



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, January 6, 2015, at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm after the Secretary had confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved: 29-0-0**

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- Fashion Week will no longer be housed in Damrosch Park; this means that Damrosch Park can return to its proper usage, namely as a park.
- The Museum of Natural History is planning an expansion; CB7 will have a Task Force with hearings on the Museum's design plans.
- Housing Committee meeting in December discussed Airbnb; the City Council is having hearings on accommodations for transients; at the January meeting of the Housing Committee, a rep of Airbnb will be make a presentation.
- Marc Glazer gets a word of applause because DOT will be working with CB7 to remove Learning Annex news racks from streets in the jurisdiction.
- Inclusive Playground Taskforce's next meeting is January 27 at 6 pm at CB7's office.
- Several vacancies on CB7 are coming up; Chair asking for applicants; applications are due no later than 1/30/15; applications can be downloaded via CB7 website and can be submitted online; for those wondering when their terms are up, you can find that information via the CB7 website.

Community Session

Diana Howard - Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer's Office

- You can find applications for Community Boards on the distribution table at this meeting and online.
- The BP wants 16-year-olds and 17-year-olds to apply for Community Boards.
- The BP's office is using social media in an effort to reach prospective applicants in that age group.
- Of the 300 applications the BP's office has received to date for Community Board slots, 27% have been for positions on CB7.
- The City Council is considering a proposal for term limits for Community Board members. The BP opposes this idea.
- As a result of the recent killings of 2 NYC police officers and Eric Garner: The BP is participating in roundtable discussions on how to resolve issues between community and police.
- The BP's office and mentoring organizations are celebrating mentorship programs.
- The BP's State of the Borough speech is coming up.

Reports by Legislators:Helen Rosenthal – City Council Member, 6th District

- CM Rosenthal is sponsoring a Housing Clinic this Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. at Goddard Riverside, with lawyers on staff to assist tenants who have complaints of landlord harassment.
- CM Rosenthal noted that the City Council Finance Committee had a hearing today to discuss the Mayor's budget modification. The budget modification usually lists merely technical adjustments to the budget. However, this year, because revenues are much higher (\$700 million) than anticipated, instead of applying these monies (\$700 million) to shortfalls, they are being allocated to assorted programs. CM Rosenthal has questions about \$70 million in such allocations. She demanded answers from OMB on those monies at the recent hearing. OMB's representatives asserted they did not know the answers to her questions. She found that disconcerting. As a result, she will be voting against the modification bill because she believes there has been a lack of transparency on the part of OMB.
- CM Rosenthal addressed the tense time in the City's police-community relations. She noted that this is not as major an issue on the Upper West Side as in some other neighborhoods in NYC. In support of colleagues on the City Council, CM Rosenthal has been active in the peaceful protests regarding the lack of indictment in the Erick Garner case. In support of the NYPD, CM Rosenthal has been standing with police regarding the murder of Officers Ramos and Liu. CM Rosenthal wants to get guns off the street and to get people the mental health services that they need. CM Rosenthal recommends that residents of CB7 should be aware of our relationship with police and recognize the tensions that do exist between the police and residents.

Mark Levine—City Council Member, 7th District

- CM Levine is expediting renaming streets in memory of Officers Liu and Ramos.
- CM Levine would like us to recognize that the marked decreases in stops and frisks and marijuana arrests, as well as a decrease in violent crime, are major improvements in our District.
- CM Levine provided an update regarding his efforts on Vision Zero, as well as efforts to prevent the deaths of visually impaired pedestrians.
- CM Levine noted that he met with CB7's Task Force on Accessible Playgrounds; and that he introduced a bill that would mandate the Parks Department to report on accessibility.
- CM Levine announced that applications are now available for non-profits to apply for discretionary funding from Council Members. He is holding a training forum for those who want to apply; it is on January 20, 2015 from 3 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the Hamilton Library.



- CM Levine announced that he is one of the sponsors of a Rat Academy on January 15, 2015 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ascension Center to train residents, building managers, staff, and business owners in ways of preventing and addressing rat infestations.
- CM Levine discussed the bill he has introduced to mitigate noise during construction adjacent to public schools.



Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Kimberlee Gonzalez - Intern for Alize Beal of Community Affairs Unit of Mayor's Office

- The Mayor's Office is sponsoring events to inform the public about whether citizens are entitled to the earned income tax credit and how to obtain it, and about Operation Hope
- For information, contact abeal@cityhall.nyc.gov 212-442-0508

Ed Sullivan – Public Advocate Letitia James' Office

- The PA appreciated former Governor Mario Cuomo
- The PA is proud NYC is addressing the issues of racism, and police/community relations

Dan Campanelli - NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

During an audit of the NYC Housing Authority ("NYCHA"), the Comptroller found that NYCHA's failure to take steps to receive \$7 million from the federal government resulted in NYCHA losing those revenues.

Jackie Blank - Congressperson Jerry Nadler's Office

- The Congressperson introduced a bill to give same sex couples all the rights married couples receive.
- The Congressperson supports enactment of legislation enabling victims of terrorism to pursue civil claims in federal courts

Tara Klein – Senator Brad Hoylman's Office

- The Senator is happy about the change in venue of Fashion Week, which makes Damrosch Park more available to the public
- The Senator is glad to report that the MTA is now reviewing the A & C subway lines
- As the NYS Legislature is now in session, he will be giving CB7 updates

David Baily – Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- The Senator is glad that fracking is now banned in NYS
- The Senator is working on justice reform, and supports Attorney General Eric Schneiderman's proposal for the NYS Attorney General's Office to prosecute police killings of civilians

George Damalas - Senator Jose Serrano's Office

- Mr. Damalas is the new liaison to CB7 from Senator Serrano's Office
- Senator Serrano recently published an op ed listing his legislative priorities for this session, and an op ed regarding the dog licensing bill he sponsored that was recently enacted into law

Justin Simmons – Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- Contact the Assembly Member's Office for a 2015 parking calendar indicating the dates when parking rules are suspended
- The Assembly Member, Chair of the Corrections Committee, has a publication entitled "Corrections Committee News"



- The Assembly Member is sponsoring his annual Children's Book Drive

Erica Overton – Assembly Member Helen B. Rosenthal's Office

- There were events at which constituents could comment about NYS ports. The Assembly Member has requested that the comment period be extended and that another hearing be held closer to Manhattan so our constituents will be able to attend.

Erik Bottcher & David Moss – City Council Corey Johnson's Office

- They are the new liaisons to CB7
- The Council Member is supporting legislation addressing LGBT issues and domestic violence

Joseline Minaya – New York District Attorney Cyrus Vance's Office

- The DA's Office now has an internship program for high school students who are "rising juniors" and "rising seniors"; this is unusual; most internships are for only college students.
- Students from all boroughs can apply.
- The process for submission of applications is easy to do.

Community Session:

Rachel Zeuner of the Ryan Community Health Center:

The Center is having a cervical cancer awareness event on Tuesday, 1/20/15.

Batya Miller of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group:

The group is sponsoring a talk on the History of Straus Park on 1/22/15 6:30 pm at the International Youth Hostel at 103 Street & Amsterdam Avenue.

Peter Arndtsen of the Columbus Amsterdam BID:

Fliers on events within the BID are on the distribution table in the room.

Business Session

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

1. **210 West 70th Street** (Broadway.) Application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Lincoln Square Steak, LLC, d/b/a Lincoln Square Steak.

Public Comment

A member of the public posed the question as to whether live music will be performing in the space. The Chair affirmed that it would be included.

Board Discussion

The co-chair introduced the resolution and the Committee's decision to disapprove pending the retention of an acoustical engineer. Applicant has agreed to withdraw its application and return to the Committee in February. Asked to disapprove the application unless the sound test is performed prior to the February Committee meeting, share the results of said testing and agree to close no later than Midnight every night of the week. Also required to do on-site sound testing in each second floor apartment pre and post, to determine whether the impacted apartments are no longer bothered by the noise.



The resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: **35-0-0-0**

2. **53 West 106th Street** (Manhattan Avenue.) Application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by AG Culinary, INC, d/b/a Gastronomica Culinary.

The co-chair introduced the resolution, no live music will occur at the space.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **35-0-0-0**

3. **Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications.**

- **1 Lincoln Plaza** (West 64th Street.) Renewal application # 1137714-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Fiorello's Roman Café, Inc., d/b/a Café Fiorello, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 32 tables and 64 seats.
- **412 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Renewal application #1158198-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 412 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Bettola, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.
- **413 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Renewal application #1396587-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flagship S.B. Amsterdam NY, LLC, d/b/a Saravana Bhavan, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.
- **509 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th – 85th Streets.) Renewal application # 1416762-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New York Beer Co, LLC, d/b/a Jacob's Pickles, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.
- **951 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th Street.) Renewal application #1277938-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ram Eats, LLC, d/b/a Blockheads, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

The Co-Chair introduced the resolution. All passed unanimously by the Committee. The renewals are now for a period of 4-years.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **38-0-0-0**

Parks & Environment Committee

Klari Neuwelt, Chairperson

4. **Bennerson Playground** (West 64th Street, Amsterdam -West End Avenues.) Department of Parks & Recreation proposed renovation of Samuel Bennerson Playground.

The chair introduced the application. A visual presentation was displayed for consideration by the Board. Park that is primarily a playground. Much used by residents of Amsterdam Houses. Has a well run and popular basketball program and includes two basketball courts. Included in our budget priorities for this year. Uncontroversial proposal, no opposition, support from the basketball association and the Amsterdam houses. Unanimously approved phase 1 of the project. Would require additional funding to finish the total project. Now primarily focused on increasing accessibility, permeability of the surfaces, more planting, more benches, re-surfacing the basketball courts, electronic scoreboard and weatherproof scoring table.



Question regarding the possibility of hoops set up for wheelchair basketball. The Chair did not have the answer to that question. New paths will be ADA accessible.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **37-0-0-0**

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee

Blanche Lawton and Eric Shuffler, Co-Chairpersons

5. Primary day voting in public schools.

The co-chair introduced the resolution. This issue has been discussed at the Committee level for many months. There are 16 public schools in our district and they are all subject to become polling sites on primary days—not all will be sites at one time. There is concern over security at the schools on primary days. The schools want the BOE to allow them to call an individual professional development day on primary day to eliminate the problem of locating polling sites at schools on primary day. The BOE, DOE and NYPD provide more security when there is a primary day at a school—currently there is one police officer, but there is little other control of the flow of voters into the school.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **33-1-1-0**

6. City Council Intro 420 re noise mitigation for construction projects proximate to schools.

The co-chair introduced the bill. CM Levine and others has introduced this bill. Impetus was the relocation of JHL next to PS 163. There was been a battle regarding this issue for about 3 years. No major construction can go on less than 75 feet from a school that would produce more than 45 decibels of noise. The environmental impact statement as part of JHL project indicated that construction could go above 80 decibels. There were inquiries into whether this would apply during the summer session (unsure), would this result in variances for construction on weekends (perhaps), would the decibel level be measured in class rooms (unsure). Commentary from Board member that it is laudable goal to mitigate noise, but that the proposal is not a workable one. Another Board Member stated that the issue is not whether we *can* mitigate, because we can, but whether it should be our policy to mitigate. Board member discussed construction done by his home, where construction went from 4 p.m. – 9:30 p.m., with noisiest work was done between 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Board member spoke in support of the resolution for the elderly who are sensitive to noise as well as the working people who work at night and sleep during the day. Board members spoke about this bill as an effort to discourage JHL from building.

Amendment proposed to add a statement regarding City funding. This was not accepted or further discussed.

Proposed amendment to eliminate anything in the resolution but for the resolved clause—then City Council can work out the numbers. Agreed to strike all of the whereas clauses and maintain the be it resolved.

Mark Diller offered a friendly amendment, which was accepted:

Council Member Mark Levine, together with various co-sponsoring Council Members, has introduced Intro 420, which would amend the New York City Administrative Code (Section 24-220) to require that any noise mitigation plan for construction activity provide that the noise generated by such construction on a site that is within 75 feet of a public or private preschool, primary or secondary school



not exceed 45 dBA during normal school hours, and that noise levels at such schools be continuously monitored.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports measures that would meaningfully limit the noise generated by construction proximate to populations particularly vulnerable to such impacts, and recommends that Intro 420 be enacted by the City Council and signed into law by the Mayor.

The resolution to **approve** as amended was adopted: 28-4-0-0

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

7. **95 West 95th Street** (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.) Application No. N 150119 CMM to the Department of City Planning by Columbus 95th Street LLC for the second and final 3-year renewal of the previously **approved** special permit to allow an attended public parking garage with a maximum capacity of 100 spaces, including 43 accessory spaces, on portions of the ground floor, cellar and subcellar.

The Co-Chair introduced the resolution. Construction delayed due to economic conditions. Supported by the tenant's association. Approved unanimously by the Committee.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **36-0-1-0**

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

8. **2015 Multi-block street fairs.** Applications to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office for multi-block street fairs in 2015.

DATE	SPONSOR NAME	LOCATION	PRODUCER
04/26/15	Veritas, Inc.	Bway, 96 th -102 nd E	Mort & Ray
04/26/15	Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association	Bway, 102 nd -106 th E	Mort & Ray
05/03/15	Broadway Mall Center	Bway, 86 th -93 rd E	Mort & Ray
05/10/15	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Col, 66 th – 72 nd	Clearview Festival
05/17/15	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Amst, 77 th –89 th	WMCC
05/24/15	Coalition for a Livable West Side	Bway, 72 nd -82 nd W	Mort & Ray
05/24/15	Safe Haven West Side Basketball League	Bway, 82 nd -86 th W	Mort & Ray
05/31/15	Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers	Bway, 65 th -72 nd W	Mort & Ray
06/07/15	West Side Federation of Neighborhood & Block Assoc.	Bway, 73 rd -82 nd E	Mort & Ray
06/07/15	The Broadway Mall Association	Bway, 82 nd -86 th E	Mort & Ray
07/18/15	Valley Restoration, LDC	Amst, 96 th –106 th *	Mardi Gras Festival
07/26/15	Committee for Environmentally Sound Development	Bway, 60 th -65 th E	Clearview Festival
08/16/15	Goddard Riverside	Amst, 79 th -86 th	Clearview Festival
09/20/15	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Col, 68 th –86 th	WMCC
10/04/15	Bloomington Area Coalition	Bway, 96 th –103 th W	Mort & Ray
10/18/15	NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch	Bway, 86 th – 90 th W	Mort & Ray
10/18/15	Symphony Space	Bway, 90 th – 96 th W	Mort & Ray

The Co-Chair introduced the resolution and explained the process by which we consider the applications. The Board has guidelines as to the type of documentation that is required of organizations that are applying to present street fairs. Some are organized independently and



others get promoters to do so on their behalf. Moratorium on any additional street fairs. There has also been a revision on the hours of operation for the street fairs. There was a discussion of the allocation of the net revenues of a fair and to whom they are allocated. Commentary that the street fairs are not really about the money, but are instead about the exposure. Commentary that the street fairs are good for local businesses and bring residents out into the community. One member of the Board encouraged the Board to vote against the street fairs because they are boring and include the same vendors over and over again, does not help local business, wants to recraft how they work. We will encourage producers to bring in local businesses into the street fairs.

Andrew Albert abstained on West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce.

The resolution to **approve** was adopted: **28-2-5-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Steven Brown, Kenneth Coughlin, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Marc Glazer, Rita Genn, Matthew Holtzman, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Meisha Hunter Burkett, Joanne Imohiosen, Audrey Isaacs, Brian Jenks, Genora Johnson, Blanche E. Lawton, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Jeannette Rausch, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Peter Samton, David Sasscer, Roberta Semer, Eric Shuffler, Polly Spain, Mel Wymore, Howard Yaruss, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **On-Leave:** Barbara Van Buren. **Absent:** Page Cowley, Catherine DeLazzero, Sheldon J. Fine, Madelyn Innocent, Lee Ping Kwan, Lillian Moore, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Ethel Sheffer and Jaye B. Smalley.



**Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
January 8, 2015**

1. 270 West 77th Street (West End Avenue – Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear yard addition and facade renovations, including window replacement.

Application presented by: Charles Nafie CJNA Architects

This plan is to remove the rear yard additions which it is believed were added onto this Clarence true building in the 1910's. The addition is three stories high and about 9.5 ft wide. Removing this addition would allow more light and air into the house and into the yard. The second floor would have a full width iron deck with stairs to the rear yard. The windows on the floor with the deck would be two French doors in the center flanked by double hung, full length windows on either side of the doors. Windows on the rear facade would be replaced with new, larger matching windows except for the remaining small window on the 4th floor which LPC staff wants to keep. The windows would be aluminum 1/1. The existing brick would be repaired and/or replaced using the brick removed from the extension. This wasn't a complete presentation so there are missing details which the committee questioned with no firm answers forthcoming as the plans are still in the formative stage.

PUBLIC COMMENT: John Calvin Hume neighbor and architect stated He believed the renovation as discussed was appropriate and should be approved.

COMMITTEE: Based on the fact that this was not a completed presentation, the committee requested the full presentation be made at a later date. One issue the committee noted was the deck and stair railing which were not congruent with each other. Members also noted that aluminum windows were not the best choice and that the small upper right window on the 4th floor should be made to match the others on that elevation.

The committee resolution is as follows:

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- By removing the existing rear yard addition (which does not appear to be part of the original construction), and rebuilding the western half of the rear façade as a single continuous plane, increased light will be introduced into the building's interior.
- Red brick salvaged from the demolished addition will be used to reconstruct the western portion of the original rear façade, matching the existing red brick to the east.
- At the bottom two floors, new large central full-height masonry openings will be created, extending almost the full width of the building to a 1'-4" wide masonry pier at each edge. These piers align with the masonry perimeter frames above.
 - i. The new tripartite window design will have a central pair of French doors flanked by fixed glass full height panels.
 - ii. Muntins and mullions will break down the large scale of the glass openings, with a horizontal emphasis.
- At the top two floors, the existing window openings at the east side of the building will be retained. It is to be noted that the existing fourth floor window is considerably smaller than the third floor window below, but is similar in size to the existing fourth floor windows of the neighboring rowhouse to the east
 - i. On the third floor to the west, a new window opening will be created to match the existing adjacent 5 foot wide window.
 - ii. On the fourth floor to the west, the existing door/window opening will be modified, widened by 4", with a new sill installed, to replicate the new 5 foot wide window below.
 - iii. The new windows at the upper two floors will be double-hung, one-over-ones.



- All new window openings will be capped by limestone lintels modelled on existing.
- All new fenestration and doors to be aluminum, black color. No specific information concerning the window manufacturer, window construction or details was presented as these details had not been decided, but a verbal description was given for the thickness of the mullions (2") and the muntins (1").
- A new metal balcony is proposed at the second floor, with spiral stairs down to the garden level. A black metal balcony railing consisting of vertical metal posts is shown, linked to a horizontally banded spiral stair railing.
- Future plans for an expansion of the existing rooftop structure were mentioned, but the applicant advised the Committee that this work would be part of a separate, future application

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the removal of the existing rear yard addition is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District. Regarding the proposed changes to the reconstructed rear façade, the Committee believes that the proposed design is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District **IN CONCEPT** only, owing to the undeveloped nature of the design with respect to window details and materials. In addition, the Committee strongly recommends two design modifications:

- That the existing smaller window at the fourth floor be enlarged to the same size as the three others in the upper half of the rear façade.
- That the design of the balcony railing and the stair railing be unified, with the various elements oriented in the same direction, relating to the horizontality of the adjacent doors and full height windows proposed.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the demolition of the existing rear yard addition and **approves IN CONCEPT** the design of the rear façade renovation, with the strong recommendations to make all four windows the same size, and to unify the design of the balcony and spiral stair railings.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

2. 27 West 70th Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application #15-7650 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace a window.

Presentation by John Calvin Hume AIA

This application is to replace windows which were replaced at some earlier time and do not match the historic windows and to replace them with historically correct windows on the 2nd and 4th floors (the third floor original windows were not replaced). Also while the stoop was removed, a French casement style window was installed over the new entrance, the owner proposes to remove that window, enlarge the opening, removing the stone sill that was placed there and place in that new space a window which is 1/1 like the others on that elevation. This window will align with the other windows already in place. The windows are Marvin Windows "Magnum" style. They are of painted wood.

There was no discussion from the community or the committee.

The Committee is as follows:

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

- The existing stoop was removed years ago, and a replacement casement style window with a built-up stone sill was installed within the original Parlor Floor's front door opening. All the other windows in the front facade are one-over-one double-hungs, retaining the original fenestration design.



- The existing casement window and the small stone sill will be removed, and a new full-height, one-over-one double-hung wood window will be installed within the existing opening, surrounded by a new brick mold, designed and painted to match existing.
- New wood windows, all one-over-one double-hungs are also proposed to replace the existing deteriorating units at the Parlor Floor, Second and Fourth Floors.
- All windows to be insulating wood windows by Marvin, painted black

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed replacement windows are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the window replacements.

VOTE TO APPROVE: 6-0-0-0.

Present: Jay Adolf, Gabrielle Palitz, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Meisha Hunter Burkett and Peter Samton.

Absent: Lee Ping Kwan.



**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
January 13, 2015**

1. **Street Renaming**, Application brought by Mr. David Garth for a secondary street naming on the Northwest corner of West 67th Street and Central Park West as David L. Garth Way. Many residents spoke, including: Richard F. Fife, Madge Rosenberg, Jannis Palmera, Stewart Beavor, Jarde Danziger, representative of the West 67th Block Association, Arlene Simon, Leonardo Zorris, Linda Miller, Leonard Kaverski, Tom Lynch. In addition, many residents on the block spoke or wrote letters. The general consensus was that most residents were opposed and the committee was reminded of the many well known artists, authors, performers that also resided on West 67th Street and might also be worthy of a secondary street naming. Suggestion was made by Marc Glazer CB7 Board member to request permission of a building owner on the block to allow a secondary street naming on their building. The residents could then reach a consensus on their own. The Committee advises the applicant to speak with all of the factions and return to CB7 when ready. **NO VOTE WAS TAKEN**
2. **53 West 71st Street**, Application to the Department of Transportation for new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use installation of stoop and fenced in area.
Committee Votes to Approve 10-0-0-0 3-0-0-0
3. **West 97th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Mayor's Street Activity office by Growth NYC for a permit to operate a greenmarket on the north side of West 97th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues in 2015, with the condition that a revised application will be submitted if Jewish Home Lifecare begins construction of its new facility on 97th Street in 2015.
Committee Votes to Approve 7-0-0-0 3-0-0-0

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Anne Raphael, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Board Member:** Marc Glazer. **Absent:** Lee Ping Kwan and Lillian Moore.



Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons
January 21, 2015

1. Text Amendment for Non-Residential Buildings.

Presentation by the Department of City Planning on the proposed Stairwells Text Amendment.
The text is available at: <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dcp/html/stairwells2/index.shtml>.

The presentation was made by Jamie Rojo, City Planer from the Manhattan Office. Ms. Rojo used a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate the impact of the requirements for a larger lobby for egress and the requirement for a 55" wide stairs, in lieu of the 44" stair width that is permitted under the current Construction and Building Codes. These revisions, which were incorporated into the 2009 International Building Code and were adopted into the NYC Building Code as part of the 2014 Construction Code, which is now in effect. The increased floor area required under the new code, adds floor area, which would not count as part of the floor area. The text Amendment applies to building of 420 feet in height or greater for all new non-residential buildings or mixed use buildings that contain non-residential space above a height of 420 feet. The additional floor space needed to accommodate the stair width, because these are safety measures would not count towards zoning floor area.

Several questions were asked about locations of these types of project in our districts, and where these taller buildings could be located. Examples were cited regarding buildings just south of our district -- the Time Warner Center was used as an example several times during the committee discussion as well as some of the proposed River Side South projects.

There were two members of the public and a representative from Council Member Rosenthal's office.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Land Use Committee **approves** the Text Amendment for Non-Residential Buildings.

Land Use Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0

2. Other Business

Topics and Questions for Future Department of City Planning discussions or debate included:
Inclusionary Zoning Status, Regulations regarding further protection of row house development and further definition of the Sliver Law.

Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley

Present: Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Sheldon J. Fine, DeNora Getachew, Brian Jenks, Jeannette Rausch and Howard Yaruss. **Board Member:** Lee Ping Kwan. **Absent:** Peter Samton, David Sasscer, Roberta Semer and Ethel Sheffer.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Elizabeth Caputo, Chair
January 28, 2015

Called to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Introductions

- Update on changes at full board re: time management
 - o 1 minute speeches for staff of elected officials.
 - o Did a good job adhering to the rule at the January meeting.
 - o Asked the elected officials be briefed by staffers before they speak at the meeting.
- Introduction of agenda

2. Discussion—Proposed Community Board Term Limit Legislation

- The Borough President is against this resolution
- Not voting on this issue until March 2015
- Inquiries from members of the Committee regarding reason for Brewer's opposition, the number of vacancies up each year, the primary motivation behind the proposed legislation.
- Why mess with this when people are engaged and when we are not getting paid? Often, people who around have been in senior positions on the board and one does not get there right away. Want people on the Board for their history and institutional memory. For all of these reasons, it is not a reason to change the system.
- Some commentary that new members bring in new ideas to our system; other commentary that there are institutional reasons to reform the system and support turnover at the CB level.
- Unrealistic to be so strong that it doesn't apply to any of the individuals currently on the Board. The real problem is that there is a virtually automatic reappointment of people. There are a number of people on the Board who do nothing and keep getting appointed onto the Board.
- There is commentary that term limits for elected officials and appointed officials is that everyone gets caught in the same net and that there is no discretion, borough presidents run every 4 years, and they can reappoint whomever they wish as part of their process.
- Concern over the loss of institutional memory if we impose term limits at the Board level.
- This might have been proposed in order to facilitate removal of non-attending and non-working Board members.
- The City Council and the Mayor would be the final say on whether they would adopt term limits at the City level.
- Not on are appointment term limits unnecessary, but our Board-specific chair positions should also not be term limited.



- Could we advise Brewer that we shouldn't be adopting this policy for all CBs, but instead focus change on specific CBs that need the changes.
- All additional comments should be sent to the Board office and send them to the office.

3. Proposed JHL Resolution—with YEL Committee

- A number of Board members have asked why CB7 has not put forth a blanket opposition to the entire JHL project.
- We have provided comments throughout the process.
- However, no formal, broad-base resolution against it. Often asked by community members or reporters to rally opposition to JHL. Several YEL members expressed their interest in putting together a broad resolution in opposition to the project.
- It could come out of YEL and focus on impact on youth and the schools, or come out of Steering as a general resolution opposing the project, or we could choose to do nothing.
- YEL Co-Chairs presented on the issue—newer committee members are frustrated that we have not yet taken a precise opinion that we are in opposition to the project. It's a big project, it effects the Community, and people want the chance to vote on the issue. Decided to bring this issue to the Steering Committee and run it by the group. Allow people to have a say on the issue, pro or con. Could focus on the impact of the school, or have a more general resolution.
- Where does the project stand? NYSD of Health has accepted the environmental impact statement as final. Question as to whether they must authorize another certificate of need. Some are considering an Article 78 proceeding to review the decision of the NYSD of Health, which could be overturned if it is arbitrary and capricious. Unclear as to whether there is a need for another certificate of need.
- Co-chair understands that newer members do not understand what actions the Board has taken over the past couple for years—doesn't believe that the Board has been silent on this issue, including our commentary on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Parents see the YEL committee as their place for immediate recourse. Does not think that we should continue giving the impression that the only problem that results from this project are those that are related to the near-sited school. Perhaps the Board can respond to the final environmental impact statement, instructing the department to refer to our responses to the comments to the draft EIS.
- What happened to our commentary to the EIS? The Board's letters were somewhat circumspect based on the process that we engaged in—highlighted 4 areas of the EIS to focus on, although other groups also raised other issues. The school produced a result, which is that the developer proposed to replace windows with sound attenuating windows, a handful of other mitigations were proposed. Nothing in the areas of transportation. No one would view these as acceptable mitigation. They are proposing to move the crane away from the school.
- Proposal that we do a resolution, gathering comments from ourselves and from the community, back to January 2012, and to chart the public comments from then until now at all stages, while providing a resolution an opposition to the project.
- Discussion over which committee is most appropriate to consider this issue.



- Proposal that the committees craft their own whereas clauses to add to the resolution; YEL is meeting later in February; will reflect that the issue goes beyond YEL alone.
 - Mark Diller has done some preliminary work on putting together this information.
 - Publish this with each committee? Decision no need to put this on the agenda for each of the committees who could provide input.
 - Public Meeting will occur at YEL.
 - Whereas clauses will not be attributed to particular committees.
 - Concern as to whether there is not enough public comment on the process of putting this resolution together.
4. Community Board Applications—Update
- Confirmed that those up for reapplication have applied.
5. Full Board Agenda and Committee Reports
- BCI
 - o B2B did a site visit at the American Folk Art Museum, they have offered to host in late March. Theme will be, generally, how can the community’s small businesses market themselves using social media. Tapping into a resource at the NY tech meet up, and looking to see if someone from Google or Facebook is available.
 - Reviewed the order of the meeting for the upcoming full board meeting.
6. Tech and Social Media Update
- A mission statement and guidelines were proposed for consideration.
 - Some success with live-streaming the meetings, although issues with sound.
 - Also doing a lot more tweeting. Has developed tweeting guidelines that will guide us in our tweeting.
 - Suggested that we should only tweet events for non-profits events that are free and open to the public.
7. New Business
- Proposal that we work with “Ready, Willing and Able” to connect individuals in that program with permanent jobs after the program. Will be coming to speak to Full Board and discuss their program.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Brian Jenks, Blanche Lawton, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Eric Shuffler, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Board Member:** Isaac Booker, Mark N. Diller and Jeannette Rausch. **On-Leave:** Barbara Van Buren. **Absent:** Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, DeNora Getachew, Audrey Isaacs, Nick Prigo and Mel Wymore.