

Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Helen Rosenthal, Chairperson

Jewish Home Lifecare, June 2, 2009

Helen Rosenthal called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: 33-0-1.

Chairperson's Report: Helen Rosenthal

Riverside Center:

- Productive meeting re open space design, with 40 people attending and questioning the developer's landscape architect.
- Board member John Mark Warren identified 4 constituencies to keep in mind moving forward re RSC: West End Avenue neighbors; other RSS residents; Con Ed building visitors; Park users.
- Next RSC meeting w Working Group- re transportation and parking 6/22 (Mon) at 7pm at CB7 Office

Fordham University: now being heard at City Council. No further votes for our Board.

Budget Cuts to Community Boards - Rally 6/9 at 11 am on steps of City Hall. Make it clear to electeds that cuts to CB budgets are de minimis to overall City Budget, but devastating to CB's ability to serve public.

Public Session

Susan Raphael – Visiting Doctors of Mount Sinai Hospital: (Sraphael2009@gmail.com)

- Only program in NYC that sends MDs, nurses, social workers to home bound elderly & others.
 - Seeing home living conditions provide an important part of overall care. Medicaid/medicare pays.
- Josette Dunlop – West End Preservation Society (WEPS):

- WEA Historic District proposal to LPC - Asking residents to send letter to Mayor seeking support.
- Demo permits issued in May for 2 townhouses at 732/734 WEA. No time to lose.

Mike McCourt – UFT Representative for CSD3:

- Education Budget cut \$400MM – average of 5% per school, but some hit much harder than others.
 - Cuts will affect classes and instruction - loss of teachers as well as afterschool and support programs.
 - Beacon losing 3 teachers; MS54 – losing 11 teachers.
 - Other schools unable to hire subs; art, music etc. teachers become subs, and kids lose programs.
- CHAIR: CB7 will write letter.

George Fontas – Cappellino Consultants:

- Opposing application by Whole Foods for a 2000 sq ft wine store adjacent to new 97th Street location.
- Represents 15 wine stores in vicinity of proposed Whole Foods site.
- 15 stores have marginal sales – Whole Foods will wipe out many if not all of these stores.
- SLA will hear this issue on 6/10 (already postponed through electeds' influence)
- Off-premises consumption licenses do not come before CBs.
- Whole Foods has had license issues at other Manhattan stores.

Neighborhood Wine Store Owners: Iris Soodak Sandow & Bob Sandow – Columbus Wines; Charles

Serra – Gotham Wines & Liquors; and Mitchell Soodak – Last Store on Main Street:

- Wine stores are small businesses that struggle to remain competitive in this difficult economy.
- Many erroneous statements by Whole Foods in prior applications at other locations.
- Whole Foods will add nothing to the community as a wine/liquor store.

Board Comment:

- Whole Foods discussed the separate wine store at the CB7 Park West Village Coordinating Committee.
- Troubling for CB to support one group of businesses opposing a new competitor; unprecedented.
- CB not required to address, but may speak about community issues in an advisory capacity.

Toni Birch – West Side YMCA:

- Summer membership campaign (\$200 person/\$275 family); financial aid available.
- The community always has a place at the Y, even during job loss times

Jannette Patterson – NYCLASS New Yorkers for Clean, Livable and Safe Streets

- Asking City Council to support green hybrid car tours, and end use of carriage horses.
- Deplorable conditions: horses work 9 hours per day, are kept in warehouses, not fields.
- Safety issues: slows response time for emergency vehicles; since 1994, 31 people & 5 horses killed.

Claudia Chika – Healthcare Education Project:

- 1199 and SEIU fighting for universal health insurance.
- Reaching out to clergy and small business owners for support for healthcare reform.

Brooke Lombardo – LIFT Legal Information for Families Today:

- Not-For-Profit provides free representation for family court matters. Hotline M-F 9-5 212-343-1122.
- Family Legal center – work 1-1 with litigants. Know your options. Online resources at Liftonline.com.

Gabrielle Rowe – Mandell School:

- School founded in 1939, originally for runaway boys at Bellevue.
- Offers community service by parents and children -- Looking for tasks.

Elizabeth Ewell – Greenkeepers: (referred to the Green Committee on 6/29)

- Social purpose enterprise as part of Goddard Riverside. Plant/maintain Bway Mall, private gardens.
- Employees are adults with mental illness – many formerly homeless; would welcome projects.

Maggie McLain – Stern Building

- Update: 18 residents left in Stern; 5 moved to Kaufman; 2-3 moving each week; all will be moved by the end of the month. Some others moved away per their own wish.
- Thanks CB7, O'Donnell's office for support.

Mary Beth Kelly, Tila DuHane and Steven Phillips – Upper West Side Streets Renaissance; Cantor Benjamin Kintisch; Nancy Lipsey - Hazon (7,000 members on UWS):

- Striving to make streets safe, livable and green (husband killed on bike by truck in cross-walk).
- Seniors and children are the most vulnerable.
- Need protected bike lanes, curb extensions and other measures outlined in UWS Renaissance blueprint.

- Cycling up 35% from a year ago; would be higher but many more discouraged by unsafe roads.
- Best solution is to physically separate road space; accidents down 40% on 9th Avenue after separate lane.
- Weekly Hazon bike rides from JCC to Nyack, Piermont; petition seeking bike lanes.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus Amst BID:

- Annual meeting 6/18 6:30-8:30 Franciscan Center.
- Liveable streets – children's art exhibit

Manhattan Borough President's Report: Jessica Silver

- Introduce Corey Peterson – will represent CB7
- CB budget cut rally 6/9 at 11
- MBPO working with DoT; Haley Ng law proposed – increase penalties for accidents that kill vulnerable.
- Costco – has now been persuaded to accept food stamps at East Harlem location – avoiding rally.

Reports by Legislators

Gale Brewer - City Council Member, 6th District:

- Budget negotiations are challenging; negotiating for reprieve from proposed cuts to CB budgets.
- Meetings: 6/3 re tenant support; 6/9 re rat abatement; 6/11 re proposed new high school at Brandeis; 6/21 4pm Make Music NY at Brandeis community garden; 6/22 & 6/24 @ 87/Columbus – HPD housing info; 6/23 graffiti truck (owner waivers required); 8/1 Family Day at Amsterdam Houses
- 59th Stret Rec Center will break ground soon
- Stirring tribute on Memorial Day at Soldiers & Sailors Monument: Mayor, Marine Band (also played at Citi Field); tribute to the 69th Regiment dead in Afghanistan.
- Fordham Master Plan – Office is still working on it.

Reports by Legislative Representatives

David Weinberg – Linda Rosenthal's office:

- Working on bills re Marriage Equality; vacancy decontrol opposition.
 - A-M Rosenthal named Chair of the subcommittee on Mitchell Lama projects.
- Board congratulates David and wishes him well re his move to Austin, Texas.

Michael Kaplan - Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office:

- Championing program to require State-owned buildings to follow NYC building and fire codes.

Jarred Chausow - State Senator Tom Duane's office:

- Working hard on bills re marriage equality, dignity for all students; vacancy decontrol.

Jihoon Kim – State Senator Eric Schneiderman's office:

- Taking public input on mayoral control before sunset on 6/30.

Shane Seger – Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell's office:

- Marriage equality – bigger margin, trying to pass in Senate.

Business Session

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons

1. **15 West 72nd Street #37C** (Central Park West.) Application #09-7948 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement.

- 37th floor – not easily visible from the street due to height.
- Would replace double-hung with picture window; no master plan concern for more precedent.

- 1960s era white brick building that does not contribute to the Historic District; hideous, can't make it worse.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove the application failed. VOTE: 20-16-5-0.

2. **43-45 West 86th Street**, Chabad of the West Side Synagogue and Pre-School (Central Park West - Columbus Avenue.) Application #09-7556 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for façade restoration, reconfiguration of the non-original entrances, reconstruction of the five existing levels with a one-story rear addition and a penthouse.

- Committee Chairs: Thanks to Council Member Gale Brewer and CB7 Chair Helen Rosenthal for providing a mechanism to address concerns of neighbors not within the purview of the Parks & Preservation Committee.

APPLICANT PRESENTATION:

Rabbi Schlomo Kugel – Chabad of UWS.

- Seeking to unite programs currently housed in separate buildings on the Upper West Side.
- Architects designed sensitive and beautiful building that keeps community in mind.
- Other bidders for buildings would turn them into single family homes - lose apartments either way.
- 4 market rate and 4 stabilized tenants remain – working toward favorable buyout.
- Chabad members present and supporting application – at least 45 hands raised.

Chabad's architect

- Front façade renovation of front includes restoring brick; creating at-grade entries for strollers; elderly.
- Rooftop addition – minimally visible from corner; fence visible (required for children using roof)
- Zoning would permit much greater density on this site.
- Plan includes excavating a cellar and sub-cellar to minimize above-ground bulk.
- Rear addition would infill back yard 1 storey/13' with skylight.
- Rear façade would have wide, tall panels of windows, projecting bay, column of colored glass windows.
- Rear façade a whitewash color.
- Changing the levels of the floors within the newly built building drew no comments from LPC staff.
- Would consider angling front rooftop fence to minimize visibility.

P&P co-chair:

- Everything behind front façade will be new construction; current interior will be gutted.
- Floors realigned; 2nd floor will appear in the middle of a window.
- Complex project – architects did thoughtful job; Chabad very courteous.
- Issue is appropriateness of changes to the Historic District.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

The following public speakers made one or more of the following summarized points:

Limor Gutkind/Linda Roberts, Sharon Silberfarb, Prof. Barbara Keiter, Dr. Adena Berkowitz, Isaac Maman, Ariel Fishman, Nancy Miller, Rodney Cohen, James Garfinkel, Jeremy Sanders, Ben Goldstein, Glen Ross, Eve Hartheimer, Henry Dachowitz, Rabbi Fried, Norman Skydell, Jeremy Frank, Laurent Moral, Nicole Rothschild, Daniella Phillips, David Stern, Jonathan Kern, John Nerenberg, David Hait, Steven Rutenberg, Sarah Zitter Milstein, Linda Roberts, Adam Sadouness, Pauline Sklar:

- Much-needed consolidated home for Jewish education in the community; important community presence.
- Preserving the front façade and creating new use behind revives building and strikes appropriate

balance.

- Fear of chilling effect on Jewish education in the community if not able to consolidate.
- Building use had changed over time; unfair to judge structures in a vacuum.
- Buildings not exemplary subjects for preservation
- Landmarks preservation is not a museum - buildings must be allowed to evolve while being preserved.
- Chabad shows sensitivity by not proposing a building as tall/bulky as zoning would permit.
- Board should vote based only on relevant legal criteria.
- Other buildings extend into rear donut; this design does so respectfully.

The following public speakers made one or more of the following summarized points:

Tamara Salzman, Robert Sands, Christine Aliverto (current resident), Deborah Matlovsky, Farnham Maxwell, Doris Mirescu (current resident), Marion Blake, Jennifer Howard (current resident), Lianne Ritchie, Eric Wynne, Yeruchem Levovitz, Louis Small, Janet Baldwin, Silvia Cavalcanti, Fabio Thiers, Anthony Lambert:

- Lot line extension is an inappropriate incursion into the donut, affecting light, air, character.
- Demolition of all but the façade diminishes work of John Duncan, noted UWS architect (Grant's Tomb).
- Demolition will destroy intact and worthy interiors; changes historic character of neighborhood.
- Rear façade inconsistent with donut design, inappropriate contrast to entire neighborhood rear yards.
- Front fence visible and inappropriate.

BOARD DEBATE

The following concerns and comments were voiced by Board members during a lengthy and detailed deliberation:

- Displacement of stabilized tenants is problematic; concern also over compensation being offered.
- Preserving only the façade and demolishing the rest strains/violates the spirit of the Landmarks law.
- Visible floor levels through windows detract from the historic district.
- Intrusion into the donut changes the character of the built environment; donut worthy of preservation too.
- Modern rear façade with broad glass is out of character and inappropriate.
- Rear façade destroys any sense of two separate townhouse structures.
- Education uses typically given the benefit of the doubt; overcrowded schools demand an alternative.
- Front façade restoration will benefit historic district; new floor levels not problematic.
- Donut already has several intrusions, with some to lot line.
- Fence can be adjusted to conform to the historic district.
- Rear extension is considerably shorter than that permitted by zoning.
- Displacement would be the same if bought for single-family home.
- Applicant pursuing LEED certification is positive consideration.
- Committee vote was mixed with no clear consensus on a basis to disapprove.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove the application was adopted.

VOTE: 27-7-2-1.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

3. **289 Columbus Avenue**, Pioneer Supermarket (West 74th Street). Request to the Department of Transportation by Pioneer Supermarket to temporarily relocate their truck loading zone from in front of the market to the southern half of the block front during reconstruction of the sidewalk.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 30-0-1-0.

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

Discussion

- Concern that bars that do not have a viable or consistent food service are seeking outdoor café space for drinking and smoking.
- No-smoking rule applies in theory to the sidewalk café as well as interior space.

4. **225 Columbus Avenue** (West 70th -71st Street). Renewal application DCA# 0982077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mare Mare, Inc., d/b/a Bistro Cassis, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

5. **261 Columbus Avenue** (West 72nd Street). Renewal application DCA# 1111397 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pggs Gourmet, Inc., d/b/a Columbus Gourmet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

6. **2161 Broadway** (West 76th Street). Renewal application DCA# 0917301 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 76 LTD, d/b/a Niko's Mediterranean Grill & Bisto, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

7. **384 Columbus Avenue** (West 78th -79th Street). 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.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

8. **201 West 79th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue). Renewal application DCA# 1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC, d/b/a Nice Matin, for two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

9. **413 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street). Renewal application DCA# 1227844 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Emilio's Italian Eatery, Inc., d/b/a La Grolla Ristorante, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

10. **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd Street). Renewal application DCA# 1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern, Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 11 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

11. **522 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street). Renewal application DCA# 0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer Corp., d/b/a Firehouse Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats.
After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 31-2-0-0.

12. **2745 Broadway** (West 105th Street). Renewal application DCA# 1025180 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Grillo, LTD, d/b/a Henry's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats.

- Concerns that existing café has extended farther than 9' permitted, and that the configuration has changed since original application.

- Applicant demonstrated that size of café conforms to Dep't of Consumer Affairs approvals.

- Applicant made other changes to conform to Committee concerns.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 30-2-0-0.

13. **2799 Broadway** (West 108th Street). Renewal application DCA# 1102405 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S & P 66, Inc., d/b/a Lime Leaf, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 32 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications with vote presented by the Committee: Bundle 15-

17 VOTE: 28-2-0-0. Bobbie Katzander: No on 17

14. **208 Columbus Avenue** (West 69th – 70th Streets). New application DCA# 1314804 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Capicua Corporation, d/b/a Rigoletto Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

15. **1900 Broadway** (West 63rd Street). Renewal application DCA# 1274931 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi A-Go-Go, Inc., d/b/a Sushi A-Go-Go, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 28-2-0-0.

16. **410 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 79th – 80th Streets). New application DCA# 1165276 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 317 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Bello Sguardo, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 28-2-0-0.

17. **566 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th -88th Streets). New application DCA# 1312628 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jos Concept, LLC, d/b/a B Café West, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted. VOTE: 27-3-0-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

18. **511 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 85th Street). 511 Amsterdam Vino Corp, d/b/a To Be Determined

- Applicant did not show up and did not submit stipulation agreeing to be bound by CB7 guidelines and rules.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application failed . VOTE: 1-28-1-0.

Motion to disapprove application:

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove was adopted. VOTE: 28-0-2-0.
[Subsequent to the meeting, it was determined that the applicant had submitted the CB7 stipulation document.]

19. 61 West 62nd Street (Columbus Avenue). Wichcraft Operating LLC, d/b/a Wichcraft at Lincoln Center (in the remodeled Harmony Atrium).

Melissa Thornton – Senior Director of Community Development at Lincoln Center.

Tom Dunne – Director, Harmony Atrium at Lincoln Center

- Renovation of Harmony Atrium reflects opening up of all of Lincoln Center campus.
- Wichcraft to be the food service provider for the atrium upon re-opening.

Robert Ferrari – Wichcraft

- Wichcraft has had success in kiosks in Bryant Park.
- founded by renowned chef Tom Colicchio.
- Unlike in Park locations, will include a full bar.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 29-0-1-0

20. Resolution to support NYC Council Intro 871, to amend the New York City Administrative Code to require owners to permit bicycle access to existing commercial buildings to reach storage/parking. Resolution was WITHDRAWN.

The Chair presented FIRST PUBLIC NOTICE of proposed amendment to by-laws concerning a public committee member policy. Text is available at www.nyc.gov/mcb7.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

Present: Helen Rosenthal, Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Louis Cholden-Brown, Hope Cohen, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Rosa Gonzalez, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Lawrence Horowitz, Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander, Barbara Keleman, Blanche E. Lawton, Daniel Meltzer, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Michele Parker, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Anne Raphael, Oscar Ríos, Madge Rosenberg, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, Cara Volpe, John Mark Warren, MelWymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. On-Leave: Alberto Cruz. Absent: Lindsey Boylan, Molly Gordy, Robert Herrmann, Judith Matos, Gabrielle Palitz, and Liz Samurovich.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

June 9, 2009 7:00 PM

1. 147 West 70th Street, Blessed Sacrament School (Broadway-Columbus.) Request to the Department of Transportation for closure of West 71st Street between Broadway and Columbus Avenue from

11:15 AM to 1:15 PM on school days. In addition, school posted signs incorrectly stating West 70th was the street was going to be closed, rather than West 71st Street.

Presentation by James Bourke, Secretary of the Parents Association, Blessed Sacrament School.

Public response: Residents (16) of West 71st Street objected to closing their street to accommodate the school. Phyllis Salta, owner of building on West 71st Street, added an objection that she would not be able to get services or taxis for neighbors. One resident added that seniors would be impacted. Another stated it was a bad neighbor that allowed homeless people to sleep on the church

steps without providing bathroom facilities. Danielle Apartment Building spokesperson suggested that the church use the park and added the homeless situation in front of the church could also be detrimental to the children. West 71st Street resident questioned the viability for disabled people on the block.

On behalf of the Church, Gillian Lacrigious added that the school was populated largely by minority students. Another resident supported closing the street.

In response to a suggestion that the church use the park, Mr. Bourke said the time element of bringing a group over there would not work with the children's academic schedule.

Committee discussion ensued.

Resolution to postpone vote until the church supervisors, NYPD, DOT and owners of 70th Street parking garage until next month's meeting.

Committee: 10-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public members: 4-2-1-0.

Newsstands:

2. Application #1314611 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shahinur Islam, MD to construct and operate a newsstand at the Southwest corner of Broadway and West 61st Street.

Presentation by owner of newsstand, Mr. Shahinur.

Resolution to Approve the installation of a new Cemusa newsstand at Broadway and West 61st Street.

Committee: 12-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-1-0. Public members: 4-0-1-0.

3. Application #1313262 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Rebecca A. Zaheer to construct and operate a newsstand at the Northwest corner of Broadway and West 77th Street.

Presentation by the Zaheer family.

Public says another newsstand would be redundant and that there are already several in the area, including one a block south. Another neighbor says it will be a pedestrian obstruction and said there are already three newsstands within three blocks. Ralph Bonet pointed out that there is a store paying big rent two doors down. Several neighbors complained about the clutter and redundancy. When the Committee questioned the reason why the Zaheer's chose the proposed location, Mrs. Zaheer said it there were little available choices for new locations.

Resolution to Approve the application in the proposed location:

Committee: 9-3-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 0-3-0-0. Public members: 0-4-2-0.

Unenclosed Café Renewal Application:

4. **377 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 78th Street.) Renewal Application DCA# 0926105 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mridula Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Shining Star Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

Resolution to Approve the renewal of the café with same configuration.

Committee: 12-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0. Public members: 4-0-0-0.

Enclosed Café Renewal Application:

5. **180 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th Street.) Renewal Application DCA# 0895625 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mafra Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Il Violino, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 36 seats.

Committee discussion: Elizabeth Starkey will disapprove because of the extension of the canopy.

Resolution to Approve the renewal of the café with the same configuration.

Committee: 11-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-1-0-0. Public members: 5-0-1-0.

New Enclosed Sidewalk Café Application:

6. **235 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st Street.) New application DCA# 1301875 to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by Lansky's Operation Corp., d/b/a Lansky's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Resolution to Approve the renewal of the café with the same configuration:

Committee: 11-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-1-0-0. Public members: 3-0-2-0.

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:

7. **340 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 76th Street.) New application DCA# 1315316 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Ale House, Inc., d/b/a Amsterdam Ale House, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 36 seats.

Owner Jack Abbot and manager brought in new schematic that is smaller than the original. It will be located on West 76th Street. Discussion encompassed possible problems with smokers, noise and late hours. Owner was amenable to putting up a sign.

Resolution to Approve the café.

Committee: 11-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 3-0-0-0. Public members: 3-0-2-0.

8. **466 Columbus Avenue** (West 82nd – 83rd Streets.) New application DCA# 1318895 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Blossom Restaurant & Café, Inc., d/b/a Café Blossom, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Presenting was Mark Mebus, chef.

Resolution to Approve the application pending the receipt of revised plans before Full Board.

Committee: 10-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-1-0-0. Public members: 3-0-0-0.

9. **2328 Broadway** (West 84th Street.) New application DCA# 1319675 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Corner West, LLC, d/b/a Corner Café & Bakery, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats.

Resolution to Approve the application.

Committee: 10-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-2-0-0. Public members: 4-0-0-0.

10. Preliminary discussion of bike lanes on the Upper West Side.

Miranda, 11 years old, feels it would be a “wonderful thing to do. It’s hard for children to go around on their bicycles and have their own little area.”

Presenting: Lisa xxx of Transportation Alternatives.

Barbara Adler pointed out that bicycle paths and bicycling are conducive to local businesses.

Casey Rice, a senior, concurred about the need for a protected bike lane.

George Beane, senior citizen cyclist, spoke about the “civilizing” factor of protected lanes; without, it is “the cyclist against the cars.”

Committee: Oscar Rios wants bicycles to be registered; Elizabeth Starkey (Green Committee) observes that DOT has given us bike lanes that we have neither considered nor requested. She believes we should be planning specific streets already with existing bike lanes become protected bike lanes; Peter of Amsterdam/Columbus BID supports bike lanes.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Kenneth Coughlin, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Barbara Keleman, Blanche E. Lawton, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. Board Members: Louis Cholden-Brown and Elizabeth Starkey. Absent: Bobbie Katzander.

Lane Adonizio and representing the Central Park Conservancy made presentations on two projects being undertaken by the Conservancy.

1. The first item concerned the reconstruction of the Volley Courts located between the Sheep Meadow and the Mall. Presently, there are 3 paved courts and one sand court. This configuration has several drawbacks: a.the deteriorating condition of the sand court, which is very much in demand ; it currently blocks pedestrian traffic and the fading markings on the asphalt courts. Reconstruction plans address these issues by converting one of the asphalt courts to sand and surrounding those courts with four foot black chain fencing; reduce the size of the courts to allow greater pedestrian movement;repaint court markings; and install benches for the spectators. The estimated cost of the project is \$285,000 and the money has been allocated.

The Committee approved the design 3-0-0-0.

2. Reconstruction of the 76th Street Playground at 5th Avenue.

The project addresses a number of concerns including non-compliance with ADA requirements. The plan calls for retaining the footprint while upgrading the equipment and layout to comply with universal design standards, restoration of the historic Sophie Loeb historic fountain to its original form, to design water play equipment that is safe and to provide the area with new plantings.

3. **Riverside Park:** The proposal is to remove the abandoned on-ramp at West 95th Street and restore the area to parkland with a new ADA crosswalk.

The ramp was closed by the Dept. of Transportation in 2003. John Herold, the Administrator of Riverside Park and Margaret Bracken, the Park's Landscape Architect made the presentation.

The area in question is to be restored to parkland and will become part of the existing parkland at that point ; additional plantings will be added. The pedestrian crossing will be reconfigured to ADA standards. The DPR will repair the Art Deco fencing and hopefully continue to restore the fencing where appropriate. The fencing will be painted a blue green.

The estimated cost of the project is \$750,000. Work is to start in the Fall and will take approximately 8 weeks to complete.

The Committee approved the final design 4-0-0-0.

4. Application to replace a storefront on Amsterdam Avenue and 82nd Street:

This is the Applicant's second appearance at the Committee.The Applicant responded to suggestions the Committee had made the previous month. The project includes the installation of a new cornice painted to match the brick façade. The columns also will be painted the color of the brick façade.New doors and windows will be made of wood. Signage will be on the cornice; the lettering will in black metal illuminated by non visible light fixtures mounted above.

The Committee voted to approve the proposal 5-0-0-0.

5. 80 Riverside Drive. Application for a Penthouse addition.

Presentation made by Joe Kleinman and Christina Pablo, Architects.

The building is a full service hotel. The penthouse was part of the original design of the Building of 1920. The plan for a greenhouse was presented and approved by CB#7 and the Landmarks Commission in 2000, but their permit expired in 2005. The plan is to remove tar insulation from the east and south walls and replace it with brick. The greenhouse will be located on the west elevation at 80th Street and wrap to the South. The raised parapet and the proposed recreated urns on the façade will help shield the visibility of the new addition which will be made of light colored aluminum with thermal walls.The structure is set back 2 feet and will be moderately visible from the Park.

The Committee approved the application 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee members voted 1-0-0-0.

6. 115 West 85th Street. Application for an additional story to be added to the Building.

Applicant did not appear and the Committee voted to deny the applicaion without prejudice.Committee vote 6-0-0-0; non committee vote 1-0-0-0.

7. **53 West 88th Street.** Application is to remove an existing three story and basement rear yard extension and replace it with a 2 story rear yard addition which does not extend as far into the doughnut.

The building is a part of a row of 16 buildings constructed in 1892. The Applicant had received a CNEE for restoration of the stoop and windows. The application for the demolition of the existing rear yard extension and its smaller replacement requires approval from the Commissioners. The new structure will be 25'8" inches high. The stucco surface will be painted in a light color. A terrace on the second floor will extend 4' and have a steel pipe railing painted slate grey. New windows are double hung. The stucco finish will be muted to contrast with the color of the finish on the trim. The Committee approved the application 5-1-0-0. Non Committee members: 1-0-0-0. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 PM

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Mark Diller, Molly Gordy, Phyllis E. Gunther and Blanche E. Lawton. Board Member: Kenneth Coughlin. Absent: Lindsey Boylan, Miki Fiegel and Gabrielle Palitz.

Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Richard Asche and Page Cowley Co-Chairpersons
Joint with Transportation Committee
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
June 17, 2009

1. **2148 Broadway** (West 76th Street). Informational presentation on Application #090478 ZSM to the Department of City Planning by 76th and Broadway LLC for a special permit pursuant to Z.R. Sections 13-562 and 74-52 to allow a 194-space public parking garage to be constructed on portions of the ground floor, cellar and sub-cellar of a new as-of-right mixed-use residential commercial / retail building to be located at 2148 Broadway in Manhattan (Block 1167, Lots 37 and 40). The joint committees will have an opportunity to review the project again and vote at the next Joint Committee meeting on July 15, 2009.

Nick Hockens, attorney from Greenberg Traurig LLP, representing the owner, presented the project with a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the ground floor and sub-grade floor levels to describe the entrances for the residence and commercial spaces and the locations of two curb cuts for two separate garage entrances -- the eastern most entrance for the residential public parking and the western most garage entrance for access to the car rental reservoir court and garage. The presentation began with a description of the numerous curb cuts that existed on this site previously, when both Avis and Hertz car rental companies used the majority sidewalk for parking cars and accessing larger garage with capacities of 270 and 300 parking spaces respectively.

The new project will have 76 condominium apartments. The proposed garages will have a proposed 91 parking space garage solely for the use of the Avis Car Rental company on the sub-cellar level (the lowest level), if the permit is approved, and a 194 parking space garage public parking garage on the cellar level.

There followed a general discussion of the different scenarios affecting potential traffic congestion at peak drop off and pick up times, coinciding with the peak times when the public parking would be used. It was pointed out that the Harrison, a recently completed project, almost directly opposite these two garage entrances, may impact the congestion of traffic turn eastward from Broadway as the residential entrance is located westward of the garage entrances.

General questions were asked regarding a variety of operation and logistics of the different but similar garages. These included: early warning public warning systems at the entrances

(barricades, flashing light signals and alarm sounds), the reservoir parking for both car rental returns within the parking court inside the building (no longer on the street) and the ramp reservoir for the ten cars waiting for valet attended parking to move the public cars to a lower level, the shifting of the cars for both facilities by elevator to the lower levels.

A discussion followed about the reduced number of parking spaces and the need to provide alternate short-term car rental / car sharing opportunities to be able to serve more people. Other concerns were the general loss of parking options – this site is near the JCC, Beacon Theater, Museum of Natural History and other high volume shopping locations. There were questions raised about the “as-of-right” parking and if the requested capacities met or exceed the zoning resolution. The total number of parking spaces is 191 cars, of which Avis would use 91. Of the 194 cars for the public parking, the issue was if residents, commercial tenant staff etc. of the development would have priority, and the number of transient parking (public) that affect the number of trips in and out of the public garage. There was also a lengthy discussion about the concern for apportionment of the public parking. Adam Meagher, from the NYC Department of City Planning, commented that the special permit language regarding apportionment had not been finalized.

As the project would be returning to the Community Board at a later date, it was requested that the developer look for solutions to the concerns of the committee comments with a clearer understanding of the findings for the special permits (excerpted from section 74-52 of the NYC Zoning Resolution) which are:

- a: that such use will not be incompatible with, or adversely affect the growth and development of, “uses” comprising vital and essential functions in the general area within such “use” is to be located;
- b: that such “use” will not create or contribute to serious traffic congestion and will not unduly inhibit surface traffic and pedestrian flow;
- c: that such “use” is so located as to draw a minimum of vehicular traffic to and through local #streets# in nearby “residential” areas;
- d: that such “use” has adequate reservoir space at the vehicular entrances to accommodate automobiles equivalent in number to 20 percent of the total number of spaces up to 50 and five percent of any spaces in excess of 200, but in no event shall such reservoir space be required for more than automobiles;
- e: that the #streets# providing access to such “use” will be adequate to handle the traffic generated thereby;
- f: that, where roof parking is permitted, such roof parking is so located as not to impair the essential character or future use or development of adjacent areas; and
- g: that, where any floor space is exempted from the definition of “ floor area”, such additional floor space is needed in order to prevent excessive on-street parking demand and relieve traffic congestion.

The presentation and information session was concluded.

2. The Mayor’s Office of Environmental Coordination (MOEC) update of the technical guidance for environmental review conducted pursuant to City Environmental Quality Review (CEQR). Please see the online presentation entitled “2009 CEQR Technical Manual Revision” located at the web site: www.nyc.gov/oec.

The concern for updating and generating a broad outreach about the CEQR process was made by City Hall as a request for input from interested individuals and from community boards and community board members, any of whom had experience and interest in the CEQR process. The individual deadline for responding to the on-line questionnaire was June 26th. The Community Board deadline, whose commentary was equally voluntary, but welcome, was extended to July 31.

Hope Cohen provided a pamphlet that she authored titled "Rethinking Environmental Review: A Handbook on What Can Be Done, published by the Center For Rethinking Development, was provided to all Land Use Committee attendees. It was clear that some level of revision is warranted, but the language and technical issues relating to different types of projects that fall under CEQR are complex and have consequences. Hope Cohen agreed to share her thoughts and insights on the environmental review process and its purpose and a general discussion followed about the need for updating some aspects of the CEQR process. It was agreed that the effort already expended by Hope, as she had already formulated her individual response, would be the basis for the Land Use Committee and CB7 Manhattan comments in the form of a letter.

Committee members were encouraged to reach through the pamphlet and bring any questions or comments to the next Land Use meeting in July , where a follow up discussion would take place.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley, co-chair Land Use.

Present: Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Hope Cohen, Mark Diller, Paul Fischer, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Tom Vitullo-Martin and John Mark Warren. Transportation Committee: Paul Fischer. Board Members: Jay Adolf and Louis Cholden-Brown. Absent: Lawrence Horowitz, Daniel Meltzer, Lillian Moore and Liz Samurovich.

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Minutes

Mark Diller, Chairperson

June 18, 2009

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on June 18, 2009 at 7 pm at the offices of the Community Board, 250 West 87th Street in Manhattan. Committee members Louis Cholden-Brown, Sharon Parker-Frazier, John Mark Warren, Cara Volpe, and Mark Diller (co-chair) were present. Also present were Kelley Williams and Ramon Cuevas from Stryker's Bay community center among other members of the community. The following topics were discussed.

1. District Needs Statement. YEL discussed topics for inclusion in the YEL section of the annual District Needs Statement which the Board submits to the Borough President in the new fiscal year. Among the topics discussed and included in the statement were:

(a) Community Development - including recommended changes in the way in which the Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) allocates anti-poverty relief funding among communities in need.

(b) Day Care and Head Start - including the inequities that result when funding is allocated based on demographics taken on a district-wide basis, which can conceal pockets of severe unmet needs within an otherwise low need area.

(c) After-school Programs - including the substantial numbers of un-served and under-served families in our District.

(d) Safe Haven Program - including its need for funding for a position of Coordinator to ensure the growth of participation in this important benefit to children in our community, and the growth of awareness of the service.

(e) Youth Employment - including the need for an in-take center within our District where summer employment applications can be obtained and submitted, and initial screening could be performed, as well as the use of federal stimulus funding to expand summer youth employment.

(f) Public Schools - including:

- i) the support needed by the current student population at Brandeis High School to ensure that their needs are met and they are encouraged to progress to graduation despite the consequences of the closing of their school;
- ii) the support and resources needed by the DoE-selected new high schools entering the Brandeis building in September 2009;
- iii) the prospects for a fourth and final new school to open in the Brandeis building in September 2010, and its funding and resource needs;
- iv) the complexities of the consequences and results of Beacon High School's admissions process, and the absence of an admissions preference at any school in favor of District 3 students, and the presence of such preferences at 5 District 2 schools; and
- v) reports concerning the negative consequences on student achievement among English Language Learners when a large public high school is split into multiple smaller schools.

(g) Public Libraries - including:

- i) the need for materials in multiple languages to serve our increasingly diverse population (and the potential availability of resources to meet those needs from the former Donnell branch library);
- ii) the need for branch libraries to remain open 6 days per week to meet current and anticipated demand, which spiked during the economic downturn;
- iii) the need to continue to make computers and teen-friendly materials available in our District;
- iv) and the need to renovate the Bloomingdale branch library once the St. Agnes branch is reopened.

2. Brandeis Building Meeting. The DoE convened a meeting at the Brandeis building to solicit community input on the nature and character of the school to be added to the building beginning in September 2010. The three new schools opening their doors at Brandeis in September 2009 were selected without such a meeting. A variety of interests and concerns ranging from whether any of the new schools will serve the ELL population currently at Brandeis, to ways in which to promote diversity across racial, ethnic, socio-economic, and student need lines, including by drawing students from the entirety of District 3. The proposal to create a high school specializing in writing, literature and journalism was generally well received.

3. Beacon Admissions Meeting. Students at the Beacon High School organized a meeting at which to discuss ways to promote greater diversity at the school.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Present: Mark Diller, Louis Cholden-Brown, Michele Parker, Sharon Parker-Frazier and John Mark Warren. Board Member: Cara Volpe. On-Leave: Alberto Cruz. Absent: Molly Gordy.

1. Bruce Silverberg: Holistic approaches to sustainable community design. Mr. Silverberg, a member of the architecture faculty of Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, CA and formerly from New York, spoke about taking a holistic approach to design projects. He explained how his Societal Impact Matrix, which plots the interconnection and intersection of various community needs with public policy considerations, can encourage planners to think in a holistic way about proposals rather than in a narrow parochial way he said is all too common. As illustration, he showed how he applied the Matrix to his own prize-winning approach to community renewal in a competition to reconceptualize the Sunset Park neighborhood in Brooklyn in the absence of the Gowanus Expressway. He took into consideration transportation, economic, public health and housing issues, as well as the need to create a dynamic community space in the design process. Part of the solution was to reconstruct the expressway in an off-shore tunnel. Even though economic constraints may keep this project from realization, it was a useful example of holistic community planning. Mr. Silverberg also graciously offered to send the Community Board a copy of his Social Impact Matrix for its use in future decision making.

2. The committee discussed its action-oriented goals for 2009 and agreed to take a pro-advocacy stance, designed to achieve positive results, concentrating on the first four goals chosen by consensus of the committee:

- Reduce traffic
- Organize a convention of block associations and local groups
- Green a block
- Recycle/manage E-Waste
- Advocate a "systems" approach to urban design, emphasizing sustainability
- Advocate/facilitate building assessments
- Advocate/facilitate bus rapid transit
- Reduce idling
- Reduce/manage restaurant take-out waste
- Encourage community composting
- Increase and facilitate bicycling
- Increase tree pits
- Encourage/facilitate green roofs
- Publicize government incentives
- Promote/advocate green legislation
- Promote local food
- Reduce rat/bug poison
- Promote green products and materials
- Increase open space
- Improve storm water management
- Advocate net metering
- Advocate green practices: reduce, reuse, recycle, renew
- Advocate population management
- Advocate energy credit legislation

3. **Intro 871-A:** The committee reviewed the changes in the legislation pending in the NYC Council, Intro870-A, which would amend the administrative code of the city of New York in order to provide bicycle access to existing office buildings, upon request by tenants, sub-tenants or their employees. The committee had previously approved a resolution of support and unanimously approved modifications to reflect the most recent changes in the proposed legislation.

Re: Resolution in Support of NYC Council Intro 871-A, to amend the NYC administrative code in relation to bicycle access in existing office buildings.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

In keeping with the Mayor's sustainability plan, PlaNYC 2030, which encourages cycling in NYC, new legislation in the City Council proposes changes in the administrative code which would insure that cyclists had access to existing office buildings.

A survey of cyclists by NYC DCP revealed that the two most common reasons that individuals chose not to commute by bicycles are lack of safe storage and driver behavior /traffic.

Intro 871-A is a commonsense measure that would require certain existing office buildings to permit bicycles belonging to tenants, sub-tenants or their employees in the building to be brought into the building where they can be safely stored in the tenants or sub-tenants space. The building owner or manager is not required to provide storage space.

Intro 871-A was the subject of public hearings by the following City Council committees, Transportation, Consumer Affairs and Housing and Buildings. It is supported by more than 23 councilmembers.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the proposed legislation, Intro 871-A and urges the New York City Council to consider and pass the proposal.

Committee Members: 4-0-0-0, Public Committee Members: 3-0-0-0.

Present: Mel Wymore, Elizabeth Starkey, Hope Cohen and Kenneth Coughlin. Board Members: Dan Zweig. Absent: Phyllis Gunther. Public Members: Paul Reale, Olive Freud and Peter Arndtsen.

MCB7 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Penny Ryan, District Manager

June 24, 2009

9:30-11:00 AM

Announcements:

- West 72nd Street Bridge Stage 2A and ramp: Construction of the bridge deck and approaches is complete, plan to switch traffic to the new northbound on-ramp on 06/30/09 and start demolition of the existing on-ramp.
- West 60th Street is now open to two-way traffic.
- DOT determined that the roadway near 10 West End Avenue is safe and can be milled and repaved.
- CB7 and CM Gale Brewer sponsored a presentation/seminar by DOHMH on pest control. Over forty property managers and building maintenance staff attended the meeting. Response was very positive.
- DOT is installing a temporary art project at PS163, West 97th Street, Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.

Agency Reports and Follow-Up

DOB:

Demolition at 732-734 West End Avenue.

- In pre-demolition stage. Inspector looked at scope of work. Permits are in place. Demolition is scheduled to begin around 7/4.

- DEP – asbestos inspector to report on problems with removal; waiting for DEP demolition permit.
- CB7 is coordinating with DEP, NYPD (traffic and homeless), FDNY, DOHMH (pest control and health screening), and DOT (street permits).

“Stalled” site at 208 West 96th Street: DOB is getting after-hours work complaints.

200 West 72nd Street – Compliance with zoning.

Update on 150 West 92nd Street, d/b/a/ Making Milestones: Certificate of Occupancy violation, ECB hearing is early August. Owner stated a change in use for certificate of occupancy has been filed, but there is no record on DOB system as of 6/23/2009.

HRA:

The Yale SRO, 316 West 97th Street. Coordination with NYPD, DHS and HPD.

GODDARD:

Homeless conditions and outreach in Riverside Park and in CD7.

- Verdi Square and Apple Bank: Area is becoming a problem; crews are going every morning evening & night. CB7 requested that Goddard work closely with the 20th Pct on homeless condition in that area.
- West-Park Presbyterian Church: Of the four homeless individuals – three are now housed, one still working on it. Structures being removed so there can be a clean up. DSNY can go on church property to remove debris once structure is removed; coordinate with Goddard, precincts and DA's Office.
- Goddard training for police officers on what they offer the homeless.
- Broadway malls have become a sleep site again, 92nd to 94th Streets, midday or later.
- Code red coming up when weather gets hot.

DOT/NYPD:

Update on the West Side Traffic Study and the Senior Pedestrian Study. Requests for day-lighting and Leading Pedestrian Intervals. Will be on September agenda.

West 95th Street and Amsterdam Avenue intersection. Left-turn only signs and lights. LPI on north side of Amsterdam. (Council Member Brewer)

West 62nd Street and WEA – new traffic signal to be installed. Left-turn arrow needed? DOT follow-up.

Summer play street on West 64th Street, Amsterdam-WEA.

School day play streets on West 70th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam (Blessed Sacrament School) and Amsterdam and WEA (PS199).

DOT/PARKS:

Report on condition of concrete and joints on the Miller Highway/Riverside Park. On September agenda.

DOT: Follow up for September agenda.

96th Street and WEA – striping and covers on special advanced green lights.

Left-turn signal on westbound 97th Street at Columbus Avenue.

Street fracture at W. 100th Street, off Central Park West. The address is 400 CPW.

Update on “lost power” of streetlight on 80th Street between WEA and RSD.

Street light on NWC of 100th and Columbus is on 24/7.

Three streetlights out: two at opposite corners of 85th and B'way (NEC and SWC) and one at B'way/87th (SWC).

NYPD:

Bicycle rentals at Merchants Gate. Coordination of enforcement efforts for illegal bike rentals around Columbus Circle. Coordination with PEP, DPR, and Lincoln Square BID.

- New concession by end of summer.
- The temporary bike rental business has not been successful because of aggressive illegal bike vendors;
- Vendor needs a place to park their truck which stores the bikes.
- NYPD continues to work on illegal bike vendors, to date over 70 bikes have been confiscated.

Traffic enforcement: Coach buses double park and idle in front of Dallas BBQ from 5-8PM and on West 72nd Street between Columbus and CPW on weekend mornings; and park on the east side of Columbus in the 70's blocking street sweeper. Truck deliveries to DBBQ block traffic on West 73rd Street.

NYPD is constantly patrolling the area - will step up enforcement. DEP also enforces idling. CAU is coordinating citywide bus enforcement.

Amsterdam Houses: Update and June 27 event. Promoters for the 6/27 event were contacted and told they cannot have the block party because they have no permits. Crime is down 29%, doing very well.

West 61st Street, Amsterdam-WEA – Possible robbery pattern. Mostly youth on youth crime for cell phones and ipods. School safety concern.

NYPD/DOHMH/FDNY:

Food vendors at 62nd Street and Broadway – numbers and gas canisters.

Food carts left overnight under a tarp on the SEC of WEA & 70th Street and on the NEC of Columbus and 75th Street. DOHMH can remove (tow) carts left overnight on the streets.

DEP/DOT:

Collapse of street around catch basin, Riverside Drive southbound and West 104th intersection. DEP will inspect today. DOT Maurice, capital projects should be copied on all correspondence.

DEP:

Open HVAC noise violations for 138 West 72nd Street, for a restaurant named Fine & Shapiro. DEP will research.

DCA:

Unenclosed cafés: Papa John's Pizza/Subway/Hagen Dazs, 594 Amsterdam Avenue – multiple complaints – request inspection. Silver Moon, 2740 Broadway.

New/ Unenclosed cafes: McDonalds – 2726 Broadway between West 104th and 105th Streets - cafe extending out 12 1/2 feet from the building line; Toast – 2737 Broadway, West 105th Street - cafe extending out 9 1/2 feet at one end - gradually growing larger until 11 1/2 feet out from building line at the northern end; Henry's - 2745 Broadway, West 105th Street continues to extend 9 1/2 feet out from building line. DCA inspected sites but new inspector was not aware of CB7 nine feet café extension limit. Will revisit.

DSNY:

DSNY Enforcement - inspect the east side of Broadway, between 97 – 98 Streets, Saturday & Sunday afternoons, for stores that exceed the 3 ft merchandising rule, and are impeding pedestrian

traffic.

Construction Updates: DOB

- Audit report on 230 West 78th Street (Broadway.) Closing out soon.
- 508-510 WEA, no movement.

Construction Projects:

Address Stories Status

208 West 96th Street (Bway-Amst) 10 Excavation

200 West 72nd Street (Bway) 19 Superstructure

775 Columbus (97th-100th Streets) 13 Superstructure

795 Columbus (97th -100th Streets) 15 Superstructure

805 Columbus (97th-100th Streets) 14 Superstructure

214 West 76th /2148 Broadway (SEC) 21 Condo/Garage Excavation

96th Street IRT Station Sept, 2010 completion

Lincoln Center Redevelopment Project

180 Amsterdam Avenue (68th Street) Lincoln Square Synagogue 8 Superstructure

59th Street Rec Center July 8

DSNY – streets clean on scorecard; down to one basket truck. Cut trucks for regular pick-ups. Complaints are rising in the district about recycling enforcement being too aggressive, at 111-117 West 96th Street buildings were summonsed for having paper on hangers.

Parks – Benches and trashcans in parks are being replaced as the budget allows. Replanting projects for small parks on Broadway. Have two seasonal positions and one truck.

DOB – All permits will be posted on the DOB website prior to being issued so people can have time to comment.

NYPD

24th Pct – Overall crime is down 15%. Two robberies for the month.

20th Pct – Overall crime is down across the board except for Grand Larceny for the year. One homicide due to a roommate battle over money.

PSA6 – Overall crime is down 6% for the year, up in Grand Larceny. Enforcement up, 279 arrests. Narcotics / Gang Enforcement Unit made some arrests at 589 Amsterdam. National night out against crime is Tuesday, August 4, 6 – 9 pm.

Transit District 3: Overall crime down 14%.

Transit District 1: Eleven crimes in the district, doing very well.

Goddard Consortium - 532 placements in Manhattan. Some layoffs in Goddard.

FDNY – no cuts in services.

DDC: Douglass Traffic Circle will be finished August, 2009. No other active projects.

CAU – Make music NY was very successful, mayor's office thanked CB7 for its support.

DA's Office: 399 arrests for last two months.

Commission on Human Rights – CHR will check any location where there is an accessibility issue for the disabled. There was one biased incident in district.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, PSA 6; DI Spadaro, Det. Vassallo, 20th Pct; Capt. David Little, NYPD TD1; Capt. O'Brien, NYPD TD3; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Rosario Morrone, DSNY; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; David Lipsky, Gerry Kelpin, Maria Collado, DEP; Evelyn Nieves, DoITT 311; Chief Robert Holzmaier, Arturo Banchs, FDNY; Rosario Marrone, DSNY; Susan Singer, NYPL; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Mark Vaccaro, Parks; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Wanda Ochse, ACS/FDD; Norberto Acevedo, DDC; Julina Guo, MOIA; Sandy Wilson, Verizon; Jesse Bodine, Gale Brewer's office; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Richard Juliano, Tim Devlin, LS BID; Alan Flacks, NY County Democrat.