

July 2006 Minutes

Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairperson

July 5, 2006

Fordham University

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 25-0-2.

Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

Department of Housing Preservation & Development did not agree to the inclusionary housing portion of the CB7's resolution for the rezoning of West 97th-110th Streets. Therefore, the Steering Committee affirmed unanimously the June Full Board resolution and indicated that the Board does not accept HPD's position and City Planning needs to move forward with the rezoning. CB7 will continue its discussions with HPD on affordable housing.

District Manager's Report: Penny Ryan

As part of a pilot program, NYPD has transferred officers from PSA#6, the division responsible for NYCHA developments, to the 20th Precinct. Six officers and a Lieutenant are dedicated to Amsterdam Houses & Addition. Hope this plan will be extended to Frederick Douglass Houses.

Grand Larceny is down about 50%. Starbucks in particular is working to address this issue.

Robberies are up slightly, mostly due to student-on-student thefts iPods and cell phones.

Most frequent complaint to the Department of Environmental Protection is construction noise.

Department of Sanitation "Scorecard" shows 100% cleanliness on CD7's streets and sidewalks. Rat infestation is still a problem, primarily because of inadequate garbage storage. Need better method of storage; trying to address with DSNY and the City Council.

The Manhattan Borough President Office held first meeting of Manhattan CERT teams. The emergency preparedness program "All Together Now" is launching the next phase of the program in CD7 and citywide.

Public Session

Alan Leidner, West 102nd /103rd Street Block Association and "All Together Now." Program is well-funded and moving forward. Working to get buildings and blocks in CD7 to work together to plan for emergencies.

Janelle Poe from RSVP Prejudice Reduction Program. Trying to recruit seniors to volunteer for intergenerational program.

Peter Arndtsen, Director, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue BID. Holding a walking tour of Manhattan Valley on July 9th; new exhibit at Bloomingdale Library on West 100th Street.

Eric Nelson. He and "Captain" Larry Horowitz planning annual elections vs. the community board baseball game. Indicate interest to Eric or Larry; the game will be a weekday evening in July.

Robert Gottheim and Gillian Youngblood, US Representative Jerrold Nadler's office. Available to respond to any community issues at 212-367-7350. Congressman moved forward on the following issues: additional funding for Section 8 vouchers; testimony against the proposed FAA air space design for NY and NJ; and additional funding for to work on the prevention of domestic violence.

Micah Kellner, NYC Comptroller Bill Thompson's office. Comptroller has report on the loss of Mitchell-Lama Units citywide. Supports CB7 efforts to include affordable housing in the District. Contact him with constituent problems at 212-669-2309.

Christina Harvey, Senator Eric Schneiderman's office. Offered congratulations on the West 97th Street-110th Task Force, especially to Chair Ethel Sheffer. Contact with questions or concerns at 212-928-5578.

Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Dick Gottfried's office. Testimony available regarding the Rent Guidelines Board. Tried to get legislation passed regarding Medicaid funding and mental health issues. Supports Health Fair on September 16th.

Carrie Schmitz, NY State Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office. He is sponsoring First Annual Health Day at Frederick Douglass Houses on August 26th.

Legislators' Reports

NY State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal. Session ended at 11pm on June 23rd. Five bills that she introduced, including one regarding domestic violence against pets, were passed; hopeful the Governor will sign these bills. Plans to introduce legislation to force the Rent Guidelines Board to take landlord profits into account as well as costs to the landlords. URSTADT Law must be overturned.

City Council Member Gale Brewer. New 96th Street IRT Subway Station renovation will make station accessible. DOT is conducting a traffic/transportation study between West 57th and West 86th Streets. Solid Waste Management Plan is likely to include the West 59th Street marine transfer station as well as other areas for commercial waste. Supports landmark designation of the stable buildings on West 75th and 77th Streets. Fiscal year 2007 Capital Budget outcomes: funding for American Museum of Natural History, Ballet Hispanico, Children's Museum of Manhattan, St. Agnes' Branch Library, New-York Historical Society, Riverside Park Soldiers and Sailors Plaza, Martin Luther King, Jr. High School studio equipment, West 59th Street

Rec Center, Jazz at Lincoln Center and Symphony Space. Expense side: Middle school technology program (laptops in all west side middle schools.). Will distribute all the expense and capital items that were funded.

Business Session

Steering Committee

Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman

1. The following resolution reaffirming CB7's commitment to Inclusionary Housing and to the timely rezoning of West 97th -110th Streets was adopted: 36-0-0-0.

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/Manhattan 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

BE IT FURTHER 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 FURTHER 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

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.

Transportation Committee

Joint with Parks & Preservation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

2. The following amended resolution to approve the West 96th IRT Subway Station renovation was adopted: 32-2-2-1.

WHEREAS, the 96th Street/Broadway IRT station was opened over 100 years ago; and

WHEREAS, this important station is currently the 24th busiest in the transit system, getting thousands of transfers daily; and

WHEREAS, the current proposal for the station's renovation makes the most sense and delivers better circulation throughout the station compared to other proposals; and

WHEREAS, increasing the width of the Broadway median is the only way to allow the siting of ADA elevators within the new headhouse to line up with the platforms below; and

WHEREAS, this will necessitate the changing of sidewalk widths between West 95th & West 96th Streets to be reduced from 24 feet to 15 feet, forcing the removal of 25 trees; and

WHEREAS, 2,609 feet of parkland must be alienated to allow for the headhouse, which will be made up by adding 6,720 feet of parkland on the Broadway malls, for a net gain of 4,111 feet;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves:

1. The alienation of said parkland from the Broadway Mall for the new headhouse

2. The renovation plan for the 96th Street Station as presented by NYC Transit & Daniel T. Frankfurt consultants, with the following conditions:

a. Pedestrian safety must be a top priority, including changing of traffic patterns and making the double advance left-turn at 96th & Broadway a lagging left turn, as well as other options.

b. Making crosswalks wider & more defined with striping.

c. Relocation of Broadway Mall plantings from the 95th -96th Street Mall to the West 103rd Street Mall.

d. Replacement of lost trees (25) by NYC Transit (193) and placement of these trees done in consultation with CB7 Parks & Transportation Committees.

e. D.O.T. will look at 95th Street traffic patterns, with all options open, including possible change of direction and other traffic diversions.

f. Loading zones will be monitored to see how they're working.

g. Bus stop relocations will be monitored to gauge their effectiveness.

h. Construction impacts will be monitored, with updates to be provided on a regular basis.

i. Any G.O's (general orders - train reroutes) will be discussed with Community Board 7/ Manhattan well in advance of their effective dates.

j. Proposed Parks Department concession in newly-renovated Broadway Mall will be removed from the plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan urgently requests that DOT and all responsible and involved agencies report to CB7 at frequent intervals (every two months) on design modifications, refinements and changes before the final design is completed and well before the start of construction. CB7 wishes to continue to work with all agencies so as to assure that the final design and engineering for this key project creates a balance among the needs of subway riders, pedestrians and drivers.

Committee: 9-0-2-0. Board Members: 1-0-0-1. Public Members: 0-2-0-0.

Alan Flacks: Raised concerns about funding for the Broadway Malls Association. Carrie Schmitz from Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office will follow-up.

There was discussion about the need to narrow with sidewalks and have the entrances on the mall, and

impacts on pedestrian safety.

A friendly amendment to have the MTA report back to the community on a regular basis (before each phase of the project) with details of the project's progress in order to assure the balance of pedestrian safety and traffic flow is achieved was accepted.

An amendment that CB7 reserves the right to recommend narrowing the lane widths on Broadway and expanding the sidewalk widths upon the completion of the project was not seconded.

Parks & Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

3. West 75th and 77th Streets (318, 342, and 348 Amsterdam Avenue.)

Evan Mason, Landmark West!, explained the architectural and historical significance of the buildings.

The resolution to approve the proposed designation of the Dakota Stable building and neighboring buildings that were formerly stables was adopted: 29-3-3-1.

4. Central Park. The resolution to approve the final design for the reconstruction of the playground at East 85th Street was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

5. 200 Central Park West, American Museum of Natural History. The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of roof of the Hall of Ocean Life was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

6. 179 Columbus Avenue (West 67th Street.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of signage was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

7. 472 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Ricky's (West 83rd Street.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of storefront and signage was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

8. 248 Central Park West (West 84th-85th Streets.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a roof-top addition was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

9. 130 West 79th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for removal of portion of exterior wall and installation of metal frame and greenhouse on existing portion of terrace was adopted: 32-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee

10. 340 Amsterdam Avenue (West 76th Street.) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#0917771 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 340 Brew Pub Inc., d/b/a Westside Brewing Company, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 47 seats was adopted: 29-1-0-0.

11. 466 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd Street) The resolution to approve renewal application DCA#1103575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 466 Amsterdam Avenue, LLC, d/b/a Sushi Hana, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats was adopted: 29-1-0-0.

12. 570 Amsterdam Avenue (West 88th Street.) The resolution to approve the petition to modify consent (renewal) application DCA#1068447 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Rancho West Corporation, d/b/a Rancho Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats was adopted: 30-0-0-0.

Complete texts of the above resolutions are available at www.cb7.org.

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:32 PM.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Jeffrey Bank, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, Alberto Cruz, Lance Dashefsky, John Donohue, Josh Feldman, Guillermo Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Marlene Guy, Lawrence Horowitz, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Eric Nelson, Lenore Norman, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Ríos, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Elizabeth Starkey, Steve Strauss, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig.

Absent: Islande Dupoux, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, John D. Howell, Chaumtoli Huq, Joyce S. Johnson, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Charles Simon and Barbara Van Buren.

On Leave: Jean Green-Dorsey.

Steering Committee

Sheldon Fine, Chairperson

July 25, 2006, 7PM

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

- He gave a brief report on the meeting with new Board members, which took place before Steering, and on Touro College's proposal to redevelop the West 59th Street Recreation Center site. The proposal includes a college administrative building with a new indoor pool and rec center at the base.**
- He is following up with the Department of City Planning on the final proposal for the rezoning from West 97th-100th Streets and the schedule of the EAS and Fall certification.**
- He announced the nomination of Board officers for 2006-07 will take place at the September full board meeting, followed by elections in October. Dan Zweig will serve as chairperson of the Elections Committee.**

The Steering Committee then acted on behalf of the Full Board, since the Board does not meet in August, and considered the following resolutions.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Chairpersons

1. 286 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) The resolution to approve new application DCA# 1231072 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wine and Roses Bar and Cafes, LLC, d/b/a Wine & Roses, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

2. 413 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) The resolution to approve the Assignment of Consent application DCA# 1227844 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Emilio's Italian Eatery, Inc., d/b/a Ristoranti La Grolla, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

3. Disposition of Tenant Interim Lease Program buildings. The resolution to approve applications to the City Council by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, under the Tenant Interim Lease Program, for the disposition of each of the following properties to the building's Housing Development Fund Corporation, composed of residents who will own their apartments at 983 Amsterdam Avenue, West 108th-109th Streets; 51 West 106th Street, Manhattan-Columbus Avenues; and 135 West 89th Street, Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues was adopted: 11-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

4. 160 Columbus Avenue (West 67th Street.) The resolution to approve application #17-93-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by MP Sports Club Upper Westside LLC, on behalf of Reebok-Sports Club/NY, Ltd., to reopen and amend the original BSA resolution, and to extend it for 10 years was adopted: 11-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

5. 129 West 67th Street (Broadway-Amsterdam Avenue.) The resolution to approve application #127-06-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by the Kaufman Center for a minor waiver of floor area and rear yard requirements to allow the proposed enlargement of the center was adopted: 11-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Parks & Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

6. The resolution to approve final phase of the restoration of Bethesda Fountain, Central Park was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

7. The resolution to approve Conservation of Imagine Mosaic and modification to adjacent pavement, Central Park, was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

8. 199 Columbus Avenue, dba SawickiTarella Architecture + Design, PC (West 69th Street.) The resolution to approve application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of blade sign was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

9. 325 West End Avenue, Apt# 2D (West 75th-76th Streets.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of two broken stained glass windows with new aluminum windows was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

10. 37 Riverside Drive (West 75th-76th Streets.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for modification of one of the two existing penthouses and creation of penthouse addition in courtyard was adopted: 8-1-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

11. 225 West 86th Street, The Belnord (Amsterdam Avenue-Broadway.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement entrance gates at the two arches and replacement of taxi/doorman kiosk was adopted: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

12. 38 West 83rd Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a roof-top addition, rear yard addition, installation of a stoop and fence at the front

facade and installation of new front doors was adopted: 9-0-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

13. 100 West 74th Street (Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for roof-top addition was adopted: 9-1-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

14. 153 West 78th street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) The resolution to approve Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear-yard addition was adopted: 9-0-1-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

15. Urstadt Law. The resolution to approve restoration of home rule over NYC rent and evictions laws was adopted: 9-0-2-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

Mr. Fine stated a similar resolution was considered by the Borough Board. The New York State Senate is opposed to home rule.

16. Department of Homeless Services placement of homeless adult families at 315 West 94th Street.

Mr. Fine reported on the proposed placement of homeless families at the Mount Royal, a commercial SRO hotel at 315 West 94th Street and the July 25 meeting with the Department of Homeless Services, West Side social services providers, and elected officials at which he presented the Board's concerns about the use of this hotel. The following resolution was adopted unanimously: 10-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

WHEREAS, the Department of Homeless Services (DHS) informed Community Board 7 on July 21st of its intentions to open on July 24th a temporary shelter for 135 homeless adult families without children (270 individuals) at "the Mount Royal", a single-room-occupancy hotel at 315 West 94th Street; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7 and elected officials shared their concerns with DHS about the use of this building as a temporary shelter, including, but not limited to: the lack of planning and community consultation; the inadequacy of proposed on-site social services, community space, bathrooms and kitchens; the absence of consideration and planning for the needs of the 60 permanent residents of the hotel; the cost to City of \$2900/month/family; the building's history of non-compliance with the certificate of occupancy and questions about the legality of using "Class A" units for temporary housing; and

WHEREAS, DHS decided on July 25th to proceed with placement of families in 315 West 94th Street before community concerns could be addressed and resolved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that DHS's poorly conceived plan to place 135 homeless adult families (270 homeless adults) in the Mount Royal at 315 West 94th Street does not serve the needs of the homeless adult families, the permanent residents of the hotel or the community, and further destroys the SRO stock of permanent, affordable housing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 continues to support permanent housing for homeless families and individuals in its community and calls upon the Department of Homeless Services to cease its placement of

homeless adult families in 315 West 94th Street, and to begin a more effective planning process to find an appropriate solution to the current homeless crises.

Resolutions adopted by the Steering Committee will be ratified at the Full Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 5, beginning at 7 PM, at the American Bible Society, 1865 Broadway at West 61st Street.

Present: Sheldon Fine,

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

Strategy and Budget Committee

Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson

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District Needs Statement

Helen will e-mail a draft of the most recent DNS to the committee members for their comments.

The DNS should include something about the Naumberg Bandshell.

Coordinate DNS with Budget Priorities.

Helen will update our spreadsheet highlighting this information for the committee and the Board. This will help with the Board's discussions in the Fall about next year's budget priorities.

Helen will identify which budget priorities were funded in the City's budget, adopted by the City Council in July 2006.

New Block Association on 86th Street.

The Committee suggested it play a coordinating role in starting this block association. Helen will follow up with Miriam Febus.

Our next meeting will precede the Full Board meeting on September 5, 2006 at 6pm at The American Bible Society

Present: Helen Rosenthal, Phyllis Gunter and Elizabeth Starkey. Also Alberto Cruz, Youth Committee. Absent: Robert Herrmann

Youth and Education Committee

Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons

July 20, 2006

Meeting called to order by Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz at 7:10 PM.

Introduction of committee members to community members in attendance.

Central Park Conservancy

The conservancy has 843 acres of park for programming in central park.

Some of the programs offered by the CP Conservancy are; Storytelling, Park tours, Leadership programs for High school students and other children's programming. For information on the High School Youth Leadership program contact Vanessa Francisco at 212.360.1439. These youth are also recruited to work through out the park for up to 30 hours a week at \$7.50 an hour to lead groups and other jobs in the park.

The Children's Glade – multicultural events take place at 104th Street and Central Park West.

Programming for children ages 5 –12 years old is free.

On September 9th Native American Stories will be on Taíno history. Stories will be told by Bobby Gonzalez. African American film festival will take place on August 2 and August 3 in Central Park.

Flyers will be distributed to community based organizations in the community

Programming coming up this fall includes "the History of Seneca Village" for grades 2 – 12 Tuesdays 10am – 11:30am. The fee for the winter programs will be \$50 for a 90 minute program. Other events include Fishing at the Dana Discovery Center's Harlem Meer at 110th Street and 5th Avenue. This program is free to the public with valid identification. Sports programming is also offered at the North Meadow Recreation Center at 97th Street and Central Park West.

Luis suggested that basic program information be translated into Spanish. The Central Park Conservancy also has bilingual staff members at each site to be of assistance.

Walking tours are also available year round. Evening tours are also offered in the summer months.

The Sandbox stories and Sandbox music, now in its 11th season, runs from July 3 to August 11. For more information on this and other Central Park Conservancy events and programs, check their website at centralparknyc.org

District 3 and School Issues

Open School Yards After School: City Council Member Gale Brewer has raised the issue of public access to the public school yards at a recent press conference. There are issues related to the availability of recreational programming, security, maintenance of the school yards, and costs associated with any after-school use. Tyler Smith, from Gale Brewer's office, was unable to attend as planned, to provide background information. Committee members raised a number of questions concerning the reasons for some school yards not being open, which ones, what programming is being provided and where. Also of concern were issues of insurance, safety and a history of drug use or sale in some areas. In the absence of specific information, the Committee decided to defer any action, such as a resolution, until September, in the hopes of obtaining needed information from Region 10 officials or Ms. Brewer's office.

New Business

Grosvenor Neighborhood House, 176 West 105th Street at Amsterdam Avenue, in partnership with the West Side YMCA, is opening a free, full-day Pre-K program from 9 AM to 3 PM. They are also offering extended day program from 8 AM to 6 PM.

GNH is also offering a Tender Care program, modeled after the YMCA's program, for 2.5 to 4-year olds

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Present: Alberto Cruz, Luis Reyes, Islande Dupoux, Marlene Guy, Guillermo Gonzalez, Benjamin Howard-Cooper and Sharon Parker-Frasier. Absent: David Harris.

Community Members in attendance: Susan Boudreau, Anna Colletti, Terri Carta, Jeremy Wilson, Assembly member Rosenthal's office.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

July 11, 2006

The Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Chairs Andrew Albert & Dan Zweig.

286 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) New application DCA# 1231072 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wine and Roses Bar and Cafes, LLC, d/b/a Wine & Roses, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

The soon-to-be-open Bar/Restaurant Wine & Roses, at 286 Columbus Avenue, appeared with several representatives. They applied for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe, with 7 tables and 14 seats. Inside are approximately 25 seats. Chairman Albert explained that CB#7 has a history of allowing a restaurant to operate for several months before granting any sidewalk cafe licenses. When asked how long the wait would be, he explained that it depends where in the process the application falls. If a cafe applies in the spring, it is likely that it would be the next year that the application would be granted, provided there have not been any complaints or problems involving the restaurant. If the application is made in the summer or fall, then it would be approximately 6 months before the committee would grant a cafe approval. After much discussion, the following resolution was passed by the Committee:

Whereas Wine & Roses has not opened for business yet, and whereas CB#7 likes to see a "track record" of operation of a restaurant prior to granting any sidewalk cafe licenses,

Be it resolved that CB#7 disapproves the application for an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at this time.

Vote: Comm: 8-2-0-0

413 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) Assignment of Consent application DCA# 1227844 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Emilio's Italian Eatery, Inc., d/b/a Ristoranti La Grolla, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

Emil Akleh, owner, appeared for La Grolla. There has been a change of ownership, but the management is the same and the cafe is the same as well. The committee passed the following resolution:

Be it resolved that CB#7 approves La Grolla's application for a renewal of their unenclosed sidewalk cafe.

Vote: Comm: 8-2-0-0

NCB: 1-0-0-0

New business:

Pedicabs.

Bobbie Katzander brought up the subject of pedicabs, and how they appear to be unregulated, popping up on streets everywhere. In some cases, they are parking them on sidewalks, especially along Columbus Avenue, while the operators get something to eat. Josh Orzeck, of D.O.T., said he believed that

Consumer Affairs licenses them, but would look into the matter. He promised to send us regulations regarding pedicabs. This has since been received.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 P.M.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, John Donohue, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Anne Raphael and Oscar Rios. CB7 Chairman Sheldon J. Fine.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

Agenda

Wednesday, July 12, 7:00 PM

Fall/Winter 2006 Program Planning Meeting.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuelt, Co-Chairpersons

July 13th & 19th, 2006

1. Paint Color Scheme And Lighting Design For The Restoration Of The Arcade At Bethesda Terrace, Central Park.

WHEREAS, the project to restore the Minton tiles in the arcade at Bethesda Terrace in Central Park, which Community Board 7, Manhattan, has long supported, is coming to fruition; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposals for the paint blue, gold and red color scheme for the cast iron elements and the unobtrusive lighting design for the arcade area, as presented by the Central Park Conservancy, are appropriate to the historic design of the Arcade and of Central Park, and will appropriately coordinate with and highlight the central design feature, the Minton tiles,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, approves the final design for the painting of the cast iron elements and the lighting of the arcade, and commends the Conservancy for its thorough and scholarly approach in researching and designing these elements of the Minton tile restoration project.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

2. Conservation Of The Imagine Mosaic At Strawberry Fields And Modification To Adjacent Pavement, Central Park.

WHEREAS, the "Imagine" mosaic in Central Park needs routine maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the new band of granite around the mosaic proposed by the Central Park Conservancy is appropriate to the site and will facilitate future maintenance of the mosaic,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, approves the final design for the black granite paving detail surrounding the "Imagine" mosaic at Strawberry Fields in Central Park.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

3. 199 Columbus Avenue (W. 69th Street): Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For The Installation Of A Blade Sign.

WHEREAS, there is documented history of a "blade" sign at this commercial location; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed sign is appropriate in size and design to the historic character of the building and the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, no new holes will be made in the building facade to install the sign,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, approves the application for the proposed blade sign at 199 Columbus Avenue.

Committee members: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

4. 325 West End Avenue, Apt. 2D: Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For Replacement Of Two Broken Stained Glass Windows With New Aluminum Windows.

WHEREAS, almost all of the matching stained glass bathroom windows in the building have been removed and replaced; and

WHEREAS, the two windows subject to the application are in poor condition; and

WHEREAS, the proposed aluminum replacement windows, as shown in drawings presented to the Parks and Preservation Committee dated July 13, 2006, would match existing replacement windows in the building in color and design,

The Parks and Preservation Committee regrets the elimination of historical stained glass windows in Historic Districts and elsewhere, but, under the specific circumstances of the present application, approves the replacement of the two broken stained glass windows with aluminum replacements.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-1-0

5. 37 Riverside Drive (W. 75-56th Streets): Application to The Landmarks Preservation Commission For Modification Of One Of Two Existing Penthouses And Creation Of Penthouse Addition In Courtyard.

WHEREAS, part of the existing south portion of the applicant's penthouse would be removed, reducing its profile at that location, but the penthouse would be extended with an additional floor in the building's south courtyard; and

WHEREAS, the north bulkhead of the applicant's penthouse would be modified and its roof raised so that it would become more visible from public ways; and

WHEREAS, the proposed brick for the infill facade in the south courtyard, as shown on the plans dated "Revised 6/30/06" presented to the Committee would be of the same type and color as that on the courtyard floors below; and

WHEREAS, the applicants and their architect both represented to the Parks and Preservation Committee that, and undertook that in their submission to the LPC, they would modify the proposal, as shown in the plans presented dated "Revised 6/30/06", so that

1. the window size, placement within the wall and sill design on the courtyard infill section would match the window treatment of the floors below, and

2. the stucco facade of the new north bulkhead of the applicants' penthouse and the adjacent penthouse would be painted a red color intended to blend with the brick color of the building's north facade and cause the penthouse facade to "disappear"; and

WHEREAS, with the modifications to the plans agreed to at the Committee meeting, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed penthouse modifications are reasonably appropriate to the building and the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, approves the proposed changes in the penthouse at 37 Riverside Drive.

Committee members: 6-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

6. 225 West 86th Street, the Belnord: Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For Replacement Entrance Gates At The Two Arches At The 86th Street Facade And Replacement Of Taxi/Doorman Kiosk.

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan, believes that the proposed pairs of iron and gilded gates at the two archway entrances to the courtyard and the proposed brass, other metal and glass replacement taxi/doorman kiosk at that location, as presented to the Committee in drawings dated July 13, 2006, are appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee approves the design for the entrance gates and the kiosk.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-0-1

7. 38 West 83rd Street: Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For A Roof-Top Addition, Rear Yard Addition, Installation Of A Stoop And Fence At The Front Facade And Installation Of New Front Doors.

WHEREAS, as described to the Committee and shown on drawings presented to the Committee, the proposed roof-top addition would not be visible from any public way; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, believes that the proposed new front doors are appropriate to the building and the historic district; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the massing of the rear-yard addition is reasonably appropriate to the building and the Historic District, taking into account that the existing partial-width addition projects into the rear yard an additional nonconforming 8 inches, but believes that the proposed window design with regard to window type and placement is not appropriate; and

WHEREAS, there is a historical photo of immediately neighboring stoops showing that they had substantially more masonry and substantially less ornamental iron than the proposed stoop; and

WHEREAS, the Committee applauds the concept of restoring a stoop to the building, but believes that the proposed stoop, with its railing consisting almost entirely of elaborate ironwork, is not appropriate to the historic character of the building or the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed elaborate wrought iron fence at the lot line enclosing the area way is not justified by either historical evidence or similarity to neighboring fences, and is therefore not appropriate to the building or the Historic District; and

WHEREAS, the Committee requested of the applicant's representative that the applicant request an adjournment of its scheduled July 25, 2006 hearing at LPC in order to give it time to work with the Committee to

- 1. modify the rear-yard addition window design to incorporate two bays of double-hung windows,**
- 2. modify the stoop design to have primarily masonry side walls, with a limited iron work railing above the masonry, and**
- 3. modify the fence design to be primarily masonry, with limited iron work trim or railing, and the applicant's representative refused that request,**

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, disapproves the fenestration plan for the proposed rear-yard addition, disapproves the proposed new stoop, disapproves the proposed fence at the front lot line and approves the proposed new front doors.

Committee members: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-1-0.

8. 100 West 74th Street: Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For A Roof-top Addition.

WHEREAS, with the replacement of the existing railing on the roof of the south facade of the building with a red brick parapet wall, matching the existing brick of the south wall, as shown on the elevations dated May 19, 2006 and sight line drawings dated May 17, 2006 presented to the Committee, only the pipe rail fence on the roof of the proposed roof-top addition will be visible from any public way; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, believes that the new pipe rail fence would be a minor visual incursion with regard to the historic architecture of the building and the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, approves the proposed roof-top addition at 100 West 74th Street.

Committee members: 3-0-1-0. Non-Committee Board members: 0-1-2-0.

9. 153 West 78th Street: Application To The Landmarks Preservation Commission For A Rear-Yard Addition.

WHEREAS, the applicant's architect presented plans to the Committee for a greenhouse at the rear of the garden floor level, but later advised Community Board 7, Manhattan, that the greenhouse had already been approved by LPC staff and was not subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness hearing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed extension to the west building line of the existing partial rear-yard extension at the parlor floor level would result in the removal of corbels under the windows of the existing rear facade at the parlor floor level that are apparently part of the original fabric of the building, and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, believes that the corbels at the parlor floor and higher levels of the original rear facade of the building are important, charming and irreplaceable architectural elements that should be preserved; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed window size, type and placement in the proposed extension would be jarring and inappropriate fenestration bearing no resemblance to the original fenestration of the building; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has constructed a brick parapet wall on the roof of the newly built extension to the west building line on the garden floor in apparent violation of LPC permits; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, believes that the proposed rear-yard addition at the parlor floor would not be appropriate to the historic character of the building or the Historic District,

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, disapproves the proposed rear-yard extension at the parlor floor of 153 West 78th Street.

Committee members: 4-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-0-1.

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Lance Dashefsky, Phyllis E. Gunther, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Gabrielle Palitz, Jeffery Siegal. Absent: Linda Alexander and Page Cowley (P/T).

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with

Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren, Chairperson

Agenda

Tuesday, July 18, 7:00 PM

1. Discussion with community agencies providing services to residents of Frederick Douglass Houses.

2. AIDS curriculum in the schools.

3. New business.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

July 19, 2006

160 Columbus Avenue

Be it RESOLVED that Community Board 7/Manhattan approves to application of MP Sports Club Upper West Side LLC, to reopen and amend the original BSA resolution, viz.:

1. to change ownership of the Club;

2. to change the hours of operation to permit opening at 5:00AM;

3. to extend the permit for a period of ten years; and

Be it further RESOLVED that Community Board 7 Manhattan approves waiver of rules requiring that an application for renewal be made prior to the expiration of the original term.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0.

129 West 67th Street

Community Board 7/Manhattan, having reviewed proposed plans for the enlargement of the Kaufman Center at 129 West 67th Street, and having heard testimony thereon, finds that the proposed enlargement:

1) is necessary and appropriate to the educational and cultural purposes of the applicant and would benefit the community;

2) is tasteful and modest in scope;

3) would have no adverse impact on any abutting landowner, tenant or area resident or business; and

4) is consistent with the irregular shape of the zoning lot; and finds further that adjoining landowners and tenants have been notified of the application and have raised no objection; accordingly, if the Board of Standards and Appeals finds as a matter of law and a matter of fact that the findings required by the Zoning Resolution have been met, Community Board 7 would, under the unique facts and circumstances of this case and with the express intent of creating no precedent for future applications, approve the Kaufman Center's application for a variance.

VOTE: 7-0-0-1.

Tenant Interim Lease Program

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves the application by the Department of Housing Preservation and Development to the City Council for disposition pursuant to the Tenant Interim Lease Program by sale to current tenants of the following properties: 983 Amsterdam Avenue; 51 West 106th Street and 135 West 89th Street; however, it is further

RESOLVED that Community Board 7's approval is expressly conditioned upon receipt of information from HPD reflecting appropriate caps on resale prices with respect to the subject apartments.

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

The Land Use Committee discussed with the chair of Park

Lois Hoffman, West Village Tenants' Association, reported on the status of proposed infill of the development West of Columbus Avenue. She and Maria Watson reported that the tenants and condo owners had met with Congressman Charles Rangel, who expressed support for their desire for rational, long-term planning of additional development at Park West Village. Congressman Rangel specifically asked to know the position of Community Board 7 on the issue, and accordingly the tenants requested that the Board write a letter to him. By consensus the committee agreed to write such a letter. The text of a proposed letter follows:

Dear Congressman Rangel:

The Park West Village Tenants' Association has requested that we advise you of the position of the Community Board with respect to proposed retail and

residential construction West of Columbus Avenue between 97th and 100th Streets.

The Board has not met formally on the issue and no official action has been requested of us. However, a task force of Board members has met with the developer and reviewed the current plans. We had significant concerns about several aspects of the project, including, among others

- 1) The size and shape of the proposed residential tower, which many of us viewed as out-of-context and architecturally undistinguished;
- 2). The proposed tunnels through the building at ground level, which provide the only access in a three block stretch from Columbus Avenue to the interior of the site;
- 3). The proposed north-south access road, which has the potential to become the equivalent of a thru-street;
- 4) The proposed destruction of large numbers of mature trees; and
- 5). Whether the proposed retail space will be occupied by businesses which serve the needs of the surrounding community.

We are mindful that the proposal currently on the drawing board may not be the final attempt at infill at Park West Village and we strongly believe that prudent planning would dictate that a large-scale planning process or master plan be undertaken so that we can account at one time for all potential development.

We would welcome an opportunity to be part of any planning process.

Respectfully,

Present: Richard Asche, Barbara Adler, Hope Cohen, Bob Herrmann, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffery Siegel, Steve Strauss and D. Maria Watson.
Absent: Page Cowley, Victor Gonzalez, Lawrence Horowitz, Eric Nelson, Ethel Sheffer and Tom Vitullo-Martin.

Environment and Public Safety Committee

John Howell, Chairperson

Agenda

Thursday, July 6, 7:00PM

1. Presentation on All Together Now, a community-approach to emergency preparedness.

2. Update on forming a community emergency response team (CERT.)

District Service Cabinet

The Cabinet did not meet in July.