



***COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN Minutes
Full Board Meeting
April 5, 2016***

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, at Mount Sinai West Hospital in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting were **approved:** 28 – 0 – 0 – 0

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- The American Museum of Natural History will hold Public Scoping Process meeting on April 6, 2016 at 6:30 PM.
- Members of CB7 will present comments at the meeting and we encourage community members to attend.
- The NYC Parks Department will hold a Public Scoping meeting on April 18, 2016 on improving the Bloomingdale Playground to an all-inclusive design.
- The Chair announced that Christopher Riano was leaving CB7 to become a NY State Administrator Judge.
- The Chair announced that CB7 members who applied for membership renewal were all reappointed and that we would welcome new members in May.

Community Session

Barbara Nikonorow, NYC Parks Department – invited the public to the public scoping meeting for the Bloomingdale Playground on April 18, 2016. The Parks Department welcomes the community to share their ideas on improving the playground.

A group of students from the West End Secondary School commented on environmental topics.

Jessica Jenkins, Principal – introduced the school and the students.

Madder Shuffler, Student – commented about the pollution created by the city with sewers emptying into the rivers.

William French, Student – commented that 1 tenth of an inch of rain water overflows the sewers and that oysters can be used to filter the water. He proposed that videos should be created to help New Yorkers learn about pollution in our harbors.

Jacqueline Lovci, Student – supported the idea of using oysters to clean the harbors.

Chrysanthia Ramos – asked everyone to sign a petition to stop pollution and use oysters to filter water.

A group of 8th graders from The Computer School spoke about making a difference in the world having been inspired by the Malala Yousafzai book "I am Malala".



Alfred Regan, Student – advocated that NYC and local politicians should allocate funds and make it a top priority to resolve climate change.

Awa Mbyae, Student – commented that the public school system is not a very safe environment for its students, since most schools are not disciplining students when they misbehave in class; in addition she was concerned that many school crimes are underreported contributing to an unsafe school environment. In order to make each student safe she advocated for the schools to enforce disciplinary action and improve school crimes reporting.

MacKenzie Castin, Peri Friedman, Students – they commented that girls in schools are being discriminating against because of the school's dress codes. They claimed that only the girls and not the boys are punished for violations to the dress code leading to the lowering of their self-esteem. To resolve this issue they proposed the elimination of the dress code or the equal enforcement of a universal dress code for all students.

Rudy Popper, Student – commented that youth violence and crime is a major problem that must be stopped. He proposed the development of government sponsored youth groups to allow teenagers to be socially active in a positive way and prevent them from joining gangs.

Nicole Frimpong, Arnold Guzman, Keon Davis, Jude Lopkin, Students – they commented that homelessness in New York City is a major problem and asked everyone to support the increase in funding necessary to find solutions.

The Chair thanked all the students for their comments.

Elisa Randall, Ryan Network – announced a Prep-ing for Sex event on April 21, 2016 to be held at the Nuyorican Poets Café in the lower east side from 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Jennifer Zarr, St. Agnes Public Library – announced a Family Resource Fair event to be held at the library on April 16, 2016 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM.

Reports by Elected Officials:

Jerrold Nadler, U.S. Congress Member, 10th District

- The US Senate passed the Defend Trade Secrets Act. There was no prior federal protection to protect trade secrets.
- For the last 13 years the Congressman has been the ranking democrat in the Subcommittee on Constitution and Civil Justice where he said decisions fall along party lines.
- For the last 2 years the Congressman has been the ranking democrat in the Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property and the Internet where he said that decisions do not follow party lines.
- Visited a Planned Parenthood Health Center in Manhattan. Women's reproductive rights are under attack after the Select Investigative Panel issued subpoenas to abortion clinics for the names and addresses of providers, patients, students and researchers. There is no need for this information except to publish or leak the information and thus exposing all these people to life threatening risks.
- Offered an amendment to the Refugee Program Integrity Restoration Act to strike the provision that would limit the numbers of refugees that the US can accept to 60,000. The US should worry more about the 20 million visitors from allied countries that can come here with no VISA than about the low numbers of Syrian refugees that we would accept.



- Helped pass the first major transportation in 10 years. The US spends too little funds in infrastructure and suggested that the US spend the moneys allocated in the bill in 5 years instead of 6. The bill in practice splits the Amtrak corridor in two, the profitable Northeast corridor and the rest which is subsidized. Further the bill allows for \$4.5 million allowing for more freight projects to be done.
- When asked about the status of high speed rail, the Congressman reported that \$113 billion is needed for capital investment and so far only \$8 billion have been set aside for it. Part of the problem for high speed rail is that the current tracks are owned by local companies, which are more concerned with liability and keeping trains to schedule than speed, and therefore a new right of way needs to be constructed for high speed rail to be implemented.
- Tax credits for solar energy were extended last December, and that tax credits for other renewable energies expire later this year, and he does not envision congress extending those tax credits.

Helen Rosenthal, City Council Member, 6th District

- Thanked the 7 members of CB7 who voted in the participatory budget process. The winners will be announced on April 18.
- Hosting a town hall on April 18, 2016 for the community to ask questions of city agencies.
- A Housing Court 101 Clinic is being held on April 6, 2016 at the Councilmember's local office.
- The DOT is giving out Free Bike Helmets on April 23, 2016 from 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM.
- Sent an e-blast including descriptions of the zoning amendments passed into law.
- The NYC Human Services had a budget hearing on April 4, 2016 attended by 30 nonprofits. Traditionally these agencies are forced to take out loans because both the city and the state are late payers.
- A comment was made that now that No. 6 oil has been banned; No. 4 oil is still being used and is not slated to be restricted to No. 2 oil only until 2030. The Councilmember was asked if this process can be accelerated. She will look into it and will send letters to buildings that are still using No. 6 oil.
- When asked about hosting a meeting about the 108th Street proposed re-purposing of public parking garages the Councilmember indicated that she would asked Councilmember Mark Levine to host one.

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

Manhattan Borough President's Report: Diana Howard

- No announcements have been yet made about appointments to community boards and that letters would be mailed to applicants on Friday April 8, 2016.
- A Youth Council of 14 – 19 years old would be appointed to advise the Borough President.

Amanda Roberts, A-M Danny O'Donnell's Office

- The state increased education aid in the budget and restored community funding.
- The Assembly member sent a letter to people that had unclaimed funds.

Gus Ipsen, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Talked about budget housing issues and crime.

Brice Peyre, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Announced some NY State budget highlights.
- Announced some free resources for filing taxes, like the IRS "Free File" program and the need for lower income New Yorkers to take advantage of special tax credits.

Cherica DuBois, C-M Corey Johnson's Office



- Talked about several events sponsored by the councilmember's office.
- Tax preparation assistance is being offered throughout the district.
- The bill regarding legislation on the Times Square Plaza gives the DOT power to make common sense regulations about commercial activities.

Tara Klein, State Senator Brad Hoylman's Office

- Announced that NYS passed a \$15 minimum wage and a 12 week family leave program in the state budget.
- Confirmed that there is no timetable for the governor to release MTA funding needed to fund projects for which the MTA is running out of money.

David Baily, State Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- NYS also passed a tax cut in its budget.
- Senator Espaillat hosted the 5th Annual Uptown games at the 169th Street Armory.
- Announced a Walking Tour of historical buildings in Inwood on April 10, 2016.

George Damalas, State Senator Jose Serrano's Office

- NYS budget included paid family leave and money for environmental protection and protecting parks around the state.

Renee Woodberry, Manhattan DA's Office

- The DA's office is holding a Summons Warrant Initiative on April 30, 2016 at 9:00 AM at Grand Street Settlement for the public to be able to vacate warrants without fearing arrest.
- The DA office is holding a Saturday Nights Lights Initiative for youth to work in the DA's office for the summer for a \$150 stipend.

Announcement by Land Use committee – Audrey Isaacs has organized a program to inform the public as to how the Land Use Committee works on April 20, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

Business Session

Preservation Committee

Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

1. **25 Central Park West #7E, The Century Condominium** (West 62nd – 63rd Streets.) Application #18-1529 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a window replacement and through-wall air conditioner.

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

2. **266 West End Avenue** (West 72nd – 73rd Street.) Application #17-8216 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for an exterior railing.

- The Committee was concerned with the design and did not like it.
- Klari Neuwelt - the location had been a construction site for 8 – 10 years; and agreed with the decision to disapprove.
- Jay Adolf - NY LPC had already approved the resolution with a modification.



*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 41-0-0-0*

3. **38 West 76th Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows and front entry stairs (stoop).

3A – Replacement windows.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 41-0-0-0*

3B – Replace the existing stoop.

- The Committee felt that the replacement stoop style was not appropriate.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 37-1-4-0*

4. **326 West 77th Street** (Riverside Drive – West End Avenue.) Application #18-0672 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to restore the front façade, add a rear extension, build-out the existing top floor and excavate the cellar under the rear yard.

4A – Front façade work.

- The Committee approved the resolution with recommendations.
- No one was being evicted from the location.

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

4B – Rear façade and rear yard work.

- In the past the Committee has approved glazing elements, but felt that the materials being chosen this time would change the window pattern and were not appropriate to the context to the building.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 41-0-3-0*

4C – Rooftop addition.

- The rooftop addition to hide a hot tub was not appropriate or acceptable. It made the ceiling taller and bulkier than it needed to be and the scale of the addition looked oversized for the building.
- Verified that there was no zoning variance and that the work was As-of-right.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted: 44-0-0-0*

5. **225 West 86th Street, The Belnord** (Amsterdam Avenue-Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install mechanical equipment on the 86th Street side of the roof.

The installation is appropriate even though the equipment is somewhat visible from the street. It was the only location where it could be installed.

NYC LPC had approved the application already.



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

6. **315 Central Park West** (West 91st Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for an extension in the building's interior court yard.

- The building houses a pre-school and that approval was needed because of the leaded glass windows.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 41-0-0-0*

7. **322 Central Park West** (West 92nd Street.) Application #16-8907 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install sidewalk planters.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 39-0-1-0*

8. **40 West 96th Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear addition from the basement to the 5th floor and for rear yard excavation to maximize square footage in the cellar.

- The work was not appropriate and that there was not enough information, the drawings were not accurate and no materials were presented.

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

Additional Comments about the NYC LPC

- NYC LPC meets once a week whereas the CB7 Preservation Committee meets only once a month. Often, resolutions that come to the FB for a vote have already been approved by the LPC, making the FB vote moot.
- Jay Adolf - the Preservation Committee has met with the LPC about this problem and the LPC has indicated that they won't wait for CB7 FB approval. This request has also been made in the past to the Borough President to no avail.
- It was asked if there was a good reason for the FB to spend time considering such resolutions already approved by the LPC. Gabby Palitz responded that to stop presenting such resolutions to the FB would diminish the Committee's work.
- The work by Preservation Committee is impressive and terrific and that the Chairs should be congratulated.

Parks & Environment Committee, Klari Neuwelt, Chairperson

Resolutions Re:

9. **West 100th and 110th Streets on Riverside Drive.** Department of Parks & Recreation plan for safety improvements to bus stops at various locations between West 100th and 110th Streets on Riverside Drive.

- Money for this project came from Congressman Charles Rangel, and it includes the reconstruction and redesign of bus stops on Riverside Drive at 100th, 103rd and 106th streets.
- The resolution includes a qualification for the Parks and Recreation Department to work with the DOT for traffic and bicycle safety at the 100th street stops.
- Because federal regulations specify that a bus cannot encroach on a crosswalk, bus stops are being moved to the inconvenience of the rider exiting the bus.



*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 43-1-0-0*

10. **La Perla Garden, 76 West 105th Street.** Request to the Economic Development Corporation by the Manhattan Land Trust (MLT) to release Manhattan Block 1840, Lot 61 from its open space restriction and to allow MLT to swap this lot (with a private owner) for the adjacent Lot 62, with the stipulation that Lot 62 will be encumbered by the same open space restriction (as currently contained in the deed for Lot 61).

- Councilman Mark Levine, the MLT and the owners of the lot support this request.
- The EDC wants CB7 to approve the request.
- The owners said that they would not donate the lot. They needed to sell the property and could not keep it as a garden. If the resolution was not approved, they would still sell the middle lot, thus dividing the garden into 2 separate lots.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 43-1-0-0*

Steering Committee, Elizabeth Caputo, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

11. **International Passive House Standard for NYC in observance of Earth Day 2016, which will be celebrated worldwide on April 22nd.**

- The Chair presented the resolution and summary of the committee discussion.
- The Steering Committee supported the idea of reducing green gases but not as specifically stated in the CB1 or CB5 resolutions.
- The FB could vote on drafted resolution or not and still have the Chair vote on it at the BP board level.
- Many people would like to pass this resolution in time for earth day.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 45-0-0-0*

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

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

- **1991 Broadway** (West 67th Street) Sugar Factory Broadway LLC, d/b/a Sugar Factory.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 45-0-0-0*

13. Application to the SLA for a Class of Change liquor license from a wine, beer & cider to full on-premises liquor license

- **998 Columbus Avenue** (West 109th Street.) Manhattan Valley Craft, Inc., d/b/a Manhattan Brew & Wine.
- **886 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 103rd Street) 886 Amsterdam Avenue Corp, d/b/a Arco Café.
- The Columbus-Amsterdam BID is in favor of the resolutions.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: 44-0-0-0*

**14. Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewals:**

- **1900 Broadway** (West 63rd -64th Streets.) Renewal application #1422807-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by TS3 Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a The Smith, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 54 seats.
- **427 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th – 81st Streets.) Renewal application #2028372-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Taikai, Inc., d/b/a Momoya Upper West, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 17 seats.
- **480 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd – 84th Streets.) Renewal application #1307588-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 480 Rest Amsterdam, Inc., d/b/a Soldier McGee, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

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

15. 245 West 104th Street/ 2723 Broadway. Renewal application #1187714-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 104, LLC, d/b/a Café du Soleil, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove without prejudice** was adopted: 42-0-0-0*

16. New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

- **150 West 62nd Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.)** New application #1342-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by BAHN, MI, LLC, d/b/a Bonmi, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 16 seats.
- **462 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd Street.)** New application #1492-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jin Upper West Side, Corp, d/b/a Jin Ramen, 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: 37-1-0-0*

Additional Comments

- George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero - the manager from Shake Shak reported before the BCI Committee.
- The next FB meeting will take place on Tuesday May 3rd.

After a motion, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:26 pm.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Tina Branham, Isaac Booker, Steven Brown, Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazzerro, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Sonia Garcia, Rita Genn, Marc Glazer, 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, 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:** Miki Fiegel and Benjamin Howard-Cooper.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Elizabeth Caputo, Chair
April 25, 2016

The Steering Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

1. Discussion/Updates on Preservation calendaring issues.
 - Gabrielle Palitz discussed the email Jay Adolf sent to Lauren George of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission. The current problem is that sometimes the LPC hears an application before it is voted at the CB7 Full Board meeting. The email asks LPC to confirm that they will wait to hear those applications until after CB7 has voted on them.
 - Ms. Palitz suggested that CB7 can make exceptions resulting in CB7 willingly voting on applications already heard by the LPC.
 - Bottom line, the issue is still being negotiated and we await resolution.
2. Communications – Committee Minutes (final guidelines distributed to Committee Chairs).
 - Su Robotti distributed final guidelines for minute taking.
 - We need to take notes, record votes turn them in on time.
 - In the past notes have been taken for Task Force meetings, and that the guidelines should be followed for such notes.
 - Linda Alexander - Committee Chairs must schedule which member should take minutes at the meetings and afterwards review such minutes.
 - Resolutions should be submitted to the CB7 office right away.
 - Committees can customize the minute taking guidelines for their meetings.
 - Every CB7 member should take minutes.
 - Kenneth Coughlin pointed out that a list of attending CB7 members should be included in the minutes because they are a public record.
 - Ms. Robotti – the office can email a copy of the guidelines to all CB7 members.
3. May Pot Luck – scheduling.
 - We host a Pot Luck dinner every year to welcome new members to the board.
 - The new CB7 members are high schooler Sarina Gupta, Andrew Rigie, Susan Schwartz and Manuel Casanova.
 - It was suggested that an announcement be sent to introduce the new members but the Chair pointed out that we do not know how much information the new members would like to be revealed about themselves.
 - The Chair asked if anyone was interested of being a mentor for a new member.
 - The Chair verified that every CB7 member that re-applied was re-appointed.
 - The Pot Luck dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 6:30 PM at the CB7 District Office.
 - The Communications Committee can distribute flyers with RSVP to the office.
4. Recap of zoning discussion.



- The Chair congratulated Audrey Isaacs in absentia for organizing a Land Use Committee meeting where the functions of the Committee were explained to the public.
- Roberta Semer gave a summary of the Land Use Committee meeting and noted that both Page Cowley and Richard Asche explained concepts that people may not understand like “As of Right”.
- Mark Diller commented that the Land Use Committee presentation, “Lessons Learned...”, was very effective and showed visual examples of the impact of zone decisions that CB7 has made.
- Dan Zweig commented that unintended consequences did indeed happen in the Urban Renewal zone and that zoning changes cannot control what the buildings will look like.
- CB7 member Louisa Craddock was the Editor of the NYC Department of City Planning 2011 Edition of the “Zoning Handbook”.
- The Chair mentioned that we wanted to have as many CB7 members attend the presentation to understand concepts and ask questions.
- The Chair commented that the Manhattan Borough President may institute mandatory training sessions for committee chairs, which will include sessions on how to manage meetings.

5. Task Force updates – Bloomingdale Playground, Public Housing.

Bloomingdale Playground Task Force

- Catherine DeLazzer reported that around 80 people attended the NYC Parks and Recreation Department scoping meeting for the Bloomingdale playground last week, asserting that the last 2 years of hard work by the task force had paid off.
- We do not know currently how the public feedback and the Universal Design will be implemented.
- The NYC PRD will present a design concept plan to CB7 in June 2016.
- The following are some of features being considered: adult segregation, a community garden, a multiple use space and an adjustable basketball court.
- The Chair commented that although the playground is small in size, it is well located as an alternative between Central Park and Riverside Park.
- The Chair congratulated Ms. DeLazzer and the work done by the task force.

Public Housing Task Force

- Madelyn Innocent reported that 3 of the first 4 planning meetings of the task force had already taken place, with the fourth meeting scheduled for April 27, 2016.
- Ms. Innocent also reported that the task force has spoken with most of the Tenant Associations of NYCHA buildings in the district and needed time to communicate with the community at large.
- Mel Wymore distributed a copy of the agenda for the April 27 meeting, and a copy of the flyer announcing the task force May 5, 2016 meeting in which public housing residents can learn the role of the community boards.
- Several members suggested changes to the flyer and congratulated Mr. Wymore on a job well done.
- The target audience for the May 5 meeting will be TA presidents and board members, and 45 RSVPs have been received so far.
- Ms. Innocent thanked Mr. Wymore, Genora Johnson and the rest of the task force members for their hard work.
- The Chair commented that a meeting will be held in July for the benefit of the general public.



- Mr. Wymore commented that both Ms. Innocent and Ms. Johnson made an excellent presentation about the task force at an Amsterdam Houses TA meeting. They were thanked by the residents.
- The task force email address is CB7taskforceonpublichousing@gmail.com.

6. Discussion of May full board agenda.

- The next full board meeting will take place at the American Museum of Natural History on Tuesday May 3, 2016.
- We always have one meeting a year at AMNH, and she chose to have it now rather than later when CB7 has to review the AMNH expansion plan.
- The Chair expects that many protestors will attend the meeting and may consider asking the public to leave if the protests negatively impact the meeting process.
- Blank ballots will be distributed for an election for the vacancies of 2nd Vice-Chair and Co-Secretary at the next FB meeting where members can ask to be nominated from the floor.
- The Chair would like the elected Vice-Chair to carry out a project in the remaining time for the position.
- Gabrielle Palitz requested the item on the agenda for 230 West 103rd Street be removed because the application was withdrawn due to insufficient information provided to the Preservation Committee at the last committee meeting.
- Parks & Environment Committee proposed renovation of St. Gregory's playground is by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation and not by the parish.
- Christian Cordova on behalf of the Business and Consumer Issues Committee verified for the Chair that it was OK for BCI to be last on the FB agenda.

7. Committee Reports.

- Andrew Albert from the Transportation Committee reported that Fresh Direct will be present at their next committee meeting to talk about what can be done to alleviate the blocking of traffic by the Fresh Direct delivery trucks.

Additional Comments

- The Chair commented that the high school board member Sarina Gupta may stay only for a year and that she may help recruit the next group of young people for the community board.

The meeting ended at 7:35 pm.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Christian Cordova, Catherine DeLazzerro, Gabrielle Palitz, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg and Dan Zweig. **Board Member:** Kenneth Coughlin, Mark Diller, Robert Espier, Genora Johnson and Roberta Semer.



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
April 12, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Miki Fiegel, Marc Glazer, Lillian Moore, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **Board Member:** Mark N. Diller.

1. **Manhattanhenge** – Daisy Rodriguez from American Museum of Natural History presented their application for the street closure of West 79th St between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues on Tuesday, July 12 from 7pm to 9pm. A resolution to approve this application was voted and approved as follows:

Committee: 11-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

2. Request by Columbus Avenue BID for **suspension of alternate side parking on West 76th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues for Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3** primarily to accommodate school space needs during the setup days prior to The New Taste of the UWS event on the first weekend in June. Police will be present during this time when the street is closed on this block and the street will be used for an outdoor play area during some part of these days. (The regularly used playground is unavailable during setup of the event). Allowing suspension of Alternate side parking in this location will allow residents not to have to move vehicles at the times most likely for children to be on the street. A resolution to approve this application was voted and approved as follows:

Committee: 11-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

CB7 will explore the possibility of designating a play street in this location for needed hours either for this year or for following years as a possibly improved way of accommodating the event and school needs during these days of intense activity.

3. **Secondary naming of NE corner of W 91st St and Columbus Ave in honor of John L. Nelson.** Margaret Meyers and Fran Lora (wife of John Nelson) presented information regarding Mr. Nelson's 25 year impactful tenure at PS 84. The requested name will be John L. Nelson Way and we ask that a designation on the sign indicate P.S. 84 in the lower right corner. It was also asked that the P.S. 84 designation be added if possible to the sign at W92nd St honoring the former principal of PS 84.

A resolution to approve this application was voted and approved as follows:

Committee: 9-1-1-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

4. **981 Columbus Avenue, aka 72 West 109th St – renewal of For Hire Base Station License** for Special Radio Dispatch Corp. – the applicant was not present – the committee will meet before the May full board meeting to reconsider.



5. **72 W.106th St (Columbus Ave) – renewal of For Hire Base Station License** for New Family Radio Dispatch – Rebecca Mercado was present for the applicant – 86 cars in fleet. A resolution to approve this application was voted and approved as follows:

Committee: 11-0-0-0 Non-committee Board members: 1-0-0-0

6. **Update on crash data** – Rich Robbins presented a breakout of CB7 district injuries in crashes based upon the online data available from NYPD covering the monthly periods from Jan, Feb, and March for the last three years especially noting the increase in injuries in Jan 2016 vs. prior years. Further breakout was done at the meeting to attempt to look at source for this statistical increase with some indication that a couple of multiple passenger motor vehicle crashes were at least partly responsible for the increase. Data will be compared to that of the 24th and 20th Precinct's information and attempts will be made to get more detailed information about crashes from City and State sources.

7. **Parking issues** – Su Robotti related her conversation with Laura Smith of City Planning regarding parking. City Planning considers parking an amenity and they consider that the amount of parking is sufficient because their tracked measures of *Car Ownership* and *How People get to work* has remained virtually unchanged. There was some question as to whether city planning's measures for the whole city were sufficient and valid to identify and address the needs of the West Side as a local area. The issue of parking will received continued discussion next month.

8. New Business -

- a. Tag Gross – resident at W98th and West End Ave – presented video and testimony showing **severe traffic conditions at the corner of W98th St and West End Ave** and of the whole corridor including West End Ave in the middle to upper 90's. The traffic jams and driver responses to the delays were very concerning – most difficult times on Weekdays 8-9am and 3:30-4:30pm and Weekends 8-9pm. Horn blowing disturbs residents regularly and illegal and dangerous maneuvers by delayed drivers to escape the jammed traffic are common. It was suggested that Mr. Gross show this video and testimony to the 24th Precinct who can take action and request help from DOT in this area.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.



Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
April 13, 2016

Called to order at 7 p.m.

Present: Michele Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Christian Cordova, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer and Brian Jenks.

Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. **153 – 155 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 67th Street) 152 Amsterdam Rest. Inc.

Motion to disapprove without prejudice approved: 6-0-0-0

2. **286 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street) Guyers Inc., d/b/a Guyers.

Formerly Wine and Roses; sold her interest in the restaurant to her partners, it failed, so she's back to open a new venture. Similar concept but better. Wine bar and requesting liquor license, but focus is still on wine. Quiet mellow crowd. Cafes and planning on having brunch.

Information for attorney is in the application.

No live music.

Cindy Guyers is the applicant.

Planning to open in June.

Hours listed as Noon-4 a.m.

Fri/Sat Noon – 3 a.m. and Sun-Thurs Noon – 2 a.m.; agreed to changes in the hours of operation.

Motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

3. **424 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street) Brington Road LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Michael Ferrie, owner; James D. DiPasquale is the expeditor (james@dlgnyc.com)

George indicated that there were no postings; former Café con leche.

Requested that the signs stay up and that the list and photos be sent to the office.

Hours 4-2 Sun-Thursday, 4-4 Friday and Saturday.

Motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

4. **464 Columbus Avenue** (West 82nd Street) Da Luce Ristorante & Bar Corporation, d/b/a To be Determined.

Sam Park, representative and expeditor (abclicense@gmail.com)

Jenny Orozco, owner

Provided pictures of postings around the restaurants.

Will be known as either Da Luce or Il Luce; restaurant is one floor; basement is storage and dish room.

Hours are fine, never past Midnight.

Will do a sidewalk café as well.

Public: Joel Cracraft, president of Board co-op; Board would recommend and request that the application be placed on hold as the current owner has not been honest; building is cooperative and has 2/3 of the shares on the condo/op; owner of the store has 1/3; any changes to the building itself must be approved by the Board; there has been no contact with the Board; owner has failed to pay his share of costs that is owed to the Board; owes \$100,000 to the condo Board; they feel like nothing can go forward until it's resolved; Da Luce has been forthcoming, but he feels as if the applicant has been duped by the condo board. Herbert Chu is a partial owner; family-owned area.

In light of the above, and to encourage a resolution and conversation at our May meeting,

Motion to disapprove the application without prejudice was adopted: 7-0-0-0

5. **620 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 90th Street) 620 Amsterdam LLC, d/b/a B-Café West.



Posted only in the window, not in the area. Applicant has pictures of posting.

Shkel Islamaj, owner

Provided application and menu.

Now is at 566 Amsterdam avenue, moving to what was Saigon Grill. He's expanding on his current smaller restaurant.

Approval of application contingent on agreement that live music would only be jazz on Sundays for brunch, from Noon – 4 p.m.

Motion to approve the application was adopted: 6-0-1-0

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewals:

6. **566 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th - 88th Streets.) Renewal application #1312628-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jos Hospitality Group, LLC, d/b/a B Café West, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.

Shkel Islamaj, owner

Café for current establishment.

Renewal of 6 tables and 14 seats.

Motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

7. **2723 Broadway.** Renewal application #1187714-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway 104, LLC, d/b/a Café du Soleil, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

Nadine Chevreux, Owner

Paul stated that it was posted.

Paperwork was provided.

Motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

8. **420 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) New application #1115-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Olma Lounge, LLC, d/b/a Olma Caviar Boutique & Lounge, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 20 seats.

Edward Eliachoe, representative

Was posted.

Requesting a sidewalk café on the Amsterdam Avenue side; informed that we would not approve a future application for a sidewalk café on 80th Street.

Mon-Thursday, 4pm-12am, Friday, 4 pm-2am, Sat., 11am-2am, Sun, 11am-12 am

The motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

9. **422 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) New application #1892-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Beer Shop, LLC, d/b/a Beer Shop, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Robert Calahan, representative

Nick Santurian, owner

Bar is doing well so far.

Beer connoisseurs.

The motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

10. **428 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th – 81st Streets.) New application #1891-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a Crave Fishbar, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 20 seats.



Wrong poster posted; DCA was posted, but not the community Board; changed and reposted.

Brian Owens, owner

Has a list of postings; took over least from Brother Jimmy's; essentially the same seating as Jimmy's, so needed to reapply.

The motion to approve the application was adopted: 7-0-0-0

11. **568 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th – 88th Streets.) New application #1899-2016-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 568 Amsterdam, LLC, d/b/a Pizzeria Sirenetta, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Robert Calahan, representative, the representative will tell the owner to take down the dividers each night. Replacing the Mermaid Inn

No delivery

Member of the Public

Walid Abdulkader; lives on west 87th street; keep outside dividers up 24/7; lots of garbage left outside as well.

The motion to approve was adopted: 7-0-0-0

12. New Business

Marc Glazer presented on the issue to help small businesses in the neighborhood

- Wants us to announce specific information about new businesses and to welcome them in the neighborhood
- Invite them to bring information regarding their establishment and leave them at the Full Board meetings.
- Announcements will be made welcoming new restaurants and bars to the neighborhood at Full Board.



Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
April 14, 2016

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

Board Member: Robert Espier.

1. 252 West 76th Street (West End Avenue – Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a canopy, railings, ADA stair lift, and replacement of certain windows and front entry doors.

Presented by: Stephen Kratchman and Gregory Hess Architects

Request to replace non-historic windows, repair stonework, install new glass canopy and repair stonework. An ADA compliant chair lift will also be installed. The building is a 1906 building original known as Townsend Hotel.

Additionally, new front doors and hardware will be installed, a new higher iron fence will be added to the front fence and gate area. Lighting will be placed under the canopy in a non-intrusive manner. There are 11 non-historic windows. They will be replaced with painted wood windows painted to match the light color of the stone. The canopy is metal and glass. The chair lift runs along the “flattened stair” which leads to the basement level. The chair lift is black metal as are the railings.

Discussions:

Community: None

Committee: Members felt the 9’ front door proportion was wrong. They suggested less glass and a higher wood lower rail. Also, the hardware chosen was too modern as was the choice of a natural wood for the door as it did not reflect historical choices. The suggestion was made to raise the lower rail of the door, choose more appropriate hardware and make the door a darker color

The applicant agreed to these suggestions.

Vote to approve as amended: 6-0-0-0 non committee board members 1-0-0-0

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

- Existing non-historic windows at the first three floors will be replaced with new thermal wood windows, painted a light color to match the rusticated stone cladding at the base of the building. The new window profiles will approximate the original window proportions, with new brick mold modelled on original still existing at the Basement windows.
- Existing metal and glass front entry doors will be replaced with new wood and glass entry doors with a transom above and adjacent sidelights. New entrance unit to be natural oak, sealed for protection against the elements, with dark metal tubular door pulls.
- Decorative stone work above front door will be repaired.



- The existing low red brick wall installed on top of existing concrete areaway curb will be replaced by a new black iron crenellated gate and picket fence, installed on the existing curb. Fence height and details will be modeled on the original fence design.
- A new incline chair lift will be installed along reconstructed concrete stairs down to the Basement entry door

The applicant agreed to the following modifications:

- i. Raise the height of the bottom rail of the new front doors and sidelights to approximate the more typical proportions of front doors found in buildings of this era.
- ii. Provide hardware whose detail and proportions are more in keeping with the historic character of the building.
- iii. Move the chair lift call button to the west side of the Basement entry door.

In addition, the Committee recommends that the applicant consider painting the front doors a dark color, or using a darker toned wood, to relate to the bay window elements above.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the railings, ADA stair lift, replacement windows and front doors as modified are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

The canopy was approved at staff level prior to the Preservation Committee meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the railings, ADA stair lift and replacement windows, and front doors as modified.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

2. 201 West 81st Street, d/b/a Orwashers (Amsterdam Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the addition of an accessible ramp at the retail storefronts.

Presented by Simon Arnold Architect and Keith Cohen owner of Orwashers Bakery
The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:

Application for an ADA compliant ramp. The ramp will be concrete with railing along both sides of the ramp. The railing is black painted metal. The ramp will be placed on Amsterdam Ave. and will match the historic landing.

Discussion: Community: None

Board: None

Vote to approve 6-0-0-0.

The following was taken into consideration:

- A new ADA-compliant concrete ramp with 1:12 pitch will be installed along 81st Street façade, terminating at the landing of the champhered-corner shop entrance. Ramp encroachment on the sidewalk area is minimal, since its width is narrower than the width of the areaway and residential building entrance stoop to the west.
- The new ramp will have simple black steel railings fabricated of 1-1/2" diameter tubular steel elements.



The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the accessible ramp is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

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

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

3. 473 West End Avenue (West 83rd Street). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a bulkhead.

Presented by: Kevin Poolin Engineer

Proposal to erect a bulkhead enclosing stairs from the apartment below adding a canopy to allow an outdoor area.

The bulkhead would be clad in masonry with metal French doors and a metal and glass breezeway would be added as well. The proposed bulkhead is visible from the public way.

Discussion: Community: WEPS the height is too much. They would prefer to see nothing above the parapet.

Committee: would also request a lowered profile. Asked for a reduction of 18" in height which would make it minimally visible from the public way.

Resolution to disapprove unless: 6-0-0-0 as below

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

- A new stair bulkhead is being created to provide access to the rooftop from the apartment below. The bulkhead enclosure will be 9'-6" wide x 20'-6" long, with a full-length canopy extending 11 feet to the south.
- The location and orientation of the stair within the apartment is constrained by structural conditions and functional considerations.
- The new stair bulkhead enclosure will be clad in red brick to match the main building façade, with large glass and steel full height doors and windows on two facades. Windows and doors will be black.
- The attached canopy structure will be glass and steel painted white.
- The interior floor to ceiling height is approximately 9 feet, and the top of the bulkhead roofline is 11 feet tall.
- Because of its location relatively close to the West End Avenue façade of the building, the narrow end of the proposed bulkhead and the extending canopy are partially visible from several points on the streets below, visually projecting 30" above the main façade's parapet wall.

The Committee requested that the applicant reduce the overall height of the proposed structure by 18" to diminish the visibility from the public way, so that only 12" of the bulkhead structure would visually project above the building's parapet.



The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the proposed bulkhead is inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the new bulkhead **unless its overall height is reduced by 18"**.
Committee: 6-0-0-0

NOTE: The applicant agreed to return to the Committee prior to the May 3 Full Board meeting to present the reduced-height design, after obtaining approval from the owner.

4. 25 West 94th Street (Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition with 6 solar panels, a new ramp and trash enclosure at the front entrance, and replacement of windows.

Presented by: Elliot Maltby and Mark Mancuso architects

The proposal is to install a ramp in front of the building, replace the current garbage bins with an enclosed garbage area that is planted on its top while keeping the retaining wall. A rooftop addition is also proposed. Windows will be replaced throughout with energy efficient double hung wood framed windows. Other work to be done includes excavating at cellar level making the garden more accessible from the lower unit. This is a 2 family house. There is minimum visibility from the street.

Discussions: Community: None

Committee: There was significant concern that there were solid parapet railings around the rooftop addition. The applicant agreed to modify them with open metal railings instead in order to reduce the bulk. One committee member was concerned about lot line windows on the addition due to matters of privacy. And one member commended them on not filling in the extension thus keeping the sawtooth design of the entire donut intact. The members would like to see the original cornice molding on the front façade restored to give the building some relationship to its neighbors all of which have original facades.

Vote to approve as modified: 4-2-0-0

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

- The existing rowhouse structure was substantially altered in the 1940's when it was converted from a single-family home to a multi-unit dwelling. At that time, the stoop was removed, as was the cornice and much of the façade's architectural ornament, and the brownstone façade was stucco-ed over in an off-white color.
- The overall proposal is to modify the exterior and interior of the building to create a more energy efficient and environmentally respectful structure which also allows the current owners to "age in place."

A. Front façade and entry court work includes:

- Replacement of all existing aluminum double-hung replacement windows with new high-performance wood windows which simulate historic double-hungs, but which are actually operable casement lower sashes with fixed upper sashes.



- Reconstruction of the existing front areaway to provide ramp as well as step access down to the front door. Ramp surface to be brushed concrete for frictional resistance, with new metal trash enclosure and metal planters, colored to match building façade.
- Replacement of the existing non-historic metal fence and gate with a new metal fence and gate incorporating historic details from existing window and front door grilles. The new fence and gate to be painted black.

B. Rear façade and rear yard work includes:

- Removal of the existing enclosed wood porch at Basement (garden) level.
- The existing brick cladding and corbelling parapet detailing at the rear façade will be retained.
- Replacement of all existing windows with new high-performance wood windows and doors, installed in existing openings and in several widened openings. Similar simulated double-hung window design.
- Excavation of approximately two thirds of the rear yard in two stepped terrace segments, to provide on-grade access from minimally-excavated Cellar level to the rear garden, and then to create an intermediate section of paved outdoor space. The section of the rear yard closest to building will be excavated 4'-6". The intermediate section will be excavated 2'-6". The final section will remain at the existing level.
- The entire rear yard will be landscaped using a combination of plantings and permeable paving materials.

C. Rooftop work includes the following:

- Construction of a new rooftop addition of similar height to the existing adjacent rooftop addition.
- The new rooftop addition will be set back 20 feet from front façade, 3 feet from the rear façade. It will not be visible from the public way.
- The rooftop addition and elevator bulkhead will be clad in tan colored "EIFS" panels, similar in color to the building's front facade. Windows will be similar high-performance, simulated double-hungs but with muntins. There will also be several lot-line windows on the rooftop addition's east façade.
- The new elevator bulkhead extends 4 feet above rooftop addition.
- Several new high efficiency a.c. condenser units will be installed on the roof of the rooftop addition, concealed at the front and back by a solid parapet wall.
- Six new solar panel will be located on an open metal framework above the rooftop addition. These will be minimally visible from a distant, limited area within Central Park, from approximately 450 feet away. The solar panels will be painted a light color to visually blend in with the tall apartment building on Columbus Avenue visible beyond, to the west.

The applicant agreed to Committee's request that the solid parapet walls above the front and rear facades of the rooftop addition be replaced with simple black metal railings similar to those being installed elsewhere at the building's rear, in order to reduce the mass of the rooftop addition.



The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the rooftop addition with open fences replacing the proposed parapets, new ramp and trash enclosure and replacement windows are all reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the rooftop addition as modified, new ramp and trash enclosure and replacement windows.

Committee: 4-2-0-0.

5. 230 West 103rd Street (Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation non-compliant windows within that context.

Commission for Modification to Landmark Preservation Commission approved window installation

This application was laid over. The applicant agreed to return to the Committee in April to supply the Committee with further information. Specifically, the Committee requested the full set of drawings originally approved by LPC.



Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes
Blanche Lawton and Eric Shuffler, Co-Chairpersons
April 21, 2016

The Youth, Education & Libraries Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at the CB7 District Office, 250 West 87th Street, in the District. The meeting was called to order at 6:40PM by co-chair Blanche Lawton.

Present: Blanche Lawton, Steven Brown, Catherine DeLazzero, Mark Diller, Paul Fischer and Rita Genn. **Board Member:** Robert Espier.

The following topics were discussed.

NYPL Discussion with:

Norah Yahya, Senior Manager, Government and Community Affairs, NYPL.

Peggy Salwen, Children's Librarian, St. Agnes Branch, NYPL

Yajaira Mejia, Library Manager, Bloomingdale Branch, NYPL

Norah:

- New role with NYPL – Government and Community Affairs.
- Formerly a staff member at the City Council – still serving out a 1-year ban on advocacy and lobbying the Council.
- Current role thus to engage in community outreach, and lobbying the State legislature for funding. Will expand to include lobbying for City funding once released from the waiting period.

Blanche:

- Bloomingdale branch – issue of scope of work and funding for repairs and renovations for the branch.
- Seeking a status update on previously-disclosed plans for Teen Room and other renovations.
- Appx \$9.4MM shown on previous reports as budgeted for capital improvements, but no tangible results of those allocations to date.

Norah:

- Working through the DDC – long approval and implementation process.
- Teen Room and renovated restrooms are scheduled to be completed Fall 2017.
- A new roof was also included in the capital needs and allocations – currently in the design procurement phase.
- Electrical system upgrades – expect completion Summer 2017.
- System wide security – expect winter 2016 completion.
- So the \$9.4MM capital budget amounts reflected in previous accountings as allocated to the Bloomingdale branch has indeed been allocated and is in the process of being implemented.



Reclaimed basement space at Bloomingdale.

- Entire basement was consumed for years as dead storage for archived paper copies of the New York Times.
- Approximately one year ago, the dead storage was vacated.
- Space is raw, needing fit-out for productive purposes.
- Vision could include classrooms for afterschool and adult education sessions.
- Needs could be met with this space.

Blanche:

- Seeking next steps to move forward with a vision for the basement space.
- Also need to understand the prospects for a “gut” renovation at Bloomingdale as postulated in previous years.

Norah:

- The NYPL capital budget process would be employed to determine whether and how to move forward.
- The capital budget process involves space analysis, needs analysis (including input and prioritization by the Community Board in the District Needs and Budget Priorities statements), scoping and cost estimation, and advocacy in budget processes.
- Role in Government and Community Affairs includes outreach and assessment on community input – iterative process to refine designs and proposals (for larger projects).
- Includes surveying patrons on their needs and preferences.

Steve:

- Community survey should include preferences on various types of media and usage.

Blanche:

- Library usage – branches within CB7 – Bloomingdale, St. Agnes, Riverside and Performing Arts.
- Among the most heavily used in the NYPL system.

Norah:

- Attendance at programs among the three branch libraries in CB7’s District – increased 172% over 10-year period - unprecedented.
- St. Agnes is 5th and Riverside is 7th in Circulation for Manhattan.
- Bloomingdale attendance and circulation hampered by closure of the building due to renovations at the connected/adjacent NYC DoHMH.

Peggy:

- St. Agnes attendance is actually more robust than reported because the “people counter” was not working correctly for a significant time.

Fiscal 2017 Update:



Norah:

- FY2016 saw an expense increase of \$43MM Citywide in library funding, of which \$18.8MM for NYPL.
- Funding allowed new hires, increase programming, 7-day service in certain areas.
- Grateful for increase, but need for full restoration is at \$63MM Citywide.
- FY2017 – Mayor has baselined \$21MM, of which \$8.5MM is baselined for NYPL. If the Executive Budget does not increase the baseline, the only means to meet the expense/staffing and operating funding levels even for FY16 would require a City Council restoration of approximately \$10MM for NYPL, or approximately \$22MM Citywide.
- Focus of advocacy includes ESOL programming, afterschool programs, services directed to Homeless populations, and “video visitation,” a means of remote visitation for families of incarcerated people.
 - video visitation is a novel new program supported by Council Speaker as a Library initiative.
 - these programs would be at risk if the total level of funding from FY2016 were not restored by the Council
- Advocacy at Council hearings and letters of support are essential tools to secure funding to close gaps in funding.

Robert Espier:

- Programming and services directed to community members who use the branch libraries as a destination and as a source of internet-based activity.
- Essential to orient programming to these needs, and provide access as needed.

Yahaira – Programming highlights:

- Bloomingdale added a new teen staff librarian, who has been creating Teen programming as well.
- “Book Tasting” – trying to motivate teens to engage on literacy and reading initiatives.
- New staff member has a rapport with teens – exciting to see the energy developing.
- Children’s center – increased from 1 “book babies” sessions to 3 per week – based on patron demand.
- Seniors – target programs around senior needs, including a collage-making class, exercise classes, etc.
 - programs run through the second-floor community room.
 - could increase programming if had additional space (e.g. basement space once renovated).

Peggy Salwen:

- St. Agnes branch – Community family day April 13. Tables from Helen Rosenthal; New-York Historical Society; NYC ID to make appointments (Mid-Manhattan is the



only center where the applications can actually be processed); Sen. Jose Serrano; face-painters.

- Successful community outreach.

Advocacy:

- Support for funding at all levels is useful to secure Council restorations.
- Express support to Council Members Rosenthal, Levine and Johnson.

Adjourned 7:55 pm

Health and Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2016

Health and Human Service Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 by Co-Chairs Madge Rosenberg and Catherine DeLazzero.

Committee Members Present: Madge Rosenberg, Catherine DeLazzero, Christian Cordova, Robert Espier, Sheldon Fine, Sonia Garcia, Audrey Isaacs.
And Fern Fleckman, Ryan Center

The Committee meeting format was a panel discussion on “The Changing Face of Health Care in our Community: Affordability of Medical Care”.

Co-Chair Catherine DeLazzero

- Greetings and announced next month’s HHS meeting would be on Domestic Violence hosted by Robert Espier.
- Introduced Audrey Isaacs would serve as moderator for panel discussion forum.
- Members and public would have an opportunity to ask panelists questions at end of forum.

Audrey Isaacs introduced panelists covering a spectrum of health care advocates and professionals

Panelists

NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat (health care advocate)

NYS Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried (Chair, Committee on Health)

David Alge (Senior VP, Community & Population Health for New York-Presbyterian)

Adam Herbst (General Counsel, Heritage Health & Housing)

Jonathan Schwartz, MD (Chief Medical Officer, Ryan Network)

The following matters were discussed:

1. What are the changes in the way the health care system (e.g., hospitals, community clinics and federally qualified health centers) is addressing the needs of persons who qualify for Medicaid or Medicare, patients who are uninsured, or patients with low incomes?

Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried

- For some time, New York State (NYS) has had expanded Medicaid levels beyond the Affordable Care Act (ACA) levels.
- NYS chose to participate in the federal option of the ACA which offers states subsidies to enroll individuals into a basic health program who are above Medicaid level but below ACA level. These enrollments have generated a \$700M net profit/savings for the State.
- NYS is reorganizing Medicaid to move Medicaid providers into integrated performing systems with a goal to reduce hospitalizations and provide better coordinated care.

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Has been a family practice physician for over 30 years and has seen substantial improvement in Medicaid in the last five years.
- Former payment structure of face to face visits were too brief. Under the Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment Program (DSRIP), organizations will have the needed funds to invest in providing

quality care, i.e., spending more time with patients at visits, doing outreach and providing patient education.

Adam Herbst

- Heritage Health and Housing is a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and is a safety net provider in the community. The organization reports to Board members.
- Center has been evolving since inception of ACA
- Provides integrated behavioral health and primary care with the aim to keep patients out of the Emergency Room and getting comprehensive primary care.

Senator Adriano Espaillat

- Identified the lack of language proficiency at hospitals. Provided examples of the danger of word meanings with the same spelling in English/Spanish
- Noted how delays in obtaining blood work was caused by inadequate staffing at the Emergency Department (ED) at Columbia Presbyterian
- Suggested that hospital ED have a waiting time clock system (similar to MTA systems and in other hospitals)
- DSRIP funding will promote community-level education in order to achieve a 25% reduction in avoidable hospital use.

David Alge

- New York-Presbyterian is the third largest provider in New York and is seeing more Medicaid patients this year than last year.
- Managing primary care centers that are overwhelmingly Medicaid patients
- Changes include a growing social conscientiousness. Cited a case where patient received better care management which included comprehensive mental health care and primary care.
- There is more DSRIP funding to address 25% reduction in unnecessary ER visits.

2. Can costs of providing care be reduced without negatively impacting quality of care?

Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried

- Moving patients to preventive care will keep them healthier and reduce costs. He said that was driving the reorganization.
- Real reform required a payer system that rewards quality over quantity.
- Cited that if an insurance company designed a payer system with a focus of maximum return to the stockholders then it would not be beneficial for providers or patients.

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Felt positive that the costs can be reduced while providing quality care.
- Receives daily report and records of patients and is able to see a specific patients progress
- Works with Mt. Sinai Medical Center as their DSRIP partner
- Under Article 31 Ryan also provides mental health services where depression can be addressed and treated, allowing patients to be able to have other chronic illness treated

3: How can the quality of healthcare provided to patients be assessed?

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Focus on metrics
- Care must be measured or it cannot be improved

David Alge

- Metrics. Clinicians feel comfortable that metrics have value.

4. Where can patients go to get high quality care?

NYS Assembly Member Richard N. Gottfried (Chair, Committee on Health)

- Depends on your resources and how much coverage your insurance provides.
- Finances are the biggest obstacle

Senator Espaillat

- Physicians have indicated that fee for service should be revisited because fees are currently capitated.
- Reduce the risk. Liability issue is a real issue.
- Cost of Obstetric insurance policy is expensive resulting in less providers in the community. Preventive health care and will be accomplished with DSRIP

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Ryan Network is a FQHC and primary care provider.
- Have respectful and caring physicians
- Take care of patients with multiple illnesses and coordinate good communications with specialty providers
- DSRIP funding builds stronger electronic infrastructure where physicians can see primary and specialty care notes.

Adam Herbst

- Defined delivery of health triangle: Access, cost and delivery
- FQHC get funding from federal government
- FQHCs are culturally sensitive
- Are safety net providers

5. What is community health care? What is population health?

David Alge

- Hospital has 14 primary care sites integrated with specialty clinics.
- Most of the patients are Medicaid Medicare or uninsured.
- Common theme is treatment and care
- Populations health is driven by payer and is divided by geography

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Population health is moving outside of the exam rooms
- Knowing that you are responsible for a patient
- Know how to get patients to clinic and following on patients that are not doing well
- Managing care transitions.

6. What are the panelists doing to assist patients obtain the care they need?

What should elected officials and others do to assist patient in obtaining good care?

Senator Espaillat

- Translations services. Mandated by NYS regulations but not yet in law.

- Has a bill to codify and make it an actual patient right.
- Wants to ensure that patients have a right to translation services.
- Physicians want to spend quality time with patients.
- Physicians complain that they are sometimes overwhelmed with the amount of patients seen.

Assembly Member Gottfried

- Problems with healthcare is made worse and harder to solve because system is financed on the model of the insurance companies
- Facing rising costs and restricted provider networks. What healthcare is expected to be given.
- Hospitals struggle to survive financially
- Universal single payer is the answer. Will not happen on a national level
- New York State has progressive laws and it can happen

Jonathan Swartz, MD

- Doing Outreach
- Collaborative e relationships with managed care companies
- Assist patient in obtaining Medicaid enrollment

Adam Herbst

- Instituted a women's health clinic
- Provides ancillary services: translations and transportation
- Safety net provider for individuals without the ability to pay
- Supportive housing hugely important for the overall health of people – coming from shelters and institutions to transition individuals to live independently.

David Alge

- Outreach has been done at health fairs, to taxi drivers and in local businesses such as beauty shops.
- Screening and enrollment into a partnered managed care plan is facilitated
- Access: Through DSRIP the clinics have been able to remain open during later hours in order to accommodate the patients.

Q&A

Audrey Isaacs announced that Committee members and the public would be given an opportunity to ask the panelists questions.

Robert Espier commented that FQHCs have been launched for many years.

Sheldon Fine

Do institutions share pertinent patient information with other institutions?

Should there be law requiring that institutions not hold back on surrendering information if requested?

- David Alge: Real challenge. Initially it was thought that using Regional Health Information Organization (RHIO) would be the solution. RHIO is problematic.
- Assembly Member Gottfried: Further defined meaning and function of RHIO. Networks sponsored in part by NYS and organized by provider across the state to share information from provider to provider. There are many regulatory issues that are being sorted out. NYS will soon have a system to access electronic records and for the development of a regional interoperable system that gives individual privacy protection. He wants to ensure that the whole system is publically accountable and publically funded in its development.

- Senator Adriano Espaillat: Agreed with Assembly member Gottfried. He would like to see the system instituted globally where individuals who move back to their countries can see a provider who can then have access to patient's medical history forcing patients to return to the New York.

Christian Cordova – Premiums have gone up since enrolling in the Affordable Care Act. Prior it was less for him. What can be done?

- Assembly Member Gottfried: The ACA while it has made improvements for many people, also leaves individuals in the hands of the insurance companies. Enrollees usually focus on the premium and not on the co-pays and restrictive specialist care. Advocates for the single payer system

Catherine DeLazzerio – Is there a consent process for CT Scans procedures and for vulnerable patients

- David Alge – Consent is a necessary and legal process for any procedure. CT scans are not necessarily considered procedures and translation services must be provided. If a patient is unconscious, the best decision is made in the interest of the patient.

Madge Rosenberg – Is Heritage a nonprofit or a managed care organization

- Adam Herbst –Heritage is a nonprofit and people in the community (51%) of individuals who use the services must serve on its board of directors. Managed care organization is a way for individuals to receive care in a group setting and moving it away from fee for service model.

Cathy Unsino, MSW, elderly nursing home advocate: After witnessing mistreatment of and insensitivity to the nursing home population, Ms. Unsino wanted to know what was being done to address this issue.

- Assembly Member Gottfried: Legislation cannot be created for individuals who make jokes or are not serious about their roles at work. What can be effected is to have employees who work in a respectful humane environment with adequate staffing. He made a comparison to fire fighters who do not get paid for the amount of fires they respond to. They get paid and sometimes volunteer to put out the fire and save lives.

Francine Brewer – Shortage of primary providers in the country? Is screening considered prevention?

- Dr. Swartz – Prevention is more than screening. There are screenings that are preventive, i.e., PAP smear and colon cancer screening which prevent cancer. The area that more difficult is having patients adapt to a healthier lifestyle. Dr. Swartz predicts that there is a primary care shortage. Nurse practitioners and physician assistants are now working alongside the doctors.

Danny Perry, Independence Care System - What type of education is being provided in the community regarding various types of Medicaid eligibility and other services?

- Adam Herbst: Heritage is going to barber shops, supermarkets informing the community of new laws being effected. Heritage also serve as school based clinic and are working with children and parents.

Lauren Ford, ZocDoc – What is being done to educate patients on how to navigate Medicaid to get or change a provider?

- Assembly member Gottfried: There is an on line Medicaid enrollment extensive network funded by the state to support people who are looking for information about plans, Medicaid, Medicare and Long Terms Care, and patient rights within a plan.

Katie Robbins, Physicians for a National Health Program

- Spoke about the New York State Health Care Act, the state universal single payer health care bill which passed the NYS Assembly with majority support. She offered a petition for signatures.

Audrey Isaacs thanked panelists, members and attendees. Catherine DeLazzero asked if panelist and Committee members would answer a short survey that would be forthcoming.

The meeting ended at 8:47 pm.