

March 2010 Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Mel Wymore, Chair

March 2, 2010

At St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital

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

Minutes from previous full board meeting were approved: VOTE: 26-0-1.

Chairperson's Report: Mel Wymore

West Side Neighbor of the Month - presented by Dee Rieber of the West 75th Block Assn.

- Orlando Valencia has been a tireless volunteer on behalf of the Block Assn to one of the more notorious buildings on the block, bringing a needed sense of calm to a troubled group of tenants, and keeping a caring and watchful eye out for his neighbors.
- Orlando espouses and lives the best of volunteer spirit after retirement.

Follow-up from last month:

- Regarding the presentation on the pollutants emitted from grades 4 and 6 oil, which finds its highest concentration of users on the Upper West Side (including some of our most distinguished landmarks):
- Environmental Defense Fund has an FAQ for speaking with a building owner/manager to make the case that switching to natural gas or grade 2 is mutually beneficial (FAQ is on the CB7 website).
- Report on health dangers from grades 4 & 6 oil is also on the CB7 website. City Council action needed.

Riverside Center:

- Certification expected within next month or two.
- Developer has responded to input re reducing the height of buildings, and arrangement of buildings.
- Will be presented next RSC WG within next couple of weeks (date t/b/a)
- Community proposed alternatives – CB trying to work with community groups to present a single, unified alternative proposal.

Urban Planning Working Group – New

- Every other Friday morning at 8:30 – starting 3/5 (Please check www.nyc.gov/mcb7 to confirm dates)

Census 2010 – A full count is essential to secure New York City's share of federal funding for key services.

- Helping to get the word out is critically important.

Reports by Legislators and Electeds

Melissa Mark-Viverito – City Council Member, 8th District:

- Transitional shelter on West 107th Street: concern that commercial SROs are being rented at enormous cost by DHS to house homeless.
- Met with commissioner of DHS to address practical and philosophical differences. DHS has agreed not to pursue a long-term contract with the landlord.
- DHS needs to continue using the building through December 2010; HelpUSA will be the operator.
- Concern that procedures for siting of transitional shelters being bypassed by the “emergency” rules

- everything becomes an emergency, especially because many are seeking DHS shelter.
- Seeking to balance needs of a vulnerable population, the needs of the neighborhood and good process.
- Collaborating with Borough President Stringer, Assembly-Member O'Donnell; Senator Perkins.
- DHS Commissioner agreed to create a community advisory board for this program/facility.
- Dep't of Buildings and HPD investigators will visit site (no current pending violations). Seeking a roof to cellar inspection (not agreed yet).

Board Follow-Up:

- Concern: women at 237 may be victims of domestic violence; need to provide responsible and appropriate services.
- Process by which Community Boards are involved in planning thwarted by “emergencies” du jour.
- City Council has a chance to take a role to prevent exploitation of inappropriate properties in the future.

Gale Brewer - City Council Member, 6th District:

- Events: Dental van in April at PS 84; 3/21 electronics recycling; Make Music NY on the Summer Solstice at Brandeis Garden; 5/17 open house at District Office.
- Housing clinics, including access to free legal advice, on Wednesdays with Goddard Riverside
- Budget very challenging (e.g. State closing parks, senior centers; City closing pools, Mayor proposing to lose 300 librarians). Budget hearings every day in March – organized by committee.
- Traffic: Seeking pedestrian traffic statistics. Trying to get audible traffic signals near home for the blind.
- Schools – overcrowding still being discussed.
- Frank McCourt High School planning going well. Palpable excitement at recent open houses. School will serve students at Level 2 with a “spark” for writing or storytelling, as well as more accomplished students. Danielle Saltzberg, principal, is working hard to make the new school a success.
- TLC: trying to get TLC to pay attention to CB7 recommendations, such as siting of proposed shared-ride taxi stands.
- West-Park Presbyterian Church landmark designation hearings at City Planning 3/10, City Council in April. Working with church owners to find an appropriate use and source for needed renovation expenses.
- Central Park: working on eliminating cars altogether.
- Shares community and CB7 concerns on RSC – will work together with community board.

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

- Recent report – Food NYC – Blueprint for sustainable food. Based on food and climate summit from last year – summarizes best practices and ideas at breakout sessions – sustainable and healthy local food.
- Create a City Dep't of Food and Markets; introduce healthy “Meatless Mondays” in public schools.
- Community Board Applications – 370 applications for Manhattan – 2nd highest ever. Decisions by 4/1.
- Report from the State of the Borough address proposed a president's council drawn from large educational institutions and financial community to work together to promote entrepreneurship, growth.
- Census Complete Count Committee – CB7 involved; looking for CBOs to help with outreach. .

Tara Alport – Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office:

- “Yoga bill” – to relax licensing requirements for NYS DoE licenses for yoga and martial arts instructors.

- Protecting tenants at Amsterdam & 93rd Street re recent foreclosure. Also held a forum on tenant rights on 2/17.
- Took action when a level 3 sex offender was found working as a super in 3 buildings near children. Worked with Dee Rieber to circulate info on residents' rights.

Celine Mizrahi – US Representative Jerry Nadler's Office:

- Seeking legislative alternative to recent US Supreme Court decision in Citizens United allowing for-profit companies to have larger role in lobbying – concern about influence.
- Supporting 9/11 health bill to address health concerns of residents and responders, extending coverage.
- Working with HUD to keep St. Vincent's hospital open; concerned on spill-over effect to other facilities.

Michael Kaplan - Assembly Member Richard Gottfried's office:

- Family Healthcare Decisions Act finally passed after 17 years. On way to governor's desk.
- Gender expression act – on way to senate.
- Illegal hotels bill, proving for better enforcement – still pushing for a vote.

Jared Chausow - State Senator Tom Duane's office:

- Senate and Assembly passed Family Healthcare Decisions Act – permits wider range of family members provides to be involved in decision-making for 80% NYers who don't have health care proxies.
- Bill to legalize marijuana for medical use – most restrictive bill in the country, but necessary to pass.
- Housing vouchers being eliminated – forfeiting \$8K program in favor of \$35K program for shelters.

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

- Bill requires ULURP review before siting a charter school in a public school building.
- Manhattan Valley conference – Pratt Institute students and Municipal Art Society to moderate 3/6.

Jihoon Kim – State Senator Eric Schneiderman's office:

- Senate expelled Sen. Monserrate on report of bipartisan committee of 9 senators. Based on domestic violence conviction, not Senate coup. Due process was followed; justice was served.
- Equal treatment for environmental law.

Community Session

Julie Menin – Chair of Community Board 1/Manhattan:

- Seeking CB7 support on resolution to move the location of 9/11 trials from Lower Manhattan.
- Police estimate cost at greater than \$200MM per year.
- Will require 2,000 security checkpoints throughout the neighborhood; will shut down small businesses
- Proposed 4 alternative sites, including Governor's Island, West Point, prison in Otisville.
- CB1 vote was unanimous at 42-0.
- Won't second-guess Commissioner Kelly and City's assessments on safety procedures or cost.

Yovanka Bylander – Citizen's Committee for NYC:

- Program founded in 1975, in midst of fiscal crisis. www.citizensnyc.org.

- Encourages NYers to improve conditions in neighborhoods. Works with individuals, not NFPs.
- Provides small grants (\$500-\$3000) for resident-led groups, plus project coordination.

Tila Duhane – Transportation Alternatives:

- No DoT update on protected bike lane proposal.
- Sen. Duane, Borough President, Senators, Assembly- and Council-Members, pushing DoT for action.
- New project Corridor 96. Reaching out to 15 schools along route, seeking pedestrian safety.

Craig Berberian:

- Seeking change of direction of 61st Street. On the March Transportation Committee.

Georgina Falou – Resident of 733 Amsterdam:

- Harassed by Axton claim that apartment is not her primary residence. CB7 should reject application.

Business Session

Steering Committee, Mel Wymore, Chair

1. **237 West 107th Street.** Resolution calling on the City Council Committee on Governmental Operations to hold hearings on the procedures followed by the Department of Homeless Services and all other agencies to provide housing for clients in need.

Barbara Van Buren's Presentation:

- For 2 decades, city agencies have used housing emergencies to excuse failure to follow procedure.
 - SROs with affordable rents protected by rent guidelines were once a means to address housing needs.
 - DHS seeking only temporary solutions such as transitional shelters, not permanent solutions.
 - Landlords reap windfall rents. Decreases affordable housing stock. Encourages landlords to manufacture vacancy to exploit at the City's expense.
 - DHS does not investigate the landlord in advance, only the space being offered.
 - Seeking a means to change the process.
 - Council Member Mark-Viverito bill would require landlords to disclose owners of shell companies.
- After deliberation, the resolution was adopted. VOTE: 31-0-1-0.

2. Application by the Columbus-Amsterdam BID to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for DoT Summer Street events on Amsterdam Avenue between 106th and 110th Streets on May 9, 16, and 23, 2010.

Peter Arndtsen, BID president:

- Community festivals, not street fairs.
- Overlap with Valley Restoration Fair, Ecuadorian Festival. Police see as a positive.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 34-1-0-0.

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

3. **721 Amsterdam Avenue,** The Axton (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues). Application M 920493(D) ZAM by Axton LLC to the Department of City Planning requesting a modification of 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, to utilize available floor area for commercial and community facility uses.

Presentation by Committee Chairs Page Cowley and Richard Asche:

- Learned day of meeting that this project was approved by City Planning, which acted after receiving CB7's Land Use committee report.
- Developer changing lower 2 floors to add retail and community facilities to improve the streetscape. Will extend commercial storefronts to be closer to pedestrian way and enliven the street.
- Approach used elsewhere on UWS (Leader House). Designers modified based on comments.
- Tenants Assn, legal team, design team working collaboratively.
- City Planning should have waited for Full Board vote.
- Plan approved by City Planning is the same proposal that is the subject of this application.

Board Comment:

- Concern that City Planning acted without Full Board input, vote. Co-chairs following up.
- Concern about supporting a plan where there are reports of tenant harassment.

Owner: Landlord/tenant proceedings only in the ordinary course.

Chair: CB7 will continue to monitor issue of tenant harassment.

- Building remains subject to stabilization due to a J-51 tax abatement.
- No loss of residential apartments from this proposal.
- Will add recreational space on rooftop for tenants.
- Would have been preferable to have heard from one of the commercial tenants. Some tenants will remain through renovation; others not renewing.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 34-1-2-0.

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson

4. Resolution to support Planned Parenthood NYC's "We're Going To The Principal's Office" Campaign.

Presentation by Committee Chair Mark Diller:

- DoE has an approved sex ed curriculum with age-appropriate units for every grade.
- Planned Parenthood campaign is to ensure that the curriculum is actually taught.
- Practice is that sex ed is only taught when School principal decides to implement it.
- Program empowers parents to lobby principals to implement the sex ed curriculum in their child's school.
- Even if implemented, every parent has the ability to opt their child out (mostly for religious concerns).
- DoE provides teacher training/professional development re sex ed curriculum at no cost to school.
- Approved curriculum requires only a few periods per school year – does not compete with core subjects.

Board Comment:

- CB7 should not endorse another organization's political program.
- Time is a finite resource in schools. Appropriate for principals to make decisions on use of time, and appropriate for Planned Parenthood to lobby, but not role of CB to get involved.
- Youth has the highest incidence of new HIV infections, largely due to lack of knowledge of dangers.
- Should not be left up to principal to decide if kids know how to protect themselves.
- This is a resolution recommended by Borough Board which YEL amended to include encouragement of enforcement of HIV curriculum
- Resolution is too weak – CB7 should call for full implementation of sex ed curriculum.

Accepted as a friendly amendment and added to the resolution: New "therefore" first paragraph: "CB7 calls on the DoE to make mandatory the full implementation of the approved sex ed curriculum."

- Some concern re moving beyond the scope of the borough board resolution.

After deliberation, the resolution to support PPNYC's campaign was adopted.

VOTE: 30-2-3-0

Acknowledging departing CB7 members: Larry Horowitz, Sharon Parker-Frazer, Barbara Adler, Molly Gordy.

- Each has made invaluable contributions to the Board and the community.
- Gale Brewer: Each member's expertise widely recognized. People listen as each has much to contribute.
- Corey Peterson: Borough President Stringer sends his thanks for countless hours spent solving problems.

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

5. 12-14 West 68th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to modify the existing illegal penthouse addition.

Presentation by Co-Chairs Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman:

- Modification to illegal rooftop addition rejected by full Board and LPC last year.
- Removing pitched roof and lowering by 7 feet. Removing Oreille window. Brick articulation to match octagonal extension detail below. Windows to match rest of building in size and alignment.
- Steven Jacobs, architect for new owner, sought to remove excess.
- Arthur Mineroff, new owner. Long term UWS residents and owners, not speculators.

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

6. 45 West 84th Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a roof top addition, façade restoration, window replacement, rear yard addition and restoration of the railing on the stairs and balcony.

- Rear yard requires LPC and CB7 review because of a rare architectural detail – a “Corbell” under two rear-yard windows.
- Detail will be preserved in the renovation.

After due deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 33-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

7. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

249-251 Columbus Avenue (West 71st – 72nd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1103658 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CMR, Corp., d/b/a Café Ronda, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 19 seats.

270-276 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1260284 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 276 Columbus Inc., d/b/a Arte Around Corner, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

427 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th-81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1265442 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by J of K Corp., d/b/a Momoya Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 17 seats.

2340 Broadway (West 84th - 85th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1000314 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway Desserts, Ltd, d/b/a French Roast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 48 seats.

517 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 812902 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp., d/b/a Jackson Hole, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the bundle of applications listed above was adopted. VOTE: 31-1-1-0.

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:

8. 1900 Broadway (West 63rd Street.) New application DCA# 1282969 to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by 64 West Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Bar Boulud, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 19 tables and 38 seats.

- Considered a new application because applicant is expanding into an adjacent storefront (formerly Chase Bank), and creating a companion outdoor café in front of the new store.

Richard Juliano – Lincoln Square BID:

- BID supports the application. The applicant is a good partner that contributes to B'way Malls.
- Bringing employment to the community.

Board Comments Expressing Opposition to or Concerns with the application:

- Wide sidewalk completely taken up by cafes; insufficient room for pedestrian traffic and a bus stop.
- Should move back another 3 feet to allow for obstructions.
- Instead of reserving pedestrian passageway under colonnade overhang, should move cafes to restaurant windows and increase the available sidewalk by an equivalent dimension.
- Concern that applicant previously promised not to extend café (context uncertain).

Board Comments in Support:

- Cafes, especially opposite Lincoln Center, are an amenity that compensates for congestion.
- Lincoln Center Special District Zoning originally envisioned arcades on all surrounding streets. Arcades enhanced the area, but were unworkable elsewhere.
- Using arcades with cafes adds excitement to design.
- Hard to imagine a better location for a sidewalk café. Would be provincial to reject a café in this location.
- Crowding and hubbub is part of the appeal of the location.
- Proposal to shift café back to store window may have merit, but could only be implemented piecemeal as café permits come up for renewal, leaving unworkably inconsistent results for an extended period.
- Maintaining colonnade overhang passageway a nice amenity for pedestrians on rainy days.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 20-8-3-0.

9. 285 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd – 74th Street.) New application DCA# 1343003 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York Corp, d/b/a Tenzan, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

- Concern at committee was complaints that applicant delivery bikes being ridden on sidewalk.
- Committee conditioned approval on immediate change in behavior – keeping bikes off the sidewalk.

Community Speaker Joe Bolanos:

- Observed applicant's delivery bikes being ridden on the sidewalk – presented affidavit and video. Applicant's credibility in issue. Flaunting rules.

Community Board Comment:

- Should not condition café approval on bike obedience. CB7 not an enforcement agency.
- Committee discussed whether bike safety should be considered, and determined it was appropriate.
- Fair to judge applicant on how it treats pedestrian sidewalk access.
- Sidewalk cafes are a privilege. CB7 cannot set a precedent granting a permit to an applicant who fails to honor its commitment to the Board.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application failed. VOTE: 10-17-3-0.

9A. A substitute resolution to disapprove the application was seconded.

- Substitute resolution should make clear the reason for disapproval was that the applicant did not honor its commitment to the Board.
- CB7 should appear at City Council hearing to ensure that its disapproval is heard.

After deliberation, the substitute resolution to disapprove the application was adopted. VOTE: 18-11-2-0.

10. **302 Columbus Avenue** (West 74th – 75th Streets.) New application DCA# 1339241 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lenny's 74th Street, LLC, d/b/a Lenny's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

- Applicant agreed to move bicycles parked on the sidewalk, and has not done so.
- Applicant is a valued member of the Columbus Avenue BID.
- Need bike racks installed – applicant wants to be good neighbors, but no place now to park.
- Applicant obeying requirements that delivery bikes and riders carry store name.
- Example of the need to convert car parking spaces for bike parking uses.
- DoT bike racks, when installed, should not be exclusive use of delivery bikes.
- Applicant should use some of the space it wants for a café to park their bikes.
- Chair will speak again to applicant.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 18-8-4-0.

11. **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st -82nd Street.) New application DCA# 1341925 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by D&D Thai Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Land Thai 450 Amsterdam, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 11 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted. VOTE: 25-1-2-0.

12. **2315 Broadway** (West 84th Street.) New application DCA# 1341402 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Donizetti, LLC, d/b/a 5 Napkin Burger, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

- Revised plan presented at meeting; conformed to guidelines and requirements discussed at committee.
- Committee objection to wrap-around café addressed by new plan, which site café only on Broadway.
- New plans were submitted to DCA.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the revised application was adopted. VOTE: 27-1-1-0.

13. Taxi & Limousine Commission proposal for a group taxi-ride stand on Columbus Avenue between West 72nd and 73rd Streets.

- Resolution to disapprove.
- Proposed location is proximate to 2 subway lines – should encourage mass transit.
- Concerns whether group-ride taxi stands at this type of location are a net benefit.
- Proposal to identify a more appropriate location was referred to committee.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove the proposal was adopted. VOTE: 18-7-2-0.

14. Columbus Avenue Greenmarket. Application to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office to operate a greenmarket on the east side of Columbus Avenue between 77th and 80th Streets.

- Existing greenmarket seeing to expand one more block.
- Popular support. Principal objection heard at committee – trucks make noise when backing up. Market operators agreed to work with vendors to limit the need for trucks to back up.
- Block association, market shoppers attended committee meeting and supported initiative.

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

15. **115 West 85th Street** (Central Park West.) A new petition by Central Park Properties, LLC to the Department of Transportation to construct, maintain, and use a proposed fenced in planted area with trash enclosure.

- Townhouse seeking to build a knee-height wall/fence at the line of adjacent stoops. To obscure trash.

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

New business:

16. Resolution to support CB1 resolution to move the September 11th terrorist trials to another venue outside Manhattan.

- Language change – replace “preposterous” with “inefficient” in 7th whereas. Accepted as friendly.
- Concern that best prosecutors will not try the case – unfounded, as change of venue does not affect prosecuting office trying the case.
- Trial should be held where ordeal occurred.
- Time we stopped cowering.
- CB7 should respect the views, research and analysis done by CB1 neighbors downtown.
- Follow CB1’s lead in assessing cost estimates and disruption from safety plan as presented by Police Commissioner.

After deliberation, the resolution to support the CB1 resolution on the siting of the September 11th terrorist trials was adopted. VOTE: 23-8-1-0.

Adjourn 9:50 pm

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

Steering Committee

Mel Wymore, Chair

March 16, 2010

Called to order at 6:38

1) Discussion of New Member Orientation

- CB7 will have 8 new members effective April 1
- Welcome Pot luck -- To be held at Steering Committee on April 19th 6:30pm
- Key things to know
 - Full Board process and procedure
 - Interactions with public / Community outreach
 - Committee orientation and integration
 - Conflicts of Interest
 - Monday morning coffees for first few months where they are welcome to join Mel

and ask questions

- is it possible to have copies of the handbook available before first meeting?

- Analysis / Improvement of FB Meetings

At last FB, we spent an hour on cafes. Feedback on possible streamlining of such discussions:

- Mark Glazer- possibly time-limiting board members
 - Miki- limit frequency of individuals speaking. Particular regulations for the siting of particular applications not always known to entirety of board.
 - Shelly- in such cases, regulations should be stated at start by co-chairs
 - Mark Diller- timing board is mistake. Analysis can require more time. Encourage one another to be more economical: “add don’t repeat”, “aim to speak once”, “voting no is a statement”
 - Barbara- always ask yourself WAIT: Why Am I Talking?
 - Andrew- don’t duplicate committee meeting at full board
 - Charles- disagrees with Mark Diller. Notion of time limit is perfectly appropriate. If can’t make your point in specific time, then maybe not important to say. Co-chairs need to be explicit about regulatory standards as well as community policy for applications.
 - Dan- co-chairs should guide discussion absent time limit.
 - Linda- previously tried to institute a time-limit on certain issues. Perhaps develop time guidelines to be finessed by co-chairs
 - Miki- chairs need more control over discourse. Include explanation of technicalities in writing so we can refer to it.
 - Elizabeth- chair should have ability to cut off those who have already spoken or impose time limit from mid-conversation on
 - Klari- be all and end all isn’t time we end but rather serving community. Everybody needs to be given the time to understand what they are voting on. Some committees are amenable to bundling, others not.
 - Hope- problem can be the conflicting guidance of multiple chairs. Prone to co-chairs talking to each other and otherwise not engaging board. Spend too much time discussing the issue of whether to bundle or not.
 - Lenore- Co-chairs need to control the constant calls-to-question
- Mel will circulate his proposal considering tonight’s conversation for questions

2) Break down of Committee Goals

Evaluate goals by 3 criteria:

- Compare Goals with Community Issues identified in November
- Compare goals with district needs
- Develop measurable outcomes for goals

HHS- not many things that HHS handles made it onto the wall in Nov. Goals include aging in place, review AIDS curriculum, needs of immigrants and Health budget cuts. No noted measurable results.

P+P- nothing relevant is in Nov. document. Historical preservation piece in DNS is slightly outdated. Measurable results on goals: improving committee effectiveness and board engagement.

Transportation- well on the way to achieving goals. Already at work on plaque program and devising policy on plaques vs. street-naming. Continuing fight against abandoned café structures. Surveying West 60s to possibly change street directions. Approved audible signal for blind. DNS has requests that are outside committee’s ability to deliver, not everything holds direct correlation.

Land Use- most of goals aren’t goals but activity descriptions. Riverside Center provides possible measurable outcomes. Restrictive Dec at JHL also an upcoming measurable goal. Parking also presents similar opportunities. November list is completely outrageous.

YEL- DNS and Goals have varied vehemence but everything from DNS appears in goals not necessarily vice versa but reflects evolution of committee and additions of new members. November list find expression in DNS and Goals absent focus on diversity. Measurable results would be to continue to work for community and successfully advocate for them. Need for increased funding also important objective

Housing- Good match between DNS and November meeting. Possible outcomes include increasing affordable housing or studying resident complaints, violations or crime. Housing Fellow has

developed database of affordable housing on UWS.

Green- In November, Green overlaps with Transportation and Parks. DNS contains many pious hopes not specific goals. Overall goal of reducing carbon emissions and increase recycling.

BCI- committee has to integrate November elements into goals. Review application process for SLAs and cafes including new requirements concerning bike messengers. Possible conversations with Transportation about licensing on bicycles. Coordinate meeting of all Manhattan SLA committees.

3) Stakeholder Network Development

- A way for CB to reach out to community.
- Every other Friday, meeting of urban planning working group
- Compiled list of stakeholders of UWS community as well as “hub” groups (i.e. block associations, Landmarks West!...)
- Mel's goal is to increase mailing list from 2 thousand to 20 thousand by September
- Please identify hub organizations or additional stakeholders

4) Why Community Board Budgets should actually increase in the face of fiscal challenge

Yesterday Mel gave a presentation at the CC hearing on CB budgets on behalf of the Manhattan CBs

- CBs uniquely positioned to impact city services positively while agency budgets are cut
- CBs compose miniscule part of city budget. Average 1 in 4000 \$
- 4% cut this year and 8% cut next year (1 in 7000 \$). Relative proportion continues to decrease
- CBs perform many core functions: coordinate and enhance agency services, conduit for public input
- Provide leverage point for way city interacts w/ community as whole
- Large investment and effectiveness for small staff
- Uniquely coordinate various levels of government and NGOS. Integrate these levels and help people navigate.
- Provide leverage to integrate agency services
- Integrates between exec and leg branch. Balance both in assessment of need and providence of services
- Impact of cuts: 25 to 30 % in staff, loss of leverage
- Free rent increases the impact of the cuts
- Cuts push us beneath minimal operational standards
- CBs save city money: reduce agency load, increase efficiency and satisfaction, optimize gov services
- Critical to democratic process as conduit between citizens and gov
- Will exacerbate agency cuts and result in lack of city responsiveness
- Modest increase in CB budgets would mitigate impact of agency cuts
- CBs are the last vestige of community control
- The presentation serves ammunition for the preservation of CBs during charter reform
- Baseline budget back to where it was in 1995
- 3 years ago, OMB established a baseline of 160,000
- Across the board uniform cuts is bad planning- also has dire effects on small agencies like DFTA
- Need to have public testimonies about how CBs have affected them

NEW BUSINESS

- Klari- Need to more clearly publicize non-regular or joint meetings so that members don't have to search out such dates or don't miss it for lack of knowledge.
- Public Member policy- we no longer have “public members” per agreement with MBPO. Now “friends of the committee”.

Adjourned at 8:15

Riverside South Working Group
Ethel Sheffer, Chairperson
joint with
Land Use Committee
Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons
March 17, 2010

Presentation by the Extell Development Company on revised plans for Riverside Center (59th-61st Streets, West End Avenue-Riverside Boulevard)

Riverside Center Working Group Chairperson Ethel Sheffer introduced the meeting, explaining that the developer, Extell Development Company, would be presenting the latest version of its proposal for the last undeveloped Riverside South site. The project is expected to be certified to enter the seven-month Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) in mid-April. In addition to the Extell team, members of MCB7, Council Member Gale Brewer, and representatives of City Planning and the Manhattan Borough President, approximately 20 members of the public were present.

Donna Gargano, SVP of Extell, presented the project. She pointed to two models—the one previously seen by the public and another updated according to requirements of City Planning during the pre-certification phase. The project covers the southernmost portion of the Riverside South site— previously designated as parcels L, M, N. Extell intends Riverside Center to include:

- 2500 residential units
- 250-room hotel
- 210,000 square feet of retail, including cinema
- K-8 school
- 1800 below-ground parking spaces
- Approx 3 acres of open space

She discussed the open spaces of the site—central plaza with water feature with fountain, flower fields, lawn. She also described the changes since the last public presentation of the proposal, approximately one year ago:

- Reduced parking from 2500 to 1800 spaces
- Decreased total square footage by 150,000
- Changed building heights
- Committed to finance and build the core and shell of a 150,000-square-foot public school
- Widened all sidewalks to 15 feet

Attorney Paul Selver of Kramer Levin explained the technical land use actions being requested:

- Amend Restrictive Declaration controlling all of Riverside South
 - Floor area and site plan
 - Number of dwelling units
 - Extend affordable housing obligation
- Special Permit for Rail and Transit Airspace (including garage requests)
- Zoning text changes:
 - Bulk—waiver to allow additional
 - Use—allow operation of an automobile showroom and service center
- Authorization for a curb cut on a wide street (WEA @ West 60th Street)

Landscape architect of Signe Nielsen presented the plan for site and circulation. She noted that West 60th Street cannot extend and connect to Riverside Boulevard. She pointed out the water feature, a mile's worth of seating, flowering fields, topographic features, and a terraced area on West

59th Street. She explained her stepped solution to the grade change at Riverside Boulevard. She plans to use native plants tolerant of the environmental and climate conditions at this site.

Architect Stephen Hill discussed the ground-level and below-ground plans for the site. He pointed out truck elevators and loading bays in the building at WEA & West 59th Street (i.e., hotel site), a curb cut on West 61st Street, two on Freedom Place South, and four along West 59th Street (for a grand total of seven cuts in the site – in addition to the public access easements at the ends of Freedom Place South). The plan is for individuated garages for each of the five buildings proposed for the site. On the cellar level, most space is allocated to the automotive dealership and service center. Below the cellar level are two subcellar levels dedicated to parking.

Hope Cohen asked about the multiple curb cuts and individuated garage entrances. Mr. Hill responded that multiple entrances help to disperse the traffic. There is also the issue of staging garage access and building construction.

Page Cowley asked about the automobile showroom use. Ms. Gargano explained that Extell has limited choice in tenants who both need a large amount of space and can afford to contribute toward the cost entailed in the subcellar construction. Ms. Sheffer noted that MCB7 has requested further information from Extell about the plans and costs of the subcellar component. Ms. Cowley expressed concerns about ventilation and quality of life above ground.

Andrew Albert asked about street directionality and implications of/for the hotel. Mr. Hill responded that West 61st Street, West 59th Street, Freedom Place South, are two-way. West 60th Street is eastbound. Riverside Boulevard is two-way and branches into a divided configuration just north of West 60th Street. Transportation consultant Philip Habib explained that approximately 1200 parking spaces are anticipated to be dedicated to site-based uses, and the remaining 600 are anticipated to be used by the public (technically, the application is for all to be public). He also explained possible bus service for the site—along WEA, Freedom Place South, and West 61st Street. Service along Riverside Boulevard is a possibility in the long term.

Klari Neuwelt asked about the design of the open space in relation to Riverside Park and Riverside Park South. In response to Ms. Neuwelt's specific question about lamp style, Ms. Nielsen explained that lamps will be dark-sky compliant. Streets on the site will look like regular New York City streets, with the usual components—trees, cobblestones, etc. The major lawn and meadow areas will be as similar as possible to Riverside Park South, within the constraints of preserving a West 60th Street view corridor and working with the windiness of the site.

Mark Diller asked about the capacity of the school. Ms. Gargano responded that a 150,000-square-foot school could accommodate approximately 1300 students. Extell is awaiting further guidance from the Department of Education on the exact requirements for the school. In response to Mr. Diller's question about schoolyards, Mr. Hill pointed out rooftop playspaces and agreed to provide dimensions of the proposed playspaces.

Elizabeth Starkey asked about cogeneration on/for the site. Extell provided no clear answer. In response to her question about waste management, Mr. Hill pointed out the hotel's dedicated compaction facility. Otherwise, buildings work as other modern buildings do in the city.

Ms. Sheffer asked about the ratio of affordable housing on this site. How will Extell achieve a goal of 20% for the site? Ms. Gargano responded that the plan is currently at 12% and will be negotiated throughout the ULURP process, based on the various costs imposed on the project.

Roberta Semer asked about the water feature, expressing concerns about the effect of wind on the feature. In answer to her question about staging, Mr. Hill responded that open space will be constructed with each adjacent building.

In response to Jay Adolf's question about the proposal for 2500 residential units, attorney Ken Lowenstein of Bryan Cave explained that the Restrictive Declaration currently allows 572 units along the water and none further east (where TV studios were originally anticipated and approved). Mr. Lowenstein further explained that 2500 units is the proposed program; if the proposed hotel is dropped from the plan, the applicant would replace that use with residential units beyond the 2500

now anticipated.

Sheldon Fine asked about the details on affordable housing—unit size mix, income ranges, etc. Mr. Lowenstein responded that such details will be settled in coming negotiations. Extell's current proposal is to follow the existing guidelines for Riverside South overall.

Ken Coughlin asked about the basis for requesting 1800 parking spaces. Mr. Habib explained the peak overnight demand of 1100 to serve residential and hotel uses. Right now the site hosts 1600 parkers, so 800 existing parkers are anticipated to be displaced. In response to Mr. Coughlin's question about bicycle circulation on the site, Mr. Habib pointed out the bikeway in/through Hudson River Park and Riverside Park; for the rest of the site, he anticipates an "informal" system with a ramp from West 61st Street down to the level of Riverside Park South.

Ms. Semer asked about the size, type, and configuration of ground-level retail. Ms. Gargano anticipates one-story retail including neighborhood services, restaurants, and cafés.

Craig Whitaker asked about total square footage dedicated to parking. Mr. Hill will check and respond.

In response to Paul Willen's question about the sculptural architecture of the proposal, Mr. Hill explained the applicant's approach of defining building envelopes to meet zoning requirements.

Olive Freud asked about the implications of climate change and sea rise, the question of train service under the site, and whether it is possible to build the school sooner. In response, Mr. Hill explained that MetroNorth found that the right-of-way curvature cannot accommodate a train station and that the Department of Education has passed up previous sites as Extell built out Riverside South. The building that includes the school will be the first Riverside Center building to be constructed.

Daniel Gutman asked about the auto showroom subsidizing the below-ground construction. He suggested reducing construction cost by eliminating a level of parking.

Richard Asche asked about the possibility of replacing the automotive showroom with other uses underground.

Ann Weisberg asked about the taxes anticipated to be generated during the construction period.

Mark Derr asked about the public-space value of the cul-de-sac just north of West 59th Street. Mr. Hill responded that the building at Riverside & West 59th Street cannot be accessed from the site perimeter (i.e., West 59th Street) because of the grade change at this point. Mr. Asche highlighted Mr. Derr's point that the car-dedicated cul-de-sac subtracts from potentially usable open space. Ms. Cowley added that this feature interferes with pedestrian use of West 59th Street. Ms. Cohen noted that numerous problems/questions are associated with the grade change at this part of the site—and wondered how much of this is self-inflicted by the parking- and auto-intensive program underground. In response to a question from Michael Kramer, Mr. Lowenstein confirmed that the NYC Department of Sanitation had inquired about locating a garage under the site. However, the agency never pursued the question following that initial inquiry.

Daniel Cassell and Marta Black asked about the implications of changing the density allowed by the existing Restrictive Declaration. Mr. Selver responded that the residential uses proposed now—even though a bit more dense—are no more negatively impactful than the commercial uses originally approved for the site.

Adam Meagher of the Department of City Planning indicated that the ULURP application will likely be certified either April 12 or April 26. Ms. Sheffer reviewed the stages of the ULURP process and urged MCB7 committees to get her comments as soon as possible on the material presented today. MCB7 Chairperson Mel Wymore alerted everyone to a web-based tool for ranking the various principles and priorities recently identified by MCB7 for the Riverside Center site.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Page Cowley, Jay Adolf, Richard Asche, Hope Cohen, Mark Diller, Sheldon Fine, Paul Fischer, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer.

Land Use Committee Members Absent: Miki Fiegel, Victor Gonzalez, Lawrence Horowitz, Dan Meltzer, Tom Vitullo-Martin, John Mark Warren.

Riverside South Working Group Members Present: Andrew Albert, Phyllis Gunther, Klari Neuwelt, Elizabeth Starkey.

Board Members Present: Ken Coughlin, Mel Wymore, Dan Zweig.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
March 10, 2010**Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:**

1. 77 West 68th Street (Columbus Avenue.) 185 Columbus Equities Corp, d/b/a Jalapeño Restaurant. Applicant, Mr. David Ruggiero represented by attorney, Terrance Flynn. This is a bar/restaurant opening in June.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

2. 842 Amsterdam Avenue (West 101st Street.) RRDE Restaurant Inc, d/b/a Noches Mexicanas 2. Applicant represented by Mr. Victor Molina (attorney). Restaurant opening in May.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

3. 998 Amsterdam Avenue (West 109th Street.) Matthew Hect, d/b/a SIP. represented by attorney, Terrance Flynn. Issues were raised by a building resident concerning the volume of music coming through the resident's windows. Applicant agrees to install a "volume limiter" on his sound system and to keep the entrance doors closed after 10:00 PM.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

5. 2186 Broadway (West 77th – 78th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1262190 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cosi, Inc., d/b/a Cosi, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 10 seats.

Applicant did not show, no vote was taken

6. 503 Columbus Avenue (West 84th – 85th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 0957290 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by J&D Operators, LLC, d/b/a Prohibition, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

7. 584 Columbus Avenue (West 89th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0851262 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New Bella Luna, Inc., d/b/a Bella Luna, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 25 seats. Applicant, Mr. Guray Yuksel'

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

8. 2450 Broadway (West 90th – 91st Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 0940252 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Carmines Broadway Feast, Inc., d/b/a Carmine's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats. Letter received by

resident complaining of congested sidewalk creating obstacles by passers by. Applicant advised to hire a "door person" to ask waiting customers to keep the sidewalk clear.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

9. 732 Amsterdam Avenue (West 96th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1138270 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Le-Se Amsterdam 732 Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Dive Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats.

Applicant did not show, no vote was taken

10. 245 West 104th Street (West 104th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1187714 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 104, LLC, d/b/a Café Du Soleil, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats. A building resident complained about excessive noise when the restaurant staff sets up the tables and does not believe that the supposedly "sound buffering" awning is effective. There was also a complaint about odors from cleaning fluid drifting into the resident's apartment. The applicant agreed to keep the tables outside by chaining them together after closing, and to find another less odorous cleaning solution.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

11. 2726 Broadway (West 104th -105th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1247774 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by McConner Street Holding, LLC, d/b/a McDonald's, Represented by Mr. Jim Dorsey (manager) for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

Enclosed Café Renewal Application: A Transportation committee board member objected to the applicant's habit of extending the tables past the 9 foot limit. Applicant agreed to ascertain that the 9 foot line would be adhered to in the future.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-0-0-0 2-0-0-0

Enclosed Café Renewal Applications:

12. 44 West 63rd Street (Broadway.) Renewal application DCA# 1229629 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by ERS Enterprises, Inc., d/b/a P.J. Clarke's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 46 seats. Represented by Mr. Michael Kelly, (expeditor)

COMMITTEE APPROVES 3-1-0-0 2-0-0-0

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Marc Glazer, Bobbie Katzander and Anne Raphael. Board Members: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig. Absent: Michelle Parker, Linda Alexander, Paul Fisher and Ulma Jones.

Parks & Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes

Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairs, March 11, 2010

1. **Broadway Malls** - Proposal to install 16 larger than human scale sculptures by Manolo Valdes at various Broadway Mall locations from Columbus Circle to 166th Street.

Presentation by Linda R. Safran

Supported by Jennifer Lansis, Department of Parks & Recreation, Public Art Coordinator

Dale M. Lanzone, Marlborough Gallery

- Carole Eisner sculpture installation will conclude on April 23, 2010.
- Proposal: install sculpture/works by Manolo Valdes for the period May 20, 2010-January 2011.
- Works to include 16 monumental bronze sculptures; 12 works to be within CB7's District.
- Sites along malls and squares along Broadway from Columbus Circle to 166th Street, including 5 pieces in Columbus Circle; 1 piece in Dante Park; 3 works at the 72nd Street subway entrance; 1 at 96th Street at the Broadway Malls offices; 1 at 103rd Street, and others outside CB7.
- Signs at each site in English and Spanish describe the work and provide cell phone tour codes.
- Manolo Valdes (b. 1942 - Valencia, Spain) lives and works in both Madrid and NYC.
- Renowned around the world for drawing, painting, sculpture and lithography. Has had previous public displays in New York, including 1 piece in 2001, and 6 pieces in Bryant Park in 2007.
- Proposal approved by Department of Parks & Recreation, DoT, MTA, and the Mayor's office.
- Proposed installation on large metal plates meets DoT and MTA weight distribution standards.
- Marlborough Gallery will bear the entire expense of the installation.

Resolution to approve the installation of 16 monumental sculptural works on Broadway Malls and public squares between Columbus Circle and 166th Street, with 12 such works to be located at sites within CB7, and with thanks to Marlborough Gallery.

VOTE: P&P 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee 3-0-0-0.

2. New Business.

- 190 Riverside Drive appeared LPC's calendar without any notice to CB7.
- P&P Committee will check LPC agenda every week to determine if any matters of interest to the committee are to be heard. Committee members will alternate.

3. Proposed Indoor Winter Tennis Concession in Central Park. (Joint with CB7 Green Committee).

Presentation by Charles Kloth, Director of Concessions, Office of Revenue, Parks.

Supported by: William Castro, Manhattan Borough Commissioner for DPR; Betsy Smith, Deputy Commissioner; Anthony Macari, DPR architect.

Also present from the Central Park Conservancy: Marie Warsh (capital projects); Scott Johnson (communications); and Russell Fredericks (operations).

- 4 inflatable bubbles proposed to be installed over 26 Har-Tru (synthetic clay) courts between the Reservoir and the North Meadow in Central Park.,
- Bubbles to be operated by a concessionaire; operate from November 15 to April 23 each year for a term of 15 years.
- RFP was issued in 2009; Parks is currently involved in active negotiations with a one firm that responded in May 2009.
- Not a done deal - no agreement with a concessionaire has been finalized.
- CB7 Parks & Preservation Committee visited the site. Anthony Macari facilitated the site visit on a snowy/rainy day, and a representative of CB5 also took part.
- CB7 P&P heard a presentation in February on this proposal, at which time the audience present included many tennis players but few other constituencies.
- Per DPR, project grew out of Parks' efforts to identify new recreational opportunities in winter.
- Bubbles used for this purpose elsewhere in the Parks system, including at Prospect Park, Cunningham Park, Mill Pond Park, others.
- Cannot reveal specifics of topics still under negotiation.
- Negotiating with New York Tennis, which is the current concessionaire for the same Central Park

tennis courts (including the pro shop and food concession) for the balance of the year. Same firm also operates tennis concessions Cunningham and Bensonhurst parks.

- Bubbles would cover 26 courts (24 would be playable; 2 would hold generators and fuel tanks).
- Each bubble would rise 35' high (a single bubble would rise higher than 70').
- Initial installation would require digging trenches to place below grade a steel beam on which the bubble would be anchored in concrete. Trenches to run around the perimeter and through 2 center courts to divide bubbles.
- The trench would be re-covered with Har-Tru for summer play.
- Bubbles will be opaque. Light would not emanate from the bubble. Other bubbles are white; color in Central Park not envisioned to be white - open to suggestion as to color (sample of material provided was hunter green, but not intended as a color sample, just a material sample).
- Courts would be closed for an additional period to erect the bubbles before November 15th and to dismantle them after April 23rd each year.

Responses to Questions Posed in Advance by the Committee:

- Generators and emissions: generators to conform to the California EPA emissions codes, considered the strictest standards in North America.
- Generators to be located in the alley between bubbles to muffle their noise.
- Generator Noise: Sound is 65 dB at 50 feet. Somewhere between a conversation and a vacuum cleaner. Distance to CPW or Fifth Avenue greater than 50'.
- Air handlers would produce noise in addition to the generators.
- Total of 8 generators – one in use, one back-up.
- Fuel: Diesel. Level 3 diesel engine. Will throw off fumes and odor.
- Bubbles in other parks powered by gas or electricity – no others use diesel.
- Storage of fuel: fuel tanks (4 x 2300 gallons). Unsure how often refills will be needed. Contract to require new, state of the art tanks. Tanks to be removed with the bubbles each year.
- Protection against vandalism: 24 hour security, outdoor lighting. Tanks within gated fences. Bill Castro: security measures preliminary. Proposals also include a perimeter patrol; a guard inside the bubble overnight; motion detectors without flood lights.
- Grade of diesel fuel, and expected CO2 emissions, specifics not yet available.
- Committees would like a comparison between generators and say an apt building.

- Electricity: No generators needed if electric lines brought in. Cost considered prohibitive to bring in electricity to this portion of Central Park.
- Other bidders responding to the RFP included a proposal to run sufficient electric load to operate compressed air handlers and provide light and heat without generators -- those bidders were not selected for the next round of negotiations.
- Heat loss dissipation: air chamber is a relatively good insulator. Connection tying down bubbles will be below grade. Flush/ air-tight at the ground.

- Process: Current concessionaire's track record on existing projects was factored into decision to negotiate on this proposal, but no structural preference given to existing summer concessionaire.

- Visual/Aesthetic Impact: Parks preferred this proposal because bubbles are 35' compared with 70' for a single bubble. Proposed height a little higher than the existing concession building.
- Would be visible from CPW all along the 90s, and Fifth Avenue for a shorter run.
- Visibility perspectives being developed. Visible to the same extent as existing building.
- No trees or foliage will be destroyed in installation.
- Bubbles on parade grounds in Prospect Park also visible from residential units.

- Effect on Wildlife: Re Light emissions, Conservancy will reach out to the Audubon Society. Other bubbles do not have experience of birds flying into bubbles.

- Will not affect grass/trees.

- Effects on tree roots: concessionaire to hand-excavate to ensure trees not impacted.

- Tennis House (Robert Moses era) and comfort stations: already being renovated as part of the existing summer concession, including new bathrooms, showers, lockers, exercise equipment.

- Same clubhouse will be used by winter tennis players.

- 4 asphalt courts will not be bubbled – will be available for play.

- Food concession is a tiny snack bar. Will have the option to operate in the winter.

- Lighting on courts for summer play: Not proposed by the current bidder. Could propose for a subsequent round of capital improvements. No current plans.

- Dates for Set-up and Take-down: Concession open 11/15 – 4/23.

- Set-up and take-down would occur outside period - no definitive timetable.

- Would stagger so some courts could be available while others under construction.

- Benefit of bubble is that courts would be in good condition after winter, needing less work to prepare for summer play.

- Snow removal: Bubbles heated, reducing snow to be removed. Conflicts with earlier claims re insulation.

- No bubbles in other parks have collapsed from snow (no Carrier Dome episodes).

- Shuttle Service: Shuttle via electric golf cart to/from Fifth, CPW. Anticipates low demand.

- Pricing: Will not be the same as the summer pricing (one-time fee of appx \$100 per season).

- Cannot comment on pricing specifics while negotiations under way.

- Expects price to be more than Prospect or Cunningham, less than private York Avenue venue or Randall's Island. Ballpark of \$30-100 per court per hour, depending hour and day.

- Compare to Alley Pond at \$25-50; Cunningham Park at \$30-60; Prospect Park at \$50-75.

- Private courts often charge \$72-185, some with additional membership fees.

- Concession fees go to the City's general revenue fund.

- City's take is through a guaranteed minimum against a percentage of revenue

- Cannot disclose revenue targets while negotiations on-going. Alley Pond and Cunningham Parks generate concession minimums of \$100K-200K per year.

- School/Community Access: Contract will require a defined number of hours to be set aside for use by afterschool groups and schools at little or no cost.

- Administered through the City Parks Foundation. Concessionaire's proposal exceeded minimums in the RFP, but cannot quote specifics with negotiations still in process.

- User Studies: No studies of demographics of users done or contemplated.

- Capacity of appx 1000 players per week. Projected 70-80% capacity.

Public Questions and Comments:

- Cristiana Pena – Landmark West!:

- Preservation extends to Central Park, itself a remarkable landmark.

- LW! anticipates further study and comment.

- Olive Freund:
- Project highlights issue of the purpose of public parks, especially when proposed use is not equally accessible to the community.

- Geoffrey Croft – Chair Sierra Club Park Committee:
- Appreciates the community's calls and expressions of concern over this project. Thanks also for CB7 work, including detailed hearings, site visit, public forum.
- Disturbing that public comment did not occur at time this idea was incubated. The narrowing of negotiations to a single concessionaire suggests the project is past the point of no return.
- Project presents open space issues.
- Private concession rates for tennis in public parks are beyond the means of many community members, including those who use the same facility in summer.
- City is generating \$110MM from Parks – majority of the funds do not go back to Parks.
- Mayor's administration is using Parks as Cash Cows.
- Bubbles would create shadows that would make hard courts and benches colder in the Park.
- National Historic Landmark since 1965 - should not be converted to commercial use for the few.

A: Bill Castro - Manhattan Borough Commissioner of Parks: Notice of RFP was circulated at the time it was issued, hearing schedules not within Parks' purview.

Also, Parks views additional recreation opportunities to be a benefit in keeping with its mission.

- Donald Kass, - NYC Audubon Society:
- Its 10,000 New York City members are dedicated to protecting wild birds and their habitats in New York City.
- Central Park is a breeding area for 30 species, wintering habit for 48 species, and migratory habitat for 300 species.
- Translucent bubbles could interfere with migration and nesting patterns.

- Cynthia Doty:
- Rush to vet project reminiscent of Adrenalin Heights in Riverside Park.
- Public response in that instance reversed Parks' course; project moved elsewhere.
- Making a lot of money while excluding people in the neighborhood.
- Why isn't an application before LPC filed?

A: LPC application will be filed when the scope and nature of the proposal has been finalized through negotiations.

Distinguish Adrenalin Heights, which would have removed park space from public recreation use, from these courts, which are locked and otherwise unavailable during the winter months.

- Prospect Park uses electricity - should require the same here.

- Dorie Jacobs - Tennis Player in the Park:
- Proposed pricing will allow an elite group to privatize a public park.
- Set-up and removal of bubbles will further shorten the availability of the courts.

- Paul Blicksberg - Tennis Player in Central Park since 1951:
- Generators will produce pollution; fuel hose from storage tank susceptible of leaks.
- Use of electric golf cart inconsistent with no-bikes-on-pathways rule.

- Anya Engler:
- Concerned about the impact of the bubbles on a cherished landmark.

- Al Lewis:
- There are 10 private facilities in NYC for those who can spend what this concessionaire will demand.
- Cost for access to bubbles in other boroughs ranges from \$26-60; No reason to charge more except City trying to collect more money through a landmark park.

- Mark McIntyre - Executive Director, Riverside Tennis Ass'n:
 - Supports the increased opportunity to play.
 - City Parks Foundation not equipped to administer children's program of this scale.
 - Local USTA office needs a winter home and would be a good choice to administer.
- A: Parks may be obligated to coordinate youth access through City Parks Foundation, but will explore and report.

- Julianna Roberts Stivowski – New Yorkers for Parks:
- Greater notice to the entire community is needed before any decision is made.

- Linda Prudhomme – Consultative Group of Organizations:
- Opposed to the precedent of using Central Park for revenue. Not the last attempt to generate revenue through inappropriate additions to Central Park.

- Ron Brecker – tennis player:
- Parks should have reached out to existing pool of tennis players to assess demand before proposing this project.

- Shirley Weinstein – tennis player and nature lover:
- Supports making more playing available as a benefit to the community.
- Should be, and can, work toward making it more affordable.

- Lawrence Lederer – tennis player:
- Invasive installation will harm courts for summer use, court surface.
- Installation/removal will take too much time away from play.

- Mark Weller:
- Pricing will exclude many. Should run a winter bubble program at a break-even level.

- Myron Schulte – tennis player:
- Bubble would create unnecessary noise and pollution.

- Joan Blondell:
- Should make a greater effort to reach Park users.
- Diesel generator standards not intended for use in a public park.

Additional Comments from Non-Committee Board Members:

- Bubble seems antithetical to PlaNYC re invasion of public park.
- A: Betsy Smith Assistant Commissioner: Understands concern. PlaNYC tries to increase availability of recreation/athletic facilities for New Yorkers. So this proposal actually is in keeping with PlaNYC.
- White bubble in Central Park would be too stark.

- Mel Wymore - Chair, CB7:
- Profoundly concerned about a proposal that sets a precedent for private, exclusive use of Central Park and parks in general.
- Gain to some who can afford it, but loss to many more.
- Antithetical to be erecting a structure in the Park when we want more open space.
- Need public process even before we engage in an RFP.
- Should not be considered a fait accompli.
- Questions include whether this proposal should even be considered.

- CB7 Comments and Questions:

- Elizabeth Starkey - Green Committee: Concern over the 15 year length of the concession.

A: Length of the term based on the need to amortize the capital costs reasonably and still return a fee to the City. Typical length of bubble concession is 12 years, but higher costs anticipated in Central Park.

- Blanche Lawton: Should consider another form of energy; concern over diesel power.
- Ken Coughlin: High-cost indoor tennis is already available. Should consider an affordable alternative if to be placed in a public park.
- Need analysis showing why another power source is not cost-effective.
- Klari Neuwelt - Co-chair: Procedure for price changes over term of concession.

A: Prices would be included in the concession contract, so changes would require a full Parks review and amendment procedure.

- Miki Fiegel and other Committee/Board members: Concern that continued negotiations will result in the proposal being a fait accompli before CB7 has an opportunity to consider the responses to questions raised and answers promised.

A: Bill Castro: Intent is to have a collaborative, not a closed, process. Will discuss community reaction with Commissioner Benepe.

Will not finalize or commit Parks/City to a concession before answering CB7 questions at a future meeting.

Next Steps:

- Bill Castro: Parks team will consider questions raised and come back to CB7 with answers to many open questions and issues.
- Will return to the P&P Committee on May 13th with a new presentation and answers to questions, and decide where to go next.
- Will not finalize or commit Parks/City to any concession or a decision to pursue a concession until then.

4. 115 West 85th Street. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness to install double-hung windows on the fourth floor of the front (south) façade of a townhouse.

Andres Cortes – architect.

- Replacing windows on the top floor of the front façade.
- New windows to be aluminum replacements of better grade than current aluminum windows.
- Will maintain current window configuration; install new brick molding that will partially obscure the aluminum exterior of the new windows.
- Staff approved change from original divided light to proposed 1-over-1 double-hung windows.
- Tax photo shows 3 of 5 top windows were casement, but are inconsistent with child guards.
- Double-hung windows will match windows below.

- Resolution to approve the application.
- VOTE: 7-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0.

5. **150 West 77th.** Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness. Proposed work to include:

- extending the entire rear façade by 4 feet except for the 3-storey existing "L" extension on the first 3 stories;
- redesigning the front main entrance created when the original brownstone stoop was removed to emulate details and decoration on the parlor floor; and
- replace windows at the front elevation within their existing openings.

Joseph Sultana, architect.

- Renovations undertaken as part of a conversion from 10 apartments to 5 (one per floor).
- Front façade.
- Stoop previously removed.
 - Door: replace single door with double-door, enclose in pilasters that match those around the parlor level window. Double-door would be a little shorter.
 - Motif – below parlor level windows – duplicate and place over new door (in brownstone).
 - Materials: pre-cast stone to look like brownstone.
 - Damaged moldings will be replaced.
 - Door would be oak, stained dark or black per LPC final decision (LPC wants black sashes). Wood panels below and glass panels above on doors.
 - Current windows are cheap aluminum replacements.
 - New Windows: Pella architectural series – already approved by LPC as a permissible model in Historic Districts. Profile is ogee at the edge.

Rear Façade.

- DoB requires owner to install an exit from cellar to back yard.
- Current rear façade includes an "L"-extension on the bottom 3 floors.
- Proposal to extend entire rear façade by 4 feet except at the "L" extension.
- Extension of 4 feet will bring the remainder of the rear façade to appx 30 feet from the lot line.
- Extension will be built 2-4' past the façade of the neighbors rear façade.
- Windows proposed will be consistent in vertical lines (east set will be pairs of double-hung; west set will be single double-hung, to match windows below).
- Will re-use the decorative window and stained glass on the parlor floor with wood trim.
- Same Pella architectural series windows on back as front. Black.

Lisa Sulgate – president of the co-op at 152 West 77th (next door).

- History of neglect by prior absentee owner/landlord. Deplorable conditions suffered to remain unmitigated for long periods.
- Failed to cure multiple violations (including current stop-work order due to uncured violations).
- Concerned about construction noise, debris etc.
- No substantive objection to the scope of work proposed other than concern over responsiveness of former owner.

Lenore:

- Can get DoB help re protecting historic building in demolition.
- Can also meter walls for vibration during renovations.

Guy Gavizon – Associate of New Owners.

- Old owner is out of the picture.
- New owners 150 West 77th LLC – cured foreclosure default.
- New owners are relatives of former owner (Tavi). Originally were to be partners, now only ones in charge. New owners are professionals.
- Each of 3 ptrs will keep an apt and rent or sell other 2.
- New owners live overseas – Guy is there representative.

Board Comments:

- Concerned about impact of moving plane of the rear façade back.
- No committee objection to the front façade work.
- Rear façade not visible from any public way.
- Reclaiming the stained glass window on the rear façade and incorporating into new façade is important and welcome.

- Resolution to approve the front door and windows:

VOTE: 7-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0.

- Resolution to approve rear façade extension and related work (tepid):

VOTE: 6-0-1-0; 1-0-0-0.

Present: Lenore Norman, Klari Neuwelt, Jay Adolph, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Bobbie Katzander, Blanche Lawton and Gabrielle Palitz. Board Members: Ken Coughlin, Phyllis E. Gunther, Elizabeth Starkey and Mel Wymore.

**Youth Education & Libraries Committee Minutes
Community Board 7/Manhattan
March 18, 2010**

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on March 18, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the offices of the Community Board, 250 West 87th Street in Manhattan. Committee members Louis Cholden-Brown, Helen Rosenthal, Cara Volpe, and Mark Diller (chair) were present. The following topics were discussed.

1. Survey of Afterschool Programs Funded Through DYCD.

(a) Expanded list of publicly funded afterschool programs includes "Beacon," "Cornerstone," and "Teen Action" programs.

i) Cara Volpe will contact afterschool programs run by

(1) The Children's Aid Society at Frederick Douglass Houses, and

(2) YMCA of Greater New York/West Side Y at Grosvenor House and PS 165.

ii) Louis Cholden-Brown will contact afterschool programs run by YMCA of Greater New York/West Side Y at:

(1) PS 191 on West 61st Street,

(2) the West Side Y on West 63rd Street, and

(3) PS 166, on West 89th Street.

iii) Helen Rosenthal will contact the afterschool programs run by the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center at:

(1) 250 West 65th Street,

- (2) Amsterdam Houses Addition, and
- (3) 206 West 64th Street.

iv) Mark Diller will contact the afterschool programs run by:

- (1) Children's Arts & Science Workshops at IS44 on West 77th Street,
- (2) Goddard Riverside Community Center on West 93rd Street, and
- (3) Harlem Children's Zone at MS 54 on West 108th Street.

(b) Survey to be conducted live (either by phone or in person as the program and surveyor decide).

(c) Questions revised to focus on the existence of unmet needs and the effects of recent budget cycles on the ability of publicly-funded afterschool programs to meet existing needs and identify additional needs.

(d) Survey is a first step. Inquiry will need to examine what share of the universe of out-of-school-time programming in our District is represented by DYCD-funded programs. May need to assess and examine free program offerings at private OST programs.

2. Riverside South/Riverside Center.

(a) Project may be certified by City Planning as soon as April 12th or 26th.

(b) Developer's presentation at the CB7 Riverside South Working Group included a potential expansion of the school included in the proposal.

i) Developer initially proposed a 97,000 sq. ft. school; following negotiations with the DoE's School Construction Authority (SCA), the developer is considering a school of approximately 100,000 to 150,000 sq. ft.

ii) 150,000 sq. ft. is estimated to serve appx 1,300 students.

iii) Developer initially proposing to build a shell for a school (outer walls); current proposal includes core (internal floors) and shell (outer walls) - but not the internal division of classrooms and other space (which SCA typically designs and builds).

(c) YEL should calculate the number of students likely to be added to public schools based on the proposed number of apartments in the proposal, and assess the size of the school based on those numbers.

(d) YEL should also express the need for a school in terms of the number of sections per grade and number of grades to be accommodated at the school, rather than a headcount.

i) numbers of classrooms needed is the basis of computation and negotiation used throughout the District in assessing capacity.

ii) initial position should be at a minimum a 6-section per grade K-8 school, with the usual common spaces (gym, cafeteria, auditorium, cluster and administrative spaces).

(e) YEL to conduct its own public hearing on the need for a school at Riverside South.

i) Coordinating with the Community Education Council and President's Council in the District.

ii) Requesting the venue for the hearing be at PS191, the school to which residential units at Riverside Center would be zoned.

iii) Looking for a May date..

3. ULURP for Charter School Locations in Public School Buildings.

(a) Assembly-Member Daniel O'Donnell is co-sponsoring a bill (A9845) that would require full compliance with the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure ("ULURP") before a Charter School could be located in a public school building or other City-owned facility in the City of New York.

(b) Under current law, the sale or lease of a public building to a non-governmental entity is subject to ULURP, except with respect to public school buildings.

(c) The bill would end that exemption for Charter Schools seeking space in public school buildings.

(d) Net effect of the bill would be to make the City Council, and not the DoE's Panel for Educational Policy, be the final arbiter of whether a public.

- i) The Panel for Educational Policy has never withheld support for any initiative endorsed by the Mayor or the Chancellor.
- (e) Committee Concerns:
 - i) No Senate sponsor - issue of whether the bill would be viable in both houses.
 - ii) Limit of reach of bill - concern over disposition of public school buildings should extend to sale or lease for other, non-school issues (example of selling public school buildings in the 1980s and 90s for development).
 - iii) Charter Schools already find space difficult to secure.
- (f) Chair will research issues raised, and circulate a draft resolution for comment.
- (g) Committee will reconvene at 5:30 pm prior to the Full Board meeting on April 6th to discuss and vote upon the measure.

4. Overcrowding:

- (a) CEC took a vote at its March 17th meeting regarding the options presented by the DoE for the enrollment policy for the new school, PS 452, to be opened in the IS44 building in September 2010.
 - i) The CEC vote was mixed; of the 3 options presented, 6 members of the CEC voted for some version of option 2, which called for a proportional allocation of seats between students from the PS 87 and PS 199 catchments, 4 members voted for a version of option 1, which called for PS 87 to have first priority on seats at the new school, 1 member abstained, and other votes were cast for option 3, which called for a geographic allocation of seats.
 - ii) The nature of the vote, and the comments and discussion surrounding it, revealed significant differences of opinion despite efforts over three preceding meetings to find consensus on this issue.
- (b) With preliminary intake nearly complete, in-catchment enrollment in the southern end of District 3 exceeds existing capacity by record numbers.

5. Research on Charter Schools.

- (a) Outline for research and outreach prepared.
- (b) Discussion to be continued at April meeting.
- (c) Looking ahead to opportunities for public forums on the subject.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

District Service Cabinet Meeting Minutes

Penny Ryan, District Manager
March 24, 2010, 9:30-11:00 AM

Report on illegal drug arrests at Amsterdam Houses – Manhattan North Narcotics. 20th Precinct and NYDA.

Capt. Ortiz, NYPD Narcotics – A nine month narcotics investigation in Amsterdam Houses resulted in multiple arrests.

- Twenty-nine suspects were identified, of which twenty-one were pre-indicted; currently NYPD is looking for five other suspects.
- Undercover officers conducted seventy-eight purchases; almost all suspects live in the Houses. 20th Pct was instrumental in this case.
- Suspects were selling in the complex and out of apartments.
- All suspects were between the ages of 16 – 35, and most grew up together.
- Residents were pleased. DA's office is working on evictions.

Discussion of parking enforcement issues with Beverly Smith, NYPD Traffic Manager for CD7.

- Sitter summons – Agent must ask a vehicle occupant one time to move the vehicle before issuing a summons. If there is no driver, vehicle will be summonsed immediately.
- A new law is in effect which permits a five minute grace period at the beginning of alternate side parking regulation and when the time on a meter runs out.
- Trucks have half hour to load/unload, and cannot obstruct traffic. Lift must be up when inactive.
- Once a ticket is scanned with vehicle identification number, it must be administered because it is uploaded into the NYC Dept. of Finance database.
- There is no priority on bike lanes, violators are issued regular double parking summons. Less than 10% of all summonses issued in the district are for double parking. No double parking summonses were issued in District 7 to commercial vehicles in the last 30 days.

Based on complaints, NYPD can summons, tow and arrest commercial drivers if they do not move from illegal parking and selling. Operators are first issued a summons for parking illegally, in meters can be issued an overtime parking summons. There is a 30-minute parking limit on commercial trucks.

Follow Up

- List of illegal hotels the Mayor's Office of Special Enforcement (MOSE) inspected/closed in CD7. Pending.
- Mayor's office to help Goddard: Hospital refused to recognize 958. DHS Director of Psychiatry in discussion with hospital. Pending – per Kristen Oates.
- 20th Pct/Goddard: Ollie's homeless getting violent, Goddard has been sending personnel there to inspect. The teams have been going to Ollie's everyday and outreaching to the homeless. We are now finding the homeless are not there each day. Some of the individuals found there (about 2) are actually on Goddard's caseload already. We have had no issues of them being violent while we are there and no more complaints. I spoke with Lt. DeSantis at last meeting and he said he was going to have his officers follow up on the location – per Kristen Oates.
- Report on NYC Community Clean Up work in CD7 to date. Parks' projects for NYC Community Clean Up.

In Verdi twice a week, graffiti for 24, and clean-ups in RSP. Will attend in April- per Anthony Vargas.

- Signage is very confusing at the intersection of 71st Street and Amsterdam Avenue. NYPD and DOT to inspect, beginning at 70th Street to observe traffic.
- 2010 Census update. CB7 is a questionnaire assistance center 2 p.m. – 6 p.m., M-F. There are other locations in the district as well. NYCHA is having a census rally day.

Inter-Agency Coordination

For all agencies: Have you done joint work with other agencies this past month? Which ones?

Are there projects you recommend that agencies work on together to improve CD7?

NYPD working with DSNY, Parks.

Parks working with DOT, DEP, DSNY, NYPD, Goddard, DOHMH

Would like updates on coordination.

Inter-Agency Coordination reports

- Return of non-permitted bike rentals in and around Columbus Circle and in the Lincoln Plaza Garage at 44 West 62nd Street and W. 57th Street garage – Manhattan North, 20th Precinct, DCA, Parks, Bike & Roll. Chief Banks will be updated on situation. Non-permitted bikes for rental are now stored in local garages. Owners make the transaction in the street, then fetch bikes from the garages. DOB to research laws on bike storage for commercial use in garage. Bike and Roll will be in business in a week.

- Locations where ATMs have been installed outside businesses. (This will be discussed at the March borough service cabinet meeting.) 30-day encroachment rule.
- Request for M.A.R.C.H. in bars on Amsterdam Avenue, 107th-110th Streets and 103rd Street. 24th Pct is up in robberies & GL in the vicinity of 103rd Street; they ran a joint operation with Transit in the area. A bar meeting will be held soon.
- Quality of life data, year-to-date – NYPD and DEP. DEP: Noise & air are the top five complaints. 24th Pct: QL – 58 for the 30-day period; arrests, 219 year to date; criminal trespass biggest statistic - 360 ytd, mostly to vendors, 27 arrests.
- Catch basin replacements in CD7 – DDC and DEP. Ongoing
- Bad street pavement conditions in CD7 due to utility cuts and winter weather. DOT and other agencies. Enforcement of protected streets and repaving when construction projects are completed. Work with board members, community, NYPD and other agencies to identify areas that need attention.
- Criteria for single-block street activity permits in anticipation of a reduction in the number of allowable events. Amplified sound permits. Work with precincts, to define parameters of amplified sounds permits, limiting to two hours.

Agency updates

NYPD 24th Pct: Requesting additional foot patrols to reduce crime in target areas.

Parks: Illegal vendors up, eight on Parks property; only two legal Veteran permits have been issued.

Work with the Mayor's office in a separate meeting to address this issue.

RSP

During the winter, eagles hunted over the park and river area; red-tail hawks nested around 82nd Street. Pair are sitting on eggs.

Trapping raccoons to observe erratic behavior, which is a sign for rabies. Cannot test for rabies without euthanizing.

NYPD Transit District 1 – Increase in Grand Larceny due to theft of cell phones. Overall crime - doing well.

DOT – John Jay College, 59th Street between 10th & 11th Avenues was changed to one-way west bound.

NYPD PSA6

- Ten Grand Larceny crimes, due to cell phone theft.
 - Assault incidents were due to family: parents hitting/abusing children.
- There is a Domestic Violence Forum being held Tuesday, March 30, 2010, 6PM to 8 PM, at the Fredrick Douglass Community Center, 885 Columbus Avenue.
- QL – 123 summonses issued in the last 28 days, 220 issued ytd.
 - There will be a blood drive on April 15, 8am – 6pm, at PSA6, Muster Room.
 - March 18, 2010 a search warrant was executed for an apartment.

NYPD 20th Pct – There were 66 major crimes, 44 Grand Larceny. GL crimes were scattered throughout the precinct area, most due to identity theft.

DSNY – Now has fewer trucks.

NYC Commission on Human Rights - Job Hunt seminar.

For the next meeting please report on any service cuts.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, PSA 6; Capt. McEleary, Lt. DeSantis, Sgt. Montgomery, Det. Vassallo, 20th Pct, PO Clarke; PO White, PO Durante, 24th Pct; PO Bianchi, Sgt. Wilson, PBMN; DI Brian Maguire, NYPD TD1; Beverly Smith, NYPD Summons Enforcement; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Kathleen Mchel, Lolita

Jackson, Mayor's office; Julian Herrera; Chris Hancock, DSNY; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Mark Vaccaro, Crista Carmody, Parks; Kerry Stephen, FDNY; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Chris Villari, DEP; DCA; Susan Singer, NYPL; Jesse Bodine, Council Member Gale Brewer's office; Jared Chausew, Sen Duane's office; Jihoan Kim, Sen. Schneiderman's office; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Tim Devlin, LS BID; Bill Weeden, US Census; TSI Simon.