

Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN

Full Board Meeting

Jewish Home Lifecare

January 5, 2010

Mel Wymore, CB7 Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting

VOTE: 24-0-1.

Chair's Report – Mel Wymore:

Passing of Stephanie Pinder, Executive Director, Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.

- Honoring Ms. Pinder in place of our “neighbor of the month” presentation
 - Dynamic, intelligent, forceful, humble, great sense of humor. Will be terribly missed.
 - Beloved and committed community activist; always innovating – devising cutting-edge programs.
 - Got so much accomplished.
 - Organized one of the largest and most effective NORC in the US – spoke widely about best practices.
 - Served tenants of Amsterdam Houses with dignity. Brought together people who could produce results.
 - Worked closely with the Community Board to help identify District needs and budget priorities.
 - Tributes from CB7 members, Council Member Gale Brewer.
- Moment of silence observed.

Chair requests that public speakers identify a wish for the coming year/new decade.

Community Session:

Crista Carmody – Park Manager, Riverside Park:

- Pier “I” café nearing completion.
- Riverwalk expected to be opened summer 2010.
- Mulchfest – shredding trees at 83rd Street. Sites listed at nyc.gov/parks
- Wish – park peace – increasing demands on an aging park.

Margaret Willis – St. Agnes Library Manager:

- Renovation complete – waiting for new equipment; over \$9MM invested. Reopen in February.
- New dedicated spaces for children, reading/writing, young adults and adults, each with PCs.
- Wish – that all would take advantage of free library cards and all the libraries have to offer.

Catherine Unsino – Research on nursing and nursing home care:

- Has surveyed all 21 nursing facilities in Manhattan – copies available; work on-going.
- Wish – that all take an interest in the well-being of those who are in elder care facilities.

John McCormick – NYC Commission on Human Rights:

- Celebration of MLK Day – documentary film “Fighting for Justice” – focusing on 2 New Yorkers active in the Civil Rights Movement: Clifford Alexander and Esther Cooper Jackson.

- Panel discussion to follow, moderated by Keith Brown. At the Apollo Theater 1/14/10.
- Wish - full employment.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- History talk 1/28 at Bloomingdale Library - Part 2 in series on Sanitation – very informative.
- Request for closing Amsterdam Avenue on 3 Sundays in May as part of the City's Summer Street Program.

Michael Kramer – Community Sanitation Steering Committee:

- Proposal to include a Sanitation garage under Riverside Center in lieu of auto showroom.
- City pays well for use of underground space. Financially stable anchor tenant.
- Current Sanitation garage space is obsolete; more sanitation trucks are needed to keep up.
- Access to rail tracks could provide an environmentally friendly way to move trash.
- CB7 has NO sanitation facilities in its District (CB4 has 6).

Reports by Elected Officials/Representatives:

Gale Brewer – City Council Member:

- Lincoln Square Atrium on New Year's Eve showcased this great new community space.
- St. Agnes branch library to reopen in February – renovated with City Council funding.
- Dental van in the District on February 3rd, 5th, 24th; Recycling 3/21 at District Office.
- Thanks to Andrew Albert and Barbara Leed Dynastein for work on plaque project.
- Bedbug bill will bring multiple agencies together regularly; 5 volunteers pulling program together.
- Thanks for support of paid sick leave – at work on new bill, responsive to concerns of small businesses.
- Wishes: Ryan and community centers survive health care bill; for truly small and local small businesses.

Corey Peterson – Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's Office:

- Community Board applications – available on BP website. Deadline 1/15; info sessions 1/7, 1/11.
- BP working on restoring MTA cuts, especially student metrocards. Petition online.
- District 3 War Room – working with CB7, electeds, CEC toward solution to school overcrowding.
- Census 2010 – BP's office working on a "Complete Count Committee" – increase awareness.
- Wish – interested applicants for CBs, and State to protect NYC watershed from fract drilling.

Michael Kaplan – Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's Office:

- Painful budget on the horizon.
- Many bills proposed – anti-torture bill, family resources; fighting illegal hotels
- Wish: Responsible, sustainable, contextual development throughout the District.

Greg Monte – Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's Office:

- Working on bills relating to illegal hotels.
- Free mammography at District Office for any woman over 40 – appointment required.
- Outraged by MTA's proposed cuts to services, especially those affecting seniors, school children.
- Wish – get serious about essential services for the elderly.

Jared Chausow – State Senator Tom Duane's Office:

- Marriage equality voted down – bitter defeat, disappointing abandonment of support.
- Decrying MTA cuts to Access-A-Ride. Vouchers for regular taxis could cut costs for some.
- Wish – RSC that UWS can be proud of.

Carrie Marlin – Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell's Office:

- After District office successful coat drive; hosting a cell phone drive for survivors of domestic violence.
- Sponsoring bill to ban grades 4 and 6 heating oil (biggest culprit in City report on air quality).
- Wish – City, State and federal governments address air and water quality together – and do so quickly.

Jihoon Kim – State Senator Eric Schneiderman's Office:

- Sponsoring ethics reform bill – might have prevented last year's fiascos. Includes financial disclosure reports; increases campaign finance violations penalties.
- MTA back to where it was last year – working with majority counsel re failure to renew non-voting public members of the Board – need to restore this important public voice on the MTA Board.
- Wish – that MTA and Albany work together to provide free metrocards to West Side and all students.

Jeff Margolies – U.S. Representative Charles Rangel's Office:

- Pushing to place a viable Health Care reform bill on the President's desk by the end of the month.
- Working to keep better aspects of House bill.
- Wish (Hope) – World Series wins for Mets and Yankees in the decade.

Community Session:

Lucia de la Cruz – US Census 2010:

- Getting the word out (Today Show, Mayor) – looking for venues to encourage participation.
- CFD presentation on how to get jobs with Census 2010 on 1/28/10 at Goddard Riverside.
- Wish - Love one another.

Phyllis Gunther – CB7:

- M72 Bus now extends to Riverside Boulevard & 66th Street – great new service.

Business Session

Parks & Preservation Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons

1. **20, 22, 24, 26 28 and 30 West 94th Street**, Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Resolution to approve an application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard extension, rooftop addition and rear-façade improvements.

P&P Chair's Summary:

- Committee saw the evolution of proposal through 4 presentations in 5 months.
- Rear-yard 1-storey lot-line extension in donut (mostly abuts applicant's own building on the opposite side of the donut) - As of right per zoning, but in an historic district.
- Latest proposal addressed many concerns voiced by committee and neighbors; some neighbors negatively affected by most recent version.

- Provides indoor space for children to gather in the morning - noise abatement for neighbors.

Community Comments –the following members of the community expressed one or more of the following comments: Carol Gould (333 CPW), Eugene Pinover (333 CPW), Diana Pinover (333 CPW), Vincent Capenzano (333 CPW), Michael Gould-Wartofsky (333 CPW), Gerri Hayes (333 CPW), Ann Lewis Seltzer (93rd-94th Streets Preservation Alliance):

- Noisy air handler on roof of rear-yard extension should be moved away from neighboring buildings.

NB: Applicant's Headmaster: air handler has been relocated in plans away from neighbors.

- Can live with loss of view if noise abatement ensured.
- Noise in the donut, and on the street at drop-off, a recurring issue that must be addressed.
- Schools must be good neighbors.
- Playspace on the roof of the extension should be green, not an artificial surface.
- Intrusion into donut a continuing concern; mindful of school's commitments to lessen impact.

Additional Comments:

Cristiana Pena – Landmark West!

- Preservation includes open space as well as built environment – including rear yards.
- Facility could be placed below grade entirely; plantings are green in name only.
- Urges disapproval in its current state.

Howard Weiss – Applicant's Land Use Counsel:

- Wish for the new year/decade: as a lasting legacy to Percy Sutton, hope that charter revision does NOT do violence to the community board system. Has won or lost, but process always fair.
- Applicant has dramatically altered proposal to meet additional concerns of Community Board, neighbors.
- Even after approval from the committee – school met with neighbors and made further changes.
- Project to ensure safety for children: fire stairs, ADA access elevator.
- Using original bricks from rear façade renovation for new extension – historic match.
- Rear extension allows children to gather indoors, abating early morning noise issue.
- Roof on extension will be green turf, with plantings around the project. Rear garden will be bigger.

Community Board Discussion – members of the Board expressed one or more of the following points:

- Applicant addressing drop-off noise, and has committed to move the air handler to lessen noise.
- Distinctions drawn between current and original proposal.
- New proposal is similar to solution used elsewhere – filling in the rear yard.
- Many redeeming qualities of this proposal, but filling in rear yards is an issue that must be addressed.
- More schools (and other institutions) will be filling in their rear yards.
- Current proposal encroaches upon rear yard to minimal extent – making the rear yard more sensitive.
- Should explore below-grade option – troubled by the 16-foot tall incursion
- Neighborliness of community toward school is impressive.
- School has been responsive to its neighbors, takes issues seriously, unlike other schools CB7 has seen.
- Another step in CB7's slow but inevitable movement permission for donuts' use for institutional needs.
- Concerned about loss of storm-water runoff, absorption.
- Zoning permits community facilities to fill in rear yard to height of 23'.
- Conflicts with Landmark advocates' position that design of housing in this area includes the open space.
- Should consider trees as means to abate noise of children at play.
- With public schools critically overcrowded, DoE and community counts on viable private schools.
- Proposed resolution notes that special circumstances means that this should not be seen as precedent.

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

VOTE: 29-6-1-0.

2. **129 West 86th Street**, aka Crosby Residence (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Resolution to approve certain aspects and disapprove other aspects of application #086787 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for exterior street façade alteration.

- Owner withdrawing part of application, but has not presented new plans to Committee.

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve certain aspects and disapprove others of the application was adopted.

VOTE: 35-0-0-0.

3. **Central Park**. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for exterior restoration of Mineral Springs in Central Park.

- Applicant/concessionaire is Le Pain Quotidien – will have indoor and outdoor seating.
- Renovating 1950s structure, at least half of which will remain a Parks Department facility.

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

VOTE: 36-0-0-0.

Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

4. **Department of City Planning's Residential Streetscape Preservation Text Amendment.** (Text is available at www.nyc.gov/planning.)

Committee Chair's summary:

- Proposed amendment will have very little impact on CB7.
- One potentially relevant provision of the amendment would require a finding of no negative impact on pedestrian traffic before a curb cut on a wide street could be approved.
- CB7 is indebted to Brian Cook of the Borough President's Office and Adam Meagher of the Department of City Planning for their guidance on this (and many other) issue.

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve the proposed amendment was adopted.

VOTE: 28-0-1-0.

Committee Chair's Wish: would like legislators to consult with Community Boards to discuss the State and City budgets -- including sources of funds to accomplish all required goals.

Youth Education & Libraries Committee

Mark Diller, Chairperson

5. Resolution calling on the Department of Education to repeal Chancellor's Regulation A-812, which effectively bans bake sales in public schools during the instructional day and during afterschool hours.

Committee Chair's Summary:

- New regulation prohibits most bake sales until after 6 p.m.; exceptions irrelevant.
- Supposed purpose is healthy food - Only food that can be sold is that obtained from approved DoE vendors – excludes home baked goods; permits Doritos, Pop-Tarts and other processed offerings.

After due deliberation, the resolution calling for the repeal of Chancellor's Regulation A-812 was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

YEL update on CB7's November 2009 resolution calling for the incubation of a new school in District:

- BP convened "war rooms" to address overcrowding in southern, northern parts of the District.
- CB7, CEC and concerned parents and teachers on the joint Overcrowding Committee pushing for a new school and other necessary relief.
- Incremental movement by DoE toward recognizing needs.
- Outstanding effort by data tea, including CB7's Helen Rosenthal and parents Rachel Laiserin, Sandra Levy, Robin Fontaine and many others; used DoE's own data to prove the need for a new school.

- Thanks to BP Stringer, Council Member Brewer, and all of our District's electeds for support.
- K registration begins 2/1, new school must be posted by 3/1, so time is short to reach a resolution.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

6. **584 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 88th - 87th Streets.) Resolution to approve renewal application DCA# 1247422 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Corp, d/b/a Bodrum, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 33-0-0-0.

7. Resolution to approve and recommend the request by Jacqueline H. Morison to name secondarily West 92nd Street between Columbus Avenue and Central Park West in honor of Sidney H. Morison, late principal at PS 84 (The Lillian Weber School) for twenty-seven years.

Community Comments:

Barbara Minch – for AP at PS 84:

- Sid Morrison was a passionate principal of PS 84 for 27 years.
- Integral part of the PS 84 community. Understood that all aspects of a child's life contribute to the child's success in school – hence became involved with houses of worship, community groups.

Hanna Hess – former PA president at PS 84:

- Sid cared about the education of all kids, not just the privileged few. Changed schools to benefit all.

Jacqueline Morison – Sid Morrison's widow and gifted career educator and staff developer:

- Established the first NYC dual immersion language program -- became the model.
- Hailed by NYT for implementing changes to serve all students – the “community's” principal.

Pat Romandetto – Former Superintendent of CSD3:

- Sid was an outstanding human being; loved and respected by students, parents, staff, community.
- True visionary. True intellectual ahead of his time who was able to make change.

Elena Nasereddin - Former CSD3 Principal:

- Turned PS 84 into a school of choice.
- As staff developer and as principal, Sid was the most generous of colleagues.

Board Comments:

- Previously, CB7 opposed secondary street naming and favored plaques on buildings. Concern for parity.

- This most appropriate recipient embodies the rich history of the UWS beyond Land Use issues.
- Testimony of friends and colleagues is impressive and moving – concern for precedent.
- Unfortunate that PS 84 itself could not be renamed for Sid Morrison.
- Street name should include the word “principal” (e.g. “Principal Sidney Morison Way”).

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve the secondary renaming of West 92nd Street between CPW and Columbus to honor Sidney Morrison was adopted.

VOTE: 26-8-1-0.

8. Resolution to approve a maximum number of bike racks to be purchased by DoT, which would retrofit unused parking meter poles with bike racks between West 67th and 86th Streets on Amsterdam Avenue and 67th and 86th Streets on Columbus Avenue.

George Beane – Community Comment:

- DoT requested CB7's input on number of bike racks to purchase for the on meter poles.
- Survey showed that on average each block could support 3 bike racks (some more/less).
- Currently, bikes chained to trees and tree-guards.

Community Board Comments – Board members expressed one or more of the following

views/concerns:

- CB7 should expect to have a future chance to vet on a block-by-block basis.
- Resolution's language does not ensure that DoT will consult CB7 on exact locations for racks.
- Community needs bike racks – trees injured; too many bike racks at the curb becomes a fence.
- Better alternative solution would be to devote an entire off-curb parking space for bikes – not proposed.
- DoT pressure to act quickly with no precedent – should consider carefully.
- CB7 should respond to DoT by recommending a 6-block pilot/test area, and review test data.
- Concern over appearance of bike racks.
- Proposed friendly amendment to require CB7 subsequent approval of specific plan by DoT before implementing – not accepted.
- Similar efforts done successfully in Chelsea and elsewhere.
- Sounds like a use in search of a need – DoT presented no data to assess problem; Should not rush.
- Wonderful example of greening – taking something intended for cars and using it to serve bicycles.
- CB8 approved 4 per block front.
- DoT wants a number to know how many to order.

After due deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 23-12-1-0.

9. Resolution to disapprove application #1338241 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Braja K. Singha to construct and operate a newsstand at the Southwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 67th Street.

Applicant did not appear at Committee or full Board.

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

VOTE: 34-0-2-0.

10. Resolution to approve 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.

Emily Margolis – Community member:

- Imposition on an already crowded area – new stores have brought huge amount of additional traffic.

Maria Watson – Community member:

- Had proposed that redeveloper provide affordable space for a candy store - respect for small businesses.
- Proposed newsstand is too close to fire call box.

Board Comments included:

- Small newsstand will fit in the space provided; good location.
- Not a good location – sidewalk will be too crowded once new stores open.
- Committee suggested SE corner in lieu of proposal.

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

VOTE: 19-13-2-0.

Chairs' Wishes:

Andrew: Fully funded MTA;

Dan: Enforcement of quality of life regulations.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

11. New Applications to the SLA for a two year on-premises liquor license.
After due deliberation, the resolution to approve the applications was adopted.
VOTE: 29-0-0-0.

12. Applications to the Street Activity Permit Office for multi-block street fairs in 2010.

Community Board Comments:

- Concern that there are too many in a short few weeks -- inconvenience to residents, businesses.
- Very high opportunity costs for repetitive events.
- Fairs provide opportunity for organizations to promote not-for-profits to the community.
- Fairs provide significant, much-needed funding for NFPs and bring sense of community to area.
- Concern over clean of streets unfounded – street cleaners leave streets cleaner day after than before.

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve the scheduled street fairs was adopted.

VOTE: 24-5-1-0. (Andrew Albert voted “present/conflict” on fair promoted by his organization)

Chairs’ New Year/Decade Wish:

George: Every employee has access to affordable health care

Michele: Children of the neighborhood will want to return to live/work here.

Chair’s wish: That UWS will lead the way in thoughtful sustainable planning and that everyone else’s wish comes true.

Adjourned: 9:45 pm

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

Mel Wymore, Chair

January 19, 2010

Called to Order at 6:38 PM

1. Committee Round Table + Community Issues

Going to focus on these broader issues at each steering mtg to keep the conversation alive

• Green

Presentation on proposed Sanitation garage at Riverside Center which we felt fit with environmental goals

At next meeting- discussion of recent report that identifies heating oil used by every building in board and how to use that information towards raising awareness. 10024 is highest concentration in city.

Had mtg with Gale on greening with emphasis on religious properties

• Parks and Preservation

Mostly reactive

Goal is to further involve committee members

Talked about returning to list of properties that still haven’t been designated and try to reactivate that

Further goal is to streamline meetings

Possibility to devote part of meeting to planning multi-month strategies or selecting locations for designation

(From suggestions list) Adding design component to Zoning resolution- would take a lot of work, DCP has design consultant

• Health and Human Services

Try to keep track of DHS

1. For long time concerned about failure to alert community when establishing transitional shelters.

2. Visited with Commissioner

3. New addendum to RFP that requires developers to meet with community board mid-process
Isolated elderly

1. Have been communicating with community groups and neighbor-to-neighborhood programs

2. Bloomingdale + Park West Village

3. Issue with identifying isolated

Cathy Unsino will be joining conversation about planning for families in nursing homes

HIV/AIDS in schools

- Young ppl- largest population with new infections

- Join with YEL to follow up

Immigrants in community

- Want to work with BP's committee on immigration

Cert is planning to conduct survey of special needs populations in community and make agencies like Fire and Police aware of their locations for emergency situations

- Are there things CB wants to dovetail onto that?

- Issue of identifying buildings- including posting of numbers

Hunger

- Food pantries overwhelmed due to recession

BCI

Hard-pressed to find quorum, needs additional bodies

Discussed doing more investigative work about applicants before they appear

- Developing criterion

- Ensuring that public notices are posted

YEL

Incubation of new school

- BP's District 3 War-room

- DOE has proposed to create new school in IS44

Create 3 kindergartens --3 less than needed

Need to advocate for new middle school

- Currently mortgaging middle school space to handle elementary school problems

- Need to look to Riverside South as appropriate location for robust middle school

Trying to engage community members into longer-term projects

- Charter schools

- After-school programs

- Recreation

Transportation

Drawn up list of initiatives that want to address. Will devote part of meetings.

- Want to survey sidewalks and curbs- potholes, striping

- Siting of bike racks

- Want to remove obsolete sidewalk obstructions including out of use sidewalk cafes --DOB is not notified if restaurant closes and café remains

Pedestrian safety

- Traffic signals

- Enforcement of traffic laws both motor vehicle and bicycle

Vehicular safety

- Count-down timers

- Stop-on-red when turning on Broadway malls--DOT has agreed with ten

Parking

- Bike parking?

- Residential parking permits -- Work with other boards to encourage legislatively

Bus route changes

Plague program

Riverside Center transportation discussions

PWV transportation issues

Need to get traffic signal at 96th and Broadway changed
May want to incentivize non-smoking outdoor cafes
Look at street oddities
• 81st and 95th dead-end at Amsterdam, need to get lighting
A lot of these goals intersect with those of Green committee

2. Committee Structure

- Mel has spent two months thinking hard about committees
- Way board is structured, it is structured to serve the city agencies but not structured to ascertain needs of community
- 1st phase- has partially staffed all existing committees
No change in co-chairs
Every committee has 5 people so far
- Expect 6 new members in April
- Reactions:
only 40 members listed
technical committees have been really stripped of expertise
may or may not solve quorum issues- both lowers necessary number but also prevents people from counting
actual problem is people not showing up- restructuring committees does not solve problems
this cripples committees
Co-chairs should have the right to select additional persons to add to committee
That tact would result in people being neglected as well as stacking of the committees with particular viewpoints
- “What else is possible”
The different tacts taken by different chairs has not particularly changed the board’s activity as a reactive body
Populations we serve
- Elderly
- Young
- Socio-economic
- ethnic
- Sub-neighborhoods
Consider creating geographic working groups
- Second committee could either be an existing committee or one of these new geographic bodies
- Has been successful in Columbus-Avenue BID
- Solves feelings of neglect in community
- Well intentioned but not-knowledgeable committees can undermine work of expertise-driven standing committees
- While like the idea, see it rife with conflict and can’t see how it will work- can instead envision conduit role in place of advocate. Maybe designate present committee members as ombudsmen to disseminate accurate information. Note: This is the job of the district office staff
- Possibility exists that certain communities will not approve of their committee
- Concern that committees will compete- that communities will go to friendly geographic committee instead of more astute application-handling committee
- Sees this as step towards more reactivity
- It is the local things that prompt applications- landmarks, cafes...- while community-wide issues are actually generated by committee
- This can lead to fragmentation and conflict between the regions
- This is the most effective argument for community boards against Mayor Bloomberg’s criticism that they are unresponsive and only the first step in a bureaucracy
- 3 core purposes of board: conduit for organizing, planning function, triage arm for the NY government

- This can present leadership growth opportunities for younger members of the board
- They may not be interested, aware of the size of the undertaking or even settled enough in the neighborhoods to appropriately shepherd this process.
- Monthly meetings may not be necessary but will require frequent attendance at community meetings/events
- Could pilot this in just one area- Manhattan Valley and join the BID's work
- Already have geographic working group at Riverside South and Park West Village

Mel Wymore noted that overall board function and committee structure will continue to be discussed and developed. Borough President Scott Stringer will join next month's discussion about Community Board performance.

Adjourned at 9:03

Present: Mel Wymore, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Louis Cholden-Brown, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Lenore Norman, Madge Rosenberg, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, and Dan Zweig. Board Members, Hope Cohen, Ken Coughlin and Marc Glazer. Absent: Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Victor Gonzalez, Klari Neuwelt, Michelle Parker, Charles Simon and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michelle Parker & George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-chairpersons
January 13, 2010

Rose Building, 165 West 65th Street

Liquor License Applications:

1. Donizetti, LLC, aka Five-Napkin Burger, 2315 Broadway, NYC 10024

Presenting for restaurant Simon Oren, partner; Robert Guarino, managing partner, James D. Wanderstock, Sherry & O'Neill, attorney.

Upscale American-style restaurant, second one in the city, from the owner of French Roast and other neighborhood establishments. Hours of operation, Noon to Midnight, seven days a week. Mr. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero provided comprehensive verbal guidelines for bicycle storage and suggested the owners get in touch with the board office for a website link for the official guidelines. Ms. Parker asked about cabaret licenses and the owners confirmed there were none.

Committee Approves the application: 5-0-0-0; Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

2. SIP 988 Amsterdam Avenue

Applicant, Matthew Hecht, partner, did not appear. Peter Arndsten, executive director of the Columbus-Amsterdam BID was present in support of the application, but relinquished testifying. Applicant was contacted by telephone and he stated that he did not know that his attendance was required. Application is being held over until the February BCI Committee meeting. Committee agrees to "Postpone without Prejudice"

3. Graffit, 141 West 69th Street

Presenting for restaurant were Jesus Nunez, owner/chef; Bailey Simon, partner; Elke A. Hofmann, Esq., attorney.

Located in the former space occupied for more than two decades by Levana Kosher restaurant, the application is by a world-renowned chef owner for a 75-seat upscale Spanish restaurant specializing

in tapas cuisine from Madrid, where Mr. Nunez owns two other Michelin-rated restaurants. In addition, Mr. Nunez's other partners own vineyards in Spain and wine will be a mainstay of the restaurant over spirits.

Mr. Zeppenfeldt-Cestero inquired about enclosed back patio and its potential impact on the surrounding buildings in terms of noise. The restaurant owner, Mr. Nunez, said there would be minimal service in the area and the super for the building behind the restaurant, Jeff Waxman, testified that it is underneath the second floor so there is little exposure. Signs were posted throughout the neighborhood and there were no dissenters from the public.

Committee Approves the application: 5-0-0-0; Non Committee: 0-0-0-1.

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

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
January 12, 2010 7:00 PM

1. West End Ave/86th St.

A petition by Imico West End LLC to the DOT to construct, maintain & use a snow-melting system beneath the sidewalk on both the West End Avenue & West 86th Street frontages of the Extell Building at 531-539 West End Avenue was considered. Paul Selver, of Kramer Levin, explained that the developer would run a series of cables 2 inches under the sidewalk, 6 inches apart. There will be sensor that will detect when the temperature is at 38 degrees or less. Michelle O'Connor, with Langer Engineers, said there is a similar system in place at Bellevue Hospital.

Motion to approve

Comm: 8-0-1-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 2-0-0-0

2. Presentation by the Taxi & Limousine Commission - Group-Ride Taxi Stand Adrian Gonzales of the TLC made a presentation on the proposed group-ride taxi stand, which would be at the SE corner of 73rd St & Columbus Avenue. It would take up to 3 parking spaces from 6 AM to 10AM, after which the spaces would change to a no-standing zone. A yellow taxi would pull up and wait for 3-4 passengers, before departing for the area of Park Avenue/42 Street. Flat fare would be \$4 per passenger. There would be a one year pilot. Board Members and members of the Columbus Avenue B.I.D. brought up issues about the starting point, the fact that there are subway stations one block in either direction, and proposals were made for alternate locations. Mr. Gonzales was invited to come back & make another presentation.

3. 302 Columbus Avenue (Lenny's) (no show)

4. Unenclosed Cafe renewals

61 Columbus Ave (Rosa Mexicano) Proposal for 14 tables/28 seats (no changes) Doug Griebel was present.

Motion to approve

Comm: 10-0-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 2-0-0-0

267 Columbus Ave (Sido)

Emil Akleh was present. Proposal for 3 tables/6 seats (no changes)

Motion to approve

Comm: 9-1-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 3-0-0-0

316 Columbus Avenue (Pappardella) Sid Gupta was present. Proposal for 10 tables/20 seats (no changes)

Motion to approve

Comm: 9-1-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 3-0-0-0

441 Amsterdam Avenue (St. James Gate) Siobhan & Paul Finnegan were present. Proposal for 3 tables/8 seats. (no changes)

Motion to approve

Comm: 7-2-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 2-0-0-0

2340 Broadway (French Roast) No-show

513 Columbus Avenue (Senor Swanky's) Sal Perillo was present. 28 tables/57 seats (no change)

Motion to approve

Comm: 7-2-0-0

NCB: 3-0-0-0

PUB: 2-0-0-0

517 Columbus Avenue (Jackson Hole) No-show

2665 Broadway (Picnic) Mike Lueck present. Proposal for 12 tables/23 seats (no change)

Motion to approve.

Comm: 8-1-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 2-0-0-0

2737 Broadway (Toast)

Darren Theuret Present. Proposal for 15 tables/30 seats (no change)

Motion to approve

Comm: 9-0-0-0

NCB: 4-0-0-0

PUB: 3-0-0-0

5. Enclosed cafe renewal

200 Columbus Ave (Magnolia Bakery)

Bobbie Lloyd Petracha & Stephen Lewin, present. Proposal to renew enclosed cafe with 15 tables/39 seats. Discussion ensued about whether Magnolia was entitled to the cafe, since they were not utilizing the space as envisioned. Many less tables are in the cafe, and lines form in the cafe, instead of seating. The owners stated that without the present system, lines would form outside

on the sidewalk.
Motion to approve
Comm: 6-3-0-0
NCB: 1-2-1-0
PUB: 3-1-1-0

6. Update by Councilmember Brewer on the Plaque Program

Councilmember Gale Brewer updated the committee on the plaque program the committee has been pressing. She explained that the program is going to honor famous westsiders, but will steer clear of controversial honorees. She has reached out to the owners and managers of over 200 buildings. Her staff has identified a list of over 200 names as potential honorees. The committee will go over the list in an effort to whittle it down, should that be prudent. Gale has reached out to art historian Barbaralee Diamonstein, who is responsible for placing many plaques throughout the city under the name Landmark Community Trust. They are beautiful, terra-cotta colored plaques. The plaques will cost upwards of \$1100 each! It is possible to bring the cost down by buying a larger quantity. Committee members who have offered to help with the plaque program are: Hope Cohen, Blanch Lawton, Anne Raphael, & Roberta Semer. Jan Levy, a former member of cb7, has also offered.

7. Update on advance green turn signal - 86th St/Columbus Avenue

While DOT was not present at the meeting, Andrew handed out a sheet with statistics of turns at this corner, and what would be required if an advanced green signal were not present. Many committee members were not satisfied with DOT's explanation, and a site visit with DOT will take place.

8. Newsstand application by Mohammed Hossain to construct/operate a newsstand at the SW corner of Broadway & West 90th St.

Applicant failed to appear, so this was not considered.

9. 15 West 85th Street

Petition to construct, maintain & use a proposed fenced-in planter area with trash enclosure. Applicants failed to show up, so this was not considered.

10. Discussion of MTA service cuts

Co-Chair Andrew Albert presented a resolution on the proposed MTA service cuts, scheduled to take place on or around July 1, 2010. A lively discussion ensued about what the cuts would do to public transportation on the West Side and the City as a whole. The resolution (under separate cover) was passed.

Comm: 10-0-0
NCB: 4-0-0-0
PUB: 4-0-0-0

New Business

Street Banner discussion.

A discussion ensued about the proposed new DOT Banner Fee for hanging vertical banners on light poles. All Business Improvement Districts were strongly opposed to the new fees, as were many non-profit organization, who use the poles to advertise events. Subsequent to this discussion, the proposed new fees were withdrawn.

Issues remain at the intersection of West 106th St & Amsterdam Avenue (Peter Arndtsen) Streets & sidewalks in terrible shape - committee will perform survey

Discussion of temporary & permanent sidewalk extensions

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

Parks & Preservation Committee
Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons
January 14, 2010

The co-chairs announced the Landmarks Preservation Commission's designation of West-Park Presbyterian Church.

115 Central Park West, The Majestic (West 71st - 72nd Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a window replacement.

- Doug Lister, Architect representing the Majestic.
- Proposing to modify Window Replacement Master Plan to include additional aluminum windows and one fiberglass alternative.
- Existing plan in place for 15 years- very few choices existed when it was drafted.
- Master plan calls for brick-to-brick window replacement with Skyline windows, not really done in occupied apartments so can't implement building-wide replacement.
- Want to increase options to 4 (including fiberglass but guidelines call for metal-to-metal) from 1.
- All will have same finish so differences are slight differences in profile and in material.
- Fiberglass windows and variations in profile make this a COA.
- Master-plan does not include multi-paned configurations of original windows.
- Only 20% of windows remain original.
- Necessity for so many options: unattractive client to vendors because of small number of windows being requested at one time so need options if manufacturers are unreceptive; giving shareholders options will make them more comfortable with process. Additionally shareholders were not always pleased with the Skyline windows.
- The cost is over \$2000 for installed 3 foot window, this high cost does not allow the managing agent to stockpile.
- Graham window, one of the choices, is approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wider than Skyline, Traco approx. $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wider than Skyline, Panorama has near same dimensions as skyline.
- Advantage of fiberglass: better insulation value than aluminum.
- Wausau is identical to skyline- not included in application because approved by LPC at staff level (so actually 5 options).
- This proposal has not been discussed at a meeting of the shareholders.
- Approximately 30% of the replacements are skyline windows, 50% are non-conforming replacement windows.
- Jan Levy- resident: Does not see this as improvement if everyone chooses their own window, building is hodgepodge and not in keeping with original design.
- Fiberglass will weather differently than aluminum.

Managing Agent: whenever alteration of over \$25,000 is done, require the windows in affected rooms to be changed.

Board comments include:

- Odds of getting shareholders to replace non-conformist windows small.
 - Point about weathering is well-taken but not necessary since not starting at one point.
 - Panorama is very good option along with Skyline and Wausau so don't understand why require additional 2 options.
 - Can vote either way.
 - Criteria for window conformity must be established- panorama window will look different b/c glass is thinner, Traco too different, not chamfered.
 - The idea that looking up, you will or won't see the difference was expressed
 - Motion to approve all additional choices. Vote: 2-6-0-0, 0-2-0-0. Motion FAILS
 - Motion to approve Graham and Panorama, Vote: 4-3-1-0, 0-2-0-0 Motion FAILS
 - Motion to approve Panorama alone Vote: 7-1-0-0, 2-0-0-0. Wausau and Skyline already approved.
- 100 West 80th (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.
- Page Cowley and Gustavo Carrera- Architects
 - Small completion of two existing penthouses
 - Blanche Lawton recused herself for personal relationship with principal
 - On Columbus side, only small corner visible. On 80th street, more encompassing view
 - Glass and copper roof, same windows as previous modification
 - Modify and move existing exterior stairs to be legal and to be made of wood, not visible from street
 - Addition not actually 12 by 12, actually 17'4" by 16'7"

Board comments:

- Visibility is not insignificant,
- It's asymmetrical
- Is it any more egregious than what is already there?
- Troubled by amount of glass and how it stands out (not convinced greenhouse effect is so appropriate)- materials concern, b/c of slight size is okay- would be more troubled if larger
- Landmark West: opportunity to improve space to harmonize aspects, addition will perpetuate hodgepodge of roof, find it inappropriate.
- Resolution to approve as is VOTE: 5-1-0-2, 1-0-0-0.

101 West 85th Street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a wheelchair lift.

Gregg Rothstein, architect:

- Proposal to place wheelchair lift in existing areaway
- Turn cellar window into door for access from lift
- In addition raise height of pipe railing to 42" to prevent children from falling
- This is precipitated by conversions of usage of space in cellar and the requirement of ADA accommodations that accompany such usage changes.
- Does forcing them to use cellar entrance turn them into second-class citizens and present legal issues?
- Is there sufficient turning space?
- Preservation issues in maintaining detailing of existing railing
- Glass paneling was suggested to replace the cross-hatching in the railing, conversation ensued about whether more appropriate- more modern?
- Door- to be painted same as windows, almost set back so not on face of building. Needs to appear similar to the unused secondary door
- What will the frame of the recession of the door be made of?
- Make sure that wheelchair wheels don't stick on grating that leads to lift

- Resolution to it being approved as presented: wheelchair lift, modification of railing and creation of doorway. Vote: 4-0-3-0, 1-0-0-0

143 West 69th Street, d/b/a A Cut Above and Noi Due (Columbus Avenue-Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install four signs: two mounted on the pony wall at the sidewalk level and two mounted on the building façade directly above each business.

Yungie Hahn, architect

- Signage for two businesses- restaurant and dog grooming
- Sign (44 by 17) on wall above cellar entrance and then double-sided sign on railing
- Make a hole in limestone, insert metal plate to which will affix plastic laminate which can be easily changed when tenants change.
- Maybe they should move Noi Due sign to under other window to make symmetric.
- Wall signs are sandwiched in- maybe shrink or frame it.
- Landmarks West: façade signage- location and materials appropriate. Too tightly fitted into space. Pony wall- great solution, lower metal signs just a bit to allow to use fencing as field on which sign rests.
- Straw vote over whether pp would approve as is did not provide sufficient numbers for approval
- Resolution to approve saddlebags and disprove wall-mounted signage b/c in order to be appropriate must leave 1 inch margin on top and sides. Vote 1: 7-0-0-0, 1-0-0-0 Vote 2: 6-1-0-0, 0-1-0-0.

Co-chairs report: Steering committee is open to all.

- Concern that we are not involving the members of the committees as we should be.
- Chairs are often recipients of all the information, members get things second-hand.
- Looking for ideas of ways to engage members btwn meetings.
- We should be following LPC calendar.
- Issue of “what happens next?”
- Like copy of all correspondence that committee sends out be sent to all members so that know that it was sent.
- Recreate list of places that we want designated.
- Try to visit sites that are on our agenda.
- Adjourned 9:38

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Jay Adolf, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Blanche E. Lawton and Gabrielle Palitz. Board Member: Louis Cholden-Brown. Absent: Molly Gordy and Phyllis E. Gunther.

Land Use Committee Minutes

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

January 20, 2010

1. West End Avenue and West 61st Street

Attorney Margery Perlmutter presented the latest version of the design for the Abraham Joshua Heschel School lower and middle school. The school is seeking a variance from the Board of Standards & Appeals to waive regulations concerning height and setback and permitted obstructions in a rear yard. This is Heschel’s third presentation, as they have continued¹ to tweak the design to address previous comments of the committee.

Heschel School’s security consultant Amir E discussed security features, including wall heights of play deck.

Heschel School’s noise consultant Sharon Paul Carpenter discussed noise issues and ameliorations associated with the play deck.

Outcome/Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #328-09-BZ by the Abraham Joshua Heschel School for a variance from the Board of Standards & Appeals to waive regulations concerning height and setback and permitted obstructions in a rear yard for its lower and middle school building.

Committee: 7-0-0-0.

2. 721 Amsterdam Avenue

Richard Asche reviewed the history of changes requested to change the design of Leader House, approved by Community Board 7 / Manhattan in 2007, for infill for commercial and community facility uses on sites along Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues. This application by the Axton (721 Amsterdam Avenue, 95th-96th Street), is for a modification to the Large Scale Residential Development within the former West Side Urban Renewal Area – similar to the modification approved for Leader House and following on the zoning text amendment that allowed the Leader House project.

Attorney Mark Levine provided legal background and history of changes to the Large Scale Residential Development within the former West Side Urban Renewal Area.

Josh Siegel of Starrett Development explained that plans were filed with the Department of Buildings to construct the previously approved changes to Leader House. They are trying to identify retail tenants before lining up financing for the construction.

Mr. Siegel presented application M920493(D)ZAM by Axton LLC to the Department of City Planning requesting a modification to the previously approved Large Scale Residential Development within the former West Side Urban Renewal Area, to facilitate the enlargement of the 1st and 2nd stories of an existing 27-story mixed-use building, in order to utilize available floor area for commercial and community facility uses.

Starrett proposes to build out (essentially, to underfill) on the 95th Street, 96th Street, and Amsterdam Avenue frontages of the build. The new two-story structure would be built of pre-cast stone and a great deal of glass. Tenant amenities, such as the community room, would be improved.

Approximately 30 members of the public – mainly Axton tenants – were at the meeting. Gabriel Wimberly, head of Axton tenants' association, read a statement questioning various features of the proposal and raising concerns about the quality and safety of previous renovations and construction at the Axton. Concerns range from security to (handicap) accessibility to cleanliness to displacement during construction to possible rent increases (that last absolutely denied by Mr. Siegel). Several other tenants also complained about the quality of the previous renovation and the level of building maintenance.

Ethel Sheffer, Hope Cohen, Page Cowley, and Roberta Semer objected to the proposed design and emphasized the importance of the laundry list of tenant concerns. Jay Adolf wondered whether the opinions of tenant population present at the meeting was representative of the full tenant body (227 units). In answer to his questions, Mr. Siegel indicated that the bank would return following construction, but other retail tenants would probably not return. Mr. Asche expressed concern about long-term neglect of the property by the landlord, the absence of support of the proposal by the tenants (as opposed to Leader House, where tenants urged approval), and the poor design.

In answer to a question from Ms. Cowley, architect David ____ explained design concepts of glass transparency, lighting from beneath, and cast concrete tongue-in-groove planks responding to the gray stone of the church diagonally across (NW corner of Amsterdam & 96th Street) and bank directly across (NE corner of Amsterdam & 96th Street) the street.

Mr. Levine suggested that the applicant work closely and cooperatively with the committee to settle the questions raised tonight and fine tune the design. Mr. Adolf, Ms. Cowley, and Sheldon Fine will

represent the committee and Community Board in discussions with the applicant over the next three months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Jay Adolf, Hope Cohen, Sheldon J. Fine, Roberta Semer and Ethel Sheffer. On-Leave: Paul Fischer.

Absent: Lawrence Horowitz, Daniel Meltzer, Tom Vitullo-Martin and John Mark Warren.

Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes

Mark Diller, Chairperson

January 21, 2010

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on January 21, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the offices of the Community Board, 250 West 87th Street in Manhattan. Committee members Louis Cholden-Brown, Michele Parker, Sharon Parker-Frazer, Helen Rosenthal, Cara Volpe, and Mark Diller (chair) were present. The following topics were discussed.

1. February Meeting Rescheduled to Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 6:30.

(a) All future meetings will commence at 6:30 pm rather than at the previous start time of 7.

2. Topics for Research or Study by Committee Members.

(a) Charter Schools.

i) Committee member Cara Volpe is leading research in this area.

ii) Greatest challenge is to find an effective means to confront mis-information about Charter Schools.

iii) Many education advocates for traditional public schools are not impartial about Charters, their accomplishments and their prospects.

iv) Not all Charter Schools are alike, which is in part the point.

v) Developing fields/areas of inquiry to organize research among several schools to be assessed.

vi) May involve non-CB7 members in conducting and analyzing research results.

vii) Long term goal for research is to present information at a public forum, possibly co-sponsored with other UWS organizations.

(b) Afterschool Programs.

i) CB7, under Helen Rosenthal's leadership several years ago, conducted a survey of publicly funded ASPs in part to determine whether there is an under-served population as a result of changes in funding formulas at the Department of Youth and Community Development.

ii) ASP survey results are now outdated, and with changes in funding and other economic concerns, issue of identifying underserved populations is again current.

iii) Former YEL chair Alberto Cruz developed a funding survey in 2008-09, but the survey was never put into the field.

iv) Committee to vet survey questions and list of publicly-funded ASPs, and to contact leaders at each ASP operating at a location within our District. Contact will be by phone or in person to improve response rate and to allay concerns about the use of information gathered.

3. Planned Parenthood Presentation at February Meeting.

- (a) Planned Parenthood has developed a program to empower parents to advocate for the implementation of an existing sex ed curriculum in public high schools.
- (b) Curriculum already developed – most high school principals implement the curriculum when parents want it.
- (c) Sex ed (including the mandated HIV/AIDS segments) is an important component in health education and in combating teen pregnancy and disease.
- (d) Planned Parenthood will present in February. YEL will then entertain a resolution to support a Borough Board resolution on the subject. A straw poll of YEL members shows support for the program.
- (e) The chair will coordinate with Corey Peterson, the Borough President's community liaison for our District, to ensure that the Borough Board's timing can accommodate a resolution at YEL in February and a full Board vote in early March (later confirmed).

4. Completion of Term of Sharon Parker-Frazier.

- (a) Sharon Parker-Frazier, a long-time member of CB7 and of the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee, announced that she is completing her term without seeking reappointment.
- (b) Sharon has served the community through the Community Board for more than 10 years, in addition to innumerable committees, panels and associations where she has consistently given voice to the concerns of parents and students regarding the issues of the day affecting education and recreation as it relates to our children. Our entire community is richer for her service.
- (c) The Committee joined in thanking Sharon for her tireless contributions, and wished her well.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

Present: Mark Diller, Louis Cholden-Brown, Sharon Parker-Frazier, Helen Rosenthal and Cara Volpe. Absent: John Mark Warren.

District Service Cabinet
Penny Ryan, District Manager
January 27, 2010
9:30-11:00 AM

Welcome to Captain John Cappelman, the new commander of PSA#6.

Discussion with Anthony Vargas and Benjamin Smith, NYC Community Clean Up, a new citywide initiative designed to address neighborhood hot spots and eyesores. Low-level offenders from Midtown Community Court are assigned to work mostly manual labor. The goal is to make useful work projects in the community such as sweeping streets, graffiti removal, or planting, with a crew of 12 – 15 people.

- Parks requested a clean-up crew at the Verdi transit hub and at Riverside Park. More information is available at www.cleanupnyc.org

Agency Updates and Reports and Requests for Inter-Agency Coordination

DOHMH

- Rat Indexing in Manhattan this month: Map of Manhattan goes lot by lot to “see” where problem areas exist. Inspections are uploaded via wireless media. DOHMH is conducting seminars for building owners and managers on rat control.

- Renovation of the 100th Street DOHMH building: Postponed to July, 2010.
- There is an increase in rabid raccoons in Central Park, to date 19 cases have been reported.

NYPD/DOT

- Reports on quality of life complaints and traffic conditions: Next meeting.
- 20th Pct: General index crimes up 16%, parking enforcement is up 20%.
- Accident reports (vehicular and pedestrian) for 79th Street and Amsterdam, 86th Street and Columbus, 72nd Street and Riverside Drive, and consideration of requests of red-arrow phase turn signals.

NYPD will give intersection accident reports at next meeting.

DOT: Waiting for NYPD accident report of Columbus Ave & 86th Street; DOT found a large amount of turning both on green signals and afterwards; a red signal may back up traffic along 86th Street and cause more problems if installed. Another option is to remove curb lane parking and create a turn lane. DOT will report again after reviewing NYPD accident data.

DOT: Waiting for NYPD accident reports of 62nd Street & West End Avenue and 86th Street & Amsterdam Avenue – requests are in cue.

- Initiatives to enforce traffic regulations for commercial and private bicycles, and violations issued; recommendations on any other approaches: Incidents down mostly due to weather.
- Non-permitted bike vendors in and around Columbus Circle: Chief Banks working on this issue, PBMN to follow up.
- NYPD traffic enforcement policy on issuing tickets to drivers who are active unloading vehicles in bike lanes – 77th Street and 106th Street: PBMN to follow up.
- West 62nd Street and WEA – new traffic signal to be installed. Left-turn arrow? DOT will follow up at next meeting.
- Left-turn signal on westbound 97th Street at Columbus Avenue. DOT will follow up at next meeting.
- Amsterdam and 106th Street intersection: eastbound left turn and speeding on Amsterdam. NYPD will follow up at next meeting.
- 86th Street mobile food vendor: NYPD issued ECB violations, enforced parking regulations, and requested DOHMH inspections. Vendor moved to new location.

NYPD/HRA

- Complaints and arrests at the Yale and the Camden SROs. Next meeting.

FDNY/EMS/NYPD/Goddard

- Coordinate the procedure for taking homeless persons to the hospital: Held meeting; need update on how many cases have been done.
- No change in fire stats since last year.

DM requested a walkthrough of Park West Village stores with FDNY. Managers and employees need education on fire exit safety – scheduled for 1/29/2010.

PARKS/DOHMH/DSNY

- Rats in Verdi Park: Baiting is ongoing and there has been some reduction in the size of the colony. Need a one-year baiting program and coordination with MTA.

MAYOR's OFFICE/NYPD/NYDA/DHS/Goddard

- West-Park Presbyterian Church, Amsterdam and 86th Street: Waiting for church administration response on new fence.

DDC/DOT: Next meeting

- Catch basin installations (Including 104th Street & RSD)
- Frederick Douglass Circle completion; paint traffic signals black

Goddard

Annual count conducted last Monday, statistics will be available next month.

DCA

Pedicab licensing is at end of cycle. Enforcement of uninsured pedicabs has begun and many vehicles have been confiscated.

ConEd

West End Avenue & 65th Street transformer work is ongoing.

DA's Office

The summer internship program will continue with the new DA, but will accept only high school juniors and seniors only.

DOB

Anyone who observes a stalled construction site (no activity) should call DOB; they will conduct a site safety and stability check.

Parks

RSP: Special events season is about to begin with a rise in walkathons. Rat issue is unique because of bird nesting and playgrounds.

NYPL

St Agnes branch is opening February 11.

Present Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, Capt. John Cappelmann, PSA 6; Lt. DeSantis, Sgt. Montgomery, PO Tiger, 20th Pct; PO Donadelle, NYPD TD3; PO Bianchi, PBMN; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Lolita Jackson, Mayor's office; Michael Congo, Meredith Weber, DOHMH; Tom Allpora, DSNY; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Mark Vaccaro, Paul Evans, Parks; Kerry Stephen, FDNY; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Chris Villari, DEP; Solly Corrado, DCA; Susan Singer, NYPL; Anthony Vargas, Ben Smith, MCC; Jesse Bodine, Council Member Gale Brewer's office; Corey Peterson, MBP Stringer's office; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Tim Devlin, LS BID; Pat Richardi, ConEd; Alan Flacks; Jill Greenbaum, SUN.