



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at Congregation Rodeph Sholom, in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm after the Secretary had confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved: 32-0-1-0**

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- Announced that our next meeting will be held on September 8, 2015.
- Transportation Committee has some agenda items that were not on the published agenda, but they will be discussed.
- Board elections will occur in October 2015; nominations will be taken at the September Full Board meeting.
- Catherine DeLazzer reported on inclusive playgrounds task force efforts.

Community Session

Manhattan Borough President's Report, Diana Howard

- Recently announced capital grants—many schools will receive funding for tech projects.
- Some concerns regarding the West Side historic district; doing follow up on the issue.
- Fresh Food for Seniors program expanded into Northern Manhattan; anyone can sign up for the program, one need not be a senior.
- NYCHA Town Hall will occur tomorrow.
- Happy that ticker tape parade to celebrate the U.S. Women's soccer team will occur at 11 a.m. this upcoming Friday.

A-M Linda Rosenthal

- Rent regulation laws renewed for four years; threshold went from \$2,500 to \$2,700.
- Governor signed a law today that would provide for more protections for College/University students who are victims of sexual assault/abuse.
- Announced shredding event on July 18th.

State Senator Brad Hoylman

- Voted no on rent regulation renewal because of the certain aspects of the Senate version of the bill that the Senator disagreed with.
- Voted for a bill that would address the issues faced by victims of domestic violence, requiring police precincts to translate reports of domestic violence submitted in a foreign language.
- Introduced bill that would allow nurse practitioners to administer TB tests.
- Hosted event in Times Square where a literal ton of illegal ivory was crushed; NYC is the hub for illegal trade in ivory.
- Pulled vote from a watered down safe products act.

Reports by Elected Officials:Helen Rosenthal, City Council Member, 6th District

- Budget passed the City Council; details re the budget available in a handout provided at the meeting.
- Items of most importance to CCM Rosenthal in new budget:
 - o unprecedented increase in monies allocated to protect low-income tenants who are being harassed by landlords; this is a top priority of the City Council;
 - o \$35-\$40 million allocated for building inspectors, HPD inspectors, and lawyers for low income tenants. If the allocation for fees/salaries of these lawyers were increased to \$100 million, all low income tenants in Housing Courts could be provided a lawyer at no cost to them; that's CCM Rosenthal's goal;
 - o Funds have been allocated for each precinct in City Council District 6 to hire two more school crossing guards; the guards' wages have been raised to \$11.50 / hour; CCM Rosenthal's goal is for them to be paid up to \$15/hour;
 - o \$40 million have been allocated to libraries; as a result, libraries in all boroughs will be open 6 days per week; some Manhattan libraries will now be open 7 days per week;
 - o The Council's budget negotiating team requested that \$170 million be allocated to hire additional police officers; negotiating team sought equal allocations between monies for additional police officers and monies for summer youth jobs; only \$40 million was allocated by the Council for summer youth jobs notwithstanding that jobs for youth reduce crime.
- Speaker's funds allocated with CCM Rosenthal's support:
 - o Speaker allocated \$16 million over a 2-year period (\$8 million/year) to the American Museum of Natural History; Mayor allocated \$44 million over a 2-year period (\$22 million/year) to the museum; as a result the museum will receive \$60 million over a 2-year period;
 - o \$550,000 allocated to Symphony Space for theater renovation;
 - o \$550,000 allocated towards aging-in-place center in Amsterdam Houses.
- CCM Rosenthal's discretionary funds:
 - o Re: restaurant bike delivery staff:
 - Monies allocated to fund bike training sessions;
 - Monies allocated for free vests, etc.
 - o Funded food bank for seniors so each senior pays \$8 per bag of food.
- One of CCM Rosenthal's concerns: Tax policy:
 - o single family home owners are underpaying property taxes;
 - o owners of condos and coops are overpaying property taxes;
 - o commission was funded last year to make proposals on resolving these inequities; commission did not issue report; commission was not funded this year.

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:David Moss, C-M Corey Johnson's Office

- Council passed budget.



- CM secured over \$2 million for parks on the West Side; lots of funding for pedestrian safety.

Bryce Peyre, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Announced 235 affordable apartments in Hell's Kitchen.

David Baily, State Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- No wait time at 135th street location for NYID.
- Voted against Senate rent regulation bills; didn't consider them to be sufficiently protective of renters.
- Focused on protecting Palisades Parkway.

George Damalas, State Senator Jose Serrano's Office

- Passed four bills this year.
- Disappointed in rent regulation extension, wish it was longer.

Jackie Blank, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office

- Congressman spearheaded Congressional Amicus brief in support of marriage equality; happy with Supreme Court outcome.
- 9/11 victim/survivor health fund runs out in October; hearing held in the House and hoping for vote around 9/11.

Laura Atlas, Public Advocate Letitia James' Office

- Applauded rent regulation extension.
- Discovered Department of Finance changed policy regarding heads of household certification and eviction issue; joining law suit against Dept. of Finance regarding this issue.

Depak Borhara, Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

- Announced IDNYC, NYC's Municipal ID, allows free 1-year memberships to institutions across the City, discounted movie tickets and discounted Y membership.

Public Session

Andy Davis

- PS 199 Kindergarten Waitlist
- Longest in NYC; a class is being removed; there are still over 60 in-zone students not able to get in.
- Looking for a short term solution for this year.

Adam Murphy

- PS 199 Waitlist
- Disappointed since he moved to the neighborhood for the good schools and now cannot get in to the school that is two blocks from his house.

Dorothy Webman

- PS 199 Waitlist
- Suggested that an annex could be a solution, but it's not ideal.
- Also, there are real estate considerations regarding the increase in population in the area

**Dan Cohen**

- 108th Street Playground needs a refurbishment; interested in creating a friends of group for the playground.
- Valley Restoration organization; announced an open rental space, formerly home to a thrift store, that would be provided at a low rent to an organization that would be good for the community.
- Need for subway elevator on 110th street.
- Supports Manchester Diner application for a sidewalk café.

Jennifer Zarr

- New York Public Library.
- City increased operating budget for all three library systems.
- Announced Library Advocate Appreciation Day.

Bob Wyman

- No. 6 heating oil is now illegal in all buildings in all boroughs in the City.
- 7 buildings in CB7 have not converted yet; should be receiving cease and desist orders soon.
- No. 4 heating oil and other fossil fuels now must be addressed; need to ban No. 4 heating oil before 2030, the current date that said oil will become illegal.

Winifred Armstrong

- Update on proposed Jewish Home Life building.
- Appeal regarding open space use at board of standard and appeal will be decided by August 18; summary of the case has been requested.
- Thanked CB7 for the resolution it passed on the overall situation.
- There are two Article 78 proceedings challenging the New York State Department of Health's acceptance of the Environmental Impact Statement.
- Will get report on C-M Levine's student noise bill; hearing on bill occurred last week and was well-received.

Stephen Russo

- Executive Director of Goddard Riverside Community Center.
- Strategic Alliance with Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center began on June 1; name remains, but Board of Lincoln is now run by Goddard Riverside Community Center. Introduced the new ED of Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center.

Peter Arndsten

- Columbus/Amsterdam BID
- Announced upcoming activities, which are listed on the organization's pamphlet provided for distribution at the CB meeting.

**Business Session****Transportation Committee****Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons****Resolutions Re:****1. Amsterdam Safety Resolution - a reaffirmation and call to action.**

- Willow Stelzer: streets need traffic calming measures; we are still waiting for a reply to CB7's 2013 resolutions; Citibike is coming; concerned; there are no northbound protected bike lanes in CB7; northbound protected bike lanes are needed on a northbound street in the middle of the District such as Amsterdam Ave
- George Beane: he owns building on Amsterdam Ave; neighborhood has changed dramatically; there are more children in the neighborhood; with the many fast food delivery guys on bikes, a bike lane is needed to make the neighborhood safer
- Reed Rubey: he bikes; he wants to feel safe as he does so; a northbound protected bike lane is needed
- Margaret Harbaugh: she loves biking; she wants to feel safe while biking; many bikers who ride in cities are killed while riding in areas where there are no designated lanes; she lost a cousin biking in Boston where there was no designated bike lane; this neighborhood needs safe bike routes; we need the vision and political will to redesign streets to facilitate safe biking on Amsterdam Ave
- John Simpson: Amsterdam is a busy commercial street; customers of businesses on that street walk; when Citibike arrives, customers will arrive via bike too; he is unhappy DOT did not respond to CB7's 2013 resolutions; he supports this resolution
- C'ee Co-Chair: the resolution being presented reaffirms the April, 2013 and December, 2013 resolutions, and calls for greater enforcement regarding all vehicles
- Board Comments:
 - Can't afford to lose a traffic lane; if lose a traffic lane, there is increased congestion and air pollution; while couched as a resolution to increase safety, the resolution is actually focused upon creation of a bike lane
 - Tonight's resolution is not merely a reaffirmation of the two 2013 resolutions; this resolution does not ask for a feasibility study (as the past resolutions did); instead this resolution calls for a bike lane on Amsterdam Avenue or a backup northbound street to be created without a feasibility study; the changes to West End Ave (which were effectuated without a feasibility study) have created dangerous situations during passenger drop-offs
- C'ee Co-Chair: tonight's resolution tells DOT to stop dithering and to take action immediately; the action called for is to study and propose; the resolution does NOT say construct a bike lane; CB7 would then respond to DOT's proposal
- Board Comments:
 - We have already found that the redesign of Columbus Ave works
 - Citibike will increase bike usage in the area DRAMATICALLY



- It does not matter WHICH avenue has a northbound bike lane so long as one is implemented on a northbound street; by adoption of this resolution we would be leaving it to DOT's discretion as to WHICH northbound street gets the bike lane
- Amsterdam Ave is wide enough to accommodate bike lane
- C'ee Co-Chair: At this point there are 25 issues CB7 has previously brought to DOT to which DOT has not timely responded
- Board Comment:
 - Broadway is the most dangerous northbound route for bikers; CPW is the 2nd most dangerous for bikers; we need a northbound bike route so bikers can avoid Broadway and Central Park West when proceeding northbound
 - There is no evidence of increased pollution and congestion from the changes to date on Columbus Avenue; the traffic flow adapts to the street's availability for usage
- C'ee Co-Chair: Amsterdam Ave is being used as through route as drivers leave Manhattan en route out of town
- Board Comment:
 - We can't know the full value of the southbound bike lane until we have a northbound bike lane so that bikers can make safe round trips
 - A northbound bike lane will make it more likely bikers will not ride wrong way on one way street
 - We need to enforce delivery persons' usage of appropriate bike lanes
- C'ee Co-Chair: DOT now taking steps to try to avoid traffic jams; we want more data from DOT to know how redesign of Columbus Avenue has affected safety and congestion; need enforcement so bikers go in the right direction

After deliberation, the resolution, calling upon the NYC Department of Transportation to implement the safety improvements called for in CB7's April, 2013 and December, 2013 resolutions and to create a northbound bike lane on Amsterdam Avenue (or if DOT deems such lane not feasible on Amsterdam Avenue, on another northbound Street in CB7's District) together with other safety improvements sought for Amsterdam Avenue, was adopted: 34-5-1-0

2. **Newsstand on N/W/C Columbus Avenue & West 97th Street**, I/F/O 808 Columbus Avenue. New application #7407-2015-ANWS to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gulshanara Khanom to construct and operate a newsstand on the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 97th Street, in front of 808 Columbus Avenue.

After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove was adopted: 40-0-0-0

Health & Human Services Committee

Madge Rosenberg, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

3. K2.

This resolution was neither considered nor tabled.

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

**Resolution Re:**

4. Impact of high towers on Central Park South and potential in CD7.

- C'ee Co-Chair: shadow study was not of high quality; Co-Chair supports CB5 in its concerns; CB7's District includes more of Central Park than any other Community Board; CB5 has asked for a moratorium on construction of buildings 600' or higher within 1000' of Central Park; City Planning will review affordable housing requirements and inclusionary housing requirements for any such prospective building; building of this size will have a great impact on the park and surrounding community
- Board Comments:
 - In contemplation of building some towers 600' or higher on the south of the park, land is being assembled on some sites and some sites are in the preconstruction phase; this is also true on sites in CB7
 - If the developer of a tower of this height is getting a FAR bonus, that developer should be obligated to build more affordable housing
 - In CB 5 1000' high buildings are as of right; FAR bonus is not relevant to these as of right buildings
 - CB7 has shorter buildings.; therefore different issues re FAR bonus
 - A friendly amendment was accepted so the resolution now reads "to reduce the rate of additional FAR bonus."
 - CB7 will soon have the tallest building in western hemisphere

After deliberation, the resolution, supporting CB5's call for a moratorium on the construction of buildings in excess of 600' within 1000' of the perimeter wall of Central Park; requesting that the City Planning Commission immediately review the zoning resolution to address issues presented by extra-tall buildings; and requesting that the Department of City Planning review include a study of inclusionary housing, with a view to reducing the rate of additional FAR "bonus," was adopted: 35-1-1-0

Preservation Committee**Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons****Resolutions Re:**

5. **188 Columbus Avenue** d/b/a to be determined (West 68th – 69th Streets.) Application #16-8840 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize the installation of storefront infill without Landmarks Preservation Commission permits.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted: 37-1-0-0

6. **132 West 75th Street** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #16-1479 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct rooftop and rear yard additions, alter the rear façade, and excavate the rear yard.

A. *After deliberation, the resolution to approve the rooftop addition was adopted: 33-3-0-0*

B. *After deliberation, the resolution to disapprove the rear yard addition and excavation was adopted: 35-0-0-0*

7. **106 West 80th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application #17-1249 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to legalize facade restoration work completed in non-compliance with Permit for Minor Work 13-5384.

After deliberation, the resolution to approve was adopted: 36-0-0-0



8. **347 West 84th Street** (West End Avenue – Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a window replacement, 2-story rear yard addition and penthouse extension.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 31-4-1-0*

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

9. **Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses.**

A. **100 West 82nd Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Columbus Flame Inc., d/b/a To be Determined.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: **34-0-0-0**

B. **982 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 108th Street.) Amity Hall Uptown Inc., d/b/a Amity Hall.

After deliberation, *the resolution to **disapprove***, unless the applicant agrees to amend its methods of operation so that the hours of operation on Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are 11 am – 2 am and on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are 11 am – 3 am, was adopted: **34-0-0-0**

Alteration application:

10. **509 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th Street.) Alteration application to the SLA by New York Beer Co LLC, d/b/a Jacob's Pickle, to add a bar in the basement to the existing license.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove without prejudice** the application to add a bar in the basement to the existing license, **unless the applicant agrees to the following contingencies***

*(**Basement bar:** the basement will not be used as an overflow space for customers of the upstairs Jacob's Pickle; only customers with reservations for the basement bar will be seated in the **basement bar**; the **basement bar** will have no more than 15 tables and 30 seats; the last seating for the **basement bar** will be at midnight; there will be no live music in the **basement bar**; the music level in the **basement bar** will be low to facilitate conversation and not drown out conversation;*

*Jacob's Pickle upstairs: the noise level at the **Jacob's Pickle upstairs** will be mitigated as follows: a manager will provide his/her direct contact information to residents so residents can report problems to said manager; the height of the speakers over the **Jacob's Pickle bar** will be lowered and angled so the sound will be directed downwards; the mixer's volume in **Jacob's Pickle** will be set no higher than "8" and the amps no higher than "12";*

the applicant will return to CB7's BCI Committee for a review in one year),

was adopted: **35-0-0-0**

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

11. **261 Columbus Avenue** (West 72nd Street.) Renewal application # 1111397-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pggs Gourmet, Inc., d/b/a Columbus Gourmet Food, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 16 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 35-0-0-0*

New Enclosed Café Application:

12. **2791 Broadway** (West 107th – 108th Street.) New application (change of ownership) #7460-2014-ASWC/ ULURP #N150036ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lornick Hospitality,



LLC, d/b/a Mezzogiorno, for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 52 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 30-4-1-0*

13. **225 Columbus Avenue** (West 70th Street.) Renewal application # 0982077-DCA 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.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 35-0-0-0*

New Unenclosed Café Applications:

14. 158 West 72nd Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) New application #7330-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Seven Turkish Grill, d/b/a Seven's Mediterranean Turkish Grill for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 28-5-1-0*

15. **2800 Broadway** (West 108th Street.) New application #6603-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 2800 Restaurant Corp, d/b/a Manchester Diner for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Applicant's architect:

- applicant seeking unenclosed sidewalk café; the design meets all zoning regulations; the applicant does not need zoning variances
- there is a wide sidewalk sufficient to accommodate the sidewalk café and pedestrian traffic
- applicant has planned on hiring an extra employee to cover sidewalk café
- Committee did not like the plans for the sidewalk café because the proposed outdoor cafe would wrap around the corner of the restaurant (which is on the northeast corner of West 108th Street and Broadway)
- the wraparound sidewalk café would not be problem in that spot; the applicant is asking for only 8 feet of sidewalk (when 9 feet are allowed)
- if the applicant followed the plans suggested by the committee, it would not be financially feasible to run the sidewalk café; the applicant could not afford to hire the extra employee
- at least one neighbor has said he/she supports the application

Board comments:

- this corner could accommodate a wraparound sidewalk café
- 2 neighbors have indicated they oppose the sidewalk café
- there is heavy pedestrian traffic on that corner; it cannot accommodate a sidewalk café; CB7 would not approve this application if it were for a sidewalk café below W 96 Street
- there is a metal fence at the edge of a trench around the building to the east of the proposed sidewalk café that blocks off a portion of the sidewalk adjacent to that building so that the eastern edge of the sidewalk café would essentially continue in the path of that blockage on the West 108th Street side of restaurant

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove the sidewalk café** was not adopted: 10-18-3-0*

*A substitute resolution to approve the application was then introduced. After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the application for an unenclosed sidewalk café** was adopted: 18-8-4-0*



Meeting adjourned at 10:04 pm

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



Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
July 8, 2015 7:00 PM

Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. **225 Columbus Avenue (West 70th Street.) FM70 Inc., d/b/a To be Determined.**

Did not appear.

2. **286 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) Wine and Roses Bar and Cafes LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.**

Changing from wine and beer to full bar. Posted correctly.

VOTE: Committee 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members 2-0-0-0.

3. **428 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.) Upper West Hospitality LLC, d/b/a Crave FishBar.**

Brian Owens, owner, attended. Deliveries only through a 3rd party company, Trycavier.com Opening soon, no certain date

Michele did not see any postings. Brian claims posted at Jakes Dilemma and on 84th Street. Agreed to re-post for full board meeting

VOTE: Committee members 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee board members 2-0-0-0.

4. **450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.) Gumbull LLC, d/b/a The Dead Poet.**

Same operation, manager taking over ownership. Closes the café at 11pm Sun –Thurs, closes the café at midnight Fri-Sat.

Discussion: The committee would normally be concerned about the 4am closing, but since the restaurant has been in operation this way for many years with no community complaints, there is no opposition.

VOTE: Committee members 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee 2-0-0-0.

New Unenclosed Café Application:

5. **274 Columbus Avenue (West 73rd Street.) New application #7383-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Birdbath Ventures, LLC, d/b/a Birdbath Duvet,** for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

BID sent a letter of support. Neighbor commented that it will add to the neighborhood. The café will slightly violate the rule with a single bike rack at 8'8". As it's only a few inches wide, the committee decided to approve anyway.

VOTE: Committee 7-0-0-0. Non committee 2-0-0-0.

Enclosed Café Renewal Application:

6. **366 Columbus Avenue (West 77th Street.) Renewal application ULURP# N120250ECM/ DCA# 1282506 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shake Shack 366 Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Shake Shack,** for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

Management representatives did not attend.

Joseph Bolanos, neighbor, josephB@rcn.com noted that the owners of Shake Shack promised no lines and the lines are extensive. The sidewalks are very congested. The doors are lined up with the exterior walls so when they open, they block foot traffic. He requests that the doors be recessed 3 feet so that when they open foot traffic is not blocked.

Committee members agreed that there is no active management of the line as was promised. A discussion ensued about options of wrapping the line in another direction.



VOTED to disapprove without prejudice. 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee members 2-0-0-0.

Postponed to September BCI: **2170-2178 Broadway (West 77th Street.) OTA Partners II LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.**

7. Presentation by Manhattan Borough Presidents Office of SMALL BUSINESS, BIG IMPACT – Expanding opportunity for Manhattan’s storefronters.

Lucian Reynolds presented on behalf of MBP. Diana Howard attended and answered questions.

The meeting ended at 9pm

Present: Michele Parker, Linda Alexander, Paul Fischer, Matthew Holtzman, Brian Jenks, Christopher Riano and Suzanne Robotti. **Board Member:** Christian Cordova and Christian Cordova. **On-Leave:** Marc Glazer. **Absent:** George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Anne Raphael.



Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
July 9, 2015 6:30 PM

1. 305 West 72nd Street (Riverside Drive - West End Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a master plan for replacement windows on the south façade.

Presented by: Peter Murray, ABC Realty, property manager and Samuel Nehushtan, S.N.S. Windows
This building is now doing a master plan. Floors 2 and 3 have already had approved windows installed. This plan covers from 4-11. The 12th floor is not included in the plan. The existing frame will be kept in place. Glazing is reduced by 8.8%. These are aluminum windows with a black paint coating.

- **Community Comments:** There were no community members present.
- **Committee Discussion:** Gabby recommends the building also address the top floor, non-conforming windows. This suggestion is not contingent upon approval.

Committee Vote: 6-0-0 -0. *Non Committee Board Member:* 1-0-0-0.

2. 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.

Presented by: Charles Nafie, AIA.

This is a Clarence True building, one of a grouping of 3. Each house in the group has a distinct roof line. The plan is to change the third floor front windows which are currently single pane to double hung to match others.

Rear façade: The small extension would be removed. The fifth floor would be pulled forward to be flush with rear façade. LPC has approved the first four floor work. The windows would all be metal with limestone lintels and sills matching the original. Corbelling is extended on top level as a subtle design feature carrying the corbelling from neighboring buildings. Mechanicals are hidden behind the mansard roof and are not visible from the public way. The sixth (PH) floor will be a 17 x 20 room with high ceilings set back as to be not visible from the public way and minimally visible in the doughnut. The structure would be clad in brick. Windows are a metal folding system. All windows match the rest of the rear façade.

- **Community Comments:** None
- **Committee Discussion:** Peter: the windows seem too large. He suggests 3 windows or reducing the masonry piers. Other members: The double hung window sashes should match the other sashes in height. The 5th floor shouldn't be flush with lower floors; perhaps set back 3 feet which allows the corbelling detail to be seen as more appropriate. The PH addition is too large.

RESOLUTION: To disapprove unless three conditions are met: 1. Recess 5th floor 3' from plane of rear façade. 2. Lower the PH height. 3. Moving middle bar on double hung windows to a center point.

VOTE: Committee: 6-0-0-0. *Non Committee Board member:* 0-0-1-0.

3. 573 Columbus Avenue d/b/a Bodega 88 (West 88th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a new storefront

Did not present this evening, approved at staff level.

4. 645 West End Avenue (West 92nd – 91st Streets.) Application #16-8885 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows.

Presented by: Drew Hartly, Architect

Plan would replace 6 entry court windows. These are currently double hung windows. Some have been replaced. Originally they were stained glass. The replacement windows are copies of the original



windows (no stained glass). They extend the design of other similar windows A one pane Hoppes window. The metal grill work in front of the windows would be removed, cleaned and repainted.

- Community Comment: NONE
- **Committee discussion:** motion to approve

VOTE: *Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non Committee Board member: 1-0-0-0.*

5. 309 West 92nd Street, West Side Montessori Nursery School (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a window replacement.

Presented by: Skyline Windows, Glenn Drewes

Plan would replace original windows with a window having a fixed top and bottom transom and an operable center panel. The existing is a steel window with a center pivot. The proposed copies the original style but is an awning style window hinged within the jamb. New mezzanine windows would replicate the existing. All windows are aluminum with a white baked acrylic finish.

- **Community Comments:** None
- **Committee Discussion:** Motion to approve as presented:

VOTE: *Committee: 5-0-1-0. Non Committee Board member: 1-0-0-0.*

6. Briefing on 315 West 103rd Street. Presentation of current situation. Jay Adolf has volunteered to write a letter to DOB and LPC regarding the problems in the building and the issuance of permits.

Present: Jay Adolf, Gabrielle Palitz, Louisa Craddock, Miki Fiegel, Meisha Hunter Burkett and Peter Samton. **Board Member:** Richard Robbins. **Absent:** Mark Diller.



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 PM

Department of Sanitation Mr. Ignazio Terranova of Citywide Community Affairs Officer was guest a speaker at the meeting.

Mr. Terranova talked about the overflowing cans-both plastic & metal in our community and throughout the city. Pick-Up is only once a week. Adding more trucks to their route would cost the city more money.

Corner litter baskets do not have a lock. The Sanitation Department has no plans to provide locks for the baskets. The Sanitation Department will be providing the city with new gray baskets for the streets. Partnering up with local organizations has worked well for the sanitation department to get some additional help with the baskets. Also mentioned was the Big Bellies. They do not belong to the Sanitation Dept. Private contractors keep them clean. They also cost too much. There no key locks for them either. New weather resistant cans will be coming to streets very soon. The cost is \$1200 each.

School Sanitation trucks pick up the trash everyday The Sanitation Department has looked at other cities for ways to improve recycling. They and officials from other areas talk to one another all the time. New York still has the best ideals and goals for recycling.

It was also suggested that the Sanitation Department Men should have keys for locked baskets. Mr. Terranova said it wouldn't work and gave his reasons why.

Mr. Terranova mentioned that Community Board members and members of the public can help out by suggesting different ideas and should email him at iterranova@dsny.nyc.gov.

Carol Tripodi asked if the old wire cans are still around. Some are in Central Park where Parks and Recreation is responsible and they have others around Central Park. They take care of their own trash.

The Department of Transportation and Sanitation Trucks have to go down the Bike Lanes to clean the streets and pick the trash. Community folks at the meeting raised concerns about trucks traveling in the bike lanes.

Discussion on the M86 SB5 Buses only:

Sholom Rosen spoke to the Committee Members about length of the bus lane that was put on 86th street between Columbus and Central Park West. He spoke about the curbside bus lanes continuing down the street in front of residences, which they consider a danger being right next to the curb. Why was the lane created? To ease congestion. Photos of the M86 bus lane were passed around to committee members to look at. There is always a lot traffic that builds up in that area after 3pm-Monday-Friday.

The SBS concept is very good. Transportation committee voted to approve the SBS implementation in June. There may be some work needed to improve the initial implementation. Andrew stated that DOT is willing to look at the length of this lane again.

A Mr. Clayton spoke about safety issues and families living in the area, like crossing the street to and from Central Park with their children. Deliveries and access for servicemen will be more difficult when trying to



conduct their everyday work. There is a concern about accidents in the area. Six accidents happened last year. Committee will look into special loading zones.

Committee member Su Robotti read a statement from a citizen unhappy about Margaret of DOT not thinking the bus lane project through a little better regarding issues that apply to 2 West 86th Street. Some other community members who were in attendance at the meeting who also live in the neighborhood think they have been treated unfairly when DOT put this lane in.

Citi Bikes Location (update)

Andrew mentioned that DOT presented 39 locations, they were visited by members of the committee, and 24 were approved last month with no problem. We wanted to discuss the other 15 locations further for a variety of reasons.

At the request of the committee, DOT moved three locations. Other requests were not acted upon.

Very concerning was the station proposed for the Northside of West 81 Street which DOT did not act upon.

?? Community members from the upper west side and Jan a former board member stated how they do like these change Bike locations.

Brian, a former board member stated that we should be doing something different, like sending emails everyday so the public's voice can be heard regarding the bike locations. The voice of the public should be heard.

Dan stated that the workshops provided earlier in the year and the web access available since provided great opportunity to suggest sites for stations, but left virtually little opportunity to raise concerns about proposed sites. A majority of Committee Members visited the different bike locations and offered their recommendations.

DOT put out a final list of these sites.

No promises have been made about these sites 71st & 72nd St., West 77th St. & 78th St.

Ethel stated that 6 or 7 locations should be talked about because these locations do not make any sense where they are located now. Joan from 104th St. spoke about the bike station location at Riverside and W104 St and asked if could it be moved south. Dan stated that the 107th & West End Ave proposed site next to Straus Park is sited in a very dangerous location. Local neighbors and other committee members agreed that the proposed location was dangerous and that the station should not be sited there. No consensus could be made on what nearby location could safely and practically provide an alternative.

Most critical sites discussed as needing change were 5, 8, 15, 16, 25, 35, 38. We will seek to have DOT make further consideration of these locations.

With a large turnout and considerable interest and concern, a letter will go out stating:

To Whom it May Concern:

The Transportation committee has concerns regarding several final proposed sites as raised at our July 15 Transportation Meeting. These sites include numbers 5, 8, 15, 16, 25, 35, and 38 from our list. Could you please give us explanation and rationale for your choices? These locations should be reviewed again because the Transportation committee and the community have many concerns about where these locations have been placed.



Newsstand at 92nd and Columbus Ave – No representative for the application was present and the committee was unable to ask any questions regarding this application.

Therefore a resolution to DISSAPROVE was proposed and passed by the committee.

Committee: 7-0-0-0 Non-committee board: 1-0-0-0

Without time left to discuss, a first draft of an enforcement resolution was distributed to the committee for member's input.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Anne Raphael, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **On-Leave:** Lillian Moore. **Absent:** Linda Alexander.



Parks & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes
Klari Neuwelt, Chairperson
July 20, 2015 7:00PM

Item 1: Friends Group for Anibal Aviles Playground at 108th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam

Dan Cohen, community member, announced the formation of a new “Friends” group for Anibal Aviles Playground

Website: foaap.org

The renovation of this playground is currently on the list of CB7 capital budgetary priorities.

Item 2: Central Park – Reconstruction of West 84th Street Mariners’ Playground

Presenter: Chris Nolan, Bob Rumsey, Kaitlin Travers, Central Park Conservancy

Scope:

- Age group 2-5 years
- Part of 1935 Robert Moses plan for Central Park
- Ginko trees to remain, water feature
- Reconstruct path from West 85th Street to meet ADA requirements (1:12 slope with landings)
- New entrance to align with access to Spector playground – slightly to the northeast, and for older children
- Central core area for play, with swings on south side
- New perimeter fence will be integrated with plantings
- Regulatory review: PDC will have binding approval (preliminary and final). LPC will have advisory review (7/21/15 Public Hearing date)
- \$1.5 Million budget = public and private funds
- Schedule: construction to begin fall 2015; anticipated completion 9 months
- More subtle fencing at perimeter – to appear more integrated into park landscape
- User-activated water feature
- Custom-built “playhouse” structures evoking historical play structures in other CP playgrounds

Community Comment

- Fran Myerson: concerned about a parent with multiple children that may include target age group of this playground as well as older children; bucket swings are restrictive
 - Chris Nolan: Spector Playground is for older children, which may potentially accommodate toddlers as well as older age groups
- Plan for Play.org/Alice Hudson (100th and Central Park West) Seneca Village related issues associated with this part of Central Park, and this playground.
 - Archaeologist Richard Hunter will be monitoring construction as needed; archaeologist to perform sensitivity evaluation and LPC review to be performed by Amanda Sutphin

Resolution to approve:

Committee members: 3-0-0-0



Non-committee Board members: 3-0-0-0

Item 3: Boat Basin Café Concession at Riverside Park Rotunda at 79th Street

Presenter: Eitan Adler, Revenue Division, NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

Scope:

- Current contract is expiring; new RFP being structured; DPR seeking feedback
- Concession term will be 3 years (spring 2016-2018) (initial) with three 1-year options to extend initial term
- Potential reconstruction of Rotunda by NYC Department of Transportation scheduled for Spring 2019 (3 year design period; construction period unknown)
- Jurisdiction of Rotunda – shared by DPR and DOT
- Open, competitive process

Committee Discussion

- Klari: restrictions/possibilities of cooking?
 - Eitan: no restrictions on cooking; no limit on menu items; limit to existing utilities
 - Mike O’Neal, current co-concessionaire: no gas available on site; installed propane for cooking use; 5-6 grilles; 2 ovens; 4 French fryers
 - James Enzelle, co-concessionaire: use plastic for plates; walk in cooler boxes; all menu items prepared in kitchen on site; menu includes full bar service; close at 12 midnight; current demographic is beer garden; currently alcohol/food revenue ratio is 55%/45%; 70% of alcohol is beer
 - Eitan:
 - metes/bounds – licensed premises to remain largely the same as existing; public restrooms and seating available;
 - rating criteria for potential concessionaires: capital improvements; fee offer (minimum as against percentage of gross, whichever is higher); operational plans (proposed menu and prices); operating experience; financial capability
- Pier I at 70th Street non-waiter service; Boat Basin Café at 79th Street waiter and non-waiter service; 105th Street non-waiter service

Community Comment

- Anne Cunningham: accessibility?
 - Mike O’Neal: existing ramp is not ADA compliant but is considered to be accessible
 - James Enzelle: ADA elevator lift from garage to main level of restaurant (lift expected to open 2016)
- Renee Whitehead: hopes community will play a role in design of potential redesigned Rotunda
- Bob Wyman: historical fee and percentage?
 - Eitan:
 - 2014 minimum fee \$535,710, 14% of gross receipts \$539,605
 - 2015 fee \$562,750 (minimum fee)
 - 2013 minimum fee \$510,250, 14% of gross receipts \$519,730
 - Concessionaire:
 - no indoor seating/seasonal operability; some store rooms and walk in cool boxes for cold storage



Bob Wyman: suggest lighting replaced by LED lighting; instead of refrigerators, take advantage of water source heat pumps, which consume less energy

Under the concession, the concessionaire pays Con Ed for electric usage

- Miriam Febus, West Side Federation of Neighborhood and Block Associations: support approving reinstatement of contract for current/existing concessionaire

Committee and CB7 Discussion

- Ken: conflicts with bike paths
- Jeanette: circulation with bikes an issue

Meisha: concern about restoration and maintenance program for the historic rotunda

No resolution proposed

Item 4: Updates on Committee Discussions

Mike Petite (Manhattan Community Boathouse): 300-400 members of the public have participated in the free kayaking program at 72nd Street and the Hudson River each weekend day this summer

Item 5: New business

- Fran Myerson (community member): pedicabs in Central Park are a tremendous, ill conceived nuisance
A discussion followed

Present: Klari Neuwelt, Ken Coughlin and Meisha Hunter Burkett. **Board Member:** Michele Parker and Jeannette Rausch. **Absent:** Steven Brown, Christopher Riano and David Sasscer.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Elizabeth Caputo, Chair
July 21, 2015

After the Chair had found that a quorum was present, the meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm

1. Inclusive Playground Task Force [resolution presented by Task Force Chair Catherine DeLazzerio ("CDL")]

- CDL: Task Force has done extensive research and outreach
- CDL: Design for inclusive playground meets criteria that are higher than that for ADA compliant playgrounds; the Task Force is using universal design concepts; for this playground to be built, a universal design consultant will be needed
- CDL: The purpose is social inclusion of all of those playing in the playground regardless of physical capacities
- Mel W:
 - This project is using an inclusive process from start to finish
 - Not what Parks Dept usually does; Parks Dept usually asks community for its suggestions, then designs the playground, then asks community to react
 - This project involves community input during the entire process
- Su R: What design has been done?
- CDL:
 - Research was based on community needs and public access
 - In CB7's District there is currently only 1 playground which accommodates children with disabilities; but it does not use universal design concepts
 - Moreover, the location (Bloomingdale Playground) was selected based on criteria such as what % of children who use the playground qualify for free lunch and need a playground which accommodates children with disabilities
- Isaac B: Bloomingdale Playground was scheduled for renovation anyway
- CDL: Task Force shared its ideas with experts; got feedback; City personnel with expertise made presentations on how one meets these needs; Task Force reviewed ideas from playgrounds based on universal design from elsewhere in the world
- Mel W: Universal design is new concept in NYC
- Page C:
 - Suggest Task Force insert a footnote in the resolution, explaining what universal design is
 - Are parents of children who frequently play in Bloomingdale Playground providing input?
- Mel W: It's a school playground; parents of the school are involved and support the Task Force' plans
- Jay A: Is accessibility the same as inclusion?
- CDL:
 - Inclusion means social inclusion; accessibility is a physical issue
 - Task Force is reviewing other playgrounds in CB7's District
 - Parks Dept rates one playground as if meets ADA requirements; but even if it does so, it does not meet inclusionary criteria



- Taskforce is supposed to be included in meeting with Parks Dept's architect; will ask Parks Dept to work with universal design consultant
- Klari N:
 - Saw presentation re playground on 84 and CPW: design supposed to be ADA compliant; but not universal design; seemed like good design
 - Typically Parks Dept does designs in-house; would be unusual for Parks Dept to hire consultant
- CDL:
 - Task Force has constantly been in contact with dozens of organizations for input
 - Hopeful budget will specify how much allocated to hiring staff for inclusive ed activities
- Mel W: Can apply for grants to fund these activities
- George Z-C: Task Force should indicate women/minority owned businesses should be used to construct playground; Boro Bd's July meeting had speakers from CBOs regarding work training programs for community members; these CBOs could train staff for inclusive ed activities
- Mark D: There has been an uptick in gang activity in this playground; the inclusive ed activities would deter this gang activity
- Klari N:
 - The proposed resolution is not in the usual CB7 format
 - In the paragraph prior to "Therefore, be it resolved," beginning with "By reason of its research..." other language should be used to indicate why the Task Force should continue its participation in the design process
- Page C: We can substitute that CB7's Task Force is uniquely suited to participate in the design process
- Jay A: We can substitute that CB7's Task Force is committed to continue in the design process
- Klari N:
 - Before the Task Force became involved, the Parks Dept already had the money for Phase 1 of the renovation of Bloomingdale Park
 - The Task Force lobbied and got money allocated for Phases 2 and 3
 - The Task Force should have sought moneys through CB7's usual budget process; it should not have sought money outside CB7's regular process; CB7 should not be cannibalizing its own budget process
- Mel W: Because of momentum, the Task Force did it this way; the Task Force should have had better integration with budget process; should have been involved earlier
- CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: We had to make a budget call; otherwise the Task Force would not have received the funding it has received
- CDL: The Task Force appreciates the feedback and mentorship the Task Force has received

After due deliberation, the resolution, as amended in the penultimate paragraph to read "CB7's Inclusive Playground Task Force is committed to continue to participate in the design process of Bloomingdale Playground to facilitate a robust community-driven process to engage and incorporate stakeholder input and create a model to guide the design and implementation of inclusive playgrounds throughout New York City," calling upon the Department of Parks and Recreation to redesign the Bloomingdale Playground consistent with the design framework and findings of CB7's Inclusive Playground Task Force, was adopted: Steering Committee Members: 17:0:0:0 Non-Steering Committee Board Members: 6:0:00



2. Department of City Planning's new format for District Needs Statement and budget priorities, and initial draft, due 8/10/15
 - Budget Committee Chair Mel W:
 - For years, Mel has called for only 1 document through which CB7 can meet the requirements of the District Needs Statement, indicate its budget priorities for each section of the District Needs Statement, and incorporate participatory budget priorities of community expressed in City Council Member Helen Rosenthal's Participatory Budget procedures
 - Just when CB7's Budget Committee had determined how to accomplish this task, OMB and the Dept of City Planning proposed an online 48-page form which allegedly incorporates all of this and standardizes procedures City-wide
 - Goal of new online form: universal approach throughout City
 - New form will not enable us to get the info we got through the format we have been using in our own document format
 - New form
 - First question: What are CB7's top 3 issues?
 - Next CB7 is supposed to reply regarding 7 areas
 - For each of the 7 areas, CB7 can answer only re 1 issue
 - There is a limit to the number of words for each answer
 - The format of the new form is driven by City budget
 - Mark: City is baking budget priorities into District Needs Statement
 - Mel W: Will write up his experience preparing this online form; that editing difficult; that it is a survey, not document development process; he will say, for e.g., of 59 Comm Bds, 35 said X is highest priority
 - Mel W:
 - Can't link CB7's YEL's priorities to the segment on the online form re Youth
 - Re Transportation: Online form gives us a choice among preselected issues; if we have a budget issue re transportation, we will have to put it into the budget area
 - Nick P: The choices afforded us in their format gives us insight into how City assesses the documents we submit to them
 - Mel W: The Chair of the committee most closely aligned with each of the 7 areas should tell Mel which is the number 1 issue in that segment and let Mel know before Fri 7/24/15, so Mel can complete the document over the 7/25/26/15 weekend for submission before 8/10/15
 - Roberta S: Notwithstanding that each committee chair will be making decisions on these issues before his/her committee meets; in October, after his/her committee has reviewed these documents, the OMB online form can be edited and then re-submitted
 - Mel W: In September, CB7 should think about its budget priorities because those priorities must be submitted in October
3. Conflict of interest rules for resolutions related to general welfare
 - Chair:
 - called Conflict of Interest Board for a ruling re resolutions re general welfare, after issue came up on whether persons with rent regulated apartments could vote on resolution in support of extending rent regulations



- Conflict of Interest Board indicated that notwithstanding that persons living in rent regulated apartments are unlikely to have to recuse themselves in resolutions of the sort at issue, the Conflicts of Interest Board will look into that issue
- Jay A: There is no guidance in current law and regulations re that issue
- 4. Ideas for meeting setup and structure of full Board meeting
 - Nick P:
 - We give a great deal of attention to the 1st resolution on the agenda of each full Board meeting; as a result, we may vote against the committee's recommendation
 - We are most likely to support the committee's resolution re the last resolution on the agenda
 - The degree to which Board members are fatigued at the time they vote has an effect on how we vote
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: We have to schedule resolutions so we give due consideration to all key resolutions
 - Linda A: If anyone is interested in an issue, go to the committee meeting at which the committee considered the resolution
 - Nick P: If my resolution is presented at the end of a full Board meeting, it will most likely be passed
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: We do not always know in advance how controversial a resolution will be
 - Gabrielle Palitz: the visuals the committees have been presenting during discussions have been extremely helpful
 - George Z-C & Michele Parker: The reason the Manchester Diner's application for a wraparound sidewalk café was passed, over the objections of the BCI Committee, was that the architect badgered us and was unmovable
 - Jay A: Board members should not leave the full Board meeting early; the CB7 Chair should speak to those who are leaving early
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: I have spoken to Board members who are leaving early; I am watching them
 - Michele P: BCI is trimming the fat so that it brings fewer applications to the full Board
 - Denora G: Put BCI first; frontload easy issues
 - Nick P: most "no" votes go to the 1st resolution on the agenda of an full Board meeting
 - Dan Z: Let the CB7 Chair arrange the agenda so the difficult resolutions are addressed first
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C:
 - Committee chairs should let CB7 Chair and District Manager Penny Ryan know which issues should be difficult/controversial so Elizabeth C can put those items first
 - CB7 Chair will rotate which committee goes first on the agenda of full Board meetings
 - Eric S:
 - We never know in advance which resolution will get the most attention at a meeting; but the Board rushes through its consideration of those resolutions at the end of the agenda
 - We should have a small group do a brainstorming session on how to restructure full Board meetings and give its ideas to the Steering Cee
 - Roberta S: While we cannot necessarily anticipate the extent of those who present themselves to make public comments, we can those presenting on each issue to select a spokesperson
 - Page C:



- Are we prioritizing those resolutions for which there are the greatest numbers of members of the public or those resolutions for which those present are most affected by the resolutions?
 - Board members need to come to full Board meetings prepared
 - If we cannot go to the committee meeting proposing the resolution, visit the physical site at issue
 - Page C likes the use of slides because they help us understand what we are voting on
 - Nick P: We are ever more likely to vote “yes” as the full Board meeting goes on
 - Ken C:
 - Take all controversial issues first
 - Do not consider everything from a particular committee all at once
 - This approach would mean Committee X would present sporadically during a meeting
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: This approach might make it difficult to type the agenda
 - Jay A: Committee members want to deal with all items per committee all at once
 - Mark C:
 - CB7 Chair already has discretion to schedule appropriately
 - Forward thinking planning discussions would encourage more interesting discussions
 - Somewhere during the full Board meeting, we should discuss topics for which there is no resolution, but which have an impact on the community
 - That would shake up the status quo orientation
 - Mel W:
 - It is a question of which issue is important to us
 - We will stay late if we think it’s important
 - Chair has discretion in meeting management
 - Training of new Board members should include the explanation that we will be sitting for long meetings
 - Audrey I:
 - Likes Mark D’s idea of creative discussions, but have them at Steering Cee
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C has been doing a great job of meeting management by scheduling controversial resolutions first
5. Posting agendas by committees and communications by committees
- CB7 Chair Elizabeth C to committee chairs: How do you set agenda each month?
 - Do you do it unilaterally? Do you get input from cee members?
 - Jay A & Page C: Based on applications; time limit driven
 - Su R: Tell new members that they should tell their committee chairs of items want added to agenda
 - Page C: put issues want addressed on website so those with expertise can weigh in
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: Committee chairs have discretion on agenda because may be too full already
 - Madge R: Our committee’s challenge is to get to a result, not just a discussion that goes nowhere
 - CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: Committee chairs should ask committee members during meetings what issues they would like the committee to address
6. OneNYC’s plans for CB7 meeting
- CB7 will be posting a link on CB7’s website



- City rep (from Mayor's Office) will coming to September's full Board meeting to discuss OneNYC's 4 priorities
 - Then the appropriate City representative will go to CB7's committees to discuss applicability of OneNYC to committee's work
7. September full Board meeting:
- CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: BCI first; Land Use second; Preservation third; Parks fourth; Transportation fifth
 - Page C for Land Use Committee re 70 W 93 Street:
 - aesthetics hard to swallow
 - Penny: 5 findings are key
 - Page: flawed application so cannot get to the 5 findings; will make the 5 findings the 9/3 at committee meeting.
8. Requests for retroactive leaves of absence (for June, July and September) by Lillian Moore and Marc Glazer for health reasons
After due deliberation, the resolution to approve these leaves of absence was adopted by Steering Committee members: 14:1:0:0; Non Steering Committee members: 1:0:0:0
9. Elections and Committee Chair vacancies: CB7 Chair Elizabeth C:
- Nominations: September full Board meeting
 - Elections: October full Board meeting
 - Each officer can run for 3 terms
 - Need Elections Chair: Mel volunteered
 - 3 committee chair vacancies:
 - HHS: Co-Chair Catherine DeLazzero
 - Parks & Environment Committee co-chair is open
 - Housing Committee co-chair is open
10. Updates on Committees and Task Forces
- Preservation Cee: meeting in August
 - Transportation Cee:
 - In other parts of the country cab drivers are unregulated; committee wants to ask for regulations on this issue; committee wants to have TLC rep speak to committee
 - committee has asked DOT reps to accompany committee on site visits to 7 problematic Citibike locations
 - BCI: Conducting Borough-wide B2B; want 1 person from each Manhattan Community Board on the planning committee; event will be at the Museum of Natural History; topic will be how do we do more mentoring
 - YEL:
 - Holy Name has been closed for some time; as of the fall a private school for autistic children will be in that building
 - \$40 has been allocated for City libraries; Bloomingdale & St Agnes Libraries are getting additional staff; branch staff has low morale because staffers feel they have no input in what happens there; Cee Chr thinking how to approach this
 - Old NY Times clippings were stored in Bloomingdale Library; these are being removed so space can be used for other positive purposes



- Last committee meeting NYPD officers spoke about youth gangs (now referred to as “crews”); what can CB7 do re rising crime coming into area?; want to ask youth what CB7 could be doing for and with them; Cee Chair meets with agency heads going to ID some youth to join group for input
- BCI: revising backyard guidelines
- Parks Cee: Boat Basin Café at 79 St – beer garden – up for new RFP – Parks Dept wants community input re how community would like to be included in development of RFP; limited by infrastructure; rotunda may get major funding for major renovation; this may have impact on shaping RFP pending clarification of decision re renovations
- CB7 Chair Elizabeth C: We are having a breakfast on Friday 7/24 at CB7 office for first, second and third-year CB7 Board members; we need some experienced members for guidance for the newer members

Meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, chair. Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Page Cowley, DeNora Getachew, Audrey Isaacs, Blanche Lawton, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Eric Shuffler, Mel Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Board Member:** Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Kenneth Coughlin, Catherine DeLazzero, Mark N. Diller and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Brian Jenks.