

Full Board Meeting
Sheldon Fine, Chairman
June 5, 2007
Goddard-Riverside Community Center

Mr. Fine called the meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

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

Business Session

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

1. The resolution to approve the Department of City Planning's application #C 070427 ZMM to amend the NYC Zoning Map from West 97th Street to West 110th Street was adopted: 38:0:0.

- Annie Serlin, Lynn Max, Cavin Greenberg, Glory Ann Kerstein, and Dean Loren spoke in support of rezoning.
- Bob Botfeld—36-year resident of the Upper West Side, founding member of Westsiders for Responsible Development, supports rezoning.
- Bill Crain—Vice President of Westsiders for Responsible Development, in support of rezoning.
- Barbara Aubery—Urged Board to pass the rezoning plan, resident of Park West Village.
- Steve Max—Supports rezoning in part due to its production of affordable housing.
- Cynthia Doty—Supports rezoning plan. It is a step towards providing an acceptable amount of affordable housing and preserving the neighborhood.
- Alexander Medwedev—Rezoning plan is flawed, does not produce affordable housing. In favor of rezoning, however, this plan does not help the community.
- David Friend—Supports rezoning. Important to protect affordable housing and the neighborhood. Rezoning is not enough, needs more affordable housing.
- Ann Shirazi—On board of West 100th Street Block Association, supports rezoning plan to preserve the neighborhood.
- Eve Sinaiko—This rezoning plan is the first step, however afterwards need to work more towards affordable housing.
- Sheryl Strong—Resident of Park West Village, advised people to be wary of community board resolutions and their sincerity.
- Lauren Williams—Supports rezoning plan, must remain involved.
- Carmen Quinones—The Board has failed with Latino representation; should produce literature in various languages.
- Brian Cook (Manhattan Borough President's Office)—Borough President supports rezoning and has waived his 30-day review period in order to expedite it.

Chairman's Report: Sheldon J. Fine

- Completing ULURP on the rezoning of West 97th to West 110th Streets. In June 2006, Board approved the CB7 produced plan. Now, CB7 has voted on the Department of City Planning's application.

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- On June 4th, CB7 facilitated a community meeting with Whole Foods with attendance of 150.
- July Full Board meeting will be held on July 10th. We will invite members who have resigned, and will give a tribute to them.

Public Session

- Virginia Pepe, Principal, PS 163 - Whole Food's loading dock on West 97th Street will present a danger to school children and seniors.
 - Carlos Carela—185 West 80th Street is setting up a wine bar and gallery for local artists.
 - David Dalton—Wishes to start new business that caters to the transportation needs of Upper West Siders, including passenger vans to the financial district.
 - Gerald Sider—Olmsted Condo Board: Concerned about the implementation of the rezoning plan in October. Developers that begin construction before this October deadline can follow old zoning laws.
 - Janet Field—Co-chair of the safety committee of PS 163. Parents at the school are concerned about issues relating to the construction of Whole Foods on West 97th Street.
 - Joseline Minaya—Manhattan DA office: Tennant rights meeting on June 11th at NYU.
 - Barbara Wallitt—319 West 94th Street Resident for 20 years - The neighborhood has risen, this summer a shelter opened, and issues have started to arise.
 - Paula Bassoff—The Lantern Group's plan for mental health services at 215 West 94th Street is inadequate.
 - Aaron Biller—The Lantern Group facility is inadequate, does not protect the neighborhood.
 - Kathie Horan, Resident of Park West Village for 44 years - Disappointed that CB7 approved sidewalk vault at 808 Columbus Avenue. Called for CB7 to convene a task force dedicated to Park West Village and development issues in the area.
 - Renee Warshofsky Arthur—Programming at the St. Louis is not enough, the facilities are not adequate.
- Michael Meade (State Senator Eric Schneiderman)—Pleased with the rezoning efforts of the Community Board 7.
- David Weinberg (State Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal)—Mayor is trying to push through the state legislator an amendment determining how the Upper West Side manages garbage export.
 - Jessica Silver (Manhattan Borough President Scott Stinger)—Town hall meeting this Thursday night at the Calhoun School. Last week the borough president initiated a program to help curb asthma in East Harlem. Measures are being taken to help fight traffic congestion.
 - Matt Bitz (Council Member Inez Dickens)—Assessing plans that all buildings that are designated for the elderly would be required to have more than one elevator. Ms. Dickens congratulates CB7 on rezoning.
 - Micahel Kaplan (State Assembly Member Richard Gottfried)—50 bills have been reported from the health committee; hopefully these will be turned into law.
 - Cordell Clear (State Senator Bill Perkins)—Happy to see the success of the Community Board's passing of rezoning. There is an issue of cuts in public housing.



· Don Berger (Congressman Charles Rangel)—www.lawhelp.org, a resource to find free legal counsel and referrals.

Legislators' Reports

Council Member Gale Brewer—There is a 60 billion dollar budget with a revenue between 5 and 6 billion. Push to decrease taxes, increase funding for libraries, etc. At Martin Luther King H.S, 5 years ago a science lab was \$150,000, now it is \$800,000. Increase in cost of construction. There will be a hearing in the fall regarding traffic on the West Side, from West 57th to 86th Streets. Garbage is a huge problem on the West Side, there are various solutions on the table. On June 21st at Goddard Riverside, there will be a forum on Upper West Side issues.

Business Session *continued*

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

2. **2398 Broadway** (West 88th Street.) The resolution to approve the renewal application DCA# 1125321 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sigma Group, Inc., d/b/a AIX Restaurant & Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats was adopted: 37:0:1:0.
3. **2165 Broadway** (West 76th Street.) The resolution to approve the new application DCA# 1252694 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Spatula, LLC, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats was adopted: 29:3:3:0.
4. **384 Columbus Avenue** (West 78th Street.) The resolution to approve the renewal application DCA# 1190075 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, d/b/a Ocean Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats was returned to committee.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Jeffrey Bank and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

5. **1900 Broadway.** The resolution to disapprove the application to the State Liquor Authority by 1900 Broadway, 64 West LLC., d/b/a/the Company (Old Coastal at Lincoln), for a new two year on-premises liquor license unless the following stipulation is added to their method of operation, in their SLA application: that this establishment is run as a full-service restaurant, not as a bar or club, was adopted 30:2:1:0.
6. **2350 Broadway.** The resolution to approve the 2350 Broadway Rest Corp, d/b/a Deans, for a 2 year on-premises liquor license was adopted: 30:2:1:0.
7. **722 Amsterdam Avenue.** The resolution to approve Charm Thai Food for a 2 year on-premises liquor license was adopted: 30:2:1:0.
8. **128 West 72nd Street.** The resolution to approve S&P 72 Corp, d/b/a Lime Leaf Restaurant, for a 2 year on-premises liquor license, was adopted: 30:2:1:0.
9. **50 West 72nd Street.** The resolution to disapprove the application to the State Liquor Authority by 50 West 72nd Rest LLC, d/b/a/ Riposo, for a new two year on premises liquor license unless the following stipulations are added to their method of operation in their SLA application: that in this establishment there will be no live or loud music, windows and doors are kept closed, and an effort is made to keep sidewalk clear of smokers and noise, was adopted: 30:4:1:0.



10. **158 West 72nd Street.** The resolution to disapprove the application to the State Liquor Authority by 158 West 72nd, d/b/a/ The Turkish Grill, for a new liquor license unless the following stipulations are added to their method of operation, in their SLA application: that this establishment is a full service restaurant with no live or loud music, windows and doors are kept closed, and effort is made to keep sidewalk clear of smokers and noise, was adopted: 30:2:1:0.

11. **480 Amsterdam Avenue.** The resolution to disapprove the application to the State Liquor Authority by 480 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a/ Dan Doohan, for a new liquor license unless the following stipulations are added to their method of operation, in their SLA application: that this establishment will always employ at the door a licensed security bouncer and effort will be made to keep sidewalk clear of smokers and noise, was adopted: 30:2:1:0.

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons

12. **103 West 77th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for new door and windows was adopted: 33:0:0:0.

13. **2020 Broadway, dba Bar Cibo Enoteca** (West 69th Street.) The resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a new storefront at the ground floor was adopted: 33:0:0:0.

14. **155 West 76th Street** (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue.) The resolution to approve application #07-7129 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for alteration of the front areaway was adopted: 33:0:0:0.

15. **31 West 82nd Street** (Central Park West.) The resolution to approve application #07-5732 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace a window with a door was adopted: 33:0:0:0.

In response to questions about the Full Board's delegation of authority to the Steering Committee in the matter of 808 Columbus Avenue vault application, Mr. Fine said he would seek an opinion from the Manhattan Borough President's Office and the Law Department.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

June 12, 2007

Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafes

· **225 Columbus Ave** (W.70 St) Renewal application Mare, Mare, Inc d/b/a Bistro Cassis 6 tables 14 seats - no changes. Approved by Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

· **428 Amsterdam Ave** (W.72St) Renewal application Brother Jimmy's LLC d/b/a Brother Jimmy's BBQ 12 tables 20 seats - no changes. Approved by Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

· **522 Columbus Ave** (W.85St) Renewal application Barjer Corp d/b/a Firehouse 11 tables 29 seats - no changes. Approved by Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

Enclosed Sidewalk Cafes

· **269 Columbus Ave** (W.72-73 St) Renewal application 269 Columbus Rest. Corp. d/b/a The City Grill 16 tables 34 seats - no changes. Approved by Committee: 5-1-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

· **368 Columbus Ave** (W.77-78 St) Renewal application Ixhel Corp. d/b/a Café Frida 10 tables 28 seats - no changes. Approved by Committee: 5-1-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

15 Central Park West – Proposal to allow a planted strip along CPW between 61st and 62nd St. Presented by Philip Habib, Michael Jones, and Michael Weber, landscape architect. Planting 3ft 6in deep leaving 13 ft 3 in of sidewalk left clear. It was noted that subway grates along half the block are 5 ft 4 in wide leaving 7ft 11in of clear sidewalk where the grates are located.

Resolution to approve: Committee 7-0-0-0 Non-committee 2-0-0-0

72nd St Ramp closure – Informational meeting.

Margaret Forgione, Manhattan Borough Commissioners, DOT; Brenda Levin, consultant to Extell; Paul Selver, Kramer Levin, land use Attorney presented. Stated there was an obligation to the developer (Extell as current owner) from 1992. EIS was revisited in 2003. Extell will have a monthly newsletter and maintain an email contact list to keep people up to date.

Community liaison is Mike Byrne 212-721-3615 Email: mbyrne@dewberry.com Address: Resident Engineer Field Office, 120 Riverside Blvd., New York, NY 10069

M. Forgione stated: Pedestrian crossing times on WEA will be unchanged.

Other items and concerns stated by various parties:

Crosstown 79th St bus – blocks traffic

Phyllis Gunther – Why not wait until the Blvd goes to 59th St before making the connection.

Philip Habib – Riverside Blvd will take traffic now going on WEA going to the highway northbound.

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66th St is a speedway – red lights are run

ADA – this is a violation of the Lincoln Towers agreement

Connection will take traffic from Riverside Drive destined for Lincoln Center.

RSD and RSB are both 45 feet wide.

Another lane on WEA will make pedestrian crossing less safe on WEA. DOT will review.

Madeline Polayes – How will fire engines get to 73rd and WEA?

Livery cabs line up on Riverside Boulevard – needs Taxi and Limousine enforcement.

Question about what northbound traffic lanes will be available between 70th and 72nd St on WEA. Concern about construction taking a lane at 70th St.

Coalition for a Livable Westside – Why not close the ramp – see the impact for a period with the ramp closed – then see if it is ok to tear down.

No park land in use will be lost to construction.

When will the plan be implemented? Parking change along WEA later in June.

Approval of EIS was done by many agencies.

Concern expressed for safety of pedestrians when a long time parking lane changes to a traffic lane.

Could a traffic lane eventually replace a parking lane on Riverside Boulevard?

What is the rush to tear down? Why not an underpass?

Concern for problems with the lights and traffic flow on WEA.

Traffic counts in EIS were wildly understated. It is dishonest not to test assumptions before actually destroying the ramp.

Request speed bump on 70th St in front of school (P.S. 199 / Center School).

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Business and Consumer Issues Committee

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

June 13, 2007 7:00 PM

The Business and Consumer Issues Committee reviewed two liquor license applications: 103 West 77th Street, 103 W Partners was represented by Don Evans and 281 Amsterdam Ave, Nabucco, LLC, was represented by their attorney, Guiliano Iannaccone, Esq., Antonio Corsano, Managing Director and Cesarre Casalla who serves as partner/chef.

The District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2009 was submitted to the board office at our May 2007 committee meeting.

The BCI Committee is planning a Business Improvement District (BID) meeting of the three BIDS in the district to explore the community's interest in expanding/maintaining the current geographic boundaries. The meeting will be held at the October 2007 monthly meeting of the BCI Committee. At this meeting, the support of the BIDS will be also solicited to launch an employee health insurance coverage information/enrollment initiative. The committee believes that it is in the best interest of business owners, particular in the restaurant and construction sectors, to promote public insurance for employees of small retail businesses through no/low-cost government-sponsored health insurance coverage and private sector health insurance options which are available and which focus on "hard to reach" workers.

The Committee will also be conducting a survey of community access to meeting space within the district by cultural institutions and large employers. The issue of available meeting space for non-profits in the district and the use of minority/women business owners by these institutions will also be addressed in this survey. The co-chair will report back to the full BCI Committee on the results of the survey at their July meeting.

June 2007 BCI Resolutions

103 West 77th Street, 103 W 77 Partners, LLC. (96 seats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the State Liquor Authority by 103 West 77th Street, 103 W 77 Partners, LLC for a new full liquor license.

Committee: 3-0-0-0

281 Amsterdam Avenue, Nabucco, LLC. (40 seats)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the application to the State Liquor Authority by 281 Amsterdam Avenue, Nabucco, LLC. for a new full liquor license unless the following stipulation is added to their method of operation in their SLA application, that this establishment agrees that whenever there is live music, applicant agrees that all doors and windows will be kept closed as of 11:00pm.

Committee: 4-0-0-0

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Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Klari Neuwelt, Co-Chairpersons

Fordham University

June 14, 2007

7:00 PM

Attendees: Klari Neuwelt, Phyllis Gunther, Gabrielle Palitz and Jeff Siegel

Absent: Lenore Norman, Page Cowley

Ms. Neuwelt opened the meeting at approximately 7:05 pm.

1. Riverside Park - West 101st Street ball field.

Margaret Bracken of the Parks Department and Jim Dowell from the Riverside Park Fund presented a proposal to renovate the Riverside Park ballfield between West 100th-101st Streets and between the Promenade and the Hudson River. In the 1990s the field was changed from grass to artificial turf, and the materials are now deteriorating. Parks presented a proposal to replace the existing artificial turn and add a more advanced rubber infill, materials which are projected to have a 10-year lifespan. The project is expected to cost approximately \$350,000, with \$200,000 of this amount coming as a grant from the Riverside Park Fund and the rest funded through the State capital budget (through monies secured by the work of Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal, and former Assemblyman, and now Borough President, Scott M. Stringer), as well as through donations from the West Side Soccer League (who are some of the greatest users of the field). Construction on the project has been scheduled for the fall of 2007 and will last about one month.

The Committee approved the application to replace the artificial turf at the ball field at West 100th-101st Streets and the Hudson River in Riverside Park with new artificial turf: 4-0-0-0.

2. Central Park - West 100th Street playground.

Gary Dearborn, Chris Nolan, Lane Addonizio and Kate Papacosma from the Central Park Conservancy described their plans for rehabilitating the West 100th Street "adventure" playground in Central Park. The project budget is approximately \$1.3 million, and funded almost entirely through City Council (through Council member Gale A. Brewer's efforts) and Conservancy funds. Although the landscaping around the outside of the playground was reviewed and approved by the Committee at the May 2007 meeting, the Conservancy sought review at this meeting of their proposed redesign of the playground itself. The renovation is necessary both to rehabilitate the playground, and to bring it up to modern accessibility and consumer safety standards. Ms. Papacosma described the history of the playground and the philosophy behind "adventure" playgrounds. Originally a Robert Moses design, the West 100th Street playground was redesigned in the 1970s after a great deal of community input to include a large amount of sand surrounding two treehouses, a conical climbing pyramid, a wonder bridge, a toddler maze, a water feature and a pool.

The playground as it is currently configured is not ADA compliant and is underutilized by area residents who complain about the amount of sand, the overuse of concrete (which create many trip hazards for children) and the difficulty of supervising children through the many hiding areas (particularly in the conical tunnel). To address these issues, the

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Conservancy proposed eliminating the wading area, expanding the sandbox, creating an active water feature, reducing the amount of sand in the playground by 90% and introducing a new sand colored ADA carpet, dropping the grade around the cone, lowering the floor of the conical tunnel, rebuilding the slides, adding steel guardrails, adding swings to the toddler area, reusing the concrete honeycomb toddler maze pieces, rebuilding the treehouses and adding a hammock swing, among other changes. Landscaping was set to begin in mid-June, and upon approval from the Art Commission, construction on the playground itself is expected to begin in September 2007 and to take 9 months to a year.

A number of area parents (Michael Alec, Susan Calese, Grant Ross, Alex Atkin, John Matkin and Robert Barden) spoke in strong support of the proposed changes to the playground and complemented the Conservancy on their outreach efforts and thoughtful approach to the redesign. Hunter Armstrong from Landmarks West! read a statement opposing the redesign and urged the Conservancy to adhere more closely to the original design of architect Bill Giquette (Sp?).

The Committee complemented the Conservancy's extensive community outreach and efforts to work with the original architect to preserve the "adventure" playground elements and approved the final design for the reconstruction of the West 100th Street playground in Central Park: 4-0-0-0.

3. 160 West 100th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Riverside Health Center.

The applicant did not appear as scheduled to present the proposal, or otherwise present or submit any information to the Committee. Accordingly, the Committee conditionally disapproved the application for the public art project for the renovation of the Riverside Health Center on West 100th Street, without prejudice to the applicant's presenting the project to the Committee at a future meeting: 4-0-0-0.

4. 344 West 72nd Street (West End Avenue-Riverside Drive.)

Tomothy J. Murphy, an architect with Lawless & Magione Architects and Engineers, LLP presented an application for a proposed addition on the roof of the Chatsworth building. The proposed addition will not be visible from West 72nd Street and only minimally visible from West 71st Street (through a space where a brownstone once stood). The proposed addition is finished with a cream colored stucco, the same color and material as the existing rear façade of the existing penthouse. The Committee approved the application for an addition to the penthouse at the Chatsworth at 344 West 72nd Street, without taking a position as to whether the addition is "small", as described by the applicant: 4-0-0-0.

5. Re: 105, 107 and 109 West 78th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)

The applicants are the coop owners in a set of three brownstones whose stoops were removed and which were linked together with a parlor floor level bridge linking all the doorways. In 1998, the owners painted the three brownstones light blue with white trim without obtaining prior approval from LPC (the brownstones were originally brown). The applicants noted that the block of West 78th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues include a unique combination of pastel-painted brownstones, the "red and white" Guastavino row houses (which, like the applicants' buildings, have white-painted trim), and

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handsome row houses in their original brownstone or painted brown, which together formed a sympathetic and celebrated streetscape, and also as a whole represent their own period in the architectural and cultural history of the Historic District. Most other distinctive architectural features of the 78th Street facades of this group of three houses above the ground level are intact.

The applicants did not propose any changes to those facades, but rather proposed to legalize the blue/white paint color scheme for the three facades that has received public praise in *The New York Times* in the past and that was supported by testimony of several owners of the building (Gigi Barlow, Jane Genesi, Nina McCelvie, and William Witteg) as well as letters from other block residents. Although the Committee did not suggest that such paint color is generally appropriate for the street facades of row houses in the Historic District, or that it intended to create a precedent beyond this unique circumstance, the Committee believed that the existing paint color is reasonably appropriate to the Historic District in its specific context and approved the application to legalize the repainting of the facades of the buildings at 105, 107 and 109 West 78th Street in the present light blue color with white trim: 4-0-0-0.

6. Re: 161 West 78th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)

John S. Torberg of Torberg Architects LLP pressed a proposal to renovate the back of an existing brownstone by removing the dog leg and building out 4 stories of the brownstone for the full length of the building up to 30 feet from the lot line. The applicant proposed to restore and recreate the existing corbelling to the back of the brownstone in a manner that creates a better symmetry than the existing compromised corbelled design around the fenestration. The proposed rear-yard extension will not be visible from any public way.

The Committee noted that the proposed rear-yard extension was appropriate to the architectural features of the building and to the Historic District and approved the proposed design for the renovation of the rear-yard extension at 161 West 78th Street: 4-0-0-0.

The Committee meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 PM.

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Health and Human Services Committee

Barbara Van Buren and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairs

MINUTES 6/19/07

Attendance : Barbara Van Buren. David Harris, Elizabeth Starkey, Madge Rosenberg

1) St Luke's /Roosevelt Hospital Center presented their plans to move in-patient OB beds from St. Luke's to Roosevelt. The out-patient service at St Luke's will remain. This is being done to have better use of available beds. Space will be opened up at St Luke's for an in-patient adolescent psychiatric unit. No staff layoffs will be involved.

2) Only 5 responses have been received so far to our questionnaire on Implementation of the HIV/AIDS Curriculum in CB7 schools. Follow-up calls are being made. Responses were circulated.

3) Ryan Health Center has found space to temporarily relocate its 100th Street office.

4) District Needs Statement Both last year's statement and last month's minutes of the meeting of community people were reviewed.

Last Year's

Clean up language and get current data

Play up 100th Anniversary of Child Health Clinics. Review of all services in district

Follow-up state plans to expand access to Child Health Plus and Family Health Plus..

Concern about emphasis in Medicare Managed Care on cost containment rather than medical advice.

Involve government agencies, labor unions, religious community, the elderly, service providers in discussion of reaching out to isolated elderly

More mental health services to meet needs of older people

Community approach to problems of immigrants. **BP Task Force**

New

Affordable Day Care Centers

Living Wage

Family homelessness on rise

Hunger on rise

Change in welfare budgets No change in over 10 years as cost of living steadily rises.

Inappropriate placements by City Agencies.

Broaden community understanding of who is homeless and why Look at services necessary for information

Lack of Space for needed services

Affordable Housing needed to insure quality of life for all groups. Low cost housing being eliminated.

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Improved quality of life for all - More benches where people can rest and socialize, public swimming pools, centers for all to come together, not delineated by age or income, discounts at local universities for elderly and low income.

Elizabeth Starkey volunteered to draft a statement of need which would be sent to other members of the committee for review,

Meeting adjourned.

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez and Charles Simon, Co-Chairpersons

June 11, 2007 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting commenced with an informal round table introduction of all persons present.

First on the agenda was Ernestine Thomas who is a NYCHA Manager located at 55 West 125th Street and the current TSAP Expert. Ms. Thomas began by introducing herself and giving her work number which is 212-828-7100. She then went on to breakdown what TSAP really means.

TSAP now stands for Tenant Selection Assignment Plan which is the computerized method used to select new and or current residents to either move in or transfer. The system is based on a four (4) tier method and is broken down as follows: 1st priority is transfers, the 2nd is extremely overcrowded, the third is emergencies and the 4th is applicants. Now within these tiers there are other priorities that must be considered. Some examples are IW (Intimidated Witnesses), Domestic Violence victims, work priority and needs priority. So, although the process was broken down to its simplest form it is rather intricate.

One of the main concerns with the system is the fact that some persons have all the same priority as another but get in before the other person who has been on the waiting list for a much longer period. Ms Thomas stated that if we could give her specific examples, she could look into it and get back to us. One example was given by Mr. Gonzalez and she gave him the number to call in order to inquire. More dialogue ensued and finally Mr. Gonzalez stated that we are not trying to shut down TSAP but to try and improve it in order to make the system more fair and accurate.

This first has to go to the top echelon in NYCHA, policy has to be created and then a meeting in order to consider what changes have to be made. Obviously a very lengthy process but non the less needed. Last but not least, Randolph Houses is being renovated so the residents are being relocated to Wise Towers. This is a problem due to the priority of the move. The people on the waiting list now have to wait even longer because construction has to be completed and then relocation back to Randolph Houses will take place.

Mr. St Clair Clements, another NYCHA Resident Leader , asked Ms. Thomas about Asset Management. Her response was that she does not handle that area but if he would give her his contact information she would insure that someone will contact him. He agreed and Ms. Thomas said good night.

At this juncture Mr. J. Cooper, a guest, asked to speak about a concern regarding 211 West 101st Street, which is a shelter. His complaint was regarding chronic noise issues, domestic violence (women and children) gambling and the sale of footwear out in the open. Mr. Cooper claims that he has contacted the police and that they claim that nothing can be done. He is also concerned with the playground that is yet to be built and how this would escalate is going on now. So after a few questions by some of the Housing Committee member, Jaye Murray told J. Cooper that she would call the Commanding Officer from the 24 Pct. as a follow up and then get back to all of us with the results.

By this time it was 9:00 P.M. and the meeting had to adjourn.

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Present: Housing Committee Members: Co-Chair Victor Antonio Gonzalez, Barbara Van Buren, Chaumtoli Huq, Sharon Parker-Frazier and Jaye Murray. **Absent:** Co-Chair Charles Simon and Melanie Radley.

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District Service Cabinet
Penny Ryan, District Manager
June 27, 2007

Discussions

I. Goddard-Riverside announced that their contract with the City of New York to reduce homelessness in the City will start in September. Their goal is to achieve a 2/3 reduction in homelessness by 2009. Some of the highlights of the discussion:

- Top priority will be to house homeless, and then treat.
- Chronic homeless will be identified and registered starting August 1st (Chronic is defined as being homeless for nine months consecutively, within two years.)
- Staff will do targeted outreach to registered chronic homeless from 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- Referral lounge at Goddard-Riverside will remain open, but there will be no overnight facilities.
- Urban Pathway representatives will be fielding 311 calls; the program director will return calls.
- Program will coordinate training with local precincts and outreach workers will share each evening's itinerary with police.

II. DEP New Noise Code Rules

New noise code goes into effect July 1, 2007. DEP will distribute a Have You Heard pamphlet that describes the new limits on acceptable noise in the City.

- Construction Noise: Those engaged in construction work must develop a noise mitigation plan prior to start of their work and keep it on site, available for inspection by DEP enforcement staff. (Existing sites have 60 days from July 1, 2007 to comply.)
- Animal Noises: The noise code holds owners accountable for their animals' noises. Guidelines of unacceptable noise levels: Unreasonable and plainly audible barking from within nearby residential property after 7 a.m. and before 10 p.m. for a continuous period of **10 minutes** or more, OR after 10 p.m. and before 7 a.m. for a continuous period of **5 minutes** or more.
- Food Vending Vehicles: The new noise code prohibits the playing of jingles while stationary.
- Air Conditioners and Rooftop Circulation Devices: Devices may not produce noise levels in excess of 42 decibels, as measured from a point 3 feet within an open door or window. Buildings with multiple devices cannot exceed 45 decibels.
- Music from Bars and Restaurants: Commercial establishments that play music must limit the level of unreasonable or disturbing noise that **escapes into the streets** or nearby residences to 42 decibels OR may not exceed 7 decibels, as measured on a street or public right of way, 15 feet or more from the source, between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
 - DEP and NYPD may enforce the music noise section of the noise code.
- Private Carters: Can work at night but must not be within 50 feet of residential premises and both engine and compacting noise together cannot exceed 85 decibels.
- Power Tools: Can be operated between 8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon – Fri and 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. weekends.

III. Conversion of SROs and Residential Apartments to Illegal Hotels

· The Mayor's Office discussed its new focus on illegal hotel conversions. They have ongoing investigations throughout the City, including the Upper West Side. Report illegal conversions to 311 or our office if in CB7.

Agency Updates

- 92nd Street Park – The 24th Precinct assigned a foot patrol until the noise and illegal barbecuing problem is resolved. Parks will install a No BBQ sign and distribute flyers with locations where it is legal to BBQ in the City. List is also available on the Parks website.
- 24th Precinct special midnight bar patrol cars are still active from 96th to 110th Street.
- DOB – Construction site at 808 Columbus Avenue is doing a great job at cleaning up.
- DOB regulations reminders:
 - Prior to 7 a.m., vehicles at construction sites are not allowed to idle nor can machinery be started.
 - Brackets are required under air conditioners.
- PSA6 had a major drug arrest at 825 Amsterdam Avenue, eight arrests.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager, CB7; PO Revels, 24th Precinct; Capt. Chism, Lt. Cabon, Det. Vassalo, 20th Pct; Chief Holzmaier, Abe Figueroa, Kanisher Hyde, Mandesha Moras, FDNY; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Crista Carmody, Paul Evens, Parks; Megan Melamed, Goddard Riverside; John Quirk, DSNY; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; PO Hampton, Capt. O'Brien, NYPD TD03; Gerry Kelpin, DEP; O. Silver, MBPO; PO John Ramos, NYPD PSA-6; Susan Singer, NYPL; Madeleine Kronovet, CAU; Clarence Gordon, NYCHA; Shari Hyman, Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement; Abe Gigueroa; C. Colo, DDC; Jonathan Grilli, AW Linda Rosenthal's Office; Bob Bodgas, DCA; Paula Sanders, CCHK; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, LS BID; Pat Richardi, Con Edison; Peter Goldnisser, CM Gale Brewer's office.