

## February 2007 Minutes

### **Full Board Meeting Sheldon Fine, Chairman The School at Columbia February 6, 2007**

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

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**, with corrections: **29-2-3**.

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

- Met with Borough President Scott Stringer and City Council Members to discuss certification of the West 97<sup>th</sup> to 110<sup>th</sup> Street rezoning proposal. The Department of City Planning agreed to insert a link to the proposal on their website. In eight weeks there will be an Environmental Impact Statement, and certification by spring.
- John Howell - CB7 had 43 CERT graduates, the largest of any Community Board; 34 are CD7 residents. On March 1<sup>st</sup>, 7:00 PM, the Public Safety & Environmental Committee will host a presentation on solar power, the state of photovoltaic cells, and climate change at 1865 Broadway.
- David Harris - School at Columbia and Columbia University made an agreement with CB7 in order to secure a variance to build the building in which the school is housed. Three tenets of the agreement: to hold half of the slots open as a lottery for CD7 and CD9 children; to conduct proper outreach to the community; and to provide financial aid for students that were admitted through the lottery system. As of this semester, 39% of students received financial aid at almost full subsidy; the average grant is about 76% tuition. Children selected through the lottery make up almost 50% of the school's population. To date the school has awarded \$4.5 million in financial aid, and every lottery-selected-child was admitted. If students leave the catchment area, aid continues. Financial aid for some students was changed, based on financial aid criteria amendments set by ETS in Princeton.
- Luis Reyes - Read an email from the President's Council of Community School District 3, urging delay of any action by the Franchise Committee regarding a proposal to reserve 66% of the playing time on the ball fields at Randall's Island for private school groups in exchange for a \$200,000 payment to renovate the fields. Vote by the franchise review committee is February 14, 2007. The Board indicated interest in discussing a resolution. Mr. Fine added the item under New Business.

#### **District Manager's Report: Penny Ryan**

- Read a thank-you letter from retiring Board Member Jean Green-Dorsey. Mr. Fine expressed the collective gratitude of CB7 for all of Jean's work and dedication to the community.
- Reviewed upcoming committee agendas.
- Board office will be moving back to 250 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street on March 1.
- Gave an update on the rat abatement program and efforts to improve conditions at schools with rat infestations.
- CB7 staff is working to update the website ([www.cb7.org](http://www.cb7.org)), and solicited input on ways to improve it.
- The 24<sup>th</sup> Precinct had an increase in robberies of delivery-people; cases were solved. The 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct has placed 25 homeless people in shelters.

- Transportation Committee will review an application for a sidewalk vault at 808 Columbus Avenue (Park West Village) on Tuesday, February 13, 2007, at the Children's Aid Society, Columbus Avenue and West 104<sup>th</sup> Street. The developers will present an overview of the as-of-right project.

### **Manhattan Borough President's Report**

Josh Bocian, Director of Community Affairs, Manhattan Borough President's Office, introduced Jessica Silver, new CB7 liaison. Off Track Betting Corporation (OTB) is planning to open a parlor at 143 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in the Central Park Historical District. OTB's Siting Committee's public hearing is Friday, February 16, 2007, 11:00 a.m. at 22 Reade Street.

### **Public Session**

- Steve Roberts Jr. and Brian Thomas - new Commerce Bank branch opening in CB7.
- Tiffany Dockery, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority - community forum on police brutality on Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., at Alfred Lerner Hall, Broadway and 115<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Timothy Keller and Brian Stanton, Pastors of Redeemer Presbyterian Church - Their 5,000 member congregation has purchased and will open a new church at 150 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.
- Barbara Van Buren - discussed Section 8 vouchers; WSFSSH is helping people fill out Section 8 applications on February 16<sup>th</sup> at 888 Columbus Avenue (W. 103<sup>rd</sup> Street) and at 135 West 106<sup>th</sup> Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., in the senior center cafeteria. Those interested must bring the application.
- Alan Flacks - New leadership at the US Postal Service.
- Leticia Peguero, YWCA of the City of New York - Free ESL program at 500 West 56<sup>th</sup> Street. Working to make the program available to domestic workers. Immigration status not questioned.
- Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office - Warming center at Harlem King Houses, 2 West 115<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Dan Berger, Congressman Charles Rangel's office - February is Black History Month. Congressman has been holding hearings on the budget and on the middle class squeeze.
- David Werinberg, Assemblywoman Linda Rosenthal's office - Assemblywoman is vehemently opposed to the new OTB site, and is organizing efforts to get them to move to another place. *Safe Streets for Seniors* event was successful. Governor Spitzer stopped a number of bad changes to OSCR.
- Carrie Marlin, Assemblymember O'Donnell's office - Assemblymember is sponsoring a bill opposing the President's troop increase in Iraq and a cell phone users bill of rights. LPC granted landmark status to the Automat. Thanked CB7 for its leadership in rezoning for West 97<sup>th</sup>-110<sup>th</sup> Streets and Manhattan Avenue landmark designation.
- David Chang, State Senator Tom Duane's office - Fordham University is looking into financial support for security cameras at Amsterdam Houses. The Senator is concerned about OTB.
- Matt Bitz, Councilmember Inez Dickens' office - Spoke about the proposed rezoning
- Linda Guy, State Senator Bill Perkin's office - Introduced herself; noted committee assignments for the State Senate.

### **Elected Officials' Reports**

The Hon. Betsy Gotbaum, City Public Advocate:

- Commended CB7 on the success of the CERT training.
- Major concern in the last few weeks has been the rerouting of public school buses. Called for the firing of the private consultant because of hardship new bus routes have caused students and parents.
- Her office has received a large number of lack of heat complaints. She noted a number of other problems and issues she is addressing.

The Hon. Council Member Mellissa Mark-Viverito:

- Opposes the proposed use of Randall's Island; the votes are not there to stop it.
- Working on: (1) West Side rezoning (2) Landmarking Manhattan Avenue (3) Frederick Douglass Houses security cameras and facilitating meetings with NYCHA to address residents' complaints.
- Met with Jewish Home and Hospital to discuss their concerns about the effect rezoning will have on their capital plans.
- Providing training for homeowners and for minority women's business at the district office.
- Upper West Siders provided funding to allow people to attend the antiwar rally in Washington, DC.
- Facilitated a site visit and addressed concerns of Park West Village residents.
- Introduced Elsa Encarnación, her new constituent person.

The Hon. Council Member Gale Brewer:

- Introduced Peter Goldwasser, her new liaison to CB7.
- Seeking a public hearing on with DOT on the traffic study now underway from West 57<sup>th</sup>-86<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- The NY Cab Company was landmarked.
- Supports Department of Parks & Recreation's plan for Soldiers and Sailors Monument Plaza.
- Her office has identified 62 development projects in her district; information on these will be available on her development blog.
- I.S. 44 playground will be renovated; St. Agnes Library has enough funding for renovations.
- Announced the establishment of the Amsterdam Teen Center, as part of the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.
- The Department of Education will pursue using eminent domain to keep The Beacon High School in its current location.
- Bed bugs continue to be a problem in parts of the district as well as the City.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, there will be an open house at her district office.

## **Business Session**

### **For Ratification**

#### **Steering Committee**

##### **Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman**

##### **1. 555 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street (Amsterdam-West End Avenues.)**

Dan Zweig offered an amendment that would require the applicant to offer garage spaces first to apartment owners, and thereafter to monthly parkers from general public. The amendment failed: 15-12-8-0 A second amendment to substitute "consider more favorably" for "**approve**" in the last paragraph was accepted.

The resolution to **disapprove** the application to the Department of City Planning by Element West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, LLC for a special permit to allow a 190-space public

garage on the ground floor and cellar of 555 West 59<sup>th</sup> Street, as amended, was adopted: **23-1-13-0**.

2. **330 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street** (Broadway-West End Avenue.) The resolution re: 330 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, which the City of New York conveyed to the residents as an Urban Development Action Area Project (UDAAP), was ratified: **32-0-3-1**.

### **Transportation Committee**

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

3. **2418 Broadway** (West 89<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** 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 was adopted: **34-0-0-0**.

4. **333 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street, Atria** (West End Avenue-Riverside Boulevard.) The resolution to **approve** the request by the Atria, a retirement community, for two "No Standing" spaces, 7-days a week, for bus loading and unloading was adopted: **32-0-1-0**.

5. **245 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor** (West End Avenue and Broadway.) The resolution to **approve** a new application to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by TS Limo B, LLC., d/b/a Continental Private Car & Limousine, at 245 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street for a For-Hire base station license, as amended, was adopted: **25-1-3-0**.

The second whereas, referring to current operations of the base station, was deleted.

6. **921 Columbus Avenue** (West 105<sup>th</sup> Street.) The resolution to **approve** the renewal of 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 was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

### **Parks & Preservation Committee**

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

7. **Central Park**. The resolution to **approve** the reconstruction of the east side landscape between the East Meadow and the Harlem Meer was adopted: **29-0-0-0**.

8. **Central Park**. The resolution to **approve** the reconstruction of the West 100<sup>th</sup> Street playground and adjacent landscape was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

9. **41 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street** (Central Park West- Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to **approve** application #07-2479 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of rear-yard and rooftop additions was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

10. **125 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to **disapprove** application #07-2780 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of rear-yard addition was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

11. **250 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street**, Belleclaire Hotel (Broadway.) The resolution to **approve** application # 07-4221 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for new entrance at the West 77<sup>th</sup> Street façade was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

12. **146 West 80<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) The resolution to **approve** an application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of security gate (decorative iron) at the bottom of front steps was adopted: **32-0-0-0**.

13. **180 West 81<sup>st</sup> Street**, aka 429 Amsterdam Avenue, dba Haru. The resolution to **approve** application # 07-3563 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alteration of the West 81<sup>st</sup> Street façade to create barrier-free access was adopted: **31-0-0-1**; and the resolution to **approve** the master plan without an enclosed sidewalk café for the Amsterdam Avenue façade, and **disapprove** the plan if it

included an enclosed sidewalk café, was adopted: **31-0-0-1**. Jeff Bank voted present on both resolutions due to a conflict of interest.

### **New Business**

Luis Reyes presented the following resolution re: Randall's Island, which was adopted: 24-1-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **supports** the President's Council of Community School District 3's resolution that strongly urges the City's Franchise and Concession Review Committee to delay any implementation of a plan to allocate usage of newly-constructed or renovated playing fields on Randall's Island to public or private schools until a survey can be done of demand for these fields from all of the City's schools. This survey of demand should be predicated on the offering, by the City, of an expanded free yellow bus service and/or free or reduced-fare mass transportation service to the Island, so that public schools may express interest in use of the fields based on a reasonable expectation that they could get their students to the fields. Allocation of access ought then to be made giving every school, public or private, an equal opportunity for use of the fields they request at the times they request it.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeffrey S. Siegel  
Co-Secretary

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

### **Steering Committee Sheldon Fine, Chairman**

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### **Strategy and Budget Committee Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson**

### **Youth and Education Committee Luis O. Reyes and Alberto Cruz, Co-Chairpersons**

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**Transportation Committee**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**  
**February 13, 2007**

The co-chairpersons called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m..

**355 Amsterdam Avenue (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

Louis Barkoutsis, owner, attended. The café application is an assignment of consent from the previous operator. The café set up will stay the same. The applicant will provide a site plan before the March 6 Full Board meeting. The committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the assignment of consent application DCA# 1246104 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by DLS Chicken Corp., d/b/a Chirping Chicken, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 32 seats.

*Committee: 6-1-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**West 97<sup>th</sup> Street Greenmarket (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)**

Chris Gatto, Council on the Environment, attended. There are no changes in operations. Because of the Park West Village construction, the market moved 60 feet east toward Amsterdam Avenue. It will go back to the original location when construction is finished. Jean Green Dorsey spoke in support, saying the market was a good neighbor. Those present offered applause. D. Maria Watson spoke against the market because the trucks block the view of drivers who use the PWV driveways. The committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application #M7-024 to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits to conduct a farmers market on Fridays on the north side of West 97<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Members: 1-1-0-0.*

**971 Columbus Avenue (West 108<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

Gary Gelin, owner, attended. There were no objections to the application. The committee adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the renewal application # B01760 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by New Special, Inc., at 971 Columbus Avenue for a For-Hire base station license.

*Committee: 6-1-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**808 Columbus Avenue (West 97<sup>th</sup>-100<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

Mr. Albert informed the community that the application before the committee was a petition by 808 Columbus LLC to the Department of Transportation for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a sidewalk vault for retail use under the Columbus Avenue sidewalk.

Peter Rosenberg, architect with Stellar Management, gave a PowerPoint presentation that showed 1) Park West Village before any demolition or construction and 2) the

plans for the eastern half of the Columbus Avenue to Amsterdam Avenue superblock. 808 Columbus Avenue will be a 29-story residential building with two wings of retail space, 22-feet in height, on either side. Materials include pre-cast concrete that resembles limestone, granite, metal and glass. Roof garden on roofs of retail spaces will be accessible to residents of 808. Two 100-foot pedestrian arcades on either side of the residential tower will provide access into Park West Village. Garage will be underground with entry/exit ramps on West 97<sup>th</sup> and West 100<sup>th</sup> Streets. There will be a drive-in loading bay able to accommodate 18-wheelers, with overhead doors, on each street to serve the businesses. No street loading, with the possible exception of small businesses. Children's Place, Modell's, banks, and a grocery store are being considered. Former parking lots will be landscaped, and a new play area will be built in the northwest section. A private road toward the western end of the site will connect West 97<sup>th</sup> and West 100<sup>th</sup> Streets. Access behind health center and library are being discussed.

Mr. Rosenberg presented the vault application. The vaults will extend under the sidewalks in order to use the 100-feet of commercial zoning. The north vault will extend 7 feet under Columbus Avenue and will have cellar-floor and sub-cellar floor retail, for a total of 10,826-square-feet net area. The south vault will extend 7 feet under Columbus Avenue and 15 feet under West 97<sup>th</sup> Street and will have cellar-floor retail, sub-cellar-mezzanine floor parking, and sub-cellar floor parking, with a total of 8,190-square-feet net area. Total of 5,000 cubic feet. Fee of \$100,000/year is anticipated. The 353-space garage will be accessory to the buildings on the west side of Columbus Avenue and will have valet parking. An elevator will provide ADA access from the street level.

Following the informational presentation on the project and on the vault application, the community (more than 70 people attended) asked questions and gave comments. The following issues were discussed.

- What is a revocable consent?

*A revocable consent is the grant of a right to an individual or organization to construct and maintain certain structures on, over or under the inalienable property of the City (that is, the streets and sidewalks). The City retains the right to revoke a revocable consent at any time. Generally, revocable consents are granted for a term of ten years, at the end of which time they may be renewed. Revocable consents are generally for the sole use and benefit of the petitioner (applicant), who in most cases is required to own or lease the property to be benefited by the structure. The revocable consent cannot be sublet, assigned, or transferred without the prior written approval of DOT. There is an annual charge for all revocable consents. An applicant can request an estimate of that charge before applying. – More information is available at [www.nyc.gov/transportation](http://www.nyc.gov/transportation).*

Garage, loading bays and through road:

- There will be 50 feet between 784 Columbus Avenue and 808 Columbus Avenue, and 30 feet between 784 and the garage ramp.
- Garage vents are on west side of the building, 50 feet away from windows. A buffer of trees will be added.
- It is not known at present if developer intends to lease the parking to a garage operator.
- Traffic planning is needed for West 97<sup>th</sup> Street, considering traffic patterns related to Ryan Health Center, PS 163, Associated Market, GreenMarket, and the

garages; and for West 100<sup>th</sup> Street related to the NYPD's 24<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Manhattan North Borough Command and FDNY's Company and 11<sup>th</sup> Battalion Command.

- According to the developer, FDNY is requiring through road. Can be one- or two-way, and can go either direction. Developer meeting with PWV tenants. No guards or gates are planned. Might use speed humps to make inconvenient to drive through. Have bollards there now. Mopeds going through. Signage is not adequate.

#### Trees:

- PWV Tree Task Force is concerned about trees in PWV and on streets. Street vault would impact street trees. Developer has to replace street trees and has an agreement with the Department of Parks & Recreation to protect existing trees. 70 new trees will be planted.

#### Future operations:

- Garbage storage may be in dumpsters on West 97<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Street, or in a compactor system in southwest section.
- Regarding safety concerns in arcades, guard service now in place will continue, including guards on foot patrol. May construct a new booth that faces open area. Building entrances and retail will face arcades, which will be well lit.

#### Construction:

- Trucks start early. Construction hours are 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Dust control needed. Call CB7 at 212-362-4008 with complaints.

#### Planning:

- Developer is working on plans for Amsterdam Avenue, and will make public soon. Test borings and test pits are being done on the east side of Columbus Avenue in the tennis courts. Agreed to display work permits. Studying zoning. Haven't decided on what to build.
- Need community rooms, discounted retail.
- PWV Tenants' Association wants alternative design for project. Owner promised to consider designs.

#### The Transportation Committee had questions of fact and legality:

1. Is the consent for the gross areas of the vaults, or for the square footage under the public sidewalks?
2. The application for the vaults is for "retail usage." What about garage usage? Is this permitted under this application?
3. Is the parking accessory to the residential space only, or also for the retail space?
4. What will be the status of the private street? One-way? Through? Two-way? Non-through - only reachable from either 97<sup>th</sup> or 100<sup>th</sup> Street?
5. Where/how will the garage be vented? Fans? Noise?
6. Start of construction noise - now @ 6:30 A.M., permit says 7:00 A.M.
7. What access will there be to the NYPL Bloomingdale Branch? Health Center?
8. Have other agencies signed off?



Committee will share information with community before voting at its March 13 meeting.

Since the February committee meeting, the following questions were submitted and will be explored:

- What safety measures will be installed at the ramps and loading bays on West 97<sup>th</sup> Street and West 100<sup>th</sup> Street?

- How many garage spaces are allowed/required under the R7-2 zoning. Is this number based on the number of apartments in the current buildings between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues and 808 Columbus Avenue? Does the C1-5 zoning affect the vault use?

- Certificates of Occupancy for 784, 788 and 792 Columbus Avenue call for a total of 196 parking spaces. Section 25-412 ZR states that parking spaces shall be designed and operated primarily for the long-term storage of the private passenger motor vehicles used by the occupants of such residences.

However, such spaces may be rented for periods of not less than one week and not more than one month to persons who are not occupants of the residences to which such spaces are accessory.

Are hourly and daily parking permitted?

- Sub-paragraph b., of Paragraph 2., of Section 60, Motor Vehicle Storage, of the NYS Multiple Dwelling Law states "Such space or structure shall have a floor area within its enclosing walls not greater than three hundred square feet per vehicle for each such family, including care parking spaces and aisles."

- The foregoing parking spaces were designed on the basis of 300 square feet per vehicle. The Department of Buildings considers such spaces as **Accessory Unattended**. The Department of Buildings considers such spaces, designed on the basis of 200 square feet per vehicle, with parking by valets, as **Attended Accessory Parking**. Will amended C of O's be required for the existing Columbus Avenue buildings?

- Section 12-13(b) ZR requires separate vehicular entrances and exits located not less than 25 feet apart for a group parking facility accessory to residences containing more than 200 off-street parking spaces. A Variance must be sought from the Board of Standards and Appeals pursuant to Section 72-20 ZR.

Note: The entrance ramp for the residential parking is on West 97<sup>th</sup> Street. The ramp is allegedly 30 feet from 784 CPW. Section 13-142 ZR indicates that the curb cut for the ramp must be at least 50 feet from the intersection of Columbus Ave. and West 97<sup>th</sup> Street. Is there enough room for a second residential ramp? Also, if the north side of the sub-cellar is used for storage, is residential exiting on West 100<sup>th</sup> Street possible?

- Section 13-561(e) ZR requires a reservoir space for up to 50 parking spaces. The reservoir space is required to be unobstructed (i.e. unoccupied) and covered. The exposed entrance ramp may not be used for reservoir space. How will accessible parking space and passenger loading zones for physically handicapped people be provided?

- Where will the Sub-Cellar and Cellar Emergency Escape hatches and exits be located?

- What will be the locations of the Con Edison Utility and Transformer Vaults? How will service access be provided? Will the street over such vaults consist of removable steel grating? Will the Con Edison Steam Company supply the power,

or will an on-site Cogeneration/Trigeneration Power Plant be constructed? Where will it be located? How will its wastes be disposed of?

**Present:** Andrew Albert,

Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, John Donohue, Guillermo Gonzalez, Ulma Jones, Anne Raphael and Oscar Rios; **Board Member:** Helen Rosenthal. **Absent:** Bobbie Katzander and Barbara Keleman.

**Business and Consumer Issues Committee**  
**George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons**

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**Parks and Preservation Committee**  
**Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons**  
**February 8, 2007**  
**Fourth Universalist Society**

Sheldon J. Fine, Chairman of Manhattan Community Board 7, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the public hearing on the New-York Historical Society's (N-YHS) application to the Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) for changes to the Central Park West and West 77<sup>th</sup> Street façades.

Lenore Norman reviewed the meeting process.

Valerie Campbell, Kramer Levin Naftalis Frankel, LLP, stated the application seeks to make the building code compliant, serve increased numbers of visitors with more galley space, and improve circulation and visitors services. This application is independent from any future application to expand the building, which contemplates a new structure on West 76<sup>th</sup> Street and a new gallery. When an architect is selected, the project would be presented to MCB7, LPC and the Department of City Planning. She said there would be ample opportunity for public debate on expansion, when there is an application.

Dr. Louise Mirrer, President and CEO of the N-YHS, explained that the strategic plan to carry out the Society's mission rests on telling the story of New York's history. The plan has delivered new programming already. Landmark building has exterior not designed to support a public mission. In the past, the Society saw itself as a private club. Now desires to welcome visitors and provide ADA and stroller access and emergency egress. Architectural vision evolved through discussions with neighborhood and preservation groups. Want to work closely with neighbors and those who have worked with the Society.

John Snook spoke about this association with the Society.

Paul Byard, of Platt Byard Dovell & White, gave a PowerPoint presentation of the building and the proposed application, followed by questions from Committee and Board members.

The following members of the public spoke:

Thomas Lynch – Recalled Central Park West of his childhood; fears loss of CPW facades.

Bruce Simon – View project in totality; preserve historic fabric and structure.

Paula Campbell, West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street Block Association - Important to preserve and give access to collections. Other cultural organizations have had opportunities to expand.

Jim Mackin – Space is discombobulated; difficult for people to get around; space limits exhibits.

John Jeannopoulos – Disputes depiction of Society as a men's club. Other organizations have only a percentage of materials on exhibit.

Joseph Owczarek – Disagrees with way entrance is handled. Other museums have smaller entrance and larger side doors. Sees no reason to alter façade. Can expand using current space.

Sherrie Murphy - Opposed to proposed tower.

Peter Wright, Park West 77<sup>th</sup> Street Association – Urged CB7 to look at entire project. 11/1/06 NYT article mentions tower. Defer decision on first part until see all.

Mary Sachs, Landmark West! and N-YHS - Current configuration unwieldy. Architect qualified person to design this renovation. Asked CB7 to approve.

Daniel Feuchtwanger – **Does not believe the NYHS can afford the 1st phase without building the residential tower on West 76th. Disingenuous for NYHS to claim these are independent projects. Lawrence Cohn, CPW Pres. Comm. - Is current building complaint with FDNY regulations? Can make interior improvements without changing façade.** Questioned taking a gift that changes gallery to café.

Ernie Von Simpson - Asked CB7 to postpone decision. Application is incomplete and inaccurate.

**Assess front façade in light of tower. Questioned gallery vs. café.**

Kate Wood, Landmark West! - Read a statement opposing the plan, which was submitted for the record.

Stephen Leonard – supports project. Consider rest of project as it comes along.

Elizabeth K. Rogers – Supports façade renovation. Building is unfriendly.

Brian Dillon – Questioned how much more of gallery space would result.

Joseph Bolanos, Landmark 76 and West 76<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association - N-YHS has been less than neighborly. Opposes plans.

Stephen Aarons – Asked CB7 to separate CofA and tower. Supports application to open up space.

Robert Petrie – Supports project to open space.

Michelle Kidwell - Kiosks would break up façade. Wrong to have café on first floor. Move gift shop back to basement. Could better utilize layout of 1<sup>st</sup> floor without changing façade.

Cynthia Doty, Westsiders for Responsible Development - Upset by process. Engenders hostility and suspicion from community. Piece meal presentation. Recommends CB7 disapproval. Asked for public disclosure of financial plan.

Scott Gratson, N-YHS - Having ADA access at front door is right way.  
Teri Slater, Historic Districts Council – Read letter asking for delay.  
David Halle – Supports proposal. Change to meet future needs. 77<sup>th</sup> Street for not user-friendly.  
Amy Dubin – Entrance into gallery reduces gallery space.  
Dennis Regan – Supports project. Objects to tower.  
Carol S. Gruber, N-YHS - Concerned about hostility toward Society. No relationship between two projects.  
Stephen Aleman, N-YHS – Supports proposal. Difficult to teach in Society building.  
Ione Saroyan – Runs museum store. Store is extension of visit and way to educate people. Doesn't want moved to basement.  
Woody Woodruff – Mission is making history matter to everyone. Have to make building accessible and inviting.  
Anthony Reyes, N-YHS – Supports project.  
Harvey Benjamin; Jean Kates; Barnet Schechter spoke in support.  
Richard Shapiro spoke against. Jacob Morris, Allen Stanley, M Panzen offered general remarks.

Committee and Board members offered their comments on the application, and voted to disapprove the application. The following resolution incorporated their comments:

**Re: New-York Historical Society, 2 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for changes in the Central Park West facade and the West 77<sup>th</sup> Street entrance and windows.**  
**Parks & Preservation Committees Vote\*: 6 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**  
**Non-Committee Board Member Vote: 2 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

WHEREAS, the New-York Historical Society is a "Triple Landmark": it is an Individual Landmark and is also within both the Upper West Side Central Park West Historic District and the Central Park West -- 76<sup>th</sup> Street Historic District; and

WHEREAS, in its July 19, 1966 designation report the Landmarks Preservation Commission described the Historical Society building as "austerely classical in feeling, and displaying great dignity in its composition", further described its Central Park West façade as "containing a colonnaded central section, which, though treated with great discipline, is nobly ornamental", and concluded that the "pedimented heroic size main portal on Central Park West makes a very grand entrance to the building"; and

WHEREAS, in the designation report, the LPC found that the Historical Society "has a special character, special historical and aesthetic interest and value as part of the development, heritage and cultural characteristics of New York City" and that the Historical Society building "is a distinguished example of Roman Eclectic architecture, designed in the best classical tradition, that it contains much excellent architectural detail and that this imposing structure has great dignity and grandeur"; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society forms a composition with one of New York's greatest Individual Landmarks, the American Museum of Natural History; and

WHEREAS, the Historical Society is in the process of developing plans ("Phase 2") for a mixed-use museum/residential building on its site fronting 76<sup>th</sup> Street, which would replace its existing library stack building, which may be as high as 280 feet; and

WHEREAS, such plans may also include a new, possibly all-glass, story over the landmark building, which, like the tower, would be visible from all surrounding public ways, and such Phase 2 plans appear likely to result in another LPC application in the very near future; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, believes that the proposed changes to the Central Park West and 77<sup>th</sup> Street facades of the Historical Society that comprise the present application must be considered within the context of the very substantial additional changes to the Historical Society's profile that are likely to be proposed soon in Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is concerned that if the inappropriate elements of this proposal are approved, they will be used to bootstrap arguments that the Phase 2 design is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, numerous other institutions within Community Board 7, Manhattan's boundaries are similarly landmarked, and similarly have unused development rights, and the Committee is very concerned that no undesirable precedent be set with this application, either with regard to the design itself or to the bifurcated consideration of major streetscape changes; and

WHEREAS, in this application the Historical Society is proposing façade changes that are "modern/contemporary" in design and materials (most notably the tri-partite rectangular doors at the Central Park West façade, the use of bronze and glass for the walls and railings of the entrance ramps on both facades, and the proposed informational "kiosks"), an approach that the Committee believes is **inappropriate** for this magnificent classical building – regardless of whether a modernist approach might be appropriate in a different landmark context; and

WHEREAS, at the proposed Central Park West entrance, the great pair of bronze doors would be removed, as would the elegant ornamental bronze decoration over the doors within the masonry frame; and

WHEREAS, the Committee does not believe that the proposal to apply the door panels as immovable decorative artifacts flanking the new contemporary triple door element would in any way make up for removing the doors from their original, functioning, position; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Central Park West entry, by making two new door openings of equivalent size and emphasis to the original door opening, would seriously abrogate the hierarchy of the grand pedimented entry that (as described by LPC in the designation report) forms the single most notable element of this great classical façade; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that in the proposed design the grand pedimented door surround -- stripped of its bronze doors and trim, with a modern rectangular glass and rectilinear metal door inserted in its denuded opening, and flanked by new glass and metal doors in a tri-partite modern idiom – reads more like a Post-Modern pastiche element imposed on the façade than as the noble unifying element it has always been; and

WHEREAS, the applicant proposes to remove the four historic torcheres (two on each façade) and “preserve” them by storing them in the Historical Society’s basement; and

WHEREAS, the applicant did not present to the Committee any material samples or similar means for the Committee to evaluate important details about, most notably (1) the proposed windows (glass and framing elements), (2) the high-tech “kiosks” and (3) the bronze and glass ramp walls and railings; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is sympathetic to the Historical Society’s desires to reorganize and maximize the utility of its internal exhibition and other space, to meet standards for emergency egress and handicapped accessibility and to appear more “transparent” and “inviting” to the public; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that changes to the Historical Society’s façades made to meet such desires should be minimally invasive to the historic fabric and grand classical design of the building; that they should be made to the full extent possible in the same classical idiom as the existing building, including the use of masonry where possible; and should involve the removal of a minimum of historic fabric; and

WHEREAS, although the Committee is generally receptive to the removal of the 1930’s glass block windows in the central bay of the Central Park West façade and the lowering and enlargement of the first floor windows on the 77<sup>th</sup> Street façade, it is not able to judge the appropriateness of the proposed replacement windows because it has not had the opportunity to see samples of either the glass elements or the metal framing elements of either set of windows; and

WHEREAS, the Committee appreciates that the proposed informational “kiosks” are free-standing, and would not directly impinge on the building fabric, but has reservations about their size, placement and operation as affecting the visual experience of regarding the building itself, and is not able to judge the appropriateness of the kiosks because it has not had the opportunity to view samples or images of similar kiosks; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is concerned about the additional encroachment of over one foot eastward onto the narrow Central Park West sidewalk by a substantially widened set of entrance stairs, and is also concerned about the extreme north-south length of the proposed ramp, and is not convinced that a less intrusive and more compact design might not be designed for those features; and

WHEREAS, the Committee is concerned that replacing the interior handicapped lift at the 77<sup>th</sup> Street entrance with an external lift of several more feet in height is likely to be problematic functionally; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the present ramp and stairs at 77<sup>th</sup> Street, enclosed in a masonry wall, while of quite recent construction, are nevertheless appropriate to the historic building, and questions the utility of removing this functional and appropriate entrance for the sake of gaining very limited same-grade interior space at the 77<sup>th</sup> Street rotunda area; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that several elements of the proposed design are **inappropriate** to this important classical landmark: most notably (1) the removal of the great bronze doors in the entrance on Central Park West, as well as the bronze grill that is above the doors and within the door frame; (2) the tri-partite glass and metal rectilinear doors in contemporary idiom at Central Park West, with the flanking doors being of the

same size as the central door, and of far greater size and prominence than the window openings that they replace; (3) the use of bronze and glass, rather than masonry, for the walls and railings of the new ramps on each of the affected facades; and (4) the removal of the four historic torcheres; and

WHEREAS, although the Committee appreciates that the Historical Society met with it on several occasions prior to the Committee's formal meeting to consider this application, presented elements of its proposal and heard comments from Committee members, the Committee nevertheless regrets that in response to such meetings the Historical Society neither produced sample materials nor, most importantly, a proposed design that the Committee considers appropriate to this major classical landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the exterior changes to its classical façade proposed by the Historical Society are unnecessary overkill with respect to the functional aims that drive this proposal, apparently motivated at least in part by the **inappropriate** decision to seek to "modernize" the façade rather than to make minimally intrusive changes, and to respect above all the very features for which it was designated a landmark,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the proposal by the New-York Historical Society for changes to its Central Park West and 77<sup>th</sup> Street facades, urges the Landmarks Preservation Commission similarly to **disapprove** the application, and further urges the LPC (should it not **disapprove** this application) to withhold action on this application so that it may consider these changes together with the additional very substantial changes anticipated with Phase 2 as part of a unified scheme with very major streetscape impact.

**Present:** Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Page Cowley, Lance Dashefsky, Phyllis Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz. Board members: Hope Cohen, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal. Board Chairman Sheldon J. Fine.

## **Housing Committee**

### **Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons**

Minutes will be uploaded as they become available.

## **Health and Human Services Committee**

### **Barbara Van Buren and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairs**

20 February, 2007

Present: Barbara Van Buren, Chair; Barbara Kellerman and Elizabeth Starkey, committee members.

Committee members absent: Madge Rosenberg, David Harris, Islande Dupoux.

1. Update by the Lantern Group on operations and future plans for St Louis Hall, located at 319 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street.

The meeting was called to order by the committee chair.

Eric Galloway and Rafal Markwat from The Lantern Group and Kenneth Dudek,, President of Fountain House, were present to address the concerns of the approximately 100 neighbors and concerned community members about the proposed plans for St. Louis Hall.

Miki Fiegel expressed concerns about the SRO building acquired a year ago by the Lantern Group on W. 99<sup>th</sup> St. because of numerous fire and ambulance calls to the building. Galloway indicated that he had no personal knowledge of the calls but he would look into any problem. He explained that after acquiring the building, Lantern Group was unable to move ahead with renovation plans primarily because it had no off-site location for the tenants in the building to live during renovation. Lantern Group has replaced the building's boiler and HPD is reviewing renovation plans at this time.

Galloway also gave a brief update on Hunter Moon which Lantern Group acquired in January 2006. The renovation will take place in two phases. The renovation is proceeding on the front of the building, with the present tenants relocated to the rear of the building.

St. Louis Hall, 319 West 94<sup>th</sup> St., is a commercial SRO building which Lantern Group is seeking to buy and develop into 149 units of permanent affordable housing. The housing would be available to low income single adults, including the 54 existing tenants (whose rents would remain the same if below \$500 and would be reduced to \$500, if currently higher); 31 units for low income single adults selected by lottery and meeting HDC and HPD guidelines; and 60 units set aside for DHS-referred single adults, aged 50 and over, living with mental illness and capable of independent living in permanent housing.

Fountain House would provide off-site Fountain House Clubhouse day-services programs to supplement on-site supportive services. Clients would be expected to use public transportation to travel to and from Fountain House. Funding for the DHS referrals would come from the most recent NY/NY agreement, a NYS/NYC program which has funded two previous agreements to house the homeless/mentally ill. The current NY/NY agreement also addresses the needs of the homeless with other special needs. Two long-time clients of Fountain House spoke in favor of the program which had successfully enabled them to live independently and take part in the life of the community. Galloway left the committee with comprehensive, but evolving, plans for the facility, i.e., schematic development plans for the 6-story building, including plans for the 4-story addition (partially subject to approval by the Bureau of Standards and Appeals); names and affiliations of the newly appointed Community Advisory Board; proposed site safety programs and plans; schedule of on and off-site supportive social service staffing; and schedule for addressing present concerns of current residents.

The concerns and issues raised by the neighboring community and current residents of the building included:

- saturation of the neighborhood with social service facilities;
- inappropriateness of the disproportionate number of social service facilities in neighborhood with high concentration of children, families and schools;
- the problems in the neighborhood caused by the Apple, aka the Montroyal, the SRO at 315 West 94<sup>th</sup> St. taken over in 2006 by DHS as temporary shelter for homeless adult families. (Due to concerted effort by CB7 and elected officials, the shelter is scheduled to close in April 2007);
- use/waste of taxpayer dollars; lack of transparency on part of NYC and the Lantern Group;
- inappropriate development of the building, with construction of 4 additional floors, compounding density problems;
- concerns for building's current residents and neighborhood residents due to inclusion of the DHS referrals;



-inability to get up-to-date, reliable plans and information from NYC and the Lantern Group.

The community was encouraged to return to the March meeting of the Land Use committee where the Lantern Group's application for the BSA variance necessary for the four-floor addition would be discussed. Subsequent to the meeting, it was decided that the Lantern Group's application would be presented to a joint Land Use/Health and Human Services committee meeting in April, 2007.

2. CB7's proposed survey of CB7's public school programs for AIDS and sex education.

In view of the foreseeable complications which would result from sending out survey under BOE auspices, the committee agreed that it would meet with Education Committee and devise plans for CB7 to send out survey with CB7 cover letter.

Submitted by Elizabeth Starkey

### **Land Use Committee**

#### **Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**

. 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 86<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**Environment and Public Safety Committee**  
**John Howell, Chairperson**

## District Service Cabinet

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Penny Ryan, District Manager

February 28, 2007

1. Discussion with Dean McCann, **Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting** regarding filming in CD7 and new procedures of the Office. The Mayor's Office of Film, Theater and Broadcasting has initiated the Made in NY Assistant Production Assistant Training program which promotes diversity in the film industry. Graduates have a high placement rate which can lead to a career in the film industry. CB7 requested training program brochures be supplied to the office. For contact information visit [nyc.gov/film](http://nyc.gov/film).

The film office has seen a twofold increase in film permits year to date. These new films result in higher revenues for NYC and thousands of new jobs. Also on the rise are residential noise complaints attributable to the increase in filming.

The film office was asked to enforce rules that film companies are expected to abide by. Field representatives should make sure everything in the filming location is left as it was.

Notification of film shoots are emailed to community boards and elected officials. In the future, the film office will alert block associations and utility companies. CB7 offered to send Flash notices to any agency or organization requesting to be on the distribution list.

2. **OTB at 143 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street.** The City approved a betting parlor at this location. A community advisory group is being formed to handle anticipated neighborhood problems.

CB7 requested information on noise complaints related to the new club, Columbus 72, 100 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street. NYPD and DEP had no registered complaints.

**Update on outreach to street homeless:** DPR, DSNY, NYPD, Project Outreach, West Side Crime Prevention Program.

Preparing for transition: Goddard Riverside submitted a proposal to the Mayor's office to eliminate chronic homelessness by 2009. Goddard Riverside will have a 24/7 drop-in lounge. Homeless outreach will be a topic of discussion for next month's meeting. In April, Goddard Riverside will be sponsoring two evening meetings on how to respond to the homeless. Community will be emailed exact dates. Goddard Riverside is working with local churches with regard to the homeless problem.

20<sup>th</sup> Pct Kurt, 73<sup>rd</sup> Street book vendor that was issued several violations for selling items not covered under his permit, has a March 12 hearing date.

24<sup>th</sup> Pct issued multiple C-Summonses to vendors and homeless. CB7 requested amount issued and when.

New homeless locations reported: 73<sup>rd</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> St; aggressive panhandling at SWC of 96<sup>th</sup> Street Broadway subway entrance; and at Chase ATM.

3. Update on rat abatement: DSNY, DOHMH.

West 100<sup>th</sup> to 109<sup>th</sup> Streets, Central Park West-Broadway. Targeting as a new model area. City agencies and block association are trying to convince landlords and home owners to change their trash containers in order to help decrease the rat population.

West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue, PS87, still working with groups, businesses, and organizations. There will be a follow-up meeting.

4. Agency reports: most frequent 311 complaints to agency; requests for coordination with other agencies; announcements.

**NYPL** – Thanked 24<sup>th</sup> Pct and Capt O'Reilly for deploying resources to library. Things are getting better.

**FDNY** – Fires down 4.63%

**DOB** – There were sixty work without permit complaints last month, making it the number one complaint category. Of these complaints ten violations were issued. DOB continues to offer a half day of inspections for Community Boards.

**NEW: Working outside of permitted hours is now considered work without permit which is fined at 14 x filing fee with a minimum of \$5,000.**

**NYPD Transit District #1** – overall crime is down.

**Parks** – PS 87 playground was cleaned immediately after snowfall. Booker T has a dog poop problem, needs enforcement at 7 am , 4 pm, 8-9 pm.

**DEP** – 437 noise complaints, mostly from construction after hours.

**DOT** – fixing potholes throughout the City.

**Con Ed** – electric shocks coming from scaffold lighting.

**NYPD** – 24<sup>th</sup> Pct, 5.43% down overall crime. Grand Larceny and robberies are up. There was a shooting connected with the Duane Read robberies. Suspect was apprehended.

**Park West Village construction:** There will be a traffic planning meeting with DOT to discuss six proposed new curb cuts on 100<sup>th</sup> Street which may impede FDNY/NYPD/NYPL access.

**DA's Office:** There were 321 arrests for both precincts. The Trespass program is stable.

**PSA 6** – crime down 17%, arrests up. New felony program – once you have been arrested & have a drug felony, not allowed on NYCHA property unless you reside there.

**Commission on Human Rights** – 375 calls in last 6 months. 50% housing / 50% employment.

5. Hosting the March 28<sup>th</sup> DSC? Riverside Branch library offered to host the next DSC meeting.

**CB7 offices will be returning to 250 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street (just west of Broadway, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

**on Thursday, March 1.**

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**Present:** Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager, Yassiel Nieves, Community Associate, CB7; Capt. Francis, PO Revels, 24<sup>th</sup> Precinct; Supt. John Quirk, DSNY; Paul Pavarino, Aubrey Donadelle Jr., NYPD Transit District #1; Chief Holzmaier, FDNY; Ben Colombo, DOB; Ryder Pearce, DOT; Paul Evens, Parks; Paula Sanders, Commission on Human Rights; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Rosemary Murray, Lynn Opinante, Susan Singer NYPL; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, Pat Richardi, Con Edison; Sarena Lewit, GRCC/Project Reachout; Dean McCann, Film and Theater; Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office; Michael Meade, Senator Schneiderman's office; Dave Lipsky, DEP; Jessica Silver, MBPO; Dennis Cullen, PSA-6; Alex Henry, CM Gale Brewer's office. Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office.