



*Minutes of Full Board Meeting
November 15, 2012*

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at Jewish Home Lifecare, 120 West 106th Street, in the District. Chair Mark Diller called the meeting to order at 6:44 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**.
VOTE: 25-0-0.

Chair's Report: Mark N. Diller

- Noted that the first Tuesday of January is New Year's Day; therefore, the January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 3, 2013.
- Advised that the complete list of rescheduled meetings will be available shortly on CB7's website.
- Thanked everyone for being present and safe in the wake of super storm Sandy.
- Acknowledged Community Emergency Response Team's work in responding to needs of those outside of Community District 7.
- Acknowledged and thanked elected officials for doing a great job making sure constituents' needs were met citywide.
- Noted that Riverside Park, for example, was completely cleaned within one day due to a high number of volunteers.
- Postponing revised CB7 bylaws consideration to ensure greater participation. Anticipates full board vote on bylaws will take place in February, instead of January, in compliance with current bylaws sixty day notice requirement.
- CB7 budget priorities for the FY2014 NYC expense and capital budgets will be voted on at tonight's meeting.
- Congratulations to BCI Committee for their first Business 2 Business marketing-networking event. Special thanks to George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Michelle Parker for chairing the efforts. Also thanks to Linda Alexander, Su Robotti and Marc Glazer for their marketing efforts to ensure participation and engagement. While the work entailed does not lend itself to a monthly effort, the next event will likely take place in January or February. The commissioner of Small Business Services also deserves recognition for his contribution.
- Mourned the loss of Isaiah Sheffer, Ethel Sheffer's husband, whom C-M Gale Brewer called a "cherished institution." Symphony Space has information available on its website and a memorial will be scheduled.
- West End Historic District round 1 was nearly unanimously adopted by the City Council. Congratulations and thanks for efforts of West End Preservation Society.
- CD 7's Land Use Committee meeting is rescheduled to Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 7PM. Steering Committee is rescheduled to Wednesday, November 28, 2012 in light of conflict with the Manhattan Borough President's community board reception on November 20, 2012.



- Motion by Roberta Semer to approve minutes and seconded by Su Robotti. Motion unanimously passed 25-0-0-0.

Community Session

Jane Thompson – 736 West End resident

- Thanked Mark Diller for his efforts with ensuring Ilonna Pederson's windows were safely bricked up.
- Heard from inspector that there was asbestos and lead at the building. Been dealing with the sliver building next door and would like to engage a coalition to address concerns there.
- Major problem with the wall that has been cause for much concern. Department of Buildings identified a drainage problem. Builder is installing siding which hopefully help abate the problem.
- Went to ECB regarding untested cement. Judge ruled in favor of the complainants.

Paul Biseglio – Introduced himself as new West Side Spirit reporter. If anyone has good stories, please contact him.

Manhattan Borough President's Report- Rebecca Godlewicz

- Reiterating that Upper West Side fared well post-Sandy and the residents did their part to help with cleanup efforts. BP Stringer has been helping Manhattan residents in addition to those affected citywide.
- Legal clinic last week and another tomorrow, Friday, November 16, 2012 with Legal Aid lawyers.
- Community board reception on Tuesday, November 20, 2012.

Reports by Legislators:

Gale A. Brewer – City Council Member, 6th District

- Government Operations Committee hearing on Dec. 5th at 10AM at City Hall on elections.
- Thanked volunteers and those who donated, particularly to Shelly Fine, JCC, the Firehouse Restaurant. Acknowledged that many Westside groups participated, and thanked them on behalf of herself and her colleagues. Hundreds of trucks have left the West Side with donations.
- Holding a West Side Town Hall on December 18th at John Jay College.
- Regarding commercial biking, DOT now has badges and authority to go to restaurants to educate. Beginning in January, they can also give out summons to restaurants for bike delivery people not correctly outfitted and identified.

Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Jared Chausow, Senator Tom Duane's Office

- On Senator's behalf, thanked residents and members of CD7 for relief efforts.
- Noted that half of the Senator's district was without power and underwater, but the office is beginning to get back to traditional constituent efforts now.
- Completed the installation of cameras in NYCHA Amsterdam Houses which was funded through capital grants Senator Duane secured several years ago.

Paul Sawyer, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Crane accident also displaced members of CD5. Working to ensure this never happens again.



- Carmel Car Service donated a large car to take supplies to Coney Island and Seagate this past weekend.
- A-M Rosenthal's emails traveled nationwide and a former constituent wanted to donate \$11,000 from their garage sale in San Diego, California to Met Council, which has been providing meals.
- Hotel Windermere residents' mail was disturbed, but this has been resolved.
- Rats in Riverside Park and Central Park are on the rise. Sent a letter to Parks Department to ask for additional abatement; a copy of such letter was provided for the public.
- A question was raised by a community board member about trash pickup. Paul said service should have resumed and he said please let him know if you do not have trash pickup.

Dominic Lee, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- Flu shot clinic Friday, November 16, 2012 10AM – 1PM – 110 West 97th Street

George Oliver, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Monthly community board update available for distribution to public and community board members.
- Assemblyman opposes any MTA increases that would be to detriment of commuters.

Andres Pasmino, State Senator Jose Serrano's Office

- Due to redistricting, Senator Serrano is representing some portion of CD7.
- The senator is a ranking member of the Senate Committee of Cultural Affairs, also sits on committee of Environmental Protection among other committees.

Business Session

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

1. Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square. Application by the Lincoln Square BID to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for curb lane and street closures on Monday, November 26, 2012 (Asterisk indicates a new location, all other locations have been approved in previous years):

- A total street closure of West 62nd Street between Broadway and Columbus Avenue for erection of a dance tent. The tent will be erected on the north side of the street with a 15 foot emergency lane maintained on the south side of the street for emergency vehicles and garage traffic. Police Officers from the NYPD Paid Detail Unit will be used to monitor this location.
- A 200-foot curb lane and sidewalk on the south side of West 64th Street starting from the corner of Broadway heading east to erect several 10' X 10' tents. This location is a wrap around continuation of the food tasting tents erected on the east side of Broadway between 63rd and 64th Streets.
- A 200-foot curb lane and sidewalk on the north side of West 63rd Street starting from the corner of Broadway heading east to erect several 10' X 10' tents. This location is a wrap around continuation of the food tasting tents erected on the east side of Broadway between 63rd and 64th Streets
- Curb lane on the north side of West 63rd Street between Broadway and Columbus Avenue.
- Curb lane East side of Columbus between 63rd and 64th Streets (Dante Park), also 62nd to 63rd Street for generator trucks.
- Sidewalk and Curb lane – East side of Broadway between 63rd and 64th Street, where there are restaurants with sidewalk cafes. The owner of the building will be asked for permission. The



- curb lane would only be needed from 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm during the food tastings at that location.
- g. 3 parking spots/ curb lane east side of Broadway between 66th and 67th Streets.
 - h. Curb lane along the east side of Broadway between 65th and 66th Streets (Richard Tucker Park).
 - i. Curb lane along the west side of Columbus Avenue between 65th and 66th Streets (Richard Tucker Park).
 - j. 1 parking spot / curb lane west side of Broadway between 62nd and 63rd Streets on the south side of the block (sky tracker).
 - k. Parking spot / curb lane on the east side of Broadway at the Northeast corner of 67th Street (sky tracker).
 - l. A 300-foot curb lane and sidewalk along the west side of Columbus Circle adjacent to the Time Warner Center.
 - m. A 50-foot curb lane on the north side of 65th Street from the corner of Columbus Avenue east towards Central Park West.
 - n. A 100-foot curb lane and sidewalk along the west side of Broadway running north from the North West corner of west 67th Street.
 - o. A 100-foot curb lane and sidewalk along the north side of west 67th Street running west from the north west corner of 67th Street and Broadway
 - p. A 200-foot curb lane and sidewalk along the east side of Broadway between 62nd and 63rd Street from mid-block to the southeast corner of West 63rd Street. The property owner has given permission for the LSBID to use this location.
 - q. Curb lane and sidewalk on the North side of West 61st Street from Broadway to Columbus Avenue.
 - r. *Curb lane and sidewalk along the west side of Broadway between 61st and West 62nd Streets.
 - s. *A 200-foot curb lane and sidewalk along the east side of Broadway running north from 60th Street.
 - t. *Curb lane and side walk on the west side of Columbus Avenue between 63rd and 64th Street.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-0-0

2. **25 West 88th Street** (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue.) Petition form EIN#123-58-0470 for a Revocable Consent to the Department of Transportation by Kurt Roeloffs to construct, maintain and use front entrance stoop at 25 West 88th Street.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-0-0

3. **2642 Broadway, 3rd Floor** (West 100th- 101st Street.) Application #B01743 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Two-Way Black Cars & Radio Group Transportation, Inc., for renewal of their For Hire Base Station license at 2642 Broadway, 3rd Floor.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-0-0



4. **504-510 West 110th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Petition form EIN#133-26-5803 for a Revocable Consent to the Department of Transportation by Amherst-Cortland Condominium to construct, maintain and use an ADA compliant ramp needed for entry access to the main lobby.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-0-0

Preservation Committee

Gabrielle Palitz, Chairperson

5. **176- 182 West 82nd Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.)** Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to combine four buildings into one, reducing the number of dwelling units from twenty to eleven; to remove the fire escape and restore the West 82nd Street elevation; to replace windows; to lower the entrance by one step to allow the addition of a ramp for ADA accessibility; to remove six feet from the entire rear of the building and create an outdoor terrace and deck; and to add a penthouse.

Jay Adolf announced that there have been significant changes in the proposal since the committee review. The LPC review meeting was delayed.

The project is on the south side of West 82nd Street from the corner of Amsterdam Avenue west towards Columbus. Four buildings, which are vacant, will be combined. There were a total of 22 apartments, after renovation there will be 11 apartments. The proposal includes a façade change on all sides of the building and roof additions. The committee was satisfied that the front façade was appropriate. They are removing part of the rear wall and putting in appropriate windows. The two-story rooftop addition that includes two terraces is problematic. It is visible from the street from some angles, but not all angles. There was concern about the bulk of the roof-top structure. There was a suggestion by the committee that the roof addition be moved further to the west side of the building. It was approved by the committee. There were no zoning issues, the changes are as of a matter of right.

Mark Diller offered an amendment that the rooftop addition portion of the resolution be a disapproval because it is too bulky and it impinges on the backyard. Accepted as friendly.

Public Comment:

- Jim Berman, West 82nd Street, read a statement from the Historic District Council asking LPC to deny the application. First application was rejected. A two-story addition is not appropriate for a building of this size. The impact on the neighborhood would be large. It will create shadows in all backyards in the area. The proposed drawing was significantly different than the mock up.
- Deanne Eagle, West 82nd Street Realty Tenants Corp. This addition will change the tenor of the neighborhood. It is big. It will tower over the neighboring roofs. We urge you not to approve. A letter from Kevin Bacon and Karina Steinberg was submitted in opposition.
- Kelly Carroll, Landmark West. The addition was described by the architect as “invisible,” which is not accurate. The doors should not be removed and replaced, they are historical, the stoop would be cut through. The four buildings create a visual rhythm that will be destroyed.

Board Discussion:



- In response to a question, Page Cowley described the lift as one often used at a doctor's office for one to three steps. It is a platform that folds and unfolds and travels on its own guardrail. It is to be used only by a handicapped person. Floor or wall mounted. It is considered not intrusive.
- The building will be improved by the changes, but it is not being preserved. It's a mixture of materials that does not respect the original. It would cost more to change the façade then to restore it.
- Our goal is to focus on if this application will result on a renovation that is appropriate. Not if it is to our taste or how we would design it.
- The Brownstone Manual has been prepared by LPC as a guideline. The handbook is standard in every preservation school. It indicates that buildings should use resources where treatments are less drastic and fill more seamlessly for a restored effect.
- One overriding issue is if this bulked-up building fits the neighborhood. This treatment does not preserve the building or the district.
- This building was a tenement and was not beautiful. For the past ten years it's been derelict and an eyesore. This looks like a positive solution. The ramp is a better solution than a lift because it won't break and lifts can break. This building as it is depreciates the value of the entire block.

After discussion, the vote took place in three parts:

5A Front façade - the resolution to approve was not adopted.

VOTE: 13-16-1-0

5B Rear and side facades - the resolution to approve was not adopted.

VOTE: 10-18-2-0

5C Rooftop addition - the resolution, as amended, to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 25-0-4-0

After discussion,

5D Front façade - the substitute resolution to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 15-9-4-0

5E, Rear and side facades - the substitute resolution to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 15-6-5-0

6. **55 Central Park Avenue** (West 65th - 66th Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a replacement of main entrance doors and of non-historic doctors' office doors at the ground floor.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 28-0-2-0

7. **464 & 466 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd - 83rd Streets.) Application #13-5630 & #13-5631 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to remove two (2) 'special windows' and replace them with doors to provide access to a new trash platform at the rear of the buildings.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 24-1-0-0



8. **70 West 85th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application #13-6148 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a horizontal rear extension, new rear façade, new landscaped design at rear garden and new stair bulkhead providing access to the roof.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-0-2-0

9. **152 West 88th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for possible window replacement on the front façade and for rear-yard and roof-top additions.

Committee member Jay Adolf commented that donuts are built upon by right, so the committee struggles on how much focus should be on the donut for appropriateness. LPC has given direction that they are more concerned with appropriateness than previously.

Friendly amendment, accepted, that CB7 call on LPC to return for our comment any revision on this application put before them.

After deliberation, the application was voted upon in three parts.

9A Rear yard addition - the resolution to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 27-0-0-0

9B Rooftop addition - the resolution to approve was not adopted.

VOTE: 5-18-4-0

9C Front façade - the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 26-1-1-0

9D Rooftop addition - the substitute resolution to disapprove was adopted.

VOTE: 18-9-0-0

Parks & Environment Committee

Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons

10. **79th Street Boat Basin, Riverside Park.** NYC Department of Parks & Recreation's proposed design for the complete replacement of A-Dock, known as the Public Pier, on the upstream side of the marina at the 79th Street Boat Basin. A-Dock will continue to serve as the facility's Public Pier to include a kayak launch, an access point for smaller vessels moored north of the marina and a deep water mooring at the outer most slip.

Board Discussion

- The ice breakers and the position of the railing position were brought up in committee. Have they been resolved? The committee has asked Parks to consider three changes: Non-electric lighting, moving the railing (which was placed in a dangerous location for those docking) and modifying the kayak gate because the dimensions were too narrow. Parks has responded by changing the kayak gate dimensions. They are not planning on changing the railing and will monitor what lighting will be available to them at the time of building.



- On the tour with Council Member Gale Brewer, the engineer stated that the ice breakers should be renovated at the same time.
- Do we have the ability to influence the decisions on what projects money is allocated to? In this time when less and less money is available for public projects and services, is this the best use of the money?
- Response: The committee and CB7 are presented projects that have been selected and developed by the Parks Department. We seldom have input until the project design is presented for our comment. They are responsive at that stage and often incorporate our comments. If we voted down this project for reasons of financial priority, the money for this project would be reallocated by Parks and likely not benefit our area. In the case of renovating the public dock, very large boats dock on a daily basis and that brings in revenue. Also it is used by Clearwater for educational purposes, a public use.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted.

VOTE: 18-6-3-0

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

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

- 103 West 70th Street (Columbus Avenue) Peter Candari, d/b/a Park West.
- 2626 Broadway (West 99th Street) Alamo Metro, LLC d/b/a To be Determined.
- 2642 Broadway (West 100th Street) New A & J Restaurant Inc., d/b/a To be Determined.
- 936 Amsterdam Avenue (West 106th Street) Andrew Breslin, d/b/a To be Determined.

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

VOTE: 26-0-1-0

12. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

Michelle Parker explained that the first three applications had been disapproved without prejudice because the applicants did not attend the October BCI meeting. They did attend the November 14 BCI meeting and were approved. The six applications were bundled.

A. Disapproved without prejudice.

- **2012 Broadway** (West 68th-69th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 12829599 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nanoosh Broadway, LLC, d/b/a Nanoosh, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.
- **285 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1343003 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York, Corp., d/b/a Tenzan Japanese Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 44 seats.
- **430 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1096363 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Jake's Dilemma, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 21 seats.

B. Approved.



- **2637 Broadway** (West 100th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1280169 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by S.A.V Associates, Inc., d/b/a Turkvaz, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 32 seats.
- **2740 Broadway** (West 105th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1222176 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Silver Moon Bakery, Inc., d/b/a Silver Moon Bakery, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.
- **982-988 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 108th – 109th Street.) Renewal application 1347879 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Village Pourhouse, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats.

Board Discussion: Turkvaz has been allowing their outdoor café to exceed the correct dimensions and even wrapping around the corner. It was agreed that a letter will be sent to the restaurant reminding them of the limits and enclosing pictures.

Public Comment:

Alan Flacks, 13 West 100th Street. Turkvaz's outdoor café has been extending beyond the area allowed. Instead of a letter, why not disapprove it? Why do you allow wraparounds only in special situations like Silver Moon? I believe that Silver Moon is in compliance.

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

VOTE: 24-1-1-0

Steering Committee, Mark Diller, Chair

13. Community Board 7/Manhattan's priorities for the FY2014 NYC Expense Budget.

14. Community Board 7/Manhattan's priorities for the FY2014 NYC Capital Budget.

The vote was bundled. After deliberation, the resolutions to adopt the priorities were adopted.

VOTE: 25-0-0-0

POSTPONED

CB7 Bylaws Task Force

Roberta Semer, Chair

Re: Revised Community Board 7/Manhattan Bylaws.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM.

Present: Mark N. Diller, Jay Adolf, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Issac Booker, Brian Byrd, Elizabeth Caputo, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Marc Glazer, Phyllis E. Gunther, Ulma Jones, Blanche E. Lawton, Klari Neuwelt, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Evan Rosing, Roberta Semer, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Cara Volpe, Mel Wymore and Dan Zweig. **Absent:** Andrew Albert, Ian Alterman, Laura Atlas, Louis Cholden-Brown, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Joanne Imohiosen, Lee Ping Kwan, Marisa Maack, Lillian Moore, Gabrielle Palitz, Haydee Rosario, Helen Rosenthal, Gabriella Rowe, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler, Stephen Vazquez and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.



**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
November 13, 2012**

1. Presentation by Upper West Side Streets Renaissance on proposed locations for bike racks.

Lisa Sladkus of UWSSR introduced Andrew Balmer who gave a presentation on the survey of possible spaces for bike rack placements from 59th St. to 110th St. and from Broadway to Columbus Avenue. Andrew Balmer provided a printout of a spreadsheet made by UWSSR showing the locations of the proposed bike rack placements and notation regarding replies received from the mailing to building owners.

The ensuing discussion clarified questions that were raised by the Committee and the public as follows: Out of 136 letters sent by the surveyor to property owners and businesses in front of which racks could be installed 45 responded negatively and those locations were excluded from the list. About 5 responded positively, mostly by voice mail. The rest (86) were considered as positive. When this assumption was contested explanation was that this was based on human nature, that people are eager to express disagreement if it affects them personally and not expend time for a response if not affected. There will always be some exceptions, of course.

There were also comments that property owners do not own the sidewalk but their opinion should be considered along with the opinions of other stakeholders...

Racks are of circle type design, already in use; will be installed on the sidewalk parallel to the street; bikes would be parked parallel too. Most restaurants use their own bike racks.

Amsterdam BID asked for 3-4 racks per block and considers them beneficial for businesses and the community. The same was expressed by members of the public.

DOT representative clarified that the removal of a rack from a specific location is possible and has been done based on complaints. Also, that racks are most effectively placed when Community Board gives an approved list which is taken as expressed need for placement.

Dan Zweig expressed that this list should be reviewed in the field by the committee over the next month and considered for resolution at the December Transportation meeting.

A resolution was proposed to approve the list immediately for presentation to the full board in December.

Resolution for immediate approval was based on: a) awareness of the need for providing bike parking in the neighborhood, b) the fact that it did not want to verify each proposed site for a rack on this comprehensive list, c) that a removal of a rack from some location that later becomes problematic is a matter of practice in the City, d) the committee did not want to further delay bike racks installation,

Resolution to approve 91 bike rack locations:

Committee: 8-2-0-0. Non-committee Board members 3-0-0-0

2. Proposed "bike corral" at NW corner of Broadway and 105th Street

Presentation given by NYC Bicycle Program, DOT representative Jennifer Harris-Hernandez.

The discussion brought up further details:



creating a bike corral requires an application because it involves maintenance by the applicant, mainly cleaning, because the street cleaning vehicles and the snow plows cannot reach the space that is protected by either big pots or bollards. This corral provides parking for 8 bikes by utilizing 4 bike racks of the circular design applied throughout the City. It is placed on Broadway, next to the crosswalk on NW corner at the 105th St.

The owner of the restaurant "Henry's", Henry Rinehart, applied and took the maintenance on himself, promised that his workforce will keep their bikes in the building not in the corral; requested four planters, pots as a protection for the corral instead of usual two; will take care of the plants in them which will beautify the street and the space in front of his restaurant, and stressed the security feature of the corral instead of the space which was frequently used as an illegal parking space or an access point to a parking behind it. He communicated with the public and businesses around- responses were positive. He also submitted a 120 signatures petition from the neighborhood with all DOT criteria required.

There were many requests for providing a possibility to park more than 8 bikes at such a large space, but the presenter said that they looked into other cities experience, domestically and abroad, and did not find better solution than here presented. There were also many comments regarding the large size of planters - they are too big and are taking space instead of bicycles. In the presented picture, one third of the space is taken by planters. Suggested fixed smaller bollards were countered by the presenter with the argument that Fire Department prefers planters because they can move them if needed...

One change to the presented proposal was accepted - that on the South side of the corral only one planter should remain and that it should be pushed towards the street to be as close to the corner of the corral to protect pedestrians on the crosswalk from the vehicles that are going South on Broadway and turning right into 105th St. Due to the angle of 105 with respect to Broadway, this should leave space to place more bicycles in the street space being used for the corral. DOT will have engineers revise the plan and present a revised plan to the board before the next full board meeting.

Dan Zweig said that no prior notice for this proposal had been made and that the item should be given notice and a subsequent committee review the following month. The chairs heard about this request for the first time only the day prior to the meeting and no notification online or otherwise had been made. The presentation was accepted for the meeting only in an effort to get information from the applicant earlier and allow more time for consideration by the committee since this was the first application of its kind to be made in CD7.

Despite the lack of notice, a resolution to approve the revised corral and to ask DOT to find more locations to place bicycle corrals was proposed and seconded:

Committee: 7-1-0-0. Non-committee Board members: 2-0-0-0

Present:

Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Mark Glazer, Ulma Jones, Lee Ping Kwan, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti and Roberta Semer. **CB7 Chair** Mark Diller. **Board Members:** Linda Alexander, Ian Alterman and Mel Wymore. **Absent:** Andrew Albert and Lillian Moore.

Parks & Environment Committee
Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons
Joint with the Transportation Committee
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
November 19, 2012 7:00PM

Topic 1: Arts and Crafts Fair (Columbus Avenue, 77th-81st Street): Discussion with the Department of Parks & Recreation, Revenue Division, on the upcoming Request for Proposals for the Columbus Avenue Arts and Crafts Fair.

- Kathryn Winder (Revenue Division Parks Department)
 - o Arts and Crafts Fair (“**Fair**”) 6 weekends a year – 3 in October and 3 in May (10:00 am – 6:00 pm depending on the season).
 - o American Arts and Crafts Council is the current vendor and contracts its exhibits to third parties/individuals.
 - o On September 2014 the current contract expires and the Parks Department has started working on a RFP for a new vendor. RFP should be finalized in two months. Parks Department is still discussing the fee approach.
 - o The Greenmarket which occupies the sidewalk on Sundays is displaced on Fair weekends.
 - o Parks Department wants to reach out to the community at the beginning of the process to understand the community’s concerns regarding the Fair.

Community Discussion

- Jan Prager (Park West 77th Street Block Association)
 - o Fair on Saturdays only.
- Mr. Kerch
- Joyce Youths
 - o Community is bombarded with vendors (e.g., food trucks, hot dog carts), foot traffic and street traffic and it is no longer safe or reasonable to have a Fair in the area.
 - o The community loves the Greenmarket because it serves local farmers and the community.
 - o Opposes renewal of any new contract and any encroachment on 81st street.
 - o Community is being sacrificed for revenue.
- Unidentified Community Member
 - o Community is not happy about the type of craft. More oversight of the vendors is necessary.
- Elizabeth Bartman
 - o Fair goods are in competition with the stores on Columbus and are hurting businesses.
 - o Success of the Greenmarket is critical for the farmers’ livelihood.
- Michael Bloomfield (Friends of Museum Park)
 - o % of the fees should get allocated to the park.
 - o Local participation of vendors should get preferential treatment or discount.
- Bob Wyman
 - o Concern whether the revenue being brought in is proportional to the costs to the community.
- Barbara Adler – per letter submitted on behalf of Columbus Avenue BID
 - o Not enough room on the sidewalk as exhibits take up both sides of the single sidewalk.
 - o Competition from the Fair hurts Columbus Ave. Merchants.

Simon Gaon, current vendor for the Fair

- o “Only Saturdays” will not work because of vendors having to transport goods to the UWS from outside areas and also certain Jewish individuals will not have a chance to frequent the Fair.
- o Merchandise is inspected and reviewed to make sure it is not being imported from other countries and not manufactured.

Committee Discussion

- Klari Neuwelt
 - o The community has changed over the years and the Fair no longer benefits the community in a way it once did.
 - o Recommend passing a resolution to not extend an RFP for this location.
- Ken Coughlin
 - o Limit the Fair to Saturdays, limit the vendors, and restrict the Fair to local vendors.
- Marc Darin
 - o Opposed to having a Fair at this location.
- Elizabeth Starkey
 - o If the committee tries to limit to Saturdays only, then it should be clear that no additional weekends should be added to the Fair.
- Evan Rosing
 - o Concerned that the Parks Department will not take the community’s feedback and complaints into account in the remaining period of current contract.

RESOLUTION: Request that DPR not issue any new RFP for an arts and crafts fair at this location after the expiration of the current license.

Vote: 4-1-0-0: In favor of the resolution.

Topic 2: Central Park at West 106th Street. Presentation on a proposal to daylight Strangers' Gate at Central Park's West 106th Street entrance, and in the process make this entrance safer for walkers and bicyclists.

- Peter Frishauf
 - o Presentation to “daylight” Strangers’ Gate at 106th and CPW by removing parking spaces in front of the entrance for aesthetic purposes and safety of pedestrians and bicyclists.

Community Comments

- Bob Wyman
 - o Suggestion to switch parking spaces with the bus stop north of the entrance. However there are certain concerns that DOT will not put a bus stop in the middle of an intersection.
- Bob Prudhomme
 - o Recommends that Peter first provide notice to neighborhood buildings and block associations and possibly work with them in coming up with a solution.
 - o Not in favor of the proposal, because there are concerns that school and tourist buses will try to park in the space which will make matters worse. Also doesn’t want to lose parking spots available to neighbors.
- Linda Prudhomme

- o Concern from residents about losing parking spaces.

Committee Discussion: The committee was generally favorable to the proposal, but saw some complications arising from eliminating parking spaces, possible take-over of the vacated spaces by tour buses and school buses. Next steps: Raise the issue with the co-chairs of the Transportation Committee and have a joint meeting regarding the issue.

Topic 3: Local Law 87: Presentation by Paul Reale on Local Law 87, which requires retro-commissioning and energy audits on buildings 50,000 square feet or larger.

Paul Reale spoke about Local Law 87, which requires retro commissioning and energy audits on buildings 50,000 square feet or larger. The presentation can be downloaded at www.urbangreencouncil.org.

Topic 4: New Business

1. Discussion regarding climate change, rising sea level and how better to protect New York City and Community Board 7 in the future.

9:45 Adjourned

Present: Elizabeth Starkey, Klari Neuwelt, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin and Evan Rosing.

Transportation Committee Present: Ken Coughlin and Mark Darin. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Absent:** Isaac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo and Stephen Vazquez.