

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE

George Zeppenfeldt and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons

March 14, 2017

Business & Consumer Issues 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-Chairperson Michele Parker.

Present: Michele Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Joshua T. Cohen, Christian Cordova, Paul Fischer, Seema Reddy and Andrew Rigie. **Absent:** Marc Glazer.

The following matters were discussed:

New applications to the SLA for two year liquor licenses:

1. **466 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street) FT 466, LLC d/b/a Bar Veloce.

Presenting for the Applicant: Rob Bookman – Rbookman@PandBlegal.com; Frederick Toomey - Owner

- 4 – 5 Bar Veloces in Manhattan
- No sidewalk café
- No deliveries
- Hours: 5pm – 1pm Sun-Thu; 5pm – 2pm Fri-Sat
- Classic Jazz background music
- Landlord installing landmark approved windows; which could be partially opened
- Probably opening in August definitely before Jewish Holidays

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

2. **464 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street) Danica LLC d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant: Robert Romano – RomanoLaw@gmail.com; Tea Pollock - Owner

- Hours: 7am – Midnight
- Planning to offer breakfast, lunch and dinner
- Will request a bathroom waiver.
- Will have a take-out window
- Will cater also to children and after school students.
- Planning to open by September.
- Plans for sidewalk café
- May have deliveries.
- Will install soundproofing
- Background music only
- Will employ a manager to be on premises.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

3. **61 West 62nd Street** (Broadway) Galaxy Restaurants Catering Group and Lincoln Center.

Presenting for the Applicant: Benjamin Savitsky - Ben@BRpclaw.com ; Mark Dombkosky – from Galaxy Restaurants; Peter Foraker – Lincoln Center

- Change of operators.
- Inside the Lincoln Center atrium.

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- No changes in operation
- Menu will change
- No table service
- Full bar
- Replacing Witchcraft.
- Lincoln Center will remain as a Co-Licensing

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

4. **50 West 72nd Street** (Columbus Avenue) CPW Rest Inc. d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant: Phil Alotta – Dentonc1@aol.com - Owner

- Rebranding and renovating the locale.
- Had scaffolding up for 8 years.
- Hours: Sun-Tue 11am – 1am; Wed – Sat 11am – 2 am
- Will have to renew Sidewalk Café license; currently operating with the previous business Sidewalk café license.
- Background music.
- Will submit list of posting locations.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

5. **417 Amsterdam Avenue** (80th Street) BL 417 Amsterdam NY LLC, d/b/a Bluestone Lane.

- Applicant was not present.
- There were no postings.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal:

6. **187 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th – 69th Streets.) Renewal application #2029490-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by JAGR 187 Columbus LLC d/b/a Joe Coffee, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

- Applicant was not present

*After due deliberation the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

7. **283 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) New application #2238-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by D&S Dining Group, LLC d/b/a Salumeria Rosi, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Robert Callahan – KellyMLK136@gmail.com; Andrew Loscalzo - Owner

- They missed renewal, so they had to do new application.
- Will not have a perimeter border.
- Deliveries by Seamless and Postmate.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

8. **2130 Broadway** (West 74th – 75th Streets.) New application #1116-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by KDK, LLC d/b/a Viand Café, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 14 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Eric Kontogiannis – Erickk@mac.com; Sammy Konstantakopoulos - Owner

- Missed the email for last month (we had to disapproved)
- Need to flush café with building.
- Need to submit new plans before full board.
- Will have some perimeter stanchions.
- Has wine and liquor license.
- Has own bicycles for deliveries but will also use 3rd party delivery services (for online ordering – Amazon, Grubhub and Door Dash)
- Needs to modify plan to conform to 9 feet from building.
- Needs to submit new plan before full board meeting.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted provided that they submit new plans by full board meeting.*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

9. **517 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street.) New application #2813-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EGS, LLC d/b/a The Viand Diner & Bar, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 44 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Eric Kontogiannis – Erickk@mac.com; Sammy Konstantakopoulos - Owner

- Former location of Jackson Hall.
- Has own bicycles for deliveries but will also use 3rd party delivery services (for online ordering – Amazon, Grubhub and Door Dash)
- Has lunch business from high school students.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

10. **720 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95th Street.) New application #2357-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Elsalam Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a The Halal Guys, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 14 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Art Sabedra – Asabedra@thehalalguysnewyork.com; Margaret Carrera – Chief development officer; Ahmed Abouelenein

- Trying to get patio café in front of the restaurant.
- Will curtail to 3 tables.
- Needs to submit new plan before full board meeting.
- No table service; but will clean continuously.
- Now have 60 brick and mortar locations across the world (including franchising).
- Contributes food to National Night Out event by NYPD.
- Deliveries by Postmate and Door Dash.
- To address garbage issue is working with landlord to address problem.
- Will be more aware of garbage in corner and across the street (will clean more frequently one and block in each direction at closing time).
- Will use heavier gage garbage bags.

Public:

- Francesca Pardo – The Cleveland Arms Apartment Corporation – 205 West 95th Street

- Noise issues; from late night customers.
- Garbage issue; from late night customers which attract vermin.

CB7 Comments:

- George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero – use heavier lined garbage bags

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted provided they submit new plans with sitting only on Amsterdam Avenue flush to building line before full board meeting.*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

11. **2758 Broadway** (West 106th Street.) New application #1079-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by ISG Restaurant, LLC d/b/a IL Gatto Nero, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 35 tables and 70 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Robert Callahan – KellyMLK136@gmail.com; Goram Jovanovic - Owner

- New owner of location.
- They are doing an assignment of existing sidewalk café license.
- This one is a wraparound formerly approved by the full board. 106th Street is a wide sidewalk.
- Plan to have 3rd party delivery.
- Plans to deliver 5 blocks north and south.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0

12. New Business.

Sustainability for restaurants:

- Michele Parker – will propose new task force on sustainability for restaurants under the umbrella of BCI.

Discussion on e-bikes:

- Illegal to use in New York City.
- NYPD reported that bicycle related accidents are not due to ebikes.
- Some people will like to legalize them.
- Currently NYPD confiscates ebikes in use. They fine the operator and the business.

The meeting ended at 8:42 pm.

FULL BOARD MEETING

Roberta Semer, Chairperson

March 6, 2018

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Goddard Riverside Community Center, 593 Columbus Avenue (West 88th Street) in the District. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:40 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

The following matters were discussed and actions taken:

Minutes from the February 6, 2018, Full Board meeting were **approved**.

VOTE: 25-0-0-0

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Chair's Report: Roberta Semer:

- MTA closing three stations on CPW line. Meeting will be next week at Natural History to have community come and make comments to MTA.
- Housing Workshop week of April 9th with Linda Rosenthal. Look at rent history to ensure they are not being overcharged.
- NYCHA Task Force Forum will be at Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, March 28th.
- No more information about Sidewalk Shed Bill.
- Met with Rod Jones at Goddard to discuss issues of mutual concerns.

Community Session:

- Sara Lind, Metropolitan Montessori School, increase street safety in the neighborhood. Increase safety of children.
- Dan Cohen, Friends of A.A.P, Amsterdam and 108th Street Playground, \$5000 grant from Mark Levine- put up a message board, new garbage cans, additional gardening
- Peter Arndtsen, Columbus Amsterdam BID, Free walking tour on 11th, 19th history talk at hostel,

Manhattan Borough President's Report, Diana Howard:

- Completed interview process for the CB potentials. Apt letters out by mid April
- Rules and Regulations about building numbers outside buildings

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

Sean Coughlin, Office of Council Member Corey Johnson (3rd District):

- Monday April 2nd free tax prep for low income
- Second Tuesday of each month- Housing Clinic
- March 7- screening of Saturday Church 7:30pm

Gus Ipsen, Office of Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (67th District):

- Bill to ban gag causes- cost of medicine
- Prep and Pep- insurance companys HIV
- MTA meeting in Albany to discuss closures
- Cell Phone Drive- March 8 send to office

Tara Klein, Office of State Senator Brad Hoylman (27th District):

- March for our Lives- Bus to Washington DC
- Community Report
- Nominate a Woman of Distintion- would love to hear from you

Brennan Ward, Office of State Senator Marisol Alcantara (31st District):

- March 23rd- Women's Initiative
- March 31 Easter Egg

Elie Peltz, Office of U.S. House Member Jerrold Nadler (10th District):

- Bill to ban assault weapons
- 9/11 health

Michael Stinson, NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer's Office:

- Irish Community Breakfast- March 20th 8:30am

Jennifer Greer, Public Advocate Letitia James' Office:

- Bill deal with rats- all construction company clean up the area before getting permits.

Business Session:

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

1. Letter to the Board of Standards and Appeals regarding 200 Amsterdam Avenue.

Presentation by Richard Asche & Page:

- Great presentation at committee meeting about super tall
- As a result of that meeting, we decided to write a letter to BoS about our opinion about Supertalls in our neighborhood.
- Resolution address affordability
- High ceiling heights does not increase living space in NYC
- Get attention of City Planning to look at areas where there is height and no destiny

H.Yaruss: How do you define supertall? Ans: express coined that reflects the current technology that allows for increase in height. Fast track construction as concrete is piped to high levels.

E. Sheffer: Term Super Tall is a descriptive political word that has been given to describe a handful of buildings built on 57th Street. Three reasons for this: Style of building and technology, voids in the buildings that are not livable space, and no regulation of max for floor to floor heights. There is no street scape because of the high setting of livable space.

P. Samton: High time that City Planning deal with bulk of these buildings. It is outlandish and there has to be a beginning of some regulation

I. Mitchneck: There are devices that are used to limit height. Many areas within the community where there are height factor districts. Second Resolution: last bullet- build a bigger building where they can. Find a better way to phrase this or understand it will not work the way we want it.

M. Diller: Support the letter. Technical: we defer to the parties on this decision

S. Fine: Take it further bring it to Borough Boards so it become a city issue: An. Part of the plan.

L. Craddock: Real problems that happen- as of right they don't come before us. Technically it is difficult for us to address them. Above a certain height you would need a special permit that would involve CB, Borough President, and others.

CB7 Comments:

- Chris Giordano- justification of proposed project. Continue to work to find solutions
- Shelia Kendrick- thank you to land use 10 west 66th street- has buildings are going up we are losing Central Park to shadows.
- Olive Freud – challenged the department of buildings- appeal from board of standards- elected officials stood up with us and grateful to the resolution March 27th there is a hearing about Board of Standards
- William Raudenbosh- Super Tall Building
- Josh Pinkerten– Support tall buildings- housing crisis- promotes affordable housing- we need more housing at every part of the income spectrum

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 33-2-0-0

Resolution Re:

2. Amending the Zoning Regulations to address oversight of tall buildings.

Presentation by Richard Asche

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 33-1-1-0

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Jeannette Rausch, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

3. **NY State Assembly bill A4003** (sponsored by AM Linda Rosenthal) to eliminate the 4-year look back period on rent reduction orders filed through DHCR.

Presentation by Jeannette Rausch:

- Resolution to support the bill.
- Since 2003, over 100,000 apartments have been taken out of rent control or stabilization.

CB7 Comments:

- Mark Diller: Putting money in tenants' pockets (that was taken unfairly) and reclaiming affordable units.
- K. Neuwelt: Asked to vote to support a legislative bill that was not presenting in advanced. Answer: it was part of the package that went out.
- M. Parker: Give this information to other CBs so that they can get on board. An: Other CB have contacted us because of our focus is affordable housing. Will be sent to Manhattan Borough President and to the Chairs of all CBs.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 35-0-1-0

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

Brief presentation on the NYC Transit Authority upcoming Enhanced Station Initiative projects in MCB7. The 72nd Street, 86th Street and 110th Street Cathedral Parkway B C stations will be receiving upgrades similar to those shown in this

R. Reich: We need public hearings to discuss this. Massive money that could be used for structural repairs.

There is no plan for more buses. We need to back Rosenthal and we should support them.

K. Coughlin: Adding benches and they are leaning. Spending all this money on cosmetics when we cannot get trains to run on time.

H. Yaruss: Inconvenience for the community. The service will be just as bad even though it will look better.

E. Caputo: We need to be realistic about MTA. We are doing a Town Hall Meeting next week. Inform the public of the repairs.

A. Albert: Different funding than service funds. Enhanced Station Initiative is where this money is coming from. Subway Action Plan (service) has been funded by the State and not the City- slowed down unless the City comes up with their half.

I. Booker: There will be upgraded and down in 6 months. It was presented in the newspaper a few weeks ago. Lighting will help improve the stations and a good investment.

R. Asche: Community Board seeing an issue and calling it to the City's attention. Notices will be posted in the stations.

E. Sheffer: Do agree that this can be a good thing. Enhanced stations for safety. People further north suffer every weekend with the changes. Set agenda for the meeting and have MTA tell us what is happening and discuss how money is spent.

R. Robbins: Resolution Suggestion: EMAIL

M. Diller: Good to call on the MTA to rethink some of this. Funding between Governor and Mayor- about funding- maybe it time for this board to consider budget priority that calls on the Mayor and City to do its share of additional capital funding to create better service.

A. Rigie: 100 million station upgrades are important- CB resolution should not change the way funding is allocated. We need to get out there to inform the public.

S. Reddy: if we pass this resolution do we lose funding. Ans: no but we could lose the meeting

S. Schwartz: M66/72 reduced bus service- loop it in.

S. Robotti: Stations are scary and dark. Avoid stations due to what it current looks like. If not here, then somewhere else.

J. Rausch: Is there phase two of this? Resolution should focus on public outreach.

Public Speaker:

Dan Cohen: Head of Valley Restoration, 1/2/3 is fully ADA accessible. There is no elevator on B/C between 59th to 125th Street. We need one of these stations to be ADA accessible. 110th Street could be a place for an elevator.

Resolutions Re:

4. **50 West 77th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Department of Transportation for a Revocable Consent by EQR 50 West 77th, LLC to construct, maintain and use a new ADA lift and steps.

Presentation by Andrew Albert:

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 36-0-0-0

5. **25 West 94th Street** (Central Park West.) Application to the Department of Transportation for a Revocable Consent by Mark Mancuso for a fenced in area including a wheelchair accessible Ramp, trash receptacle and planter box.

Presentation by Andrew Albert

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 36-0-0-0

6. Approval of Guidelines for Secondary Street Naming.

Withdrawn

7. **West 85th and 86th Streets** (West End Avenue.) “No Standing” regulations at the corners of West 85th and West 86th Streets and West End Avenue.

Withdrawn

8. **Secondary Street Renaming** request in honor of Beulah E. Sanders by her daughter Judith Sanders at the S/E/C of West 92nd Street and Columbus Avenue.

Withdrawn

9. Proposed resolution to better control MTA Capital Spending.

Presentation by Andrew Albert:

- Lot of press recently, MTA has spent more money on projects 7x as much on capital projects.
- Concern that subway service has declined. MTA needs more money to repair.
- Impress upon MTA on the need to use every dollar wisely.

CB7 Comments:

- A. Albert: Things do cost a lot in NYC. Cost associated due to the city’s infrastructure. Dig deeper, remove dirt, etc. Union agreements in the city. Two Governors took money away from the MTA and put into general funds. NYC is not a national capital.
- E. Caputo: Add something about MTA to present to the MTA to make the information public. Need data to back up assertions.
- J. Rausch: Asking Controller to look into MTA. MTA is being asked to police themselves.
- A. Isaacs: NYT article- outlined the scandal. Specific that we are entitled to better.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 33-0-2-1

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Klari Neuwelt and Ken Coughlin, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

10. **Proposed Reconstruction of the West 90th Street (Safari) Playground, Central Park.**

Presentation by Ken:

- High ground and not accessible. Modernize them to make them accessible.
- Accessibility will mean cutting down trees which are not in good condition.
- Lower fences to allow for better views of the park.
- Summer construction and will take a year. 1.9 million private funded

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

11. **Proposed Reconstruction of the East 96th Street Playground, Central Park.**

Presentation by Ken:

- Hippos need to be recreated from originals.
- Add another canoe.
- User activated water
- Allows for a path to allow it to be accessible.
- Lower fences to allow for better views.
- 3 million to fund.

CB7 Comments:

- S. Schwartz: playgrounds are enchanting.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

12. **Reconstruction of the Southwest Corner**/West 61st Street Comfort Station, Central Park.

Presentation by Klari Neuwelt:

- Attractive building and is in need for renovation.
- Inside is not accessible.
- Involve redoing the interior and making it accessible, year round, infrastructure work, water to garden, exterior will be restored.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

13. **17 West 67th Street, #5A** (Columbus Avenue - Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Split vote- 3-2 vote.
- Different visual affect with change in windows.
- 3 community members felt it was inappropriate to go to this type of windows that have different panes and method of opening.
- Building has no master plan.
- All double hung were replaced 20 years ago- they will need replacements shortly. Do we want to go with what is there or keep historical façade.

P. Samton: Visual effect would be that terrible considering so many other windows are not the original.

CB7 Comments:

- Madge: This is a block is on the national historical registry. To put in windows that don't compliment the building. There are casement windows that are available to allow the windows to remain as it was intended.
- K. Neuwelt: No master plan, what has LPC been doing on this? Ans: we have nothing. They came to us for guidance. Setting a president in the building longer than me. All the windows were changed the year before it was landmarked. (20 years) Believe it is a value to the building to have the casements.
- Micky: Slippery Slope- real obligation to have windows look today and in the future- historic façade needs to stay the same.
- Paul: old replacement windows be repaired. Can be restored and not energy consist.
- H. Yaruss: will you replace or leave as? Ans: we would have to decide.

Michael (applicant): Been very aware of the windows and have been careful to find windows that are closest to the original windows. The building has many windows that are different. Encasements cost \$11,000 more than the windows that were selected. Match the number of the windows that have been replaced. Looking to enhance the windows to give a better visual.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove the replacement windows** was adopted.*

VOTE: 12-15-3-2

*13a. To **approve** the application as presented.*

Vote: 16-10-2-2

14. **2012 Broadway d/b/a T-Mobile** (West 69th street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for construction of new storefront, installation of mechanical system and installation of signage.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Similar detail added to make transitions smoother.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the new storefront design as modified, installation of mechanical system and installation of signage** was adopted.*

VOTE: 25-4-0-0

15. **505 West End Avenue** (West 84th Street.) Application # 19-20380 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- 6th floor replacement windows in kind.
- AC grills on them.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the new replacement windows** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

16. **119 West 87th Street, Youngwood Residence** (Columbus Avenue.) Application #19-15121 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to enlarge an existing rear yard addition.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Enclose terrace to add space to the bedroom.

- No speakers came to speak about the issue.

CB7 Comments:

- S. Schwartz: Who voted against it? Ans: P. Samton: no evidence of consideration for the neighbors.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the small horizontal addition to a second floor rear terrace** was adopted.*

VOTE: 29-1-2-0

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

17. New applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

- **146 West 72nd Street** (Amsterdam Avenue) Akimoto Sushi Inc d/b/a To be Determined.
- **215 West 75th Street** (Broadway) Owl Café 75 Corp. d/b/a To be Determined.
- **307 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 75th Street) RuaDEE Inc d/b/a To be Determined.
- **951 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th Street) Nobody Told Me LLC d/b/a To be Determined.
- **995 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 109th Street) MJ 995 Inc. d/b/a Lion's Head Tavern.
- **1012 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 110th Street) 1016 Amsterdam Ave LLC d/b/a To be Determined.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewals:

18. **489 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd – 84th Streets.) Renewal application #2053735-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shivhari, Inc. d/b/a Ashoka, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

Presentation by Michele Parker

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

Bundle 18 and 20

19. **210 West 94th Street** (Broadway – Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application #2024390-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Levantino, LLC d/b/a Vino Levantino, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 14 seats.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

20. **2130 Broadway** (West 74th – 75th Streets.) New application #1116-2018-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by KDK, LLC d/b/a Viand Café, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 14 seats.

Presentation by Michele Parker

*After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

The meeting was **adjourned** at 9:25 pm.

Present: Roberta Semer, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Tina Branham, Steven Brown, Elizabeth Caputo, Joshua Cohen, Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazzer, Mark Diller, Miki F. Fiegel, Sheldon Fine, Paul Fischer, Sonia Garcia, Marc Glazer, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Amy Hyman, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, Genora Johnson, Natasha Kazmi, Blanche E. Lawton, Ira Mitchneck, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Jeannette Rausch, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Katie Rosman, Peter Samton, Susan Schwartz, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain, Mel Wymore, Howard Yaruss, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero

On Leave: Robert Espier

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Klari Neuwelt and Ken Coughlin, Co-Chairs

Committee Members Present: Steven Brown, Ken Coughlin, Klari Neuwelt, and Susan Schwartz. Absent: Natasha Kazmi.

Meeting was called to order at 7 p.m.

Prior to the hearing of the first agenda item, co-chair Klari Neuwelt welcomed Dorothy Rowan, who has replaced Ben Kramer as Riverside Park Manager (Kramer has been promoted to Deputy Administrator for Riverside Park), and Matt Genrich, who is now the DPR Manager for Districts 7 and 9, to the meeting. Neuwelt then asked Rowan about the fencing off of a portion of the plaza surrounding Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Monument. At the committee's February 2017 meeting, representatives of the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) presented to the committee the results of a conditions survey and restoration treatment study of the Monument area. The investigation found that the overall condition of the monument and plazas ranges from "fair" to "poor," with poor meaning a one-year life expectancy and fair meaning five years. The study's recommendation is for a comprehensive rehabilitation of the Monument and surrounding plazas at an estimated cost of \$30 million, the funds for which are not currently available.

Rowan said that the upper portion of the plaza and the two upper staircases have been closed off for an "indefinite" period of time due to concerns about potential injuries from stones falling from the Monument. However, theatrical performances near the Monument should not be affected, nor will the Memorial Day and Veterans Day observances. [Note: Margaret Bracken, Riverside Park Landscape Architect, advised after the meeting that the observances would have to be modified somewhat.]

Neuwelt also noted with approval the beginning of construction by DOT to install lighting on the Cherry Walk section of the Hudson River Greenway, which was the committee's top capital budget priority last year. Rowan

informed the committee that a total of 87 lights will be installed. Neuwelt questioned where lights would be installed on the northern-most section of the Cherry Walk, where it is enclosed by a concrete barrier wall. Rowan did not know how that section will be lit.

1.. Presentation by The Broadway Mall Association on an upcoming public art exhibition scheduled for installation mid-April.

Deborah Foord, a board member of the Broadway Mall Association, presented plans for the installation next month of six figurative sculptures by artist Kathy Ruttenberg, four of which will be located in CB7 – in Dante Park at 64th Street and on the Broadway Malls at 72nd Street, 79th Street, and 96th Street. The sculptures, made of cast silicon and bronze, will be exhibited through February 2019. Installation begins April 15 starting at 72nd Street, with the ribbon cutting for the entire exhibition on April 27 at 11 am at the south entrance of the 72nd Street IRT station.

The artist describes her art as a combination of “human, animal, and plant forms,” although the sculptures in the exhibition are something of a departure for Ruttenberg, who typically creates pieces for indoor exhibition. Some of the sculptures will incorporate LED lights, a first for a Broadway Malls art installation. These are the Ruttenberg sculptures in CB7:

- 64th Street – “All the World’s a Stage,” 189.5” high x 52” diameter
- 72nd Street – “In Sync,” 96” high x 52” diameter
- 79th Street – “Ms. Mighty Mouse,” 120” high x 48” wide x 32” diameter
- 96th Street – “Snail’s Pace,” 74” high x 114” long x 48” wide

Questions:

Susan Schwartz: What is the weight of the sculptures?

Foord: Doesn’t know, but they will be on bases and will not be so heavy that they cannot be well supported.

Schwartz: Notes unrelated Department of Design and Construction street work beginning soon at 71st Street bowtie and asks whether this will pose a conflict with the installation at 72nd Street.

Foord: Even if the work goes on simultaneously, vehicular access to area should not be compromised.

Neuwelt: In past years the sculpture exhibitions have typically been paid for by the artist’s gallery. Is this the case this year?

Foord: No, the artist arranged her own financing.

Ken Coughlin: The limbs of the figure at 72nd Street are low enough for someone to swing on. Can they withstand the weight?

Foord: In past years some sculptures have looked like inviting jungle gyms (cites the exhibition of artist Don Gummer’s work in 2015-2016 in particular) but there have been no reports of people using them to climb on. This is not a concern.

Resolution to approve the Broadway Mall Association’s exhibition of the Kathy Ruttenberg sculptures in CB7: Committee: 4-0-0-0.

(For a short video about Ruttenberg’s creation of the Mall sculptures at her studio, see:

<http://kathyruttenberg.com/all-the-worlds-a-stage/>)

2. Discussion with the NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) on the upgrades to facilities at the Central Park Reservoir.

Humberto Galarza of the DEP’s public relations department, assisted by DEP staff members David Yung and Shibly Shadeque, described the work involved in upgrades to Gate House No. 1 on the north side of the Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis Reservoir. The Gate House was built in 1864, and the reservoir provided drinking water to the city until it was decommissioned in the early 1940s. The Gate House controlled the inflow of water to the reservoir from the Croton Aqueduct.

The water control valves beneath the Gate House now require rehabilitation to prevent cross-contamination of the current city water supply. In addition, a reinforced concrete bulkhead will be installed and the Gate House's roof replaced.

Accomplishing this work will require temporarily lowering the reservoir's water level by approximately 8 feet (the water level has already been lowered to about 7 feet). (When filled, the Reservoir is about 30 feet deep.) The construction work will also necessitate temporarily closing the section in front of the Gate House of the running track that circles the reservoir. Instead, the path will detour around the Gate House to the north, joining the bridle path for a short distance before rejoining the existing path. All of the work and the temporary closure of the running path, including signs directing pedestrians to a detour along the bridle path, will be coordinated with the Central Park Conservancy.

Work on the gatehouse will begin April 1, 2018, and be completed by July 15, 2018, after which the reservoir will be refilled to its customary level, a process that takes about 50 days. The project's total cost will be \$326,000. Procon is the contractor for the work.

Questions:

Neuwelt: Where does the water go and from where is it refilled when it is partially drained, as in this project?

Answer: The water goes to the sewers and will be refilled from the NYC drinking water supply.

Neuwelt: Is the reservoir a static body of water, no inflow or outflow? Answer: Basically, yes, except for inflow of rainwater, and the fountain in the center of the reservoir aerates the water.

Neuwelt asked about the possibility of swimming ever being allowed in the reservoir. Answer: That's a question for DPR and/or the Conservancy. There are safety issues.

Neuwelt: Have you found anything of interest as the water level has been lowered? Answer: Dead raccoons.

Schwartz: Do you plan to similarly renovate the south Gate House? Answer: Probably, but we are focusing on No. 1 now.

Coughlin: Concerned that the running track detour will be an adequate running surface that will not pose hazards to runners. Answer: The Conservancy will be doing the work and following their standards.

Community member Ira Gershenhorn: Why rehabilitate the valves in light of the fact that they are no longer used? Why not just block them off? Answer: The valves are still used to refill the reservoir. We still need access to them.

Gershenhorn: Does lowering the water level place an extra burden on the city's often overburdened waste treatment system? Answer: No, because the water is removed so gradually.

New Business:

Neuwelt: She will forward to committee members a recent email from Kaitlin Peterson of Manhattan Community Boathouse regarding an upcoming kayaking event. Matt Genrich of DPR: Tecumseh Playground is temporarily closed due to electrical work.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Jay Adolph and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
March 8, 2018

Present: Gabrielle Palitz, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel and Peter Samton. **Absent:** Jay Adolf and Susan Schwartz.

1. **250 West 71st Street**, located between West End Ave. and Broadway. Application to LPC for a rooftop addition replacement windows throughout and front façade restoration work, for this 4 story townhouse.

Presented by Juan Carlos Matiz, Architecture and Design

Proposal is to extend rooftop with extra story penthouse, and rooftop mechanical. New chimney, new elevator and bulkhead, new wood windows throughout, adjust location of entrance door, and larger windows proposed at ground floor. Otherwise façade in generally good shape. New decorative railings to replace existing railings. West elevation has new windows, and there are new windows proposed on rear façade.

Questions:

A neighbor is concerned about cellar work and new elevator pit. While the new elevator doesn't go to the cellar, it goes up to roof creating a new large bulkhead. Further questions ensued relating to proposed rooftop construction.

Discussion:

Mr. Samton questioned the need for a full 20' additional height for the penthouse. (Equivalent of 2 new floors as well as 2 new flues) Applicant responded that one was for the neighbor. Mark Diller asked about lack of window details. Architect responded that the details were there, but didn't show well. Miki Fiegel also thought there was too much roof top construction, but didn't think it was a 'deal-breaker'. Gabby Palitz questioned lack of coping detail at the proposed penthouse.

Resolution to Approve passed: 3-1-0-0.

2. 110-118 Riverside Drive Application for Window Replacement

Presented for Walter B. Melvin, Architects, LLC by Kevin R. Daly

This is a large, 1929 apartment building running from West 83rd Street to West 84th Street along Riverside Drive. The larger leg of this big apartment building fronts on West 83rd Street. Over the years a large percentage of the original windows have been replaced in an ad hoc way throughout the building.

The proposal is for ultimately replacing all the windows with similar double hung windows as part of a replacement Master Plan. There are 2 manufacturers being considered, Marvin and Skyline Windows.

The proposal is for nearly all windows facing Riverside Avenue and 83rd and 84th Street to be 6 over 1 double hung, (with some 4 over 1 and a few 2 over 1 for the smaller windows. On the rear façade, 1 over 1 double hung are being proposed. There are a few large glass window that had replaced the 3 windows, that will be returned to 3 units in the Master Plan. Only the very small bathroom windows will have single or double panes.

After brief discussion and comment the Committee voted.

Resolution: To approve the proposal passed 4-0-0-0.

3. 210 Columbus Avenue, between West 69th Street and West 70th Street. Application to install a new ADA ramp for access to a wide storefront.

Presented by Chipman Design Architecture.

Proposal is for a new ADA ramp to deal with an existing step into the store from the sidewalk. The proposed ramp has a railing and rise from the sidewalk to the store level. The ramp is approximately 5 ft long with 9 ft landing to facilitate access to the storefront.

No major comments ensued.

Resolution: To approve the proposal passed 4-0-0-0.

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7 MANHATTAN
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
March 27, 2018 meeting minutes**

Present: Committee members Sheldon Fine, Audrey Isaacs, Genora Johnson, Madge Rosenberg (co-chair); Board members Mark Diller, Amy Hyman, Madelyn Innocent, Roberta Semer (chair)
meeting began at 6:30

This Program was organized by Audrey Isaacs, Shelly Fine and Amy Hyman.

Audrey Isaacs and Shelly Fine served as moderators for the program.

Shelly welcomed the panelists, the HHS committee members, Board Members and the community members who came to the meeting

He explained the background to how the topic of **Mental Health issues in our Community by Agencies and Programs that Provide Support and Services** was developed from a discussion at our January Health and Human Services Committee.

Audrey and Shelly alternated asking questions appropriate to each of the the panelists

- Which populations does your agency serve regarding mental health issues?
- Which services does your agency provide to support those populations?
- How do members of the community access the services provided by your agency?
- From your experience, what are the most serious mental health issues the Community District 7 community is experiencing?
- How effective have the services you provide been? How do you measure that effectiveness?
- How can CB7's Health & Human Services Committee's advocacy assist your agency's ability to provide mental health services to the Community District 7 community.

SPEAKERS ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES IN OUR COMMUNITY

Shelly Brenner, Associate Deputy Executive Director, Goddard-Riverside's Mental Health Programs

Larry Bryant, Support Programs Coordinator, National Alliance on Mental Illness

Manuel Casanova, 2nd Vice President, Community Education Council Manhattan District 3

Sherry Cranmer, Director Clinical Services, West Side Federation of Senior & Supportive Housing

Fern Fleckman, Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Ryan Center

James C. Gibaldi, Outreach Coordinator, Thrive NYC, Office of the Mayor of the City of NY

Amy Hyman, Director of the Frederick Douglass Community Center at Children's Aid

Henry Lopez, Neighborhood Coordination Officer, Manhattan's 24th Precinct

SHERRI BRENNER - GODDARD RIVERSIDE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

- GODDARD helps families remain stable by connecting them to community.
- The Top Club House builds relationships and job opportunities, helps with obstacles to employment, offers job coaching and such supports as job retention training.
- Club House has relationships with local employers such as Zaros Bakery and the Lincoln Square BID.

- Mental health diagnosis are offered for clients in need.
- Mental health and jobs programs are funded by the city and state and are audited twice a year. Goddard captures data measured by ACT team.
- They have shown fewer hospitalizations. Green Keepers participants working outdoors show improved health. These are measures of Top Club House success.
- LACK OF HOUSING AND OPIODS ARE THE MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

JAMES GARIBALDI - THRIVE NYC

- THRIVE is part of the Mayor's Office with 54 mental health initiatives that let us help each other.
- They are trying to reach everyone where they are, such as social workers in community centers.
- THRIVE trains New Yorkers in Mental Health First Aid.
- Programs are offered around the city free of charge
- They participate in Naloxon training with DHS to reverse overdoses.

SHELLY CRANMER WSFFSSH

- West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing provides housing and deals holistically with issues related to trauma and mental health.
- All employees have a mission to contribute to a sense of well being and hope.
- All interactions are potential mental health interactions. There is no limit on the time to work together; sometimes dealing with challenges goes on forever. We work to make clients make friends and be part of the community. We try to offer hope and a path toward stability.
- We have psychiatric services for more serious problems. Care is completely coordinated.
- We are saving and building 200 units of affordable housing.
- STIGMA AND FEAR ARE THE BIGGEST PROBLEMS. We need to listen to anxiety over immigration.

MANUEL CASANOVA CEC3 MANHATTAN

- As housing goes, so goes stability. Homelessness sends kids to different schools, but schools try to help kids in shelters, help with laundry needs and social service support.
- When schools near shelters are closed, possibly Wadleigh or P.S. 49, children lose sense of security. School is most stable time of day with lunch and security guards. A special team is needed to go in for extra support when a school closes. Students from shelter population need extra mental health support.
- Schools with low income and minority populations do not have strong PTA's and money for after school programs.
- According to Shelly Fine an effective caseload is 25 students to one social worker. Now schools have 250 students to each social worker.

HAROLD MAURAN and HENRY LOPEZ - 24TH PRECINCT NEIGHBORHOOD COORDINATION OFFICERS

- Neighborhood Coordination Officers know people having problems. We serve anyone in the precinct if they are hurting themselves, regardless of immigration status, gender orientation. Each case is different.
- Neighborhood Coordination program is a bridge to the right city agency. We are here to help families help themselves.
- In some cases of teens shoplifting, etc, we find out the kids problems, talk to youth intervention officers that know the kids problems in school.
- We try to get teenagers to join Police Explorers' Program that helps police help community.

AMY HYMAN - CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY

- Community Center has a 1 to 10 ratio for therapy.
- We advocate for parents when schools do not understand parental or environmental problems.
- The National Standardize Test to check socio-emotional development: can a person plan and follow a plan, or is one day sunshine and the next day rain.
- Reading benchmark to assess kid predicts that the 85% reading below grade level in early grades have much greater chance of dropping out of high school. Many families do not want to know about problems.
- STIGMA IS MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE - mental health needs to become comfortable to allay fear of diagnosis.

FERN FLECKMAN - RYAN CENTER

- Mental health sufferers die 25 years younger and have more diabetes & hypertension
- Nurse care managers help deal with problems of substance abuse and mental before patients go to the emergency room.
- We screen people dealing with depression who don't take good care of themselves. Identify depression and anxiety early by asking, "Have you been feeling down, depressed or lonely in last two weeks?" "Have you had happiness in the last few weeks. Not everyone with a symptom has a disorder. It matters how it effects their day to day activities? How do you deal with problems? We want to help people function, to help parents with their children?
- We set goals and look at the objectives every 3 months. Are we stuck? Is this the right program, setting, therapist? Are support services needed?
- Social Determinants of Health: money, housing, relationships, getting to services.
- 212 769-7200 is the direct to mental health services
- From schools children come through doctors, counselors
- Don't over promise & under-deliver.

LARRY BRYANT - NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS

- Interim Voice program - takes mental illness as a scary concept and makes it human. We talk to the community about mental illness and its stigma in public. We put information in people's hands.

- We measure the number of people in peer to peer classes & count how many graduate.
- We teach how to ask for help and how to provide help.
- With educators we advocate for funding programs.
- NAMI connects with housing agencies, legal advocates, community partnerships to add strands to their safety net and works to change policies.
- Having housing applications on hold elevates the sense of anxiety in the community, threatens stability.
- VERY IMPORTANT IS ACCESS TO SERVICES AND ENDING STIGMA.

MARK DILLER - How do we identify someone who needs referral and how do we help?

- Dial 888 NYC Well (888 692 9355) for help in multiple languages from 27 agencies.
- Contact Ryan Center

To take the MHFA course, contact [mentalhealth.gov/mhfa](https://www.mentalhealth.gov/mhfa)