



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, at Goddard Riverside Community Center, in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:42 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

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

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- The Chair welcomed the community.
- The Inclusive Playground Task Force will meet on February 10th, 4:14PM at PS145.
- CB7's Task Force on NYCHA will meet on February 24th, 6:30PM at the Children's Aid Society.
- Thanked elected officials' representatives who submitted materials in lieu of formal presentations, given the evening's lengthy agenda.

Klari Neuwelt, Chair, Parks & Environment Committee

Spoke about Parks without Borders, a new initiative of the Parks Department to better integrate parks into their surrounding communities. It includes a significant amount of funding for neighborhood parks and playgrounds.

Community Session

Janne Appelbaum - A meeting in regards to the AMNH expansion plan lacked of debate and dialogue.

Emily Edwards – Announced events that are being sponsored by the Columbus Avenue BID.

Corey Goodman - The Board's website seems biased towards the AMNH expansion. There has been no open discussion with the museum's executive director.

Krowker Direny – Has an invention that allows for people to track cars that have hit pedestrians.

Emily Frost - Q&A with Councilmember Rosenthal on February 29th. RSVP on dnainfo.com.

Reports by Elected Officials:

Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President

- Thanked everyone who came to the State of the Borough Address on Sunday. In Manhattan, over 800 people have applied to be community board members.
- Over 150 people have participated in information sessions on the Youth Councils.
- NYCHA is on her radar, and she wants affordable housing in Manhattan.
- Working against plastic bag use in the city.
- Has formed a Construction Safety Task Force, and asked people to contact her to join.

Helen Rosenthal, City Council Member, 6th District



- Made a statement in support of the DOT's plan to redesign Amsterdam Avenue. Concerned about safety on the avenue, and cited to the new design of Columbus Avenue that she believes has been very successful at making the street safer. She trusts in the work of the DOT, and urged the Board to vote in favor of the proposal.

Mark Levine, City Council Member, 7th District

- The fire during the same day did not result in any fatalities or serious injuries.
- Commended the Board and its passion on policy that impacts the community.
- Those most vulnerable are those that are killed in the streets, and he is grateful to DOT for investing the resources into a plan to make Amsterdam Avenue safer. He encouraged the Board to support the plan.

Business Session

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

1. NYC DOT proposal for Amsterdam Avenue Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Improvements.

The Chair outlined the process for the meeting, and thanked the members of the DOT who came to present their proposal to the community and the Board at large.

The Manhattan Borough Commissioner for Transportation, Margaret Forgione, opened the discussion. She strongly believes that the same safety benefits that happened after the redesign of Columbus Avenue would be realized after the proposed redesign of Amsterdam Avenue.

Sean Quinn, from the DOT, showed a brief summary of the project and opened with a discussion of the safety issues faced by the current design of the avenue. He highlighted that a number of community organizations, including the Board itself, have repeatedly asked for a redesign proposal of the avenue. He also highlighted the DOT's community outreach efforts within the community and along the avenue.

At 7:11PM, the Police and Fire Department entered the meeting and noted that there were too many people in the room and asked a number of people to leave so that the meeting would not have to be shut down. There was significant disagreement and dissent within the room, both within the community as well as within the Board. The Fire Department asked that the hallway be cleared before the meeting could continue.

At 7:15PM, Sean Quinn was able to continue, where he quickly reviewed additional design proposals as contained within the DOT Power Point Slide Deck proposal. In particular, he highlighted the safety statistics in the Columbus Avenue corridor, comparing them to the proposed changes on Amsterdam Avenue.

Mary Beth Kelly, founding member of Families for Safe Streets, spoke on behalf of families who have lost family members to traffic accidents. Cathleen McAnocty spoke, and argued that Amsterdam Avenue is extremely dangerous, and argued that something needs to be done in order to make the avenue safer. Stephen McAnocty spoke, and argued that 19 deaths are too many for a neighborhood street.

Stanley Zucker, from Intandam Cycling, wanted to add his support to this proposal, in particular in regards to safety in the neighborhood.



Brandon Epting, from Irving Farm Coffee Rosters and a neighborhood resident, wanted to add his concern about the safety of their employees, especially those who ride their bikes to work.

Lawrence Shier, a member of Community Board 6, wanted to advocate on behalf of his friend who died for the proposal

Jack Kufferman wanted to bring attention to the safety of seniors, especially those with mobility impairment. He felt this proposal was not just helpful for everyone's safety, but especially those seniors in the community.

Elizabeth Klaber wanted to bring attention to the issue of the removal of metered parking in the proposal. She argues that the meters in Amsterdam are important to the middle class members of the community, and she believes this is a large benefit to the businesses on the avenue.

David Zelman objects to the proposal because he does not believe that the DOT is telling the truth, and he asserted that the DOT often does not tell the truth in its proposals. In addition, he believes the DOT is manipulating the results of its surveys.

Bob Botfield asserted that a number of the neighborhood store owners object to the proposal, many more than the DOT is asserting. In addition, he argued that the middle class needs to find parking on the street, which will be much more difficult with this proposal. Finally, he noted the lack of other uptown streets on the west side.

David Lipskey argued that the proposal was premature, and that he also believed that the DOT has a serious credibility problem with its prior projects.

Carmen Quinones argued that the new bike lane would cause new congestion, and believes that while it is good reduce congestion a bike lane is not the solution, especially for the members of the community who have disabilities.

Jay Damask argued that he was extremely concerned about safety on the avenue, especially for seniors and for bikers. He was very appreciative of the DOT's time.

Willow Stelzer argued that hundreds of volunteers have spoken to community members and collected thousands of petition signatures in support of the proposal. She wanted to offer the signatures, as well as business letters of support of the proposal.

Andreas Turanski wanted to speak on behalf of his son and his mother, and he was concerned about their ability to safely navigate the neighborhoods. He was upset that the discussion surrounded a competition between parking spaces and people's lives.

George Beane wanted to speak on behalf of other members of the community, and he strongly agrees with the addition of a pedestrian island to make the community safer for pedestrians.

Seth Kaufman wanted to address what he believed were the serious procedural defects in this process. Specifically, he cited to the complaints of those on Columbus Avenue since the bike lane was added to that avenue. He believed it was a problem that so many people from outside the community were in



attendance, and he believed that there were better ways to improve safety than by building a bike lane. He included criticism of the process for the politically unconnected.

Ken Regan wanted to assert that he believes that everyone agrees that safety is important. As a former principal, he believes that everyone understands that safety is critical, and that narrowing the avenue is not going to approve safety.

Nancy Seklir wanted to assert, as a fellow biker, that with major issues such as this proposal that the Board should have ensured adequate space for everyone to join the meeting this evening. She also believed that DOT's prior projects proved their failure to actually address safety issues.

Betty Lynn believed that unintended consequences were not being considered, especially given how important Amsterdam Avenue is for north-bound traffic. She particularly cited to West End Avenue.

Krowker Direny spoke in support of the proposal, especially given how the island would help protect pedestrians.

Bevis Longstrike spoke in support of the proposal, especially considering the cities dedication to safety in our streets. He is very worried about his wife walking on the streets, and he thinks that this proposal will make our streets safer.

Dee Breiver argued that the avenue is dangerous, and cited to a specific member of the community injured on the avenue. She was alarmed that the Board was still deliberating on this issue.

Josh Pinkerton argued that it was wrong for a handful of people to hold up this proposal, and he wanted the Upper West Side to feel safe and be safe. In particular, he believes the data shows that the neighborhood is not a driver's neighborhood; it is a pedestrian and bikers neighborhood.

Lucy Kraft, a local store manager, spoke in support of this proposal and noted that, even with an increase in store traffic, she believes that all New Yorkers should support this proposal to make the streets safer.

Katey Walsh spoke as someone with a disability, and she was concerned how involved people with disabilities were involved in this process. She wanted to ask DOT to answer how many

John Jeannopolus argued that DOT can always change the plan at their whim, and he asked bike riders to obey the laws of the streets.

Charles Gross always feels safe on the Columbus avenue lane, because he asserted he was the only person using it. He did not believe that more cars on the road, corralled by fewer lanes as found in the design, would not support safe streets.

Joseph Bolanos spoke specifically as to the proposal, and he argued that this community should be represented by members of the community and not by people from outside the Upper West Side. He specifically argued that additional congestion would cause serious medical problems for community members. In addition, he cited to the Transportation Committee meeting, and the split vote, and he argued that the petition of signatures presented by members of the community was fraudulent.

Lynn Caporale spoke, citing that she suffered from mobility disabilities, and she supported the proposal because bikes make it easier for her to get around.



Yannis Simonides spoke, arguing that he takes his life into his own hands every time he crosses his own street. He was grateful for the DOT redesign plan, especially for those that have to walk along the avenue.

Ari Friedman spoke, and he noted that he would never let his children ride a bike on the avenue currently because he felt it was so dangerous. He believes that the proposal would increase safety in the neighborhood.

Brian Hoberman spoke, and as a community member he argued strongly for the proposal, and he didn't believe that DOT was lying about its data. He believes the proposal will result in safer streets.

Jesse Berger spoke, thanking the Board and the members of DOT who are in attendance at the meeting. He believed he takes his life into his own hands every time he rides his bike on Amsterdam Avenue, and strongly supports the proposal.

Richard Fine argued that DOT did a thorough job, comparing the argument to climate change. He wants to see a civil, more predictable flow of traffic on the avenue.

Julie Leak argued against the overdevelopment in the neighborhood, and believes the protected lane on Columbus has not contributed to safety. She was particularly worried about the gridlock on the street, which she expected would worsen with the addition of a bike lane. On behalf of Batya Lewton, she questioned when an interest in the bike lane was properly addressed.

Susan Crawford spoke, arguing that the bike lane on Columbus was causing significant backup on the avenue. She believes that many of those who are in support of the bike lane are younger, and unaware of prior fights in the community regarding congestion within the community. She argued that the community should take a larger view of the problem, especially since it seems the Columbus Avenue lane is underused currently.

Beth Spergal, manager of Birdbath Bakery, spoke in support of bike use on the Upper West Side and in support of the proposal, as it would make travel safer in the district. She argued that the bike lanes would help her business, and not hurt it.

Jane Kenyon spoke, noting she was born on the Upper West Side, argued that Amsterdam was a very dangerous avenue to use as a biker. She argued as to why Amsterdam was a truck route, and why the West Side Highway wasn't being used for trucks.

Matthew Rothman spoke, asserting that safety could be increased by a better education campaign in the neighborhood. He also asked why the city doesn't give out helmets, as well as wondered about the logic about blocking the flow of traffic on Amsterdam.

Maggie Bradley spoke, and as a physical therapist she has worked on people hit by cars in the neighborhood. In particular, she argued that vehicle accidents do not discriminate based on background, and thinks that the proposal would help increase safety in the neighborhood citing to personal experience.

Daniel Hank spoke, and argued against the bike lanes because during the winter they are full of snow creating more traffic and more pollution. In addition, it will lead to more traffic tickets to residents. He argued that the street is the safest street in Manhattan.



Mendy Haskel spoke, arguing on behalf of members of his synagogue supporting the design as it will make the streets safer for the families that live in the neighborhood.

Martin Wallace spoke, noting that less than 20% of Manhattanites own a car. He believed that there are ways to address many of the concerns, and he argued that traffic calming would lead to safer streets.

Rita Callahan spoke, arguing that she lives on Amsterdam Highway, and she believed that she attended with an open mind. As a biker, she believed that having a return bike lane north on the avenue would lead to more bikers using both bike lanes.

The Chair read additional names into the record of people who came to speak who could not because of time limitations

The Board then commenced its discussion, and the Chair specifically asked for the Board to start with questions of fact on the proposal.

A concern was noted specifically in regards to restaurant bike users, which the DOT answered by citing to their commercial bike enforcement unit that ensures that cyclists are fully protected. A question was raised about how DOT looked at special businesses for carve outs, such as the Beacon Theater, and their unique needs. DOT noted that specific businesses should approach the DOT in case they have concerns about the redesign proposal, especially about the parking regulations on the corridor. A question was raised about the turning lanes, especially east-bound turning lanes. DOT noted that they have special treatments for east-bound lanes, and did take the concern into consideration.

A question was raised about senior citizens and how they fair in regards to the bike lane, especially asking about statistics in regards to safety for seniors and those with disabilities. DOT answered that in any redesign the streets are brought up to ADA standards, and that all projects are shared with the Mayor's Office for Persons with Disabilities. A question was raised about the ban on turning onto 91st Street, especially since it is a private commercial establishment. DOT noted that they were specifically asked to address that turn. A question was raised as to how much less traffic would be on Amsterdam, which DOT responded by noting that they only were making claims as to the reduction in delay on the avenue, and that the high volumes of traffic were still included in the model before the community.

A question was raised about the flow of cycle traffic north of 110th Street, especially once the street becomes a two-way avenue. DOT noted they have been studying the street north of 110th, but they do not have any specific current comments on the street. A question was raised asking what happens if the proposal doesn't help solve the problems along the avenue, and DOT noted they always engage with the community after changes are put in place. A question was asked about the double parked trucks along the avenue, and DOT noted that they expect the addition of loading zone will help reduce the amount of double parking along the avenue. A question was asked if there would be residential parking permits for the UWS, and DOT noted that there is no plan for parking permits on the UWS. A question was raised as to if the addition of a bike lane on the avenue would truly increase safety in the community, as well as about the reliability of the DOT numbers and statistics presented to the community. DOT argued that the bike lane is only a part of the project, and that many of the other additions were the actual parts of the plan that would increase safety.



A question was asked if there was any reduction in response times for emergency responders, as well as what would happen if it became necessary to evacuate the neighborhood. DOT noted that the bike lane can always be used for emergency responders, including fire trucks. A question was asked about vendors and their use of bikes in the neighborhood, about how DOT arrived at its numbers given the obvious congestion along the avenue, and if there was the ability to implement any plan citywide to reduce traffic. DOT answered that they didn't have an answer in regards to the vendors.

A question was asked about how DOT evaluated this plan, especially if DOT could do rolling evaluations of proposed plans to ensure maximum participation of those members of the community who are impacted by this plan. A question arose in regards to enforcement, asking how DOT could better enforce the laws currently in place along the avenue. Finally, a question was posed as to how this plan would impact other avenues and streets should this proposal be put into place. DOT noted that they can always engage with the community to build in continual monitoring of any proposed plans, including more frequent review of the project. A representative from the NYPD spoke as to enforcement, and noted that they cannot focus only on the avenue and must always patrol the entire precinct. Another question was raised as to enforcement, specifically as to bike deliveries at night when people fail to use lights at night. A question was raised about biking in other lanes on an avenue, when a bike lane is put in.

A question was raised about congestion, and would slower traffic lead to less congestion. DOT noted that the volume on the avenue drops significantly after 96th street. Another question was raised about safety, including the opportunity to push a button at the light to increase crossing time for seniors. DOT noted that they want to look over how bikers would have to cross the side of the street at 110th street. A question was raised as to the bike lanes on Columbus, and as to the amount of feedback that DOT has received from businesses on Columbus. In addition, it was asked about how much use the bike lane actually sees. DOT asserted that by having a northbound and southbound lane, more people would use the lanes. A question was raised about other communities experience with bike lanes. DOT noted that they always try to address community concerns across the city.

Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer was recognized, but ceded her ability to speak in order to give members of the Board more time to speak.

Shelly Fine introduced a substitute resolution, specifically because of supposed issues with the plan and concerns about the actual increase of safety under the plan. The substitute resolution was read into the record and distributed to the entire Board. It was argued that piecemeal work on building bike lanes across Manhattan should be done together and not separately across the entire island.

There was discussion among members of the Board, both in support and against the substitute resolution. There was a citation to prior resolutions calling for DOT to increase safety on the avenues. DOT specifically noted that they have certainly considered turning Columbus Avenue into a two-direction bike lane, and that they do not believe that it would increase safety in the neighborhood. There were comments that support the substitute resolution, especially since it isn't the bike lanes driving this project but community safety that should be paramount. It was added, that bicycling is a very cost-effective method of transportation.

There was significant discussion on both proposals among members of the Board, both for and against both of the proposals. There was a question regarding the number of traffic lanes on Amsterdam Avenue under the substitute resolution, which was answered with various options that would make it possible to make Amsterdam a three-lane street even under the substitute resolution. In addition, other options were posed that would accommodate a number of different ideas, without the creation of a new bike lane. It



was noted how important it is that the bike lane is wide enough for emergency vehicles, as well as the additional items within the proposal that increase safety aside from just the bike lane. It was noted about the importance of east-west travel within the district, and how east-west travel fits into the grand scheme and plan for transportation within the Upper West Side. There were additional comments about the process of how these proposals came before the Board.

Finally, DOT spoke against the substitute resolution that would allow for two-directional traffic on Columbus, especially because of the problem it would cause with signaling along the avenue.

After deliberation, the resolution to *approve* the substitute resolution **FAILED**: 15-28-1-0

Discussion continued on the original resolution, especially as to the validity of the poling and petitions that were submitted before the Board.

There was discussion of a friendly amendment that would reinforce collaborative enforcement and collaboration with the DOT within the resolution, which was accepted by the Chair, as follows:

Evaluation

The proposed changes to Amsterdam Avenue initiated by the Department of Transportation will create new impacts on residents, local businesses, bicylists, local and regional modes of transportation, and parking capacity. DOT and many others hope and predict that these changes, on the whole, will be positive,

It is essential, however, that these significant changes be monitored and evaluated periodically by DOT together with the community, as they are being put in place, so that emerging issues and problems can begin to be identified, addressed, and resolved early on in the transformation of this major avenue. Clearly, we recognize that these significant changes to Amsterdam Avenue can only be completely evaluated after many months of implementation, but a process of systematic and continuous communication and collaboration must be established immediately during this planning process and in the first phases of implementation.

Therefore, Community Board 7 urgently recommends that DOT work with Community Board Seven in the next two months to establish a collaborative monitoring and evaluation Neighborhood Task Force, which will meet regularly in the next year and which will report back to the community and CB7 every three months.

Enforcement

Enforcement of regulations are a key component of safety, good design, and public education for everyone. We strongly recommend that the 20th and 24th Police Precincts be an integral part of the planning and implementation of the redesign of Amsterdam Avenue in the next months and thereafter. In addition, depending on police priorities and needs, we recommend that police be included in the Amsterdam Avenue Neighborhood Evaluation Task Force.

Evaluation of Amsterdam Avenue Changes on North/ South Avenues in CB7

The changes in Amsterdam Avenue are likely to result in new patterns of usage, congestion and circulation on the adjacent avenues and street network in Community Board 7. Periodic observation, monitoring and reporting on avenues must be an integral part of DOT's work in the next months.

After deliberation, the resolution to *approve* the original resolution was adopted: 28-13-2-0

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee

Eric Shuffler and Blanche Lawton, Co-Chairpersons



2. PS 75/neighborhood construction concerns.

Community Comments:

- Emmari Gelman, PS75, spoke, arguing for the resolution especially given the safety concerns surrounding the project and its impact on the school. She argued that she believes this is a serious equity issue, especially for a school as diverse as PS 75.
- Renne Warsholsky Altholz, 711 WEA, Tenants' Action Group, spoke on behalf of 711 West End Avenue, arguing that the developers plan is very dangerous and that they have had extraordinary access to the city and its agencies.
- Sarah Eolin, PS75, spoke in support of the resolution, especially given the traffic issues that exist on the site given the current design of the construction project.

Board Discussion:

- A friendly amendment was proposed to move the clause about the Department of Environmental Protection to the front of the resolution. It was accepted as friendly.
- There was discussion about centralizing rules on school safety within the district, making the DOE responsible for site safety at schools in the district.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 42-0-0-0

Parks & Environment Committee

Klari Neuwelt, Chairperson

3. **Lincoln Center celebration of legends of the performing arts – interactive installation on Josie Robertson Plaza.**

The Chair presented the proposal.

Board Discussion:

- How are the names are chosen; how many are artists and how many are contributors? You do not have to be dead to be included in the selection process.
- Concern about the nominating process and how people are selected for the nominating committee.
- Discussion about the differences between the two proposals, especially about the committee's choice to not endorse either plan. Members of the committee spoke about the significant debate that occurred in the committee between the two plans and the choice not to endorse either proposal.

An amendment was proposed to express a preference for Plan B, or the use of the perimeter for the project.

After deliberation, the amendment to express a preference for Plan B **failed**: 8-23-3-1

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 30-5-1-2



4. **Proposed legislation regarding horse carriages in Central Park.**

The Chair indicated it was inappropriate to use City infrastructure for private industry, that the placement of the horses in the proposed stable was impracticable, that preventing pedicabs from picking up passengers south of 86th Street was impractical, and that the proposal was being inappropriately rushed.

There was discussion among the Board about the difference between the proposal and other private industry that can be found within the park, like Tavern on the Green.

After deliberation, the resolution to *approve the resolution to disapprove* was adopted: 37-2-2-0

Preservation Committee

Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

5. **277 West End Avenue, Apt #12B** (West 73rd Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement.

6. **2109 Broadway d/b/a Margot Patisserie** (West 73rd -74th Streets.) Application # 17-8369 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install signage.

7. **250 West 77th Street, Belleclaire Hotel** (Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for facade restoration.

8. **125 West 87th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear yard extension and roof top addition.

9. **140 West 87th Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Application #17-7943 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to restore the front façade and enlarge the rear façade window openings at the basement and first floor.

The Chairs briefly discussed the proposals, and noted no opposition within the committee to the proposals.

After deliberation, the resolution to *approve the bundled proposals numbered 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9* was adopted: 35-0-0-0 (EXCEPT #8 which was *approved* 34-1-0-0)

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

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

- **420 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street) Olma Lounge LLC, d/b/a Olma Caviar Boutique & Lounge.
- **483 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd Street) LVSS Inc., d/b/a Bellini. (Wine & Beer to Full Liquor license.)
- **573 Columbus Avenue** (West 88th Street) Bodega 88 LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.
- **949 Columbus Avenue** (West 107th Street) P&N Development LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

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

11. Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications:

- **2020 Broadway** (West 69th 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.



- **267 Columbus Avenue** (West 72nd – 73rd 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.
- **313 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 75th 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.
- **173 West 78th 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.
- **442 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st - 82nd 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.
- **475 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd 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.
- **2340 Broadway** (West 85th 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.
- **658 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd 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.

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

12. Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications for Disapproval:

- **61 Columbus Avenue** (West 62nd 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.
- **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75th 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.
- **2315 Broadway** (West 84th 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.
- **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd – 93rd 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.

After deliberation, the resolution to *disapprove* was adopted: 33-0-0-0

13. **2636 Broadway** (West 100th Street.) New application/Change of ownership #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.

After deliberation, the resolution to *disapprove without prejudice* was adopted: 30-4-0-1

After motion, the Chair called the meeting closed at 11:08PM.



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



**Community Board 7/Manhattan
Transportation Committee Minutes
February 9, 2016**

Present: Andrew Albert,

Dan Zweig, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Marc Glazer, Richard Robbins, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **Board Members:** Miki Figel and Lillian Moore.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

1. Ascension School playstreet – W107 between Broadway and Amsterdam Ave
Report of times when barricades are left unattended. Report that DOT Manhattan Borough Commissioner agreed to reopen analysis to consider using W108 St for the playstreet.
There are 3 times as many residents on W107 St as on W108 St.

2. M5 Bus route – Discussion of plan to split the M5 bus into two separate routes. The original presented plan indicated a split in the north south route at 37th St. Due to extreme traffic delays along the route and the length of the route, Buses are often late – many times an hour late or more completing their route. Often buses are turned around to fill in gaps in service prior to completing their route reducing service to other parts of the route. Though, in concept, consensus was in full support of a split to improve service, there was varied opinion as to where the route should be divided, how much overlap there should be between the two resulting segments, and whether a 3 legged transfer could be implemented for those who were losing a single seat ride. A resolution in support of the split which asks MTA Transit to look further to possibly making the split at 23rd or 14th St rather than 37th St, consider overlapping service on part of Fifth and Sixth Ave, and consider a special transfer solution as part of this route change, is attached. Resolution to be voted on by committee before full board meeting in March.

Reso:

The following facts were taken into consideration:

The M5 is the longest bus route in Manhattan, extending from 178th Street to South Ferry, utilizing some of the most traffic-jammed streets and avenues in the borough, and

Because the bus so frequently suffers extensive traffic delays, it is routinely turned back northbound far short of its southern terminus, resulting in less frequent and less reliable service on the southern portion of the route and big gaps in service on the northern parts of the route, and

Because it is in the public interest to have frequent, reliable bus service for as many riders as possible which takes them where they need to go,

BE IT RESOLVED that CB#7 approves of the splitting of the M5 route to improve service along this route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CB#7 believes that splitting the route at 37th St/Fifth Avenue would inconvenience many riders coming from Northern Manhattan to Fifth Avenue south of 37th St, resulting in a two-seat ride to their destinations, rather than the existing one-seat ride. CB#7 recommends that NYC Transit split the route at either 23rd Street or preferably 14th Street, perhaps including some overlap in the



northern and southern portions of the split, which would take into account the destinations of many of the riders coming from both the northern & southern parts of the route.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the CB#7 recommends implementation of a 3-legged transfer to other buses along the route for those passengers on these routes who now need to transfer to other buses to complete their previously one seat ride to their destination.

3. Update of crash data – 20th Precinct representative was not available; will come in March. Rich Robbins presented a breakout of CB7 district crash data using the online data available from NYPD covering the period from July 2012 to Feb 5, 2016. The breakout was helpful to be able to picture those intersections which have the most crashes and most injuries, including those with the most pedestrian injuries. More information is desired at key locations to explain more about what types of crashes these incidents are and to determine what kinds of solutions might be most appropriate to address the counted dangers. Going forward, members of the committee will go out to some high crash-prone spots near their homes to make an eyes-on inspection of the locations and report back to the committee. There was varied opinion on whether there was enough supporting evidence from the data presented to support the identification of troublesome corridors for corridor based conclusions and solutions, but the identification of key intersections was deemed helpful and very well presented.

4. Past CB7 Requests for Action to DOT – establishing current prioritization - With a summary of 22 past requests pending response or action from DOT having been sent to DOT in the middle of 2015, it was time to review and establish some current priorities for these items. A list of the most crucial items was established by the committee as follows:

- a. Allow exiting southbound Henry Hudson Parkway traffic to exit at 96th St, as well as 95th Street. Explore idea of having 95th St exit for Riverside Drive traffic only.
- b. Stop here signs and regulation on left hand turns from Broadway across the malls at all left hand turn locations.
- c. Northbound West End Ave at 72nd St – there is a left turn green arrow – conflict with pedestrians – need a left turn red arrow to allow pedestrians to safely cross.
- d. 60th and Broadway – traffic/pedestrian conflicts.
- e. 65th and Central Park West – Northbound Central Park West traffic turning right onto Eastbound transverse has continual dangerous pedestrian conflicts.
- f. Up to the minute more detailed information on crashes.
- g. Change traffic signals at 97th & West End & 96th/West End so cars making the light at 97th cannot speed to 96th St & turn west on 96th Street to the HHP.
- h. Install dedicated turn signal for left turns from southbound Riverside Drive to eastbound 95th St.
- i. Remove 30mph signs from Riverside Drive & install 25mph along all sections of the Drive.
- j. Columbus Avenue loading zones.

5. New Business -

- a. Look at whether cameras can be used to gather information about traffic and operator behavior for informational purposes and not be subject to limitations applied to those used directly for ticketing.
- b. See how information from Nelson Nygaard studied intersections might be applied to those showing as most dangerous in the crash data.



- c. Mass transit is extremely important to seniors and mobility challenged people – especially the movement and frequency of buses for those unable to navigate the stairs to the subway. Trips on the M7 and M11 have slowed considerably in recent times as have trips on other bus routes. It is a self-defeating process in which less reliable and less speedy travel result in less travel by those who would otherwise use this mass transit, and cutbacks making the situation worse occur for economic reasons. Need interest group for mass transit to push for mass transit movement based solutions.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm.



Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
February 10, 2016

The Chairs called the meeting to order after quorum was confirmed at 7:03 PM.

The Chairs wanted to make a note to ask the office to do a follow up on the restaurant at 80th Street and Riverside Drive; did the SLA approve their application?

Also, Marc Glazer announced that DOT is installing a protected bike lane at Amsterdam Avenue, reducing the traffic lanes from 4 to 3.

Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. **2170-2178 Broadway** (West 77th Street) NY Broadway Hotel Owner LLC, d/b/a NYLO New York City/LOCL

Bar.

Alexander Victor (212-486-6000) and Brett Matteson were present for the applicant.

New owner, no changes were presented.

*After due deliberation the resolution for a liquor license application was **approved**: 5-0-1-0*

2. **795 Columbus Avenue** (West 99th Street) Columbia Village LLC, d/b/a Bareburger.

Frank Palillo and Michael Pitsinos were present for the applicant.

This was a change to a full liquor license, and the Chairs asked the applicant to submit postings list as required.

*After due deliberation the resolution for a liquor license application was **approved**: 5-0-1-0*

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications:

3. **61 Columbus Avenue** (West 62nd 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.

Jay Holmes Doug Grebble appeared for the applicant.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 6-0-0-0*

4. **249 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st -72nd Streets.) Renewal application #1103658-DCA to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by CMR, Corp., d/b/a Ella NYC, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 19 seats.

Robert Callahan appeared for the applicant.

The applicant was asked if the establishment was ADA accessible. He answered that there is a step into the restaurant but that they put out a ramp for accessibility, and that it is fully accessible inside.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 6-0-0-0*

5. **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75th 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.

Lawrence Peace appeared for the applicant.

It was noted that the establishment has been in operation for over 30 years.



*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 6-0-0-0*

6. **2315 Broadway** (West 84th 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.

Robert Guarino appeared for the applicant.

Councilmember Rosenthal has received complaints about the restaurant, including a broken sidewalk and dirty tree planters. George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero called several times and finally talked with the owner who indicated that the sidewalk repairs will happen this March (and it is the responsibility of the landlord) and that he will provide copies of the permits for the work.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved** with the stipulation that a copy of the permits will be provided by March 1st (in time for the Full Board meeting) with a declaration as to when the repairs of the sidewalk will start: 6-0-0-0*

7. **517 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street.) Renewal application #0812902-DCA to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by Re Spec Corp., d/b/a Jackson Hole, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 25 tables and 48 seats.

Demetri Kalogeras appeared for the applicant.

They have 3 delivery bicycles. The Committee wanted them to be aware that the restaurant name should be always be prominently displayed on the delivery person's vest. He advised us that in the vicinity of the block, since maybe 3 or 4 months ago, it is all commercial parking only until 4pm, and he has noticed that it has had a negative effect on their business.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 6-0-0-0*

8. **584 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 88th - 89th Streets.) Renewal application #1247422-DCA to the Department

of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Rest. Corp., d/b/a Bodrum, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

Huseyin Ozer appeared for the applicant.

The Committee asked the applicant about the use of the cart on the outside of the restaurant and whether it was part of the café plan. The applicant noted that it holds fire wood for the wood stove.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved**: 6-0-0-0*

9. **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd – 93rd 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.

Ephraim Nagar appeared for the applicant.

The applicant noted they are usually closed for lunch during the wintertime, as well as that they do not deliver.



*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved:** 6-0-0-0*

10. 732 Amsterdam Avenue (West 96th Street.) Renewal application #1138270-DCA to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by Le-Se Amsterdam 732 Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Dive Bar, for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats.

Lee Seinfeld appeared for the applicant.

They do not deliver food.

*After due deliberation the Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal application was **approved:** 6-0-0-0*

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café

11. 452 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd Street.) New application #457-2016-ASWC to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by PB Wealth, Inc., d/b/a Senn Thai Comfort Food, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Prasneeya Praditpoj and Robert Callahan appeared for the applicant.

They do not deliver with Grubhub or Seamless. They have 3 bicycles for delivery, with 2 spares.

They agreed to maintain the tree in the immediate area of the cafe.

*After due deliberation the New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café application was **approved:** 6-0-0-0*

12. 2665 Broadway (West 101st & 102nd Street.) New application #16845-2015-ASWC to the Department of

Consumer Affairs by R. Harris Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Schatzie Prime Meats, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

Andrew Caraballo and Richard Schatz appeared for the applicant.

They will manage any noise produced by the sidewalk café. It is a butcher store with a burger restaurant.

*After due deliberation the New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café application was **approved:** 6-0-0-0*

After a motion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.



Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
February 11, 2016

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7, Manhattan, met on Thursday, February 11, 2016, at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street, in the District. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Jay Adolf, Gabrielle Palitz, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel.

The following matters were considered and actions taken:

252 West 71st Street (Amsterdam Avenue-West End Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Committee for a rooftop addition, a vertical addition to previous rear addition, new windows on front and rear facades, and rear façade renovation.

Presentation by Thomas Vail, RA, and Federico Zimmerman, Vail Associates

- Three-story building built in 1892. One of group of nine brownstones in midblock closer to WEA. Second of five brownstones at west end of group, probably built by same architect, Thom & Wilson.
- Single-family dwelling to be expanded by family.
- Front façade: Oriel window on second story; sunburst pediment on third story.
- 1939 tax photo shows three over two/one window arrangement on second and third stories, front.
- Bracketed terra cotta Spanish-style tile overhang at roof of 252 and 254.
- Existing glass greenhouse in rear.

Front Façade – Proposed Work

- The three original wood three over two/one double-hung windows on third floor will be replicated replacing the one/one arrangement from prior alteration. Existing glass in three windows in oriel window on second floor to remain as double-hung one/one. Window frames will be painted black.
- The red brick façade is painted white. It will be repaired where necessary and repainted white.

Rear facade – Proposed Work

- Downsize the greenhouse and move it back approx. five feet with permanent roof that will be a terrace outside the parlor floor dining room with new metal stair down to garden. Remaining five foot greenhouse structure with glass roof is permitted obstruction in required 30 foot rear yard.
- Existing window opening at parlor floor to be enlarged and replaced with French doors (to terrace). Existing stained glass transom to remain. Metal railing at edge of terrace.
- Existing window opening at basement level in rear addition to be enlarged and replaced with French doors to garden. Existing lintel to remain.
- Brick corbelling details at top of rear façade will be retained, detail to be added to top of new bathroom extension facades.
- Existing window opening in rear addition at parlor floor to be reduced. Replaced with casement windows with transom. Existing lintel to remain. Existing metal balcony to be removed.
- Construction of third floor vertical addition atop rear addition to house new bathroom. Outside wall set back to allow required 30 foot rear yard. Existing door and window to be removed and replaced with three picture windows to feature existing brick wall behind which will remain.



- Two-tier metal fence (43”) at edge of third floor balcony (outside bathroom) to remain. Lower tier of fence to be model for shorter railings at new terrace created at fourth floor from new bathroom addition and rooftop addition. *These plans did not show replication of original spear points and the Committee strongly urged that this detail be included in the fences at the fourth floor and the rooftop addition.*
- Existing decorative corbels at parlor and second floor rear façade to remain.
- Existing white paint will be removed to expose red brick cladding.
- All existing windows in existing openings to remain.
- All new windows and French doors to be aluminum, with single, undivided panes to match existing panes. All window frames will be painted black. All existing windows in existing openings to remain.

Fourth Floor Rooftop Addition – Proposed Work

- Rooftop addition will be 850 square feet and ten feet tall. It cannot be seen from the street.
- It will be set back 15 feet from the front building line; in the rear it will be set back 30” to align with the fourth floor addition at 254 West 71st Street.
- It will be clad in brownstone-colored stucco at front and side facades, with small pitched copper-clad front façade element. Square bulkhead on roof will be brownstone-colored stucco. Rear facade to be clad in new common brick to match brick cladding at rear façade and addition below. Existing terra cotta tiles at roof line to remain.
- New air conditioning equipment to be located on roof of rooftop addition, concealed behind new parapet walls.
- New French doors to terrace at rear and one double-hung window –black aluminum. New stone lintels. The French doors would have muntins. *The Committee pointed out that no other windows in the rear had muntins and asked that the design for the French doors be modified and the muntins removed so that the new doors are similar to all other undivided fenestration throughout the rear façade. The applicant agreed to this change.*

There was no public comment.

Resolution to approve provided the muntins in the French doors in the roof addition are removed.

VOTE: 5-0-0-0, Calendared at LPC March 1, 2016.

66 West 84th Street, dba Vin Sur Vingt (Columbus Avenue). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Committee to replace the storefront and install a retractable awning and a mini split system.

Presentation by Rakesh Chandiramani, GVI Hospitality, Owner; Chi F. Lau, Architect and Sonny Li, Project Manager

- Wine bar with light bistro food
- Fourth location in City; other locations on West 11th Street, Broadway and 26th Street and the food court at the Plaza Hotel.
- Building is on the SE corner of Broadway and 84th Street.
- Entire storefront to be painted black.

Proposed Work

- Entire existing aluminum storefront panels and rolldown gates to be removed. Attach four new gooseneck lamps to signband to be painted white. Lighting to be white to match wall surface. Lamps will shine ambient light on the awnings and give a presence on the side street.
- Three outdoor wall sconces to be installed on pilasters at both ends of exterior and to the west of the entry door. Bronze color.



- New aluminum window and door units to be installed within two existing openings, with recessed panel details at lower sections of doors. New wood paneling with similar molding detail to be installed over pilaster and below windows.
- French doors will have a metal panel at the base painted to match the adjoining wood panels.
- New retractable awning to extend across entire storefront. Awning to be cream and pale green stripes, with signage on front skirt. Additional signage limited to decal on door.
- No split-system air conditioning was shown.

There was no public comment.

Resolution to approve the storefront design and retractable awning, as presented.

VOTE: 5-0-0-0, Calendared at LPC February 16, 2016.



**Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Elizabeth Caputo Chairperson
February 16, 2016**

After quorum was verified the meeting started at 6:32pm

Elizabeth Caputo commented on tonight's agenda. Our next Full Board meeting will be at Goddard Riverside. She also congratulated everyone on his or her demeanor at the last Full Board meeting.

1. Discussion of Upcoming Spring Events.

There are a few important spring meetings coming up, and Madelyn Innocent commented on the next NYCHA Task Force Meeting on February 24 at the Children's Aid Society.

2. Minutes Discussion – Communications (Su, Linda)

Elizabeth Caputo would like to see a system where each committee chair assigns someone different to take minutes, and each committee should have everyone take minutes at least twice per year. Suzanne Robotti and Linda Alexander presented a minute's outline template for everyone to use. Gabrielle Palitz commented that she already does this with the Preservation Committee. Jay Adolf also mentioned that they schedule members for site visits by geographic area. Linda commented that everyone should be able to write minutes. They can use the outline. Also, ideally, the minutes should be finished one week after the meeting.

Andrew Albert asked if the impetus is because some minutes are not being submitted, or because they are poorly written. Linda answered yes to both; some are so poorly written that the CB7 office has to spend time "deciphering" the minutes. We are trying to simplify the process of writing minutes.

Page Cowley commented that for the Land Use Committee she always likes to acknowledge the participants because they worked hard at the meeting, especially public members. Linda acknowledged that this is a guideline and you can use individual discretion.

Elizabeth acknowledged that this is a great template. Elizabeth asked Penny Ryan if this is a problem, to which Penny acknowledged that some members turn in the materials late, sometimes the day of the FB meeting.

Gabrielle asked if an outline can be written for resolutions as well. Penny loved the idea. Dan Zweig offered that there should be a different deadline for resolutions. Penny answered that it is the Friday before the FB meeting and also that they should be ready earlier to allow the public time to comment on the resolution prior to the FB meeting.

Klari Neuwelt commented that the template should include a line indicating when the meeting has been adjourned. She also thought that it was our custom not to release a resolution until Penny sends them around to other board members. She asked if it can be done differently. Jay



commented that sometimes they had to write the resolution quickly because the city Landmarks Commission meets every Tuesday and does not wait for FB meetings. Klari asked if it is possible to share the resolution with specific people before giving it to Penny. Jay suggested keeping it in-house and distributing through Penny. Elizabeth thought that it could be too much for Penny. Penny asked if we should post them on the website 10 days before the Full Board meeting. Gaby asked if a piecemeal approach is a problem. Page asked if it is OK for the Land Use Committee to write DRAFT across their resolutions because if the press or lawyers see it before it is final they can take it as holy word. It was commented that a disclaimer can be added because it is a committee resolution.

Elizabeth summarized that we are in agreement on the template and the timing to get resolutions in to Penny (the Wednesday before a full board meeting).

Linda stated that this is a work in progress that we can review it as we go along.

- 2B. Elizabeth congratulated Page Cowley, Mel Wymore and Mark Diller for their recent work at the City Council's MIH & ZQA Public Hearings.

Page mentioned that Elizabeth made it possible for them to represent CB7 at the hearings. Also, that different councilmembers would stop to talk to them, and the group was able to present 3 points about MIH & ZQA that the City Council agreed that they needed work. Councilmember Helen Rosenthal got the group into the hearings and kept them informed throughout as to status of the hearings.

Elizabeth commented that CB7 likes to talk with individual members of the city council to explain to them our stance on MIH & ZQA. Page collected business cards of activists that can talk with all of the community boards about this and it was suggested that the city council should hold some MIH & ZQA public hearings in the evenings.

3. Spring MBP Interns and Committee Needs.

The Manhattan Borough President has a group of College Fellows interested in working with community boards. They have nine 3 member undergraduate teams to work on IT. They are coming to evaluate the CB7 office to see if it is friendly to the community. This may happen February 25th or February 26th, and then they will make a recommendation to CB7.

4. CB7 Applications – Committee Needs

DNAInfo wrote an article that stated that CB7 was second only to CB10 in numbers of first time applicants. We expect to have 5 or 6 vacancies.

Michele Parker commented that the BCI Committee needs an architect. Linda mentioned that we only have 2 small business owners among all board members.

Page commented that the Land Use Committee will like to have an engineer, since technical issues are becoming more complicated. She also mentioned that Board-wide we need someone with expertise on safety.



Madelyn Innocent agreed that the Housing Committee also needs some expertise.

Elizabeth commented that we all need to recruit people for the Board. She also commented that we cannot recommend particular individuals, but can request type of individuals based on need.

Elizabeth mentioned that she has been asked to submit attendance records of members applying for reappointment; attendance is not the only criteria for reappointment and there is a screening panel that asks what your status is in relation to the board.

When asked about members on leave of absence, Elizabeth said that both Matthew Holtzman and Lillian Moore are back from leave; and that Rita Genn may be taking a second leave of absence.

Penny Ryan stated that Rita never took a leave of absence. It was commented that we had previously approved a leave of absence for Rita. Elizabeth wanted to make sure that Rita be notified that she is currently on a second leave of absence, and that she needs to decide to return active status on March 1st or step down.

To make it official Elizabeth requested that we should vote to retroactively approve leave of absences for Rita from September – December 2015, and January – March 2016.

*After deliberation, the resolution to retroactively **approve** Rita Genn's leaves of absence was adopted:*

Committee Members: 14-0-0-0

Non-committee Members: 3-0-0-0

5. March Full Board meeting Agenda review

It was reported that the Land Use Committee joint session item on February's agenda was moved to the Land use Committee's March meeting.

It was commented that people liked the design for 1991 Broadway. The design team got a bonus for doing this redesign, which includes retail and entertainment venues, and a carousel.

It was agreed that for the next Full Board meeting the Land Use Committee will present first, followed by the Transportation Committee, then the BCI Committee, followed by the Preservation Committee.

The next Steering Committee meeting may happen April 19th or April 25th.

6. Committee and Working Group/Task Force updates - reports



Madelyn commented that Mo George has been invited to talk about NYCHA at the next Task Force meeting.

7. New Business

Audrey Isaacs is working with Page Cowley and Richard Asche and will present a program in April "Zoning, Planning and Land Use," to explain how the Land Use Committee works, lessons learn, etc. Eventually, Audrey plans to do a similar program for each committee.

Kenneth Coughlin commented that he was disturbed that the DOT was accused of providing false numbers at the last Full Board meeting and that the Board should call people out on when we believe they are lying. It was commented that we cannot control what the public says and that it is not our responsibility to question the validity of public comments. Audrey commented that the behavior of the public at the last FB meeting was horrific, whether they were in favor or against the resolution. Elizabeth commented that CB7 is happy with the outcome of the Amsterdam Avenue resolution. Michele Parker commented that maybe the DOT chose CB7 first because we are the harder one to convince and that they are welcome to do a presentation at a BCI committee meeting in the future.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm



**Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2016**

The Land Use Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chairs Richard Asche and Page Cowley. The meeting was concluded at approximately 8:30 pm.

Committee Members Attending:

Richard Asche, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Sheldon J. Fine, Jeanette Rausch, Peter Samton, Ethel Sheffer, Howard Yaruss.

The following matters were discussed and actions taken:

1. **1991 Broadway** (West 67th-68th Streets) aka the Bel Canto .Application to the Department of City Planning for the renovation of the Public Plaza at 1991 Broadway.

The project is the redesign of a covered plaza, one of four "Privately Owned Public Spaces" (POPS) within the Special Lincoln Square District, only two retail food. The other covered plazas are: 2 Lincoln Square American Folk Art (museum), One Harkness Plaza and David Rubenstein Atrium, formerly the Harmony Atrium (discount tickets, performance space and Chef Tom Colicchio's 'Whichcraft Cafe.

This is a Department of City Planning Special Permit modification for renovation of the POS for use as a restaurant, The Sugar Factory, and seating area with a small carousel for children. This is a preliminary review Pre-Certification by the Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation.

The project was presented by Douglas L. Ray, Counsel for Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation; Melanie Sesser, Marketing Director, Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation; Barry Lustig, Senior, Vice President, Ashkenazy Acquisition Corporation; and Raquel Ramati, President of Raquel Ramati Associates, urban planner / designer for the project.

The project has not been certified by the Department of City Planning, so there is no action to take only comments will be forward to the applicant at this stage. The following is a list of suggestions that the Land Use Committee compiled.

1. Signage:

- Signs announcing the POPS should include advice that purchase of food or drink is not a requirement for using the space and that the public space is not a "food court."
- Directional signs in the space pointing to the publicly available rest rooms.
- The exterior vertical blade signs should be more that colored circles (which resemble the subway logo / signage)
- Sign indicating operation of the carousel.



- Signage that clearly states that the space is open to the public needs to include words as well as the “tree” symbol, perhaps as at other spaces where the signage is etched as a band across the glass doors.
 - Pet Friendly, if permissible under food establishment laws.
2. Flooring:
 - The choice of materials and coloring of the flooring should, to the extent possible, create the impression of continuity between the outside sidewalk and the POPS.
 - After certification, we would expect to see a sample of the proposed flooring and any design or pattern that you may introduce.
 3. Accessibility:
 - The entrance should contain an ADA pad-type opening device enabling disabled individuals to access the space.
 - At least some of the tables and chairs should be of a height and configuration which allows for use by wheelchair-bound individuals.
 - *"Universal Design"* should be considered for the plaza as this criteria is now being adopted in public parks, playgrounds and schools.
 - ADA access should also be considered for the carousel as well (the Central Park Carousel, admittedly larger, does have a space for those not able to straddle a horse and can wheel into the back of a horse-drawn cart).
 4. Connectivity:
 - The space should contain sufficient electrical outlets to enable users to plug in laptops and other devices, and should provide free wifi.
 5. Lighting:
 - The space should contain lower level lighting supplemented by other types of lighting to showcase plantings and other wall-mounted features, with the exception of the western wall that will have live digital pictures displayed.
 - Other types of lighting to consider are in-ground floor lighting at the perimeter and around the carousel.
 6. Foliage:
 - Because of its height the space requires taller plantings in addition to shrubs and potted plants. Bamboo or other hardy greenhouse-type trees should be considered.
 7. Entrance doors:
 - The entrance doors should be replaced so that some of the door openings can form a larger single opening, either by sliding or folding door panels that can be pushed aside during temperate months.
 8. Glazing and window placement:
 - Windows mullions at the clerestory and at the sloping glazing should align with the door frames below.
 9. Other Amenities that we suggest are:
 - Drinking fountain provided.
 - Notice Board or an electronic bulletin board or similar apparatus should be provided to advise users of community events.



- Appropriate Music during certain times when the carousel is in operation (not all committee members agreed)
- 10. Environmental & Maintenance:
 - Trash and recycling: There should be an abundance of large trash receptacles and recycling bins.
 - The replacement floor surface should be able to be hosed down.
 - Disposal food and beverage containers offered by the tenant, *The Sugar Factory*, in the space, should be recyclable, or reused and re-used.
 - Acoustic treatment should be considered on the ceiling in the form of baffles or slats to improve both noise control and ceiling appearance.
- 11. Interior wall finishes & Wall Art:
 - The design for wall art on the south wall should be modified so as not to resemble MYA/ NYTC identification circles,
 - The brick wall should remain a prominent feature of the space.
- 2. *Postponed to March 16, location to be announced*
Joint with Transportation, Health & Human Services, and Housing Committees.

Discussion with West Side Senior and Supportive Housing on preliminary plans for the 108th Street development (the north side of West 108th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues.) The proposal is to raze the current building which houses Valley Lodge Transitional Shelter program and replace it with a new Valley Lodge together with permanent supportive housing as well as affordable housing for families and older adults. Both the NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) and the NY Department of City Planning (DCP) are willing to dispose of the City-owned garages to WSFSSH for the purpose of this development.

3. Other

Page Cowley reported on certain decisions made by the Steering Committee with regards to standardization of Meeting Minutes. Linda Alexander and Su Robotti have been working on a Meeting Minute Template that would format, at a minimum, key information that would be similar for all standing committees. Each committee would be able to tailor the content to suit the work of the specific committee. This set of Land Use Committee Minutes follows these recommendations.

Also recommended at Steering is the rotation of the record of the Committee Meeting. For the Land Use Committee each month has been assigned, alphabetically by last name, to a committee member.

Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley.

Health & Human Services Committee
Catherine DeLazzero and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons
February 23, 2016

Present: Madge Rosenberg, Catherine DeLazzero, Christian Cordova, Robert Espier, Audrey Isaacs and Genora Johnson. **Board Members:** Mark Diller and Sonia Garcia.

SENIOR SERVICES PANEL

After quorum was verified the meeting started at 6:31pm.

Genora Johnson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and asking them to introduce themselves. It was said that every panel member would have 8 minutes to talk.

1. Traci DiGesu, MSW, Seniors Program Volunteer, Activities Coordinator; THE ACTORS FUND OF AMERICA

- Senior program provides crisis management, social isolation intervention, HIV services and addiction and recovery services.
- Income gap in Hells Kitchen & UWS makes funding difficult. Amidst affluence there are low income seniors, especially as number of seniors is increasing.
- According to AARP 90% of seniors want to age in place safely and comfortably, but in NYC more seniors are disconnected from services or have less family support. Many don't have any family or children. 14% of seniors think they will need support. The need for funding increases as the percent of seniors increases.

2. Patricia Peterson, LCSW; HARTLEY HOUSE/ HOME OUTREACH PROGRAM FOR ELDERS

- Program connects at-risk older adults with comprehensive case management that allow them to stay in their own homes: assessment and apply for SCRIE, Medicaid, Meals on Wheels, SNAP, Assess-a-Ride, formal money management, Social Security, eviction protection, emergency cash to last till the end of the month, dealing with early stages of Alzheimers, mental health support, help with hoarding and bugs.
- Refer mental health needs to St. Lukes Geriatric Psychology Clinic, which makes house calls.

Needs: More social workers in senior centers.

Clean up and de-hoarding before treatment for bedbug infestation.

Delivery of books from NYC Pubic Library to the homebound.

3. Sherry Cranmer, LCWS, Director of Clinical & Social Services; WEST SIDE FEDERATION OF SENIOR AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

- WSFSSH houses 800 low income seniors in four apartment buildings and a shelter for mentally ill seniors. All have supportive services, social workers and some have meals.
- Due to the need for affordable housing the waiting list is so long that it is closed.
- WSFSSH's Red Oak brings isolated seniors from other buildings to their senior center.
- Medicaid Redesign has changed for the worse the old system of shared home attendants. Now there are too many agencies involved and reduction in hours of home care. The constant threat of cuts in number of attendants needed to monitor medication will result in more emergency room visits.
- Need more creative ways to get mentally ill out of shelter to better housing with supports.

Needs: Hoarding and bed bugs place housing in jeopardy in private buildings too.

Case management, mental health and entitlement services through senior centers needed to prevent eviction of seniors in private buildings.

4. Micki Navarro, MSW, Director; THE CENTER AT THE RED OAK

- Since August 1st, 2015 Red Oak and WSFSSH have been a presence at Douglass Houses.
- They provide social, physical, and emotional health services to seniors from 20 cultural backgrounds. There are 33 new Korean members helped by a Hunter College student translator.
- At Red Oak there is a hairdresser, computer center, conference room, dining room with a patio and rose garden, commercial size kitchen with a chef, a 10 passenger van with parking space, case management and 31 volunteers from their membership plus staff funded by DFTA.
- Membership of 1119 is mostly Latino.
- WSFSSH supports a dietitian to help with diabetes and high blood pressure. DFTA funds weekend meals. Volunteers help in the kitchen.
- People need to keep learning in this home away from home.

Douglass Senior Center Social Club

- They have expanded membership from 25 members to 70 members.
- It only has three rooms.
- It is known for its ceramic work (fine example shown.)
- They will also have movies, chigong, nutrition, photography, drug counseling, reading & writing.
- It does not have a DFTA funded meal program. At times meals are brought over from Red Oak and other times the members are brought over to Red Oak for meals.

Needs: Renovation and outreach for Douglass Center.

Another case manager and computers.

Three meals a day and fitness.

5. Marcia Mason, LMSW, Program Director; GODDARD RIVERSIDE SENIOR CENTER

- 1500 members.
- Members are offered choice of \$2.00 hot lunch or salad bar.
- Bingo with breakfast.
- Center offers Zumba, tai chi, social worker, eviction prevention, hoarding help, art, quilting, poetry. Telephone assurance and referral to Meals on Wheels, volunteer lawyers.
- DFTA funds Medicaid and Medicare counseling.

6. Ellen Finney, LMSW, Community Outreach; DOROT, INC.

- Dorot started with friendly visits by Columbia students.
- They serve isolated and active seniors. Volunteers make appointments with seniors to take them on errands (last year they helped 14 seniors to doctor's appointments.) They make birthday visits. Visits help prevent social isolation and notification of needs.
- Teens teach seniors chess. University without Walls offers 100 classes free or for \$15.00.
- Kosher meals are delivered to 135 senior.
- They offer emergency housing to 16 people.
- Their hotline will connect people in crisis to the correct agencies for help.

Needs: Homeless prevention programs.
Transportation that is better than Access-A-Ride.

7. Verna V. Arthur, MS, Manhattan Community Outreach Director; **NYC DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING**

- Goals of DFTA are empowerment, independence, safety and quality of life for older adults through collaboration and partnership with community agencies.
- DFTA funds two innovative senior centers, one for visually handicapped and SAGE for LGBT community and six regular centers in our community. DFTA funds home delivered meals and case management. Meals can be delivered “on call.”
- The work with the Mayor’s Office to combat domestic violence to advocate for elder crime victims.
- They have trained volunteers to help with bill paying.
- They promote senior employment.
- DFTA supports funds for NORCs in CB7.
- State Office for Aging supervises DFTA’s annual report and plan.
- Local Law: Social adult day program overseen by DFTA with funds from City Council.

8. Joanne Gray, MSW, Director of Social Services; **LINCOLN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER**

- LSNC and Goddard Riverside have merged. It is a hybrid Senior Center and NORC for seniors from West 59th – 72nd streets on the Upper West Side. They have three social workers; serve lunch (most proudly fish on Fridays) and offer entertainment, exercise and wellness. They respond to cultural differences, keep it fun, and make people want to get up in the morning.
- LSNC serves the 13 buildings of Amsterdam Houses with 800 seniors. Of that number, 400 use the center. Outreach is underway.
- Needed repairs to elevators are a problem especially for seniors.
- They have begun a 9 Miles Per Hour Club for many seniors over 90 years old.
- Younger generation needs better prep for retirement.

Needs: UJA - United Neighborhood Houses funding is stagnant.
Need more funds for NORC.
Need volunteers to visit seniors.

5. Karlene Clarke, LCWS, Program Director; **GODDARD RIVERSIDE HOT DELIVERED MEALS**

- Serves seniors homebound living alone from West 60th – 110th streets.
- More healthy meals result in fewer visits to the hospital.
- Clients for meals by case managers from Dorot, Red Oak and other agencies. More intense work provides meals in crisis situations.
- They arrange for emergency grant money for rent, medical bills and other emergencies.
- Of their 600 clients, some are cognitively impaired.
- They confront hoarding.
- AARP cited UWS as one of the more senior friendly neighborhoods in the city and the nation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Hoarding

- Friendly visits are not always safe because of hoarding. At Penn South renovation costs increased by many millions due to hoarding.
- It cost more than \$4000.00 for Actors Fund to clean out one apartment.
- Landlords evict people because of hoarding.
- But no one can be forced to get rid of possessions. There needs only be a path to bring in a gurney.
- Long term care programs are needed to overcome this problem.

Baseline funding for Senior Centers

Mark Diller

- DFTA center funding is not baselined.
- Every year Council funding restoration is needed. We need baseline funding to plan for year to year services.

Patricia Peterson

- Funding stream is by zip code. How do we keep from losing funds because of gentrification?
- Hell's Kitchen lost funding because of high income in area, while low income seniors are still in need. Settlement Houses don't know how they will be funded.

Need for compassionate task for the isolated elderly and the resources to fund it.

David Reich, BLOOMINGDALE AGING IN PLACE

- Neighbors helping neighbors, from W 96th – 110th streets.
- 50 groups all run by volunteer neighbors, no fees.
- Four walking clubs, lectures, jazz and writing groups, soup groups - make soup three days per week.
- Have 4 exercise groups with professional leaders.
- Members suggest groups they want and organize them.
- Members help each other to appointments or shopping. Tech squad helps with computer problems or will fix a lamp.
- Getting clients involved in helping others prevents isolation.
- DFTA gives a grant through the Manhattan Borough President's office.

Need: Public space for meetings.

NY Federation for Aging arranges apartment sharing for seniors.

Danny Perry from Independent Care System offered help with dealing with managing long term care.

One Stop Senior Services moved north of our district but with JASAA has a satellite office in the Franciscan Center in our community.

Senior centers are mandated to be fully accessible.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34pm.