

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

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### COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN Minutes

Full Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 6:30 PM

Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, May 3, 2011, at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital, 1000 Tenth Avenue. The meeting was chaired by CB7 Chair Mel Wymore, who called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. The following topics were discussed and actions taken.

Approval of minutes from previous full board meeting:

VOTE: 34-0-0-0

Chair's Report - Mel Wymore:

Columbia University Students' studio course re vulnerable development sites on UWS.

- Students made their final presentation (presented preliminary report at Steering in April).
- Students won studio award ; CB7 will get a copy of final presentation.
- Report proposes community values scorecard, soft map of sites, proposed zoning amendments and other tools for evaluating proposed development in context.

Tree Pit project for Columbus Avenue tree pits (in median refuges)

- Opportunity for neighbors to plant flowers in the tree pits based on guidelines being developed.
- Coordinated by CB7 - Gabby Rowe and Tila Duhaime to help coordinate..

Community Board Outreach Initiative

- Outreach to teens via newsletter, cable tv (thanks to Marisa Maack).
- Developing palm card to build awareness (thanks to Sue Robotti).
- Website presence (thanks to Liz Caputo).

Central Park – precinct has been ticketing of bikers in Park.

- C-M Gale Brewer bringing together Conservancy, police, riders groups to find an inclusive solution.

SRO Working Group

- Illegal Hotel Law went into effect; task force looking for incentives to preserve affordable housing.
- Legal challenge denied, and enforcement in effect.

Small Business Working Group

- Organizing networks of small businesses. Exploring zoning concerns.
- Looking at regulatory incentives or tax breaks for small business.

Duane Reade sign has been turned off -- Kudos to Linda Rosenthal.

Open Space Survey

- Health, Parks and YEL Committees will contribute. District Manager Penny Ryan to coordinate.
- Neal (intern – fellowship student) to present survey results.

Borough Board

- Passed rent regulation and decontrol resolutions
- Presented dirty building resolution

Alternate Side Parking Option

- New law reduces alternate side to once per week; Community Boards can opt out and remain at twice.

Committee Assignments – Will be completed by Friday

Working Group activities to be posted to website.

In lieu of the Neighbor of the Month, CB7's Phyllis Gunther named a "Contemporary Woman of Distinction" by Jared Chausow on behalf of Sen. Tom Duane.

- Phyllis served as a District Leader for the Ansonia Independent Democrats, a cornerstone of UWS.
- Established outreach for Lincoln Guild Coop – NORC.
- Helped integrate, racially and socially, PS 191 and 199. Member of the Union Chorus.
- Husband served CB7 for 19 years, and Phyllis for the next 14 years.

#### Community Session:

Rebecca Donsky from NYPL – Bloomingdale Branch:

- 22 events in 24 days in May, including storytelling 5/6; “instant” Romeo & Juliet 5/7; poetry 5/21 at 2 (Dr Charles Fishman – “In the Language of Women”); Travelling Lantern Theater Co. 5/9.
- Teen talent show 6/14 (audition 5/19).

Taeko Suga – Hunter College Public Affairs student:

- Thanks for raising funds for Japan earthquake relief.
  - Pop survey: CB7 members living between 100th -110th east of Amsterdam = 3.
- Ian Alterman – President, 20 pct Community Council (59th – 86th, Park to River):
- Phyllis was mentor when Ian first joined CB7. Wonderfully astounding person.
  - [20pctissues@gmail.com](mailto:20pctissues@gmail.com); 646-489-3444. Needs 501(c)(4) pro bono accountant.
  - Most common crime in our area is theft of unattended property.
  - CERT presentation on emergency preparedness. Available to businesses free.

Winifred Armstrong – Park West Village:

- NYU Tenement Library (within Bobst Library). Recently accepted PWV Tenant Assn archives.
- Prompted NYU to establish a housing collection with other groups’ archives – resource for tenant and urban policy research. Forum on tenant policy being mounted.

Brunie Sanchez – US Census Bureau:

- Partnership and data services available for workshops to help communities access Census data.
- Census Bureau conducts community surveys in addition to decennial census.
- Population counts by neighborhood presented via tables, maps for NYC Planning Commission.

Peter Arndtsen – Columbus-Amsterdam BID:

- Municipal Art Society walking tour: Old Bloomingdale Community with Jim Napkin (at Straus Park).
- Manhattan Valley Family Days 5/15 and 5/22 on Amsterdam between 106-110. Family events and activities (dominoes; pigeons) – info on website. See also new restaurant guide.

Alan Flacks:

- Thanks to chair Mel Wymore for making public records available (District Service Cabinet roster).

Bob Wyman:

- Stabilization laws allow landlords to charge tenants 1/84th of the cost of major capital improvements.
- Rule applies even where the capital improvement actually creates efficiency and savings for landlord, enhancing profits. Not contemplated when rule established (capital improvements usually dead costs).
- Energy conversions can create IRR of 25% – should not add to T’s burdens or LL’s profits.

#### Manhattan Borough President's Report:

Suzanne Jimenez – Manhattan Borough President Scott M. Stringer’s Office:

- “Red Tape/Green Vegetables” report concerning complicated process to establish a community-based farmer’s market (usually by local residents or community gardens).
- Highlights need to clear obstacles and provide clear directions and info to end agency to agency shuffle. Need to end agency demand that small markets pay 6 months in advance – cost prohibitive especially for start-ups with no revenue stream.
- Report outlines solutions to fix and encourage new markets especially where healthy food is scarce.
- Letter to Chancellor Walcott re complaints that DoE giving inconsistent info for CECs. CB’s as

model.

- “Gasland” screening 5/5; disability task force forum 5/13; Asian-American Heritage month event 5/18.

#### Reports by Legislators:

Gale Brewer – Council-Member, 6th District:

- Working with CB7 small businesses group.
- Central Park – Bikes and pedestrians working to get along. Working on collaborative solutions.
- Budget – Mayor’s budget announcement 5/5 unless President’s visit to NYC eclipses the release.
- Child care cuts mean our District will lose affordable care slots. Education cuts mean losing teachers.
- Open House at the District Office on Monday, 5/16. Helmet give-away 5/21.
- Memorial Day ceremony at Soldiers/Sailors’ Monument during Fleet Week – stirring.
- Solstice (6/21) – Make Music Day at Brandeis Garden.

-- thanks to C-M Brewer and Extell for a productive meeting to secure community use of ballfields pending completion of project – many HS have no local place to practice and no funds.

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

- Bloomingdale branch reading celebration – Friday 5/6.
- Harlem Health Series – Healthy choices/healthy life - speakers on preventing chronic diseases 5/5.

Ethan Mulligan – C-M Inez Dickens’ Office:

- Upper Manhattan Credit Fair – small businesses at A.C. Powell Office Building 8th floor – lenders and city/state agencies: 5/5 at 9:30 am. Targeting Upper Manhattan small businesses.
- Introduced resolution to support state bill to create a domestic violence registry.

Ben Schachter – State Senator Adriano Espaillat’s Office:

- Open House 5/16 with C-M Brewer; Town Hall on rent regulation 5/26 at Church of the Ascension.
- Passed S3114 to allow NYCHA residents to hold community meetings in public spaces without fee.
- Working on rent regulation in consultation with Governor. Waiting until June deadline not acceptable.
- Working on “3 strikes” bill for landlords who intimidate their tenants.

Jared Chausow – State Senator Tom Duane’s Office:

- Duane Reade sign being removed – showed an indifference to community needs.
- Sponsoring bill to prohibit insurers from requiring use of mail-order services instead of local pharmacy.
- Marriage Equality: twice-weekly phone bank at 1199 HQ to reach out to constituents swing senators.
- [tinyurl.com/nyunitedformarriage](http://tinyurl.com/nyunitedformarriage)

Rachel Stein – A-M Linda Rosenthal’s Office:

- Assembly passed Omnibus Housing Bill – reversing vacancy decontrol retroactive to 1/1/07.
- Duane Reade sign removal victory includes a commitment to a donation to a local community group.
- May is “be kind to animals month.” Poster contest – animals as superheros (2nd/3rd graders in 67th AD).

#### Business Session

Parks & Environment Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

1. The Department of Parks & Recreation’s public art exhibition in Riverside Park South by seven artists from the Art Students League from July 2011 through April 2012.

After deliberation, the resolution to support the temporary art exhibits was adopted.  
VOTE: 43-0-0-0.

Heating Oil update.

- CB7 passed a resolution seeking conversion of schools from no. 6 “dirty oil.”
- Mel took the resolution to Borough Board, which will vote on it in June.
- C-M Brewer obtained list of 11 UWS schools and 424 Citywide burning nos. 4 or 6 fuel oil.
- SCA plan to convert no 6 to no 4 (NOT to cleaner no. 2 or natural gas) by 2015.
- NYSEDA provides a roadmap on how to get an energy audit for residential building.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

2. Request by Greenmarket for the use of the sidewalk on the W/S of Columbus Avenue between 76th and 77th Streets for the Sundays of September 25, October 2 and October 16, when the craft fair is at Theodore Roosevelt Park.

- Cleared with all 3 block assns, the Museum, and the BID – all agreed readily.

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

VOTE: 42-0-0-0.

3. Creation of speed restrictions adjacent to all schools in CD7.

- Committee received many comments from PS 199 and PS 75 to alleviate traffic/speed issues.
- Resolution is more general, not school-specific. Will help with negotiations.
- Requests include lower speed limits, speed bumps and other measures - an inclusive toolbox.
- Not just for public schools.
- Flashing lights on residential streets a bother, but call attention to traffic-calming signs.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 42-0-1-0.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

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

- 413 Amsterdam Avenue (West 79th Street) Flagship SB Amsterdam NY, LLC, d/b/a Saravana Bhavan.
- 949 Columbus Avenue (West 106th Street) 949 Columbus Ave Inc., d/b/a Voza.

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

VOTE: 40-0-0-0.

5. 53 West 72nd Street (Columbus Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1160306 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by P.S. Café, Inc., d/b/a My Favorite Bistro, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

- Wrap-around enclosed -- Renewal with no issues. (new restaurant still uses old company name).

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

VOTE: 34-6-0-0.

6. 467 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd -83rd Streets.) New application DCA# 1384273 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Canteen 82, Inc., d/b/a Blue Caravan, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

- Conditions attached to committee resolutions 6 and 7 have been satisfied.

- In the future, CB7 should consider whether restaurant runs a/c while café windows open.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 41-0-1-0

7. 513 Columbus Avenue (West 84th -85th Streets.) New application DCA# 1384479 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 513 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Cotta, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 23 tables and 44 seats.  
After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 41-0-1-0.

Concern:

- Agency approved 94th Street wrap-around café over CB7 disapproval (Application changed).
- Consider having Gale Brewer call this issue up in Council.
- CB7 needs to go to agency and follow up on our votes.

Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

8. 306-316 Columbus Avenue, aka 100-102 West 75th Street, d/b/a Housing Works. Application # 11-6485 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a bracket sign.  
• Sign is neat – uses their Logo.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 40-0-0-0.

9. 427 Amsterdam Avenue, dba Momoya (West 80th-81st Street.) Application # 11-5380 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install illuminated signage.  
• Individual letters with back illumination. Silver with one red “o.” Sleek and attractive.  
After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 42-0-0-0.

10. 2-6 West 86th Street, aka 255-259 Central Park West. Application #11-6336 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a barrier-free access ramp.  
• Originally wanted ramp to run west to avoid the bus stop and subway entrance but interfered with exit.  
• Applicant agreed change materials to be less of a contrast with existing materials on sidewalk.  
After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 44-0-0-0.

11. 186 Riverside Drive (West 91st Street.) Application # 10-0756 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to review a Window Master plan.  
• Very few original windows left. Originally 6 over 1 double-hung.  
• Applicant offered tenants 2 options – less uniformity. Resolution requires the applicant to pick 1.  
• Recommended color change from application so that there will be less contrast with existing windows.  
After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application as amended was adopted.  
VOTE: 43-1-0-0.

12. 22 West 95th Street (Central Park West) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for  
legalization of security window grilles on the second-floor windows.  
• Applicant did not realize he needed approval – many on his block already had them.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve the application was adopted.  
VOTE: 44-0-0-0.

Adjourn: 8:30 pm.

Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes  
Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons  
May 11, 2011 7:00 PM

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

1. 373 Amsterdam Avenue (West 78th Street) Sagi Restaurant, d/b/a "To be determined".

Represented by Hugh Conniff, atty, and Frances, owner.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

2. 416 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street) Hummus Kitchen Inc, d/b/a Hummus Kitchen.

Represented by Michael Kelly, expeditor. Issues about potential noise from resident, Dean Higgin.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

3. 2170-2178 Broadway (West 77th Street) NY 2178 Broadway Operating LLC, d/b/a On The Ave.

Represented by Donald Bernstein, atty, and Marove, general manager. This applicant first applied for a liquor license approximately 9 months ago. At that time, many neighbors complained about noise issues relating to the ventilation systems for the hotel. The applicant was advised by the committee to withdraw the application and return after resolving said issues. Upon returning and re-applying, they presented substantial proof that they had corrected the problems with appropriate soundproofing. Several neighbors returned to repeat their objections; Merrill Macadam, Michael Resnick. Also in attendance were the acoustical engineers who performed the sound proofing. Credible evidence was provided.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

4. 45 West 81st Street (Columbus Avenue) Calle 8, LLC, d/b/a Calle Ocho.

Represented by Jeff Kadish, owner. Several residents of West 81st street complained about potential noise and fumes from customers smoking outside the establishment; Matt Dillon, Jackie Shellback, Robin Epstein, Joseph Heymont, Jeff Kadish. Committee to revisit the location with a resident to ascertain the validity of said complaints and will vote at a pre-meeting prior to the full board meeting.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

5. 519 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street) Delafontaine, LLC d/b/a "To be

determined". Represented by Ann Elliot, owner. Opening in July. Issues addressed included prior noisy use of the rear courtyard by employees. Applicant advised the committee that she will not have access to said courtyard.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

6. Central Park & West 67th Street, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Ladle of Love Ltd., d/b/a Ladle of Love Truck. Represented by Alex Kirk, owner. Apparently the SLA has not yet acted on previous applications by food trucks.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-2-0-0

7. Central Park & West 67th Street, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Dumplings on the go, LLC, d/b/a Rickshaw Dumpling Truck. Represented by Kenny Lowe  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-3-1-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

8. 1900 Broadway (West 63rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1274931 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi A-Go-Go, Inc., d/b/a Sushi A-Go-Go, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

9. 225 Columbus Avenue (West 70th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0982077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mare Mare Inc., d/b/a Bistro Cassis, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

10. 302 Columbus Avenue (West 74th –75th Streets.) Renewal application DCA #1339241 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lenny's 74th Street, LLC, d/b/a Lenny's, for a two year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

11. 370 Columbus Avenue (West 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1337067 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gari International, Inc., d/b/a Gari, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

12. 384 Columbus Avenue (West 78th -79th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1190075 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, d/b/a Opal, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

13. 201 West 79th Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC., d/b/a Nice Matin, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

14. 450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern, Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

15. 466 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd – 83rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1318895 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Blossom Restaurant & Cafe, d/b/a Café Blossom, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

16. 485 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd–84th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a Cilantro, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats. APPLICANT DID NOT SHOW. COMMITTEE VOTES TO DISAPPROVE WITHOUT PREJUDICE 8-0-0-0

17. 522 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer, Corp., d/b/a Firehouse Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats. COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

18. 722 Amsterdam Avenue (West 95th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1307957 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Best Boat Seafood restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Charm Thai Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats. COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

Reapply Café Application:

19. 650 Amsterdam Avenue (West 92nd Street.) Reapply application DCA# 1352255 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Olivia Ava Corp., d/b/a Edgard's Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Applications:

20. 185 Columbus Avenue (West 68th Street.) New application DCA# 1386349 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 185 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Jalapeño, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 18 seats. COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

21. 435 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) New application DCA# 1387587 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 357 Hospitality, Inc., d/b/a Spice, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats. Applicant presented plans for a "wrap around" unenclosed café. Committee advised applicant to re-submit plans without the side street tables and send to CB7 prior to full board meeting. NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

New /Change of Ownership Enclosed Café Application:

22. 221-223 Columbus Avenue (West 70th Street.) New application under change of ownership to operate existing DCA #1354470 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amber West 70, Inc., d/b/a Amber, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats. COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

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



Minutes from Preservation Committee Meeting  
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
May 12, 2011

1) 121 West 81st Street  
Presenter: Alexander Neratoff  
57 Prince Street  
NYC 10012

This is a single-family residence. This proposal is to modify and enlarge the current addition to the townhouse, at the 1st and 2nd floor levels by 7 feet to match the length of the basement level. The new exterior windows and finishes will be installed at the first and second floor levels. This is a "Juliet" balcony along the first floor that extends 14 inches, they are not joined. A trellis will be added on the roof of the new addition, the wood columns and trellis will add some privacy. The work will be visible from across the police station parking lot from West 82nd Street. The addition will leave 31 feet, 2 inches of yard remaining.

The materials used for this project include steel and glass, cedar wood, the existing brick (where possible), and a steel railing is required by code to provide safety since the windows open out. In addition, the applicant said they were planning to add black steel safety railings at the front and back of the roof level (not shown on the drawings).

The window selection were designed to look like those used in the 1920's, they will be glass in raw steel metal with cedar wood frames. The proportions are based on a similar project by Lutyens, this is the precedent.

Note: no narrative was provided to the committee in advance to the meeting. The cover page of the proposal circulated to the committee was virtually impossible to read due to the small size of the type.

No initial questions from the committee.

Comments from the committee: the brick doesn't seem to work with the proposed dimensions. I thought it was to be a design based on 20th century styling. Also, the cedar wood seems uncharacteristic, really stands out, at least in the rendering.

Question: It's hard to see the bottom floor of the building. Are there stairs? The green fence makes it hard to see.

Answer: It's recessed brick panel, we will be removing a pre-existing set of stairs.

Public Comment:  
Matthew Prince  
119 West 81st Street

Mr. Prince lives directly east of the building for the last 20 years, and opposes the addition. Commented that his residence is the only building without any additions. Mr. Prince showed photographs and stated that extensions were originally built side by side (#119 to #117), every two

houses to give residents light and space. The current addition already diminishes his light and air and the extension would further reduce this.

Mr. Prince also stated that approval of this would also be financially detrimental to the owners of #119 since it would block light and air to their second, third, and fourth floors. This would make it hard to rent in the future. The extension already blocks the light for the basement occupants. He also stated that the extension exceeds the volume (FAR?) but a quick computation by members of the committee found this not to be the case.

Mr. Prince went on to say that the style of this extension changes the visible characteristics of the building. He voiced concern that the work application was signed on March 19. Mr. Prince also thought the architect was purposely being misleading by describing the project as a "minor enlargement of a single family building." The committee should not look to #117 as the precedent to build an extension.

Committee comments:

Lenore: As much as we may agree with you about the issue of light and air, and unfortunately that is not within the purview of this committee. We are charged with looking at it from a preservation/design aspect.

Gabby: I'm concerned about the inadequate notification about the CB7 committee meeting. I'm not crazy about the aesthetics - it's more visible than most in a public way. The design can absorb the larger scale since it faces the police parking lot and fuel depot. Lutyens may not be a good precedent; I'm not convinced of the use of the wood and the importation of a non New York style. I am concerned about the confusing scale of the new glass and steel windows, which read as three stories when they are actually two. I don't like the pergola because it adds bulk to the addition.

Committee consensus was we could live with the design minus the pergola.

Resolution to approve as presented: 2-5-0-0. The resolution was not approved. Resolution to disapprove as presented: 5-2-0-0. The resolution was approved.

The design is scheduled to go before Landmarks on June 7, 2011, and Mr. Neratoff indicated that he would not consider modifying his design nor delay his review date.

After the vote, Jay raised the issue of the committee being inconsistent in their decision-making criteria, and felt that it reduces the committee's credibility. He pointed out that the committee has approved similar designs in the past. There was a general discussion on the need to keep personal tastes from overly influencing preservation decisions.

Do-nut Discussion

The committee revisited the issue of do-nuts, what can be done to improve the green aspect of them. Evan Mason has done a lot of work on the environmental aspect of donut use. Jay, Gabby and Lenore went with Paige to look at examples; Paige is in charge with land use aspects of do-nuts.

It was decided that the best approach to supporting open do-nuts would be to work from the legislative perspective. Tax incentives such as abatements for a more green favorable design; advocate tax credits for building owners who move to turn concrete space into green open space. A possible enticement could be amending the tax code. However, we cannot go forward without stats on backyards; we also need allies to support this. Perhaps we could raise this with the Mayor's Office as part of his PlanNYC initiative.

It was agreed that further discussion is needed on this issue; the committee will revisit open do-nuts as more information becomes available.

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

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Minutes  
Mark Diller, Chairperson  
May 19, 2011

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street. The meeting was chaired by Mark Diller, and was called to order at 6:45. Committee members Isaac Booker, Brian Byrd, Louis Cholden-Brown, Paul Fischer, Marisa Maack, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe and Cara Volpe participated. The following topics were discussed.

#### 1. Class Size/Teacher Layoffs

Presentation by Sadye Vassil of the Office of the Public Advocate (Bill DeBlasio)

Participation by Community Members Bob Wyman and Sharon Parker-Frazier

- Public Advocate supports efforts to keep class sizes at their current levels, through petitioning, organizing a "Parent Day of Action" around class sizes, and presenting a proposed resolution to all 36 Community and Citywide Education Councils.
- Proposed resolution is purposefully general in nature given broad array of concerns.
- Resolution premised on assumption that the cost to avoid teacher layoffs would be \$350 million.
- Concern that the amount needed to avoid layoffs was a moving target. At City Council hearing, Council Members believed they determined that restoring only about \$250 million would avoid layoffs, but DoE testimony placed the figure at closer to \$700 million.
- DoE budget unique among city agencies in that it does not present detailed breakdowns within very broad categories of revenue and expense items. Troubling considering the significant portion of the City's budget represented by the DoE's budget.
- Given that the DoE budget is opaque, resolution simply calls on those making decisions to reallocate funding to achieve the goal of holding the line on class size at current levels by holding the line on teacher layoffs.
- Concern as to whether a resolution that did not identify specific funding substitutions would be taken seriously.
- Concern that no such trade-offs could reasonably be offered given nature of DoE budget detail.
- Concern that a blanket call to preserve all teacher positions against layoffs ignores the variables of human capital (i.e. not all teachers are equivalent) and that not all enjoy the same benefits of effective management and direction.
- Concern that studies on the impact of class sizes on student engagement and achievement are not linear, and that while maintaining class sizes below, e.g., 20 per class are profound, the results for class sizes above 20 are less dramatic.

- Concern that the positive impact of smaller class sizes is more relevant to the elementary school grades than to middle or high school.
- Hence a concern that a blanket call to hold the line on teacher layoffs may miss the optimal solution.

- YEL goals for 2011 include continued focus on and work to ameliorate the effects of overcrowding in our District.
  - Overcrowding in our District currently is most prominent in the elementary grades (although the threat of overcrowding to D3 middle schools is becoming immediate).
  - A resolution addressing the impact of teacher layoffs in our District on area elementary schools (which are most vulnerable to increases in class size) as exacerbating overcrowding would be consistent with YEL's goals and the concerns of the community as supported by research.
  - Resolution can then refer to a variety of efforts, including those of the Public Advocate (and others) to address layoffs with the overcrowding as the focal point of the call to avoid layoffs.
  - RESOLUTION conforming to the above parameters was moved and seconded.
- After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.  
VOTE: 9-0-0-0.

## 2. Impact of Budget Cuts on Other YEL Budget Priorities.Planned Forum on Teacher Tenure.

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Transportation Meeting Minutes  
Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig Co-Chairs  
May 10, 2011

1. Presentation by the NYC Department of Transportation on traffic plan for Riverside Boulevard by DOT Commissioner Margaret Forgione. Plan is to be implemented in July. Q&A followed with public:
  - Olive Freud suggested including West End Avenue in overall traffic plan.
  - Robert Jusman said that a proposed traffic calming measure that utilizes painted lines in center of the road, in this case Riverside Boulevard, have not worked in other areas because the demarcation fades.
  - Sergeant Montgomery from the 24th Precinct said they have increased enforcement on Riverside Boulevard and there would be additional police presence when the plan goes into effect.
  - Tom Pienkos, Trump Organization, says he has not seen any additional police presence.
  - Sergeant Montgomery responded there was an enhanced midnight shift in the area and repeated that there would be an increased presence.
  - Phyllis Gunther complained there were no signals. She also wants crosswalk markings on 66th Street.
  - Edgar Fried spoke about Extell and said they were holding back on getting the work done and wanted to know whether the developer would follow through. Also, when would they relinquish their responsibility and pass the liability to the city. Commissioner Forgione said Extell would complete the job.
  - Lisa Sladkus suggested loading zones. Mr. Pienkos requested a curb cut to keep residents of the Trump buildings safer.
  - Commissioner Forgione responded by saying "there would not be pedestrian ramps mid-block."
  - Commissioner Forgione proposed truck loading areas on side streets, only, and two waiting zones on the east side of the Boulevard for "For Hire Vehicles (FHVs)," which have been a significant problem in the area because of double parking, currently. The side street FHV waiting zones would mean the loss of approximately eight parking spaces during the day. Moreover, the truck loading on the side streets would take up the equivalent of 25 parking spaces, approximately.
  - The FHVs have been necessitated on Riverside Blvd. because of a lack of yellow cabs and buses.
  - Roberta Semer suggested a public safety campaign. Commissioner Forgione agreed.
  - Ken Coughlin wanted to know if the 11-foot travel lanes were necessary.
  - Plan will include a stop sign on 71st Street according to Commissioner Forgione in response to community questions. In addition, DOT will continue to do signal studies.
  - Andrew Albert requested maps of the locations of all the stop signs.
  - Ulma Jones wanted to know about reduced speed limits around schools.
  - Tila Duhaime asked about school signs on Riverside Boulevard.

Committee approves side-street loading zones, approximately 60 feet long, on every block between 63rd to 71st Streets, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. In addition, the committee approves eight FHV waiting areas, 80 feet long, from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., as per DOT's recommendations during specific weekday hours. In addition, CB7 reserves the right to amend these regulations following execution.

10-0-0-0; 3-1-0-0

2. PS75 (West End Avenue, West 95th – 96th Streets) Presentation by PTA on traffic calming measures to address pedestrian safety concerns around the school.

Ronit Silverman, parent of a child from PS75, presented first on behalf of the other parents. She said the group's main concern is 96th Street and West End Avenue. In addition Ms. Silverman requested that the Committee consider the PTA's resolution, which has taken into consideration some of the existing remediation. To that end, they requested, the following:

1. Better painting on the crosswalks;
2. Signage, ranging from school safety zones;
3. Repositioning of "Walk Signals;"
4. Yield to Pedestrian signs;
5. Dual left turn signal at 96th Street is a concern and they would like it adjusted;
6. Leading pedestrian walk signal to begin before the vehicle green signal;
7. Increase the daylighting;
8. Would like more support for school crossing guards and additional training for them from NYPD;
9. Red light cameras: would like existing ones repaired and two more added;
10. Would like a two block 20-mile/hour speed zone near school;
11. Would like study on northbound turn from 96th Street;
12. Would like countdown signal.

- Robert Jasmun responded that there had been a traffic calming program that actually increased the turning lane. He suggested that the patterns should be returned to original plan. Suggested that Ronit attend the 24th Precinct meetings on the third Wednesday every month.

- Dan Zweig asked if there was a specific action we could take.

The Committee made a motion to resolve the following recommendations surrounding PS75, comprising: (1) Better Painting on Crosswalks immediately; (2) Crucial Signage implemented immediately; (3) Pedestrian Intervals installed; (4) Red light cameras; (5) School Speed Zone. In addition, we request a DOT site visit to explore the location of signal lines and turn restrictions.

9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

3. 135 West 106th Street (Columbus- Amsterdam Avenues). Request by Red Oak Apartments to replace "No Standing Anytime except Authorized Vehicles, Ambulates" to "No Standing Any Time" to stop the abuse from drivers with handicap plates or permits from blocking the handicapped accessible ramp to the building.

Presenting:

- Antoinette Renee Williams, resident, Red Oak Apartments, wants the signage changed in front of her building to "No Standing Anytime."
- Anthony Cortez, building engineer, Red Oak Apartments, said he had repeatedly asked Jewish Home Life Care to move its vehicles but the problem is constant and the institution's ambulates are constantly blocking spaces allotted to the residence.

The Committee approves the signage change to "No Standing at Anytime."

9-0-1-0; 1-0-0-0

#### 4. New Business.

##### Food Trucks out of Control:

- Daisy Handworker, board member of the Dorchester, said that there is another building nearby that wants to fight the food truck on West 68th Street, plus a Mr. Softee ice cream truck across the street. The groups have been filming the trucks.
- Community member Avi Weiss said the food truck operators have become more aggressive. He added that laws should be implemented banning APU exemption.
- Ms. Handworker called the Departments of Health and Transportation and now feels intimidated by the operators.
- Mark Dooley is a neighbor who has video-taped the truck, specifically Hot Luck Café, taking three spots and idles all day. He added that the operator parks kiddy-corner so that no one can take the spaces and has large containers of fuel that are kept in the front seat of the food truck.
- Jesse Bodine from Gale Brewer's office had heard the main operator had moved, but that was erroneous. His office had written a letter specifically about the fumes and will find out the status.
- License numbers and DCA numbers have been submitted to the 20th Precinct but the community claims they have been ignored.
- Jesse Bodine pointed out that a food cart/commercial vendor cannot park on a side street.
- Andrew Albert suggested the Committee bring in the proper agencies to determine a course of action.

Amy Pfeiffer presented new business on behalf of PS199 on behalf of Coalition for a Livable West Side. She passed out the information. Andrew pointed out a resolution was already passed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Tila Duhaime, Ulma Jones, Lillian Moore, Oscar Rios and Roberta Semer. Board Member: Phyllis E. Gunther, Eric Shuffler and Elizabeth Starkey. Absent: Blanche Lawton and Anne Raphael.

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##### Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

May 11, 2011 7:00 PM

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

1. 373 Amsterdam Avenue (West 78th Street) Sagi Restaurant, d/b/a "To be determined".

Represented by Hugh Conniff, atty, and Frances, owner.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

2. 416 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street) Hummus Kitchen Inc, d/b/a Hummus Kitchen.

Represented by Michael Kelly, expeditor. Issues about potential noise from resident, Dean Higgin.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

3. 2170-2178 Broadway (West 77th Street) NY 2178 Broadway Operating LLC, d/b/a On The Ave.

Represented by Donald Bernstein, atty, and Marove, general manager. This applicant first applied for a liquor license approximately 9 months ago. At that time, many neighbors complained about noise issues relating to the ventilation systems for the hotel. The applicant was advised by the

committee to withdraw the application and return after resolving said issues. Upon returning and re-applying, they presented substantial proof that they had corrected the problems with appropriate soundproofing. Several neighbors returned to repeat their objections; Merrill Macadam, Michael Resnick. Also in attendance were the acoustical engineers who performed the sound proofing. Credible evidence was provided.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

4. 45 West 81st Street (Columbus Avenue) Calle 8, LLC, d/b/a Calle Ocho. Represented by Jeff Kadish, owner. Several residents of West 81st street complained about potential noise and fumes from customers smoking outside the establishment; Matt Dillon, Jackie Shellback, Robin Epstein, Joseph Heymont, Jeff Kadish. Committee to revisit the location with a resident to ascertain the validity of said complaints and will vote at a pre-meeting prior to the full board meeting.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

5. 519 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street) Delafontaine, LLC d/b/a "To be determined". Represented by Ann Elliot, owner. Opening in July. Issues addressed included prior noisy use of the rear courtyard by employees. Applicant advised the committee that she will not have access to said courtyard.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

6. Central Park & West 67th Street, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Ladle of Love Ltd., d/b/a Ladle of Love Truck. Represented by Alex Kirk, owner. Apparently the SLA has not yet acted on previous applications by food trucks.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 6-2-0-0

7. Central Park & West 67th Street, (at the Tavern on the Green area) Dumplings on the go, LLC, d/b/a Rickshaw Dumpling Truck. Represented by Kenny Lowe

COMMITTEE APPROVES 4-3-1-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

8. 1900 Broadway (West 63rd Street.) Renewal application DCA#1274931 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sushi A-Go-Go, Inc., d/b/a Sushi A-Go-Go, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

9. 225 Columbus Avenue (West 70th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0982077 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Mare Mare Inc., d/b/a Bistro Cassis, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

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

COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

11. 370 Columbus Avenue (West 77th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1337067 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gari International, Inc., d/b/a Gari, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0



12. 384 Columbus Avenue (West 78th -79th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1190075 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 384 Columbus Avenue Associates, d/b/a Opal, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 53 seats  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

13. 201 West 79th Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application DCA# 1125981 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Renolta, LLC., d/b/a Nice Matin, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 24 tables and 68 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 8-0-0-0

14. 450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1204137 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EKD Tavern, Inc., d/b/a The Dead Poet, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 14 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

15. 466 Columbus Avenue (West 82nd – 83rd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1318895 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Blossom Restaurant & Cafe, d/b/a Café Blossom, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

16. 485 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd–84th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1249725 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a Cilantro, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats. APPLICANT DID NOT SHOW. COMMITTEE VOTES TO DISAPPROVE WITHOUT PREJUDICE 8-0-0-0

17. 522 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 0895505 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Barjer, Corp., d/b/a Firehouse Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 29 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

18. 722 Amsterdam Avenue (West 95th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1307957 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Best Boat Seafood restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Charm Thai Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

Reapply Café Application:

19. 650 Amsterdam Avenue (West 92nd Street.) Reapply application DCA# 1352255 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Olivia Ava Corp., d/b/a Edgard's Café, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Applications:

20. 185 Columbus Avenue (West 68th Street.) New application DCA# 1386349 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 185 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Jalapeño, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 18 seats.  
COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

21. 435 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) New application DCA# 1387587 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 357 Hospitality, Inc., d/b/a Spice, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats. Applicant presented plans for a “wrap around” unenclosed café. Committee advised applicant to re-submit plans without the side street tables and send to CB7 prior to full board meeting.

NO VOTE WAS TAKEN

New /Change of Ownership Enclosed Café Application:

22. 221-223 Columbus Avenue (West 70th Street.) New application under change of ownership to operate existing DCA #1354470 to the Department of Consumer Affairs West 70, Inc., d/b/a Amber, for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

COMMITTEE APPROVES 7-1-0-0

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

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Minutes from Preservation Committee Meeting  
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
May 12, 2011

1) 121 West 81st Street  
Presenter: Alexander Neratoff  
57 Prince Street  
NYC 10012

This is a single-family residence. This proposal is to modify and enlarge the current addition to the townhouse, at the 1st and 2nd floor levels by 7 feet to match the length of the basement level. The new exterior windows and finishes will be installed at the first and second floor levels. This is a “Juliet” balcony along the first floor that extends 14 inches, they are not joined. A trellis will be added on the roof of the new addition, the wood columns and trellis will add some privacy. The work will be visible from across the police station parking lot from West 82nd Street. The addition will leave 31 feet, 2 inches of yard remaining.

The materials used for this project include steel and glass, cedar wood, the existing brick (where possible), and a steel railing is required by code to provide safety since the windows open out. In addition, the applicant said they were planning to add black steel safety railings at the front and back of the roof level (not shown on the drawings).

The window selection were designed to look like those used in the 1920's, they will be glass in raw steel metal with cedar wood frames. The proportions are based on a similar project by Lutyens, this is the precedent.

Note: no narrative was provided to the committee in advance to the meeting. The cover page of the proposal circulated to the committee was virtually impossible to read due to the small size of the type.

No initial questions from the committee.

Comments from the committee: the brick doesn't seem to work with the proposed dimensions. I thought it was to be a design based on 20th century styling. Also, the cedar wood seems uncharacteristic, really stands out, at least in the rendering.

Question: It's hard to see the bottom floor of the building. Are there stairs? The green fence makes it hard to see.

Answer: It's recessed brick panel, we will be removing a pre-existing set of stairs.

Public Comment:  
Matthew Prince  
119 West 81st Street

Mr. Prince lives directly east of the building for the last 20 years, and opposes the addition. Commented that his residence is the only building without any additions. Mr. Prince showed photographs and stated that extensions were originally built side by side (#119 to #117), every two houses to give residents light and space. The current addition already diminishes his light and air and the extension would further reduce this.

Mr. Prince also stated that approval of this would also be financially detrimental to the owners of #119 since it would block light and air to their second, third, and fourth floors. This would make it hard to rent in the future. The extension already blocks the light for the basement occupants. He also stated that the extension exceeds the volume (FAR?) but a quick computation by members of the committee found this not to be the case.

Mr. Prince went on to say that the style of this extension changes the visible characteristics of the building. He voiced concern that the work application was signed on March 19. Mr. Prince also thought the architect was purposely being misleading by describing the project as a "minor enlargement of a single family building." The committee should not look to #117 as the precedent to build an extension.

Committee comments:

Lenore: As much as we may agree with you about the issue of light and air, and unfortunately that is not within the purview of this committee. We are charged with looking at it from a preservation/design aspect.

Gabby: I'm concerned about the inadequate notification about the CB7 committee meeting. I'm not crazy about the aesthetics - it's more visible than most in a public way. The design can absorb the larger scale since it faces the police parking lot and fuel depot. Lutyens may not be a good precedent; I'm not convinced of the use of the wood and the importation of a non New York style. I am concerned about the confusing scale of the new glass and steel windows, which read as three stories when they are actually two. I don't like the pergola because it adds bulk to the addition.

Committee consensus was we could live with the design minus the pergola.

Resolution to approve as presented: 2-5-0-0. The resolution was not approved. Resolution to disapprove as presented: 5-2-0-0. The resolution was approved.

The design is scheduled to go before Landmarks on June 7, 2011, and Mr. Neratoff indicated that he would not consider modifying his design nor delay his review date.

After the vote, Jay raised the issue of the committee being inconsistent in their decision-making criteria, and felt that it reduces the committee's credibility. He pointed out that the committee has approved similar designs in the past. There was a general discussion on the need to keep personal tastes from overly influencing preservation decisions.

#### Do-nut Discussion

The committee revisited the issue of do-nuts, what can be done to improve the green aspect of them. Evan Mason has done a lot of work on the environmental aspect of donut use. Jay, Gabby and Lenore went with Paige to look at examples; Paige is in charge with land use aspects of do-nuts.

It was decided that the best approach to supporting open do-nuts would be to work from the legislative perspective. Tax incentives such as abatements for a more green favorable design; advocate tax credits for building owners who move to turn concrete space into green open space. A possible enticement could be amending the tax code. However, we cannot go forward without stats on backyards; we also need allies to support this. Perhaps we could raise this with the Mayor's Office as part of his PlanNYC initiative.

It was agreed that further discussion is needed on this issue; the committee will revisit open do-nuts as more information becomes available.

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

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Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Minutes  
Mark Diller, Chairperson  
May 19, 2011

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, May 19, 2011, at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street. The meeting was chaired by Mark Diller, and was called to order at 6:45. Committee members Isaac Booker, Brian Byrd, Louis Cholden-Brown, Paul Fischer, Marisa Maack, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe and Cara Volpe participated. The following topics were discussed.

#### 1. Class Size/Teacher Layoffs

Presentation by Sadye Vassil of the Office of the Public Advocate (Bill DeBlasio)

Participation by Community Members Bob Wyman and Sharon Parker-Frazier

- Public Advocate supports efforts to keep class sizes at their current levels, through petitioning, organizing a "Parent Day of Action" around class sizes, and presenting a proposed resolution to all 36 Community and Citywide Education Councils.
- Proposed resolution is purposefully general in nature given broad array of concerns.
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- Concern that the amount needed to avoid layoffs was a moving target. At City Council hearing, Council Members believed they determined that restoring only about \$250 million would avoid

layoffs, but DoE testimony placed the figure at closer to \$700 million.

- DoE budget unique among city agencies in that it does not present detailed breakdowns within very broad categories of revenue and expense items. Troubling considering the significant portion of the City's budget represented by the DoE's budget.
- Given that the DoE budget is opaque, resolution simply calls on those making decisions to reallocate funding to achieve the goal of holding the line on class size at current levels by holding the line on teacher layoffs.
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- Concern that no such trade-offs could reasonably be offered given nature of DoE budget detail.
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- Hence a concern that a blanket call to hold the line on teacher layoffs may miss the optimal solution.

• YEL goals for 2011 include continued focus on and work to ameliorate the effects of overcrowding in our District.

• Overcrowding in our District currently is most prominent in the elementary grades (although the threat of overcrowding to D3 middle schools is becoming immediate).

• A resolution addressing the impact of teacher layoffs in our District on area elementary schools (which are most vulnerable to increases in class size) as exacerbating overcrowding would be consistent with YEL's goals and the concerns of the community as supported by research.

• Resolution can then refer to a variety of efforts, including those of the Public Advocate (and others) to address layoffs with the overcrowding as the focal point of the call to avoid layoffs.

• RESOLUTION conforming to the above parameters was moved and seconded.

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MCB7 DISTRICT SERVICE CABINET MEETING Minutes  
Penny Ryan, District Manager  
May 25, 2011, 9:30-11:00AM  
250 West 87th Street

Film, Theater & Broadcasting. Dean McCann discussed plans for the June 12 TONY awards at the Beacon Theater and gave an update on filming in CD7.

- Dean McCann oversees permit issuance for all films in NYC. It is a 5 billion dollar industry that creates jobs for NYC, opportunity for educational and training programs for the youth. However, it must be balanced against the impact it creates in the community.
- The film office is minimizing disruptions on the UWS by steering film productions to areas in other boroughs that have the same look and feel of the UWS.
- During productions, the Made in NY discount card drives business to local businesses (such as to cleaners and restaurants).
- Made in NY job placement program.
- The June 12 Tony Awards will begin truck placement and production on Amsterdam Ave, 74th - 75th Streets, beginning June 5.
- Day of – 6pm to 7:15, live at 8PM. Then, 50 tour buses will pick up guests to after-parties. (Buses will be away from the area then come in later.)
- Beacon is small so orchestra will be 30 blocks away in a studio connected via live fiber optic cable.
- The film office will reach out to residents prior to the event.
- The film office will furnish the community board with the number of shoots.
- Film production companies offer donations to local community groups and block associations when there is a shoot on the affected street or area.

Truck & Sidewalk Mobile Food Vendors. Review of regulations, discussion of coordinated enforcement, and recommendations for additional regulations. Lolita Jackson will co-chair.

Mayor's Office - Street enforcement rules:

- Mobile food vendor trucks cannot vend from a metered spot when meter regulation is in effect.
- They must obey all NYC parking regulations.
- They cannot vend in loading zones, nor hotel loading zones;
- They cannot be more than 3 hours in a commercial zone (agents can time-stamp the VIN number and location with hand device);
- They cannot vend on a restricted street or 30 feet from a restricted street;
- They cannot vend within 10 feet of a crosswalk;
- Mobile food vendors have a 2 propane tanks maximum - Flammable liquids count towards propane amount.
- Generators must be 5 feet away from food carts,

DOHMH rules:

- Restricted streets rules have not changed since 2003.
- There are no fixed locations, it is on a first come first serve basis.
- Trucks and carts must be 20 feet from building entrances.
- Inspectors enforce all locations, distance and abutting regulations.
- On Broadway – distinguish between processing (cooking, etc.) and non-processing carts (fruit etc.) 10 feet for processing, non- processing 5 feet.

FDNY:

Mobile food carts cannot refuel generators while propane gas is being used.

Follow-up

- NYPD is researching the legality of 'holding' spaces so mobile food trucks can vend at the same parked location everyday.
- 20th Pct & DOHMH can possibly track recidivist by taking inventory of summonses issued to repeat offenders.
- Do you need a special license to cook in a truck? Regulations in a truck, are neon signs legal on trucks? DMV
- NYPD & NYFD regulations are being reviewed to determine whether carts can vend on subway grates.

Mayor's office runs joint agency operations that enforce existing regulations of mobile food carts and trucks, including the confiscation of illegal carts and trucks when necessary.

Agency Reports and Follow-up.

MIDTOWN COMMUNITY COURT

Courtney Bryan, will be setting up a meeting on the bicycle rentals in and around Columbus Circle.

DOHMH

- Pilot project on West 87 Street: Experimenting with using mesh in tree pits to reduce rat nests – The project has been very successful. CB7 would like to see it grow in the district and throughout the City.
- City's official prescription drug discount card, BigAppleRx – designed to help reduce prescription drug. The City is not using tax dollars for this program. It is supported through the pharmaceutical industry.

## FDNY

FDNY does yearly inspections of SROs operating as transient hotels, homeless shelters, and supportive housing by local firehouse for egress issues and other fire code regulations. CB7 requested updates of SRO inspections and fire code checklist. Pending

## DOB

- Infills between residential buildings that pose egress issues. – DOB investigates infills on a complaint driven basis. Generally if a building has two egresses, a third is not mandatory, and infills usually cover a third egress.
- 150 West 83rd Street – Holy Redeemer Community Center - Audit completed, two objections raised.
- 732-734 West End Avenue – construction going along well.
- Jumbotron at Duane Reade, 72nd Street and Broadway. Thanks to everybody's consistent work the sign was removed.
- DOB does not have specific regulations regarding air conditioner window units. Consumers should follow manufacturer's recommendations on installations.

Columbus Avenue Planting Project – 77th-96th Streets. Community will plant in tree pits.

NYPD 20th Pct. Down 18% in overall crime; vendor complaints up.

NYPD 24th Pct – Contacting fruit vendors owners, instead of just the workers to educate.

NYPD PSA6 – Overall crime down 22.9%; four crimes in the past 28 day period.

ConEd – There is a \$30 rebate offer to consumers that purchase an EER window unit.

DDC – The 86th Street & Amsterdam Avenue restoration is complete. Sidewalk will be restored if corner scaffolding is removed by September.

Mayor's office asked for feedback on fashion week.

Riverside Parks needs volunteers for the Greeter Program.

Present: Penny Ryan, District Manager, John Martinez, Asst. District Manager; Sgt. Kurz, PSA 6; Capt. Chris McCormack, Det. Vassallo, Lt. Desantis, Sgt. Montgomery, Jerry Clarke, 20th Pct; PO Pamela White, PO Vinny Durante, 24th Pct; Robert Holzmaier, FDNY; Dean McCann, NYC Film Office; Leah Donaldson, DOB; Sam Friedman, DOHMH; Joselinne Minaya, DA's Office; Terese Flores, Elliot Sykes, Parks; Paula Sanders, CCHR; Supt. C. Hancock, DSNY; Norberto Acevedo, DDC; Jesse Bodine, CM Brewer's Office; Lolita Jackson, Mayor's Office; Ben Schacter, Sen. Espaillat's office; Pat Richardi, Con Ed; Marjorie Cohen, WCPP; Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID; Travis Craw, Columbus Ave BID.