



**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN**  
***Minutes of Full Board Meeting***

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, January 5, 2016, at Rodeph Sholom, in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved**: 29 – 0 – 1.

*Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo*

The Chair welcomed members of the public and members of the committee. The Chair noted the Board's work with the MIH and ZQA proposals, noting that the City Council will be voting on the plans in the near future. She noted that more is to come, and that the Land Use Committee is staying involved on the projects.

The Chair also noted the Board's work on Veterans Housing on 95<sup>th</sup> Street, which will include significant involvement from members of the Board. She also wanted to highlight the upcoming Transportation Committee meeting, which will include a discussion from the DOT on the Amsterdam Bike Lane Proposal.

The Chair also noted that Board Applications are open and available on the CB7 website and encouraged the public in attendance to apply for membership.

The Chair wanted to take a moment to honor the memory of Board Member Anne Raphael, which was echoed by other members of the Board. She also wanted to welcome new member Sonia Garcia, and thank Marc Glazer for his many years of service to the Board. She also wanted to highlight work within the Housing Committee on a NYCHA task force.

*Community Session*

Winifred Armstrong wanted to highlight the Park West Villages fight against the Jewish Home Proposal for 97<sup>th</sup> Street, as well as their recent Court victory in New York State Supreme Court.

Bob Wyman wanted to bring attention the fact that the Mayor signed 609-2015, the "Geothermal Bill," requiring geothermal energy to be considered in new building design. The bill also requires the social cost of carbon to be considered. He was pleased with the leadership the city is taking on these environmental issues.

Theo Chino wanted to highlight the fact that he has formed the exploratory committee to replace the DA. Specifically, he is looking to find a lawyer looking to challenge the DA in the next election, especially in regards to smartphone design and disk encryption.

Maria Fernandez wanted to highlight the "encroachment" on Roosevelt Park around the Museum of Natural History. Specifically, she felt that any taking of the parkland would be "very retro."

Dr. Cary Goodman wanted to highlight that he attended the planting of the millionth tree in New York City, which he felt was dichotomous to the plan to change the park land around the Museum of Natural History.

Lourdes Camacho wanted to highlight a penalty that was imposed on her mother for signing up for Medicare Part D.



Peter Arndtsen wanted to highlight events for the Columbus Amsterdam BID, including free walking tours and events on climate change. He also highlighted “Bloomingdale Family Days.”

Pamela Harwood wanted to highlight her opposition to the expansion plan for the Museum of Natural History. She does not believe that public space should be taken away the public, and argued that teaching belongs in schools and not within Museums.

Mark Bernardo wanted to highlight his support to the expansion plan for the Museum of Natural History, and argued that a public access garden on the roof of the addition would “give back to the community this valuable asset.” He noted the importance of the research that is being accomplished by the institution, and the importance of inspiring young people.

Manhattan Borough President's Report, Diana Howard

Diana Howard wanted to highlight the fact that the MBP is looking for applicants for Community Boards, as well as the Solid Waste Management Board. She also highlighted that applications for Capital Funding are open. The MBP is also forming a Youth Council, and is looking for applicants.

Reports by Elected Officials:

Mark Levine, City Council Member, 7<sup>th</sup> District

Council Member Levine wanted to highlight a bill that would limit construction noise in projects adjacent to schools, which he is sponsoring in conjunction with Council Member Rosenthal. This bill would limit construction noise inside classrooms all over the city. He also wanted to highlight his work with the Park’s Committee in regards to “super-towers” that are casting shadows within Central Park, where he wants to create a task force to look over the issue. Finally, he wanted to highlight the extensive work that has gone into looking at ZQA and MIH and offered his support for the Board’s very hard work on these proposals.

The Council Member than took questions from the Board as well as the public audience, with a number of questions on comments on the “super-towers” being built around Central Park.

Reports by Elected Officials’ Representatives:

Sean Fitzpatrick, C-M Helen Rosenthal’s Office

Mr. Fitzpatrick wanted to highlight the office’s end of the year report, which is available on the CM’s website. He also wanted to highlight the Board’s work on public safety, as well as the upcoming housing clinic sponsored by the CM.

Cherica DuBois, C-M Corey Johnson’s Office

Ms. DuBois wanted to highlight the CM’s upcoming town hall, which includes representatives from a number of city agencies that will be available to answer questions from the public.

Gus Ipsen, A-M Linda Rosenthal’s Office



Mr. Ipsen wanted to highlight the office's work on public corruption in Albany, as well as the concerns the AM has in regards to the MIH and ZQA plans currently being discussed within the city.

*Liznel Aybar, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office*

Ms. Aybar wanted to highlight the office's work on public corruption in Albany, including his support to make the positions "Full Time" jobs. In addition, she highlighted the holiday event and office's "Toy Drive."

*Brice Peyre, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office*

Mr. Peyre wanted to highlight the office's work on public corruption in Albany, including the fact that the AM has a policy of not accepting outside income. He also noted that there hasn't been a salary increase in the Assembly in many years.

*Tara Klein, State Senator Brad Hoylman's Office*

Ms. Klein wanted to highlight the office's upcoming forum on sexual violence, and the office's report on post-marriage equality LGBT rights. She also took questions on public corruption in Albany.

*David Baily, State Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office*

Mr. Baily wanted to highlight the office's work on the upcoming legislative session, including the office's support for raising the minimum wage and significant funding to additional affordable housing. He also highlighted the office's work on public corruption in Albany.

*George Damalas, State Senator Jose Serrano's Office*

Mr. Damalas wanted to highlight the Senator's upcoming community engagement series focused on healthcare and seniors.

*Lindy Wisotsky, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office*

Ms. Wisotsky wanted to highlight the Congressman's work on the 9-11 Victim's Compensation Fund, which has been extended by Congress. She also wanted to bring attention to the effort to make the Stonewall Inn a National Park.

*Laura Atlas, Public Advocate Letitia James' Office*

Ms. Atlas wanted to highlight the office's work on NYCHA's deliberate effort to not keep the heat on in various parts of the city. She also wanted to highlight work regarding landlords that attempt to make buildings "luxury buildings," and the problem where landlords refuse to fix a building in order to get tenants to move out.

*Nina Saxon, NYC Comptroller's Office*

Ms. Saxon wanted to highlight the office's work on E-Cigarettes, including a federal study being proposed in regards to E-Cigarettes.



Renee Woodberry, NY District Attorney's Office

Ms. Woodberry wanted to highlight the office's work on his "Clean Slate" warrant amnesty program, which has been extremely successful. In addition, the DA was in Washington today to support the new gun laws announced by the President.

Business Session

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee**

**Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**

The Chair recognized the Chairs of the BCI Committee, who briefly discussed the following applications.

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

1. **283 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street.) D&S Dining Group LLC, d/b/a Salumeria Rosi.

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

2. **228 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street** (West End Avenue.) MT Gebhard, LLC, d/b/a Gebhard's Beer Culture.

Members of the Board wanted to highlight that the applicant agreed to the outlined stipulations within the resolution. It was also noted that there have been incidents of fighting on 72<sup>nd</sup> street recently, and discussion regarding the history of the applicants enclosed café.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve with stipulations** was adopted: 37 – 1 – 0 – 0

***Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:***

3. **313 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 75<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1471902-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Baby Oliver, LLC, d/b/a Piccolo Cafe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove without prejudice** was adopted: 37 – 0 – 0 – 0

4. **441 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1283635-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by JPS Ventures, Inc., d/b/a St. James Gate, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 35 – 0 – 1 – 0



5. **Multi-block street fairs.** Applications to the Street Activity Permit Office for multi-block street fairs in 2016.

DATE	SPONSOR NAME	LOCATION	PRODUCER
4/17/16	Veritas, Inc.	Bway, 96-102 E	Mort & Ray
4/17/16	Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association	Bway, 102-106 E	Mort & Ray
4/17/16	24th Precinct Community Council		Mort & Ray
4/24/16	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Col, 66– 72	Clearview Festival
5/01/16	Broadway Mall Center	Bway, 86-93 E	Mort & Ray
5/08/16	Committee for Environmentally Sound Development	Bway, 60-65E	Clearview Festival
5/22/16	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Amst, 77–89	WMCC
5/29/16	Coalition for a Livable West Side	Bway, 72-82 W	Mort & Ray
5/29/16	Safe Haven West Side Basketball League	Bway, 82-86 W	Mort & Ray
6/05/16	Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers	Bway, 65-72 W	Mort & Ray
6/12/16	West Side Federation of Neighborhood & Block Assoc.	Bway, 73-82 E	Mort & Ray
6/12/16	The Broadway Mall Association	Bway, 82-86 E	Mort & Ray
8/14/16	Goddard Riverside	Amst, 79-86	Clearview Festival
9/18/16	Valley Restoration, LDC	Amst, 96–106	Mardi Gras Festival
9/18/16	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Col, 68–86	WMCC
10/02/16	Bloomingdale Area Coalition	Bway, 96–103 W	Mort & Ray
10/16/16	NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch	Bway, 86 – 90 W	Mort & Ray
10/16/16	Symphony Space	Bway, 90 – 96 W	Mort & Ray

It was noted by the Chair that the vote on the Street Fair Permits would be bundled. The Chairs discussed the process the committee uses in order to review street fair applications. Moving forward, the Committee is planning to review street fair hours, as well as the number of permits allowed.

A member of the community wanted to question the amount of “junk” at the street fairs, in particular the quality of the food. Members of the Board had questions about the way in which fees work for street fairs, and there was discussion about the reconsideration of how fees are charged and split between street fair organizations.

Mort of Mort & Ray wanted to highlight the fact that the number of fairs in CB7’s district has decreased over time as fairs have combined over time.

Richard Bart wanted to highlight the constant disruption caused in the neighborhood by the street fairs, especially given the number of fairs on the calendar.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 33 – 0 – 2 – 2

#### Preservation Committee

**Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons**

6. **108 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear yard terrace enclosure.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 33 – 0 – 0 – 0

7. **18 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street** (West 74<sup>th</sup> – 75<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Application #16-8907 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to add a stair and elevator bulkhead on the roof, restore front façade, add new windows to the existing rear extension, and enclose underneath the existing overhang at the ground floor.

The vote was split between the “Front Façade” as A, and the “Rear Façade” as B.

There was discussion among the committee, especially regarding the rear addition.

A. After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 30 - 3 – 2 – 0

B. After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 28 – 3 – 3 – 0

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

8. **Greenmarket/GrowNYC.** Street Activity Permit Application renewal for the operation of the Friday greenmarket on West 97<sup>th</sup> Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 32 – 0 – 0 – 0

After a motion, the Chair called the meeting adjourned at 8:44PM.

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



**Transportation Committee Meeting**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**  
**January 12, 2016**

Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione and her team from NYC DOT gave an updated presentation on their Amsterdam Avenue Re-design. (Available at [www.nyc.gov/mcb7](http://www.nyc.gov/mcb7).)

*Questions from the Community.*

Marvin Mansky Avner Mae - Will double parking now be illegal? A: The best way to manage double parking is to give space for deliveries.

David Foell - Layover M57 bus at Verdi Square? A: Buses will continue to lay over there.

Michael Soldenbraun - what about special provisions for not clearing bike lanes of snow? Are you not going to require bikes to use bike lanes? A: The lanes should be cleared like any other lane. This is a Sanitation issue if they are not cleared.

Jeffery Plotkin - left turn red arrows on Columbus are great- are you going to add them on Amsterdam? Please on 79th St-Green arrows are good, but red arrows are a big safety benefit. A: Yes on some streets.

Miki Fiegel - Lose about 150 parking spaces, 25%. Crosstown delay charts indicate an increase on 86th St. How are you going to keep Columbus and Amsterdam moving? WEA is a disaster. A: Because WEA is a 2-way street the progression of lights can't help move traffic.

86th St wait times will double, a domino effect.

Susan Crawford - The delay at 96th seems higher than anywhere else because there is a traffic camera.

We should add more. 50 bikers were on each Ave, why not make Columbus Ave 2-way? A: The pairing of a N/S corridor will increase bikes on both streets. Have you counted how many more bikes there are in CP and on Riverside? A: Yes but not here.

Wendy Nickerson - Mixing zone safety. A: sight lines because of the buffer area.

Shelly Fine - Is there an established need for a North bound lane?

Brian Hoberman - Did DOT try to quantify the economic benefit and improvement of quality of life? Will injuries go down and the cost to the city? A: We are happy with the stats we have.

Seth Outman - 689 trips noted in study - how many of those bikes were deliveries? Round-trips? Was it a projection? A: People stand there the whole day. Q: Have you thought of a less expensive way to make the street safer? Like staggering lights and police enforcement? A: Street redesign is the most cost effective way to increase safety.

*Questions from the Committee:*

Andrew - what happens to bikes during the unloading at Beacon Theater? A: The trucks can go curbside. A temporary bike lane will be set up with barriers every time there is a unloading.

Andrew - most of the paid commercial loading will be on the east side. What will happen for a west side store? A: the proposed loading zones are specifically set near high loading needs. We are trying to minimize the double parking, but it will happen.

Mark - have you spoken to the precinct officers? A: Yes.

Su - Who is responsible for maintaining the tree pits? A: Parks Dept.

Penny - not in bike lane tree beds. Parks will put in a tree and replace it when it dies, but that's it.

Ken - Who will provide the barriers that the Beacon uses? A: The Beacon. We are working with the Beacon for the best barrier. This will be integrated into the permits they receive.

Ken - the Chapel? You are banning left turns? A: Yes, but only for cars. Bikes can turn.

Rich - Are we better off with street parking so that trucks don't have to double park? A: We considered removing all east side parking, but thought that would be too contentious.

Mark Diller - avoiding of double parking is integral to making this a success. You are pulling back from loading zones where there is more back up traffic. 79th - 86th Streets. A: The projections indicate that



even though the delay will double, it will go from 3 seconds to 6 seconds. Q: There is a 6 block run with no unloading areas. A: The modeling indicates that the traffic can handle the amount of projected double parking.

Dan - Can you give us a signaling sequence with the LPI? And how will vehicles make left turns? A: Cars will have to wait for pedestrians and bikes to clear the crossing.

Dan - the loss of parking is a lot. We lose parking because of bike lanes. Can you show us what would happen if there was no bike lane on Amsterdam? And make the bike lanes 2-ways on Columbus?

Linda - Highlight Mark Diller's concerns about the lack of unloading space from 80th to 85th St and there are a lot of restaurants there. A: We can relook at it.

Christian - 61% of merchants deliver by bike. How many are that? A: I can get it for you.

Mixing zone will take away 25% of the parking. How much does the commercial parking take away from car parking? A: We don't have that, but can get it.

*Comments from the Community:*

Peter Arndtsen - Really pleased this will reduce the lanes. There are kids playing on the street. Loading zones - the 7-10 or 11 period I would like to encourage them. Encourage to look at bus lanes.

Seth Kaufman - No more bike lanes unless and until there is enforcement of bikers. Costs are a waste of money.

Margaret Neuer - Looks terrific. Please give more thought to the delivery vehicles.

Reed Ruby - Thanks all! I agree with the previous gentleman. Please all follow the law.

Leslie Merlin, Pastor - on behalf of my congregation we are in favor of the modifications.

Joseph Bolanos - I represent at least 100 people who are against this plan. The loss of a lane will cause pollution and traffic.

Steven Stark - Beacon Hardware - concerned about deliveries coming in and our own delivery vehicle. What will be the increased cost to park a commercial vehicle?

Rick Titone - Cars blaze through Amsterdam causing danger. I'm in favor of anything that will slow traffic.

Evie Morrow - I want to encourage CB7 to vote in favor. I'm a biker and this will be safer.

Mark Goldberg - Member of Transportation Alternatives. The experience of the bike lane on Columbus is frustrating because so many bikers are moving north against the law.

Richard Fine - Safe streets live up to their name.

Richard Katz - Amsterdam is dangerous. I walk, bike and drive.

Richard Barr - heavy truck traffic and bus traffic and a protected bike lane is a bad idea. Delivery trucks come late at night. Trash haulers are late at night. 7am - 7pm doesn't address these trucks.

Liz Patek - Safety improvements need to include all users. I'd like to see safer conditions for the delivery bikers.

David Vassar - Amsterdam is 2-way by me. Please don't forget and keep this moving forward. I know this isn't perfect, but it will be simply nicer to walk along.

David Foell - I support this plan. Please start looking at the southern portion. It doesn't serve me until I can get downtown.

Willow Stelzer - Delivering petitions in favor of the changes.

Renee Slon - ER nurse - we have seen more than our share of injuries and deaths due to cars involved in accidents.

John Simpson - Supports the plan.

Susan Crawford - Amsterdam and Columbus are the designated truck routes. If it continues to be restricted it will cause traffic and pollution. Please think in terms of safe corridors for bikes.

Richard Cacciano - I bike and I stop at red lights. Many bikers do.

Gray Newman - I support the changes on Amsterdam. Please fine tune.

Peter Frishauf - Thank DOT for making biking safer. LaGuardia high school has so many bikers that they





had to order bike corrals. Please extend south.

Brian Hoberman - everyone is a pedestrian. The bike lanes will calm traffic.

Josh Pinkerton - the working cyclists can't make it to this meeting because they are working. I support this plan to help them.

Michael Rosenthal - Wonderful idea. Let's move forward.

Gerry Khermouch - As a cyclist I avoid Amsterdam because it's too scary. But I look at the DOT renderings and I think it will be a much more delightful street to walk along.

*Board Discussion:*

Elizabeth - how can DOT be in touch with us as a CB so we know what's working and what's not and make adjustments accordingly?

Andrew - will there be time limits on commercial parking? A: a 2-hour limit.

Andrew - WEA has high driver frustration. Can B'way accommodate more traffic if it diverts from Amsterdam? A: We are working with PD to establish the new regulations. A sustained effort is unlikely.

Ken - I would like to make a motion to approve this proposal with similar language to the Columbus resolution asking that DOT come back to give us updates.

Roberta - on Columbus we had a working group to reach out to merchants. As Amsterdam is implemented there might be some unanticipated issues. We'd like to work with DOT on those solutions.

Dan - given that a bike lane will be detrimental to on-street parkers and there are other ways to make Amsterdam safe. Though the studies show fewer accidents, there are actually more accidents because the sidewalks won't be parking protected. The mixing zones are dangerous and can cause a car going off the roadway to hit pedestrians. I think we should disapprove and ask DOT to come back with a proposal that makes a safer Amsterdam with no bike lane.

Rich - I can't be more vehemently opposed to a 2-way bike lane. Pedestrians are used to looking one way. DOT's statistics are clear, a bike lane lowers accidents.

Ken - I'm in favor of this proposal. It's not about a bike lane, it's about making a street safer. We've seen fewer accidents all over the city in large part because of street redesign. This street is designed for peak hour usage. It encourages bad behavior outside of peak times.

Andrew - Rich, if you are only looking one way when you cross a bike lane, I promise to visit you in the hospital. That's an enforcement issue. I'm in support of a north bound lane that is not on a commercial street, like CPW. I've walked Amsterdam and talked to merchants and they are worried. Can we do a test using paint? A: We are not in favor of a painted test, it's very difficult to make it a real test.

Andrew - The other avenues where this program is working are very different areas. There are many more alternative avenues in other parts of town.

Roberta - I am adamantly in favor of this. The UWS is a neighborhood.

Having the ability to cross Columbus safely is a godsend. On Amsterdam we have schools and public institutions. Taking care of people is more important than providing throughput for trucks.

Christian - I don't support this. Safety improvements can be made on Amsterdam without a bike lane.

Mark - a 2-way bike lane makes sense on Columbus. Isaac - I'm opposed, I think it needs more study. I'm concerned about the businesses that will struggle to stay open.

Paul - I've seen an ambulance stuck in traffic. Losing affordable parking is the same as losing affordable housing. Look at Columbus Ave 2-ways again.

Mark Diller - I would urge the committee to support the resolution with a call to add many more loading zones. Without them the potential for double parking will undermine success. If we need more parking for business, we can add meters to the side streets. We know how to measure this and can do it. This will not be easy.

Andrew - what will happen to those who used to park? A: Parkers will move to side streets, other avenues or use public transportation.

Christian - how many traffic engineers worked on this? A: 3 PE's Mark - we lost 175 parking spaces



because of bike share.

Rich - Why not a north-bound bike lane on CPW? A: We cannot do that without making CPW a one way street. Amsterdam addresses multiple goals including safer traffic.

Roberta - read from the Columbus Avenue resolution, edited to put in Amsterdam Avenue in place of Columbus Avenue.

Isaac - wants more data from the PD.

Su - just give me one question you need answered from the data. Andrew - I frequently see around 10 double parked trucks. If we get down to 1 or 2 lanes because of double parking, what would happen? A: More enforcement.

*VOTE for the resolution to approve: Committee 4-4-0-0. The resolution fails.*

*Non-Committee Board Members: 2-1-1-0.*

**Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Anne Raphael, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Howard Yaruss. **CB7 Chair** Elizabeth Caputo. **Board Members:** Linda Alexander, Christian Cordova, Mark Diller, Audrey Isaacs.



**Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**  
**January 13, 2016 7:00 PM**

**After quorum was verified the meeting started at 7:05pm**

**1. Discussion about bicycle food delivery service companies.**

Attorney Representing **GrubHub & Seamless**: Meagen Jaglowski ([meagen@grubhub.com](mailto:meagen@grubhub.com) 646-527-7727)

We asked the representative what their procedures are for delivering food by bicycle. The committee is concerned that too many vendors violate bicycle delivery rules, including delivery personnel wearing a Seamless vest. Seamless contracts with the restaurants for consumers to order food, the deliveries are under the purview of the restaurants. They may provide marketing materials like the vests the delivery personnel wear. The vests they provide do have a plastic pocket area for identifications purposes. They have consumer line for potential problems experienced by the consumer. Outside of New York they do hire delivery personnel to be competitive with other delivery services. In that case they provide insurance to delivery personnel.

The public was asked if any restaurateurs were using Seamless

Emilio Akaleh from Sido reported that they have hired more delivery personnel to meet the upsurge in business due to Seamless.

Miguel from Piccolo Café commented that they also have an upsurge in business deliveries but decided not to hire extra delivery personnel. He mentioned that Seamless brokers the payment transactions for the food deliveries.

Brian Jenks described some of the rules in used in CB7 and commented that it would be a good idea to provide Seamless with the delivery regulations of CB7, and what our expectations are and maybe they can improve their marketing materials to comply with CB7 regulations. He suggested we follow up with DOT or Helen Rosenthal's office about the delivery business model changing and that Seamless is aware of the regulations.

Luca Dipietro commented that he believed that Grubhub is offering delivery already here in New York City. Ms. Jaglowski confirmed that they already do deliveries in Manhattan but not in the upper west side.

Michele Parker mentioned that DOT does not require Seamless to have a restaurant name in the vests.

Linda Alexander suggested that we come up with procedures for Seamless or Other services that will provide food deliveries for the restaurants. The committee agrees and presented suggestions for new regulations to be put in place.

Michele Casadei Massari commented that the restaurants have to comply with the regulations of the bicycle personnel having the name of the restaurant with an ID number, and they are being ticketed for violations and that this model should be kept going forward. He mentioned fines are paid by the delivery person.

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



2. **420 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> Street) Olma Lounge LLC, d/b/a Olma Caviar Boutique & Lounge.

Igor Elich, Tatsiana Sedykh and Edward Elich representing the applicant.

They will serve food, primarily caviar. They plan to apply for an outdoor café.

The committee advised the applicant as to what will not be approved on an outdoor café and made suggestions.

Beverly Shiner commented that she talk with the manager because in the past the residents have had noise problems with this location. The agent reassured us that this will not be a problem because they will only play background music.

The committee asked them to consider changing their closing time on Friday and Saturday nights from 4:00am to 2:00am to be reviewed after 6 months of operation.

Joy Bergman from West Side Rag ([westsiderag.com](http://westsiderag.com), [joybergmann@gmail.com](mailto:joybergmann@gmail.com), 917-903-2011) asked if they had another location and they do have another location on The Plaza food court.

After due deliberation the liquor license application was **approved** with the stipulation that they will close at 2:00am on Friday and Saturday nights: 7 – 0 – 1 – 0

3. **483 Columbus Avenue (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street) LVSS Inc., d/b/a Bellini. (Wine & Beer to Full Liquor license.)**

Virgo Lee and Steven Veksler representing the applicant.

They are making an alteration from a service bar to a customer bar.

After due deliberation the liquor license application was **approved**: 7 – 0 – 1 – 0

4. **573 Columbus Avenue** (West 88<sup>th</sup> Street) Bodega 88 LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Miguel Acosta Jr and Jeff Kadish representing the applicant.

They have other restaurants including Calle Ocho.

After due deliberation the liquor license application was **approved**: 7 – 0 – 1 – 0

5. **949 Columbus Avenue** (West 107<sup>th</sup> Street) P&N Development LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Robert McCue, David Ackerman and Stacy Weiss representing the applicant.

They are currently making renovations to the space. They are planning to provide high end affordable food in a Gastro Pub. There are 2 levels, 1<sup>st</sup> floor and basement. They will have some live jazz music on weekends. The music and majority of the seating will be at the basement level which in addition to sound proofing should shield the residents from music noise. They will be applying for an unenclosed sidewalk café using the previous plan that has been approved in the past. Hours of operation daily until 2am for the 1<sup>st</sup> floor level. For the basement level Sun – Wed until 2am and Thu – Sat until 4am.

After due deliberation the liquor license application was **approved** with the stipulation that the basement bar will open until 4am Thu – Fri; the basement level has a separate entrance: 7 – 0 – 1 – 0

***Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications:***

6. **61 Columbus Avenue** (West 62<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1190070-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by West 62 Operating, LLC d/b/a Rosa Mexicana, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 26 tables and 50 seats.



No one represented the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **disapproved** without prejudice: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

7. **2020 Broadway** (West 69<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1308014-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tapas Food and Wine, Inc., d/b/a BarCibo Enoteca, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 22 seats.

Steve Wygoda representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

8. **267 Columbus Avenue** (West 72<sup>nd</sup> – 73<sup>rd</sup> Streets.) Renewal application #1072082-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Classic Food, Inc., d/b/a Sido, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.

Emilio Akaleh representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

9. **313 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 75<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1471902-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Baby Oliver, LLC, d/b/a Piccolo Cafe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

Michele Casadei Massari representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 7 – 0 – 0 – 0

10. **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1395732-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pappardella Rest. Corp, d/b/a Pappardella, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 10 tables and 20 seats.

No one represented the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **disapproved** without prejudice: 7 – 0 – 0 – 0

11. **173 West 78<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application #1455060-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Sugar and Plumm (Upper West), LLC, d/b/a Sugar and Plum, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 20 tables and 40 seats.

Kathellen Stathotoulos representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

12. **442 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81<sup>st</sup> - 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #0953744-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Restaurant Group, d/b/a The Gin Mill, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats.

**Michael Staff representing the applicant.**

**They have been around for 20 years; they serve food outside; they have a pub menu; no deliveries.**

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

13. **475 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street). Renewal application #1382144-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by IL Rifudio, Inc. d/b/a Taralucci E Vino, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Luca Diprieto representing the applicant.

No current deliveries but are considering delivering with Grubhub.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0



14. **2315 Broadway** (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #13414020-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Donizetti LLC, d/b/a Five Napkin Burger, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.

Helen Rosenthal advised George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero that the community has a problem with the restaurant.

No one represented the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **disapproved** without prejudice: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

15. **2340 Broadway** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1000314-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway Desserts, LTD., d/b/a French Roast, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 48 seats.

Ruven Oren representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

16. **658 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1458528-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 658-660 Amsterdam Corp., d/b/a Numero 28, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 18 seats.

Robert Callahan representing the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

17. **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1139454-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Talias Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Talias Steakhouse & Bar, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats.

No one represented the applicant.

After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **disapproved** without prejudice: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

#### *New Enclosed Sidewalk Café*

18. **2636 Broadway** (West 100<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application #15235-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Spectrum Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Manhattan Valley, for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 24 seats.

No one represented the applicant.

After due deliberation the Enclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **disapproved** without prejudice: 8 – 0 – 0 – 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm



**Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
January 14, 2016 6:30 PM**

**Re: 2109 Broadway, d/b/a Margot Patisserie, in the Ansonia Hotel, 74<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway,  
Presentation by Jobie Yu and Wei Tsui**

*Margot Patisserie has been in this location for 20 years and needs adequate signage...there is no signage currently. The proposal is for two new outdoor signs, one oval 24 inches wide and 18 inches high which will be a light box, and a black canopy above the entry with signage.*

**Discussion:**

Mark Diller commented that since the awning is black, the stand for the oval lightbox should also be black. He thought the mounting was dubious.

Jay Adolf suggested that the pole be the same black color, not brown.

Miki Fiegel and Louisa Craddock felt that the pole and connection needed to look more permanent.

**Resolution:**

To approve with agreement of applicant to make a more structural stand painted black made to look more permanent.

**Vote to Approve 6-0-0-0.**

**Re: 277 West End Avenue, Apt. #12B @ West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street Apt. 12B Application for window replacement; Presentation by Stewart Ackerman, Panorama Windows**

**Discussion:**

Owner wants to replace all windows. Landmarks staff sited 6 over 1 windows were the original. The Building didn't want to make changes of all windows. The Landmarks staff indicated the desirability for a two step jamb condition, which the owner agrees to.

**Vote to Approve new windows 6-0-0-0.**

**250 West 77<sup>th</sup> Street, Belleclaire Hotel an early Emery Roth Building at the southwest corner of Broadway and 77<sup>th</sup> St. Presented by Kerri Culhane and Ron Castellano, of Studio Castellano**

**Discussion:**

Owner wants to restore 1925 façade at the base of the building, including limestone columns and filigree. Major changes are proposed to street level on Broadway and 77<sup>th</sup> Street including limestone repair, and patching using GFRC and GFRP to bring back the original limestone look. Proposed changes include new sidewalk where there originally was fencing.

The Committee applauded the proposal which includes a new entrance canopy mid-facade along Broadway.

**Resolution:**

To approve the proposed changes with applause to the applicant for return to original ground floor as much as possible.

**Vote to Approve: 6-0-0-0.**

**Re: 125 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street Application for rear yard extension. Presented by Gilles Depardon R.A.**

Proposes restoration of front façade and a new full rear yard extension going up two floors. All glass façade in rear with vertically sliding windows. Also a new roof top addition, (penthouse) and



enlargement of the cellar under the rear yard. Substantial glass in rear plus glass floors on the inside. Existing corbelling at roof is retained.

**Discussion:**

The committee found the new design compelling including the minor change in the front...new parlor floor window.

**Resolution:**

To approve this stark but clean new design as presented.

**Vote to Approve: 7-0-0-0.**

(Meisha Hunter joined meeting for this presentation.)

**Re: 140 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street O'Neil Rose, Architects.** Restore front façade

The front façade of this townhouse was 'modernized' 40 years ago in a very unfortunate way with brick and new windows completely unrelated to the neighbors. The owner proposes to lower the parlor floor so that it can go back to its original height with new doors and windows at the street level. New slate at roof level. New windows in rear, removal of fire escape. Windows and doors have multiple panes.

**Discussion:**

- **Rear**

Rear windows are a problem. Wider and not as high as the neighbors. Suggestion of the committee is to change windows and doors at lower two levels of the rear façade. Raise window heads including lintels, especially at the parlor floor, to make it work better with neighboring facades.

- **Jay** re: Rear: Agrees that the parlor floor door/window unit should be increased in height, with lintels similar to neighboring buildings. Also agrees that the parlor bathroom window should increase in height but not match the more vertical window on the extension above.
- **Gabby:** Plane above the former stucco extension is currently painted white. Proposal is to have brick cladding on the L extension and on the reduced size formerly stucco extension.
- **Front façade, re-cladding** in actual brownstone, matching sister house in the ABAB system. Replacing the existing steel front door with a painted wood and glass door, painted to match a dark bronze similar to existing windows. New windows on basement and parlor will be new painted wood.
  - **Gabby:** Concerned re: Juliet railings....unclear where the design was taken. Answer: Picking up X with center circle pattern that exists on the neighbor's Juliet balcony.
  - **Meisha:** Should consider longer glass panels for the French Doors on the parlor floor. The response by the architect: to be considered but is inconsistent with the patterns
  - Color of light fixtures on either side of the front door? Answer: Black

**Resolution:**

Approve with agreed changes on the rear façade re: window head heights and lintels

**Vote to Approve 6-0-0-0**

*Submitted by Peter Samton*





**Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes  
Madge Rosenberg and Catherine DeLazzero, Co-Chairpersons  
January 26, 2016 7:00 PM**

**After quorum was verified the meeting started at 7:07pm**

1. Discussion of intergenerational housing models, and implementation of these models in CB7.

Presentation by Miki Fiegel.

Pilot program in Finland: co-generational housing. It matches young people, usually 25 years of age or younger, to live with elderly people. It matches a senior who is lonely, may have difficulty paying the rent and have a spare room with a young person who can't afford a place of their own. The young person is screened and is required to spend 5 hours a week socializing with the senior. It is extremely difficult to implement this plan in NYC given the current rent and real estate laws; and landlords and co-op boards' regulations.

Fern Fleckman indicated that this type of situations already happen "under the radar" through Craig's list, where young people find similar arrangements.

Madge Rosenberg asked if this was an official government program in Finland, which Miki verified that it is.

Catherine DeLazzero commented that this is a brilliant idea and perhaps it can be explored through a CB7 committee.

The committee made comments about how this program can be implemented with the help of local officials, local colleges and organizations like AARP or JASA. Maybe modifications to the current rent and real estate laws may allow for matching an elderly person with a young person. The committee also discussed different ideas of steps that would need to be taken to make this type of arrangement possible. The committee also discussed possible scenarios that make this a good or a bad idea.

Catherine suggested that Miki compile a list of people, local officials and organizations that may be interested in this program and invite them to a meeting to discuss how the project may be able to be implemented or advocated for.

Madge commented that she thought that the Finland Pilot program applies only to a government sponsored senior housing project and not to private homes.

2. Discussion of health care inadequacy and inequality.

We did not have a speaker for this topic.

Fern Fleckman commented that if a person has insurance, the insurance plans comes with a prescription plan. Nonetheless, there are no insurance plans that cover all possible expenses and there are existing medications that are extremely expensive and may not be affordable to everyone that needs it. However, some insurance companies have indigent programs that may allow some patients to obtain the medication even though they cannot afford it.



3. Resolution supporting universal free lunch in public schools.

Madge commented that it is challenging to find correct statistics as to how many kids actually eat lunch at school. Sheldon Fine shared his personal experience with free school lunch where the schools have a separate line for these kids. Catherine commented that we do not have enough information to enact a proper resolution at this time. Audrey Isaacs offered to ask inside the DOE specific questions requesting information, if they are provided to her.

Fern asked if anyone knew the statistics as to how many kids in CB7 live under the poverty line. Shelly made suggestions as to what to include in a resolution.

The committee agreed to collect more information before enacting a resolution.

4. New business.

Audrey Isaacs talked about topics and panelists for the April meeting.

Fern commented about NYS DISRIP program and NYC hospitals health care system.

Catherine commented in ways to publicize the meeting to increase public interest. She also commented on a NY Times article indicating that the city is not forthcoming providing information as to where stranger's rapes are happening in the city. Perhaps we can enact a resolution encouraging the city to report this information.

Attending the meeting were Madge Rosenberg, Catherine DeLazzero, Christian Cordova, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon Fine, Audrey Isaacs and community member Fern Fleckman.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm

**Present:** Madge Rosenberg, Catherine DeLazzero, Christian Cordova, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine and Audrey Isaacs. **Absent:** Robert Espier, Rita Genn and Genora Johnson.



**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes  
Elizabeth Caputo, Chairperson  
January 27, 2016 6:30pm**

**After quorum was verified the meeting started at 6:33pm**

Elizabeth Caputo quickly commented on Mayor DiBlasio's housing meeting, and Madelyn Innocent commented on the Housing Task Force meeting.

**1. Calendar Updates – 2016**

There are a few Full Board meeting date changes because of election days in September and November. February's Steering Committee meeting will take place the Tuesday after President's day.

Klari Neuwelt announced that Parks and Environment Committee would meet on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**2. Amsterdam Avenue Street Redesign - Update and Feb 2 Meeting Management (and Full Board Agenda Review)**

Elizabeth Caputo will be asking elected officials to submit written testimony rather than speak at the full board meeting in the interest of saving time. People can submit comments in the website (online); the comments will be email to all board members to review prior to the FB meeting. People will be allowed 1 minute for comments and the chair will use her discretion as to when to stop the comment section. Transportation Alternatives is encouraging their members via email to arrive by 5-6pm.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero recommended we send a notice to all BIDs and Chambers of Commerce to allow them the opportunity to comment.

Andrew Albert suggested that we should only allow 1 minute for true questions of fact for the DOT presentation.

Elizabeth Caputo indicated that we may start the meeting at 6pm in order to start the Business section by 7pm. We are prepared to limit the time allowed for comments so that not everyone may be able to talk.

Roberta Semer reminded us that according to the bylaws if the committee chairs do not support the resolution to be discussed, they do not get to present it to the board. Elizabeth Caputo indicated that she will present the resolution.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero commented that the petition signatures submitted in favor of the proposal at the last Transportation Committee meeting do not include information that allow the signatures to be verified as legitimate; they do not even include the questions asked to solicit the signatures.

Marc Glazer asked if businesses know about the FB meeting.

Linda Alexander answered that she will call the 3 BIDs inside CB7 to alert them about the FB meeting.



Richard Robbins indicated that we have to make it clear to the public that because of time limitations not everyone that wants to talk will be able to do so.

Elizabeth Caputo encouraged everyone to talk to their neighbors about the FB meeting.

Sheldon Fine commented that there is a false rumor circulating that WSFSSH approved the Amsterdam Bike Lane plan but in fact they do not have a position in favor or against it.

Elizabeth Caputo asked if the form for the public to comment online can include a “box” for the person to indicate if they are in favor or against the proposal. Penny Ryan confirmed that it can be done.

Mark Diller suggested that we can alternate between 5 people commenting in favor and 5 people commenting against the proposal at a time.

Richard Robbins wondered what we will do if the split of people in favor vs against is something like 90% -10%.

Linda Alexander suggested that we should have groups of people pick one spokesperson. Elizabeth Caputo answered that this will be difficult because the majority of people most likely will not be affiliated to particular groups.

Elizabeth Caputo asked Richard Robbins if the presentation of the resolution could be enhanced by using the computer to project maps. Richard agreed that he can manage the computer and at least show Google maps.

Christian Cordova asked if the DOT presentation would include the new changes this time.

Elizabeth Caputo answered that she asked Margaret (from DOT) who indicated that she would email the updated presentation ahead of time. The current DOT presentation is on the CB7 website.

Page Cowley commented that she can print copies of the DOT presentation to distribute at the FB meeting.

***The following are comments on the rest of the Full Board meeting agenda.***

Mark Diller expects that PS75 will not oppose the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee resolution.

Klari Neuwelt commented that the Parks and Environment committee didn’t think it was prudent to agree to Lincoln Center’s request to do their own presentation at the FB meeting. She also commented that councilmember Helen Rosenthal expected the city council to pass the proposed horse carriage legislation at their meeting next Thursday; that negotiations about the proposed legislation between Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and the “Horse Carriage” union took place behind closed doors; and that PE disapproves of the proposal to use 25 million of tax dollars and the use of a Central Park building to support a private industry, and also disapproves of the manner in which the “Horse Carriage” industry has been favored over the “Pedi-Cab” industry without any public input into the matter.

Andrew Albert asked what will be the direct route to Central Park South for customer pick-ups. It was answered that there would be 3 pick-up points inside Central Park.



Page Cowley commented that the topology of the proposed building to be used does not lend itself for the proposed use and it could not be at a worse location in Central Park. She also mentioned that Helen Rosenthal feels that city council may pass the proposed legislation without changes.

Elizabeth Caputo suggested we put forward a resolution indicating that we do not support the proposed horse carriage legislation.

Klari Neuwelt was approached by the PE chair of CB5 indicating that the different CBs should jointly oppose the proposed horse carriage legislation.

Mark Diller commented that Central Park is a Landmarked Scenic Route and because of this the proposed legislation should go through the Landmarks Preservation Commission.

Elizabeth Caputo asked Jay Adolf if any of the Preservation Committee items could be bundled to save time. Jay answered that maybe the first 3 could be bundled together and that discussion time could be limited to save additional time.

Michele Parker indicated that items 12 and 13 of the FB meeting agenda belonging to the Business and Consumer Issues Committee could be bundled together.

## 2B. Communication Committee Update.

Linda Alexander and Sue Robotti talked about standardizing the way we take minutes and handed out proposed guidelines about it. They are trying to find a format to be used by all and to develop a template customized to each committee. They suggested that the committee chairs should pre-designate a different person to take minutes at each committee meeting. We should discuss the guidelines at the next Steering Committee meeting.

George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero asked if the guidelines could be sent to us via email and was told that it could be done.

It was commented that the committee chairs should assign the person that will take the minutes at each meeting, and that everybody should do it. Elizabeth Caputo will announce this at the Full Board meeting.

Richard Robbins mentioned that if a meeting is videotaped, the YouTube link to the video should be included in minutes. It was commented that the committee chairs should always review their committee minutes.

Penny Ryan indicated that the law requires written committee minutes, and that half the committees are not currently submitting minutes regularly.

Robert Espier commented that all the committee minutes should be approved prior to being accepted because they are legal documents.

Elizabeth Caputo indicated that we should try to formalize the guidelines by the next Steering Committee meeting.

## 3. FY 2017 Preliminary Budget Documents – Update



Elizabeth Caputo commented that this is a new budget season and asked both Mel Wymore and Mark Diller if they will once again spearhead the budget process and they both agreed. She also suggested that maybe some of the new CB7 members may have expertise in this area and will be able to help.

4. Neighborhood Updates: UWS Homelessness/Transitional Shelters, Collegiate Funds, ZQA/MIH

Elizabeth Caputo commented that Nick Prigo had a phone call with HPD to discuss the locations where the millions of dollars in the Collegiate Academy Funds will be use. She also commented that councilmember Mark Levine wants to hold a community meeting about the 105<sup>th</sup> street Urban Pathways Development Homeless Shelter and that CB7 will be discussing the shelter probably in February.

It was commented that the video to the January 18<sup>th</sup> DCP Review session on ZQA and MIH is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOWb89zNMxo>. The City Planning Commission will vote on MIH and ZQA at their Public Meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. The City Council will have 50 days to conduct their review.

Page Cowley commented that the Land Use Committee wants to write a letter about ZQA/MIH because the city started the comments section without providing notice to the community. Councilmember Helen Rosenthal will fight for any 3 issues we provide her with.

It was commented that Crain's reported that NYCHA is going ahead with the sale of NYCHA infill land all over the city. Linda Alexander added that commercial retail will be included in any proposed construction.

5. CB7 Applications - discussion of Committee Needs

Elizabeth Caputo reminded us that the dateline for CB7 membership applications is next Friday February 8<sup>th</sup> and that CB7 will have around 4 openings. She also asked the committee chairs to submit their membership needs by March 1<sup>st</sup> since some members have asked to change committees. She indicated that Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer will ask for her input in deciding what type of people we need on the board.

Full Board Agenda Review

Reviewed under Item number 2.

6. Committee Reports

Marc Glazer will like Citibike bicycle locations to be discussed again, since in his opinion the bicycles are hardly being used and that we lost another parking garage in CB7.

Elizabeth Caputo answered that we will have Citibike present an update on a Transportation Committee meeting.

Andrew Albert commented that the MTA reviews ridership in a quarterly basis and that the MTA will cut some M11 bus service in the afternoons. The MTA is not giving enough prior notice about changes to the community.



Audrey Isaacs asked if the past split of the M10/M20 bus lines had a positive impact to the community and Andrew said no, and that one of the public biggest complaints is that the M104 bus does not travel across 42<sup>nd</sup> street anymore.

Michele Parker mentioned that Grubhub found a loophole in the DOT rules so food delivery people do not have to wear a restaurant name on the vest they wear.

#### 7. New Business

Penny Ryan mentioned that the bottom lock to the CB7 office door is being left unlock at times. She urged all of us to make sure that it is always lock and to also make sure to lock top lock on the door. The key should always be at the office or at the building front desk. She commented that John Martinez found the office door wide open one morning and that once we found a 100 dollars' worth of stamps missing.

Klari Neuwelt commented that the outside entry door should always be left closed since it can lead to access to the building's basement level.

Elizabeth Caputo mentioned that she and Penny will provide us with Police Department accident data.

Klari Neuwelt commented that senator Brad Hoylman will co-sponsor public meeting on February with the PE Committee about the plastic bag law issue.

Mark Diller mentioned that PS84 wants to rename a playground and that CB7 suggested they rename a secondary street instead.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm

**Present:** Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Page Cowley, Mark Diller, Audrey Isaacs, Klari Neuwelt, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Mel Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Board Member:** Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Mark Diller, Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine, Marc Glazer, Madelyn Innocent, Christopher Riano, Richard Robbins and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Richard Asche, Catherine DeLazzero, DeNora Getachew, Brian Jenks, Blanche Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz and Eric Shuffler.