

Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes

Full Board Meeting Minutes

November 4, 2009

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting: VOTE: 30-0-0-0.

Chair's Report – Mel Wymore:

- Introduction of new executive committee: Vice Chairs: Miki Fiegel (1st), Linda Alexander and Marc Glazer; Co-Secretaries Louis Cholden-Brown and Mark Diller.
- Community Board is the conduit for community needs and rallying support to effect change.
- Importance of creating a vision for the UWS for the long term – all invited to participate.

Acknowledgement of the service of now- Chair Emerita Helen Rosenthal.

- The Chair and Board members expressed their appreciation for Helen's tireless service, vision, dedication and integrity.

Manhattan Borough President's Report - Corey Peterson

- Petition to "Kill the Drill" re fract drilling in the NYC watershed being sent to the Governor.
- Comment period on fract drilling has been extended to 12/31.
- Rally prior to public meeting on drilling on November 10th.
- Census 2010 – BP heading the "complete count" committee – \$300B in funding is distributed based on the Census; New York must get its fair share.
- Incubation of new school – BP to hold a District 3 "War Room" to press DoE for solutions.

Reports by Legislative Representatives

Jarred Chausow – Senator Tom Duane's Office:

- Tom supports Kill the Drill; introduced a bill to prevent drilling within 5 miles of watershed, and to require disclosure of chemicals involved.

Matt Bitz – Council-Member Inez Dickens' Office:

- Support for budget initiatives

Shane Seeger – Assembly-Member Daniel J. O'Donnell's Office:

- Supports outright ban on drilling in watershed.
- A-M O'Donnell attending all committee meetings on this subject.
- Youth gang activity – good resource number Lt Kevin O'Connor: 212-678-1810.

Board: thanks to A-M O'Donnell for taking on the "Sound" campaign.

Community Session

Winifred Armstrong – Park West Neighborhood History Group:

- 5th in series of City Service History (already covered police, fire, others)
- 11/17 Sanitation: "Gotham and its Garbage" – history, problems and solutions.

Rebecca Pawel – Neighbor and Teacher:

- Supports the call for a new school in our District.
- Will need new secondary schools soon as well.

Olive Freud – Committee for Environmentally Sound Development:

- UN conference in Copenhagen on global warming should command our attention

- All should sign on to the Sierra Club resolution/petition on climate change.
- US is not taking the lead it should in re global warming.

Elizabeth Starkey: Kill the Drill Rally 11/10, re Fract Drilling in the NYC watershed.

Catherine Unsino:

- Nursing Home ratings – JHL rated poorly – correlates to inadequate staffing.
- JHL should hire an adequate number of staff to meet residents' needs.
- Effects of inadequate staffing include higher rate of bedsores and infection, anxiety, depression.

Paul Bunten - West Siders for Public Participation:

- Launching new, robust website. Public is invited to subscribe.
- Will attend Copenhagen Conference in December.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- The Local Service History series was informative and well-presented.
- "Green from the Ground Up" program Wednesday, November 18th.

West Side Neighbor of the Month:

Angela Miller – accompanied by Margarita Curet (mentor), President, Amsterdam Houses Tenant Association

- Reinstated the Tenants' Patrol at Amsterdam Houses – now organized in 12 buildings.
- Residents more engaged in their own safety.

Business Session

Steering Committee

Helen Rosenthal

Resolutions Re:

1. CB7 priorities for the Fiscal Year 2011 NYC Capital Budget.

- Everyone welcome at Steering to be heard on listing priorities.
- Electeds reps attended the Steering Committee meeting and helped enormously.
- Concern re lower priorities – CB7 will send letters to agencies highlighting that a low priority is still a top priority of a particular committee.
- Agencies do pay attention to CB7's highest priorities – Parks Dep't examples include projects now completed and off our priorities list.

After deliberation, a motion to approve the list of FY2011 Capital Budget Priorities as recommended by the Steering Committee was adopted.

VOTE: 30-0-0-0.

2. CB7 priorities for the Fiscal Year 2011 NYC Expense Budget.

- First priority remains the maintenance of the Community Board budgets.
- Mayor cut the FY10 CB budget at the November plan; no opportunity for City Council to restore.
- Many thanks to Penny Ryan, District Manager, for invaluable guidance regarding priorities.

After deliberation, a motion to approve the list of FY2011 Expense Budget Priorities as recommended by the Steering Committee was adopted.

VOTE: 31-0-0-0.

Health & Human Services Committee

Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons

Joint with the Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

3. Manhattan Borough Board resolution in support of NYC Council Intro 1059, the provision of paid

sick time earned by employees.

Shula Warren – Chief of Staff, Council Member Gale Brewer's Office:

- Mayor's "Ready New York" pamphlet re flu includes advice to stay home from work/school if sick; but a third to a half of workers do not have paid sick time
- Many in retail or restaurant employment have no sick time benefits – risk of spreading disease.
- Council Intro 1059: employees would earn 1 hour sick time for every 30 hours worked, with caps on totals; different standards for large and small employers.
- Cost of program estimated to be about \$5 per worker/week to a small employer; about \$7 per worker/week for a large employer.
- SF has adopted similar bill without losing jobs; Maine and California following suit.

Board Comments:

- Five-Borough Chambers of Commerce disputes the small cost number.
- Local businesses expressing concern over cost.
- Friendly amendment – resolution to support subject to consideration of additional information concerning the impact of the measure on small businesses.
- Effectively a 3% wage increase – will be felt disproportionately by small businesses.
- Concern that costs borne at end of year if sick days cannot be rolled over.

After deliberation, the resolution to support Intro 1059 was adopted.

VOTE: 28-1-4-0.

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

4. 59 West 71st Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a horizontal enlargement at the 10th (top) floor.

- Minimally visible from the public way.

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

VOTE: 32-1-0-0.

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee

Mark Diller, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

5. Need to incubate a new school in District 3, beginning September 2010.

- Overcrowding already exists in our District; cannot wait for the Riverside South project.
- School should be District-wide to promote diversity and equality of access.
- Plan now to avoid overwhelming PS 191 the way that PS 199 was swamped by Riverside South.
- Borough President's War Room an essential step.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

Questions included diversity

VOTE: 29-0-1-0.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

6. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

- 359 Columbus Avenue (West 76th – 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0953473 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 359 Columbus Avenue, LLC, d/b/a Isabella's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 28 tables and 74 seats.
- 417 Amsterdam Avenue (West 79th-80th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0929109 to the

Department of Consumer Affairs by Gilli, Inc., d/b/a Al Dente, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 19 seats.

After deliberation, the resolutions to approve the unenclosed sidewalk café renewal applications was adopted.

VOTE: 30-0-1-0.

7. 355 Amsterdam Avenue (West 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1246104 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by DLS Chicken Corp., d/b/a Chirping Chicken, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 32 seats.

- Committee raised community concerns, especially regarding behavior of bike delivery staff on the streets and at the location.
 - Applicant made commitments at the meeting, and has lived up to them since the meeting.
 - Applicant is otherwise a generous member of the community re fundraisers and community events.
- After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.

VOTE: 25-4-1-0.

Board Business.

November Steering Committee meeting will focus on long-term planning and vision – all members asked to attend.

Adjourned: 8:45.

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

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes **Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons** **November 10, 2009**

1. **2173-75 Broadway** (West 76th - 77th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 0955758 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kiman Coffee Shop, Inc., d/b/a Big Nick's Burger Joint & Pizza Joint, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 24 seats. Approved: Committee: 9-0-0-0. Board Member: 3-0-0-0.

2. Continued discussion with Buckley Yung and Paul Gawkowski, NYCT bus planning on the routing of the M72, M5 and M66 after the opening of the West 72nd Street connection between Riverside Drive and Riverside Boulevard. Riverside South buildings are requesting the M72 to go to West 66th Street, with the stop on RSB and 66th Street, and layover on Freedom Place, as it does now. NYCT will be going out with DOT to determine exact locations of new stops. M72 Northbound terminal is at Freedom Place and 69th Street, but it will be moved to 66th Street. Re: the M5, bus planning pros still reviewing. Same for M66. In addition, Mr. Gawkowski claims there is no funding.

Discussion ensued with short-range bus planning Mr. Yung and Mr. Gawkowski (Director). Route for the M72 will serve RSB and go north on Freedom Place.

3. Discussion of final design of bike racks that will be installed on parking meter poles on Columbus Avenue between West 67th and 86th Streets and Amsterdam Avenue between West 60th and 86th Streets. Committee's and Columbus Avenue and Lincoln Square BIDs' surveys of parking meter poles and affected businesses:

- Uniformity of the streetscape.
- Removal of current bike racks where meter racks are installed?
- Numbers and placement of meter bike racks?
- Business surveys.

Mr. Albert pointed out he had problems with the bike racks. Monica Blum, Lincoln Square BID said that most of the capped poles will be removed. They don't want a proliferation of bike racks; they only want two per block. They do not want the hoop racks moved and would prefer to have the meter poles removed.

Committee Summarizes: Dan Zweig would like to see the real thing before voting. In addition, board should review the number of racks that would be appropriate on a block-by-block basis.

4. **2642 Broadway** (West 100th - 101st Streets.) Application to the Taxi & Limousine Commission by Two Way Black Cars & Radio Group Transportation for a For-Hire based license no. B01743. John Armazzia, owner, representing the group. He posted notices on both sides of his office two weeks ago. Utilizes 11 cars, corporate accounts, no street hires.
Approved: 11-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

5. Application #1333419 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mohammed T. Hossain to construct and operate a newsstand at the southeast corner of Broadway and West 62nd Street. Applicant not in attendance; no vote. The committee will caucus before the December 1 full board meeting.

6. Application #1329759 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mohammed Arshad Mia to construct and operate a newsstand at the northeast corner of Columbus Avenue and West 65th Street.
Applicant proposes alternative size stand. DOT disapproved initial one; Committee elects to consult DOT on alternative. The committee will caucus before the December 1 full board meeting.

7. Application #1335521 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Altaf L. Shaikh to construct and operate a newsstand at the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 97th Street. Resident of 97th Street, David Rockland, would like to not have a newsstand because he doesn't like news or more clutter. Peter Rosenberg, Stellar Management, is opposed to the location because he believes it would be an obstruction. Maggie Peyton from Park West Village objected. A neighbor who lives at 362 CPW does not want another stand and said there are three stores with newspapers.
Applicant agreed to return next month. Committee members agreed to visit the site.

8. **370 Columbus Avenue** (West 77th – 78th Streets.) New application DCA# 1337067 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gari International, Inc., d/b/a Gari, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.
Approved: 11-0-0-0; 3-0-0-0

New Business:

Ken Coughlin brought up the turn signal on 86th Street and Columbus Avenue. The discussion expanded to include all left turn signals. Dan suggested that Penny Ryan might contact DOT to propose mitigation of traffic accidents. We need more enforcement. Lisa Sladkus discussed problems of pedestrians ignoring lights, too. Jesse Bodine from Gale Brewer's office said that we should expect DOT to come up with some more information.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ken Coughlin, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. Absent: Ulma Jones, Bobbie Katzander and Barbara Keleman.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
November 11, 2009

New applications to the NYS Liquor Authority for a two-year on-premises license:

1. West 67th Street and Central Park West, Central Park Rest. Corp, d/b/a To be determined. Hours of operation to be Monday thru Saturday 8:00 AM – 2:00AM, Sundays, 10:00 AM – 2:00AM. Project opening date , March 1st, 2010.

Applicant, Mr. Dean Pol, owner and Mr. Allan Gardener, attorney for applicant. Also present were the following residents; Martha and Fred Mendelsohn 55 Central Park West, Mr. Steve Fornelli, 55 Central Park West, and Ann Matthew, 75 Central Park West. The residents presented the following issues to the Committee and the applicant

1. Noise from loud music being played in the outdoor areas of the restaurant on an almost daily basis during "club nights".
2. The delivery/trash pickup delivery being an unsightly eyesore, with too many trucks present, as well as noise. The residents suggested that additional trucks be parked on the Tavern's parking lot.
3. Excessive use of tents on the Tavern parking lot for private events, because of the loud music being played during said events.
4. Frustration at their complaints being ignored when calling 311. They also were surprised that their complaints had not been presented to the community board. They also requested a reach number to call for complaints.

The applicant stated that he would not be applying for a Cabaret license and would only be having music during private parties, which would be indoors. He would therefore, not be hosting "club nights".

The applicant agreed to refurbish the trash pickup/delivery area and to install attractive fencing where possible. He also agreed to investigate the possibility of having the excess delivery trucks park on their parking lot. He also gave a reach number to the residents.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 5-0-0-0 Upon applicant submitting their completed SLA supplied "Method Of Operation" form to CB7 prior to the full board meeting on Tuesday, December 1st, 2009.

2. 2398 Broadway (West 88th Street) Sigma Group Inc / Aged 88st LLC, d/b/a, To Be Determined

Applicant not present, no vote was taken. (Will be heard in the December meeting.)

Present: Michelle Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones and Anne Raphael. Absent: Rosa Gonzalez and Molly Gordy.

Parks & Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons
November 12, 2009

1. The first agenda item was a briefing by John Herrold, Park Administrator of Riverside Park. He discussed various capital projects as follows: The steps at 87th Street have been completed with Mayoral funding and the park to the North with Riverside Park Fund funding as have various playground gates. Work on the Hamilton fountain at 70th St. and Riverside Dr. is in progress. Riverwalk from 84th St. to 90th St. is expected to open this winter; improvements were made to the dog run at 87th St.; conversion of the 95th St. on-ramp to parkland should begin this fall-the funding is in place. An update on the park status 65th to 72nd St. was requested by the committee. It is currently sod with a dog run and volleyball and although on private property it is open to the public. When the park is completed by the developer it will be turned over to the City. In response to a public question there was a discussion of some repairs needed to the wall and stone steps at 105th St. Discussions were had about replacement of trees damaged and destroyed by the recent storm; and a discussion of conditions at the 70th St. café was also held. John noted that Elm trees from 90th St. South had been injected to prevent Dutch Elm disease.

2. Robert Gottheim for Cong. Nadler's office reported on federal funds for Riverside Park South. 10.49 million dollars in federal highway funds originally appropriated for building the box for the Miller Highway tunnel but ruled ineligible by the Federal Highway Administration were re-programmed for Riverside Park South. There is 4.8 million remaining which they are trying to reprogram. Josh Laird from DPR indicated that the land swap with Extell has a deadline of Oct. 10, 2010 and if it doesn't happen and the City has to build the box, the re-programmed funds will still go to the park.

3. Presentation of Phase One of the façade restoration at the American Museum of Natural History: Daniel Slippen from the museum and Howard Lathrop and Robert Williams, architects described the restoration to the CPW façade of the museum as well as the murals etc inside the main entrance. It is being funded by the State and City w/ some museum support. It has been reviewed and approved by the Landmarks Commission at the staff level. The project will begin in January; some highlights are the restoration of the statues and bas relief and the plaza. Peter Wright of the 77th St. Block Assoc. indicated that the museum was very responsive to the needs of the block's residents.

4. **56 West 70th St.** - The building was represented by John Ellis, architect. They are seeking approval for a new entrance door and an expansion of the areaway which would align with other buildings on the street. The door is single pane clear glass with a clear glass transom and a dark stained oak frame. The areaway expansion is 7' feet further out toward the street and has been approved by DOT as long as Landmarks approves. A resolution to approve was passed 8-0-0.

5. **455 Amsterdam Avenue:** Craig Kanyk, architect, represented store owners Messrs. Malin & Goetz (also the name of the store. They are seeking approval for a new storefront. The store front will be glass with the name in white painted on a pressed metal cornice above. The committee was

pleased with the design and hoped it would be the impetus for the adjacent stores to follow suit. A resolution to approve the application was approved 8-0-0.

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Jay Adolf, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Molly Gordy, Phyllis E. Gunther and Gabrielle Palitz. Absent: Blanche E. Lawton.