

## **Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes**

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### **Full Board Meeting Minutes**

**Mel Wymore, Chair**

**April 6, 2010**

Community Board 7/Manhattan met on April 6, 2010 at Jewish Home Lifecare, 120 West 106th Street, New York, NY 10025. The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm by Chair Mel Wymore. The following topics were discussed.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting: VOTE: 27-0-9.

### **Chair's Report Mel Wymore**

Neighbors of the Month – Batya Lewton and Madeleine Polayes, presented by Member of Congress Jerold Nadler and City Council Member Gale Brewer:

- Together they are the reason the West Side civic activism works - wise, knowledgeable and committed. Batya: commands respect as the leader of the Coalition for the Livable West Side, which grew from the Coalition Against Lincoln West.
  - Drew practical connections between sewage capacity and limits on responsible development.
  - Named "Landlord Buster of the Year 1986."
  - Called an "Inspiration" by the West Side Spirit and the West Side Federation of Block Associations.
- Madeleine: Worked tirelessly with tenants at Stryker's Bay Housing project.
- Instrumental in preserving affordable housing at the Mitchell-Lama Turin House.
  - Key voice for the Broadway Malls and the West Side Federation of Block Associations.
  - Teacher and guidance counsel with Board of Education from 1963-92.

Additional Points of Note:

- DHS Proposed Transitional Housing at 237 West 107th - meeting April 8th at Ascension Church at 7 pm.
- Meeting re proposed Central Park tennis bubble on 5/13 (Joint Preservation and Parks/Environment) at 7.
- CB7 Parks & Preservation and Green Committees now Preservation (chaired by Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz) and Parks/Environment (Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey).
- Certification of Riverside South/Riverside Center expected soon. ULURP to start in late April or early May. Tentative CB7 hearing dates 4/28 and 5/19 (could change based on certification).
- Welcome new members Brian Byrd, Mark Darin, Robert Espier, Marissa Maack, Nick Prigo, Su Robotti, and Haydée Rosario.
- City Council hearing on confirming Landmark status for West Park Presbyterian Church on 4/20 at 11 am at 250 Broadway.

### **Reports by Legislators and Elected Officials**

Jerold Nadler - Member of Congress:

- Health Care Bill is historic. There is a lot of misinformation about it -- actually a very conservative bill.
- Built on principles espoused by Republicans – similar to Dole/Chaffee 1993 response to Clinton proposal.
- Built based on private insurers rather than public option. House sought a public option, president didn't support.

- 3 basic problems with status quo: (a) 40 million people are uninsured, with over 45,000 people dying annually due to lack of access to health care; (b) 55% of personal bankruptcies are due to a health emergency, among whom 75% had insurance that wasn't adequate; and (c) the US spends a higher percentage of its GDP on health care than most other countries.
- Bill will cover 96% of Americans. For those who receive health insurance through their employer, not much will change.
- Medicaid will be expanded to 133% of poverty level - so more will be eligible. Plus, the Medicaid reimbursement rate will rise to match the Medicare rate, making more providers willing to see such patients. That will cover another 16 million people when phased in.
- Uninsured individuals not eligible for Medicaid/Medicare will have access to "Exchanges" – government regulated markets modeled on federal employee exchanges, where private insurers will offer coverage to individuals, but at group rates on the exchange.
- Individuals required to buy insurance if not covered by employer. Subsidy available for those under 400% of poverty level (currently \$88K).
- Based on multiples of federal poverty level. Eligibility does not take into account regional cost of living variances. Subsidies should be based on Area Median Income – didn't get, will keep working.
- Three issues solved by the bill: (a) insurers seeking to rescind coverage when confronted with long-term chronic or expensive illnesses, (b) annual and lifetime limits (which are often why the insured are bankrupted), and (c) disqualification of pre-existing conditions.
- Bill also limits the amount of out-of-pocket expenses to \$12K family, \$6K individual.
- CBO conservative cost estimate at \$980B over 10 years (likely less). Will reduce the deficit
- New taxes – .9% additional Medicare tax for employer and employee for income above \$200K individual/\$250K family (and will apply to unearned income as well).
- "Cadillac" plan tax – president insisted. Tax on premiums for very expensive policies to executives.
- Concern: High premiums does not always mean high benefits – could be high risk pool, high cost area.
- Small businesses – will have the option to give employees a voucher to use on the exchange.
- Abortion coverage limits hard to swallow, but saving 45,000 lives annually and aiding the middle class merit approval.
- Avoided filibuster through "Reconciliation" process - available because prior budget bills provided for it.
- Filibuster used 112 times this year – more than previous 10 years.
- Democratic process requires that Congress be able to carry out campaign promises, and then bear the consequences if the initiatives fail.
- If we want democracy – must do something about filibuster.
- Big companies should have supported for competitive reasons – politics often reveals actions that are against own interests.

#### **Gale Brewer - City Council, 6th District:**

- Riverside Center: looking forward to working together on ULURP.
- Budget – budget hearings concluded, now starting negotiations. Horrific examples – senior centers (over 100 closed), closing 62 ladders or engines within firehouses; summer youth employment cut from 53K jobs last year to 17K; school nurses being eliminated.
- Overcrowding in District 3 schools - CEC has been conducting numerous meetings seeking solutions.
- PS 191 won a grant for all 5th and 6th graders to get Netbooks.
- Global Learning Collaborative took 14 students to China in its first year. Urban Assembly HS for Green Careers won a grant to install solar power on the roof of the Brandeis building.
- Frank McCourt HS is well positioned to launch in September. Huge turnout of teachers interested

in jobs.

- MLK Campus – HS for Law and Community Service – trip to Auschwitz by teachers and students (many African-American and Latino -- interesting exchanges). Replacing ugly, non-functional planters on plaza.
- Housing clinic 4/15; mammography screening; Dental truck at PS 84; District Office open house 5/19.
- Charter Commission hearing convened on 1 day's notice just after Passover. Need another in Manhattan.
- Census – response rate adequate, but could be better. Many large buildings did not get forms.

Matt Bitz – City Council Member Inez Dickens' Office:

- Budget – grim picture, but perhaps low expectations make for pleasant surprises.

Jihoon Kim – Senator Eric Schneiderman's Office:

- State budget is a mess. Senate passed resolutions with significant cuts as a starting point for negotiations.
- Looking to restore cuts to the most vulnerable.
- Bill re victims of domestic violence: strangulation is not prosecuted the same way as other domestic violence - Bill would make it a felony.
- Bill would extend tampering prohibition to orders of protection.
- Bill would require subject of an order of protection to surrender firearms.

Michael Kaplan – Assembly-Member Richard Gottfried's Office:

- Family Health Care Decisions Act – signed by Governor.
- Charter Reform bill passed Assembly - would allow proposals from City Council, public to be on the ballot at the same time as Charter Commission recommendations.
- Recycling event at Techserve – in Flatiron Dist 4/10 at 10-4 119 west 23rd.
- Opposed to tennis bubble in Central Park.

Shane Seger – Assembly-Member Daniel O'Donnell's Office:

- Book drive in April and May – green-themed reading challenge, with the Bloomingdale Library.
- Manhattan Valley visioning forum a success. Turnout and input far exceeded expectations. Pratt students compiling brainstorming input and will host follow-up public meeting in late May.
- ULURP bill for charter school placement in public schools is not anti-Charter. Just public review.
- Introducing Nick O'Neill and Gideon Martin – community liaisons.

Tara Alport – Assembly-Member Linda Rosenthal's Office:

- Welcomes calls on budget concerns. Concerned about closing senior centers.
- Bill to prohibit inhumane treatment of cattle (e.g. tail-docking)
- Yoga bill signed by Governor (martial arts and yoga instructors exempt from license).
- Bill to limit MTA to one public hearing per night so attention not divided.

Jared Chausow – Senator Tom Duane's Office:

- Budget negotiations re Health budget difficult.
- Senate resolution did restore cuts to senior centers (and parks funding).
- Trying to limit education and health cuts.
- Bill to legalize marijuana for medical use – already passed the Assembly. Now reported out of Senate Health and Codes committees. Still must come out from Finance committee.
- Bill to ban fract drilling – EPA conducting a 2-year study of fract drilling consequences. Should impose a state-wide moratorium on drilling until study available.

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

- CB7 took part in April 1st Census Day outreach; 50% return rate on the UWS better than NYC average.
- Recycling cooking oil program – partnered with Urban Assembly HS Green Careers and Columbus-Amsterdam BID. Waste oil to be converted into fuel for municipal trucks.
- Event 4/20 – sexual assault awareness forum.

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## Community Session:

Joan Bondell – Tennis Player:

- Object to bubbles over courts.
- Diesel powered generators create noise and fumes 24/7. 65dB at 50 feet is too high.
- Pollution stays in the Park.
- Parks are for the enjoyment of all. Should not be used as cash cow.

John-Mark Warren - Former CB7 Member:

- Stepped down from Board. Work schedule overwhelmed.
- Bobbie Katzander and Barbara Keleman – resigned as well.

Verdery Roosevelt and Mercedes Pablos – Ballet Hispanico:

- Located on West 89th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues. Classes serve 600 children.
- Open House 5/8 for Mamitas Day.
- Performing Villejas at Aaron Davis Hall; Recital at Miller Theater on 6/6.
- Summer program registration for July program - learning heritage of different country each week.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- 4/10 Science fair at PS 165.
- 4/22 history talk at Youth Hostel – Jim Macken will present.
- Summer Streets – DoT approved 2 of the dates requested.

Ron Dressler – Better World Chorus:

- Using song to bring people together. Looking for whole City to sing same song at the same time.
- 1 million people to sing "This Land is Your Land" on Flag Day.
- Looking for publicity outreach.

Francine Wilvers:

- Opposes privatization of "People's Park."
- Proposal supported by Parks and the Conservancy.
- Klari – May 13th joint Preservation and Parks/Green committee hearing.

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## Business Session

**Resolution Proposed by Board Chair Mel Wymore.**

1. Re: Charter Revision. Resolution calls upon the 2010 Charter Revision Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of the entire charter, provide adequate and timely public notice of all of its

meetings and hearings, meaningfully engage the public in its process, ensure that any question placed on the ballot is clearly and concisely written, and conduct an extensive public education campaign about the ballot questions that voters will see on Election Day.

- Text of the proposed resolution was promulgated by the Public Advocate's Office.
- Concern over the lack of advance notice for tonight's Manhattan public hearing.
- Hope Cohen (of CB7) raised the issue of notice at the Charter Revision meeting.
- Add friendly amendment – seek better notice of Charter Commission hearings.
- Will address Community Boards in a subsequent resolution.

After deliberation, the resolution re the Charter Revision Commission's procedures was adopted.

VOTE: 37-0-0-0.

### **Youth, Education & Libraries Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson**

2. Resolution to support the enactment of Bill A-9845/S-7192 in the State Legislature, calling for a full ULURP review before a Charter School may be located in a public school building.

- Bill would close a loophole in ULURP that requires review for disposition of City-owned facilities except public school buildings.
- Resolution goes further than the proposed bill in calling for ULURP to apply to all dispositions of public school buildings.
- Bill moves the final decision on co-location of charter schools from the PEP to CBs, BP and the Council.
- Cara Volpe: Lone member of committee who did not support the resolution.
  - No charters within CB7, but there are within the boundaries of CEC3.
  - There is a lot of misinformation and misperception regarding charters.
  - Charters often run at lower cost per pupil; it is easier to close a failing charter than a traditional school.
  - Acknowledges tensions when perceived to be encroaching on DOE schools space.
  - Concern that this bill would add additional bureaucracy that can result in the delay or non-approval of a school. Not fully confident that people are informed enough to make decisions about the appropriateness of charters when before public hearing.
- Roberta Semer: We have incredible overcrowding and need for more classroom space in our District.
  - ULURP for public schools is incredibly important for long-term education planning.
  - DOE has sold schools because of lack of need and then very soon after has had to repurchase because of additional influx of enrollment.
- Helen Rosenthal: Examples of successful and unsuccessful shared space.
  - PS242 has 3 schools in it: PS242, Opportunity Charter + Harlem Success Academy. Harlem Success has taken control of space allocation and prime scheduling and facilities.
  - PS 208 + 185 share building with Harlem Link. Allocation works very well there.
  - Community Board/ULURP process does a good job of listening to parents and residents, it is a deliberative and good process and as good as we can get.
  - CB is capable of negotiating these space allocations before the schools open.
- While the resolution calls to mind issues of the efficacy of charter schools, this is a process bill seeking a better procedure for co-location decisions.
- Jay Adolf: This is not the solution.
  - ULURP was designed for the distribution of property, not educational policy.
  - Would support resolution providing for ULURP on distribution of land except for charter schools.
- Elizabeth Starkey: This is a way of including community input in a process where it is often neglected.
  - This would allow a level of negotiation previously not possible
- Dan Zweig: It is important to “shine a light” and allow for a full public process even if it requires a long period of time. Decisions on co-location often made in haste and decided behind closed doors.

- Committee Vote is 3-1 in support of resolution.
  - Cara Volpe:
    - The people who will be vocal at ULURP meetings will be skewed against charter schools because of continued misinformation.
    - The specific examples that we are talking about while unfortunate do not apply to charters across the board.
    - Many charter schools lack their own gyms and lunch space.
- After deliberation, the resolution to support the enactment of the proposed legislation was adopted.  
VOTE: 31-7-3-0.

### **Transportation Committee**

#### **Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

3. 940 Columbus Avenue (West 106th Street.) Resolution to approve a request by New York Plumbing for two parking spaces at the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and 106th Street for "Trucks Loading and Unloading" from 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Monday to Friday.

- No objections from community. New York Plumbing has had to double-park, creating obstruction.
- After deliberation, the resolution to approve the request was adopted.

VOTE: 38-0-0-0.

4. 969 Columbus Avenue (West 107th- 108th Streets.) Resolution to approve renewal application #B02228 to NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission by Special Radio Dispatch Corp. for a "For Hire" Base Station license.

- No controversy – approved by committee.

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

VOTE: 39-0-0-0.

5. Resolution to approve a request to DOT to change parking meters on Columbus Avenue from 1- to 2-hours.

- From Columbus BID - applies to spaces with muni-meters.
- West 68th – 86th Streets.
- Concern over congestion caused by insufficient turnover of parking spaces.
- Consider whether length of time for meters could vary with the time of day.
- Longer time limits favor businesses. Residents tend not to use the meters. Visitors who use may shop longer or linger in the neighborhood after dinner.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the request to extend the time limit on parking meters on Columbus Avenue from West 68th to 86th Streets to 2 hours was adopted.

VOTE: 33-3-2-0.

Transportation update: The 96th Street subway station headhouse is nearing completion. Landscaping and plaza to follow. New space is beautiful.

### **Business & Consumer Issues Committee**

#### **Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**

6. Resolutions to approve applications to the SLA for a two-year liquor licenses.

- **77 West 68th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) 185 Columbus Equities Corp, d/b/a Jalapeño Restaurant.
- **842 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 101st Street.) RRDE Restaurant Inc, d/b/a Noches Mexicanas 2.
- **998 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 109th Street.) Matthew Hect, d/b/a SIP.

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

VOTE: 32-0-1-0.

7. Resolution to approve unenclosed café renewal applications.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **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, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the renewal applications for unenclosed sidewalk cafes was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0-0.

8. **44 West 63rd Street** (Broadway.) Resolution to approve a 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.

- Prior community issues about odor and noise have been resolved.

- Concern that enclosed cafes present different benefits and burdens to the public than unenclosed cafes.

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

VOTE: 23-7-1-0.

## **Parks & Preservation Committee**

### **Klari Neuwelt and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

9. **Broadway Malls.** Resolution to approve the Department of Parks & Recreation's proposal for the installation of art works by Manolo Valdes on various malls and squares from Columbus Circle to 166th Street from May 2010 to January 2011.

- Monumental sculptural works by renown Spanish artist Manolo Valdes.

- Project includes cell-phone numbers to access descriptions explanations in Spanish and English.

- Proposal vetted through Parks, MTA, DoT. All approved.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the installation of the sculptures was adopted.

VOTE: 35-0-0-1.

10. **115 West 85th Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenue.) Resolution to approve the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of double-hung windows at the 4th floor of the south façade.

- Brick overlapping will hide some of the aluminum face of the replacement windows.

- Original casement windows not functional in new arrangement with child-guard requirements.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application for a Certificate of Appropriateness was adopted.

VOTE: 36-0-0-0.

11. **150 West 77th Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Resolutions to approve an application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to extend the rear façade of the building into

the rear yard by four feet for the entire five-story height of the building (other than at the existing non-conforming extension, which would remain in place); to redesign the entry where the original brownstone stoop was removed; and to replace windows at the front elevation within their existing openings.

- Front façade unobjectionable. Stoop not being restored, but ground level entryway will be upgraded to match detail above - vast improvement over the existing condition.
- Replacement front windows acceptable (already approved at LPC).
- Rear façade – current condition includes an “L” extension across half the width for 3 floors. Proposal to extend the remainder of the rear façade 4 feet for full height including above the L extension.
- Minor intrusion into the doughnut. Not visible from the pedestrian way.
- Immediate neighbors approved and thought the proposed changes were acceptable. Neighbors' concerns related to prior owner's lack of upkeep and maintenance, which is changing with new owners.
- Actual elements in rear yard were reasonably appropriate.

After deliberation, the two resolutions to approve the applications to the LPC were adopted.

VOTE Part A: Front façade work: 34-1-1-0.

VOTE Part B: Rear façade work: 30-4-1-0.

New business: Meeting April 8th from 6-8 pm concerning a proposal for a comprehensive plan for waterfront improvements through our City. Planning last done in 1992. UWS waterfront planning completed, but remainder of the City's waterfront would benefit from unified planning.  
Adjourned 9:30 PM.

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**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 13, 2010 7:00 PM**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 P.M. by Co-Chair Andrew Albert.

**Presentation by NYC DOT - Senior Safety Study**

The study area encompassed West 60th to West 81st Street - Central Park to Broadway, but was extended to West End Avenue by request. All risk factors were explored at intersections. Proposed solutions to trouble areas are neckdowns at 6 locations, plus installing islands on West End Avenue, at 61st St & 66th Street. Dee Reiber, of the 75th Street Block Association, reminded DOT that they have requested neckdowns at three intersections.

**Newsstand Application - NW Corner of 96th Street & Broadway**

Co-Chair Albert mentioned that there was scaffolding surrounding the Columbia, with no knowledge of when it might be coming down. The Committee approved the newsstand by the following vote:

Comm: 7-1-1-0

NCB: 0-1-0-0

**New Family Car Service - 695 Amsterdam Avenue**

Eddie Batista appeared for New Family. He mentioned that there are actually less vehicles in the fleet than there were two years ago.

The Committee approved a renewal of the for-hire base station for New Family by the following vote:

Comm: 9-0-0-0

NCB: 1-0-0-0

### **96th Street Corridor Project**

Tila Duhaime, of the UWS Streets Renaissance appeared for the group.

She supplied facts/figures about pedestrian accidents - she mentioned that data received from the police only went through 2005. (no current data) They are partnering with the schools to minimize incidents with coming/going from schools in the corridor. Study area was 95th-97th Street, Riverside to Central Park West. They are making various recommendations, including changing signage, light timing, etc. A particular trouble spot is 96th & West End Ave. P.S. 75 is on the SW corner, and many vehicles are rushing the light to get to the Henry Hudson Parkway. The red light camera that oversees this intersection is currently missing - only the shell of the camera is there! Co-Chair Albert mentioned the possibility of a "Barnes Dance"

for this intersection. (All-vehicle stop for pedestrians). Josh Orzeck, of DOT, said he'd look into this possibility. The Committee will be looking at the Corridor Project's recommendations for various intersections.

### **Review of 2010 Goals**

The Committee reviewed their 2010 goals, and all indications are that many are under way, with probable achievement during 2010. The ones that haven't been started yet are close to beginning. Chairperson Wymore commended the Committee for a great start!

### **Street/Sidewalk Survey**

Co-Chairs Albert & Zweig reviewed the proposed street & sidewalk survey with the Committee. A mapping system to log all the data is close to being ready. Assignments were made, in consultation with the Committee members, and Chairperson Wymore, who agreed that community residents who wished to participate in the survey would be welcome. The following assignments were made & agreed to: Albert - 88-90 St, Glazer - 79-81 St, Zweig/Rios - 104-110 St, Lawton - 95-97 St, Coughlin - 85-87 St, Semer - 70-72 St, Raphael - 77-79 St, Wymore

- 67-69 St, D.Zelman-73-75 St, Arndsten - 100-103 St, Alexander - 82-84 St, Fischer - 98-100 St. All assignments are Park to River.

Committee members not present will be consulted for their assignments.

### **New Business**

Peter Arndtsen, of the Columbus-Amsterdam B.I.D., mentioned that Amsterdam Avenue would be closed from West 106th to West 110th Street on May 16 & 23, due to street events, from 11AM-5 PM.

Linda Alexander announced that Friday, May 20, a kickoff event at 10:00 A.M. in Verdi Park, for the Manolo Valdez sculptures.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ken Coughlin, Marc Glazer, Blanche Lawton, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. Board Members: Paul Fischer and Elizabeth Starkey. Absent: Lillian Moore.

**Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:**

1. **2298 Broadway** (aka 222 West 83rd Street) Sea Jewel LLC, d/b/a Neo Sushi.

Applicant did not show, No vote was taken.

2. **127 West 72nd Street** (Columbus Avenue) Imperial Food New York Corp, d/b/a "Penang".

Represented by Mr. Morgan Humphries(manager).

Application is for license transfer.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

3. **612 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 89th Street) Nipa Thai Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Thai Season.

Applicant, Mr. James Wong (mgr).

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

**Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:**

4. **193 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th -69th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1216111 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Yunhua on Columbus Inc., d/b/a Empire Szechuan for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. Represented by Ond Wang, (Mgr.)

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

5. **241 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0895637 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Burrito Junction, Inc., d/b/a Harry's Burrito for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 36 seats. Represented by Ron Almgren

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

6. **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

7. **442 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st - 82nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0953744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Restaurant Group, d/b/a Gin Mill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats.

Applicant did not show, no vote was taken

8. **570 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th -88th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1068447 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Rancho West Corporation, d/b/a Rancho, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats. Applicant represented by Carol Cevallos (mgr.)

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

9. **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd – 93rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1139454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Talias Restaurant Group, LLC d/b/a Talia's Steakhouse & Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats. Applicant represented by Ephraim Nagor (mgr).

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

10. **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.

Enclosed Café Renewal Application: Applicant Lee Seinfeld  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

**Enclosed Café Renewal Application:**

11. **368 Columbus Avenue** (West 77th- 78th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1085915 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ixhel Corporation, d/b/a Café Frida, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 28 seats. Represented by Michael Murakhovsky.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

**New Unenclosed Café Applications:**

12. **392 Columbus Avenue** (West 78th – 79th Street.) New application DCA# 1347140 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Open City Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Café Ducale, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 34 seats. Applicant represented by Matthew Porotore.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

13. **612 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 89th – 90th Street.) New application DCA# 1345730 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nipa Thai Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a Thai Season, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats. Applicant, Mr. James Wong (mgr).

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

14. **2607 Broadway** (West 98th-99th Street.) New application DCA# 1345744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Workhouse Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Regional, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats. Applicant, Mr. Dario Arenllo, (mgr).

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-0-0-0

15. **982-988 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 108th-109th Street.) New application DCA# 1347879 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Village Poor House, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats. Applicant, Mr. Mike Leuck (expeditor). Applicant did not provide substantial proof of proper community notification. Further, 4 residents of the applicant's building; Efron Olives, Nahal Alton Bonet, Ophir Pruso, and Barbara Good, (member of the building's Condo Board) made the following complaints about the applicant's operation.; excessively loud music, including base vibrations that filtered into their apartments, dancing in a venue with no cabaret license, customers shouting during the night.

Vote to table motion for May to allow applicant sufficient time to properly notify community and to have an owner/operator present to address community complaints.

COMMITTEE VOTE: 6-0-0-0

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**Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Mark Diller, Chairperson**

**April 15, 2010 6:30 PM**

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on April 15, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the offices of the Community Board, 250 West 87th Street in

Manhattan. Committee members Marisa Maack, Haydée Rosario, Helen Rosenthal, and Mark Diller (chair) were present. The following topics were discussed.

### **1. Safe Haven/West Side Crime Prevention Program.**

- (a) The West Side Crime Prevention Program is an independent, community-based not-for-profit that works to promote the safety of our community.
  - (b) One of its signature initiatives is the “Safe Haven” program, which enlists local businesses to provide a safe place for school children and teens to call for assistance if they should feel threatened or harassed as they make their way to and from school and afterschool activities. All children in the District are taught to seek out the familiar yellow insignias on the windows of scores of storefronts.
  - (c) In addition, the West Side Crime Prevention Program offers conflict resolution, mentoring, social and educational, and crime-prevention programs that build community as they teach awareness.
  - (d) The Program is being expanded from its original precincts on the Upper West Side to areas in Harlem.
  - (e) Resolution to show CB7’s support for the WSCPP and its Safe Haven Program.
- VOTE: 4-0-0-0.

### **2. Afterschool Survey Results.**

- (a) The discussion of survey results was postponed to the next available meeting.
- (b) Proposal that a second step include inquiry and discussion about the quality and accountability of various after-school programs, and the responsiveness of programs to parents’ concerns.

### **3. Riverside South/Riverside Center Public Hearing.**

- (a) Project expected to be certified by City Planning May 10th.
- (b) Advocacy for a school to be built by the developer meeting two critical criteria:
  - i) The school must be of sufficient size to meet the needs of the District (not just the needs of the immediate enclave being developed), and
  - ii) The school must be built first.
- (c) Appropriate size of the school is a 6-section-per-grade school serving grades K-8.
- (d) Some community members have lobbied that the school should be included in the building planned for lot K, to be built prior to the Riverside Center, thus ensuring timely construction and completion. Building for lot K is now under design, and presumably would be built prior to the same developer’s start of work on lots LMN (Riverside Center).
- (e) Need to ensure that parents’ and the community’s concerns regarding schools is heard in the ULURP process.
- (f) Essential that all leaders working on this project understand the depth of concern about schools.
  - i) Current crisis in overcrowding in our District is a graphic illustration of the problem.
  - ii) The issue transcends education and affects real property values, access to services, and quality of life.
- (g) Public Hearing to be co-sponsored by YEL with the Community Education Council and the President’s Council.
- (h) Need and expect strong parent turnout. Strategies to include:
  - i) Speak at CEC, President’s Council, and PA/PTA meetings.
  - ii) Seek column space in PA/PTA newsletter.
  - iii) Request inclusion in e-mail blasts on the D3 Parents and D3 Family Advocate’s list servs.
  - iv) Insert into West Side Spirit community calendar.
  - v) Flyers at PTA bulletin boards and even at drop-off.
- (i) Meeting/Hearing to include a brief discussion of the site plan and the proposals for the school.

#### **4. Riverside South/Riverside Center School Proposal.**

(a) One alternative being explored would seek to move the proposed school from building 2 on the northeast corner of the superblock (WEA and 61st Street) to the Southwest corner (59th and Riverside Boulevard).

i) Advantages may include the possibility of a ground-level play yard (would require the developer to eliminate a planned cul-de-sac for cars).

ii) Disadvantage is that drop-off and pick up might be on an already over-burdened 59th Street. Would be more attractive if the outdoor yard could be built on the plaza and drop-off/pick-up could be done through that yard.

(b) While site of school could have a significant positive effect, the 2 core issues remain the size of the school and that it be built as soon as possible.

#### **5. Teen Advocacy Group Proposal:**

(a) Proposal to dedicate a future YEL meeting to teen concerns, and make a concerted effort to invite and engage teens in planning and advocating for issues of concern to them.

(b) Issues could include

i) teen employment (summer and during the term);

ii) recreation facilities;

iii) others t/b/d by the teens.

(c) Possible resources for such a committee/outreach could be found from:

i) Justice Resource Center – develops civics curriculum.

ii) Career and Technical Education office at DoE.

#### **6. Presentation by Council Member Gale Brewer.**

(a) Riverside Center School concerns:

i) Play area on setbacks/rooftops instead of at ground level.

ii) Whether the middle school component should be a separate facility or linked to the elementary space.

iii) Should check with City Planning re Solow/Con Ed site re the size of the school being built there based on community input.

iv) Wiring/WiFi.

v) Amsterdam Houses should have access to this school – not just for the residents of the new development.

(b) Martin Luther King Jr. HS – plaza is not functional.

i) Meeting with SCA re proposals from students.

ii) Must fix leaks to the cafeteria below.

iii) Principals of constituent schools want open, usable space for public events.

iv) Remove ugly planter/benches.

(c) Urban Assembly HS for Green Careers – one of the new HS in the Brandeis complex, won a grant to install solar collectors on the roof, with curriculum to support..

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

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#### **Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz, Co-chairs**

**Joint with Parks & Environment**

**Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-chairs**

**April 8, 2010**

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on April 8, 2010, at the Community Board offices, 250 West 87th Street. The meeting was chaired by Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz, co-chairs, and was co-chaired by Klari Neuwelt, chair of the Parks/Environment Committee for the first agenda item. The following topics were discussed.

1. Riverside Park – Restoration of the Field House/Loggia at 101st Street – Joint with Parks/Environment.

Presentation by John Herrold, Riverside Park Administrator.

- Park of long-term restoration of the recreation facilities and rest rooms in RSP north of 100th St.
- A similar loggia has been used as a restaurant at 106th Street for 10 years.
- Parsons School of Design's "Design and Build" program developed a plan to rescue the loggia.
- Students will design a project during a semester, then participate in the build over the summer.
- Purpose is to renovate the loggia space. Includes office for ball field administrator.

Presentation by Sienna Shaw, Paul Schroeckenstein, Steve Sze, and Michael Brotherton, Parsons students

History/Context:

- The promenade was built in 1934 during the Robert Moses era to cover the train tracks. The loggias are at the ground/river level. The original design included a wading pool.
- The loggia arches were infilled in 1964, and the interior was devastated by fire in the 1970s.
- The wading pool was filled and converted to basketball courts in the 1960s.
- Original comfort stations to north and south are no longer in use.

Proposal: Return the loggia/pavilion to a useable state.

- Working comfort stations with a separate ADA entrance to be accessible when loggia is closed.
- Remove stone infill from arches and replace with an aluminum storefront system with composite eco-friendly resin that is stronger than glass. Translucent with a patina finish.
- Replace side window bars with circular-patterned iron work in keeping with original design.
- Contrast between iron grates for windows with transparent arch infill.
- Loggia interior behind arches will be flexible space for different uses. Appx 1200 sq ft.
- Wave-patterned suspended ceiling decoration to add a warm tone below a concrete ceiling.
- South side of structure will be used for Parks offices and storage, including ball field management.
- Can heat part of year – electric (gas lines from Moses era have capacity but are in disrepair).
- No kitchen to be installed. Outside caterers could use a room on the south side of the arches to prep. A small room on the north side will include a sink and fridge, possibly a microwave.
- Promenade above the loggia has blue stone in good repair, but the loggia ceiling leaks.
- Will remove the blue stone, fix the roof/ceiling, and replace the blue slate stone.

Responses to Community Board questions:

- While the design calls for only 1 sink and 3 stalls in each restroom, it is difficult to relocate or add stalls or sinks and keep in compliance with various ADA requirements.
- Arch window structure to be light-colored gold color to agree with yellow-brown stone walls.
- Budget being determined. Restrooms are the first priority.
- Will determine whether project can include installation of the new form of RSP luminaires.

2. **136 Manhattan Avenue** – Applicant did not appear. [Application was approved at staff level.]

Provisional disapproval due to no-show – without prejudice to a subsequent appearance and review.

VOTE: Committee: 4-0-0-0, Non-committee board members: 3-0-0-0.

3. 2010 Goals for the Preservation Committee – Preparation for the District Needs Statement due in July.

- Intent to involve members more completely in various aspects of the committee's work.
- Each committee member to visit at least one site on agenda each month.
- Manhattan Avenue historic district – possible initiative for the committee.
- Working on set of consistent standards re encroachments on rear yards / doughnuts. Issue recurs.
- West-Park Presbyterian Church. LPC designated the building a landmark in January; City Planning concurred in March. Hearing at the City Council Subcommittee on Landmarks (part of the Committee on Land Use). Opposition aiming at Council hearings. Support designation through live testimony and/or letters to the Council.
- WEPS (West End Preservation Society) arranged for an expensive report in support of designation of a West End Avenue Historic District. Some seek to expand the proposed district onto certain side streets. More likely to be successful if the focus remains narrow. Also side-street buildings are often counterpoints rather than consistent with WEA architecture. Erica Peterson is in touch with LPC. On a slow track to calendaring.

Adjourned at 9:05 pm

Present: Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Mark Diller and Blanche Lawton. Board Members: Suzanne Robotti and Mark Darin. On-Leave: Absent: Jay Adolf, Miki Fiegel and Robert Herrmann.

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**Parks & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons**  
**April 26, 2010**  
**Joint with Preservation Committee for Items 1-3**  
**Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz, Co-Chairpersons**

1. **Riverside Park** – Renovation of 101st Street Loggia (Joint with Preservation).

Presentation by John Herrold, Riverside Park Administrator:

- Following up on issues and questions raised at the April 8th Preservation Committee meeting.
- Concerns the renovation of the arched Loggia created in 1937 as part of Robert Moses-era enclosure of railroad tracks running through RSP.
- Loggia archways filled in ca. 1964; the interior space was devastated by fire in the 1970s.
- Potential for renovated space to be used for rental (e.g. birthday parties) – not determined.

Presentation by Sienna Shaw, Paul Schroeckenstein, Steve Sze, and Michael Brotherton, Students from the Parsons School of Design

Finish for “storefront” and handrails.

- Concern that bronze-glazed aluminum finish on the handrail and treadplate for the ADA ramp would wear off with use, leaving an inconsistent finish between the handrails and storefront.
- Hence proposing silver-colored aluminum with a matte finish for storefront and handrails.
- Glass is tempered transparent safety glass that can withstand baseballs.
- Change of proposal to transparent glass from translucent resins.

Sinks in rest rooms.

- Initial presentation included only 1 sink per rest room.
- Changing the configuration and orientation of the rest rooms within the available space on the north

side of the loggia produced sub-optimal results, impinging on a potential kitchen space, and reducing the number of toilets/urinals to accommodate more sinks.

- Proposal will keep the original orientation and include 3 toilets/urinals and 1 sink in each rest room, and will add a sink in the vestibule and relocate the slop sink to a utility closet.

Ceiling design.

- Original design called for a wave-shaped suspended ceiling with lighting recessed.
- New design calls for a suspended ceiling composed of fiber/cement-board planks bolted in place with a slight facet angling back into the room, with an open plenum behind for air circulation. Narrow and wide alternating planks, with lighting recessed in the narrow planks.
- Suspended ceiling in three sections with differing heights to align the space with the arches.
- Ceiling will help hide fire damage on concrete over-ceiling.
- Cement board uses no petroleum-based ingredients, and will help mitigate live acoustics.

Other issues.

- No current plans for a/c. Sun penetrates only for a short while before sunset.
  - Could look at ceiling fans to mitigate.
  - Lighting – T8 fluorescent in 4' tubes. Will compare efficiency to T5.
  - ADA ramp to navigate around a tree; may chamfer or curve the first turn to ease access.
  - Rear panels proposed to include window boxes for Park presentations or materials.
  - Panels would enclose storage area for common area tables and chairs.
  - Funding: Fundraising on-going. Initial steps are funded.
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- Resolution to approve/support. The resolution will express the committee's thanks to the Parsons students and faculty for their expertise and dedication in choosing a project that serves our community's interests. The resolution may mention a possible qualification on the need for ventilation/cooling, and a preference for the latest rest room and sink configuration.
- VOTE: 10-0-0-0.

## **2. Riverside Park – Café at Pier I.**

Presentation by Christopher Farnum, Architect with the Revenue Division of the Dep't of Parks. John Herrold, Riverside Park Administrator.

- Pier I at 70th Street. Food concession has been operating in temporary structures for 4 years.
- Concessionaire tasked with building two buildings – a "kiosk" where food is finished and served, and a separate storage and support facility for food prep, and which also contains rest rooms.
- Kiosk on river side of bike path; rest rooms etc. on the east side of the path.

Status:

- Front kiosk is complete except for the solar screen, about which CB7 raised concerns.
- Back building is expected to be completed in June.

Kiosk:

- Stainless steel screen with sliding doors to close off counter area. Stands in front of the café building as a free-standing structure. Screen provides shade for those waiting in line.
- Concern that the screen would be used to sleep/hide behind when not in use.
- Proposal: Lift screen 30" off the ground – cannot hide/sleep behind without being seen.
- Sliding doors not necessary – further opening the area between the screen and the building.
- Counters will be enclosed by a huge accordion gate across the front of the service area.

- Concern with James Polshek's (of the Public Design Commission) selection of a matte-finished medium yellow color for the screen. Lettering on screen in green.

Storage / rest room building:

- Existing corrugated metal shipping container units combined to make structure.
- Restrooms – intend to increase size to accommodate 3 toilets and 2 sinks (women) and 2 toilets, 2 urinals and 2 sinks (men) (up from 2 & 2 each), with one toilet in each ADA accessible.
- Concessionaire currently has brought in a temporary accessible toilet.
- Will add stainless steel mesh on the outside to unify. Will grow Boston ivy on the mesh. Will also grow bamboo behind the building to create a green space.
- Concern: service building not connected to a sewer line – requires periodic waste pump-out.
- Concern: pedestrian traffic across bike path. (Most heavily used bike path in the United States!).
- Site has been in active use for 4 years – crossing the bike path is definitely challenging.
- Will remove barriers that currently impinge on bike path now that construction being completed.
- Exploring installation of ADA-friendly speed bumps for bike path.
- Concern: inadequate freezer storage to support storage of ice cream for the concession building and also for the auxiliary cart permitted under this concession.
- Concern: bamboo is an aggressive plant that can overtake a site quickly. Chosen to be hardy.
- Concern: Concessionaire spreading out across plaza, squeezing out the public. Administrator visited the site last weekend, and will urge Parks Revenue to follow up with the concession.
- Intent that tables and chairs be available for non-customers as well. Parks resisting a barrier or line on pavement because it would create a sense of entitlement within the barrier/line.
- Melissa Mark-Viverito is holding a hearing on enforcing limitations on public concessions 4/27.
- Concern: Need wider price range of food. Example of \$11 hamburger (without fries) – hot dog is the only affordable item. Revenue will follow up on creeping priciness.

**3. Riverside Park** – Presentation of a feasibility study for the construction of a new structure to include rest rooms with “environmental” toilets, and a tennis court support and maintenance and office space for the 96th Street clay tennis courts.

Presentation by Mark McIntyre – Riverside Clay Tennis Association.  
Melanie Bean – RCTA President

- RCTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit that is wholly owned by Riverside Park Fund, another 501(c)(3). Independent from City, except they cannot set Parks policy. RCTA has done a wonderful, professional job of managing the courts and the surrounding gardens for years.
- Raises 85-90% of funds needed to operate the courts.
- Courts next to river from 95th to 97th Streets.
- Project to create a new structure driven by increased usage due to courts and the bike path.
- Current rest room facility is through port-a-potties. Inadequate for traffic in the Park. When Riverwalk is completed, will be even more inadequate.
- Cannot connect to the sewer system; cannot use leaching field because of proximity to River.
- Also, RCTA needs a maintenance and storage facility and better space to manage the courts. Currently use a small brick shack (8x8) plus half-sized shipping containers for storage.
- Raised funds from members plus funds from Riverside Park Fund – engaged architect.

Location: Researched areas adjacent to the courts on the south, east and north.

- South area is the best bet. Beautiful north lawn heavily used; RCTA reclaiming East as a lawn.
- Exploring placing office and maintenance building on the 95th street parking lot to the South of the courts, which has been unused for 10 years.

- Would build structure in line of path to the courts, convert the rest of the lot into a lawn/parkland.
- Facility would use composting toilets, and use fertilizer from compost to reclaim the parking lot. Otherwise, told it would need to be trucked out about once per year.
- Only spot in Park where there is a view of the River without looking at the highway.
- Question whether a meadow would be best use for converted lot; will explore alternatives.
- Possibility of accommodating multiple uses. Consideration of a vegetable garden suggested by a community member participant at the P+E meeting.
- Use as a quiet meadow would be welcome by many. Sheep meadow model.

- Next steps – seeking funding (public funding plus private fundraising).
- Initial projection of cost is appx \$4 million.
- Consideration for budget priorities for next City budget round for FY12.
- No resolution needed or proposed, nor vote taken.

#### 4. **Riverside Park** – updates on projects.

Presentation by John Herrold.

- Waffle cart being added this year to RSPS near locomotive as part of Pier I concession. Ice cream cart may be added by concessionaire, possibly next year. probably at or near Pier I
- Bike rental location – in the zone between the Pier I café and the basketball courts. One of a series of locations to rent a bike – can do one-way rentals. “Bike & Roll” Coming summer 2010.
- Riverwalk – goal to open by Memorial Day. Hope to have an opening celebration. Extension of the esplanade – a shared path (14’ wide) among bikes, pedestrians with striped lanes.
- Lights on the bikeway – lights from 63rd Street south were originally intended to be temporary, but will be permanent. Working with DoT and the developer to install additional lights further north. Hope to complete by Fall. Will improve safety and security.
- Considering solar-powered lighting for Cherry Walk from 100th to 125th Streets. Could find scarce funding from using solar. Park lighting is expensive and requires significant excavation.
- Restoration of sea rail at Hudson River funded by Gale Brewer based on CB7 budget priorities in process. Looking at linking 72nd Street ramp project to make funding stretch further. Expect to begin work shortly.
- Riverside Park Fund is recruiting a team of gardeners to work in the Park to be responsible for specific locations in the Park.
- Homelessness in the Park – waxes and wanes. Abandoned parking lot at 95th Street is a recurring location.

5. 4/27/10 City Council hearing on park concession boundaries, community involvement in concessions, etc. The Co-Chairs mentioned the hearing and asked for volunteers to attend it the following morning, but no one was available to do so.

6. P+E Committee Meeting Date. The Committee decided to meet on the third Monday of each month.

The meeting was adjourned at about 10:00.

Present: Elizabeth Starkey, Klari Neuwelt, Phyllis Gunther, Elizabeth Caputo, Kenneth Coughlin, Mark Darin, Mark Diller, Judith Matos, Nick Prigo, Suzanne Robotti. Absent: Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd, Miki Fiegel, Robert Herrmann, Blanche Lawton, Dalia Mahmoud

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## DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Penny Ryan, District Manager

April 28, 2010, 9:30-11:15 AM

The NYC Department of Transportation presented plans for a protected bike lane on the east side of Columbus Avenue from West 96th to West 77th Streets. The bike lane will be in the parking lane, and the parking lane will move to the west. DOT and CB7 heard comments and concerns from affected agencies like DSNY, FDNY and DPR. The presentation will be available at CB7's website in mid May.

## Updates

- Update on illegal drug arrests at Amsterdam Houses – 20th Precinct, NYDA, NYCHA. Received several complaints, under investigation.
- Mayor's office to help Goddard with St. Luke's-Roosevelt acceptance of homeless with mental issues (Code 958). DHS is now working directly with EMS. Most 958's will be taken to Bellevue.
  - Goddard is moving to a new location, 123 West 79th Street/Columbus Avenue.
- Community Clean Up work in CD7 to date: Ben Smith and Louis Rivera of CCU are working in Riverside Park, Verdi Park, Presbyterian Church steps at 86th & Amsterdam Avenue, and with NYPD PO Durante and PO Echevarria to clean graffiti in the neighborhood. They have worked at twenty locations.
- Signage at the intersection of 71st Street and Amsterdam Avenue. NYPD and DOT to inspect. Meeting on site, Friday, 9AM.
- **Non-permitted bike rentals** in Lincoln Plaza Garage at 44 West 62nd Street – Manhattan North, 20th Precinct, DCA, Parks, Bike & Roll. DOB to research laws on bike storage in garage. NYPD: Bike rental – There were three arrests this season; it is under control this year. No bikes on streets and poles, or garage transactions were observed. Violations are issued when illegal renting is observed.  
DOB: Bike storage in garage for commercial purposes is illegal.
- Locations where ATMs have been installed outside businesses.  
List given to DOT. ATMs connected through electrical wiring on the sidewalk may be in violation of DOB regulations, and there may be egress issues, and permit violations. Need regulations in writing from DOT & DOB. ATM may not be legal because the structure itself is not legal. List of inspections available?
- **Request for M.A.R.C.H.** on West 103rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue. Additional foot patrols have been assigned to the area, which is a center of crime and homeless in the precinct.
- Catch basin replacements in CD7 – DDC and DEP.
- 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.
- **Unlicensed food vendors** on sidewalks around Theodore Roosevelt Park – DPR, 20th Precinct, and Mayor's Office: Vendors on Parks property – the 350-foot rule is under litigation; no enforcement until there is adjudication.
- DOT Removal of temporary electrical pole in front of 122 Manhattan Ave / 105 Street. Has been taken to the commissioner. Update in two weeks.

## Agency Reports

### DOT:

- Potholes are being addressed within a week or two. Utility is responsible for repair of potholes when they have cut the street within a year; they are required to use asphalt. Transportation Committee is going to survey crosswalks in the district for potholes.

- Two pedestrian islands will be constructed on West End Avenue.
- **Five new curb extensions will be built** as a result of the Senior Study. The locations are Central Park West & 72nd Street, Amsterdam Avenue & 66th Street, Broadway & 71st Street, Broadway & 79th street, Amsterdam & 79th Street, and West End Avenue & 75th Street.
- Abandoned enclosed sidewalk cafes can now be issued encroachment violations of \$250 that can be repetitive.

**DSNY:** Summonses were issued for 72nd Street garbage complaints.

**NYPD PSA6:** Issued 346 Quality of Life summonses; overall crime is up in the 24th Pct.

**Parks:** Walkathons are going on now. Summer on the Hudson beginning soon.

**ConEd:** Annual energy education at 4 Irving Place, Wednesday, May 5, 8:30 AM.

**NYPD/FDNY/DOB:** An illegal vendor on Broadway and 103rd Street has set up a “business” in a structure that is in an alley entrance. DOB & FDNY to inspect the structure.

**NYPD:** Grand Larceny is up mostly due to stolen personal items like bags and laptops. Credit cards are stolen from the bags and used. NYPD has a Tips flyer that they are circulating to inform the public.

**NYPD Traffic Enforcement:** Thirty new agents were hired; issued 8406 summonses, of those 272 were for bus stop.

**DOHMH** – can promote health related fairs.

**SAPO** Office is using new forms for street activity permits. No more rain dates. Applicants are required to submit their request 90 days in advance of their event date.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, PSA 6; Capt. Neil McEleney, Lt. DeSantis, Sgt. Montgomery, Det. Vassallo, 20th Pct; PO White, PO Durante, 24th Pct; PO Bianchi, Sgt. Robinson, Lt. Norville, PBMN; Beverly Smith, NYPD Summons Enforcement; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Chris Hancock, DSNY; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Joselinne Minaya, DA’s Office; Paul Evans, Parks; Michael J. Burke, FDNY; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Chris Villari, DEP; DCA; Julian Herrera, DCA; Petra Kdokotrovis, NYPL; Carlos Infante, HRA; Sally Zemmoi, SBIO; Susan Singer, NYPL; Michael Congo, DOHMH; Beverly Smith, NYPD MN Traffic Enforcement; Corey Peterson, MBP Office; Jesse Bodine, Council Member Gale Brewer’s office; Jared Chausew, Sen. Duane’s office; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Tim Devlin, Ralph Menrol, Richard Juliano, LS BID; Barbara Adler, Sharon Fink, Columbus Ave BID; Ben Smith, Luis Rivera, Clean Up NY; Jacqueline DeLeon, Dominican Sunday; Courtney Bryan, Midtown Community Court.

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