

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

Full Board Meeting Minutes June 1, 2010

Community Board 7 met on Tuesday, June 1, 2010, at Fordham University's Pope Auditorium. The meeting was chaired by Mel Wymore, CB7 chair, who called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. The following topics were discussed.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting
VOTE: 27-0-2.

Business Session

1. The Department of Transportation's proposal for a protected bike lane on the east side of Columbus Avenue from West 96th to West 77th Streets.

- Resolution was not adopted at the Transportation Committee.
- Brought to the full Board floor by the Chair.

Presentation by the Department of Transportation: Margaret Forgione – Manhattan Borough Commissioner, DoT

Naomi Iwasaki - DoT Bicycle Program

Hayes Lord - DoT

- CB7 voted in Fall 09 to request DoT to conduct a feasibility study for the installation of class 1 protected bike lanes on Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.
- Proposed lanes modeled on bike lanes installed on 8th and 9th Avenue in Chelsea.
- Proposal for bike lanes on Columbus Avenue only, and only from 96th to 77th Streets.
- No proposal for Amsterdam at this time – determined not to be feasible.
- Columbus Avenue ideal for protected bike lanes as it is wide enough to accommodate a bike lane without eliminating traffic lanes.
- Connects to existing (non-protected) bike lanes at 96th and at 78th/77th Streets.
- Injuries - implementation of protected bike lanes elsewhere has reduced injuries to all users (pedestrians, bicyclists) and reduced bike riding on sidewalks by 84%
- Proposed configuration – bike lane at the left (East) lane, with a buffer zone separating it from a floating parking lane. The buffer protects bicycles from car doors.
- Installation will narrow traffic lanes to 10', which enables DoT to keep 4 traffic lanes.
- Narrower lanes "ideal" – slows traffic. Lanes on Amsterdam are 10' currently.
- Bike lanes create safer intersections. At 2-way street intersections, a separate left turn lane with a bike-only traffic signal and distinctive painting will mark the shift from a protected lane.
- Concrete islands forming pedestrian refuges will be installed at intersections of 2-way streets.
- 1-way intersections – no pedestrian refuges.
- Adding loading zones for D'Agostino's, Food City, AMNH – either in lieu of floating parking lane or on a side street.
- Losing 55 metered parking spaces – trade-off for safer streets.
- Muni meters may put back some parking capacity as not bound by set parking space dimensions.

DoT Responses to Community Board Questions:

- Bike lane and buffer on the east side of Columbus lane will be 11' as Sanitation Dep't sweeper and

Fire Dep't need 11' clearance.

- Deliveries – Food City can load on Columbus, with parking spaces cleared on West 94th Street for an additional loading zone. D'Agostino's, Duane Reade will unload on Columbus.
- DoT will examine data re results of implementation and report after 6 months. Anticipates making minor adjustments (as DoT did with the lanes on 8th and 9th Avenues).
- Picked 77th Street for terminus because it connects with a (non-protected) E-W bike lane. While the intersection has a high volume of traffic, DoT uses average, not extreme, volume for planning.
- School bus traffic at 77th and 78th Streets unaffected – no change to right (West) lane
- Dedicated left turn lanes clearly marked to alert motorists and bicyclists of shared roadway.
- Delivery zone replaces floating parking island adjacent to Food City, D'Agostino's, Duane Reade.
- Connection at north and south ends are with non-protected bike lanes.
- Will consider installing above 96th after construction completed and evaluated.
- NYPD will be responsible for enforcement re both bicyclists and motorists. Traffic pays particular attention when lanes first launched. Had good success on 8th and 9th Avenues after installation.
- Wide emergency vehicles accommodated at right-most lane.
- Bike counts per 12 hour period: 9th Ave in Chelsea = 1300; 77th street = 798.
- Repaving will be milling and resurfacing, not full reconstruction. Will take 3 weeks to 1 month.
- Muni meters will put back 2 parking spaces per block where installed.
- Narrower 10' width is standard. Amsterdam and Broadway are 10'; Interstate lanes are 12' wide.
- Experience shows that double-parking decreases next to floating parking. Interesting psychology.
- Experience shows decrease in injuries of 30-60% - can be a significant number of people in high traffic areas.
- Fire and emergency vehicles can get through as entire width is flat (except refuges).
- DoT survey of bike use does not distinguish between delivery bikes and others.
- Loading zones eliminate parking during the day, but parking permitted overnight.
- Bike lane can be used by skateboarders, in-line skaters.
- 10' lanes "calm" traffic at off hours, do not slow traffic at high volume times.

Public Testimony:

Tila Duhaime – Upper West Side Street Renaissance Campaign:

- Top priority to place a protected bike lane on dangerous avenues.
- Hundreds of signatures from 3 petition drives.
- 452 separate letters in support, including from businesses, synagogues.
- Visited with every business on the corridor – most are positive about the proposed lane.

Peter Arndsten – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- Businesses in the BID support the proposal.

Richard Rosenthal:

- As a cyclist bloodied by collisions with cars, protected bike lanes are needed.

Detta Ahl:

- Protected bike lane helps riders learn to love NYC.
- Unprotected bike lanes are inadequate.
- Promoting cycling benefits the whole city (health, reducing wear on streets, pollution).

Cynthia Doty – District Leader 69th AD:

- Proposal is well thought out.
- After transition period, usage will increase for economic, health, safety reasons.
- Pedestrian as well as cyclist safety.

Louise Klaber – 74 years old:

- Bikes to work along the Hudson.
- Scary on streets without protected bike lanes.

William Hudson:

- Oil spill in Gulf shows the need for alternatives such as bikes.

Jean Jaworek – Duke Ellington Boulevard Neighborhood Association:

- Originally, DEBNA had reservations about bike lane on 106th. Experience positive.
- Residents now regret that this bike lane won't reach West 106th Street.

Paul Berger – Food City:

- DoT presentation slides do not show impact on the store.
- Current unloading lane is 12 feet – narrowing will cause hazard to people unloading and to cyclists.
- No viable solution for truck deliveries to a large store.

George Beane:

- Tom Engel biked everywhere until run over on 6th Avenue – no bike lane. Terrible injury.
- Did not have to happen - Up to 50% of injuries will be eliminated.

Joseph Schiff:

- DoT research did not include bus drivers. Will increase length of bus trips.

David Zelman:

- Protected bike lane proposal is an inappropriate solution to the problem.
- Slower traffic will result in pollution, reduced safety

Beth Oram:

- Successful in Chelsea – gets bikes off sidewalks (away protects pedestrians).

Dan Rieber - West 75th Street Block Assn:

- Promotes safety of all - bikes, pedestrians and cars.

Tara Maurice – UWS:

- Supports any non-carbon based transportation method.
- Amsterdam has too much traffic to install bike lane there.

Anne Cunningham:

- SRO tenants support protected bike lanes. Bikes conserve finances.
- Safety and environmental considerations among reasons to support.

Christine Berthet – Chair, Community Board 4 Transportation Committee:

- Have an opportunity to save 140 lives
- Trade-off is parking spaces for lives.

Amanda Kale – Manager at Shake Shack:

- Enthusiastic support for protected bike lane.

Nigel Savage – Park West Village:

- While arguments against the proposal are reasonable, more reasons to support.
- Need to use our space better. Protected bike lanes part of better use of space for pedestrians

Clark Vacarro - 12 years old:

- Commute by bike every day to school
- Columbus is a gauntlet with double-parked cars and fast traffic
- Kids need a safe way to ride to school.
- White House released report emphasizing need for kids to exercise more.

Tim Ruckert – Henry's Restaurant (Broadway at West 105th Street):

- Important to make streets safer. Protected lanes will give pedestrians a chance against overwhelming competition from cars.

- As a business owner, does not anticipate lanes would interfere with business.

Linda Prine - Physician; President of the NY Chapter of Family Physicians:

- Fighting obesity epidemic; Commuting by bike or walking is effective way to combat weight.
- Patients say streets are too dangerous. Eliminate excuses not to exercise.

Mary Beth Kelly:

- Husband was one of the 250 deaths each year from car/bicycle accidents.
- Must be visionary.

Barbara Adler – Executive Director, Columbus Avenue BID:

- Commercial businesses and property owners in support.
- DoT reached out to businesses to ensure that concerns will be met with adjustments.
- Bikers become potential shoppers.
- Served on CB7 for 22 years, seeking to make UWS less chaotic and dangerous.

KC Rice (71 years):

- Pedestrian with mobility issues.
- Protected lanes not entirely about bikes. Promote pedestrian safety too.
- If we do not implement lanes, DoT will take their money and resources elsewhere.

Steven Phillips:

- Many pedestrians, businesses, cyclists support. Should heed community voice.

Randy Cohen:

- Bicycles are non-polluting, promote health and fitness, and are fun.
- Suffered serious accident (broken ribs). Can make streets safer.
- Chelsea example – this initiative works.

Robert Josman:

- Bikers are only 4% of New Yorkers; BID supports very few blocks.
- Truck route through the neighborhood is needed for local and distant businesses.

Peter Rider - West 91st Street Owners:

- Pendulum swinging against property owners. Bike lanes enforced even when unreasonable (example of summons for loading elderly into vehicle).
- W 91st bike lane seldom used

Willow Stelzer:

- Uses bike lanes to go downtown on protected bike lanes to shop.
- Bike lane issue led to involvement in the community for the first time.

Matthew Modine:

- Moved to NYC 30 years ago. Used bike to get to auditions.
- May not have had a career without a bike.
- People who use bike lanes are generally happier than those opposed.
- Should create an opportunity for children to bike to school; can reduce obesity.

Lisa Sladkus – UWS Street Renaissance:

- Should prioritize safety, for kids, older adults and those with mobility issues.

Board Discussion

Presentation by Transportation Committee Chairs:

Andrew Albert:

- Committee discussion sought greater specificity on DoT presentation.
- Double-parked trucks already cause gridlock – will be worse with narrower lanes.
- Frustrated by DoT's refusal to do a comprehensive traffic study above West 86th Street even as they are proposing to reconfigure the avenues in that area.
- Merchants will be affected – making deliveries over a bike lane can't be good for bikes or store.
- Side street delivery area will enrage neighbors and lead to loss of parking.
- Transportation Committee sought but has not received from DoT a report detailing basis for its conclusion that West End Avenue is not an option for a bike lane.
- Bike lane will interfere with Greenmarket trucks.
- Concern for enforcement – board member hit by delivery bike going wrong way.

Dan Zweig:

- Protected bike lanes are the right solution. Committee proposed WEA; DoT sought Columbus.
- Looking for a commutable corridor. Got 19 blocks instead.
- Many ways to promote pedestrian safety - shorten distances crossed. Bike lanes only one way.

- Real safety comes from traffic enforcement re bikes and cars.
- Can also make neighborhood safer by widening sidewalks.
- Supports protected bike lanes, but must be in the right place.

Remarks by Elected Officials:

Gale Brewer – City Council Member, 6th District:

- Office on 87th and Columbus, lives off Columbus – knows the route planned for the bike lane.
- Gets calls about bikes on sidewalks, going the wrong way on streets. Bike lanes are the answer.
- Pedestrian safety. Seniors should not be afraid of bicyclists – makes sense to separate safely.
- Central Park West's unprotected lane is not secure.

On other topics:

- West-Park Presbyterian Church Landmark – must raise money together to keep it as a church.
- Helicopters – Worked to strike a deal limiting flights over residential areas for tourist flights.
- Earphones on tour buses – eliminates noise on streets, in homes along routes.
- McCourt HS fully enrolled and preparing for its first year. Great accomplishment for new school.

Comments by CB7 Chair:

Mel Wymore:

- Brought this resolution to the Board to air the issue even though the resolution failed at Committee.
- Many concerns raised – DoT has worked hard to respond.
- “Test” – if it works, should be extended, if not, mitigation and adjustments to be made to redress.
- Should take a shot.

Discussion and Comments by Board Members:

Chair to limit Board members to 1 minute, and to speak only once.

Point of order – chair lacks authority to restrict Board members' opportunity to speak, or to impose a time limit.

Chair changed from a limit of 1 minute to a request that Board members speak only for 1 minute.

Paul Fischer:

- No adequate explanation why WEA is not a better choice.

Susan Robotti:

- Deeply flawed proposal, but better than none – should take the leap.

Robert Espier:

- World movement to encourage use of bikes is reaching NYC – should embrace.
- Should encourage bike use for health reasons.

Ann Raphael:

- Given importance of issue, and impact on merchants, it was incumbent upon to DOT to do a study of WEA, even though it would have been more complicated as a two-way avenue.

Phyllis Gunther:

- Resolution should state specifically that evaluation of the implementation should be made after 6 months, and the results of the evaluation published to CB7 and the community.

ACCEPTED as friendly amendment.

Blanche Lawton:

- Concern about bike lane – lane is not really protected.
- Columbus is a traffic jam already, with 2 bus routes, truck route, also route for big buses.
- Lanes too narrow for City buses to pull into/out of bus stops.

Charles Simon:

- Not a perfect plan, but good enough. Should not let the pursuit of the perfect prevent the good.

- Happy to live with the risk of moving slower on Columbus.

Jay Adolf:

- Concern that what looks good on paper may not be borne out in practice.
- Loss of parking is significant. Side street loading zones not a good solution – residents will be rightly concerned.
- Hudson Greenway is an appropriate alternative.

Mark Darin:

- Cherishes riding bike.
- Businesses negatively influenced – question unanswered.

Helen Rosenthal:

- Thanks to community for sticking with CB7.
- Lanes are protected because the parked cars form buffer
- After 6 mos – can determine success as a safety measure.
- Bikes need to know where to go. Safer when all have a place.

Eric Shuffler:

- Monitoring must be real. It is an experiment worth trying.

Roberta Semer :

- Buffer will provide an ample median for unloading.
- Protected bike lanes are much safer – would use bike here only on protected lanes.

Ken Coughlin:

- Prediction of catastrophe for area business without basis – BIDs support.
- Hard time understanding what's wrong with something that looks good on paper.
- Net loss is only 17 parking spaces when net addition from muni-meters included.
- Dedicated turn lanes will improve traffic flow – positive for motorists as well as pedestrians, cyclists. Pedestrian refuges are a significant improvement.
- 12-foot lanes are the width of Interstates – we don't want an Interstate in our neighborhood.

Elizabeth Starkey:

- Had been doubtful about 9th Avenue bike lane downtown, but experience shows it works.
- DoT has responded quickly to glitches and problems. Can have confidence they will on UWS.
- Disappointed that we only get part of Columbus when asked for Columbus and Amsterdam.
- On balance, we are better off starting with small project.

Ethel Sheffer:

- Impressed with DoT proposal and assurances; much to like in the proposal.
- Skeptical about after-the-fact indicators. Would like to see CB7's resolution provide for a specific role for CB7 involvement in establishing criteria for review and reporting, including ways to measure or demonstrate that the bike lane actually reduces conflicts between pedestrians and bikes.
- Criteria should also include an evaluation of impact on loading zones and side street deliveries.

Miki Fiegel:

- Enforcement alone is insufficient to protect pedestrians. Example of dangerous intersection at 96th and Broadway despite efforts by officers to tame dangers of oncoming traffic.
- Trucks must be able to get through our neighborhood.
- Street parking reduction will hurt the vulnerable working middle class who must use streets.
- Pedestrian safety not sufficiently enhanced by this proposal. Not in balance with needs.

Klari Neuwelt:

- Strongly in favor.
- Persuaded by community, remarks of committee members, and BIDs.
- Persuaded by impact on pedestrian safety.
- 3 reasons why bikes are dangerous: (a) riding wrong way; (b) riding on sidewalks; (c) failing to stop at intersections.
- First two will be redressed by bike lane; third will not be made worse or better.

- Should have more dedicated stop lights for bikes.

Marc Glazer:

- Supports for reasons already voiced.

Louis Cholden-Brown:

- Supports for reasons already voiced.

Sheldon Fine:

- Along with Community Emergency Response Team members spoke with merchants, parkers, doormen; 82 people in all.
- 4 areas of concern:
 - (a) Safety – corners, doesn't see how motorists will be tamed by turns through bike lanes.
 - (b) Enforcement – long-term unable to be a factor.
 - (c) Areas not well planned – loading, greenmarket are all serious concerns not addressed.
 - (d) Sharing bike lane with roller bladders, scooters – dangerous to bikes and others.
- Absence of corridor (connecting with lanes above/below) doesn't make sense.

Nick Prigo:

- Benefits outweigh negatives.

Gabriella Rowe:

- As the head of a school of 400 children, must deal with consequences of a child hit by a bicycle on a sidewalk about once per week.
- Any proposal that can succeed in getting bikes off sidewalks is worth trying.

Mark Diller:

- Not the proposal that CB7's Fall resolution called for or what we were given to expect.
- The absence of a northbound counterpart is troubling; reliance on the unprotected bike lane northbound on CPW is insufficient.
- Promised pedestrian refuges, but current proposal includes only 3 – need real safety improvements at every intersection.
- The proposal does not read as a test. Should get it right before committing resources.

Gabby Palitz:

- Not a perfect proposal, but can look at it optimistically.
- Hoping that lanes can be extended to Amsterdam and the rest of the distance of Columbus.

Lenore Norman:

- Too many unanswered questions. Concerns for pedestrian safety still paramount.

Hope Cohen:

- Unfortunate that we are being forced to look at a segment. Columbus is the wrong place.
- Right thing is to look at whole transportation systems, not pieces. CB7 is undertaking such a global analysis to inform a discussion on at that issue. Protected bike lanes are a good part of such a system, if sited correctly.
- Commercial corridors are the wrong places for bike lanes.
- That said, must test something. Should be understood that this is really only a test.
- Strengthen test-language, urge temporariness in installation so they can be removed if unsuccessful.

Victor:

- Not ready for a test.
- Too many problems: cyclists not wearing helmets, not observing traffic laws, riding on sidewalks.
- Should be required to register bikes, pay fees/taxes and have insurance like others using roadways.

Elizabeth Caputo:

- Appeal to bikers to use the lanes once created. Appropriate use of road space for cyclists.

George Z:

- Of 452 letters presented, only 6 from businesses on Columbus in zone.

[Note: Chair offered a different count]

- Weighing competing interests is difficult job.
- Business & Consumer Issues Committee requires liquor license applicants to prove their bicycle delivery staff comply with rules re helmets, vests with name of restaurant visible, etc.
- Enforcement always an issue, and it is not realistic to expect NYPD to enforce all rules at all times.
- Putting mandates on businesses defeats thriving community.

Dan Zweig:

- Flawed plan. Asked for a corridor, got a play area. Need a complete proposal.
- DoT didn't look at Amsterdam – no immediate prospect for the whole thing.
- Concern how resolution brought to full Board given action not taken at Committee.
- Only one voice heard – more voices in the community than presented at this meeting.
- At committee, when only one side present, typically adjourn to hear others. Should be done here.
- Proposed friendly amendment – Portion of resolution calling for increased enforcement should not be limited to the area of the new bike lane, but rather for increased enforcement throughout CB7's District. Should not take enforcement away from other areas to increase presence in the bike lane.

Chair: Friendly amendment ACCEPTED.

Page Cowley:

- Admirable proposal, but does not connect to a real bike grid.
- Should not be pressured to make a decision when serious issues have been raised.
- Delivery trucks need room to stop.
- Would vote for this if there could be a definite study period for extending north and south.

Tom Vitullo-Martin:

- Sensitive to safety issues for bikes and cars.
- Traffic count under 900 bikes in 12 hour period (appx 70 per hour). Pales in comparison to car/truck usage on crowded avenue. Yet proposing to devote 20% of street to bikes.
- Concern for impact on buses in traffic. Should have combined bike and bus lanes in proposal.
- Alternative solution is to eliminate parking altogether on one side or another.
- Chelsea model is less traveled, and has more dedicated turn lanes.
- Plan is incomplete. Only way to get the plan we need is to bottleneck this plan until it is revisited.
- Enforcement of traffic rules requires that bikes be licensed with owners identified.
- Proposed amendment – Approval of bike lane contingent on bike licensing and enforcement plan.

NOT FRIENDLY.

VOTE: 17-25-0-0 – proposed amendment fails.

Barbara Van Buren:

- Protected bike lanes are a good idea; but problems should be resolved before approval.
- Deliveries not adequately addressed by DoT.
- Turn lanes system does not make sense.
- Pedestrian safety re bicycles now ignored by NYPD. Pedestrians more afraid of bikes than cars.

Madge Rosenberg:

- Would like to see experiment tried. If unsuccessful, can remove.

Richard Asche:

- Unusual situation - many speakers say plan is deeply flawed but will support.
- Urge to support bike lanes is understandable as they are something we want in our area.
- Concern re installing 3 concrete piers that reduce Columbus Avenue by 19'.
- Could support if the concrete piers were eliminated (allowing alternate traffic patterns).
- Columbus is already impassable – most congested area in our District.
- Would also support alternative of replacing parking lane with bike lane.
- Buffer without parked cars would be sufficient protection.
- Make no mistake – trucks will get through. Impacts on bikes, pedestrians will be the fallout.
- Enforcement is a red herring.

- Safety issue is overblown. 300,000 bike trips in one year – one accident in 50,000 trips.
- Pollution issue is overblown – slowing traffic and congestion creates more pollution.

Lillian Moore:

- Love the idea of a bike lane.
- Colleagues raised important questions. Especially the viability of placing lanes on other avenues.
- Needs more work before we are ready to vote.

Margaret Forgione – Borough Commissioner – response to discussion

- DoT did study Amsterdam. Amsterdam has 10' lanes, and current traffic flow capacity is needed.
- Hence Amsterdam is not a “no-brainer” that Columbus was to plan.
- Placing a protected bike lane on Amsterdam would require removal of travel or parking lane.
- Not willing to propose a lane for Amsterdam at this time.
- Columbus bike lane has a pair with CPW – project makes sense.
- Strategy to implement on Columbus, and then bring community along for Amsterdam.
- WEA not an option for DoT because it would not connect to lane to the south.
- 6 pedestrian islands, not 3 – same width as buffer. Made a huge improvement in Chelsea.
- Deliveries over bike lane are not complicated to solve.

Proposed Amendment: (Hope Cohen):

- That the pedestrian refuges be marked only by paint and not concrete to enable easy removal if unsuccessful.

Response – Margaret Forgione (DoT): Traffic signals would need to be placed along floating island, so would need concrete to go somewhere.

VOTE: 18-17-6-0 – proposed amendment fails.

Proposed Amendment: (Ann Raphael):

- Require DoT to evaluate the results of the implementation of the bike lanes after 6 months, and to report to CB7 and revisit issues raised by the evaluation and require CB7 in the decision whether to revisit, quit, extend/expand, modify, or make permanent the bike lane.

VOTE: 14-25-5-0 – proposed amendment fails.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the installation of protected bike lanes on Columbus Avenue between 96th and 77th Streets was adopted.

Roll Call vote.

VOTE: 23-19-1-0.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

2. 95 West 95th Street (Columbus Avenue.) Application [M 920493 (E) ZAM] to Department of City Planning by Columbus 95th Street LLC requesting a modification of the previously approved Large Scale Residential Development (LSRD) within the former West Side Urban Renewal Area, to facilitate the enlargement of the 1st and 2nd stories of an existing 33-story mixed use building at the above referenced location, to utilize available floor area for commercial and community facility uses.

Committee Chairs' Presentation:

- Project was before the Board at the May meeting.
- City Planning allowed an extension of its review process to allow a second consideration at Committee based on revisions made by the developer to the plan.
- Proposal has changed from most recent committee discussion to full Board, as it did in May.
- Applicant worked hard to meet concerns raised at Committee.

Michael Sillerman – Kramer Levin, counsel to the developer:

- Developer has made further design improvements.
- Heeding admonition to make entrance on 95th street more inviting, now proposing widening the proposed planting strip from 3' to 11' feet; changing paving materials to blue stone.
- Reduced overhanging cantilever second-storey projection over 95th Street entrance by 6 feet.
- Committee seeking preservation of building access corridor mid-block on Columbus front.
- Mid-block Columbus Avenue access limits developer's ability to accede to the Board's request to create swing space so all current commercial tenants could operate during renovations.
- Right of first refusal/first offer already delivered to store owners.

Richard Asche (Co-Chair):

- Committee sought to condition approval on 3 actions/improvements:
 - (1) Removal of cantilever on 95th Street side entrance -- Developer has reduced, not eliminated.
 - (2) Preserving current walkway from Columbus to building entrance -- Developer has not addressed.
 - (3) Giving current retail stores a binding right of first offer/first refusal, with the store owners determining whether the condition has been satisfied -- Not clear whether this has yet been done.
- None of conditions definitively met as yet.
- Resolution seeks to memorialize these conditions.

Public Comment

Ceding time to Health Food store:

Anne Cottavoz – Owner, current Health Food Store store.

- Board seeking balance and to treat all constituents fairly
- Have been seeking to negotiate with good faith with the developer/landlord since May meeting.
- Attempts to negotiate now for a lease renewal to span the renovations have been rejected. Developer concerned about quoting a price now without knowing final square footage, rates.
- Raised proposal to cap developer's renovation expenditures for the store – no discussion ensued.
- Long delays between discussions, developer unwilling to commit to a finite position.
- Received first refusal letter late Sunday on Memorial Day weekend, two days before Board meeting. Letter contained few terms, no assurance that store could remain, no commitment to financial agreement re rebuilding or relocating the store.
- Developer offered to commit \$50K to rebuild store if supported proposal at CB7 and City Planning.
- Concern over ability to continue the small business built over 16 years, and over respect.

The following community members ceded time to and/or supported the statement made by Ms. Cottavoz: Joanna Hixon, Elinor Cohen, Emily Margolis, Clare Dockery, Marcia Benowitz, Tina Pelikan, Katina Ekstrom, Margot Nash, Patrick Finnegan

Penny Chong – Hunan Park (current commercial tenant):

- Landlord has been non-responsive since last meeting.
- Hope landlord will allow this small business to continue to operate.

The following members of the community addressed one or of the following points:

Stephanie Flately; Orin Kotula; Anthea Lingeman; Ben Wolinsky; Edward Green; Rhoda Green; Nydia Leaf; Irving Polsky; Steve Kaplan (93rd-94th Streets Preservation Alliance); Jane Wilson (neighboring small business owner); Cathy Unsino

- Should preserve mom and pop businesses on the UWS.
- Should not take away community open space, including extra-wide sidewalks.
- Wide sidewalks and trees were the benefit exchanged for a taller tower – should keep.

- Retail at this location is already vital and active – does not need revitalizing per zoning amendment.
- Proposed 2-storey appropriate for retail on Madison Avenue, not our neighborhood.
- Should not displace mature trees on wide sidewalks.
- Community does not need more empty expensive retail space.
- Need property owners to take care of existing conditions.
- Jobs will be lost – over 40 people working in these mom and pop stores.
- This neighborhood evolved to be desirable with its character and charm.
- Recently added retail (e.g. at Columbus Square) is out of character with the neighborhood.
- 4,000 signatures on petition to leave these stores alone.
- Should not approve proposal if it enlarges the neighborhood's carbon footprint
- Plaza should be improved without give-away re reconstructing stores.
- Building already as tall as controversial 808 Columbus, should not grant more floor area.
- Retail on 96th and Columbus will crowd the bus stop
- Sets a terrible precedent.
- Small businesses struggling since Koch administration – should preserve against this action.
- Aging in place should be supported both for residents and for the small businesses that serve them.

Michael Sillerman – Developer's Counsel's response:

- Developer has sent letters to current commercial tenants offering first refusal of new space to be constructed at then-prevailing fair-market rates. [read portion of letter]
- Ann (health food store) is a wonderful and desirable tenant.
- Developer has reconfigured space to meet Board's requirements.
- Tenants have leases of limited terms, some have demolition clauses. Specifics of lease negotiations should be left to landlord and tenant.
- Developer has offered economic concessions and relocation expenses to Health Food Store.
- Exception to rule requiring developer outside Lincoln Square to build to the lot line.

Board Discussion:

Page Cowley (Co-Chair):

- Text amendment never envisioned that every building would build out to the maximum – not to replicate a design style that was determined to be unsuccessful.

Hope Cohen:

- Resolution drafted by Land Use Committee called for specified design changes and actions.
- Included remediation for retail tenants - that developer "do its utmost," including swing space, staging construction, ensuring new space would accommodate their businesses.
- Developer has not met our three conditions. Should not approve.

Tom Vitullo-Martin:

- Not a good policy for the Board to adjudicate commercial lease transactions and disputes.
- (Example of unsuccessful attempts to preserve Lichtmann's bakery.)
- Board is not in a position to determine if conditions have been met.
- Reword resolution to disapprove expansion unless it includes a break for access on Columbus.
- Should conform last "be it further resolved" to match previous format.

Jay Adolf:

- Committee took up this nuanced issue well. Sought commitment by the developer to grant a right of first refusal to existing tenants. Attorney's testimony is that this was done.
- Board should not be arbiter of a specific result in lease negotiations with commercial tenants. No one can guarantee a renewal or a particular rent when lease expires.

Helen Rosenthal:

- Resolution should be styled as a disapproval unless conditions met, rather than approval provided

conditions met.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve with conditions was not adopted.

VOTE: 6-25-6-0.

New Resolution – To disapprove the application unless the conditions specified in the originally proposed resolution are met.

Ethel Sheffer:

- City Planning can only deal with conditions relating to the zoning resolution/amendment.
- City Planning cannot make the developer treat commercial tenant in any particular way.

After deliberation, the second proposed resolution to disapprove unless specified conditions are met was adopted.

VOTE: 29-4-6-1

Community Session

Alan Flacks

- Right of first refusal/first offer - Developer not obligated to offer anything.

Adam Meagher, Department of City Planning:

- Manhattan workshop on Comprehensive Waterfront planning for all 500 miles of City's shoreline.
- June 8th at Murray Bergtraum HS near Bklyn Bridge.
- Mandated to finish in one year. Details at nyc.gov/planning – follow link on first page.

Peter Arndsten – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- Manhattan Valley Community Days were wonderful events.
- Upcoming "Make Music NY" another good community event (6/21)

Jared Chausow – State Senator Tom Duane's Office:

- Sponsored legislation to facilitate ability to register as an organ donor on-line.

Tara Alport – Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's Office:

- A-M at work in Albany; refers to calendar and fact sheet to conserve time at a long meeting.

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

- Community Board budget allocations restored to \$198K level.
- Charter Revision going forward – BP's office assisting public in understanding issues.
- Successful information forum for tenants affected by Pinnacle class action lawsuit - thanks to Charles Simon and Housing Committee for assistance.
- BP's office providing expert training sessions for new board members.
- Public hearing on the need for a school at Riverside Center, and the attributes of the school needed, was success.
- Rent guidelines sessions planned to supply advocates with info for info advocacy.

Chair:

- Hearings scheduled for review and comment on the proposed Riverside Center project:
- June 3rd - information session with presentations by Extell and CB7, at 1835 Broadway (61st Street).
- June 15th – Public Hearing at PS 191, 61st Street between WEA and Amsterdam.

- June 29th – Working Group meeting at CB7
- July 6th – discussion and potential vote, at Congregation Rodeph Sholom (7 West 83rd Street).

Business Session...continued

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

3. Department of City Planning's proposed citywide text amendment to the Zoning Resolution that will create regulations to allow car share vehicles to park in off-street accessory garages and lots and in public parking facilities in all zoning districts.

- Clarifying text amendment to ensure that limits or caps on car-sharing does not limit zip cars
- After deliberation, the resolution to approve the proposed text amendment was adopted.

VOTE: 41-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

4. Application #1342402 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Islam Amirul to construct and operate a newsstand at the northwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 59th Street.

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

VOTE: 27-2-0-0.

5. Broadway and West 96th Street intersection.

- Current condition allowing two turn lanes to advance simultaneously is unnecessarily dangerous, with many near misses.
- Should revise plan to isolate each turn lane.

After deliberation, the following resolution to revise the turn lane procedure was adopted.

VOTE: 31-0-0-0.

DOT has installed advance left turns for both north and southbound Broadway at West 96th Street. These parallel movements are extremely confusing to motorists, resulting in many near-miss accidents between vehicles turning simultaneously.

The pegatracks DOT has installed are so worn away that at nighttime they are virtually worthless.

DOT has used the subway construction at West 96th Street as an excuse to not change anything there.

The subway construction is winding down and will be finished in late September/early October.

Community Board 7 doesn't want a death to occur here regardless of the construction.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan requests the urgent change to the simultaneous advanced left-turn arrows on Northbound and Southbound Broadway without further delay.

Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

6. **130-132 West 70th Street** (Broadway- Columbus Avenue.) Application #10-5379 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct rooftop and rear-yard additions, reconstruct a stoop and alter the front areaways.

Presentation by Lenore Norman and Gabby Palitz, co-chairpersons:

- Front façade restoration presented no issue and was readily approved by the Committee.
- Original rear elevation and rooftop addition were out of scale and read as a single building, which was inappropriate to the character of the rear yard.
- Applicant presented substantially revised plans at a second meeting held immediately prior to the

full board meeting.

- Changes included the separation of the rear façade to distinguish between the two separate elevations (even though entirety of the existing structure other than the front façade will be removed and replaced with a new structure, but one that will preserve the appearance of party walls in the front rooms so that the buildings will continue to read as two separate structures from the front.
 - Essential concerns of the Committee were met by the revised proposal.
 - Two separate resolutions originally proposed. Resolution “A” was to approve the front façade, resolution “B” was to disapprove the rear façade and rooftop addition.
 - At tonight’s pre-meeting, the Committee adopted a substitute resolution to approve the rear yard elevation and rooftop addition as “minimally appropriate” to the character of the rear yard.
- After deliberation, the resolutions to approve the (A) front façade restoration and (B) rear elevation and rooftop addition were adopted.

VOTES

A: 28-0-1-1;

B: 27-2-1-1.

7. **101 West 80th Street**, aka 418-422 Columbus Avenue. Application #10-6585 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacements.

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

VOTE: 31-1-0-0.

8. **56 West 66th Street**, ABC (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a facade restoration, an ADA-compliant ramp, three new doors in existing entrances, parapet extensions, an elevator tower, stair bulkheads, modernization of mechanical equipment and replacement of the roof.

- Architects and owner aligned and sensitive to exceeding, not just meeting, appropriateness standard.

- This project and its architects and owner are a model for others to follow.

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

VOTE: 31-0-0-0.

9. **115 West 69th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition.

- The entirety of the rear-yard addition was inappropriate.
- The proposed rear façade contained too much glass, no masonry definition or articulation.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 29-0-2-0.

10. **27 West 74th Street** (Central Park West- Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a stoop alteration.

- Stoop renovation – replacing current stoop landing with a curved return that is more in keeping with an original design, and provides greater light and access to the ground floor.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-0-0.

11. **113 West 88th Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Application #10-8012 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize alterations to the areaway completed in non-compliance with Certificate of No Effect 00-3158.

- Applicant failed to appear at Committee.
- Per typical practice, resolution to disapprove without prejudice to reconsideration if the application

should present the proposal to the Committee and Board at a later time.
After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove without prejudice was adopted.
VOTE: 28-0-0-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

12. Applications to the SLA for a two-year liquor licenses:

- 142 West 65th Street (Broadway) RA Patina, d/b/a To Be Determined.
- 100 West 82nd Street (Columbus Avenue) 100 West 82nd Street LLC, d/b/a/ Ditch Plains.
- 200 West 60th Street (Columbus Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 0984345 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Heledona, Inc., d/b/a Olympic Flame Diner, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats.

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

VOTE: 30-0-0-0.

13. **2186 Broadway** (West 77th – 78th Streets.) 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.

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

VOTE: 28-2-0-0.

14. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

- **433 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th - 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1027125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Haru Amsterdam Avenue Corp., d/b/a Haru, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats.
- **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.
- **477 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#0883095 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 83rd Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Hi Life Bar & Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 26 seats.
- **718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1277777 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iano Corp., d/b/a Acqua, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.
- **2728 Broadway** (West 104th – 105th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1221141 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tokyo Pop, LLC, d/b/a Angelina Pizza Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 34 seats.
- **2756 Broadway** (West 106th – 107th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0890575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Wild Rose Management, Inc., d/b/a Meridiana Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 31 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 30-0-0-0.

15. New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Applications:

- **2398 Broadway** (88th Street.) New application DCA# 1351071 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Aged 88 Street, LLC, d/b/a Aged, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 17 tables and 36 seats.
- **935 Columbus Avenue** (West 105th – 106th Streets.) New application DCA# 1347879 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Fortago, for a two-

year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats.

• **969 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th – 108th Streets.) New application DCA# 1348898 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ploy Dee, Inc., d/b/a Wondee Siam V, for a two-year consent After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 30-0-0-0.

ADJOURN: 11:45PM

Present: Mel Wymore, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Brian Byrd, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Hope Cohen, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Mark Diller, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Blanche E. Lawton, Marisa Maack, Dalia Mahmoud, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Oscar Ríos, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Charles Simon, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, Cara Volpe, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. On-Leave: Robert Herrmann, Daniel Meltzer. Absent: Linda Alexander, Ulma Jones, Judith Matos and Haydee Rosario.

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
June 8, 2010

1. **2642 Broadway** (West 101st Street) Renewal application #B00256 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Fast Operating Corp., d/b/a Carmel Car & Limo for a For Hire Base Station License.

Avik Kebbssa (owner) presented. When questioned by Ken Coughlin about signage, he said he would find out.

Committee Approves: 9-1-0-0; 0-0-1-0

2. Request to name secondarily the southwest corner of West 64th Street and Central Park West in honor of the

New York Society for Ethical Culture. Committee Approves “Ethical Culture Way” as a permanent secondary re-naming: 6-2-0-0; 1-0-0-0

3. Request to name secondarily West 82nd Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive in honor of Paul

Harding.

Paul Harding Jr. presented that his father was the HRA Deputy Commissioner, a great philanthropist, and co-op board member from 311 West 82nd Street. The Committee suggested the applicants provide petitions and other documents confirming community support. Committee suggested a plaque in lieu of a secondary street naming. Group will return next month.

4. Application #1355062 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iqbal Sayyed to construct and operate a newsstand at the southwest corner of Broadway and West 70th Street (in a bus stop) Applicant, Mr. Sayyed, presented. He said the newsstand is 60 feet from the bus shelter, which is why DOT approved the application. Applicant will get a refund from DCA. Committee says application is disapproved.

5. Application #1355061 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Iqbal Sayyed to construct and operate a newsstand at the southwest corner of Broadway and West 73rd Street (in front of Chase Bank). Applicant, Mr. Sayyed, presented. Ann Cunningham of the Tempo Hotel Tenants Association testified that the plan is unacceptable. She said that the notice was not posted. Marcel Rosenblatt said she is against it. Mr. Iqbal said he tried to post but Lincoln Square security turned him down. He tried again two days later and succeeded. He gave a list and photographs. He also says that his newsstands have cameras and provide security. Committee requested site plan and will postpone a vote until next month.

6. Shai Waisman from Riverside Boulevard, spoke about the dangers of the street, which spans 61st through 72nd Streets, because there are no traffic lights. He presented petitions signed by 700 residents -- 60 of whom met with Board Chair Mel Wymore on the morning of June 8. Group is requesting traffic lights. Roberta Semer, also a resident of the area, explained the history and confirmed the danger. She added Freedom Place has a stop sign, but there are also issues with street signage. Daniel Gonzalez, resident manager, 220 RS Blvd, presented. A 12-year resident of the area, Dr. Kharbonda, an ER physician, added the area is especially dangerous for children and is worried about his own children. Dan Zweig discussed alternatives that are currently being offered, including a slower area speed limit and increased enforcement by NYPD and TLC. Roberta Semer suggested a walk-through with DOT be scheduled. Mr. Weitzman also suggested that the Community Board put pressure on Extell at the June 15th meeting. The following facts and concerns were considered in arriving at our conclusion: The connection between Riverside Drive & Riverside Blvd is imminent. There are no traffic signals anywhere along Riverside Blvd. Many safety concerns have been raised by residents along Riverside Blvd, including many near-misses, and collisions between pedestrians & automobiles, and The connection will mean much more traffic along Riverside Blvd, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan implores DOT not to open the connection between Riverside Drive & Riverside Blvd until adequate safety measures have been taken, including installation of traffic signals along Riverside Blvd; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 calls on Extell and DOT to make it safer immediately.
9-0-0-0. 1-0-0-0

7. District Needs Statement – Discussion of priorities.
Funding for additional enforcement of vehicular regulations so that traffic controls are observed.
Speed cameras requested.
Stop Here on Red signs requested for Broadway malls for the following streets: 108th Street, 100th Street, 82nd Street, among others.

New Business

8. Committee agreed to meet on the corner of West 61st Street and Amsterdam Avenue, Wednesday, June 16 at 8 a.m. to review traffic patterns near the schools.
9. Marc Glaser brought up the issue of possibly charging Muni-meter parking on Sundays. Mr. Glaser said that

cars are parked throughout Sunday and are most likely employees of businesses.

10. Public member David Zelman requested that the 79th Street crosstown bus lay over on the southeast side

of the block between RSD and the Rotunda be moved. Andrew suggested the layover occur on the north side of the street so as to not obscure peoples' view.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
June 9, 2010

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

1. **25 Central Park West** (West 62nd Street.) 25 CPW Café Associates, d/b/a Central Park West Café, Represented by; Greg Hunt, applicant, his attorney, Mr. Donald Bernstein, his landlord's attorney, Mr. Robert Davis, and approximately 50 residents and neighbors who spoke for and against the application. The applicant agreed to amend his hours of operation to close at 1:00 AM Sunday thru Tuesday and at 2:00 AM Wednesday thru Saturday. Other stipulations, including but not limited to, are: monitoring of vehicular traffic, adequate security, no outdoor café, no live performances. Committee Disapproves, with conditions 7-2-0-0 1-1-0-0

2. **49 West 64th Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) 48-50 West 65th Street LLC, d/b/a "Atlantic Grill". Applicant, Mr. Steve Hanson. Seafood Restaurant with 299 seats. No outdoor café application will be submitted.

Committee Approves 8-0-0-0

3. **160 West 72nd Street**, Suite 2-R (Broadway-Columbus Avenue.) The Wine Workshop LTD, d/b/a The Wine Workshop. Applicant Mr. Truly Hardy, manager. Application is for a second floor wine tasting room, above the Acker Merrill wine store.

Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

4. **414 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 79th – 80th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1016775 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BEK Enterprises. d/b/a Savann Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 17 seats. Applicant did not show, no vote was taken

5. **433 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th – 81st Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1027125 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Haru Amsterdam Avenue Corp. d/b/a Haru, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats. Applicant Mr. Ozay Yuzon

Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

6. **483 Amsterdam** (West 83rd – 84th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1027927 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Good Enough to Eat Uptown LTD, d/b/a Good Enough to Eat, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 15 seats.

Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Re-Apply Application:

7. **519 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th – 86th Streets.) Re-Apply application DCA# 1251454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Food 01 Corp, d/b/a Zeytin, for a two-year consent to operate an

unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats. Applicant, Mr. Ozay Yuzon, owner
Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Applications:

8. **982-988 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 108th-109th Streets.) New application DCA# 1347879 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Village Pour House, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats. Applicants, Mr. Sherman Mcqorr and Joel Garrick, owners, who have rectified the noise problems and other issues presented by neighbors at previous committee sessions.
Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

9. **187 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th – 69th Streets.) New application DCA# 1353186 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Roma 380 Operating Corporation, d/b/a Bomboloni, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats. Applicant, Mr. David Ruggiero, owner.
Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

10. **2454 Broadway** (West 90th – 91st Streets.) New application DCA# 1353319 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Big Daddy's III LLC, d/b/a Big Daddy's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 42 seats. Represented by Mr. Michael Schatzberg.
Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

11. **2518 Broadway** (West 94th Street.) New application DCA# 1353701 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 94 Corner Café Corp., d/b/a Café 71, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 16 seats.
Mr. Lamcros Hliko, owner.
Committee Approves 8-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michele Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Dalia Mahmoud and Anne Raphael. Board Members: Louis Cholden-Brown and Kenneth Coughlin. Absent: Ulma Jones.

Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-chairs
June 16, 2010

1. 105 W72nd

Presenter: Robert James, Architect
299 Broadway #1809
NYC 10007

The proposal is to replicate the original balcony's appearance in all aspects except the projection from the building line, which is believed to have been 36 inches. It is worth noting that the windows at the 11th floor are not French doors, but windows like the others on that facade, signaling the purely decorative intention of the building's original architect.

In 2004 application made to Landmarks to legalize balcony removal in 1990 or 1992, in order to remove LPC violation issued for this work. Application rejected by Landmarks. Landmarks asked

the Architect to find out what balcony looked like prior to removal. Best guess what balcony looked like in 2005 drawing was accepted by landmarks.

RJ showed drawing of the balcony, original material, and drainage.

Had to make physical probe inside the wall of the building to determine what could be done to restore balcony. Probes found preexisting hazardous conditions, remaining portions of balcony not removed, terra cotta stones– were hung from existing structure, wired together and very dangerous.

Had to file for a permit to remove remainder of balcony in 2007. Did keep pieces of terra cotta soffit for molding. Structure that exists was built in a way – projected about 36 inches – all done at one point as one piece. Have to put the balcony back.

Balcony weighed 500lbs per liner foot, running length of façade 59 ft. Only place to attach it is at the columns. Before you had 35 points of support, now only have 5. Proposal is to reduce projection of balcony, use fiberglass instead of terracotta but replicate the balcony as it was.

Reduce to 14 inches from 36

Shelly Maiser, president of condo:

Balcony was decorative, not functional, would be illegal if functional. They were prepared to replace in full but probe derailed it, now need to lighten the load by changing material, making it safe.

Fiberglass will have gel coat to match and will be painted to match.

Questions were raised about the materials:

Does fiberglass weather the same as terra cotta?

RJ: will still look the same, look fine.

Will it be strong enough for a planter?

RJ: really there not enough space for anything to be put on it basically will be 10".

Are there Condo rules against planters?

Our issue is fiberglass, which cannot support a weight of a planter. .

Suggestion that Condo might want to legally tell them this is not a load bearing balcony.

Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0

2. 108 W74th Street

Presenter: John Ellis, Architect

343-A East 9th Street

NYC

Proposal is to restore the storefront as it is configured in the Tax Photo. Per LPC staff meetings, the staff felt that since we have no drawings or clearer photos showing the exact millwork detailing, the Architect must submit his own conjectural design and put this before the Commissioners. If they had drawings or detailed photos, they could have restored this through staff.

Discussion:

Restoration of the storefront staff approved the re-stuccoing of façade. Storefront existed for a tailor shop from 1941 with tax photos in 1936

Andrea Darby, staff, looked at photos that showed. Did find brick infill when they took out the storefront.

Architect indicated the first floor had been used as an Apt. in the front and tailor shop in the back. Has been used as a full apartment in more recent years. No issue since it is in a commercial zone, 100' from the corner. DOB allowed vestibule to be reverted back to commercial use. Front door to be used as entrance to both parts of the building with separate doors on the interior.

2nd egress part of this?

JE: Not required since it's going straight out.

Jay: what's the occupancy?

JE: construction not for anyone in particular. Floors of different heights Owner wants the space to be one floor, even from front to back. 950 ft. for commercial space.

They had hoped, when we took out windows, might find wood fragments, cement stains – nothing.

Recess store front found currently on upper Westside, maybe 20 up to 86. Majority done in the 50's aluminum chrome, maybe 30's 40's steel but not wood. Door may have been wood.

Actual design - Tried to make it geometrically harmonious, all lights equal, painted black, egress was done with a WPA type tile, and LPC thought bluestone would be better.

Mark: Kind of mosaic tiles, very small ones?

JE: Yes, took two small trapezoid pieces on the floor (bluestone) of the entrance. Right now all flush, putting back 3'6" panels that go in 3 ft. Restore residence door for the millwork pieces damaged. Considering the removal of the commercial door in the vestibule and use the main door on the street. The new recess door would be glass panels. Overall concept of the windows is from the tax photos. Trying to stick as close as possible to tax photo.

Would this disturb a pair? Won't be disturbing a pair.

Estella Munoz, in building 108: staircase how would it differ?

JE: no change to stairs

Alice Napier, 3 doors down 116: no idea what is going to be done there, a café? Main concern is what is the use going to be? If adding a doorway, will that allow more people in there?

JE: the ceiling has to be 8'. We don't have a tenant,

Alice: So they won't file for a liquor license?

JE: no.

Committee re-iterated that the committee only focuses on exterior

JE: only 29 occupants allowed. No backyard occupants. Never mentioned liquor license.

Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0

3. **301 Columbus:** changing the HSBC bank sign

Presenter: Fabio Madanat, ICON

East Coast sign Division

5058 Rt 13 N

Bristol, PA

PowerPoint presentation on changing the HSBC bank signs and add awnings.

HSBC wants to standardize and refresh their signs. For this location they want to refurbish interior and exterior. Want to make it aesthetically pleasing. Very small branch, only two tellers, but convenient location. Add two awnings to front windows and low profile halo lit signs. LED lights, eco friendly.

Existing sign is 15' and would be removed and the new sign would extend across the elevation of the front with the logo. A Blade sign, 16" radius, 18" protrusion. 16" from window to the face of the letters and illuminate backwards to the drywall would be added. Currently has a florescent light sign box. Existing sign is 15'; new one goes all the way across. The front facade of the building.

On W. 74th St façade, letters on 2" aluminum, hollow panel, painted. Created a soffit inside the branch where the letters would block the glass. Because it's 16" to the window, plus 1" for the letters and 1" for the bump out, all inside, so the glass remains on the exterior. It's an interior element.

Question about the white band stretching across the entire facade; should be centered to where it is needed for the letters themselves.

The brick work is rusticated on the Columbus Ave side and the sign takes away from the architectural flavor of the structure.

Not sure what is back behind the sign.

Gabby: That's why it's called restoration.

Applicant indicated they could restore the rusticated stone.

The concern is about the white sign expansion. Center the sign and reduce the size.

The awnings cover the vents. There will be no copy on awnings which will be a black semibrella fabric, and the base is bronzy brown. Blade sign, only 18", not illuminated. Right in the front.

The black and brown seems heavy.

Some concern about the blade sign. This sign is not very historic. There does not seem to be another one on the Avenue.

Resolution - Disapprove Columbus Avenue white sign unless it's reduced and centered; restore masonry behind the old signage; and approve awnings. Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-00.

Approve 74th St signs as presented .Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0.

Approve the blade sign and awnings. Resolution to Approve: 4-1-0-0.

4. 25 West 75th Street

Presenter: Linda Arlia

Managing Agent,

25 West 75th Street LLC

Proposal to Alter Basement Entranceway

Current Entryway:

Currently the ground floor entryway surround of 25 West 75th Street is composed of white ceramic subway tiles that were likely installed in the 1960's. The tax photo of the building façade from the 1940s shows the presence of a stoop which was later removed. The Landmarks photograph from the 1980s shows the ground floor entryway surround covered in the white ceramic subway tiles.

Proposed Entryway Materials and Design:

The 25 West 75th Street LLC proposes to remove the white ceramic subway tile surround and replace it with a brownstone surface to match the rest of the building façade which is being restored to its historic brownstone color. Per the "Scope of Work" provided by the contractor, NYC Restorations, Inc., the top layer of the brownstone's texture and color will be achieved using the

formula: 1 part Portland cement, 1 part of type S lime, 2-3 parts of sand, 3-4 parts crushed stone, dry pigments and mix water. As the original façade, built in 1892-93 included a stoop, there is no original design for the ground floor entryway. To that effect, they are proposing to replicate the entryway design of the brownstone building located at 21 West 75th Street.

They are in the midst of doing full façade restoration. Stoop was removed in 1980s. Want to remove the subway tile surround and use brownstone material. The original door will remain. The paint has been removed, the under siding, the scratch coat has been applied. The surround will look like 21 w.75th St. Was discussion about the door not changing. Door is silver aluminum, and not being replaced.

Could staff approve the door if it's added to proposal? They are changing the overhead light but keeping it in center due to wiring

Resolution to approve the proposal for the renovation to the entryway and to encourage the applicant to replace the door to one more appropriate to the restoration.

Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0.

5. 201 West 75th Street

Presenter: Richard Moses
Super Structures Engineers
32 Ave of Americas

The former New-York Cab Company Stable building was designed as a horse stable by C. Abbott French and Co. and built in 1888-90. Starting in 1910 the building was used for automobile related purposes including as a garage, a function it continues to serve to this day. The proposal calls for replacement of the existing wood double-hung windows at the second through fifth stories with new aluminum double-hung two-over-two windows, set within new wood enframements. At the fifth story arched transom windows the existing wood transoms will be replaced with new wood transom windows. They expect to salvage very few or no wood window components. If during construction existing 5th story window mullion decorative baluster ornaments can be salvaged then they will be reset; however at this time they anticipate that most or all of these ornaments will be replicated in-kind.

Based on Superstructures paint analysis of the existing windows, they believe that the original window color is black, and the new windows will be painted a glossy black to match. The existing kalemien windows are to remain and will be painted to match the wood windows. The fire escape doors are not included in the scope of work.

At the south facade's existing open masonry openings (at the interior fire stair), new aluminum louvers will be installed, finished in black to match the windows.

RM: Original building as a stable 1888-90 and now a garage. Existing windows are wood and in bad condition; there's a sidewalk shed to catch falling debris. Replace double hung wood windows throughout the bldg, with aluminum double hung 2 over 2 double within wood enframements.

Evidence not clear if the 4 over 4 on top were original, so using 2 over 2.

2 over 2 transom windows (arch will be in wood) all others in wood enframements. Windows are

unsafe at this time. Not replacing windows in section with fire escape they are aluminum windows and meet the fire code.

Proposing aluminum vents to cover the fire stair, painted black, the original color.

Going to aluminum instead of wood, for cost reasons.

Windows to be carefully sized to match the current dimensions. Brick to brick. Wood frame around the window with aluminum frame inside. Will try to salvage Baluster ornament.

The dimensions are close to the existing conditions.

Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0.

6. 428 Amsterdam Ave, dba Brother Jimmy's BBQ

Presenters: Rosemary Ferreira/Steve Wygoda

190 E. Main Street

Huntington, NY 11743

Proposal is to remove existing light fixtures and conduit. They are also removing existing neon signage, decorations and the wood panels at the bulkhead. They are proposing a new sign above the door; new wood boards with raised panels to be painted at the bulkhead. Also, a new window decal to match existing one will be placed on the other window. Finally, the windows above the door are to be exposed so it looks like the designation photo.

This work is to correct violation of the conduit and the decorations (pigs), and adding new signage and taking down neon signage. Restoring everything back to condition when designated, removing all the pigs, neons, etc.

Proposing to have the signage in the center. Wood paneling on the bottom, in brick red color. Sign 2'6" diameter in center of door. Stencil cut aluminum sign in center of two windows, and back lit. Question about the white framework and the darker color base...LPC suggested that. The windows are fixed and hopefully that will diminish the noise level.

Resolution to Approve: 5-0-0-0.

There was a brief discussion on the district needs statement.

There was a brief discussion regarding coverage of the Landmarks Preservation Commission meetings. Committee is to identify at the end of the monthly meetings items that we are concerned about or critical. Check the calendar and see if it's necessary to have a presence.

Meeting adjourned.

Present: Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd and Mark Diller. Absent: Miki Fiegel, Blanche Lawton and Dalia Mahmoud.

Youth Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes June 17, 2010

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on June 17, 2010 at 6:30 pm at the offices of the Community Board, 250 West 87th Street in Manhattan. Committee members Louis Cholden-Brown, Brian Byrd, Paul Fischer, Haydée Rosario, and Mark Diller (chair), and Board member Phyllis Gunther were present. The following topics were discussed.

1. Need for a School at Riverside Center.

(a) Important to follow up with media covering the ULURP meetings. Coordinate with CB7 chair on message and approach.

(b) School that the community needs, as derived from CB7 YEL/CEC/Presidents' Council public hearing on May 24th, community input, CEC meetings, and other outreach, is:

i) 6-section per grade school serving grades K-8.

ii) Built in the first building constructed on the site.

iii) Fully programmed and with state-of-the-art equipment, including:

(1) Large/multiple cafeterias (ensuring reasonable timing of lunch);

(2) Multiple/dividable gyms (weekly access for all students);

(3) Separate, age-appropriate outdoor play spaces, preferably at grade;

(4) Dedicated space for art, music, science labs, and student services;

(5) Wide hallways with lockers (especially for upper grade students);

(6) Flexible auditorium space;

(7) Green features (e.g. "green" roof; vegetable garden).

(c) Extell proposes to pay for the construction of the core and shell (outer walls and floor) of a 75,000 square foot school. Extell and SCA have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) by which Extell is obligated to pay for the core and shell, and leaves to SCA the funding of the fitting out of the raw space into a usable school.

(d) Extell per the MOU reserves another appx 75,000 square foot over which SCA will have an option, at its own expense, to pay for and build both the core and shell and then fit out the space.

(e) The full 150,000 square foot school proposed by the developer is likely not to be large enough to accommodate the full school that the community needs.

(f) YEL one-page summary on the need for a new school.

i) Summary necessary so that colleagues on the Board have accurate information about the Extell proposal.

ii) Extell is proposing to build only half a school, and to pay for only half of that half.

iii) School Construction Authority would have an option for an undetermined, but believed to be short, window of time.

iv) SCA turned down a similar option to build a school on a different parcel of land in Riverside South.

v) SCA has no funds allocated in the 2010-14 Capital Plan for new seats in our District.

vi) Serious concern as to whether SCA would have the funds or the will to exercise the option.

vii) Space reserved in proposal is not large enough to accommodate the school the community needs.

(g) Concern that one-page summary is too generous in its assessment of the proposal.

(h) Concern that including green roof and vegetable garden recommended by community in the summary of the school needed would weaken the impact of the statement.

(i) Summary to be revised per comments received and circulated to full Board.

(j) Summary as revised attached to the minutes.

2. NYPL Branch Library Budget. Susan Singer, Library Manager at the Bloomingdale Branch Library, and Petra Kolokotronis, Branch Manager at the Riverside Branch Library, joined the discussion.

(a) Current proposed budget is devastating to the NYPL branch libraries.

(b) Impact of the cuts:

i) Branch libraries already being forced to cut hours of operations even before the new budget takes effect.

ii) 6-day service seriously threatened – expect branch libraries to be able to remain open only 4 days per week under the new budget.

iii) Mayor's budget cuts \$37 million, or roughly one-third of the current funding.

iv) Expects to lose 40% of current staff.

v) Most children's programs would be cut. This includes early childhood literacy support, teen programs, etc.

(c) Those most deeply affected by the economic downturn have used the branch libraries in great numbers, including those using the libraries to access the internet for job searches and job-readiness skills, those availing themselves of the research and the lending library services, and those needing space for composition and contemplation.

(d) CB7 already places the maintenance of 6-day service at branch libraries in its list of budget priorities and in its assessment of District Needs. CB7 has already given its strongest endorsement for continued funding.

(e) Letter-writing campaign by the NYPL: "Don't Close The Book on Libraries"

i) Sample letter available in branches – CB7 to post sample letter on its website and use its e-mail list serv to circulate and draw attention to it.

ii) CB7 will offer to collect signed letters of support and forward to branch libraries.

iii) CB7 will reach out to NYPL government affairs to coordinate.

3. District Needs Statement.

(a) New format proposed by the Chair, with input from Louis Cholden-Brown and the Steering Committee.

(b) Purpose of the District Needs Statement is to identify unmet needs in our community.

(c) New format seeks to couple the identification of unmet needs with a strategy or practical approach to finding and/or implementing a whole or partial solution.

(d) DNS used in interaction with City Agencies, and in Borough Consultations. Also informs CB7 Budget Priorities.

(e) Sample DNS template provided to committee. Committee began discussion of topics.

(f) Template to be circulated to full committee.

(g) DNS in new format to be finalized at the July 15 YEL meeting. Request that revisions to the template be provided in advance.

4. New High School Project. Rebecca Pawel, currently at the High School for Enterprise and Business Technology in Williamsburg, Brooklyn, participated in the discussion.

(a) Seeking to form a new high school that emphasizes the learning multiple languages as a core element of the curriculum.

(b) Letter of intent submitted to the DoE – first step in the DoE new school innovation process. Next step is to be invited for an interview if the application and letter of intent are considered complete and to have merit.

(c) Earliest possible opening would be September 2011.

(d) DoE New School Development function pushes applicants for community input and involvement. Developing a planning team, to include high-school age members and community members.

- (e) Concern that many newly formed high schools are selecting students who achieve at high levels. Need a commitment to serve all populations, including ELLs and students with IEPs. Belief that all students can be successful in foreign language.
- (f) Current trend back to career and technical education would be welcome at proposed school – e.g. translation and interpretation skills could be viewed as a career track.
- (g) Building partnerships to support proposed school – including ATA (American Translators Association; Replications, Inc.).

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Present: Mark Diller, Brian Byrd, Louis Cholden-Brown, Paul Fisher and Haydee Rosario. Board Member: Phyllis E. Gunther. Absent: Marisa Maack, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe and Cara Volpe.

**CB7 Youth, Education & Libraries Committee
Summary of School Issues re Riverside Center
June 29, 2010**

1. Schools are Already Overcrowded.

- (a) Over 160 families on wait lists South of 81st Street.
- (b) "Gifted & Talented," Dual Language programs at risk of closing due to space.
- (c) Class sizes exceeding targets; art, music and science spaces being eliminated.
- (d) PS 191 cannot absorb the overflow.

2. CB7 Core Principles: "Public Education: Increase public school capacity necessary to serve the current and future needs of the community (Community School District 3)."

3. School Needed by the Community: [from CB7 YEL May 24th public hearing attended by 240 parents; Borough President's UWS "War Room"; Electeds; D3 Community Education Council & Presidents Council meetings; DoE public hearings; et al.]

- (a) Serving grades K-8;
- (b) 6 sections per grade (appx 1350-1650 students);
- (c) Built in the first building constructed;
- (d) Fully programmed and with state-of-the-art equipment, including:
 - (i) Large/multiple cafeterias (ensuring reasonable timing of lunch);
 - (ii) Multiple/dividable gyms (weekly access for all students);
 - (iii) Separate, age-appropriate outdoor play spaces, preferably at grade;
 - (iv) Dedicated space for art, music, science labs, and student services;
 - (v) Wide hallways with lockers (especially for upper grade students);
 - (vi) Flexible auditorium space;
 - (vii) Green features (e.g. "green" roof; vegetable garden).

4. School Proposed in the DSEIS Does Not Meet the Community's Needs:

- (a) Extell "reserving" 151,598 gross square feet, which the DSEIS asserts will serve 1,332 children, (DSEIS ch. 4, Section B at 4-1) – FEWER than needed.
 - (i) A 6-section per grade K-8 will enroll between 1350-1650 students.
 - (ii) Existing schools in District 3 of appx 150K sq ft cannot accommodate the size of school needed.
- (b) Extell commits to build only HALF a school, and to pay for HALF of the HALF.
 - (i) Extell will fund only the construction of the "core and shell" of half the school it proposes (appx 75K sq ft). (DSEIS ch. 4, Section B at 4-1 to -2.)

- (ii) SCA would be required to fund the cost of converting raw “core and shell” space into classrooms, hallways, etc.
- (iii) Extell estimates the smaller school would serve 480 students, or the enrollment expected from Riverside Center only.
- (iv) Extell offering SCA an option to build the remaining appx 75K sq ft – at SCA’s expense. (DSEIS ch. 4, Section B at 4-2.)
- (v) SCA turned down a previous option to build a school at Riverside South.
- (c) Current Overcrowding Alone Could Fill the entire School.
- (d) DSEIS does not commit to building the school in the first building constructed.

Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons
June 22, 2010

Age Friendly NY Study of our district by NY Academy of Medicine and NY City Council.
The co-chairs reported on a meeting of community residents suggesting how to better serve our growing senior population. Ruth Ellen Simmonds of One Stop Senior Center hosted the meeting and will be the point person from our community. The CB7 Transportation Committee street-by-street project could contribute to the study. Safe Haven project of West Side Crime Prevention Program should be extended to seniors.

The primary focus of the meeting was a discussion of City Council Intro 79 requiring the Department of Homeless Services to notify communities before they open homeless shelters. As this is something that has been a problem for CB7 for many years, the Committee was supportive of the resolution, but offered some suggestions to close any loopholes the Agency might find.

RESOLUTION

CB7 supports NYC Council Int. no. 79:

- Requiring Department of Homeless Services allow the public to more fully participate in the process of location of temporary housing. DHS should give written notice 30 days in advance to the Council Member and the Community Board in the area where transitional housing is to be located, including “emergency” and “annex” housing.
- Notification shall include the address, number of people to be housed, the name of the person or entity operating the transitional housing, the name of any organization whether for-profit or not-for-profit, that will provide services to the occupants, the type of transitional housing and a description of the services that will be provided.
- Standards should be set for landlord, building, social service and security providers. Certification will be issued if standards are met and major violations are cured.
- Standards and certification will be made public.
- Price and source of funding for emergency transitional housing should be public.

APPROVED 5 -0-0-0

The community advisory board for the 232 West 107th Street transitional shelter has not been formed yet. There have been no reports of problems on the block. In November, when this will no longer be a transitional shelter, the community wants to explore making the building into permanent, affordable housing.

Meeting adjourned.

Present: Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine and Phyllis Gunther. Absent: Judith Matos. Community Participants: Judy Martinez, Steven Muchnick

MCB7 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MINUTES

Penny Ryan, District Manager

Wednesday, June 23, 2010, 9:30-11:00AM

250 West 87th Street

Welcome to Captain Christopher McCormack, commander of the 20th Precinct. Previously, the captain was in charge of training and placement of Manhattan North rookies, and prior to that position he was a narcotics lieutenant.

- For the year, there has been a drop of 13% in overall crime and 50% in Grand Larceny.
- The captain initiated bus patrols due to reports of violence against seniors on the M104. Cops are now patrolling buses, especially at major intersections.
- Arrest 6/22/10: A 68 y/o woman who committed 12 burglaries going back to 1960. Police believe she posed as a domestic cleaner to gain access to apartments.
- QL graffiti arrest: GONZO, the graffiti offender, was caught while defacing a Wachovia Bank, will be charged with sixteen counts of graffiti vandalism.

• Remembrance of Detective Joseph E. Seabrook, 20th Precinct, who was part of the Amsterdam Houses/Addition team. Det. Seabrook will be missed by his fellow officers and the community, especially in Amsterdam Houses where he headed a narcotics enforcement undercover team. The operation led to 28 recent arrests. Det. Seabrook passed away unexpectedly from Type 4 leukemia.

Presentation by Caroline Bragdon, DOHMH, on the rat-indexing program that will begin in CB7 in July, and information on how DOHMH will coordinate with other agencies on follow-up.

- Indexing: New pro-active approach at DOHMH has resulted in a reduction in the number of rats in other parts of the City. Owners know inspectors keep returning until problem is resolved.
- District 7 will be indexed in July for three to four weeks. ALL properties will be inspected for signs of rats.
- Collected data will be mapped; property owners in the most intense areas will be targeted for training at the Rat Academy. The academy teaches owners, supers, managers, and others simple techniques that help prevent rats.
- DOHMH works with DSNY, HPD, DOB, and FDNY on residual problems in buildings.

Agency Reports and Updates:

• Parks: Budgets – no backfill of staff, being reduced through attrition. Riverside Park has been able to maintain a consistent staff. However, citywide there has been a 50% decrease in staff that picks up litter. Broadway malls will be painted starting Friday, June 25.

NYPD: Compstat, Traffic Stat, and Quality of Life complaints.

- The 20th Pct is down in accidents with injuries, summonses are up.

Complaints about idling tour buses on 72nd Street & CPW led to a change in tours on the weekend to help remedy the conditions.

Issued 111 criminal summonses for the month.

At Amsterdam Houses: There were ten arrests for the 30-day period, 73 arrests year-to-date, mostly for trespassing and controlled substance.

- The 24th Pct is down in accidents; bikes going the wrong way caused most bike on car accidents. CB7 requested bike accident data from precincts.

Overall crime is up. Eight robberies last month – PBMN gave extra resources, now had only one robbery last week.

96th Street & Broadway: There is a very hazardous condition for crossing pedestrians; larger, and more signs are needed as soon as possible. There are many minor fender benders in the intersection as cars turn.

DOT is repainting the 96th St / Broadway crosswalks and turning lanes this season.

The MTA will conduct a traffic pattern study when construction ends.

Jesse Bodine, Gale Brewer's office, suggested that DOT and CB7 talk with MTA and Parks about installing safe pedestrian crossing signs inside the station and the plaza.

- NYPD and DOT inspection of signage at the intersection of 71st Street and Amsterdam Avenue: DOT preliminary inspection found no problems. DOT to conduct joint inspection with the 20th Pct and CB7 contact.

- NYPD and TLC enforcement on Riverside Boulevard, 72nd -64th Streets. Problem is that the streets are still privately held but they need traffic control devices, especially because of speeding taxis and livery cabs.

Residents want a school crossing guard but the area does meet NYPD traffic and accident criteria.

Area does not meet federally mandated standards for traffic control devices.

CB7 and Council Member Brewer sent letters to the TLC requesting enforcement.

- NYPD/NYDA: Update on drug arrests at Amsterdam Houses – 20th Precinct, NYDA. DA's office to follow up. NYPD requested the playground close on schedule.

- NYPD/MAYOR'S OFFICE: Route for the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade – follow up with 20th Pct.

- Con Edison: Small business program targeting postal zip codes 10023 and 10024 in an outreach effort to promote ConEd's "Small Business Direct Install" energy efficiency program.

Will be doing outreach to eligible businesses.

Will pay up to 70% of changes. Merchant does not have to pay for study.

- FDNY: Inspections of lower level stores in 808 Columbus Avenue and recommendations. The Chief found that the stores passed inspection (signage in store could be better) but the building stairwell does not have directions or egress signs. DOB will inspect for proper signage. FDNY has training.

DOB can do a half-day inspection of buildings in CB7 that need proper fire signage. Need a list.

Fire calls up 5%.

Concern about loss of parking for precinct and fire departments. CB7 will work with agencies to look for alternative parking areas.

- DOT/NYPD/FDNY: Columbus Avenue protected bike lane is coming. There will be an inter-agency meeting in July to resolve issues.

- DOT and DOB: List of ATM inspections installed outside businesses. Need follow up.

- DDC catch basin replacements in CD7. 79th & Amsterdam, 86th and Amsterdam, and RSD & 103rd Street, will be delayed several months because of hard rock excavation and extensive utility rerouting.

- NYPD/FDNY/DOB/DCA: An illegal vendor on Broadway and 103rd Street has set up a "business" in a structure that is in an alley entrance; rug merchant on Broadway and 91st Street. FDNY inspected and found no problems, DOB will inspect to determine if it is legal.

- NYPD: Request for M.A.R.C.H. on West 103rd Street and Amsterdam Avenue, increased patrols.

Speak to Lt. Camacho.

- HRA: Carlos Infante, last meeting is going to Child Enforcement at HRA. New contact information will be forthcoming.

- DPR: Unlicensed food vendors on sidewalks around Theodore Roosevelt Park and pending legislation. Needs follow up.

- DOB:

732-4 West End Avenue has been gutted, need to finalize permit to demolish.

330 West 86th Street, waiting for BSA – on hold.

150 West 83rd Street, completed audit with one objection on height of steeple being combined with hydraulics.

230 West 78th Street (joint with DOT), building is finished, DOT permits are still active, DOB will inspect and request DOT permits be pulled if job is done.

DOHMH building on West 100th Street – CB7 requested that plans be reviewed by the Borough Commissioner's office. Historic church next door may be damaged during demolition.

A/C installation in windows: DOB has no regulations, they suggest following manufacturers' recommendations and property owner's rules.

- Community Clean Up: Work in CD7 to date. Working with NYPD Community Affairs in removing 45 graffiti tags in CD7. Still working in Verdi Park. At the W. 86th Street Church, debris left on the steps is removed often, and site is visited weekly. Will coordinate with 24th Pct & Goddard.

- Goddard: Street homeless conditions at 86th Street & Amsterdam Avenue church, doing intense outreach because there is a new influx of homeless. There is also an encampment of homeless on 71st Street between Broadway & Columbus.

- Human Rights Commission: Two bias incidents in CD7. Papers with "kill Jews" were found at the Jewish Guild for the Blind, this case might be related to another one downtown. The other incident was at the mosque at 1 RSD, where a worker found a glass door shattered. No arrests in either case.

- PSA 6 – Four major crimes reported and overall crime is down 33% for the 28-day period, up 5% year to date. Thirty-one arrests in 30 days. Two search warrants in Amsterdam Houses.

Wise towers family day is July 17, 2009 from 12PM to 6PM.

Our next meeting will be September 22, 9:30 AM.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, PSA 6; Capt. Chris McCormack, Lt. DeSantis, Det. Vassallo, 20th Pct; PO White, PO Durante, 24th Pct; Det. Faulkner, NYPD Community Affairs Bureau; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Jenu Brar, DA's Office; Marc Vaccaro, Parks; Michael J. Burke, Robert Holzmaier, FDNY; Caroline Bragdon, DOHMH; PO Donadelle, NYPD TD1; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Chris Villari, DEP; Norberto Acevedo, DDC/OCCN; Carlos Infante, HRA; Susan Singer, NYPL; Jesse Bodine, Council Member Gale Brewer's office; Jared Chausew, Sen. Duane's office; Kristen Oates, Sarena Lewit, Goddard Riverside; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; A. Vargas, Clean Up NY.