

## **November 2010 Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes**

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### **Full Board Meeting Minutes November 9, 2010**

Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, November 9, 2010, at Roosevelt Hospital. The meeting was chaired by Chair Mel Wymore, and was called to order at 6:40 pm. The following matters were discussed.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting  
VOTE: 25-0-1.

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

##### **Our accomplishments this year:**

- Successfully lobbied for restoration of citywide community board budget baselines.
- Welcomed 11 new CB7 members who are now engaged and contributing to various committees.
- Fought off proposed Central Park tennis bubble and gained commitment to forewarn of future uses of parks.
- Aging in place – coordinating study and sharing of best practices through C-M Brewer.
- Urban Planning Group meets biweekly to establish Core Principles to guide CB actions and resolutions.
- Much work remains, especially regarding affordable housing, preserving open space and playground access.
- Riverside Center:
  - Several CB7 recommendations implemented – more to go – density, school, park
  - CPC approved the project with several changes (e.g. 59th Street brought to grade with small playground; auto dealership moved off WEA. parking reduced from 1800 to 1260 slots).
  - City Council subcommittee hearing 11/23 at 9:30 am at 250 Broadway, 16th floor. Important to have turnout.
  - Rec Center: Construction underway. Demo of field house next to make room for outdoor active open space.

Borough President Stringer's Urban Planning fellows have been assigned. Neil Garry will be working with CB7.

#### **Reports from Elected Officials and Representatives:**

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

- DFTA has funding for innovative senior centers. CB7 on list; taking lead with other districts.
- Hearing 11/29 re voting machines – better results voting in general election than primary.
- RSC – meeting among council members and CB7 leaders. CB7 Report widely praised.
- WEA Historic District on track to be calendared – work of West End Preservation Society and CB7.
- Working to slow bike traffic in Riverside Park (near Roosevelt statue).
- Making progress in eliminating idling/parked tourist buses near CPW and 72nd Street.
- Success in timing trash set-out on West 65th by institutions for benefit of residents.
- Free Housing clinic at the District Office.

Assembly-Member Linda Rosenthal - 67th District:

- Another tough budget year given governor-elect's pledge not to raise taxes.
- PCBs remediated at PS 199 but levels still high. Bill to require wider remediation - seeking funding.
- Hearing on NYCHA repairs: 3-year delay from request to actual repair. System must also be more efficient.
- Holiday party 12/13 at office.

Suzanne Jimenez – Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer's Office:

- Recruiting for new community board members - applications available; due 12/31/10.
- Elevator Town Hall 11/15 – to learn about and discuss issues with elevators (including NYCHA).
- Working to improve bike lanes around Manhattan (e.g. education, signage, no parking/encroachment)
- Guide and resources to assist CBOs to obtain grant funding.

Jared Chausow – Senator Tom Duane's Office:

- Letter to DoE endorsing PS 199 PTA's recommendations re remediation of PCBs in building.
- Magnet grant to support 8 schools in D3, including PS 191, PS 87 and West Prep.
- Conference 11/19 at NYU re "Slower Vehicle Speeds for Healthier New Yorkers" re traffic safety.

Gideon Martin – Assembly-Member Daniel O'Donnell's Office:

- Free Clinic 11/18 to address landlord/tenant issues; Free flu shots in early December.
- Letter to Jonas Chartok – SUNY Charter School – urging rejection of Success Academy application for D3 – should not authorize charter for school within District 3 without identifying site - contrary to law and sense.

Ethan Mulligan – Council-Member Inez Dickens' Office:

- Co-sponsored Intro 263A – water efficiency – water from air conditioners that is still potable to be reused.
- Must address climate change locally if not nationally.

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

- Gov Paterson vetoed the HIV/AIDS bill.
- St. Vincent's closure causing ripple effects in emergency services throughout Manhattan - will monitor.

## Community Session

Linda Ditrinco:

- Fresh Direct trucks on WEA – noise from refrigerator units oppressive (early Sunday am etc.).
- Should be given a commercial zone on Broadway rather than disturb residential areas.

NB: Transportation committee has successfully worked with Fresh Direct in the past.

Kathy Casey – Church of Sts Paul and Andrew:

- Interfaith understanding event 11/10, 7-9 pm. Reduce hate speech directed at Muslims in NYC and beyond.
- "Living as a Muslim in the US-2010 and Beyond" with a distinguished panel of speakers.

Lionelle Hamanalca - Church of Sts, Paul and Andrew:

- Support our troops: bringing them home now and take care of their needs. Event 12/10, 6-9 pm re

wars.

- Bill passed Senate would give Iraq/Afghanistan veterans priority at Mitchell-Lama Housing (S6279-Adams).

Kay Clanton:

- Traffic study needed on Amsterdam and Columbus from 96th-106th Street.
- Congestion already critical – even without JHL relocation to 100th Street.

Cheryl Strong – Park West Village:

- Relocation of JHL to 100th Street unfathomable. Will create severe safety concerns.
- Area already oversaturated with traffic and residents. New stores opening will exacerbate.

Clare Dockery:

- Not sensible to build a nursing home across from an active fire station – street already congested.

Cathy Unsino – ad hoc working group:

- Gov Pataki initiated a 6,000-bed downsizing of nursing homes statewide.
- NYC is already short 3,035 beds – Manhattan 495, Queens 1650, Bk 595 SI 295.
- JHL will lose 106 beds in proposed move - should oppose further downsizing.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- Park West Neighborhood History group at Trinity Lutheran 11/16 at 6 pm. Re Roberta Gratz, Robert Moses.
- Conf on Israeli/Palestinian conflict continues 11/12-14 around town.

Community Comments - Columbus Avenue Bike Lane:

Each of the following community members made one or more of the following comments concerning the bike lane which is still in the process of being installed from 96th to 77th Streets along Columbus Avenue:

Joseph Schiff; Peter Frishauf; Robert Josman; Andrew Fisher (Royal Opticians); Ricardo Zingone (Zingone Brothers on Columbus); Michael Kostlewa; David Zelman; Anna Flossos (Jackson Hole Restaurant):

- Traffic congestion from bike lane is increasing air and noise pollution. Immoral.
- Should not expand bike lane to Amsterdam Avenue.
- Future bike lanes should be put to a referendum.
- Need more protected merchant loading zones along bike lane. Must address trouble receiving goods.
- Bike lane in middle of District won't get wide use until it connects at north and south ends.
- Only 1% of New Yorkers use bikes to commute to work. Bike commuters should use Central Park.
- Should hold off on further construction of bike lane and fix signage.
- Not bike vs merchants situation; bike lane should be better designed – should be built as promised/designed.
- Merchants losing revenue due to loss of cheap parking - customers not willing to pay garages to shop.
- Delivery bikes using bike lane in wrong direction - unsafe.
- Comparisons to 1st and 9th Avenues downtown inapposite - Columbus Avenue is narrower.
- Process concern - DoT presentation of an experiment became a permanent fixture.
- Disregard by bikes, deliveries, parking cars, double-parked trucks - dangerous for all.

Jared Danziger (45 West 67th Street Condo treasurer); David Rendsburg; Steven Phillips; Tila Duhaime (Upper West Side Streets Renaissance); Lisa Sadkuc (UWSSR):

- Bike lane already making a difference allowing more to commute by bike. Should extend south.
- Community should work collaboratively to iron out issues and make successful for all.
- Riding on Columbus much safer since bike lane – change at 77th terminus noticeable.
- Should increase/improve truck loading zones.
- Supporting safer streets for all is a community value that all can share and be thankful for.
- DoT design changes post-approval, including parking changes, should be addressed sensitively.
- Double-parking, especially for merchant deliveries, now much tougher to handle with narrower lanes.
- Streets should accommodate all users.
- With a bit of patience and thought, can work out kinks of new system together.

## **Business Session:**

### **Steering Committee, Mel Wymore, Chair**

1. CB7 priorities for the Fiscal Year 2012 Capital Budget.

After deliberation, the resolution to adopt in order the capital budget priorities referred to the full Board by the Steering Committee was adopted.

VOTE: 32-0-1-0

2. CB7 priorities for the Fiscal Year 2012 Expense Budget.

- Ken Coughlin: With pedestrian and bike accidents rising, street safety should be higher priority than #24.
- Elizabeth Starkey: Priority for police increases should specify enforcement uses for additional officers.

Proposed Amendment: Hope Cohen: move #13 increased Sanitation pick-ups (street baskets on nights, weekends, holidays) to up to #11, move all others down accordingly.

- Dan Zweig: Should preserve importance of #12 re NYCHA repairs.
- Lenore Norman: Re #11 - new West End Avenue district will add 750 buildings requiring LPC approvals in our area.
- Tom Vitullo-Martin: Cannot control how NYPD allocates staff, so prioritizing police enforcement fails.
- Penny Ryan: Previous Sanitation priority dropped at Sanitation's request - no concern about moving up #13.
- Andrew Albert: ok to move Sanitation up, but keep police.

Revised Amendment: Moving Sanitation (#13) to #2, Police to #3 and everything else down one.

VOTE ON REVISED AMENDMENT: 23-14-1-0. Amendment adopted.

After deliberation, the resolution to adopt in order the expense budget priorities referred to the full Board by the Steering Committee, as amended at the meeting, was adopted.

VOTE: 38-0-1-0.

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

3. 352 West 110th Street (Manhattan Avenue.) Goddard Riverside Community Center's proposal to house its model college-access program, the College Options Center and Institute, in the community facility space at 352 West 110th Street.

- Site built by Columbia University in 2000; ground floor space promised to be an affordable child care facility.
- Columbia, Barnard, St. John the Divine and others sought funding to build out the space without success.
- ACS does not see this as an appropriate space for a child-care facility since much of the space is

below-grade.

- Goddard's "Options" program provides college guidance counseling services to at-risk children whose schools don't provide this pre-college service. SAT prep, college readiness services, application help, etc.
- Particularly targets children in foster care.
- Goddard's program includes a training institute to help other organizations develop replicate these services.
- No required action by CB7. Goddard and Barnard reached out to community because of the change in promised use. YEL heard this twice and received community testimony strongly in support.

After deliberation, the resolution to support the new use of the facility was adopted.

VOTE: 37-0-0-1.

#### 4. PS145 (150 West 105th Street.) Potential Co-Location of Success Academy Charter School at PS 145.

Mark Diller:

- PS 145 is 1 of 3 schools in CSD 3 identified as underutilized (DoE est. appx 300 seats available). Also is 1 of 8 schools that received magnet grant with the intent of ending demographic isolation in our schools.
- Grant requires all 8 schools to have room to grow enrollment; non-compliance jeopardizes the entire grant.
- Proposal that West Prep Academy being squeezed out by PS 452 be a better fit for the PS 145 space.
- DoE rezoning drafts attempting to carve out space for charter in rezoning plans, including 145 and 165.
- Richard Asche: resolution raises many questions. Has DOE or other agencies taken any official position? How does the collocation of PS 145 and West Prep allow them both to grow? Is there the possibility that the DOE would jeopardize the grant by placing the charter school in PS 145? Not clear what the context is, who is pushing it and whose opposing it. Is it necessary to take such a firm position tonight?

A: PS 145 has been spoken of as a potential home for Success charter but no official document yet makes that proposal. Concern that DoE's evolving rezoning plans will shift without affording CB7 an opportunity to comment. This charter operator has had significant difficult co-location issues at PS 149.

- Lillian Moore: Different advertising strategy by Success Academy? Why is CB7 vote important?

A: Charter ads in English only, target lower part of district. CB7 vote advisory re community concerns.

- Jay Adolf: Is there any location that is appropriate for this charter school?

A: Yet to find one. Charter approval proceeding without identifying a location. Assembly-Member O'Donnell objects as contrary to law. Community looked for space for new PS 452 in 2009-10 without success.

- Sheldon Fine: PS 145 parents don't want the school there. The issue that needs to be addressed is whether we support charter schools as a way to educate our children or whether we want to find ways of supporting existing schools to grow. Is there any way other than bringing a middle school, to make 145 to grow?

A: Grant provides opportunities for organic growth of enrollment. Not addressing larger charter issues.

- Proposed Substitute Resolution: Shelly Fine: Resolution simply to support PS 145's attempts to grow through this grant and therefore oppose Success Academy co-location

- Richard Asche: PS 145 has 300 empty seats for a reason. To reject out-of-hand this collocating is

wrong. It is an outrage and huge disservice that there has been no outreach to the charter operator.

- Helen Rosenthal: Oppose substitute resolution and fully support original resolution. Mark brings together two groups-CB7 and CEC3. This particular charter has been a unconscionably bad neighbor and is trying to preempt the issues the CEC is forced to deal with. Likes the resolution's specificity to PS 145 b/c of the magnet grant situation. Charter operator refused to be interviewed at the same time as CEC president. This resolution is a reflection of real frustration felt by the parents.
- Mark Diller: Resolution based on capacity and the grant, drawn from community input on all sides, hence procedure is not anomalous. Notwithstanding the foregoing, on own motion, refer resolution back to YEL.

#### 5. PCB testing for all public and private school buildings.

Eric Shuffler, CB7 YEL member and parent at 199:

- From 1950s-1978, PCBS used in light ballasts, as caulk and in many other ways.
- Hundreds of schools built during this period and others renovated in this period contain PCBs.
- NYC agreed to conduct a pilot study in 5 schools to study the best remediation methods including PS 199.
- PCB levels too high even after first remediation; DoE then replaced every light fixture at PS 199.
- A-M Rosenthal and Rep. Nadler have called for testing of all schools built during this period.
- Eliz Caputo: Cost of testing?

A: DoE never shared estimates but A-M Rosenthal seeking statewide and federal funding to cover testing.

- Neurological disorders, immune-deficiency and developmental delays linked to PCB exposure.
- Tom Vitullo-Martin: PCBS are ubiquitous in their use and this problem is not unique to public schools. Concern that remediation will not make a meaningful reduction in overall exposure.

A: Advocating for all schools, not just public schools.

A: Children absorb contaminants at accelerating rates - particularly vulnerable..

- CB7 is the first to take up this issue - will share with other community boards.

After deliberation, the resolution to require testing and remediation was adopted.

VOTE: 35-0-4-0.

### Land Use Committee

#### Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairs

6. **163 West 78th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application by Rodeph Sholom School to the Board of Standards & Appeals for variance to facilitate construction of a 930-square-foot penthouse play space.

After deliberation, the resolution in support of the application was adopted.

VOTE: 37-0-0-0.

### Preservation Committee

#### Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairs

7. 55 West 71st Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition.

After deliberation, the resolution in support of the application was adopted.

VOTE: 36-0-0-0.

### Transportation Committee

#### Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairs

8. Application #1339594 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Altaf Shaikh to construct and operate a newsstand at the southeast corner of Columbus Avenue and West 97th Street.

- New location for one proposed and rejected for a site in front of Whole Foods.

Klari Neuwelt:

- Newsstands sell cigarettes. Should not license sidewalks to sell cigarettes.
- Should not use City property to sell what one could not advertise in public.

Andrew Albert (Co-Chair):

- Transportation will take up the policy issue. Should not penalize this applicant.

Mel Wymore: Transportation and BCI will revisit the policy issue in future meetings.

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

VOTE: 26-10-1-0.

9. Application #1371428 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Md. Shahinur Islam to construct and operate a newsstand at the northwest corner of Broadway and 96th Street.

Community Comment - Marilyn Braverman:

- Reluctantly oppose newsstand. Traffic in the area already congested – narrow street; subway reconstruction.
- Congestion includes pedestrians, (schools) kids on scooters; seniors crowded out.
- Advised applicant that the SE corner location was better, but applicant stuck with original location.
- Reapplication no longer requires second application fee. Should reconsider.

Shahinur Islam – Applicant:

- Will not interfere with pedestrian traffic. No different than other newsstands.

Board Comment:

- Will be another newsstand in subway head house.
- Newsstand will serve a real need (vendors sell and give away papers currently).
- Head house newsstand will only be used by those taking the subway; should think twice about MTA island.

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

VOTE: 20-17-1-0.

10. Request to the NYC Department of Transportation for a traffic study of the area between West 96th and West 110th Streets, Central Park West to Riverside Drive.

Andrew Albert (Co-Chair):

- New Associated supermarket on 100th Street and Amsterdam likely to add to existing congestion.
- Police and fire on 100th street already create congestion through parking and traffic.
- Residents to meet with C-M Mark-Viverito and A-M O'Donnell.
- Would like to see traffic study extended all the way to 110th Street.
- Should re-examine angle parking on 100th – at the expense of moving traffic lanes.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 38-0-0-0.

## **Business & Consumer Issues Committee**

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

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

- 1 West 67th Street (Central Park West) GVR Hospitality LLC, d/b/a "To be determined".

Former Café Des Artistes' space.

- 222 West 79th Street (Broadway) MPMB, LLC d/b/a "To be determined".

After deliberation, each of the resolutions to approve the applications was adopted.

VOTE: 35-1-1-0.

12. 924 Columbus Avenue (West 105th Street) Application to the State Liquor Authority by Sasa's Lounge LLC, d/b/a Sasa's Lounge, for two-year liquor license.

- Noise issue raised at committee. Owner agreed to install soundproofing; tenant satisfied.

- Resolution to disapprove unless soundproofing installed (SLA preferred form of resolution). After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove unless soundproofing installed was adopted.

VOTE: 36-1-1-0.

13. Central Park at 67th Street. Application to the State Liquor Authority by restaurant truck in fixed area at Tavern on the Green, d/b/a "To be determined", for a two-year liquor license.

- Former Tavern on the Green garden now to be used for a collection of food trucks; one requested liquor license.
- Applicant responsible, proactive, generous to fellow food trucks; No opposition from area residents.
- License for food truck unusual; license not portable (i.e. truck cannot relocate and continue sales).
- Food truck court will enliven the Park, especially in the early evening hours.

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

VOTE: 31-3-2-0.

#### **14. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:**

- 2012 Broadway (West 68th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1282959 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nanoosh Broadway, LLC, d/b/a Nanoosh, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.
- 2014 Broadway (West 68th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1326142 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 68th Street Cafe, Inc, d/b/a Luce Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.
- 2170 Broadway (West 76th-77th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1283503 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CGM OTA, LLC, d/b/a Fatty Crab, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.
- 311 Amsterdam Avenue (West 75th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1289619 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fusha Japanese Rest. Inc., d/b/a Fusha West, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 30 tables and 61 seats.
- 430 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Ave. Rest. Inc., d/b/a Jake's Dilemma, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats.
- 520 Columbus (West 85th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1006183 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 520 Columbus Ave Ltd., d/b/a Nonna Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats.
- 2637 Broadway (West 100th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1280169 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S.A.V. Associates Inc., d/b/a Turkuaz Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats.

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

VOTE: 31-1-1-0.

15. 2740 Broadway (West 105th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1222176 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc, d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

Community Comment - Alan Flacks:

- Silver Moon – disobeyed consumer affairs regulations, other restrictions.
- Not a good neighbor – took more space than permitted.

Board Comments:

- Silver Moon had a previous history of non-compliance, but in recent years has done better.
- Continuing concerns about past behavior and precedent.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application by Silver Moon was not adopted.

VOTE: 17-13-4-0.



16. 2518 Broadway (West 94th Street.) New application DCA# 1353598 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 94 Corner Café Corp., d/b/a 94 Corner Café for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 20 seats.

Chairs:

- Committee approval based on agreement by Landlord and Tenant to remove the café after the lease expired.
- Later determined through the NYC Law Dep't that such a clause would not be enforceable
- Committee therefore recommends disapproval.

Board Comments:

- Same restaurant has approval for an unenclosed café on Broadway.
- Board has a long-standing policy to disfavor wrap-around and side-street cafes.
- Applicant has a successful restaurant at 71st and Broadway with a side street enclosed café.
- 71st Street side street enclosed café built 35 years ago, and is a wide sidewalk unlike this application.
- Bleak side street would benefit from enlivening from enclosed café.
- Side street too narrow - café would not fit.

Alexander Zerwee , Applicant:

- Verizon removed phone booth - no interference.
- Not a wrap-around - unenclosed café is seasonal.

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

VOTE: 28-7-1-0.

#### **Parks & Environment Committee - Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Chairs**

#### **Joint with the Preservation Committee - Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairs**

#### **Resolutions Re:**

17. Riverside Park. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the Department of Parks & Recreation for the reconstruction of the Neufeld Playground and the adjacent steps and ramps.

- A/k/a "Elephant Playground" - Addition to Olmstead design of Riverside Park during Robert Moses era.
- Funding from Borough President Stringer and C-M Brewer (to include playground and stairs).

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

VOTE: 35-0-0-0.

18. Riverside Park. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the Department of Parks & Recreation for the design of dogs-off-leash signs in Riverside Park.

- New signs where dogs are not permitted off-leash.
- Only being asked to approve appearance of the sign, (typical Parks format - green with white letters).

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

VOTE: 34-0-2-0.

Adjourn: 10:25 pm.

Present: Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Elizabeth Caputo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Hope Cohen, Kenneth Coughlin, Mark Darin, Mark Diller, Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Victor Gonzalez, Phyllis E. Gunther, Ulma Jones, Blanche E. Lawton, Marisa Maack, Dalia Mahmoud, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Oscar Ríos, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara

Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Mel Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. On-Leave: Charles Simon. Absent: Brian Byrd, Page Cowley, Miki Fiegel, Judith Matos, Gabrielle Palitz, Haydee Rosario and Cara Volpe.

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## **Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Victor Gonzalez, Chairperson**

**November 8, 2010**

**At Wise Towers Tenant Association Room, 133 West 90 Street**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM and as customary we had an around the table self introduction. Once completed we revisited the "Warranty of Habitability" act discussion and see if it would work towards resolving the current issues that plague NYCHA residents. Some of these issues if you were wondering are apartment repairs, mold, painting just to name a few. We found that further research is needed. From there we went on to speaking about the two computer systems that are used by public housing in order to schedule those repairs. It appears that Seibel which is used by the Centralized Call Center (CCC) and Maximo which is used at the management (local) office are not really speaking to each other. In a recent visit by Co-Chair Victor A. Gonzalez to the CCC facility in Long Island City according to John Divine, Director these two systems are supposed to be communicating with each other. He states that the information is relayed to the local management office in order to initiate the work ticket. It seems that there is a glitch that will be addressed especially after this meeting. Another issue that only adds to the problem is that the repair teams that are addressing these repairs are not always the same team or not from the development. Thereby creating a problem due to the lack of familiarity of the development and not being able to locate the source of the problem. Marisa Maack committee member suggested that we meet with the different departments and work on a plan as to finding a solution for this problem. So at our December meeting we will discuss the various departments of NYCHA that we would want there. In addition, we would invite the city council members that are responsible for this area as well as the tenant association presidents in CB 7's district. At this meeting we will discuss the questions that will be asked and come up with an agenda. Thus when we meet on January 11, 2011 (with a 6:30 PM start) everything will be in place as well as the location. Further discussion ensued about possible candidates for the meeting and once every possible every avenue was covered we adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Present: Victor Antonio Gonzalez, Robert Espier, Marisa Maack, Lillian Moore, Nick Prigo and Suzanne Robotti. Guests Present: Rosalba Rodriguez from City Council member Gale A. Brewer's Office, Steven Gonzalez-The Property Maintenance Supervisor (NYCHA) and Janet Wasserman

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## **Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**

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

**November 8, 2010**

1. Presentation by Marilyn Braveman, resident of The Columbia on 96th Street and Broadway, asked the board to postpone an approved newsstand between the trees in front of the Gourmet Garage. She felt the roots on the trees surrounding the newsstand would not be able to grow and there are too many children on the street. Gourmet Garage does not object to the newsstand, however. Marcella Staper, board member of The Columbia, also objected.

Newsstands:

2. Application #1374385 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sultana Razia, MD to construct and operate a newsstand at the Northeast corner of Broadway and West 62nd Street.

Presentation by owner of newsstand, Mr. Razia.

Andrew Berkman, attorney representing the Millstein family and on the board of 30 Lincoln Plaza, opposes newsstand applications on the east side of Broadway between 61st and 62nd Street. He says the street congestion has gotten worse since the board first turned down the newsstand in 1999. Andrew asked Mr. Razia if DCA had apprised him of the earlier issues and whether he had looked at other locations in the area. Tim Devlin, Lincoln Square BID, also stated he was against the newsstand.

Marc Glazer asked whether the applicant would consider a different location. Applicant suggested north side of 62nd Street; committee submitted.

Applicant agreed to look at other sites for a newsstand and provide a list of other options.

3. Review of implementation of the Columbus Avenue bike lane between West 96th and 77th Streets.

- DOT criteria: # of accidents (vehicular, pedestrians and bikes) on the avenue; usage, community reaction; through-put data. Update in March 2011. CB7 criteria.
- Proposals for loading zone on West 82nd Street, east of Columbus, and school bus parking on West 77th Street, east of Columbus.
- Survey of businesses along bike lane.

It is a forum of problems and how to fix the issues.

Nick Bazas, owner Quality Florist, 41 years in the neighborhood, 447 Columbus Avenue, btw 81/82. Has no place to park for delivering. Other problem is that other people are vying for the same parking spaces in a three block radius. His trucks loaded for 15 minutes before lanes.

Elizabeth Starkey proposed at least one spot designated for deliveries only in order accommodate the issues.

Josh Orzeck, DOT, explained they are reevaluating the turning bay to return the parking spaces.

Naomi Wasaki, DOT, said they were looking into putting loading on corners. Also said they were not accurate in their accounting of the number of parking spaces that would be lost.

Dave Zelman says trucks are double parked all along.

Andrew Fisher, Royal Opticians, feels he was mislead about the bike lanes and it's already hurting business.

Joseph Schiff, resident West 81st Street. Says he found out about the plan from the West Side Spirit. Feels the bicycle people had unfair advantage and the bike lanes exacerbate the noise and congestion. Also feels that reducing the width of the lanes make getting out of cars more dangerous. Also feels that visitors to the museum cannot get out of their cars. Says buses are moving slower, too.

Barbara Adler, Executive Director, Columbus Avenue BID. Feels they were mislead and for the past three weeks has had to focus entirely on the bike lane. Says it's not the bike lane, but bad planning on the part of DOT. Ken Coughlin asked Barbara to clarify if it was the only block.

Robert Josman, resident. Says that representatives of the 20th and 24th Precincts confirmed the plan is not working. Recommended that everyone go to full board tomorrow night.

Naomi Wasaki, DOT, that there were left turn lanes slowed people down. She also said they changed the number of islands increased on behalf of pedestrian safety. Elizabeth Starkey said traffic islands provide extra security for people and she's happy that there are more.

Penny Hayman-Schwartz, resident. Said Riverside Park is a better commuter traffic location. She

feels the bicycle lanes are underused, approximately three bikes per hour. Feels “bikers” disregard human beings.

Ricardo Zingone, Zingone’s, supports bike lanes but not on commercial thoroughfares. Can’t get deliveries. Also said the construction was all night. Had a list of 28 owners against bike lane. 300 signatures. Says purveyors cannot do business. Addresses such issues as where would the snow go?

Hays Lord, DOT, Bicycle Program. Says snow will be put on the sidewalk. Andrew Albert interjected that merchants would be liable.

Brian Hoberman, resident, lives near Amsterdam. Said there were about a dozen cyclists on Saturday. Feels that the bikes are more important than the merchants.

Barbara Leighterman, resident. She is “grossed out” by what is going on and wants to know who is supporting the bike lanes.

George Beane, property owner/resident. Points out that there is a problem with the parking and we can work it out; maybe with dedicated loading lanes.

Rita McKee, resident Inwood, represents Inwood Livable Streets Initiative. Claims 1,200 people in Inwood wanted protected lanes.

Peter Frishau, resident. Says the community board should ask for a longer bike lane.

Bob Schweitzer, Schweitzer Linen. Talked about the importance of small businesses being able to load and unload. Pointed out that the lack of parking will have a cost factor and diminish safety.

Michael Kosterwa, resident. Is against the lanes. (Notes attached.)

Andrew Albert pointed out that complaints have come from merchants throughout the neighborhood. David Zelman suggested specific criteria to see if it works well. Naomi Wasaki, says there is historical data. Blanche Lawton asked Ms. Wasaki the source of the data. Penny Hayman-Schwartz says who is going to police bikers and wants them licensed. Gale Brewer confirmed there is inefficient crash data and that there is a bill in City Council.

#### 4. New Business

Ulma Jones brought up questions regarding muni meters, loading zones and 96th Street.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ken Coughlin, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Blanche Lawton, , Anne Raphael and Oscar Rios. Board Member: Mark Darin and Elizabeth Starkey. On-Leave: Absent: Lillian Moore and Roberta Semer.

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

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

**November 10, 2010 7:00 PM**

Applications to SLA for a two-year liquor license.

1. 509 Amsterdam Avenue (West 84th Street) New York Beer, Co, LLC , d/b/a Snack Bar.

Proprietors George and Jacob Hadjageorgis, presenting. Application for two-year liquor license.

Posted on SW corner of 85th Street and Amsterdam, across from 170 West 85th Street and other locations. He is opening an American Bistro specializing in classic cuisine with locally sourced cuisines; will have deliveries eventually. Experienced restaurateurs with units in Boston.

Hours of operation: Sunday-Thurs. 10 – 2 a.m. ; Fridays/Saturdays 10- 3 a.m. Full bar

license. Applicants advised of board’s bicycle messenger service criteria.

Motion brought to approve the application: 7-0-0-0

2. 467 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd Street). Canteen 82 Inc., d/b/a Canteen 82. Presenting: Ching Yeh, [ching7677@gmail.com](mailto:ching7677@gmail.com). Hours of operation: 11 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Motion to approve the application: 7-0-0-0

3. 269 Columbus Avenue (48 West 73rd Street) 72 & Columbus, LLC d/b/a "To Be Determined." Presenting: Doug Griebel, proprietor and Eddie Schwartz. Owner of City Grill developing a new corporation and new family-oriented restaurant with American/Bistro theme. Hours of operation: 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. weekdays; weekends 10 a.m. to TBD. Motion to approve the application: 7-0-1-0

#### Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications

4. 447 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street). Renewal Application DCA#0990613 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New Store Restaurant Corp. d/b/a EJ's Luncheonette, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 15 seats. Postponed because owner/manager did not attend.

5. 1900 Broadway (West 65th Street). Renewal application DCA#1282969 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 64 West Restaurant, LLC d/b/a Bar Boulud, for a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 38 tables and 76 seats. Presenting Ryan Ruttner, Asst. Director of Operations. Elizabeth Caputo reviewed the café, saw two signs and said it was fine. Applicant Submitted list of postings.

Motion to approve the application: 6-0-1-1

6. 2418 Broadway (West 89th Street) Renewal application DCA#1172236 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Three Friends LLC d/b/a Georgia's Café and Bakery to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 26 seats. Paul Fisher reviewed and did not see any problems. Applicant, Georgia Stamulis, owner presented. Expediter Mike Kelly brought list of postings. Motion to approve the application: 6-0-2-0

#### New Unenclosed Café Application

7. 279 Amsterdam Avenue (West 73rd Street) New application DCA#1369548 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Manna Amsterdam LLC d/b/a Gina La Fornarina, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 45 seats. Presenting: Lori Cuisinier, Friedman & Gottbaum, attorney. Owner, Paola Pedrignani and architect, Ron Cappel were present, as well. Vendor, David Wu presented. He is a Vietnamese veteran who is licensed and has been at that spot for 26 years.

#### West 73rd Street Residents/Shareholders presenting:

Helga Shnuka feels the vendor has been harassed. Pointed out the senior citizens home in the center of the block.

Janice Garafola says none of the shareholders were informed about a DCA meeting that restaurant owner claimed occurred. She feels that her café could reflect the one at Salumeria Rossi and is disappointed that they didn't reconfigure the front café.

Frederich Danielis says there should be a mix of restaurants with and without cafes.

Susan Salman feels that the sidewalk is too narrow and doesn't think there would be sufficient space to walk on the sidewalk.

Barbara Chasen is concerned about diminution of space, as well as noise and vermin. She supports vendors as well.

Genie Williams submitted a letter in support of the café. She doesn't know the vendor but does not really recognize him. Doesn't have a problem with wraparound and believes that the overcrowding is exaggerated and hopes for a compromise.

Doris Wyman has been concerned about the street and the lack of pedestrian space. She supports

David and feels he is a part of the community. She has lived in the community for 50 years and does not want another outdoor café.

Sheila Klee supports David and has been going to his table for 20 years.

Ms. Pedrignani didn't change to the original plan because she felt it was flexible. Suggested looking at the entire picture. She is a mother and understands the problems of a narrow sidewalk space; has friends with double stroller. Showed pictures of Salumeria Rossi. The architect pointed out that the community board didn't provide enough information for a modified plan.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, speaking on behalf of the committee, recommended that they revise their plan to remove the row closest to the building, and providing them with an eight-foot wide surface for a total of 14 tables. Committee offered to review a new floor plan before Full Board meeting.

Resolution to approve an amended plan removing six table on West 73rd Street and aligning the tables parallel to the property line, comprising nine tables on the south side of the doorway and five tables to the north of the doorway. Applicant has agreed to submit amended and stamped plans to the committee no later than Monday, November 29th, one week prior to Full Board, December 7, 2010.

Motion to approve the application with amendment: 8-0-0-0

#### 8. New Business

- Discussions about new café policies. Paul Fisher suggests writing a resolution about board policies regarding enclosed cafes and wraparound cafes.
- Street fair discussions.

Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michele Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones and Anne Raphael. Absent: Dalia Mahmoud.

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### **Preservation Committee Minutes**

**Gabrielle Palitz and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairpersons**

**November 11, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM by Co-Chairpersons Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz.

1. 43 West 73rd. St. ----- Application #11-2519 to the LPC to remodel the rear facade and construct a rooftop addition to the German Revival Renaissance row house.

Olsin Clancy and Mark Ackerson, Field Lines Architecture, represented the applicant. They reported that no work is planned for the front facade; the square footage will not be increased; the original windows will be retained and refurbished. The plan includes removing the present basement annex, replacing it with an insulated glass enclosure while retaining some of the existing stone/brick/wood elements.

Charles Bender, a neighbor, asked if any work was planned for the roof. The architect reported that the LPC, at staff level, had approved a roof deck and bulkhead that sloped from 8" to 2" and was not visible from the street. The public expressed concern the light from the proposed annex would be intrusive.

On motion, the proposal was approved. Committee----4-2-1-0; Non-committee----0-0-1-0

2. 25 West 75th. St. --- Application to LPC to modify existing areaway and replace front door. Gregg Rothstein, Architect, represented the applicant. It was noted that no notice of plan was given to the neighborhood. The plan includes removal of the white brick framing the entrance and replace with brownstone to match neighbors; widen the planter; consider replacing the existing flagstone with simple concrete floor bed; replace existing ornate railing with simple black wrought iron. On motion, the proposal was approved. Committee----7-0-0-0; Non-committee----1-0-0-0

3. 24 West 87th. St. -- Application #11-0025 to LPC to modify the existing areaway. Gregg Rothstein, Architect, represented the applicant and reported that there would be no encroachment on the sidewalk. The planter to be raised 24" above sidewalk height to allow storage of garbage pails; red brick to be replaced with brownstone. On motion, the proposal was approved with a stated preference by the Committee for the recessed design. Committee----7-0-0-0; Non-committee---1-0-0-0.

4. 180 West 81st St. --Application to LPC for additional floor to structure. Joseph Smerina, NY Design Architects, represented the applicant. The plan calls for a 1850' rooftop addition with 1100' terrace. The LPC has approved the master plan and the building is undergoing extensive renovations. These include lowering the roof by 2'; air-conditioning installation; new plumbing and electrical wiring; new passenger elevator; changes to facade. The elevator bulkhead is visible from the north and the proposed pent-house visible from the south. Addition exterior to be stucco; exterior glass wall to have aluminum framing. Remaining rent-controlled tenants have been relocated within the building and a handicapped entrance installed.

Juan Hernandez, a tenant, said that conditions for the handicapped had greatly improved. Lisa Korzuimi, a neighbor, said that the alterations were not in keeping with the neighborhood.

On motion, the proposal was approved as submitted. Committee---7-0-0-0; Non-committee---1-0-0-0

5. 225 CPW -- Application to LPC to replace two existing metal framed greenhouses with two new structures. Gordon Kahn and Julian Alexis, Gordon Kahn Associates, represented the applicant. Plan proposes replacing two deteriorating greenhouse structures on roof off building and floor below. Footprint, color and materials for the replacement will remain the same; mullions will be more widely spaced to enhance internal visibility. Overall effect will be more contemporary. On motion, the proposal was approved as submitted. Committee---7-0-0-0.

6. 32 West 88th St. ---Application to LPC to replace 4-story rear-yard extension and windows. John Woell, Steven Harris Architects, represented the applicant. The building constructed in 1887 has had two extensions over the years. Proposal is to remove old extension and replace with new construction. A steel 'window system' multi-paned in dark gray surrounded by red brick to match facade. The architect reported the new construction would open-up the doughnut by 61/2'.

There were numerous comments from the public and neighbors.

Brian Henry --- the structure would intrude on other buildings despite reported reduction of footprint  
Jane Prusack-- concerned about intrusion, dust, noise, vibrations from construction

Nina Resnick-- concern about size of structure; would footprint increase

Bruce Black --- expressed worry about excessive light from windows

Peter Abeles --- inquired about overall increases in square footage. Response from architect was 230sq. feet additional.

Nancy Holwell-expected change in character of neighborhood and rear yards

Peter Gelvin -- asked if anyone can unilaterally change the character of the area

Tom Osbourne - concerned about the decibel level of condensers

Ellen Guterrez-- construction noise concerns and full width and height of addition

David Lundrell - extension will block light and air flow to adjacent building

Rita McMahon - same concerns

Tom Ryan - configuration would create an alley and airshaft

Amy Wagner --- negative effect on green space and quality of life

Brian Dimint --- out of character; negative effect on light and air

Bernard Rice -- large window area will emit too much light

Three letters were submitted. Mark Turasky and Susan Beckerman favor the project.

Gretchen Berger opposes.

On motion, the proposal was approved. Committee - 4-3-0-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50pm.

Submitted by,  
Blanche E. Lawton

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

Board Member: Marc Glazer. Absent: Dalia Mahmoud.

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**Land Use Committee Minutes**  
**Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**  
**November 17, 2010**

Key Terms Clarification Text Amendment. Department of City Planning proposed amendment to the Zoning Resolution to clarify the meaning and usage of the key terms “development” and “building.” In addition, the Department is proposing other text modifications that are necessary to clarify the intent of the Zoning Resolution, resolve conflicting regulations, or bring a regulation into accordance with current Department of Building’s practice.

Adam Meagher of the Department of City Planning (DCP) presented highlights of the proposed citywide text amendment. Purpose is to clarify and preserve the meaning of defined terms in the Zoning Resolution in response to recent court rulings that found lack of consistency in these defined terms.

EXISTING AND CONTINUING “Zoning Lot” = “A tract of land comprising a single tax lot or two or more adjacent tax lots within a block.”

EXISTING “Development” = “A ‘development’ includes the construction of a new building or other structure on a zoning lot, the relocation of an existing building on another zoning lot, or the use of a tract of land for a new use.”



NEW “Development” definition pursuant to text amendment, if approved:

- retains the term where the rule was intended to apply only to new buildings;
- replaces the term “development” with the term “building” where the rule was intended to apply to both new and existing buildings; and
- replaces the term “development” with the term “zoning lot” where the rule was intended to apply to all buildings or all uses on a zoning lot.

EXISTING “Building” = “Any structure which:

- Is permanently affixed to the land
- Has one or more floors and a roof
- Is bounded by either open area or the lot lines of a zoning lot.”

NEW “Building” = “Any structure which:

- Is located within a zoning lot
- Is permanently affixed to the land
- Has one or more floors and a roof
- Is bounded by fire walls or an open area.”

Updated definitions would clarify separation of uses, “sliver rule,” “dormer rule,” and “recess rule.”

Proposed text amendment also closes a random assortment of loopholes in the Zoning Resolution:

- Height and setback rules in mixed (residential and community facilities) buildings in R7-2 and R8 – apply to residential tower only, not using bulk allowances from CF
- Height and setback rules should apply to all buildings, including “altered buildings”

Clarification without effective change to:

- Vesting (entire foundation must be completed)
- Reconstruction of damaged/destroyed building (less than 75%)

Clarification on demolition/alteration:

Wherever public amenities must be provided by a “development,” the text amendment will clarify that the demolition and reconstruction of a building is considered a “development” if:

- More than 75% of its floor area is removed, and
- More than 25% of its perimeter walls are removed.

This rule will apply to amenities such as:

- Street trees
- Retail Continuity requirements triggered by “developments”
- Subway stair relocations.

Outcome/Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the Department of City Planning’s proposed amendment of the Zoning Resolution to clarify the meaning and usage of the key terms “development” and “building.”

Committee: 5-0-1-0 Board: 1-0-0-0

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Richard Asche, Jay Adolf, Hope Cohen, Sheldon J. Fine, Helen Rosenthal and Roberta

Semer. Board Members: Mark Darin and Mel Wymore. Absent: Page Cowley, Haydee Rosario, Ethel Sheffer and Tom Vitullo-Martin.

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**Parks & Environment Committee**  
**Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons**  
**November 17, 2010**  
**Joint with the Preservation Committee**  
**Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons**

Item #1: Presentation regarding signage in Central Park for the Old Croton Aqueduct. The Parks Department will install 13 signs in NYC extending from the Bronx down to 42nd Street, to educate New Yorkers about one of NYC's first major infrastructure projects. The Croton Aqueduct is an underground treasure known to few New Yorkers. Built in 1842, it supplied water to the city until 1955.

Nancy Owens from Nancy Owens Studios presented the signage project with slides. She explained the history of the aqueduct. Until its completion in 1842, NYC had no proper water supply. In fact, people drank beer because the water was so polluted. The Croton system was a gravity-fed system that began at the Croton Reservoir, extended ¼ mile underground through the Bronx down Fordham Road, ran into Central Park's Great Lawn and then to the Reservoir at 42nd St. where the New York Public Library currently stands. There will be two signs in Central Park, adjacent to two manhole covers, remnants of the old Aqueduct, labeled "Old Croton," on the path leading from the West 85th Street entrance into the park.

Nancy and her team then showed the committee a prototype of the proposed signs – acrylic, approximately 8 feet tall, green to match the Parks Department images/signage. Acrylic signage is designed to discourage theft and vandalism and is resistant to damage from weather and sunlight, thus minimizing upkeep and maintenance. .

Nancy said they had received input from the Central Park Conservancy and that they would be appearing before LPC.

Elizabeth proposed a resolution to approve, seconded by Nick. The resolution passed 7-0-0-0

Item #2. Update on Joint DPR /Parsons project at 101st St. loggia in RSP  
John Herrold, director of RSP and president of RSP Fund, updated the committees on progress since the initial presentation to CB7 Parks and Preservation Committee of the joint project between DPR and Parsons School of Design for the design and renovation of the 101 St. Loggia. After the committee's input and approval of the project, the students went to LPC where the project was enthusiastically and unanimously approved. The next step was a presentation of the Deputy Commissioner of Buildings which led to an inspection and review of the students' drawings. Approvals were received in June and extensive renovation began. This included interior demolition and lead paint/asbestos issues on the north end, as well as repair of smoke and fire damage. Masonry and plumbing and internal lighting are among the items still to be done. Work will continue through the winter. The project will hopefully be completed by end of 2011. The committee expressed support for future partnerships between Parsons and the Parks Department.

Item 3: Continuing Items of Concern:

Cherry Walk. Cherry Walk is part of the Riverside Park bicycle/pedestrian path along the Hudson, starting around 100th St. and continuing up to 125th St. Many concerns about poor repair of the asphalt on the path have been brought to the Parks & Environment Committee. Cy Adler, president of Shore Walkers reported that the paths are falling apart, forcing pedestrians to create their own path in the grass alongside the asphalt path. John Herrold responded that contracting for repairs is very costly, budget is limited. Nonetheless, fencing and masonry will be bid on in December-January.

Lighting issues between 59th and 72nd Streets. John said RSP is working with Extell to improve lighting in that area. It was pointed out that there are 3 blocks along the stretch, south of 72nd St., practically pitch black and extremely dangerous.

Riverside South Park issues: what to do about the green spaces, ball fields, soccer fields adjacent to Riverside South Blvd. At this time, Extell is taking the position that they are still private property. Parks committee voiced interest in having the area opened to public before it is deeded to NYC. The principal concern is the question of liability. Parks is not willing to assume liability. Extell is not willing to open it to the public if Extell is liable for injuries to the public. Committee will follow up.

72nd Street cyclists/pedestrian issues. RSP has not made available to the committee the results of the "survey" conducted by RSP and Floral in August/Sept. 2010 which could help in determining periods of peak usage of the paths. Jesse Bodine from Councilmember Brewer's office is on the case and the request from the biking community in this area as that the dismount rules should be less restrictive.

Green Bike Ring: Cy Adler brought up new business, a Green Bike Ring around Manhattan, adjacent to Hudson Parkway and East Side Highway. He asked the committee to support a study to gauge support for the proposal, a bike lane encircling the city. Klari recommended talking directly to DOT and getting the city to fund a study. Cy reminded the committee members of the annual Shore Walk around Manhattan, this year to be held on Saturday, May7, 2011. .

Sale of Cigarettes in Newsstands, especially in NYC Parks. This issue has been addressed recently at full board meetings. Smoking will soon be prohibited in NYC Parks. Committee suggested involving Business and Consumer Affairs committee, as well as Health and Human Services Committee and work on a board-wide position.

Meeting adjourned a little before 9pm.

Present: Elizabeth Starkey, Klari Neuwelt, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Phyllis Gunther and Nick Prigo. Absent: Judith Matos, Suzanne Robotti and Tom Vitullo-Martin.