained.

The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Mamagoo's application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 311 Amsterdam Avenue.

COMM: 4-2-0-0. NCB:0-1-0-0. PUB: 1-0-0-0.

6. 467 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd Street.) New application DCA#1224263 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Water Moon At NYC Inc., d/b/a Wild Ginger, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 12 seats.

This is a new application for an unenclosed cafe at 467 Columbus Avenue (82nd St). Alan Lee, co-owner appeared before the Committee. The following resolution was passed:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Wild Ginger's application to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 3 tables and 12 seats, at 467 Columbus Avenue.

COMM: 5-1-0-0. PUB: 0-0-0-0.

7. 2740 Broadway (West 105th Street.) New application DCA#1222176 (Modification of license #1073294) to the Department of Consumer Affairs by

Silver Moon Bakery Inc, d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

Michael Kelly, representative of Silver Moon, appeared, along with Georgiana, one of the owners. The additional tables and chairs requested by Silver Moon was deemed far too large for the Committee, and an effort was made to pare it back. The owner agreed, and will submit new plans showing the reduced cafe, prior to the full board meeting. The Committee will caucus prior to the full board to review the plans.

COMM: 4-1-1-0. PUB: 0-1-0-0.

8. 2751 Broadway (West 105th Street.) New application DCA#1222191 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Paulfra Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Smoke Jazz Club, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

Paul Stache, owner of Smoke, appeared before the Committee. His application for an unenclosed cafe with 15 tables and 30 seats was felt to be excessive, as part of that configuration was immediately opposite a bus stop shelter, and would obscure pedestrian flow. He agreed to cut back his request to 12 tables and 24 seats, which would not interfere with pedestrian flow. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Smoke's application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 2751 Broadway (105 St.), with 12 tables and 24 seats.

COMM: 6-0-0-0. PUB: 1-0-0-0.

9. 200 West 60th Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA#0984345 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Heledona Inc., d/b/a Olympic Flying, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats.

Vasilios Katsamos, owner, appeared for Olympic Flame. There are no changes to the existing unenclosed cafe. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves the renewal application of Olympic Flame to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 200 West 60th St. (Amsterdam Avenue) with 11 tables and 32 seats.

COMM: 5-1-0-0. PUB: 0-0-1-0.

10. 2014 Broadway (West 68th Street.) Renewal application DCA#0960823 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by HDN Corp, d/b/a La Fenice, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

David Johnson, general manager, appeared for La Fenice. There are no changes to the existing unenclosed cafe. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves the renewal of La Fenice's application for their unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 2014 Broadway (68 St.)

COMM: 5-1-0-0.

11. 244-246 Columbus Avenue (West 71st Street) New application (Change of Corp Name) DCA#1224900 (Old License# 0907221) to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Madison on Columbus Corp., d/b/a China Fun, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 seats.

Michael Kelly, representative of the owner, appeared before the Committee. He explained that renovations were ongoing, with a new door to be installed. He thought the re-opening would occur within a month or so. The Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves the application (change of corp. name) of China Fun to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 244-246 Columbus Avenue (71 St)

COMM: 4-2-0-0.

12. 433 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA#1027125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Haru Amsterdam Avenue Corp, d/b/a Haru, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats.

Bob Bookman, attorney, appeared for Haru. There were no changes to the existing unenclosed sidewalk cafe, so the Committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves Haru's renewal of their unenclosed sidewalk cafe.

COMM: 5-1-0-0.

13. Report on MCB7 response to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Airspace Redesign.

Discussion ensued about the FAA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the New York/New Jersey/Philadelphia Airspace Redesign. It was agreed that the Committee would submit written testimony by the given time limit.

14. New business: Car-Free Central Park

The Committee discussed DOT's plan to limit the use of the Park Drives during certain hours, basically only allowing southbound morning rush-hour traffic on the West Drive, and northbound evening rush hour traffic on the East Drive. The Committee felt that the communities should have been consulted, and studies on impact to Central Park West and Fifth Avenue/Madison Avenue should have been obtained, prior to the introduction of the plan. We will be writing a letter to Commissioner Weinshall with our thoughts.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman and Oscar Rios. Board Chairman Sheldon J. Fine.
Absent: Guillermo Gonzalez.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

Wednesday, May 10, 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Presentation by representative of Department of Consumer Affairs.

Issues to be addressed include:

- Minimum credit card purchase requirement by merchants.**
- Scanner errors and real-time corrective updates, self-service scanners in supermarkets and drug stores.**
- What are legal return-merchandise policies? (i.e., all sales final, exchanges only) and what are the guidelines for consumer re-stocking charges for returned merchandise?**
- What is the process for resolution of complaints? (. i.e., cancelled appointments, etc., by ConEd, Time Warner Cable, Verizon, etc.)**
- Clear and accurate shelf-pricing.**

2. Updating of business and consumer issue sections of CB7's district needs statement.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuelt, Co-Chairpersons

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1. Central Park. Restoration of the Lake, mid-Park in the vicinity of West 72nd Street.

Gary Dearborn, senior landscape architect of the Central Park Conservancy, presented, assisted by Tom Rinaldi and Jeff Stein.

This project is part of the Conservancy's third capital campaign to restore major landscapes in the park. The restoration of the lakeshore will be the first part of a five-year project to restore the Lake. This part of the project itself will be phased over several years, with parts of the shoreline closed for a few months over about five successive years for the work to be done. During that time each year, the water level will be lowered. The first time will be in July-November, 2006.

The path around the Lake will be restored (paved in asphalt) in its current location, sediment will be removed, and drainage, lighting and horticulture improved. Major Robert Moses era changes to the Lake area landscape will not be reversed.

WHEREAS, the Lake is an important original feature of the design for Central Park; and

WHEREAS, restoration of the Lake is long overdue; and

WHEREAS, the final design presented by the Central Park Conservancy for the staged restoration of the shoreline of the Lake is appropriate to its historic nature and its current usage,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the final design for the restoration of the shoreline of the Lake in Central Park.

Committee members: 6-0-0-0

2. 56 West 66th Street, ABC (CPW & Columbus Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for cooling tower replacement.

The architect for the project presented. Because of an emergency, ABC replaced the existing cooling tower before it could present to LPC the design that the Committee had previously approved. The replacement tower is 9 inches higher than the tower that it replaced, and 18 inches higher than the design previously approved by the Committee.

WHEREAS, the cooling tower replacement recently installed, though visible from the street, is reasonably unobtrusive; and

WHEREAS, the cooling tower is of a less obtrusive color than the one it replaced; and

WHEREAS, the cooling tower appears to be as appropriate to the building and to the historic district as any such apparatus placed on the rooftop is likely to be,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board, 7, Manhattan, approves the cooling tower replacement at 56 W. 65th Street, ABC.

Committee members: 6-0-0-0

3. 25 West 69th Street (CPW & Columbus Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for restoration of exterior stoop and ironwork on front doors.

WHEREAS, the proposed stoop would not be a restoration of the original, but, rather, the proposed stoop design is substantially different from that of the original stoop; and

WHEREAS, the iron railing on the proposed stoop and the iron panels in the proposed new front doors are not supported by historical examples in neighboring buildings and are overly ornate; and

WHEREAS, the iron railing on the proposed stoop and the iron panels in the proposed new front doors appear to be more related, if at all, to elements of Upper West Side row houses of a construction date a decade or more later than the construction date of this building and its neighbors; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, that the applicant might achieve its goals of safety and security by mounting a railing for the stoop inside a restored masonry exterior and by placing holes in the masonry exterior of the stoop matching other design elements of this building and its neighbors, but the applicant has declined to consider such changes to its proposed design; and

WHEREAS, the applicant declined the Committee's request to postpone its hearing with LPC in order to have time to work toward a design more acceptable to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, although Community Board 7 supports, in general, the restoration of stoops on rowhouses in its District, the proposed designs for the stoop and the iron on the doors at this location are inappropriate to the building and to its neighbors in the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, disapproves the application for the exterior stoop and ironwork doors at 25 W. 69th St.

Committee members: 3-2-2-0 NOTE: This resolution did not get a majority vote and accordingly did not carry.

4. 55 West 94th Street (CPW & Columbus Avenue). Application to Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of exterior color.

Presented by Mr. Irvin Schwartz, owner of the building. He explained that it was painted in 1967 when he first bought the building and has since painted it five or six times, last time in 2002 a steel gray color. He believes he has been singled out for a violation because there are a number of buildings painted a variety of colors. His building was painted prior to the designation of the district.

WHEREAS, the applicant painted the exterior of his rowhouse building without applying to LPC for approval of the color; and

WHEREAS, the LPC has issued a violation with regard to the paint color; and

WHEREAS, there is some substantial tradition in the mid to late 20th Century of painting the facades of rowhouses in Community Board 7, Manhattan's, District in various colors; and

WHEREAS, the color of the paint at issue, while not similar to the color of the brownstone and/or brick facade material of this and neighboring buildings, is not grossly offensive and is generally consistent with the palette employed in the neighborhood for painting similar facades; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has represented to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, that he will apply to LPC for approval prior to next painting the facade of the building; and

WHEREAS, in approving the legalization of this paint color, Community Board 7, Manhattan, does not mean to suggest that it would approve certain other colors on this or any other building; and

WHEREAS, the paint color is not strongly inappropriate to the building and the Historic District in light of historical circumstances,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the legalization of the exterior paint color on the rowhouse at 55 W. 94th Street.

Committee members: 4-2-1-0

5. 8 West 70th Street (CPW & Columbus Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of a temporary classroom unit at the vacant lot adjacent to Beit Rabban.

Presenting for Beit Rabban are Jo Sassienie, principal, and architects Odukogbe and Alyson Dunn, John Ciardullo Associates, P.C.

Ms. Sassienie pointed out that the school will be moving in 18 months or less, perhaps as soon as May 2007. There will be two classes of no more than 12 students. The air-conditioning will not be obtrusive because of the diminutive size of the trailer. Two community people expressed their dislike of the project. The fence will be upgraded. The trailer, which is 13'9" wide will be barely visible

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary classroom unit would be minimally visible from the street; and

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary wall at the front building line is considerably more attractive and appropriate to the site than the existing wooden wall; and

WHEREAS, the proposed temporary classroom would not be appropriate to the site or to the Historic District on a permanent basis, but its installation is expected to be temporary, through the end of the school year 2006-2007,

Committee members: 7-0-0-0

6. 101 West 81st Street #715 (Col. & Amsterdam). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition.

Architect Robert Anthony presented for apartment 715 first. Co-op board approved, as did the engineer. Thirty percent of the penthouse will be below the roof line. The materials will be an aged red brick and the penthouse is set

back 16 feet. Very simple fenestration, box shaped extension. According to Mr. Anthony, the extension will appear like a bulkhead. One neighbor on a lower floor in the building expressed her concern about noise and debris. The Architect promised to look into that.

WHEREAS, there are already numerous penthouses on the roof of 101 W. 81st Street; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7, Manhattan, has in the past supported a master plan for the rooftop of this building, but no such plan was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rooftop addition will be minimally visible from certain streets in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials are generally unobtrusive,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the proposed penthouse addition to Apartment 715 at 101 W. 81st Street, and urges the building to adopt a master plan for its rooftop.

Committee members: 6-1-0-0

7. 101 West 81st Street #724 (Col. & Amsterdam). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition.

Architect Arpad Baksa presented for apartment 724. The extension is not visible from West 81st and West 82nd streets, but approximately nine inches are visible from West 85th Street and Columbus Avenue. The composition is a "brownish" brick and the extension is partially "suppressed."

WHEREAS, there are already numerous penthouses on the roof of 101 W. 81st Street, and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7, Manhattan, has in the past supported a master plan for the rooftop of this building, but no such plan was adopted; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rooftop addition will be minimally visible from certain streets in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials are generally unobtrusive,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the proposed penthouse addition to Apartment 724 at 101 W. 81st Street, and urges the building to adopt a master plan for its rooftop.

Committee members: 6-1-0-0

8. 141 West 81st Street (Col. & Amsterdam). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition.

WHEREAS, the applicant did not appear as scheduled before the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, at its regularly scheduled meetings on April 17, 2006 and May 11, 2006, nor were any plans submitted to the Committee; and

WHEREAS, no excuse was presented for the applicant not appearing, nor for its failing to submit plans;

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, disapproves the proposed rear-yard extension and penthouse addition at 141 West 81st Street.

Committee members: 6-0-1-0

9. 262 West 88th Street (Col. & Amsterdam). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.

Presented by the designer, Alexander Gendell. The materials being used include copper and masonry, with an all glass rear façade. The roof addition will be minimally visible from the street because of the parapet being raised one-foot, eight-inches. The designer promised to match the current brick. The Committee thought this was a good solution to a problematic addition which ordinarily would be visible from the street.

WHEREAS, the proposed addition involves the extension upward of a brick parapet wall that will render the proposed addition invisible from any public way,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the proposed roof-top addition at 262 W. 88th Street.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0

New business: Klari Neuwelt pointed out that there seems to be a conflict between our recommendations and LPC's decision. She suggested that we become more aggressive in our approach.

Present: Committee members Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Lance Dashevsky, Phyllis Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz, and Jeffrey Siegel. Absent: Linda Alexander and Page Cowley.

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

Monday, May 8, 7:00PM

Hostelling International-New York, 891 Amsterdam Avenue (West 103rd Street.)

Agenda

1. Discussion with New York City Housing Authority on the two public housing priority issues identified by the Housing Committee: Building Maintenance and Community Services.
2. Review of status of Affordable Housing initiatives.
3. Planning update of housing section of CB7's district needs statement, which is available at www.cb7.org.

Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren, Chairperson

Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM

Agenda

1. Continued discussion of how we can insure that the resources needed by residents, as they grow older in our community, are available to them where they live now.
2. Updating of health and human services sections of CB7's district needs statement.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

The committee did not meet in May.

Environment and Public Safety Committee

John Howell, Chairperson

Wednesday, May 3, 7:00PM

Agenda

1. Presentation by Elizabeth Leath, Department of Information Technology & Telecommunications (DoITT), on latest data from the NYC 311 system.
2. Presentation by George Contreras, Director of Emergency Response, NYU Medical Center, on the Incident Command System.
3. Updating of public safety and environmental sections of CB7's district needs statement.

District Service Cabinet

Penny Ryan, District Manager

May 24, 2006 9:30-11:00 AM

1. Discussion with DOT

Problem intersections:

- WEA and 70th Street: North/South pedestrian walkway was approved for 70th Street; left-turn arrow signal is on hold awaiting report on walkway.
- Broadway and 96th Street: There are no plans to change traffic configuration for now. Traffic configurations will be drawn after MTA, DOT, 24th Pct, and CB7 discuss construction plans for the new IRT 96th Street head house.
- CPW and 81st Street: Requested "No Honking" signs have not been installed. Need update from DOT.

Street conditions

- Amsterdam and 103rd Street, ponding condition – DOT will inspect for regrading, may not need a new catch basin. DEP will look at 102 & Amsterdam - SEC for a severe ponding condition.
- WEA and 66th Street pothole (DM2006128016) Not a pothole but a depressed manhole. DOT will inspect.
- Freedom Place, 66th-70th Streets: Will "daylight" those streets.
- Speed bump on West 77th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam was removed, sanded down & community wants it back. DOT will look into why it was removed and if it can be put back.
- DOT's speed bump policy: Street must be 40 feet width maximum, vehicular volume is taken into consideration, speeding study must be made and finding must be that 85 percentile has to be over 30 mph. FDNY has some problems with speed bumps as it causes delays in getting to fires. DSNY has no problem, causes no damage to vehicles.
- Spring/Summer Milling Resurfacing Schedule: 96th Street – end of May to end of June; Amsterdam Ave 60th – 90th Street has been rescheduled to next year; 100th Street will be done this summer. At CB7's request, DOT will review 100th Street & 96th Street resurfacing plan due to ongoing and proposed construction.
- DOT approved a planning traffic study for West 57th – 86th Streets: CB7 has requested the study be extended to 96th Street. An environmental study will be done along with the traffic study; at CB7's request, DOT will look into the possibility of an air pollution study as part of the traffic study.
- Park will close to traffic 6/5. Preliminary studies are in progress to assess traffic impact on Community Boards 7, 8, and 10. DOT and CAU will find out what the parameters are to the study.
- Broken/uneven sidewalks around hydrants – DEP requested locations and will look into repair as necessary.

2. Reports on MTA reconstruction of 59th Street IRT station and 70th Street and West End Avenue. Construction will be ongoing. Station rehab will cost \$72 million and will take 3.5 years: 2 years on the surface and 1.5 underground.

3. NYPD Traffic: Bus enforcement on 72nd and 73rd Streets & CPW, especially on weekends.

20th Pct assigned a safety officer to 72 & CPW.

4. NYPD 24th Pct. Patrol – Dusk to late night basketball games in playground at PS 95 (W. 96th Street and Riverside Drive). Patrol found a few teens playing around 9 p.m.; were told to leave playground.

5. Follow up

Mayor's Office/CAU, FDNY, NYPD, DOH:

Inspections and request for second inter-agency inspection at 230 West 101st Street, Broadway\Studio Hotel.

- CB7 will meet with Agencies and representatives of SROs.

- Midtown North will inspect the Broadway. NYFD Chief issued a fire violation and was cleaned up on re-inspection. The Broadway had two search warrants resulting in two arrests.

- The 24th Pct and an interagency group will inspect the Frant. The Frant is a family shelter which does not allow guests. Residents and visitors meet outside causing noise complaints. Some drug dealing has been observed.

DOB, NYFD, DSNY - Illegal use of apartments as hotel units at 241 West 63rd Street.

New hotel uses: 240 West 73rd Street, 307 West 79th Street, 306 West 94th Street, 465 Central Park West. 237 West 107th Street, 850 West End Avenue, 207 West 87th Street.

- DOB: Illegal conversion of residential apartments into hotel and offices at 154 West 70th Street. Under investigation.

- DSNY: Awaiting enforcement report. DSNY will find out how many people have to be permanent residents before they will pick up garbage. DSNY is no longer servicing 241 West 63rd Street. No complaints in SROs.

- FDNY: 241 W 63rd Street is a priority for Battalion 9.

NYPD School Safety – DA's Office:

Businesses are holding student's cell phones for \$1 - DA's office looking into legality of this.

Conditions around Brandeis High School: School safety officers give warning to students. There has been some gang violence but not much. School Safety officers move students along as necessary.

DOHMH/DSNY:

Rat problem in tree pits at 317, 319, and 321 W. 77th Street and 304 W. 75 St – May be coming from dog run in Riverside Park. DSNY inspection – clean. Need reports from enforcement and DOHMA.

6. Agency Reports

20th Pct crime is down across the board except robberies.

- The new police deployment at Amsterdam Houses has been going well; some arrests have been made.

24th Pct – crime is down. Riverside Park, on the upper end had some robberies. Robbery arrests have increased significantly. Grand Larceny is up due to the theft of jewelry and bags left unattended in Starbucks. Xenon headlights are being stolen.

- Robberies in Douglass Houses are up; typical crimes: food delivery mugging; domestic fights; knife point robberies of ipods; no real pattern.

- Skimmer devices were discovered on ATM machines in stores and bodegas in the district. These devices steal pin numbers from unsuspecting victims.

RSP South– Planting, concerts coming. The Extell property around 59th Street will be going to the Parks and Recreation Department.

DEP – noise complaints doubled in CB7. There were 91 service requests this month. Water quality statement is due.

FDNY – fires are up 3% from last year. Automatic fire alarms are up 17% due to the construction of new buildings in the area. There was a spike in structural fires for the month.

DSNY – CB7 sidewalk and street cleanliness mid month report was 100%. 311 complaints were down for the month.

- In order to abate the rat infestation problem at several schools; DSNY, the public schools, and CB7 are discussing a schedule which will permit schools to put out garbage only after 4PM. DSNY can pick it up shortly thereafter.

Transit District #3 – crime was down. TD#3 will be part of the FDNY and NYPD Safety Booth at street fairs. They will be marking ipods, cell phones, and other electronic devices with invisible identification numbers.