

January 2007 Minutes

Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairman

**January 2, 2007
Congregation Rodeph Sholom**

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He welcomed Board and community members and wished them a happy New Year.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 27-0-1.

Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

- Mr. Fine urged the committee chairs to begin the year with at least two new initiatives, in addition to responding to the issues brought before them
- Welcomed Micah Kellner from the Comptroller's Office, and Ian Alterman, former Board member who is on CB7's community emergency response team (CERT.)
- CB7's CERT, the largest in the City, will graduate in January. John Howell reported Office of Emergency Management offers only one CERT training per community board, but he is trying to get additional training.
- Mr. Fine thanked the Board Development Committee for a successful holiday gathering and called on Bob Herrmann and Barbara Adler, the co-chairpersons, to report. Ms. Adler announced a public member survey the committee is distributing at full board and committee meetings and encouraged Board members to join in the Department of Homeless Services' count of street homeless people on January 29, 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. To register go to nyc.gov/dhs, or call 311. Ask to be part of Helen Rosenthal's group. Thanked Jeff Bank and Madge Rosenberg for providing refreshments for the holiday get together.
- Department of Homeless Services' community advisory board meeting for the Montroyal Hotel at 315 West 94th Street will be held on January 17 at 4:30 p.m. DHS will stop using the hotel to house homeless adult families on April 29.
- Lenore Norman, co-chairperson of the Parks & Preservation Committee, announced a Landmarks Preservation Commission community meeting on January 24, 7:00 p.m. at Jewish Home and Hospital, 120 West 106th Street, on the proposed landmark designation of the Manhattan Avenue Historic District.

District Manager's Report: Penny Ryan

Will continue to work on the issues reported on in December. Asked everyone to review last month's report and the CB7 Web site, and to provide comments on the report and other community issues. Twelve rookie police officers assigned to the 24th Precinct.

Manhattan Borough President's Report

Joshua Bocian, Director of Community Affairs, MBPO.

- Applications for community board members who are up for appointment are due January 31st.
- CB7 liaison David Cohen resigned and moved to Israel.

- Announced MBP's report that found nursing homes' evacuation plans are not adequate, testimony on Berger Commission report on closing of St. Vincent Midtown and Cabrini Hospitals, and request for funding of traffic studies, including congestion pricing.

Legislators' Reports

Council Member Gale A. Brewer

- Council passed bill expanding 421-a tax abatement program. 2300 units of 421-a housing in CD7, highest of any community district. Theoretically, HDC oversees program, but there is little oversight in practice. If abatement period is over, 421-a apartment can be transformed into market rate housing upon vacancy. Working with Linda Rosenthal to address issue in Albany. Suggested some type of housing discussion on this issue.
- HPD may be interested in making the former MTA substation on West 96th Street, between Broadway and West End Avenue, into 100% affordable housing.
- Asked for proposed locations for public pay toilets. 25 will be installed in the first phase of the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise.
- Supports Department of Parks & Preservation's plans for the Soldiers and Sailors Monument on Riverside Drive at West 89th Street.
- Announced hearings of the Council's Technology in Government Committee, which she chairs: January 18 on technology and libraries and January 25 on technology and healthcare.

Public Session

Winifred Armstrong, Park West Village (PWV) -- Asked CB7 to require the owner of PWV to show their building plans before additional construction is allowed to proceed. Commercial stores have been demolished and trees have been removed. Concerned about the lack of community input; failure of developer to provide adequate notice about plans for PWV, including the residential tower known as 808 Columbus Ave, or to consider alternative designs.

Stephan Russo, Executive Director, Goddard-Riverside Community Center – Department of Youth & Community Development issued a RFP for one not-for-profit in each borough to provide services to street homeless people. RFP threatens the network of neighborhood services. Goddard-Riverside is leading a consortium of homeless service providers and is submitting a response to the RFP. Announced a memorial service in honor of the late Bernie Wohl, former director of Goddard-Riverside, at the American Museum of Natural History on January 4 at 4 p.m.

David Weinberg, Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal's office – Talked about Governor Elliot Spitzer's ethics and lobbying reforms and governance changes; animal rights; sexual assault; privacy. Solicited ideas for new bills. Announced January 25, 2:30 p.m. forum on pedestrian safety at Council Senior Center on West 72nd Street.

Carrie Marlin, Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's office - Finished a successful coat drive for NY Cares; now collecting used cell phones for the program "Call to Protect" for domestic violence shelters. Office is at 245 West 104th Street.

Michael Kaplan, Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office – Committee on Health conducted hearings on the Berger Commission report on hospital closings.

Business Session

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Jeffrey Bank and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

1a. The bundled resolution to **approve** the 2007 multi-block street fairs was adopted: 27-10-0-0.

Board members who had a conflict and voted present on specific items were: Bob Herrmann (Broadway Malls), Ethel Sheffer (Symphony Space), Andrew Albert (West Side Chamber) and Ulma Jones (NAACP.) The vote will be adjusted for each fair to reflect the conflicts.

1b. The resolution to **disapprove** Valley Restoration, LCD's multi-block street fair application was adopted: 32-0-1-0.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

2. 245 West 72nd Street, 2nd Floor (West End Avenue and Broadway.) The resolution to **disapprove** the new application to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by TS Limo B, LLC. dba Continental Private Car & Limousine, at 245 West 72nd Street for a For-Hire base station license was adopted: 31-1-1-0.

3. 2418 Broadway (West 89th Street.) The resolution to **disapprove** without prejudice renewal application DCA# 1172236 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Three Friends, LLC, d/b/a Georgia's Bake Shop, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats was adopted: 34-0-1-1.

4. 320 Amsterdam Avenue (West 75th Street.) The resolution to **approve** a revised plan application DCA# 1025224 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Surtic, Inc., dba Citrus, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 42 seats was adopted: 37-0-0-0.

5. 423 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) The resolution to **approve** renewal application DCA# 0981250 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BSWR Corp., dba Sarabeth's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk **café** with 5 tables and 10 seats was adopted: 31-5-1-0. A number of Board members expressed concern about the pedestrian overcrowding on the sidewalk. Committee chairs will send a strong letter to management asking that an employee address the concern, or that they start a reservation policy.

6. Columbus Avenue and West 88th Street. The resolution to **approve** a request to the Department of Transportation by Goddard-Riverside Community Center at 593 Columbus Avenue to name secondarily the northeast corner of Columbus Avenue and West 88th Street "Bernie Wohl Way" in honor of the Center's former executive director who died on August 31, 2006 was adopted: 35-2-0-0.

7. Intro. 199. The resolution to **approve** the Traffic Information and Relief Bill that requires the NYC Department of Transportation to report on congestion and urges people to use public transportation was adopted: 36-0-1-0.

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons

8. Soldiers and Sailors Monument. The resolution to **approve** the Department of Parks & Recreation's plans for the reconstruction of Soldiers & Sailors Monument Plaza was adopted 30-0-0-0, after the following speakers

Jim Dowell, Director, Riverside Park Fund - Spoke in strong support of the proposed design.

George Chall, Chairman, Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Association - Spoke in strong support of the proposal.

Andrew MacMillan, NY Caledonia Club - Spoke about the need to protect the monument itself in addition to supporting the plaza project itself.

Victoria Chall – Daughter of veteran. Noted that Yeshiva Ketana across the street and the West 90th Street Block Association support the project.

Bonnie Josephs, park tender – spoke in support.

9. 180 West 81st Street, aka 429 Amsterdam Avenue. The resolution to **approve** conditionally application #023563 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for proposed ADA improvements, including a lift at residential lobby was adopted: 23-2-1-1. Jeff Bank disclosed that he has an interest in the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Hope Cohen, Jeffrey Bank, Page Cowley, Lance Dashefsky, John Donohue, Islande Dupoux, Josh Feldman, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Marlene Guy, David Harris, Robert Herrmann, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Madge Rosenberg, Ethel Sheffer, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Melanie Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig.

On Leave: Jean Green-Dorsey. **Absent:** Richard Asche, Alberto Cruz, Guillermo Gonzalez, Chaumtoli Huq, Joyce S. Johnson, Eric Nelson, Gabrielle Palitz, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Luis O. Reyes, Oscar Ríos and Helen Rosenthal.

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Steering Committee

Sheldon Fine, Chairman

January 25, 2007

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM. He reported that the West 97th - 110th Street Rezoning Proposal has the support of the community and elected officials, and should go on to Department of City Planning certification in an expedited way. He also reported on the January 24 Landmarks Preservation Commission's meeting with property owners and residents from the proposed Manhattan Avenue Historic District. LPC staff was very supportive of the proposed designation, as were the property owners and area residents. CB7's Parks & Preservation Committee will consider the proposed district on February 13. LPC is expected to schedule the proposed district for a public hearing shortly.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

1. Resolution re:

555 West 59th Street (Amsterdam-West End Avenues.) Application to the Department of City Planning by Element West 59th Street, LLC for a special permit to allow a 190-space public garage on the ground floor and cellar of 555 West 59th Street.

Richard Asche presented background. The resolution was presented to the Steering Committee because the ULRUP deadline was January 26, 2007. The joint committees heard the garage application on December 20 and January 9. Committee members requested additional safety features because of the number of children who use the sidewalk that crosses the garage entrance/exit.

Representatives of AKRF, SLCE Architects, and Element West 59th Street, LLC, and Jay Segal were present.

Mr. Asche asked the applicant to amend the application to provide for a minimum of 80% accessory parking in order to reduce the number of car trips and decrease the potential for accidents. The applicant will consider this request and will talk to the local schools about the most appropriate signage. All agreed to continue to work together on the application as it goes through the public review process.

The Steering Committee adopted the following resolution: 14 In Favor 0 Against
1 Abstention and 0 Present.

Element West 59th, LLC, the owner of the building under construction at 555 West 59th Street, New York, New York (between Amsterdam and West End Avenues), has applied to the Department of City Planning for a special permit to construct and operate a 190-space public (transient) garage on the ground floor and cellar at 555 West 59th Street, New York, New York. The proposed two lane entrance and exit for the garage is located at the eastern end of the property on the south side of West 60th Street, immediately adjacent to a large recreation center to be operated by the Department of Parks and Recreation.

The proposed garage entrance/exit is located on a street which contains a school building (the Heschel School), a school yard (P.S. 191) and a large recreation center to be used by children. Additionally, there will be two other garage entrances/exits on the western half of the block.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan is unwilling to approve the proposed garage unless and until the application is amended to provide for the minimum of 80% accessory parking in order to minimize the traffic in and out of the garage.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan is also unwilling to approve any proposed garage (even if wholly accessory) unless and until the applicant has committed to specific safety measures designed to warn children on the block of entering and exiting vehicles and to warn drivers that the block is heavily traveled by children. Such devices should include, but not be limited to, a motion sensor- controlled metal arm across the exit lane; warning lights visible in both directions on the sidewalk; a siren or similar warning noise; cautionary signs visible both to the sidewalk and to exiting drivers; and markings on the sidewalk itself. Additionally, no tree should be located on a sidewalk, west of the entrance within 20 feet of the curb.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan also suggests that the developer explore blocking in some fashion (e.g., by means of a cast iron fence or short hedge) the area extending three feet out from the northern wall of the 59th Street Recreation Center eastward for approximately 20 feet from the northwestern corner. This will improve drivers' sight lines looking east.

*For these reasons, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the application of Element West 59th, LLC for a special permit to allow*

a 190-space public (transient) garage on the ground floor and cellar of 555 West 59th Street, New York, New York; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan would **approve** a garage at the site if, but only if, (1) the garage application is amended to provide for at least 80% of the allotted spaces to be accessory, not transient use; and (2) adequate safety measures, to be determined by further vote of Community Board 7 prior to City Planning approval, are proposed and incorporated in the application.*

Health & Human Services Committee

Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons

2. Letter of support for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium's proposal to the Department of Homeless Services to provide homeless outreach services in Manhattan.

Mr. Fine reviewed the Department of Homeless Services' Requests for Proposals for one provider of street homeless services in Manhattan. The item was presented to the Steering Committee because of the February 1st submission date. Madge Rosenberg reported on the presentations made to the Health & Human Services Committee by the Bowery Residents' Committee and by Goddard Riverside Community Center. BRC would provide services as a single agency; Goddard has developed a consortium of Manhattan agencies. Both BRC and Goddard provide homeless services under contract with DHS. The Manhattan-wide RFP would defund all but one of the many agencies that now provide services.

The Health & Human Services Committee, by a vote of 6-0-0-0, decided to send a letter of support for Goddard Riverside's Manhattan Outreach Consortium proposal. The Steering Committee approved the letter of support: 14 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present. Victor Gonzalez voted present because he serves on the Goddard Riverside Board of Directors.

The Board will follow-up with DHS on the process that shaped the RFP and the concern that it limits the Manhattan outreach to one agency.

Stephan Russo, Executive Director of Goddard Riverside, was present.

3. 330 West 86th Street (Broadway-West End Avenue.) Proposed demolition of 330 West 86th Street, which the City of New York conveyed to the residents as an Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP), and construction of a 17-story residential building.

The item was presented to the Steering Committee because of a January 30 filing date. Mr. Fine summarized the steps that lead to the Court determination that the restrictions in the Deed did not "run with the land" and did not preclude the Developer from building the high rise building it proposed, and the implications of this case for other properties disposed through UDAAP.

· The City acquired the Property in tax foreclosure proceedings sometime before June, 1999. The Property was in disrepair and in need of rehabilitation. The City, through the Department of Housing Preservation and Development ("HPD") that the Property was appropriately sold as an Urban Development Action Area Project ("UDAAP"). Under this program, if the Property was to be used only for certain purposes set forth in the UDAA Act, the Property could be sold without the usually-required procedure of a public auction or sealed bids.

· Pursuant to the UDAAP program, the City notified the remaining tenants of the Property (who only occupied a few apartments in the building) that the

Property could be sold to them through HPD's Asset Sales Program at the remarkable price of \$340,000.

- Seizing the opportunity, the tenants offered to buy the Property under the UDAAP program, and the City went about getting the approvals it needed to sell the Property under the UDAA Act.

- Specifically, the matter was presented to the City Council, which, in a resolution issued in 1999, approved the designation of the Property as a UDAAP, approved the designation of the tenants' corporation as a "sponsor" under the UDAA Act, and mandated that the Property could be developed upon the terms and conditions set forth in a required "Project Summary." That Project Summary described the purpose of the Project as "Conservation."

- The matter was then presented to the Mayor's office, which, in reliance on the City Council resolution, also approved the designation of the Property as a UDAAP and the designation of the tenants' corporation as a "sponsor" under the applicable statute.

- The Property was then conveyed to the tenants' corporation ("Sponsor") -- for a price of only \$340,000 -- without public auction or sealed bid.

- The Deed specifically stated that the "project to be undertaken by Sponsor ("Project") consists solely of the rehabilitation or conservation of existing private or multiple dwellings or the construction of one to four unit dwellings without any change in land use permitted by existing zoning."

- The Deed also specifically required, among other things, that Sponsor correct all the Code violations of the building and give two-year leases to the existing tenants in the building.

- The Sponsor did not correct the building's Code violations.

- The Sponsor did not do anything to rehabilitate or conserve the Property.

- Instead, within 18 months of its purchase from the City at a bargain price, the Sponsor "flipped" the Property to the Developer for a price of over \$1,000,000.

- Significantly, the Developer took with actual knowledge of the objections of the City and the Co-op to its proposed development. A "lis pendens" had been filed on the Property before the Developer closed its deal with the Sponsor.

- The Developer did not correct the building Code violations or otherwise rehabilitate or conserve the Property.

- The Developer proposed to demolish the building on the Property and to erect an apartment building of 15-stories or higher.

The Pending Litigation

- In the pending litigation, which is captioned "328 Owners Corp. v. 330 West Oaks Corp., et al., Index No. 604570/00," the Co-op and the City have sought to prevent the Developer from building its proposed project and to force it to comply with the restrictions on the Property in the Deed and by statute, as the Property was conveyed by the City.

- The Co-op and the City prevailed at the trial court level, and that court held that the Property "may not be used other than for (a) rehabilitation or conservation of the existing building thereon, or (b) construction of one to four unit dwellings without any change in land use"

- The Developer appealed, and in a 3-2 split decision, the Appellate Division reversed. That Court held that the restrictions in the Deed did not "run with the land" and did not preclude the Developer from building the high rise sliver building it proposed.

- The two dissenting justices rejected the majority's reasoning, stating that the majority's ruling, "rather than effectuating the legislative intent of the [UDAA Act] program, perpetuates a fraud against the public fisc."
- The Co-op and the City were entitled to appeal the Appellate Division's decision as of right to the New York Court of Appeals -- the highest Court in the State.

Richard Bass of Herrick, Feinstein was present.

The Steering Committee adopted the following resolution: 15 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions and 0 Present.

Community Board 7/Manhattan has supported the disposition of city-owned properties designated Urban Development Action Area Projects ("UDAAP") to building residents as a vehicle to rehabilitate and to preserve affordable housing in our community; and therefore,

Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the intent of the UDAAP sale to conserve the existing building at 330 West 86th Street. To do otherwise would negate the City's ability to place appropriate restrictions on the sale of city-owned property, which would run counter to this Board's long standing policy to preserve and conserve the existing built environment, particularly for existing tenants, who in most cases of private sector abandonment and city-ownership, are low income families.

CB7's Housing Committee will take up this matter and follow-up with the NYC Law Department.

4. Announcements.

Mr. Fine asked the committee co-chairs to submit two paragraphs on one or two accomplishments of their respective committees in 2006 and one or two initiatives for 2007. The reports will be the primary agenda of the February 27 Steering Committee meeting.

Present: Sheldon J. Fine,

Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Jeffrey Bank, Page Cowley, Victor Gonzalez, Marlene Guy, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Luis Reyes, Madge Rosenberg, Jeffrey Siegel, Charles Simon, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Absent:** Alberto Cruz, Bob Herrmann, John Howell, Helen Rosenthal, Barbara Van Buren and Melanie Wymore.

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Strategy and Budget Committee

Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson

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Youth and Education Committee

Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with

Health & Human Services Committee

Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons

January 18, 2007

The CB7 Youth Education and Libraries Committee and Health and Human Services Committee met jointly on Thursday, January 18, 2007 at the American Bible Society.

The meeting was a work session to revise and expand a draft survey instrument on the implementation of the Department of Education's new HIV/AIDS curriculum in Community District 3 public schools.

Agreement was reached on the nature and number of questions to be asked. The members also discussed the procedures for getting the questionnaire distributed to the schools, including the mailing of the questionnaire with a cover letter from District 3's Superintendent, Dr. Roser Salavert. Members agreed to take responsibility for various assignments to ensure maximum cooperation and return of the questionnaires by school principals and analysis of data by the joint committee members.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.
Submitted by Luis O. Reyes.

Prsent: Alberto Cruz, Luis O. Reyes, Marlene Guy, Benjamin Howard Cooper, Sharon Parker Frazier, Barbara Keleman, and Barbara Van Buren. **Absent:** Islande Dupoux, Guillermo Gonzalez and David Harris.

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Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

January 9, 2007 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order by co-chairs Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig at 7:05 P.M.

Joint with Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

555 West 59th Street (Amsterdam-West End Avenues.) Application to the Department of City Planning by Element West 59th Street, LLC for a special permit to

allow a 190-space public garage on the ground floor and cellar of 555 West 59th Street.

Please see minutes for this item on separate page.

Transportation Committee

2418 Broadway (West 89th Street), Georgia's.

Georgia Stamoulis, owner, appeared for Georgia's. This is a simple renewal of their unenclosed sidewalk cafe. The Committee passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application DCA# 1172236 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Three Friends, LLC, d/b/a Georgia's Bake Shop, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats.

Committee: 8-0-0-0.

333 West 86th Street, Atria (West End Avenue-Riverside Boulevard.)

Marvin Cohen, of Cambridge Development LLC, the managing agent for Atria appeared before the committee. They are requesting a No Standing 7AM-7PM seven days a week so the Atria bus can pick up the senior citizens and take them to various places. The Committee approved the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request by the Atria, a retirement community at 333 West 96th Street, for two "No Parking" spaces, 7-days a week, for bus loading and unloading.

Committee: 9-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.

PS 199/MS243 (Amsterdam-West End Avenues.)

Richard Barr, of the M.S.243 PTA, appeared before the committee. The request for angled

parking (perpendicular parking was turned down by the committee) would last for approximately

two years during the construction project on 70th Street & West End Ave. A request for an

appropriate map was relayed to Mr. Barr, and the committee was told it would be forthcoming,

but perhaps not by the February 6 full Board meeting. The committee passed, in principle, the following resolution, subject to the availability of the map.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** angled parking for a section of West 70th Street between Amsterdam & West End Avenues, as dictated by the map (to be submitted).

Committee: 9-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Members: 3-1-0-0.

Subsequent to this vote, it was revealed that only a small section of West 70th Street was requested for angled parking, and solely for the use of teachers. The committee is not likely to grant this revised request, as teacher parking is not something the committee has looked favorably upon.

921 Columbus Avenue (West 105th Street.)

Query Familia appeared for New Superior. There are no changes to the existing base. The committee passed the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application #B01768 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Superior Radio Group, Corp. at 921 Columbus Avenue for a For-Hire base station license.

Committee: 9-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.

245 West 72nd Street, 2nd Floor (West End Avenue and Broadway.)

Held over from two previous meetings, T.S. Limousine had submitted the appropriate memo to their employees directing them not to loiter or smoke in front of their location on West 72nd Street, so the committee passed the following resolution:

Whereas, T.S. Limousine has directed their employees not to smoke or loiter in front of their offices on West 72nd Street, and

Whereas, there has not been a problem with the operation of T.S. Limousine,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by TS Limo B, LLC., d/b/a Continental Private Car & Limousine, at 245 West 72nd Street for a For-Hire base station license.

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

New Business

Peter Jenkins brought up the issue of a huge box stored in West 66th Street west of Broadway for Lincoln Center's reconstruction. Mr. Jenkins said the box was blocking the street, and that it should be moved. He also wanted to know how long it would be there. Office will follow up on this inquiry.

Alan Flacks brought up the issue of the unused loading zone that Food Emporium has on West 90th

Street west of Broadway, adjacent to their store. All loading/unloading is done on Broadway, not 90th Street. The loading zone should be returned to parking, if not used.

Present: Andrew Albert,

Dan Zweig, Page Cowley, Linda Alexander, Hope Cohen, John Donohue, Victor Gonzalez, Lawrence Horowitz, Ulma Jones, Barbara Keleman, Melanie Radley, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios, Jeffrey Siegel, Tom Vitullo-Martin and D. Maria Watson. **Board Members:** Sheldon Fine, Helen Rosenthal and Madge Rosenberg. **Absent:** Guillermo Gonzalez and Bobbie Katzander.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

Minutes will be uploaded as they become available.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

January 11, 2007

1. Presentation by the Central Park Conservancy on the final design for the reconstruction of the east side landscape between the East Meadow and the Harlem Meer.

This is a resubmission of the 2002 proposal; but funding was not available at the time, so it was necessary to resubmit it through the community approval process. Requesting final approval for repair and redesign of the East Meadow and South Harlem Meer.

Lane Addonizio from the CPC discussed major restoration of the East Meadow, including the development of a stronger pedestrian circulation system and repair of the play area, which has been eroded over time due to overuse and poor drainage. The play area is one of the few non-permitted play areas in the park, and the CPC expressed an intention to keep it that way.

John Reddington, Project Director of CPC, and Chris Nolan talked about improving the circulation flow from the area of south of the Conservatory Gardens to the Harlem Meer, opening the South Gate of the Conservatory Garden, developing a new East /West path, and removing a small path that dead-ends into the park's composting area. The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the proposed final design for the East Meadow does not differ significantly from the design previously approved by Community Board 7/ Manhattan by resolution at its June, 2002 regular meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design addresses long-standing infrastructure and drainage problems, particularly in the East Meadow, which is heavily used for non-permitted ball sports; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design for "The "Mount" section of the east side landscape will rationalize and improve pedestrian circulation, divert pedestrian traffic from the park's composting facility and reopen a gate to the Conservatory Garden, providing access to its comfort station; and

WHEREAS, the proposed design for the northern "forts" section of the east side landscape is largely restorative; and

WHEREAS, the proposed materials, including paving and curbing materials for pedestrian paths, are appropriate to the historical character of Central Park and will constitute an appropriate unified design element throughout these adjacent landscapes; and

WHEREAS, the Central Park Conservancy has stated that it will return to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan with detailed proposals for certain features within the east side landscape, specifically the redesign of the 102nd Street entrance drive, the landscaping of The Mount and conservation and site amenities at the forts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the final design for the reconstruction of the east side landscape between the East Meadow and the Harlem Meer in Central

Park, but does not take any action with regard to the redesign of the 102nd Street entrance drive, the landscaping of The Mount or the conservation and site amenities at the forts, which design elements it will consider following a future detailed presentation.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

2. **Presentation by the Central Park Conservancy on the preliminary design for the reconstruction of the West 100th Street playground and adjacent landscape.**

Gary Dearborn, Department of Parks & Recreation, presented. Seeking final approval for the landscape work, which moves the entrance to the playground closer to the Central Park West entrance and closes the entrance to the primary paths and re-landscapes the area on the east side of the playground. Project is fully funded. Scope of work is to reconstruct the landscape; replace paths; improve drainage; restore plantings; and restore the playground, making it blend more into the landscape.

CPC also sought preliminary approval for playground redesign. There was discussion about sand vs. hardscape and ADA issues. The plan was not developed enough to vote on this at this time. The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the proposed final design for the landscape adjacent to the West 100th Street Playground, including improved drainage, restored plantings, replacement of concrete benches with historic "Central Park" benches, changing the paving elements at the West 100th Street entrance to the park, employing granite curbing on pedestrian paths, lowering the height of the fence around the playground, and moving the entrance of the playground to separate it from the general public path, is appropriate to the historic design of Central Park; but

WHEREAS, the proposed preliminary design for the elements of the playground itself is still very non-specific, and does not yet reflect enough consultation with user and advocacy groups,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the final design for the landscape adjacent to the West 100th Street Playground in Central Park; and

Believes that the preliminary design for the elements of the playground itself is not fully developed enough for the Committee to make a determination at this time; and

Requests that the Central Park Conservancy, after conducting additional outreach, return to the Committee with more specific proposals for the equipment, surfaces and other elements of the playground, including a consideration of potential sand play elements.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

3. 180 West 81st Street, aka 429 Amsterdam Avenue, dba Haru. Application # 07-3563 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alteration of façade to create barrier-free access and install new storefront infill.

Joseph Smerina, NY Design Architects, presented. Submitted two applications to LPC: One to clear a landmark violation on the former Haru storefront and the other is to alter the entrance on West 91st Street to facilitate ADA improvements to the building. Additionally, they propose a master plan for all the storefronts.

In response to previous comments, on West 81st Street, they lowered the lobby floor to meet the sidewalk grade; added sconce lighting; removed the air conditioning opening above the window bay and the bubble shaped green awnings, and widened the door. The architect agreed to remove the metal grillwork in the arch and create a window. The house number will be painted in the glass transom and the door will be wood below the panel and glass above in the door.

The architect presented changes to Haru to clear up the violation. The plan changed the modulation using color and additional delineations to the doors and windows. The architect agreed to duplicate the operable windows, add the center mullion, and remove the dividers in the transoms.

The committee adopted the following resolutions:

A. West 81st Street Facade

WHEREAS, the drawing dated January 10, 2007 presented to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan provides for the 81st Street residential entrance to remain in its original location, but in certain respects the Committee believes that the proposed facade as shown in that drawing is overly fussy or otherwise inappropriate; and

WHEREAS, the architect presenting the proposal on behalf of the owner agreed to the Committee's requests to (1) eliminate all the proposed ironwork on the residential door; (2) make the bottom half of the door solid wood, rather than glass; and (3) place the building number on the transom above the door, rather than on the masonry above; and

WHEREAS, with the changes described above, agreed to by the architect on behalf of the owner, the Committee believes that the proposed 81st facade is appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposed alteration of the 81st Street facade at 180

West 81st Street, and **urges** that the awnings on the windows of the facade shown on the drawing be retractable.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

B. Masterplan for Amsterdam Avenue Facade.

WHEREAS, the proposal for a masterplan for the Amsterdam Avenue facade was presented in two alternate versions, one with an enclosed sidewalk cafe in the corner location where there is currently a cafe structure but no occupant, and one without an enclosed cafe; and

WHEREAS, the cast iron members of the original Amsterdam Avenue facade are intact, including in the area where the facade was altered for the enclosed sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that certain aspects of the proposed fenestration on the Amsterdam Avenue facade, as shown on the January 10, 2007 drawing presented to the Committee, are too irregular to be appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the architect presenting the proposal on behalf of the owner agreed to the Committee's requests that the transoms all be undivided and that the windows all be divided, operating on center pivots; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that a master plan for the site may not assume the existence of an enclosed cafe; and

WHEREAS, with the changes to the fenestration described above, agreed to by the architect on behalf of the owner, the Committee believes that the proposed 81st facade (without an enclosed cafe) is appropriate to the historic character of the building and the Historic District,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposed master plan for the Amsterdam Avenue facade of 180 West 81st Street, aka 429 Amsterdam Avenue, in the version without an enclosed cafe; and **disapproves** the proposed version that includes an enclosed cafe.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

4. **146 West 80th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of a security gate (decorative iron) at the bottom of front steps.**

Megan Ring, President of the Board, presented. They want to install an iron security gate with a curved design element in front of

the stairs to the brownstone. The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this "brownstone" building has an original stoop that descends perpendicular to the sidewalk; and

WHEREAS, the applicant (the coop corporation) wants to install an iron security gate at the foot of the steps of the stoop, which gate would have to open outward; and

WHEREAS, the applicant agreed to the request of the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan to make the gate self-closing; and

WHEREAS, several neighboring buildings also have security gates at the bottom of their stoops, although, because those stoops are differently configured, those gates do not open outward; and

WHEREAS, although gates such as that proposed were not original to the applicant's building or to its neighbors, the proposed design, including the addition of the same applied iron decorative element proposed for the new gate to the building's existing garden gate, is reasonably appropriate to the historic building and the Historic District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the design for the proposed gate at the bottom of the stoop at 146 West 80th Street, based on the applicant's agreement to make the gate self-closing.

Committee: 7-1-0-0.

5. 41 West 74th Street (Central Park West- Columbus Avenue.) Application #07-2479 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of rear-yard and rooftop additions.

Karen Stoneley and Peter Pelinski, architects, presented the proposed rear- yard extension and rooftop addition. Stuart Beckerman represented the owner.

Rear extension will add a small 4 foot, 3 inch extension on one edge, fire escape will be removed, and front façade will be restored. Fire escapes on back façade will be removed, metal marvin clad windows will be installed, original dark bronze color will be continued. Center window will be fixed and side windows will be casement windows. Door will also be casement window doors.

Residents of adjacent brownstones claimed that notice wasn't provided in a timely manner and that a hole was punched through into another building from this building's renovations, and the front construction shed is unsightly. Peggy Zalameia, 37 West 74th Street complained about the blue construction fence.

The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the proposed rear-yard and rooftop additions will not be seen from any public way; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rear-yard addition will be in red brick matching that of the existing rear facade; and

WHEREAS, the architect, on behalf of the owner, agreed to the request of the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan that the rear facade of the proposed penthouse (rooftop addition) would be painted red to blend in with the brick below, rather than gray as proposed; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the proposed fenestration of the rear-yard addition, while unlike the fenestration original to the building, is reasonably appropriate to the historic building and the Historic District;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposal for rear-yard and rooftop additions to 41 West 74th Street, based on the applicant's agreement to paint the rear stucco facade of the rooftop addition red rather than gray.

Committee: 8-0-0-0.

**6. 125 West 75th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)
Application #07-2780 to the Landmarks Preservation
Commission for construction of rear-yard addition.**

Harvey Cohn, architect, presented the one-story 12-13-foot addition next to the existing unmodified dog leg, with two enclosed balconies on top; widening of the bottom kitchen door; and expansion of the 2nd floor window on the main building; replacement of back windows with casements and French doors. The back of the building will be stripped of its stucco and brick.

Adjoining neighbor asked about scope of project. Not complete gut renovation, but a significant internal renovation.

The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the existing rear facade has windows enhanced by corbels of architectural significance; and

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to retain the corbels, but to change the surrounding framing in a way that impinges on them somewhat; and

WHEREAS, the applicant also proposes to change the fenestration in the existing partial rear-yard extension, including changing window sizes and changing window types; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed fenestration in the new rear-yard addition, in combination with the proposed changes in

fenestration in the existing rear-yard addition, would result in hodgepodge of window sizes and types, all framed in white, that would create an unnecessary cacophony and be inappropriate to the historic building and the Historic District, and

WHEREAS, the applicant declined the request of the Committee that she postpone her LPC hearing in order to give her time to return to the Committee with a revised fenestration plan;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board/Manhattan, while believing that the proposed massing of the proposed new rear-yard addition, with its two receding porch levels above a single-story enclosed structure, would be an appropriate use of the available space, **disapproves** the proposed rear-yard design as a whole because of the cacophonous and jarring fenestration plan.

Committee: 5-0-3-0.

**7. 250 West 77th Street, Belleclaire Hotel (Broadway.)
Application # 07-4221 to the Landmarks Preservation
Commission for new entrance at the West 77th Street façade.**

Matt Markowitz, architect, presented the alteration of the 77th Street entrance of the Emory Roth building in a manner consistent with the conservatory that originally occupied that site. The entrance would be made of glass and metal, replicating the cornice, the railing of the conservatory; adding granite bulkhead.

The committee adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the original hotel entrance of this building was on Broadway, but the entrance was moved to West 77th Street many years ago, and the former Broadway entrance is obscured by commercial space; and

WHEREAS, the 77th Street facade, at the site of the proposed new entrance, once had an elegant conservatory with stained glass windows and a handsome iron balustrade; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new entrance pays homage to those original elements, including a reasonable replication of the original balustrade, and is a very substantial visual improvement over the present entrance at this location and a substantial step toward restoration of the building's original elegant appearance; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed new entrance is appropriate to the historic Individual Landmark;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the proposal for a new entrance at the 77th Street facade of the Belleclaire Hotel at 250 West 77th Street, but encourages the

applicant to use stained glass in the restored transoms above the entrance.

Committee: 8-0-0-0.

**8. 176-182 West 82nd Street (Amsterdam Avenue.)
Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.**

Stuart Klein, attorney, and Adrian Figueiro, architect, presented the two-story addition. 3900 square feet for first story, 3600 square foot for second story. Height of the building is 59 feet; extension would push it up 15 feet to 74 feet. Built to 30,000 sf- would be able to build to 50,000 sf.

Tenants in adjacent building had concern about the integrity of the surrounding building.

Expect to be calendared in late February and will return to the committee.

Committee Members Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Page Cowley, Lance Dashefsky, Phyllis Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz, Jeffrey Siegel. Board Chairman Sheldon J. Fine and Board Member Hope Cohen.

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

January 8, 2007

West Side YMCA

Called to order: 7:15 P.M.

Victor Gonzalez opened the meeting by recapping our accomplishments in 2006 with respect to the two New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) priorities we established for 2006 (building-wide safety – including safety infrastructure – and community services), in particular as applied to the Frederick Douglass Houses. We also referenced our second-tier priorities (law enforcement/criminal justice and apartment maintenance/repairs), as well as our hoped-for outcome of establishing an improved CB7/NYCHA residents relationship. We were pleased that we had taken meaningful steps in all of these areas.

- We re-established dialogue with the residents of NYCHA developments and demonstrated that the Community Board shared the residents' concerns. We attended their tenant association meetings in order to get a clear understanding of their concerns and how to address them.
- We then set up meetings that brought Councilmember Melissa Mark Viverito, the NYPD, the Manhattan District Attorney's office as well as high ranking officials of the Housing Authority together with the residents so that steps could be taken to resolve their concerns.

- In a meeting at the Douglass Houses Community Center, undercover narcotics officers and the PSA6 Commanding Officer were present and established communications to address the drug problems, drag racing and other security issues at or near Douglas Houses.
- In a meeting at the Youth Hostel, high ranking NYCHA officials and Councilmember Mark-Viverito heard many complaints from Douglass Houses residents, provided immediate means for follow-up and provided detailed information on the brand-new Centralized Call Center that addresses all building repairs.
- The Housing Committee also brought in NYCHA to make a presentation on the new Voluntary Transition Section 8 program.
- After completing these various meetings, the Housing Committee made follow-up phone calls to both the residents and the agencies that were present in order to insure that all parties meeting their obligations. Many of the issues were resolved and some are still being worked on.

Chaumtoli Huq suggested that a year-end letter be sent to Jane Wisdom, the Tenant Association President of Douglas Houses, to summarize our efforts and to continue our engagement. Victor will prepare this letter.

Charles Simon then discussed our accomplishments in 2006 with respect to the two affordable housing priorities we established for 2006 (the future of SRO's/residential hotels and building relationships with city agencies).

- We reached out to Shaun Donovan, the Commissioner of HPD, who had HPD's General Counsel Matt Shafit attend a Housing Committee meeting and provide thoughtful guidance on how the Housing Committee could support HPD's efforts to protect SRO's. One key suggestion was to educate SRO tenants and other interested parties in SRO rights and responsibilities.
- We hosted Molly Doherty from the SRO Law Project who educated us on the West Side SRO/Residential Hotel situation and challenges, as well as describing exactly what services the Law project provides.
- In the Fall, we convened a large community meeting at Goddard-Riverside, featuring Molly Doherty and HPD Assistant Commissioner Deborah Rand. The forum was attended by approximately 50 SRO/Residential Hotel residents. Ms. Doherty and Ms. Rand made presentations on the roles of their respective agencies and then fielded many questions both with respect to broad policies and specific properties. The meeting was very well received.

The discussion then turned to our priorities for the coming year. We discussed a number of possibilities, including by reference to the comprehensive list of issues developed at our 12/13/05 meeting when the Housing Committee was re-established. We tentatively agreed that we would pursue the same top- and second-tier NYCHA issues (top tier: building-wide safety – including safety infrastructure – and community services; second-tier priorities: law enforcement/criminal justice and apartment maintenance/repairs) but with a focus on a new location, either Amsterdam Houses or Wise Towers.

With respect to affordable housing, we preliminarily agreed to elevate two issues that we initially identified at our 12/13/05 meeting and to make them this year's priorities: 1) increasing and monitoring required levels of affordable housing, in particular through the proposed new 421-A program (still subject to state

approval/revision) and 2) considering new models of affordable housing. With respect to 421-A, we agreed to seek one or more experts to meet with us in the Committee setting to educate us on the plan adopted by the City and the various options at the State level. On Anne Cunningham's recommendation, Victor agreed to approach Terza Nasser, Counsel of the Housing and Buildings Committee, to determine if she might meet with us or recommend someone who could. After educating ourselves, we envision convening a much larger meeting with the community, experts and elected officials. Copies of some paperwork on the 421-A program were provided by City Council Member Gale A. Brewer's office and will be distributed amongst the members of the Housing Committee. With respect to new models of affordable housing, Charles agreed to approach Fordham Law School to determine if one or more students with an interest in Housing Law might be willing to work with us.

Anne Cunningham from City Council Member Gale A. Brewer's office suggested that we also look into issues associated with the Rent Guidelines Board, Tenant Interim Lease and the Home Rule, and that we continue to advocate for CB7's position in support of repeal of the Urstadt Law.

Sharon Parker-Frazier asked about a community space for a day care center that St John the Divine was supposed to run in a new building but which never seemed to get started. The location was supposed to be at Columbus and Manhattan Avenues on Cathedral Parkway. We will look into this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Present: Co-Chairs Victor Antonio Gonzalez & Charles Simon. Members of the Housing Committee: Chaumtoli Huq, Sharon Parker-Frazier and Barbara Van Buren.
Guest: Anne Cunningham from City Council Member Gale A. Brewer's Office.
Absent: Josh Feldman, Joyce Johnson, Melanie Radley and D. Maria Watson.

Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairs

January 16, 2007 7:00 PM

RYAN CENTER SPACE ON 100TH STREET

When the Dept of Health renovates its 100th Street facility Ryan Health Center will lose its 7000 sq ft. space during the renovation and are offered only 3000 square ft. when renovation is complete. For 27 years Ryan has offered mental health facilities, WIC program and referrals from this space .to people living in the community.

Council Member Melissa Mark Viverito is working to find other space. CB 7 will write to the Health Department, asking if it is possible for the administrative services they are planning to put in 100th Street, which will serve the entire City, might also allow space to continue an important community service. CB 7 should list the need for temporary space on our website...

LANTERN GROUP DEVELOPMENT PLANS

Eric Galloway, head of Lantern Group will need a variance from the Building Department for the renovation and additions they are planning for the St. Louis. The building will be turned into studios instead of SRO's. It will house 70% low income tenants and 30% special needs tenants. It will receive funds from HDC and other agencies. The Request for a variance will be discussed at the Land Use Committee. This Committee is interested in how the Lantern Group is working with the tenants...

Tenants present complained of lessening services. Molly from the SRO Law Project sites bedbugs and lack of a safety plan during renovation, while tenants will remain in the St. Louis.

Community would like finance of the project clarified. Tenants and community members want monthly meetings to monitor progress, seeking transparency. The Committee would like to hear more from other tenants. Eric agrees to meetings. All involved will appear at the next HHS committee meeting before this is presented to Land Use Committee. There will also be further discussion of the other two buildings the Lantern Group has in CB7.

HOMELESS SERVICES OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Department of Homeless Services issued a Request for Proposals for a single entity to provide borough-wide Out Reach Services to people living in the streets and public spaces, helping them to move on to permanent housing.

Bowery Residence Committee seeks a contract for this homeless outreach program, which will be centered at their offices in Lower Manhattan, and will utilize entities such as Catholic Charities and St Vincent's Hospital to provide the services to all its clients. A consortium of agencies, with Goddard Riverside as the leader, seeks the same contract and will include existing neighborhood agencies which are already providing Out Reach services to the homeless in their communities...

G-R has been providing outreach, showers, medical services and rehab that follow to our community for 27 years, as well as 420 spots for transitional and permanent housing. Last year they brought in more than 700 homeless persons in our community. If the contract is given to BRC, these services will no longer be part of GR. The consortium will maintain a shared data base to insure that services can follow clients if they move...

BRC now services all the outreach in the subway system and has a robust data base on the homeless throughout the city and maintains a 24/7 Helpline. They work with St. Vincent's Hospital and directly with Pathways to Housing and FEGS. They have a holistic detox center on Lafayette St. BRC is headquartered on Lafayette St. and have most of their facilities and programs downtown and will pick up the homeless of our neighborhood and transport them by vans downtown.

After discussion, the Committee voted to give its support to the Consortium, believing that services should be located as close as possible to the people who would be receiving them.

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

However, the Committee could not understand why the City would cut off funds for any well-functioning Out Reach agency at a time when the Mayor is calling for an end

to homelessness. It was voted to send a letter to DHS questioning the reason for the RFP and urging them to continue funding all successful out-reach programs.

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

Draft letters will be sent to the Committee for review, and shared with the Steering Committee. The proposals must be submitted by 1/31.

Madge Rosenberg.

Present: Madge Rosenberg, Barbara Van Buren, Elizabeth Starkey, David Harris, and Sheldon Fine. **Public Member:** Fern Fleckman. **Absent:** Islande Dupoux and Barbara Keleman.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

Minutes will be uploaded as they become available.

Environment and Public Safety Committee

John Howell, Chairperson

District Service Cabinet

Penny Ryan, District Manager

January 24, 2007

CB7 Report on Municipal Services

Captain Kathleen O'Reilly is the new commanding officer of the 24th Precinct. She is the former CO of the Central Park Precinct.

Homelessness

Goddard Riverside has a drop-in center where the homeless can get food and talk to counselors.

Parks Department: There has been a notable reduction of the homeless in Riverside Park, which may be due to the winter season. Theodore Roosevelt Park has some homeless, evidenced by the debris removed regularly.

NYPD: 20th Pct. - The Homeless Unit patrols every night 10 p.m. – 6 a.m. especially in areas that are known encampments. CB7 requested stats from the 20th Pct. on issued summonses and outcomes. Homeless book vendor on 73rd and Broadway was arrested for selling improper items.

24th Pct. – Patrols continue to summons homeless peddlers on 109th Street & Broadway and panhandlers. Precinct works with DSNY on cleanup of homeless debris. CB7 will meet with a smaller group to plan for ongoing homeless conditions.

Marjorie Cohen, WCPP, through a corporate sponsorship by Pat Richardi of Con Edison, has produced small handout cards for the homeless that guide them on where to seek assistance.

Agency Reports

Parks: The majority of 311 calls are on rats and trees. CB7 requested the Parks Manhattan office submit a rat abatement staging schedule in order to coordinate pest control with other agencies. The dog run at Theodore Roosevelt Park has been saved, 90 people attended the meeting.

DOHMH: Erik Paulino is the new Manhattan Borough Director for Community Relations.

DA's Office: Giving a new curriculum that will teach parents how to keep an eye on internet sights that may be questionable for children, like myspace.com. Another new presentation points out signs to parents of when children are in gangs.

FDNY: New Chief assigned for Battalion 11. Structural fires up by 38 for the year. 960 fires year to date. 741 emergencies this month.

Transit District #3: Overall crime is down 7%.

DOB: The 311 major complaint is work without a permit.

CHR: Commission on Human Rights has a new One City Program. Go to their web site for details.

Con Ed: Plates and rattling manhole covers are the number one complaint. Life sustaining program at Con Ed – when these customers fall behind on bills, CE alerts HRA. A new transformer will be installed under the sidewalk at 73rd & Columbus Avenue. The grates at 77th Street & Central Park West, North side need to be replaced by Con Ed. The replacement will be coordinated with the museum's sidewalk reconstruction project.

NYPD PSA 6 Housing: Overall crime is down 15%. Grand Larceny (GL) up by 1. Arrests made at Amsterdam Houses for stabbing, and there were several robberies at Douglass Houses.

20th Pct:

- There were 201, 311 calls last month, 65% noise and 37% traffic. Noise: commercial 15%, residential 71%.
- Overall crime is down 9.3% YTD, 15% over 2 years. Burglaries down. GL starting to go down, but continues because of unattended property in coffee houses, book stores, and other retail places.
- Schools are doing fine with 64 truants brought back this year.
- There was a drug bust at Bennerson Park.
- Confiscating delivery bikes again. 1200 bikes were summonsed last year and took 29 last year; 5 this year for repeat offenders.

DSNY: Many Christmas tree complaints. Working with CB7 and school principals to schedule garbage pickup. Working with DOHMH and CB7 on new containers and garbage storage education for 106th Street.

New complaint – Sunday nights after the flea market at 76th Street and Columbus Avenue ends, sellers throw garbage in and around receptacles – need enforcement.

DOT: The major complaint category is streetlight repair. New street cleaning calendar is available. The Westside traffic study contract is under negotiation. A restudy of Freedom Place at 66th Street & 70th Street, will be finished by the end of February. Angle parking on 100th Street is finished.

24th Pct. – Overall crime is down by double digits for last year. There was a 22% increase in robberies for the month due to delivery robberies at Wise Houses. A perpetrator, who was stealing credit cards from lockers in sports clubs in both the 20th & 24th Pct., was apprehended.

DOHMH: Rat complaints increased by 5% in the district. Always call 311; there is a new mandate to be at a complaint location within 10 days. Biggest problem in this district is how the garbage is managed, and when it is placed on sidewalk. To correct problems, walk-throughs should be continued in the district. Legislation must be changed to correct garbage control.

RS Branch Library: Teens continue to be unruly. Capt. O'Reilly has been very supportive sending a daily patrol. Unruly teens are a library system-wide problem. District Librarian will meet with head of library security on tackling problem.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager, Yassiel Nieves, Community Associate, CB7; Capt. Spadaro, Det. Vassallo, 20th Pct; Capt. O'Reilly, PO Revels, 24th Precinct; Supt. John Quirk, DSNY; P.O. Hampton, NYPD Transit District #3; Sean Mohan, Ruben Gonzalez, PO Thompson, NYPD; Robert Magnasen, Wayne Pallard FDNY; Ben Colombo, DOB; Ryder Pearce, Joshua Orzeck, Department of Transportation; Crista Carmody, Paul Evens, Richie Cabo, Parks; Joe Franklyn, Erik Paulino, DOHMH; Paula Sanders, Commission on Human Rights; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Rosemary Murray, Lynn Opinante, Susan Singer NYPL; Ede Fox, Elsie Encarnacion, CM Viverito's Office; Office; Barbara Adler, Columbus Avenue BID; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, E. Pelerno, LSBID; Pat Richardi, Con Edison; Marjorie Cohen, WCCP; Alan Flacks, Wunks, CB7 constituents.