

Full Board, Committee, and District Service Cabinet Minutes

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Mel Wymore, Chairman

March 1, 2011

The full board of Community Board 7. Manhattan on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Jewish Home Lifecare, 120 West 106th Street, in the District. The meeting was chaired by CB7 Chairman Mel Wymore, and was called to order at 6:40 pm. The following topics were discussed and actions taken.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting:

Ulma Jones: minutes are too long.

VOTE: 29-1-1.

Chairman's Report Mel Wymore

Passing of Mel's father – founder of Systems Engineering.

- Life's work – one message – society spends time trying to solve problems without understanding them.

- Spent a career building a mathematical model to understand systems and build solutions that include all stakeholders.

Neighbor of the Month: Miki Fiegel to present

- Recipient is Randy Garudi

- Member of Union Square Hospitality Group – CEO of Shake Shack.

- Committed to extending hospitality from business to the community.

- Local business person and lives in the neighborhood. Serves on Colum BID; involved in the Taste of the UWS.

- Supports AMNH with percent of sales from concretes.

- Donations and tours for local schools.

- Works with Parks and Doe Fund

- Volunteers with West Side Campaign against Hunger.

- Shake Shack has enlivened the corner.

Trinity House

- Timeline being extended 90 days – CB7 writing to reinforce/confirm.

- Trinity School will attend CB7 Housing Committee in March.

PWV

- Cathy Unsino – residents showing support for open letter.

- Appreciate .

Community Session

Howard Yarrow Board of Directors of Historic Dist Council.

- LPC will hear proposed WEA Historic District 3/22 79-87; 6/28 – 70-79th; 10/25 WEA 79-109.

- CB7 sponsoring community breakfast Wed 3/9 8-9:30 225 W 81st Community Room – discuss strategy for success.

Rebecca Donsky

- Manager Bloomingdale Library 100th

- Time for toddler story time

- Tues afternoons teen time with laptops.

- Irish folk dancing for teens and tweens

- Family programs – Purim celebration on 7th

- Sherlock Holmes 18th, Alice in Wonderland

- Trouble with Poetry 3/26 discussion with head of collections.

- Low impact exercise for older adults; adult yoga .

Ian Alterman – Pres 20th Pct Community Council

- 646-489-3444
- 20pctissues@gmail.com
- No. 1 crime is theft of unattended property – don't leave things sitting out. Things can disappear quickly.

Beverly Sheiner

- 420 = bar at 80th Amsterdam; lives at 201 West 80th; bed over party room.
- New owners – can't sleep 4 nights per week. Other neighbors have the same problem.
- 20 pct trying to close, but only SLA.
- Arrests made frequently in front of her building.

Refer to Marc Glazer

Hillel Hoffman

- PWV Resident; West Siders for Public Participation
- Package of materials sent to state Health Commissioners.
- Letters from tenants associations, Trinity Lutheran Church; Melissa M-V; CB7 resolution – all requesting public hearing to review the JHL plans on West 100th Street.
- Thanks to the Board for support.
- Submitting the package.

Jillian Moya – HCZ – Beacon at Booker T Washington

- Invite to community advisory board meeting
- Free tax prep
- March 7 at 6:30 pm
- Anti violence forum – 3/3 at Booker T

Peter Arndsten – Columbus-Amsterdam BID

- History talk – public schools – PS 165, Charles BJ Scheider, 3/24 at Youth Hostel 6:30.
- Events calendar – Library events – very lively. Music, new restaurants.

Tracey Quan

- Sweatshop-free campaign UWS
- Working with West Park Pres and Trinity Lutheran
- Sweatshops in our own neighborhood – “Race to the Bottom”
- Saigon Grill workers as an example.
- New owners took over with liquor license, then started discriminating against workers older than 40.
- Meeting 3/3 at Trinity Lutheran from 6:30 – 8

Joan Paylo

- CFD District Leader – boycott Saigon Grill
- January – previous owner went to jail based on A-G Cuomo initiative.
- Rally Sat 3/26 at Saigon Grill (time tba)
- Inspired Columbia Students to join the community in opposing.
- Justice Will Be Served organization.

Anne Cunningham

- Introduce Willie Macham

Willie Macham

- Senior citizen – since 1984 at Pennington Hotel, 316 W 95th
- Feb 2010 Pennington converted to homeless shelter for those from prison and mental institutions
- 50 homeless adjacent to tenants
- DHS pays \$100 per day per resident – but NO supervision
- No maintenance of facility – garbage not collected; bed bugs; cockroaches
- 27 rooms with 1 bath

- One floor has 23 resi homeless plus 10 tenants – over capacity.
- Homeless use bath to use drugs. No signs posted.
- Emotional distress – living in fear to push out tenants.
- Affordable SRRO units should be for working poor local residents.

Willie Gonzalez – former CB7 member

- Application to join CB7 – but application came in late.
- 40-year resident of affordable unit being evicted because took 4 month trip to DR.
- Landlord very aggressive. Need help. Building on 109th Street.

Manhattan Borough President's Report

Suzanne Jiminez – Office of Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer:

- Interviewed CB7 applicants – done by 4/1
- Columbus Avenue Working Group – with CB7, C-M Brewer, elected, UWSSR, merchants – released report of survey results re Columbus redesign. Comprehensive re issues.
- Reduction in parking, and loading zones, are most significant results.
- 10 general recommendations given to DoT – DoT has begun work to implement or investigate.
- State of the Borough speech – Mel gave feedback. Theme – working in partnership. Available on-line at CB7's website.

Reports by Elected Officials:

C-M Gale Brewer

- Hearings on budget starting 3/10. Govt' operations 3/16
- Capital – for 2011 not cut (Reso A) – unlike
- Big cuts in Capital for 2012.
- Smoking ban in parks passed and enacted.
- Local sourcing – urging with deadlines for schools, jails, day care centers etc.
- Election ballots to be posted on line – good to know what is on the ballot before going to the poll.
- School – great greenhouse at JoA. Three other schools trying to do the same – labs and beauty.
- Working with MLK to redo the plaza and entrance. Need branding – working with BP
- Arts forum – huge – very successful. Funding possibilities and collab fostered.
- Letter to Chancellor Black re Dirty Oil.
- Blood Drive 3/24 at Project Find 141 W 73rd Street.
- Aging in Place event 4/5 from 1-3 at American Bible Society.
- Electronics recycling 4/9 at Greenflea.
- Abandoned newsstand on West 96th Street– Jesse Bodine got it down after much effort.
- Helicopters – stringent fines.

Reports from Elected Officials' Representatives:

Ben Shachter – Senator Adriano Espaillat

- Satellite district office in Gale's office on Mondays 9-5
- Bill proposed to extend housing reform – extend stab through 2016; continue URSTAD.

Rachel Stein – Linda Rosenthal

- News conf about PCBs –Congressman J Nadler, Manhattan Borough S Stringer at City Hall
- Urging replacement of ballasts in 5 years (City proposing over 10 years)
- Spoke at rally in support of Planned Parenthood – facing severe cuts under federal budget – in Foley Square – thousand of people.
- Education budget cuts – 117 teachers in our District – some schools as many as 1/3
- Sponsoring lobby day bus on 3/9 6:30 am – from District Office.
- Q: LIFO

Jared Chausow – Senator Tom Duane

- Juvenile Justice system needs reform – disproportionately poor and children of color exposed to abuse and violence. Even administrators writing to judges to urge alternative incarceration.
- Board Report introduced to eliminate inhumane treatment

- Sen made Parks Dep't apologize to residents planting next to bike lane tree pits in CB4 . Mel and Penny helped solve – working with CB4 and office to mitigate.

Gideon Martin – A-M O'Donnell

- Supported real rent reform meeting
- Pres Obama no longer defending DOMA

Michael Kaplan – A-M Gottfried

- Medicaid redesign team wrapped up last week – report main proposal to shift to primary and preventive care. Shift to managed care from emergency room use as family doctor. Will be in Gov's budget amendments.

- Q: cap non-economic damages in med malpractice – A-M's position??

- Co-sponsored independent redistricting panel legislation.

Ethan Mulligan – C-M Dickens:

- 2/16 smoking ban passed; effective in May

- Pregnancy service centers – regulations for centers posting that they are not licensed medical facilities.

- Calling on US House NOT to pass legislation – HR 217 – restricting funding for abortion services (PP); HR 313 – no funding for facilities that perform abortions

- Anti-gang legislation – raising penalties for firing weapons near playgrounds and houses of worship.

Business Session

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

Resolutions Re:

1. N/W/C Broadway & West 61st Street. Application #1378918 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Biru Ziu to construct and operate a newsstand on N/W/C Broadway & West 61st Street.

- In front of American Bible Society.

- Same location is approved for planters for American Bible Society.

- Resolution to disapprove – but offered speedy action to applicant on an alternate site.

VOTE: 36-1-0-0.

2. PS199 (West 70th Street, Freedom Place-Amsterdam Avenue.) Proposals by the PS199 Parents' Association to improve traffic conditions and pedestrian safety around the school.

Lisa Sladkus - UWSSR

- Safety campaign led by Eric Shuffler – incredibly inclusive – impressive

- Requests cheap and easy – will make streets safer.

- Supports plan.

Angela Wang:

- Thanks to CB7 for working to solve a very wide and dangerous intersection.

- Cars make huge, wide and fast turns.

- Especially

Dan: Resolution to approve recommendations 1-5; 6 & 7 to be further studied (believe 6 appropriate too, but want to study more).

Linda: support, but want to study to implement correctly – don't want to wait for 1-5 to study.

Roberta: strong support from Lincoln Towers – everyone in strong support. Very dangerous intersection – very wide – invites speeding and running red lights. Anything to calm traffic will be a gift to the community.

Bob – very dangerous intersection. 20-second light – very short. Never send a kid across that intersection. Amendment – approve 1-5 with a request for study of 6&7.

VOTE: 39-0-0-0.

3. S/W/C of Amsterdam Avenue and 103rd Street. Request by Tracy Steward for a secondary street naming in honor of his mother, Odessa Steward, long-time community activist and member of the 24th Precinct family.

Tracy Steward

- Mother Odessa Steward – passed away in December.
- Moved to Frederick Douglass Houses in 1959. Tried to be a police officer. Volunteered at 24th pct for 1 year – became receptionist.
- Helped create receptionists for other pcts; became leader among receptionists.
- Worked with West Side Women's committee working with homeless.
- Member 3 Parks
- Received over 30 awards, plaques from electeds. Dedicated 40 years of her life to 24 pct and community.
- Appropriate honor for woman who was the glue between the pct and the community.

Cynthia Doty

- Demo Dist Leader – supports
- Odessa a long-time member of the 3-Parks
- Personifies community – mayor of our area.
- One of the first residents of Douglass Houses – devoted leader of its tenant patrol.
- Founded and was impetus for community pct council – became model for pcts throughout the city.

Carmine Quinones -

- Made children and residents "pull their pants up" when they saw her.
- Odessa Steward was one of the people who watched over the neighborhood, and her presence made children straighten up and fly right.
- Taught how to be a leader without criticizing – leadership through advice and example without criticism.
- Sign will remind future generations of activists of what is possible.
- Would be a credit to CB7

Board Discussion:

- Gabby – in 1970 brother injured in car accident – Odessa comforted Gabby.
- Hope: Board had been opposed to secondary street naming – now seem to be much more open. Odessa is certainly worthy of being honored – but concerns about this method.
- Nothing in secondary street naming would help community know all the wonderful things we heard about this extraordinary person.
- Should rename pct house .

Andrew:

- Committee has been discussing when it is appropriate for secondary street names vs plaques.
- Still in the process of discussing.
- Plaques not ready and will be expensive.
- In interim, taking on case-by-case basis. Turned down John Lennon and co-op pres, but strong support for this extraordinary person.

Ken:

- Thought committee suspending practice until a global criteria/guidelines and policy.

Marisa – same – suspend until a policy is in place.

Roberta:

- Looking into plaques. Not ready yet.
- Supports in this case.

Barbara VB

- Didn't know – but listening to those who did know her was moving.
- Bloomingdale Library has great interest in local history – could explain

Linda:

- Favors Plaques but moved.
- Officers from 24 came to show support (didn't speak).

Robert:

- Important recognition – children will see it and be reminded.
- Should not wait on this while policy being developed.

Mark Darin:

- How best to recognize without disregarding policy – policy in development.
- Confused by issue. Process should be respected – discussion about
- Legacy will not fade in 2 years if creating a policy takes that long.

Shelly:

- Policy should yield to legacy
- Waiting 2 years will make a difference – should reinforce memory now while still fresh in mind.
- Should have a nice ceremony that will again bring community together.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 36-5-0-0

4. Transportation Alternatives' Rider Rebellion Campaign and Transit Rider Bill of Rights.

- Amendment: Change to “. . . approves the Transit Rider Bill of Rights and be it further resolved that in light of funding crisis asks that congestion pricing and tolls on all free East and Harlem River bridges be added to the Bill of Rights.”

Andrew:

- Concern that MTA accepting \$100MM cut will mean less cleaning – need dependable funding source

Hope:

- Congestion pricing and tolls open to wide interpretation – not one finite plan
- Suggests vaguer statement – supports creative new revenue approaches to fund the transit system, including possibly congestion pricing, new tolls and other sources of funding.

• ACCEPTED AS FRIENDLY

- Bill of Rights – really want all stations to have working elevators? Station agents? Rider on board.

Tom:

- Transportation Alternatives initiative.
- Does not see CB7 role as endorsing an independent group's lobbying.
- Congestion pricing works better in London because layout very different.

Ken:

- Transportation Alternatives does not lobby.
- Board takes up many worthy initiatives proposed by outside groups.

VOTE TO APPROVE, as amended: 28-6-3-0.

Preservation Committee, Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

LPC hearing on rules changes – participated.

LPC is giving staff more responsibility – cutting the community out. Needs to be a compromise.

WEPS hearing 3/22 at LPC – real passion on display.

5. American Museum of Natural History (Central Park West, West 77th -81st Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for Phase 2 of the restoration of the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Building.

- Phase 1 now complete – now looking at Phase 2
- Restoring CPW entrance, which is NYS's memorial to Teddy Roosevelt.
- Many technical details, plus improving access to the building. Pedestrian access in former drive, new lighting, façade restored and new banners that respect architectural. New Lighting of the building itself that is thought-out rather than haphazard current hodge-podge.
- Small issue re first floor doors, but overwhelmingly wonderful

VOTE TO APPROVE: 42-0-0-0.

6. 147 West 70th Street (Columbus Avenue-Broadway.) School of the Blessed Sacrament. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install canopies over both entrance doors of the school.

- School has red doors with paper signs to identify who enters where.
 - Application for 2 new awnings – using same mfr as neighbors
 - Changed colors and logo to be more appropriate based on community board input
- VOTE 42-0-0-0.

7. 48 West 75th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for restoration of the original stoop back, repair of the existing brownstone work at the front façade, new steel and glass windows at the rear façade, and a rooftop addition.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 40-0-0-0.

8. 329 Columbus Avenue (West 75th-76th Streets), d/b/a Make Meaning. Application #11-5447 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of the storefront.

- NOT a violation – sign just not visible because is between two architectural columns.
 - Sign to be suspended so as not to harm the masonry.
 - In line with adjacent signage.
- VOTE TO APPROVE; 41-0-0-0.

9. 326 West 80th Street.

- Proposal to move bulkhead forward to visible
- Resolution to disapprove.

VOTE TO APPROVE DISAPPROVAL: 40-0-0-0.

10. 119 West 85th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for dormer alteration and bulkhead addition.

- Dormer added – not original – wants to expand with sloping glass that will not be visible from the street. Glass and steel.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 40-0-0-0.

11. 51 West 90th Street (Central Park West- Columbus Avenue.) Application #11-4175 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows, demolish portions of the rear extension and alter the rear facade.

- Front - Other than black transom being painted black – appropriate
- Rear larger fenestration.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 41-0-0-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

12. 507 Columbus Avenue (West 84th Street.) Application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by 507 (West 84th Street) Columbus Avenue, Maenam, d/b/a “To be Determined”.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 41-0-0-0.

13. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications: NOT BUNDLING.

- 1 Lincoln Plaza (West 64th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1137714 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello’s Roman Café, Inc., d/b/a Café Fiorello, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats.
- New issues raised – holding over to next meeting

- 462 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd – 83rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1218320 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sol Y Sombre, LTD, d/b/a Sol Y Sombra for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 37-4-1-0

- 476 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1218332 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Rest. Corp., d/b/a Fred's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 35-2-1-0

- 2479 Broadway (West 92nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1278350 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Katouna, Inc., d/b/a Perfecto Pizzeria for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 48 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 37-0-4-0

- 960 Amsterdam Avenue (West 107th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1275484 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Thai Market, Inc., d/b/a Thai Market, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 25 seats.

- Tom: Did market post properly. Failed to do so for committee - understandable, thought it was obliged to post for DSA. New applicant.

- Approved on condition that they post for full board. (Same for Mama Mexico).

- George: Can't know Penny not present.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 36-0-4-0

Enclosed Café Renewal Applications:

14. 300 Amsterdam Avenue (West 74th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1218880 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by American Specialty Foods, Inc., d/b/a Josie's, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 27 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 31-7-3-0

15. 366 Columbus Avenue (West 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1282506 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shake Shack 366 Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Shake Shack, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 33-5-2-0.

16. 2290 Broadway (West 83rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1350796 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Corned Beef Express, LLC, d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 54 seats.

Hope:

- Artie's and Mama Mexico – approved – large part of argument at original approval was that the operator is a good guy. Not a function of good policy.

- But takes up a lot of space on Broadway.

- Mama Mexico – 2 separate cafes – operator a good guy, generous and active in the community. Strong support from the community when he applied.

- Now subject of accusations of practices similar to Saigon Grill.

Tom:

- Agree with Hope.

- Voted yes for Shake Shack – cleaning street from CPW to Bway – extraordinary.

- New operator at Artie's – not the same good guy as won approval.

Robert:

- We should not reward bad behavior. Mama Mexico – should take a strong stand.

Helen:

- Artie's was erected as a temporary structure – half wall between café and restaurant is still there.

Shelly:

- Must be very careful not to slander operator – allegations not proven and not well known.

Dan:

- Would vote to leave where it is. Originally not approved by CB7, but overruled downtown.
- Concern – would want more evidence than a statement at full board.

Linda:

- Good guy – overstates the basis for approval.
- Both Artie's and Mama on 25' wide sidewalks – plenty of room.
- Both are continuously packed – serves the community.

Sue Robotti:

- Abstained at committee.
- Concerned about process – we should have a predictable process that supports a consistent business model.

Klari:

- Looking for a pattern or principle – many have some concerns.
- Too many votes swayed by not wanting to take them away.

Hope:

- Policy questions about enclosed – can't really take them away.
- Should have clear policy against.

Jay:

- In appropriate to evaluate applications based on subjective views of operators are inappropriate.
- Policy should sway votes for or against. Thinks they contribute to the community.

Marisa:

- What happens if renewal not approved?

A: likely to be approved downtown.

George:

- Concern about anti-small business sentiment.
- We want a vibrant and diverse neighborhoods – losing basic stores in our community.
- Original need for enclosed café – needed in the 70s when the neighborhood wasn't as safe.
- Personalities irrelevant.
- Should not pick and choose.

Carmen Quinones:

- On behalf of Mama Mexico.
- Mama Mexico has contributed consistently over the years – strong outreach and contributions.
- They are community-oriented.

Tovia Feldman:

- Lost fortune with Bernie Madoff – forced to change direction. Had been in fashion
- Does outreach to Children's Museum 4 times per year – teach to make matzoh ball soup
- Donated to Broadway Mall Assn
- Hosted Democratic Party
- Convinced landlord to allow him to build a new sidewalk wrapping around the block.

Dan:

- However these came into being, these operators now count on these seats unless there have been egregious violations.
- Should distinguish between new and renewals.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 29-8-5-0.

17. 2672 Broadway (West 102nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1063188 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Plaza Mexico, Inc., d/b/a Mama Mexico, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 40 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 28-9-5-0.

18. 2672 Broadway (West 102nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0984023 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Plaza Mexico, Inc., d/b/a Mama Mexico, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 16 seats.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 28-9-5-0.

Housing Committee

Victor Gonzalez, Chair

19. New York State Senate bill 2783

Shelly: Ending Urstadt Law

Jay:

- No notice of resolution.
- Would have liked to see the copy of the bill.
- Not just extension of stab and control – serious questions about the particulars.
- Requires more notice and opportunity for comment.
- Resolution has inconsistency – bill wants to reduce percentage of rent increase and

Nick:

- Bullets taken from the bill
- Bill may be part of the budget – so may not be able to wait until next month.

Klari:

- Concerned about process and timing.
- Odd to have references to Urstadt Law without explaining.

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- Delete second-to-last paragraph instead of the last.

Jay:

- Reference to S/L incorrect – only limits period in which damages available, does not “legalize” the rent that can be charged.

Dan:

- Example of tenant whose

Tom:

No inconsistency between 2nd and 7th bullets – deal with entirely different issues.

Helen:

- Defer to the housing committee
- We probably want to support.
- Trust

committee on need for exigency

- Make leeway for tweaks as needed.

Victor:

Need to get this vote in.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 31-4-4-0.

Present: Mel Wymore, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, 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, Ulma Jones, Blanche E. Lawton, Marisa Maack, Dalia Mahmoud, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Gabrielle Palitz, Nick Prigo, Oscar Ríos, Suzanne Robotti, Haydee Rosario, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe, Roberta Semer, Eric Shuffler, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, Cara Volpe, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig.

Absent: Richard Asche, Judith Matos, Michele Parker, Anne Raphael, Ethel Sheffer.

Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Andrew Albert & Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

March 8, 2011

1. P.S. 75 - 235 West End Ave. (96 St)

Several school and street safety issues were brought to the committee. A member of the P.T.A. talked about safety issues. The red light cameras are no longer functional and need to be restored.

Crossing guards need training, daylighting of several parking spaces is needed north of 96th Street, and better signage at the intersection. A possible "Barnes Dance" was also discussed. Several site visits have confirmed the concerns of parents and schools safety personnel. Suggestions will be made to DOT Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgiione, who has already implemented several site improvements.

2. Introduction of #A7744 and #S4393 - utilization of Speed Cameras to enforce speed limits in NYC. Ken Coughlin, committee member, brought this to the committee's attention, and suggested supporting this legislation. 40 cameras would be in the NYC pilot. This legislation is supported by Senator Duane and others. A resolution to support this pilot was passed by the committee.

Vote: Comm: 11-0-0-0 NCB: 1-0-0-0

3. Accessible NYC Taxicabs

This issue was brought to the committee by Joe Rappaport and Ronnie Raymond. As the city is about to purchase a new taxi fleet, it is important that the taxis be accessible to everyone who wants to use them. Having accessible taxis would improve the mobility of everyone in the city, and help ease the cutbacks in Access-a-ride that are coming. The committee passed the following resolution:

Whereas taxis are a part of the transportation system in New York City, and

Whereas NYC is about to make a major decision on purchasing a new breed of taxi for the foreseeable future, and

Whereas it is important that everyone who needs a taxi be able to utilize them,

Therefore be it resolved that CB7 supports accessible taxicabs for NYC, and urges the TLC to require any new fleet to be accessible to everyone, including the mobility-challenged.

Vote: Comm: 10-0-1-0 NCB: 2-0-0-0

4. Update on Columbus Ave Bike Lane

Problem locations on the bike lane include 81-82 St, and 93-94 St. Problems seem to be continuing, with lack of parking, delivery access the major problems. Four parking spaces have been restored. A report was given but not seen by the committee prior to the meeting.

5. 2010 Report to the Manhattan Borough President

Goals and accomplishments have been sent.

6. New business.

Suggested goals for 2011

1. Assess bike lane on Columbus Avenue
2. Solutions for pedestrian/vehicular problems at 96th & Broadway.
3. New newsstand survey
4. Obtain traffic study for 100th Street
5. 20 mph speed limit around schools
6. Finalize policy concerning secondary-street naming/plaques
7. New bus routes when Riverside Blvd/Riverside Drive are connected
8. Speak with tour bus operators in the district
9. Promote car-sharing in new developments (utilizing parking lots)
10. Investigate a SBS bus route for the UWS
11. Increased enforcement of traffic regulations.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ken Coughlin, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Blanche Lawton, Lillian Moore, Anne Raphael, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. Board Members: Mark Darin and Helen Rosenthal.

Business and Consumer Issues Committee
George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons
March 9, 2011

Applications to SLA for a two-year liquor license.

1. 2 West 77th Street (CPW) New-York Historical Society, Starr Restaurants Catering Group d/b/a "To Be Determined"

Hours of operation: Sunday-Thurs. 1 – 10 p.m.; 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday/Saturdays.

Full bar license. Small plate Italian; Banquet room up to 250 ppl. Applicant agrees that all deliveries to be on West 76th St., to arrange pick up of rented tables and chairs etc. after 10:00 AM on the day after any private events. Applicant further agrees to offer a special pricing structure for non-profit events, details to be discussed.

Motion brought to approve the application: 8-0-1-0; 1-0-1-0

2. 2799 Broadway (West 108th Street).Broadway Grocery, LLC d/b/a Cascabel Taqueria; presenting Elizabeth Gaudreau and David Chiong. 60 Seats; four at full-bar. Opening May 2011.

Hours of operation: 11:30 a.m. to Midnight weekdays; Friday and Saturday 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Will have bike messengers and Committee apprised restaurateurs of rules.

Motion to approve the application: 10-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications

3. 1 Lincoln Plaza (West 64th Street). Renewal Application DCA1137714 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc. d/b/a Café Fiorello, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats. Presenting Mike Leuck. Has four bikes with reflective gear – Mr. Leuck will send them to the District Office.

Motion to Approve: 8-1-1-0; 1-0-0-0

4. 421 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street). Renewal application DCA#0885; 890 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Café Monaco d/b/a Café Monaco, Fernando Rodriguez, manager, presenting. Asking for a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 34 seats. One bike messenger.

Motion to approve the application: 8-1-0-0; 1-0-0-0

5. 423 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th to 81st Street) Renewal application DCA#0981250 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BSWR Corp. d/b/a Sarabeth's to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 16 seats. Expediter Mike Leuck presented. Carlos Blanco, partner presenting. Marc Glazer said part of it was due to the geography and proximity to Monaco; suggested that they have a manager perform crowd control. Anne Raphael said restaurant was a terrible neighbor. Mr. Blanco said he would have a manager to help keep people in line and street clear during Saturday/Sunday brunch hours from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Peter Arndsten suggested the committee develop guidelines.

Motion to approve the application: 8-1-0-0; 1-0-0-0

6. 466 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd to 81st Street) Renewal application DCA#0981250 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi Hana Fusion, Inc. d/b/a Sushi Hana to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 22 seats. Returning next month: did not get information to post. Anne reviewed and said Muni Meter makes it very tight for a sidewalk café.

7. 217 West 85th Street (Broadway) New application DCA#130862 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 21, LLC d/b/a Prime Ko to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 26 seats. Steven Traub presenting (steven@primeco.com) with architect Warren Ashworth. Mr. Traub spoke with building manager and Penny Ryan. Neighbor Carolyn Soder (353 Broadway; 11th floor, looks over 85th Street). She says that the odor and noise are untenable because the vents are

on the roof. She has had nine tonsil operations and has to leave the neighborhood in the summer. She also said that garbage collection is inadequate. George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero pointed out that West 85th Street is commercially zoned, which is why there have been so many restaurants on the side street. Charles Abbott (212 West 85th Street), Mr. Abbott feels that it is not functioning as a restaurant and that it attracts more of a nightclub crowd, especially during the week and Saturday nights. Added that there is no music but hears loud music. His other problem is the amount of garbage from the building, which he believes includes the four restaurants on the block. David Must (204 West 85th Street), neighbor, appreciates the restaurants but is concerned about the noise if there is a sidewalk café on the street. He said the restaurant is advertising a have a Purim party until 2 a.m. Suzanne West (208 West 85th Street), neighbor, feels the restaurant is aesthetically pleasing but is concerned about the sound on West 85th Street. She said Dean's was not comparable because it's an earlier crowd and French Roast is also earlier. However, she pointed out that Primeco had a red rope and bouncer. Oliver Stevens (206 West 85th Street), co-op board member has received a lot of complaints about the patrons about late night noise and feels outside seating would exacerbate the noise. Kristin Summers (212 West 85th Street), neighbor, thinks it's a lovely restaurant and appreciates the safety it offers, but lives on the ground floor of the building and says there is a constant stream of limousines and car services, so there is also honking. She added that on their Facebook page they advertised events and celebrity sightings with a DJ to attract even larger crowds. John Charles Kelley (212 West 85th Street), adds that it is not a neighborhood restaurant because of the service cars and it is a late night spot.

Motion to approve the application: 0-7-1-1; 0-0-1-0

8. 2745 Broadway (108th Street) Renewal application DCA#1025180 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Grillo, LTD., d/b/a Henry's for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 94 seats. Owner Henry Reinhart presented and is a member of Transportation Alternatives and has one bike messenger and communicates in multiple languages with staff. Has one bike rack for customers. Peter Arndsten commended Henry's management for providing a bench for seniors in front of the restaurant. Motion to Approve: 10-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Application

9. 261 Columbus Avenue (West 72rd Street) Reapply application DCA#1111397 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pggs Gourmet, Inc. d/b/a Columbus Gourmet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats. Presenting: Wayne Peters (Elway1040@aol.com). Did not post sign announcing meeting and his four bikes do not have reflective signage. Motion to approve pending posting of signage displaying intent 14 days prior to Full Board (April 5th) and submit to office within seven days prior to April 5th a photograph of the messengers with helmets and vests indicating name of restaurant. Motion to Approve: 9-0-1-0

10. 475 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd Street). New Application DCA#1382144 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Il Rifudio, Inc. d/b/a Taralucci E Vino, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats. Presenting is owner Luca Di Pietro (lucadi Pietro@aol.com) George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero explained to Mr. Di Pietro that our board does not approve wraparound sidewalk cafes. Neighbor Rich Delvino (88 West 83rd Street) enjoys the restaurant but feels the side-street portion of the café would cause an obstruction. Motion to approve the application subject to the applicant submitting a revised rendering that does not include the wraparound portion. 9-0-1-0

11. 203 West 103rd Street (Amsterdam Avenue) New application DCA#1380748 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 West 103 Corp. d/b/a Buca, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats. Expediter Mike Leuck presenting. Motion to Approve 9-1-0-0.

12. Enforcement of the 14-day posting requirement for café and SLA applications. George points out that Committee needs to reinforce the importance of posting. If an applicant does not get the package, then we will give them the opportunity to post 14 days before Full Board.

13. 2010 Goals -- George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero will send committee members information by email.

- Explore commercial lending practices in the district as first step in supporting local business
- Streamline SLA application process
- Create a template for onsite visits to establishments applying for either liquor licenses or enclosed/unenclosed café permits
- Continue a dialogue with other Community Boards

14. Comments on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and agency responses to CB7 priorities. BCI does not have budget priorities. General comments on the budget are welcomed.

15. New Business – Mel starting Small Business working group in April. Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michele Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Ulma Jones, Dalia Mahmoud and Anne Raphael. Board Member: Suzanne Robotti.

Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Gabrielle Palitz and Lenore Norman, Co-Chairs
March 10, 2011

Committee discussion concerning:

1. Comments on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and agency responses to CB7 priorities.
2. 2010 Report to the Manhattan Borough President – 2010 Accomplishments and 2011 Goals

Considerable time was spent discussing the importance of opposing the proposed LPC Rule changes which limit or remove the opportunity for the community voice to be heard. Jay suggested (and others agreed) that this concern be conveyed to the Borough President.

The Co-chairs' 3.7.11 draft on Preliminary 2012 Budget/ Agency Comments, 2010 Accomplishments and 2011 Goals was discussed, edited and augmented. The revised and expanded version is attached.

Prepared by Gabby Palitz
March 10, 2011

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

Preservation Expense Budget 2012 Comments, 2010 Accomplishments and 2011 Goals

1. 2010 Report to the Manhattan Borough President.

Part-way through the 2009-2010 year, Preservation and Parks Committees were split into two separate committees. The accomplishments listed below relate only to Preservation Committee work.

2010 Accomplishments:

- Reviewed complicated proposals to alter designated properties and worked closely with neighbors to facilitate reasonable solutions.
- Informed the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the concerns expressed by CB7 and the

community prior to LPC hearings, through timely submission of Committee resolutions, and by testifying at LPC public hearings.

- Collaborated with architects and applicants to improve the quality of applications submitted to CB7 and subsequently to LPC.
- Fostered increased community awareness of and involvement in application review.
- Followed the outcomes of presented applications once they proceeded to Landmarks.
- Informed, engaged and involved the members of the Preservation Committee and of the Full Board in broader Landmarks issues.
- Advocated for the designation of the 59th Street Power Plant, and the proposed West End Avenue Historic District.

2011 Goals:

- Continue to improve the effectiveness of the Preservation Committee.
- Continue to improve applicant submissions, including requiring consistently detailed and comprehensive submission materials, conducting pre-meeting site visits led by the applicant's architect, and enforcing submission deadlines.
- Continue to follow Committee-reviewed applications once they proceed to Landmarks to advocate for CB7 positions, or to enhance the Committee's understanding of the LPC review process.
- Increase the number of community members informed and included in decisions about preservation.
- Provide education about the Landmarks process to the Board members.
- Increase our efforts to advocate for LPC to focus on ameliorating the impact of encroachments into the collective rear yards (the "doughnuts") of townhouse blocks, for both preservation and environmental reasons.
- Continue to research, prioritize and propose other buildings and areas of significance for landmark designation.
- Strive to fulfill our Charter-mandated function of ensuring that community awareness of and voice in decisions affecting the historic character of the neighborhood are not lost in the proposed revisions to LPC Rules. Specifically, modify proposed changes to LPC Rules Section 2-16 (concerning rear yard additions) and LPC Rules Section 2-19 (concerning rooftop additions) to require Community Board review.
- Advocate for strict enforcement of the requirement that applicants complete Community Board review prior to LPC presentations.

2. Comments on the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and agency response to CB7 priorities.

a. Preservation Capital Budget Priorities:
None.

b. Preservation Expense Budget Priorities:
Request, listed as Priority 12.
"Increase in LPC Personnel."

LPC Agency Response:

"The agency will try to accommodate this issue within existing resources."

CB7 Preservation Committee comments:

While we recognize that the City had limited funds, we feel strongly that there is an urgent need for an increase in staff-level personnel at LPC to keep up with their increased workload. This will to allow them to do a thorough job of preserving the historical architectural resources which are integral to the quality of life on the Upper West Side. LPC is already reviewing a growing number of applications. These will increase further with the designation of new individual landmarks and landmark districts including the proposed West End Avenue Historic District, which contains approximately 800 buildings. The proposed changes to the LPC Rules, in delegating more decision-

making review to the LPC staff, without community comment or Commission oversight, will augment their workload further.

Housing Committee Meeting Minutes

Victor Gonzalez, Chair

March 14, 2011 6:30PM

The meeting was called to order and the roundtable introductions were made.

1. 139 West 91st Street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) Continued discussion with Trinity House residents on Trinity School's proposed changes.

Three representatives of Trinity School, owners of Trinity House Mitchell-Lama building, presented a plan to derive a financial benefit from the Trinity House. The three main speakers were Myles B. Amend-Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Joan Dannenberg-CFO Trinity School and Chuck Brass-Forsyth Street Advisors NYC Firm. Some of the terms are as follows: To divert revenues from the parking garage from Trinity House to Trinity School (which generates \$600,000 per year), Increase rents by 85% over 5 years to cover operating deficit that will result from diverted revenues, refinance 2 existing mortgages, one of \$1.2 million for 30 years and one of \$6 Million at 1% with payments deferred for 25 years. One other part of the terms is that they (Trinity School) as the landlord will remain in the Mitchell-Lama program for the next 15 years.

Once the presentation was completed the committee asked several questions related to the proposal and asked them to produce the Certificate of Occupancy (C of O). The committee then agreed to invite HPD to the April 11, 2011 housing committee meeting. In addition, the committee voted 6-0-0-0 and non committee 3-0-0-0 to send a follow-up letter to include a request for a 6-month hiatus to allow the tenants to develop a proposal and to continue dialogue with HPD and the tenants.

2. 2010 Report to the Manhattan Borough President.

At this time, the committee moved on to the accomplishments of 2010 which are as follows:

- * Developed a comprehensive database of affordable housing resources in District 7.
- * Analyzed vulnerable resources in District 7 and developed advocacy plan to retain affordable housing.
- * Advocated for and achieved 600K SF of affordable housing in Riverside Center.
- * Visited NYCHA developments to identify problems. Initiated discussions with various NYCHA departments such as skilled trades, elevators, the centralized call center and met with the Manhattan Borough Management Office Director to address problems.

Goals for 2011:

- * Analyze NYC affordable housing plan and its application to the Upper West Side.
- * Analyze and articulate potential impacts of proposed federalization of the state and city NYCHA buildings.
- * Develop relations with NYCHA tenant associations and other housing administrations.
- * Explore the impact of real estate taxes on coops in NYC.
- * Explore and strengthen the HDFC coop program as part of the affordable housing inventory.

3. Comments on the FY2012 Preliminary Budget.

- * Increase rank of housing within CB7 priorities.
- * Get additional funds for the skilled trades personnel at Amsterdam, Douglas, DeHostos and Wise Towers (NYCHA Developments)

The agenda for the Housing Committee on April 11, 2011 will be HPD's perspective of the Trinity House and Trinity School situation. and an update from the SRO Working Group.

Present: Victor Gonzalez, Mark Darin, Robert Espier, Marisa Maack, Nick Prigo and Suzanne Robotti.

Board Member: Louis Cholden-Brown, Helen Rosenthal. CB7 Chairman Mel Wymore. Absent: Lillian Moore and Gabriella Rowe.

Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Co-Chairs
March 16, 2011

1. April meeting will be joint with Preservation on Thursday, April 14 @ 6:30pm.

2. Discussion of undertaking an assessment of committee actions and their results over the last four years to determine, among other things:

- which projects were actually completed
- whether completed projects complied with any agreements reached
- level of satisfaction of MCB7 , neighbors, other stakeholders with outcome.

3. Discussion of possible policy issues to be explored, perhaps with the help of an intern, perhaps in small study groups to be explored in coming months, including parking policy and rear yard / "the doughnut" / open space.

Tom Vitullo-Martin suggested instead focusing on issues where MCB7 has no official review responsibility—for example, on actions by the Department of Homeless Services—and how to get such responsibility or at least influence for the future.

Ethel Sheffer observed that these five issues consistently agitate people:

- retail environment; "mallification" of the Upper West Side
- parking
- economic mix
- competition for sidewalks; private use of public space
- preservation of physical character of the neighborhood

Richard Asche added that development by not-for-profits is a uniquely challenging and important problem.

Mr. Asche suggested the committee focus on the following, with small groups framing and setting the agenda for each issue:

1. retail environment; "mallification" of the Upper West Side (Richard Asche, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer)
2. parking (Hope Cohen, Tom Vitullo-Martin)
3. preservation of physical character of the neighborhood (Jay Adolf, Page Cowley, Sheldon Fine)

Absent committee members Haydee Rosario and Helen Rosenthal need to select their subgroups.

4. Page Cowley will draft the committee's 2010 accomplishments and 2011 goals for the report to the Manhattan Borough President.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Jay Adolf, Hope Cohen, Sheldon J. Fine, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer and Tom Vitullo-Martin. Board Member: Mel Wymore. Absent: Haydee Rosario and Helen Rosenthal.

Youth Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7
Mark Diller Chair
Minutes of March 17, 2011 Meeting

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on March 17, 2011, at 6:30 pm at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street, in the District. The following topics were discussed.

1. Report to Borough President.

- (a) Notes and revisions made directly on the draft. Revisions submitted to the District Office staff.
- (b) Thanks to Louis Cholden-Brown for spearheading the presentation.
- (c) Committee to consider ways to revisit and continually incorporate goals and objectives into its monthly meetings and considerations.

2. Review of Replies to Agency Responses on Capital and Expense Budget Priorities.

- (a) Notes and revisions made directly onto the draft.
- (b) Revisions will be submitted to the District Office staff by March 24th – invite additional comments by e-mail until that date.

3. Update on Brandeis – Upper West Success Charter Co-Location Proposal.

- (a) Proposal came before the Panel for Educational Policy on February 1, 2011. Effort to oppose inappropriate co-location based on CB7 resolution failed by 1 vote.
- (b) PEP panel members expressed concern raised in CB7's resolution that the charter school would not be able to address the significant overcrowding in the District, especially near its proposed home, because its admissions priorities required it to favor students from other areas who would likely fill the school.
 - i) DoE and Charter Applicant reassured the PEP that it would obtain a revision to its charter allowing it to grant priority to all District general education students on equal footing.
 - ii) SUNY Charter Institute, on March 11, 2011, rejected the proposed charter revision, citing it as inconsistent with the authorizing statute under which the charter was granted.

4. Agendas for April and May Meetings.

- (a) Goal is to have a community information session on a topic of concern and interest to the community.
- (b) Do not want a panel discussion with the usual suspects from predictable points of view.
- (c) Topics could include current LIFO debate, the broader issue of teacher tenure and its proper role.
 - i) Concern that the discussion hear from experts, not only advocates.
 - ii) Many forums exist for partisans on both sides of issue as it is currently understood or portrayed in the media.
- (d) Focus on tenure, rather than LIFO, as it will foster a broader policy discussion. Also LIFO may be bundled into the State budget, and thus be preempted by legislative action.
- (e) Committee members to approach Fordham, Columbia, NYU graduate schools to identify potential experts and learn about additional topics and issues that could inform a different kind of discussion/debate.
- (f) Committee to meet prior to next full board meeting to review progress to date.
- (g) April meeting will be devoted to logistics of a successful meeting (venue, speakers, order of presentation, etc.)
- (h) Desire to have more YEL committee meetings at other venues, to be more visible and accessible to the community.
- (i) Future topics to include middle school application procedures and issues, especially as middle school seats are becoming as scarce and subject to overcrowding as elementary seats have been in recent years.
- (j) May agenda will be the tenure expert panel discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Present: Mark Diller, Louis Cholden-Brown, Paul Fisher, Marisa Maack, Gabriella Rowe, Eric Shuffler and Cara Volpe. Absent: Brian Byrd, Haydee Rosario and Helen Rosenthal.

Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Barbara Van Buren and Madge Rosenberg, Co-chairs
March 22, 2011

State funding for senior centers

Whereas the Governor has diverted Title XX funds from programs for senior citizen to mandated Children's Services, which would necessitate the closing of 105 senior centers in New York City, which have depended on that funding for about 30 years, and the State Senate and Assembly have voted to restore the Title XX funding for senior centers and programs,

Be it resolved that CB 7 supports the legislature and encourages the Governor to reconsider his choice to cut back funds for seniors.

Approved by committee: 4 - 0-0-0; community members: 3-0-0-0.

Since the Committee meeting, the Legislature has passed the budget, including Title XX funds being restored to the Senior Centers. The resolution is therefore not being presented to the Board.

Domestic violence and elder abuse.

Officer Mata from the 20th Precinct 212 580 6649

- She visits homes where violence has been reported by the victim or by a complainant. Visits are unannounced and repeated to be sure victim is safe.
- More elderly are being mistreated by someone they trust: children and grandchildren, caregivers.
- Police help get order of protection, refer victims to Adult Protective Services, Safe Horizon or Jasaa, NYCHA Social Services, family court.
- Precinct sees 50 domestic violence victims each month, including 10 seniors.

Joselinne Minaya, Community Coordinator, NY County DA's Office

- Victims often do not seek help because they think there is a stigma or they blame themselves.
- The DA's office hears 9600 domestic violence cases each year, some misdemeanors, some felonies. These include robbery and financial scams of seniors.
- The DA's office has placed sex offenses, crimes against the elderly or children under the umbrella of Special Victims Unit. DA Vance wants to establish a Family Justice Center in Manhattan to keep all of the services under one roof.
- Witness Aid Service supports victims including victims of teen date violence with shelter, HRA, food stamps, order of protection from Family Court, social worker, counseling.
- Special prosecution from landlords who harass tenants, especially the elderly

Fern Fleckman, director of mental health at the Ryan Center

- Victimization is the power to exert psychological or physical fear. DV is a public health issue because it can lead to death.
- In the clinic victims learn they are not alone. A plan for safety of victim is worked out with the social worker. To fire someone while they are a victim of abuse is illegal.
- Hospital staff documents bruises, keeping background on the case.
- City abuse hotline is 800 621 HOPE.

Ruth Ellen Simmonds, director of One Stop Senior Center

- It often takes 7-8 months of counseling before a client will ask for help. One Stop will do anything to make a client safe: housing, referral to police or local protective agencies.
- Seniors needing help to pay rent have and taking in strangers has resulted in financial abuse. Banks together with DA should educate tellers to look for abuse by home health aids and

family members.

- As economy forces adult children to move in with their elderly parents, abuse and financial pressure on parent become more frequent.

Going forward

- Program with banks to educate tellers on signs that relatives or caregivers are financially abusing seniors
- Committee should compile a fact sheet for victims or witnesses to violence listing sources of help. It and hotline number should be posted on website, in libraries, hospitals, supermarket, beauty parlors and barber shops, in senior centers and on block association websites and newsletters or anywhere else victims will see it.

Has anybody hurt you, withheld medicine, taken money?

This discussion, and consideration of what the Committee will do, will continue at the next meeting.

Present: Barbara Van Buren, Madge Rosenberg, Miki Fiegel and Phyllis Gunther. Absent: Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine and Eric Shuffler. Community members: Fern Fleckman, Judith Martinez, Ruth Ellen Simmonds

MCB7 District Service Cabinet

Penny Ryan, District Manager

March 23, 2011, 9:30-11:00AM

250 West 87th Street

Welcome to Terese Flores, Riverside Park Manager, and Elliott Sykes, MCD7 Parks & Recreation Manager – Louis Masarata new Parks manager.

DEP

Discussion with Gerry Kelpin, Director of DEP's Environmental Programs & Enforcement, on noise levels at outdoor and tent events.

- The NYC noise code has a tiered approach.
- Sound reproduction devices need an NYPD permit, such as ones used in street fairs.
- To measure noise level a meter is not needed, but training is needed to enforce.
- NYPD can write-in a standard level in the permit so it can be enforced. DEP can work with the precincts on writing enforceable sound permits.
- Placement and direction of speakers is important to the level of sound.
- Elevated receptors are more complicated and usually have to do with the directional.
- Generators must have mufflers.
- Fashion Week at Lincoln Center has tent events with music at the amphitheater band shell and they often have a problem with loud music. DEP can work with NYPD and Lincoln Center on setting a standard there.

Update on Fresh Direct's operations in MCD7. (Fresh Direct representatives were asked to address the Cabinet but did not attend.)

- FD is setting up a hub on Broadway and W. 104th Street, moving from West End Avenue.
- According to DEP, refrigeration units on trucks can be insulated to reduce noise.
- The City and Gale Brewer's office are looking at the possibility of using plug-in unit as an alternative. ConEd has to be involved as well to evaluate electricity levels.

Update on Street Activity Permit Office's proposed reduction in hours of multi-block street fairs and single-block events: Multi-blocks: 10AM-7PM or 11AM-8PM; Single blocks 9 hours.

- NYPD and the BIDs prefer street fairs wrap up before dusk.

School crossing guards, training, and addressing complaints. The 20th Pct. has sixteen guards; they have received no major complaints. The school sergeant periodically observes them and corrects anything that needs attention. Complaints should be made directly to the precinct school sergeant. The Chief Patrol's office assigns number of guards based on schools and needs.

Plans for the June 12 TONY awards at the Beacon Theater – Dean McCann, NYC Film office, will attend the April meeting.

Spring/Summer Issues:

- Coach buses – Mayor's Midtown Citizens' Committee (MMCC), Lolita Jackson is a member, CB7 will participate.
- Bars: Amsterdam Avenue (The 420 Bar) in the West 80's – MARCH recently inspected many bars, violations – narcotics, underage drinking, they issued 48 summonses in six places. They found problems in five out of six bars; 107th-110th Streets no real problems in the area.
- Homeless will be moving from the subway to parks and streets in the spring and summer. The last three months placements in the 24th precinct area have been successful.
- Vendors – the long-term project on Broadway & 73rd Street was very successful. The vendor was forced to abide by the law and reduce the number of tables from 24 to 4.
- Restoration of DDC construction areas. Needs follow-up from DDC.
- Bicycle enforcement: outreach to restaurants; bike lane; general enforcement. Stopping for red lights in Central Park – CB7 Parks Committee is researching and the City Council is looking at the law. The 20th Pct continues to issue summonses, 24th Pct also continues, they stop the offending cyclist and is given a warning, second time they are issued a summons. The precinct goes to bike shops to educate and hand out posters, also gives out pamphlets to the public. DOT should also do a PSA (Public Service Announcement).
- DPR permits for basketball tournaments and for use of fields in CD7.

Agency Reports and Follow-up:

Office of Special Narcotics

- February 24, 2011 drug bust at 312 West 87th Street. Apartment was used as a stash house, warehousing narcotics.
- 24th Pct overall crime is down 16% YTD; two homicides with identified suspects.
- 20th Pct overall crime is down 28% YTD, GL down 24%
- All summonses are down which means enforcement is working.

DEP

- 72nd Street – enforcement of buses idling in front of BBQ, mostly on Saturdays and Sundays.
- 732 West End Avenue /83rd Street, there is an exhaust system problem.
- The Mickey Mantle School is requesting a street closure for part of the day because the rooftop playground is not big enough. (School must attend the Transportation Committee to make request.)

DSNY

NYCHA building at 201 West 93rd Street (Amsterdam Avenue) puts garbage out daily.

DOT

- Pot holes and overall street conditions. Will begin strip paving on 83, 84, and 78 Streets; severe pothole repair can be directed to commissioner's office, otherwise call 311.

In Progress:

- Request for No Standing signs at ends of curb cuts at PS87 and PS145 to give DPR access for snow removal and at the West 83rd Street at Riverside Drive entrance to Riverside Park (west side)
- PS199, West 70th Street, plan to increase pedestrian safety. Another speed bump will be installed in front of the school.
- PS75, West 96th Street, request for changes in the WEA intersection
- Installation of school safety signs on West 90th Street.
- RSD repairs of center concrete medians, 103 – 110 Streets.

DOB

- 150 West 83rd Street – Holy Redeemer Community Center – Stop work order and plan audit
- 732-734 West End Avenue – new building construction – working group is meeting
- Jumbotron at Duane Reade, 72nd Street and Broadway
- 101 West 85th Street construction – Stop work order as of 3/22/11

NYPD, DSNY, DCA – Vendor condition on the southwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 71st Street, in front of McDonald's and on Columbus Avenue and West 67th Street. 20th Precinct inspected 71st Street location and found no violations. Will follow up on 67th Street.

NYPD/FDNY/DOB/DCA/SBS - Rug merchant on Broadway and 91st Street. Needs follow up.

NYFD has cut one man per company.

PSA6

- Overall crime is down 13% for the year.
- Changes to NYCHA – starting May 1st, illegally parked cars in parking lots will be towed. Tenants have been notified.
- There will be designated bike riding locations in the developments.
- New hours for Family Day will be 12 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The court ruled that truck vendors cannot sell merchandise (food is considered a merchandise) from a vehicle while parked in a metered parking spot. There will probably be an appeal, update will follow.

HRA, advantage housing vouchers will cease April 1, 2011.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Det. John Ramos, PSA 6; Capt. Chris McCormack, Lt. DeSantis, Det. Vassallo, Sgt. Montgomery, 20th Pct; PO Pamela White, PO Vinny Durante, DI O'Reilly, 24th Pct; Robert Holzmaier, FDNY; Calvin Solomon, DA's Office; Josh Orzeck, DOT; Elliot Sykes, Parks; Barry Jamison, Audrey Wang, CCHR; Chris Villari, Gerry Kelpin, DEP; Rebecca Donsky, NYPL; G. Lupo, Dameka Doudy, DSNY; Jesse Bodine, CM Brewer's Office; Gideon Martin, A.M. O'Donnell; Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office; Ben Schacter, Sen.

Espaillet's office; Suzanne Jimenez, MBP office, Verna Arthur, DFTA; Apesi Moran, T-103 Enforcement; Kristen Oates, Goddard Riverside; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Richard Juliano, Lincoln Center BID, Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Barbara Adler, Travis Crow, Columbus Ave BID; Ben Smith, Clean Up NYC.