

## **June 2006 Minutes**

### **Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairperson**

**June 6, 2006**

#### **Jewish Home & Hospital**

**Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM.**

**Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 28-0-1-0.**

#### **Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine**

- **West 97th –West 110th Streets Planning Task Force:** The Chairman thanked Ethel Sheffer, chairperson of the task force, who worked exceptionally hard. He expressed his deep appreciation to all of the other task force members (Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, Jean Green-Dorsey, Larry Horowitz, Chaumtoli Huq, Joyce Johnson, Gabrielle Palitz, D. Maria Watson, Dan Zweig, Bob Botfeld, Vivian Dee, Miki Fiegel, Miriam Febus). The next step will be certification by the City Planning Commission. The application will be reviewed by MCB7 in the Uniformed Land Use Review Procedure (ULUPR), followed by review by the Manhattan Borough President and Borough Board, and finally, by the City Council. The Chairman also thanked the 100 plus people for attending the meeting.
- **The next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 5th, at Fordham University, Columbus Avenue and West 60th Street.**
- **Welcomed Islande Dupoux, a new member of the Board.**

#### **Public Session**

- **Winifred Armstrong:** Bloomingdale Library, June 20th at 6pm, will open their show of the Park West Neighborhood History Exhibit.
- **Rosemary Murray:** \$19M budget cut planned for the NYP Library. Letter writing campaign is in effect to City Council Speaker Quinn and Mayor Bloomberg. Margaret Willis at the St. Agnes Branch announced a book sale for June 9 and 10th. Luis Reyes suggested that the Youth & Education Committee enfold the libraries.
- **Micah Kellner:** Council Member Dickens thanked the West 97th-110th Streets Planning Task Force for its hard work on rezoning. She supports the recommendations and will work hard to get the recommendations passed in the City Council.
- **Anne Cunningham and Vivian Riffelmacher:** Tenants are being forced out of SRO's and residential hotels as landlords are using them as hotels, which is illegal. The Task Force on Illegal Hotels is working to resolve this problem and will meet on June 15 at 413 West 46th Street.
- **Theodore Dixon:** Concerned about the Hargrave House (senior center) quality of living. Churches nearby are doing a good job of feeding the homeless, but

she described such people are an unpleasant presence in the neighborhood. He has gone to the police precinct about this. Mr. Fine directed him to Penny Ryan who will bring the problem up at the District Service Cabinet meeting.

- Don Berger: Congressman Rangel supports the work of the West 97th-110th Street Task Force and has already sent a letter of support to City Planning Commission Chairperson Amanda Burden, Deputy-Mayor Dan Doctoroff and to Mayor Bloomberg. He is also working to make sure that Pinnacle Group is not harassing their tenants.

- Jeremy Wilson: Reporting for Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal. Senior Day was a great success at the American Museum of Natural History. Town Hall meeting June 7th at the American Bible Society, co-sponsored by Manhattan Borough President Stringer. She is looking forward to the community sharing their concerns with her. Ms Rosenthal is also co-sponsoring the meeting on June 15th concerning illegal hotels

- Steve Strauss: NYC Transit is holding hearings on Bus Rapid Transit Corridor on June 8th. He suggested going to the MTA website for more info on hearing on June 8th.

### **Legislators' Reports**

City Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito: Congratulated the West 97th-110th Street Task Force on the rezoning recommendations. The "Preserve West Park North" meeting last week was successful and she is pleased with the community input on what is going on with over-development. Working with HPD to go after landlords with multiple violations and on development of community gardens, and with NYCHA to assure that they are responsive to the needs of the residents. She is joining the community in opposition to the Con Ed substation on East 96th Street.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer: He has made the City Planning Zoning Handbook available to every Manhattan Community Board member—500 of us. He is very supportive of the Task Force resolution and thanked all for the great work. He met with Amanda Burden to support the work of the Task Force and wants to use it as a model and will work to make sure that this rezoning is passed by the City Council.

### **Business Session**

#### **Steering Committee**

Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman

#### **1. Rezoning of West 97th -110th Streets - Riverside Drive to Central Park West.**

Mr. Fine read the resolution, which the Steering Committee approved on May 23: 14-0-1-0.

### **Public Speakers:**

- Peter Winn urged R8B zoning for the south side of West 106th Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive.
- Cynthia Doty and Bill Crain, Westsiders for Responsible Development; Alison Aguiars; Henna Rubin;
- Ahmad Shiraz; West 100th Street Block Association; Curtis Arluck; Miriam Febus, President, West Side Federation of Block & Neighborhood Associations and Carrie Schmitz, for Assemblymember Daniel O'Donnel, all spoke in support of the resolution.
- Miki Fiegel, President, Westsiders for Responsible Development, thanked the community and Community Board 7 for its hard work and urged everyone to sign the petition to get the Mayor's support.

#### **CB7 Board Member discussion:**

- Resolution recommends that Broadway be R8A and R9A with inclusionary housing. Work will continue with City Planning and the Department of Housing Preservation & Development on inclusionary housing. Any future developments will be brought to the full board in a process that is open to the community.
- Luis Reyes asked that the Comptroller's report "Affordable No More" and the Community Service Society report "Closing the Door" be put on [www.cb7.org](http://www.cb7.org).
- Dan Zweig proposed an amendment to change proposed zoning for the south side of West 106th Street to R8B. The amendment was adopted: 34-5-1-0.

The resolution, as amended, re: rezoning of West 97th -110th Streets, Riverside Drive to Central Park West was adopted: 42-0-0-0.

#### **Transportation Committee**

**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

2. 2642 Broadway (West 100th-101st Streets.) The resolution to approve the renewal application to the Taxi and Limousine Commission by Carmel Car & Limo Service for a For-Hire based license was adopted: 39-0-0-0.

3. 244-246 Columbus Avenue (West 71st Street) The resolution to approve 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 enclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 11 seats was returned to committee.

4. 2061 Broadway (West 71st Street.) The resolution to approve 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 unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 29 seats was adopted: 27-9-0-1.

5. 53 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve new 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 was not adopted: 17-16-4-0. A role call vote was taken, and the resolution was not adopted: 19-17-3-0.

There was discussion of the problems associated with enclosed sidewalk cafes under current regulations, including increased rents based on an enclosed café footprint, the removal of interior restaurant walls to accommodate a café, and the inability of city agencies to make a building owner remove a café structure when a restaurant leaves.

6. 311 Amsterdam Avenue (West 75th Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 32-3-1-1.

7. 467 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 32-1-2-0.

8. 2751 Broadway (West 105th Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 34-1-1-0.

9. 2740 Broadway (West 105th Street.) The resolution to disapprove 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 was adopted: 36-0-0-0.

The committee disapproved the application because new plans were not brought to the committee for a smaller number of tables and seats which had been requested by the committee.

Public Member, Alan Flacks, spoke in support of the resolution because it is a bakery not a restaurant.

10. 200 West 60th Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0984345 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by

**Heledona Inc., d/b/a Olympic Flame, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats was adopted: 35-0-1-0.**

**11. 2014 Broadway (West 68th Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 30-2-3-0.**

**12. 433 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) The resolution to approve 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 was adopted: 32-1-0-1**

#### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

**Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons**

**13. The resolution to approve the restoration of the shoreline of the Lake, mid-Park in the vicinity of 72nd Street in Central Park, was adopted: 34-0-0-0.**

**14. 56 West 66th Street, ABC (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for cooling tower replacement was adopted: 36-0-0-0.**

**15. 25 West 69th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to disapprove the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for restoration of exterior stoop and ironwork on front doors was adopted: 26-1-6-0.**

**16. 55 West 94th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of exterior color was adopted: 29-3-0-0.**

**17. 8 West 70th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of temporary classroom unit at the vacant lot adjacent to Beit Rabban was adopted: 32-1-0-0.**

**18. 101 West 81st Street Apts. 715 (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition was adopted: 33-1-0-0.**

19. 141 West 81st Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to disapprove application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard extension and penthouse addition was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

20. 262 West 88th Street (Broadway-West End Avenue.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a roof-top addition was adopted: 33-0-0-0.

21. 101 West 81st Street Apts. 724 (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a penthouse addition was adopted: 33-1-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 PM.

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

Absent: Lance Dashefsky, Josh Feldman, Guillermo Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, John Howell, Chaumtoli Huq, Melanie Radley, and Ethel Sheffer.

Steering Committee

Sheldon Fine, Chairperson

June 27, 2006

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Report on Meeting with HPD on Inclusionary Housing.

Mr. Fine gave an overview of the proposed rezoning of West 97th – West 110th Streets. The resolution adopted by the Full Board on June 6, 2006, recommended R8A for the Broadway corridor and up to R9A with inclusionary housing. Elected officials wrote to the Mayor in support of CB7's resolution.

The Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) would not agree to inclusionary housing under CB7's proposal. HPD representatives claims: the economics do not work since the increase in housing would be too

small for developers; it has difficulty in administering the Inclusionary Housing program; and it would set a bad precedent to downzone with inclusionary housing, although CB7's proposed zoning for Broadway actually increases the FAR.

At the June 21 Land Use Committee meeting, the committee adopted a resolution backing the June 6 resolution and committing to advocate for the inclusionary housing provision. This resolution was forwarded to the Steering Committee for its consideration.

#### **Resolution on HPD's Proposal on Inclusionary Housing and on Rezoning.**

With the agreement of the Land Use Committee co-chairs, some changes were made to the Land Use Committee resolution. The following amended resolution was adopted: Committee: 15-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Whereas, Community Board 7/Manhattan established a Task Force in the Fall of 2005, to work with the Department of City Planning to create appropriate contextual zoning and down zoning in the area north of West 97th Street; and

Whereas, a lengthy, collaborative and fruitful process resulted in a positive agreement with the Department of City Planning that was approved by the Task Force on May 17, 2006, and by the full membership of Community Board 7 on June 6, 2006 by a unanimous vote of 42-0-0; and

Whereas, this conclusion, which provided for a re-zoning of the Broadway corridor to 8A, with a bonus up to 9A for Inclusionary Housing, as well as a down zoning of midblocks to 8B, was presented to the community at large and elected officials, who strongly and universally endorsed the plan; and

Whereas, the Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) then did not accept the Inclusionary Housing portion of the re-zoning proposal arrived at by Community Board 7 and by the Department of City Planning;

Be it Resolved, that Community Board 7 reaffirms its original resolution of June 6, 2006 in all respects and notes with regret that the city agency charged with the development and preservation of housing in New York City has not accepted the use of Inclusionary Housing within the zoning envelope we propose; and further

Be it Resolved, that Community Board 7 urges HPD to reconsider its position so that the community will be able to incorporate Inclusionary Housing in the proposed re-zoning actions; and further

Be it Resolved, that in view of the pressing need to rezone, Community Board 7 will continue to work with the Department of City Planning toward achieving the rezoning of midblocks and other subdistricts; and further

Be It Resolved, that the rezoning study and Environmental Assessment Statement be expedited by the Department of City Planning and completed by the end of the Summer of 2006, and that this rezoning proposal be certified in the Fall of 2006 in order for the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) to commence.

The resolution will be presented to the Full Board on July 5th.

Richard Asche stressed the need to monitor City Planning's schedule and to review the scope of the proposal and EAS over the summer. He recommended providing a list of things to be included in the scoping and proposal.

#### Reports/New business.

- Charles Simon reported on the June 26th City Council hearing on the Solid Waste Management Plan. Legal challenges to Gansevoort and West 59th Street and expansion of the RPF to include rail transfer were acknowledged. It is helpful to have a CB7 resolution on the proposed plan.
- Melanie Wymore reported that Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer is providing \$1M and Council Member Gale Brewer \$1.5M for the renovation of the West 59th Street Recreation Center.
- Helen Rosenthal reported the NYC Council Speaker and the Mayor announced a budget agreement. Most committees have completed their updates for CB7's FY08 District Needs Statement.
- Victor Gonzalez reported on the Housing Committee meeting at Frederick Douglass Houses that brought various parts of NYPD and residents together for a discussion of safety issues.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, Victor Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, Bobbie Katzander, Lenore Norman, Luis O. Reyes, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Charles Simon, Barbara Van Buren, Melanie Wymore. Board Members: Dan Zweig. Absent: Andrew Albert, Alberto Cruz, John Howell, Chaumtoli Huq, Klari Neuwelt, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

#### Strategy and Budget Committee

Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson

June 6, 2006

1. Budget Priorities status update of meetings with Elected Officials.
  - a. All of the elected officials met with us and agreed to pursue our priorities.
  - b. The city's budget will be adopted by the City Council at the end of June.
  - c. Helen will review the final budget to determine the funding for our issues and District.
2. West 69th Street Block Association.
  - a. Phyllis Gunther reported that their largest problem is rats. According to Penny Ryan, this particular block is not vigilant in properly packaging its



garbage. She suggested that we pursue legislation that would require more appropriate cans (with hinged lids) to store garbage.

b. Phyllis also reported that the 69th St. BA is looking for a new President.

3. Bob Hermann will follow up with the 93rd Street Block Association.

4. District Needs Statement for FY08 due July 2006.

5. All DNS sections have been distributed to the committee chairs. Most have submitted their updates.

6. Our next meeting will precede the full board meeting on July 5 at 6pm at Fordham University.

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

Youth and Education Committee

Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons

June 15, 2006

Luis Reyes and Alberto Cruz called the meeting to order at 7:10PM

Westside Crime Prevention Program

- Marjorie Cohen Executive Director of the Westside Crime Prevention Program (WCPP) spoke about the programs offered by the WCPP.

- Westside Crime Prevention Program has been around for 26 years serving the Upper West Side.

- WCPP was started by with the support of community residents.

- WCPP most visible program is the Safe Haven program which was started to help residents with a safety location in case of an emergency.

- WCPP covers the Community Board 7 area, and the Safe Haven program extends to 125th Street. The program has just expanded to Washington Heights.

- The Safe Haven program is easily recognized by the yellow stickers located on the windows of neighborhood business.

- There are currently 350 Safe Haven locations through out the Upper West Side.

- They have also been working with State Senator Duane and City Council Speaker Quinn to introduce the program to Greenwich Village.

- As part of their programs they also train neighborhood residents to look out and deal with drug dealers.
- WCPP currently has three full time employees. The organization runs with the assistance of volunteers.
- Funding for the program comes from legislative initiatives, Bloomberg Corporation, and other businesses.
- They have also started working with the One Stop, a senior citizen organization, to develop a model of the Safe Haven program to serve senior citizens in the community.
- WCPP also holds workshops for public and private schools through out the City.
- The prevention programs are free of charge. The programs are geared towards 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. Programs can be custom made to each school.
- Anne Marie Legendy is the Safe Haven coordinator and is the person who runs the prevention workshops.
- The WCPP also has programs for Parent Associations. These programs can be presented in Spanish and English.
- WCPP has also held conflict mediation programs at neighborhood schools including Brandeis High School last year.
- The WCPP also offers supplementary educational services such as one on one tutoring.
- The tutoring is offered by volunteers provided by WCPP through Volunteers Match, an online service.
- This program is currently in place at Bread & Roses School in District 5 with 20 children currently enrolled in program.
- Mr. Reyes spoke about the SES funding citywide and what impact it has on ELL students, and are the tutors qualified to tutor.
- WCPP has also conducted programs at Martin Luther King, Jr. High School, MS 54 and the Academic and Athletic Excellence School.
- Volunteers/tutors must have an educational plan before working with students. The educational program must be approved before tutoring begins.
- The Committee also discussed the issue of cell phones in schools. The Committee wanted to know where the WCPP stands on this issue. Marjorie Cohen will bring this issue up to her board of directors.
- Mr. Reyes invited the Westside Crime Prevention Program to present in front of the Full Board at our next meeting.

- Rosemary Murray of the New York Public Library spoke about the need for funding for the public library system.

The Bloomingdale Branch, thanks to a donation from Assembly Member O'Donnell, will be replacing the furniture on the first floor. The library will remain open however the first floor will be closed until the furniture and any repairs are finished on July 5.

- The NYPL is holding their annual letter writing campaign to restore funding which has been cut by \$19.8 million.

- These cuts will affect the hours of operation for the libraries on the Upper West Side.

- The letter should be mailed out to Mayor Bloomberg and other elected officials before June 30.

- The NYPL has been encouraged to email Community Board 7 the letter writing information so that we can forward on to the Board Members and the community at large.

- The Committee also spoke about the need for libraries in public schools especially middle and high schools in our community.

- NYPL Young Librarians specialize in sending librarians to middle schools to work with students to develop research skills.

- The Committee also discussed the possibility of having a "meet and greet" with District 3 school librarians and the New York Public Library librarians.

- The reason for the event is for the Department of Education and the New York Public Library to work together in developing libraries and programs that will benefit our children.

- Rosemary suggested that we may be able to hold event like this at the St. Agnes Branch at 444 Amsterdam Avenue.

- The Committee will contact DJ Sheppard and District 3 superintendent Judi Aaronson to invite them to our next Youth and Education Committee meeting to discuss this issue.

- The Committee also discussed the low attendance of children at public libraries and how that can be improved.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20PM.

Present: Alberto Cruz., Luis Reyes, Sharon Parker Frasier. CB7 Chairman Sheldon Fine.

Community Members in attendance: Marjorie Cohen, Westside Crime Prevention Program; Rosemary Murray, New York Public Library; Susan Tucker. Absent: Islande Dupoux, Guillermo Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, David Harris.

Transportation Committee

**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

**Tuesday, June 13, 2006**

**Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee**

**Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons**

**1. West 96th St IRT Subway Station Reconstruction.**

**Presented by Neil Porto of Daniel Frankfurt Associates, and NYC Transit.  
Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioner, represented DOT.**

**Following is a list of issues discussed:**

- Why is this station being made ADA compliant? Is a main hub and transfer point and one of the stations promised to the Federal government that would be made ADA compliant.**
- Truck loading – 95th-96th Streets – there will be side street truck loading – some loading may be limited to outside of rush hour.**
- Pedestrian crossings – widening of crosswalks – shorter distances to cross. Suggestion for SW corner 96th and B'way to decrease the crossing distance further.**
- Left turn conflicts at 96th Street – Advanced left turn at same time is a problem. DOT will investigate staggering or using a lagging left turn rather than an advanced left turn for a better solution.**
- Some people feel this plan is the first time an improvement actually creates a less safe situation.**
- Bus Stops Southbound – South Corner 101 Street, South Corner 98th Street, South Corner 97th Street, South Corner 94th Street. (98th Street will be changed back to 99th Street after current building construction is finished)**
- Bus Stops Northbound – South Corner 94th Street, between 96th St and 97th Streets closer to 97th Street, North Corner 98th Street North Corner 101 Street.**
- Concerns were raised about the traffic lane moving next to the curb bet. 95th and 96th Streets. Posts or a fence were suggested. DOT maintained this has not been a problem at the 72nd Street IRT station or elsewhere.**
- Dept of Parks will direct replanting of 193 trees – questions raised as to where.**
- The committee also expressed their wish for count downs at all traffic crossing lights.**
- Matthew Roth of Transportation Alternatives advocated for traffic calming measures, striped max width crosswalks, ladder crosswalks, stop bars moved**

to a more advanced position, curb extensions, and curb ramps wide enough for 2 wheelchairs.

- Robert Herrmann, President, Broadway Malls Association, asked for compensation for money they have spent on improving the area that will be reconstructed. Would also like funding for maintenance going forward.
- Margaret Doyle – requested count down rather than flashing hands for ‘don’t walk’ warning indicator.
- Joyce Brown – lack of consideration for people in the area – repaving 96th Street, 6pm to 6am – can’t sleep – the MTA and DOT should think about pedestrians.

**Future Note:** The Transportation Committee will need to consider whether sidewalk cafes will be permitted where the busy Broadway sidewalk has been narrowed to accommodate the new head house requirements.

A resolution approving the design presented was passed by the Committee.

COMM: 9-0-2-0. NCB: 1-0-0-1. PUB: 0-2-0-0

#### **Transportation Committee**

**2. 340 Amsterdam Avenue (NW corner W.76th St) - Renewal application by 340 Brew Pub Inc. d/b/a Westside Brewing Company for 2 year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 47 seats.**

Max Battna, Gen. Mgr appeared. A resolution to approve this application was passed by the committee.

COMM: 9-0-0-0.

**3. 466 Amsterdam Avenue (W.82nd St) - Renewal application by 466 Amsterdam Avenue, LLC d/b/a Sushi Hana for 2 year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats.**

The Committee had questions concerning the application but there was no one representing the applicant to answer them. A resolution to disapprove this application was passed by the committee.

COMM: 6-0-3-0.

**4. 570 Amsterdam Avenue (W.88th St) - Modified renewal application by Rancho West Corp. d/b/a Rancho Cafe for 2 year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats. (Reduced from 20 tables, 41 seats previously).**

Carol Sevallos appeared. A resolution to approve this application was passed by the committee.

COMM: 9-0-0-0.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, John Donohue, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios. Board Chairman Sheldon J. Fine. Board Members Robert Herrmann, Lenore Norman, Steve Strauss.

Lois Tendler, Adrienne Taub, and Shirley Moy, of New York City Transit.

Public Members: Alan Flacks, Susan Tucker.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

June 14, 2006 7:00 PM

### Restaurant Bicycle Messengers

Lt. Steiger said that law requires bikers over 14 years of age to ride in the street, not the sidewalk, to follow all traffic laws and to have identification and not ride recklessly. In 2006 the 20th pct. issued 706 summonses to bikers for not obeying rules and confiscated 20 bikes for extreme recklessness. He offered copies of "A Guide to the Laws Governing Bike Riding in NYC" and said restaurant owners are responsible for teaching their delivery people to obey these laws and for registering all bikes.

Doug Griebel and Jeff Banks, both owners of restaurants with delivery by bikes, said that large turnover and low literacy of messengers make education process on-going. They have messengers wear jackets or shirts with restaurant logo and carry business cards with personal ID.

Richard Juliano offers posters titled "Working Cyclist Safety" to restaurants in the Lincoln Square BID. Posters are printed in Chinese, Spanish, and English by Transportation Alternatives, a non-profit organization. They do not have enough funding to get the posters into every restaurant, but they can make copies available at the Health Department.

David Snetman of Transportation Alternatives is working on legislation to make posters mandatory in every restaurant or business using bike messengers. It was recommended that a file be posted on the CB7 website for printing by business owners, block associations, BIDs and restaurant associations.

Neither representatives from the Asian Restaurant Association/Asian Women in Business or the Latino Restaurant Association were present, but we should continue trying to get their participation.

The BCI Committee will develop a resolution addressing the current rules on the books being enforced by businesses on restaurant bikers and also require that posters be available at the Health Department for restaurants at the Department of Consumer Affairs for messengers and other businesses. The resolution will initially support an educational campaign by restaurants to address the issues of signage on bicycles and messengers. Enforcement will be the second phase of the resolution.

**Additional Issues Re: Mr. Softee And Fresh Direct Delivery Trucks**

Both park at hydrants or no parking areas for long periods. Lt. Steiger will check this out and see whether Mr. Softee or Fresh Direct are in violation of parking and traffic laws.

Submitted by Madge Rosenberg

Present: Madge Rosenberg, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Jeffrey Bank, Lance Dashefsky, Ulma Jones, Ann Raphael. From the Community: Lt. Martin Steiger (20th Pct), Richard Juliano (Lincoln Square BID), Doug Griebel (NYS Restaurant Association), Susan Tucker, David Snetman (Transportation Alternatives at 646 873 6021) Absent: Chaumtoli Huq.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuelt, Co-Chairpersons

June 8, 2006

**1. Re: Designation of Dakota Stable Building at 348 Amsterdam Avenue (swc West 77th Street).**

Urban planner Evan Mason of Landmark West!, presented. UWS historical expert Mosette Broderick pointed out the architectural and historical significance of the stables and discussed their tradition in the context of Amsterdam Avenue. She emphasized the uniqueness of the buildings because they were the "skyscraper stables" of the area.

Resolution: Community Board 7 will request that LPC designate the Dakota Stables, New York Cab Co. and the building housing Equinox (342 Amsterdam Avenue) as New York City landmarks.

Committee members: 5-0-0-0

## **2. Re: Central Park "Ancient" Playground.**

Gary Dearbon, Central Park Conservancy, presented regarding the reconstruction of the Ancient Playground on East 85th Street off Fifth Avenue. The triangular-shaped, adventure-style playground was designed by Richard Datner in the early 1970's. Plans include the renovation of a restroom in the park (caste stone, built 1928) and the addition of a second, separate egress for non-playground users; relocation of Osborne Gates (which had been vandalized) and piers; replacement of rotting wood, reconstruction of the pyramid, the extension of a masonry transverse wall that will be lowered while providing a "strong screen," and reparation of old fencing. Sand will be replaced with safety surface, with the exception of a site-specified sand area. In addition, the pyramid will be reoriented to offer greater visibility and there will be elements placed in such a way that separates the different age groups. Construction is scheduled to begin fall 2006 and the designs viewed by the Committee are finals; the Conservancy will return only if LPC modifies plans.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the design of the Ancient Playground design.**

**Committee members: 5-0-0-0**

## **3. Re: American Museum of Natural History, Central Park West & West 79th Street. Exterior Roof of the Hall of Ocean Life.**

Timothy Allanbrook, AIA, Wiss Janneu, Elstner Associates, Inc. with Dan Slippen, AMNH, presented. A chronology of repairs, renovations and subsequent disrepair was outlined. Recommendation is for removal of the slate roof and replacement with a copper seamed roof. There is historical precedence for the use of the copper roof. Moreover, this particular roof is not visible from the street and is lower than adjacent buildings, so that it only is minimally visible from surrounding buildings. The construction will take less than a year and nothing will be closed down. It will not impact visitor access.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the design of the new roof and the replacement with copper.**

**Committee members: 5-0-0-0**

## **4. Re: 179 Columbus Avenue (West 68th Street). Application to the LPC for legalization of signage.**

Robert King, architect, representing building owner Bernie Weiser. Presentation refers to cleaning up violations received in 1999 and receiving signage permits. Signage had changed since Landmark status was had been granted. Mr. King appeared in front of the Board at LPC's suggestion for approval and "legalization." Building owner will remove the little awning just south of Thomas Drugs sign and but keep the neon signs above Thomas Drugs and the interior neon surrounds.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the legalization of the sign, the interior neon and the removal of the small awning on the south end of the property, i.e., "67 and More."**

**Committee members: 5-0-0-0**



**5. Re: 472 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Ricky's (West 82nd).**

Ian James presenting with David Schneider, owner's rep. Ricky's, a beauty supply store, has received violations from LPC because of a surfeit of signage. They propose to completely remove flag, darken the top neon signage (Ricky's) and maintain the neon logo signage. In addition, Ricky's will pull back interior neon signage away from the window, so that it is no longer LPC's jurisdiction. The store owner testified that the cast iron columns at the street wall were not covered over in the façade reservation, but the Lolly columns were covered and that is not in LPC's violations.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the legalization of the logo, the darkening of the main façade sign, removal of the flag, recessing the sign on the transom and approve the cladding of the Lolly columns.**

**Committee members: 5-0-0-0**

**6. Re: 130 West 79th Street**

Presenting are Edward Hicks and Christopher Dierig, project architects. Representing owner on the 18th/19th penthouse floor of the Austin, they are requesting approval to add a solarium. Part will be barely visible from the street. The solarium will be anchored into the parapet going down to the 18th floor.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the addition of a solarium on the western wall.**

**7. Re: 176-182 West 82nd Street, request for rooftop additions.**

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Disapproves the application because applicants were not in attendance. Committee members: 5-0-0-0 [Subsequently, applicant called and rescheduled.]**

**8. Re: 248 Central Park West. Rooftop addition.**

Elliott Rosenbloom and Raymond Pepi, BCA, return to CB& after LPC disapproved the original size of the addition. LPC approved everything else in the original plan. The architects reduced the size of the project and lowered the position of the addition. The profile of the original design remains.

**Resolution: Community Board 7 Approves the revised plans for the rooftop addition.**

**Committee members: 5-0-0-0**

**New Business**

· Phyllis Gunther recommended CB7 call Tom Renaldi to discuss re-cycling in Central Park with the Committee.

- Problems with concession in south end of Riverside Park. Klari Neuwelt to check.
- Klari Neuwelt wants to participate in writing a letter to the Department of Transportation regarding limiting traffic in Central Park.
- Lenore Norman discussed 308 West 78th Street and brought in photographs. Neighbors are complaining that the permit is not posted and that the owners are not adhering to what the Certificate of No Effect was supposed to be.
- Lenore Norman discussed a Steve Strauss memo regarding supporting additional funding for LPC. It is agreed that LPC needs the funding and it is recommended that we write the letter with Sheldon Fine. Klari Neuwelt suggested we put it on next year's Budget Priority list. Conclusion: Lenore Norman will speak to Mr. Fine and see what he thinks about the various arguments.

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

## Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

June 12, 2006 7:00 PM

## Agenda

Discussion with NYPD/PSA#6, Council Member Melissa Mark-Viverito, The Manhattan District Attorney's Office, and West Side Crime Prevention Program on safety and security issues at Frederick Douglass Houses and how we can work together to make things better.

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## Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren, Chairperson

June 20, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the committee chair.

Fifteen members of the community had come to talk about what was needed to make it possible to age in place easily. Some had already done research, others wanted to know what could be done. Some were thinking about programs in

their buildings, others were thinking of creating a community that wasn't determined by address, but by common concerns and needs..:

. Selma Arnold, former CB7 member, and Janice Hohenstein, both Lincoln Towers residents, discussed their work in starting Open Door, a NORC (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community) in Lincoln Towers. Open Door has been in operation for more than 15 years. Open Door is privately funded. It has received funding from council members, but not from City agencies. Publicly funded NORCs, of which there are 3 in CD7, require a certain number of elderly in the building and has income restrictions. A very cohesive Tenants' Association in Lincoln Towers provided a strong organizing advantage for the NORC. They obtained a UJA Federation grant to conduct a survey of needs. Lincoln Towers management provided office space in one of the buildings for 4 years, after which Open Door bought the space with a grant. They are fortunate to have an on-site office which is staffed by a full-time social worker. Their annual budget is approximately \$82,000, 75% of which is raised privately at Lincoln Towers. This money is supplemented with grants and an annual street fair. There is a 15 member advisory board (2 representatives from each building), a volunteer treasurer, officers and a Board of Directors. There are "3 doers." The agency provided 2400 units of service in 2005, including referrals for transportation, counseling and entitlements. Open Door serves a population of approximately 1000 to 1500 residents.

Cathy Unsino and others from Park West Village are in the process of discussing what, if any, kind of organization they would like to help them "age in place." Park West Village has 8 buildings, with approximately 2500 people. Following up on the April CB7 Health and Human Services meeting, they have met with Stephanie Pinder and are preparing to conduct a survey of needs.

Beatrice Francais spoke about Community Without Walls, a voluntary association of singles and couples seeking to assist one another to age in place. The concept originated in Princeton, NJ. It has developed into a nonprofit corporation, an umbrella organization for the local membership "Houses." Each group (80 to 100 members) sets its own goals and agenda. Annual dues are \$30. The members provide a network to assist others and their families in time of personal need. The group is similar to one that operates in Boston's Beacon Hill neighborhood.

The group identified two styles of programs which provided services as people aged. One is utilizing a natural community within a building or complex of buildings; the other is pulling together a community of like-minded people who would provide supports for one another, as the one in Princeton or Beacon Hill in Boston. It was agreed that no one program met everyone's needs, and the group felt it would like to discuss the different programs further.

The committee agreed to schedule another meeting in September to discuss the subject further. Meanwhile, everyone will continue to gather information.

## **July agenda:**

Joint meeting with Housing Committee to discuss health and social service agencies available to people at Frederick Douglass Houses, as part of the Housing Committee's look at the needs of that NYCHA housing complex. The question has arisen of whether Grosvenor Settlement House services could be utilized to form a NORC similar to the one Lincoln Square Neighborhood House has with Amsterdam Houses. Not enough is known at this point about services in the uptown settings to know if that is a good match. Future agenda: Joint meeting with Youth and Education Committee to discuss lack of sex/HIV/education by DOE in the public schools.

Submitted by Elizabeth Starkey

Present: Barbara Van Buren, Chair; Elizabeth Starkey. Board Member Madge Rosenberg. Absent: Islande Dupoux, David Harris, Barbara Keleman, Luis Reyes.

## **Land Use Committee**

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

June 21, 2006

The agenda for the meeting included three items listed below:

### **1. Kaufman Center, 129 West 67th Street.**

This presentation was for information only regarding an application to go before the Board of Standards & Appeals, No. 127-06-BZ for minor waivers of floor area and rear yard requirements for enlargement of the center.

Howard Zipser, representing the owner of the property, gave a brief history of the site, the sale of air rights to adjacent properties over 25 years ago and the current needs of the center. They are asking for an increase in the area of 3,200 sq. feet and use of the full lot depth for a two storey addition sandwiched between the lot line and the present auditorium. The extension rises only one level above grade. The owner of the center had contacted the adjacent properties and had reported that there was support for the proposed work. A presentation about the Center and its multiple programs was made by the Executive Director and two architects from Robert A.M. Stern Architects, the architects for the proposed rehabilitation and expansion.

Comments were generally supportive, however, no resolution could be made as there was no posting of this item on the agenda in order to allow the community the opportunity of commentary. The applicant is concerned with the

timing, and it seemed feasible to hear this project at the next land Use meeting and permit a resolution. The applicant goes before the Board of Standards and Appeals on July 25, 2006. The applicant was requested to make the presentation next time using power point as this is format is easier for the general public to see. Specific suggestions at this preliminary stage were as follows: the confirm the depth and breath of the proposed marquis; whether the illuminated sign followed the code requirements for this sign configuration in this zoning district; and a fuller explanation of the findings, particularly Finding A and Finding D. These two categories were referenced owing to the ability for findings to be interpreted differently.

2. Report on the meeting with the Department of Housing Preservation & Development (HPD) regarding Inclusionary Housing in the proposed West 97th Street – 110th Street Re-zoning.

Richard Asche, Sheldon Fine, D. Maria Watson, Jean Green-Dorsey and Ethel Sheffer gave a summary of the discussion recently held with members of the NYC Departments of City Planning and Housing Preservation & Development (HPD.) HPD's position was that it would oppose an Inclusionary Housing bonus where the underlying zoning is 8A and the bonus is 25% additional FAR to 9A. The HPD staff explained their position by asserting a) that the incentive would not be sufficient to interest developers;

b) that the program would be difficult to administer; and c) that it would set a bad precedent for zoning in Brooklyn and Queens. A lively discussion followed in which each of these reasons was discussed in detail and CB7's contrary views were expressed.

Following the report on the meeting with HPD, and a discussion among committee members, it was resolved as follows:

"Whereas Community Board 7 did create a Task Force to work with the Department of City Planning and had come to a conclusion with City Planning with regards the limitations of down zoning which was drafted and presented before the community at large and was accepted; and that this proposal for down zoning included a maximum category for development of 9A to incorporate Inclusionary Housing to be accommodated within this height; And whereas the corresponding agency having reviewed the proposed down zoning has rejected inclusionary housing; It was resolved that the City be informed that CB 7 adheres to their original resolution in all respects and notes with regret that the city agency charged with the building and maintaining of housing in New York City has rejected use of inclusionary housing within the zoning envelope we propose, and that in view of the need to rezone, we would reluctantly accept a rezoning along the Broadway corridor to 9A, and further resolve urging HPD to reconsider its view so that the community will be able to incorporate Inclusionary Housing, and that the rezoning be expedited by the Department of City Planning to complete the EAS by the end of August, and that this plan must be certified in 2006."

The resolution as outlined above was adopted:

Approved – 8 (Committee members)

Approved – 1 (Board Member)

**Opposed – 1 (Committee Member)**

**Abstain for cause – 1 (Committee member)**

### **3. The Urstadt Law.**

**This item was up for discussion as the Urstadt law is gaining momentum for its repeal across the city by the community boards. Sheldon Fine opened the discussion by reading the “Resolution on Restoration of Home Rule over New York City Rent and Eviction Laws.”**

**There were general questions about this law and its impact on communities. Brian Cook, from the Borough President’s Office, kindly answered various questions relating to the status of the law and its movement through the political offices. Based on our group discussion and information that was circulated, a resolution to support he repeal the Urstadt law was presented.**

**The resolution to repeal the Urstadt Law was adopted:**

**Approved – 10 (Committee members)**

**Approved – 1 (Board Member)**

**Opposed – 1 (Committee Member)**

**Abstain for cause – 0**

**There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.**

**Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley, Co-Chairperson, Land Use Committee.**

**Present: Land Use Committee Members Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Hope Cohen, Victor Gonzalez, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Steve Strauss, D. Maria Watson, Tom Vitullo-Martin; Board Chairman Sheldon J. Fine and Board Member Madge Rosenberg. Absent: Barbara Adler, Robert Herrmann, and Eric Nelson.**

**District Service Cabinet**

**Penny Ryan, District Manager**

**June 21, 2006**

**1. Spring/Summer Milling Resurfacing Schedule: West 100th Street on June 27. NYPD and FDNY have been alerted. Park West Village tenants will be advised prior to work. List of towed cars will be at precinct.**

**2. Ponding conditions:**

**- Riverside Drive, West 108th-110th Streets, caused by mud. DOT will inspect location.**

**- 103rd Street & Amsterdam Avenue: Driveway is too low has to be regraded by Youth Hostel or NYCHA, whoever owns driveway in order to correct ponding. If owner is NYCHA, letter must be sent to DOT for priority.**

**- SEC Amsterdam Avenue & 102 Street, no catch basin.**

**3. Basketball permits for district playgrounds and plans for summer maintenance and enforcement, especially at Bennerson Playground. No problems have been reported.**

**4. Report on gangs in the 20 and 24, and the deployment of additional officers to address. No serious problems in the 24th Pct in the last 28 days.**

**5. Septuagesimo Uno Park, 256 West 71st Street – Reports of pot smoking and alcohol consumption: Two summonses issued for possession and smoking marijuana.**

**6. Safety concerns around Park West Village, West 97th-100th Streets, Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues. Lighting is poor – CB7 will request that the new developer increase lighting temporarily.**

**7. DOH/DEP: Rats on WEA & West 102nd – 103rd Streets; tree pits at 317, 319, and 321 W. 77th Street and 304 W. 75 St – May be coming from dog run in Riverside Park. 941 & 957 Amsterdam – rats due to construction at 108 & Amsterdam. DOHMA inspected and baited all areas.**

**8. Homeless situations at SWC 72nd Street & Broadway and West 102nd Street & Broadway, near Starbucks; West 73rd Street, near Starbucks. NYPD removed person at 102nd Street; DSNY removed rubbish; Starbuck manager was advised not to feed person. Homeless person has not returned. 73rd Street – arrested 4 people two days ago for trespassing into abandoned building. HPD may board it up. Parapet is falling off, needs bridge – scaffold. DOB to look into inspection, HPD repair & scaffold. Nothing observed at SWC of 72nd St and Broadway.**

**9. Noise conditions in the backyard of Homer's, 487 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd-84th Streets); bars on Amsterdam Avenue between West 108th and 109th Streets. 20th Pct. Commanding Officer and Community Affairs officer will meet with owners.**

**10. Sidewalk cafes and street vendors. NYPD has been inspecting Broadway corridor and issuing summonses. CAU can set up a full inter-agency operation in CB7 vendor sweep. DCA requested list of problem areas.**

**11. Follow-up with district schools, DOE and DSNY on garbage, esp. West 77th Street. Principals still saying they can't leave garbage in school so they put it out on curb. CB7 to meet with DOE regarding garbage regulations.**

**12. Updates and Agency Reports:**

20th Pct: new police deployment at Amsterdam Houses – officers doing a great job, complaints

are very low; bus enforcement on West 72nd and 73rd Streets & CPW, especially on weekends, being addressed by officer.

24th Pct – Starbucks and skimmer devices; late night basketball games in playground at PS 75.

Skimmer device was a one time occurrence; no complaints of late night basketball.

DEP – noise complaints doubled in CD7; broken/uneven sidewalks around hydrants – DEP requested locations and will look into repair as necessary.

#### Problem Buildings

- 230 West 101st Street, Broadway – no violations - NYPD is heavily enforcing the area. Studio Hotel; 211 West 101st Street, the Frant. Things under investigation. Walk through with DHS, DA's office involved. Inspected by FDNY.

- Illegal use of apartments as hotel units at 241 West 63rd Street – no report. SPIT team will be out next week. 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. SPIT will be out to inspect all. NYPD Midtown Enforcement may be expanded to cover the entire City on this issue.

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

#### 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: No major incidents.

#### Problem intersections:

- WEA and 70th Street: south bound left-turn arrow signal and school crossing guard.

- CPW and 81st Street: Requested "No Honking" signs have not been installed. Need update from DOT.

#### Agency Reports –

NYPD Transit – Blue ink electronic devices identification program continuing very successfully.



**24th Pct crime down 18%, up on ipod stealing.**

**PSA 6 – 2 index crimes at Douglass Houses. Overall crime is down. 36 C summonses issued. Verticals up to 157.**

**DOT – Helping the Parks Dept. locate potential Green Streets. Speed bump on 77th Street is being addressed - West 77th Street is a bike path street and may present a problem.**

**DOB – offering training on BIS. DOB is offering Community Boards joint site inspections, limited to six locations at a time.**

**20th Pct - Crime is down significantly, 3rd lowest precinct in the City.**

**NYPD is focusing on the illegal use of fireworks. Advised public to go to annual legal events handled by professionals.**

**FDNY – fires stable. There was one fatality fire at 528 West 90th Street.**