

## **BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons**

**March 13, 2019**

*Business & Consumer Issues Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met at the District Office, 250 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Co-Chairperson Christian Cordova.*

**Committee Members Present:** Linda Alexander, Christian Cordova, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fischer, Doug Kleiman, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie

**Committee Members Absent:** Joshua Cohen, Michele Parker  
The following matters were discussed:

### ***New applications to the SLA for two year liquor licenses:***

**1. 239 West 105<sup>th</sup> Street** (Broadway) Miss Ye Food Service Inc. d/b/a Szechuan Garden.

Presenting for the Applicant – Ellen Lee, from ABC License:

- Transfer application.
- Transfer of ownership to a cousin of the family.
- No changes to the operation.
- Hours of operation: 11:30 am – 10:30 pm, 7 days a week.
- Car deliveries, no bicycles.

CB7 Comments:

- Old location of Abbey Pub

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

**2. 44 West 63<sup>rd</sup> Street** (aka 1889 Broadway) Boucherie Lincoln Center LLC d/b/a Boucherie Lincoln Center.

Presenting for the Applicant – Benjamin Savitsky, Bernstein Redo, PC; Emil Stefkov, Owner:

- Inside the Empire Hotel.
- Main restaurant for hotel.
- Former location of Ed's Chowder House. Across from Lincoln Center.
- Restaurant is owner operated.
- There are 2 other Boucherie locations and Olio downtown.
- 5<sup>th</sup> restaurant in NYC, 10 years in NYC.
- Traditional French cuisine with focus on meat.
- Same layout as Ed's Chowder House.
- Main dining room, bar area – copy of floor plans in application
- Hours of operation: 7 am – 2 am, 7 days a week.
- Recorded music. Once a month there will be a jazz trio.
- Have been contacted by the Lincoln Square BID.
- The restaurant looks forward to actively participating in neighborhood activities. They want to be integrated with the neighborhood.
- Opening planned for end of June 2019.
- Brand book given for the office.
- No deliveries.

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Public Comments:

- Neighborhood people and bloggers seem excited about the coming restaurant.

CB7 Comments:

- Well posted.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

***Application to the SLA for a Change of Class of existing liquor license:***

3. **917 Columbus Avenue** (West 105<sup>th</sup> Street) Tien Giang Restaurant Corp. d/b/a Mekong. Upgrade to full on premises license.

- Applicant did not show

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

***Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewals:***

4. **428 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80<sup>th</sup> – 81<sup>st</sup> Streets.) Renewal application # 2036320-DCA 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.

Presenting for the Applicant – Brian Owens, Owner:

- Postings were done.
- Photos were provided.
- No changes to the operation.

CB7 Comments:

- Well posted and there were photographs.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

5. **494 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1207810-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by PQ West 84th, Inc., d/b/a Le Pain Quotidien, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 6 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Michael Kelly, Michael Kelly Inc.:

- No changes to the operation.
- Café was opened already this past weekend (March 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>)!
- No deliveries.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

6. **2479 Broadway** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Streets.) Renewal application #1278350-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Katouna, Inc., d/b/a Perfecto Pizzeria, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 48 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Ioannis Berbeis, Owner:

- No changes to the operation.
- Deliveries done mostly by Seamless. They charge 25% now!
- Deliveries between 80<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- Tough climate for restaurants! Difficult for restaurants to survive.

CB7 Comments:

- Postings were done, but requested the owner email a list of where postings were done to the CB7 office.

- Hybrid of pizza and restaurant.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

7. **201 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application #1282774-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 Rest. 95th St Corp, d/b/a Buceo 95, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – James Peterson, Owner:

- List of postings was given at the meeting
- No changes to the operation.
- Café is on the side street.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

8. **2607 Broadway** (West 98<sup>th</sup> – 99<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application #1345744-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Workhorse Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Regional, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Pietro Arenella, Owner:

- No changes to the operation.
- Photos provided of delivery person with properly marked vest.

Public Comments:

- Peter Arndtsen, from the Columbus Amsterdam BID, said the restaurant is great for the community.

CB7 Comments:

- Postings were done.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

9. **2745 Broadway** (West 105<sup>th</sup> – 106<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application #1025180-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Grillo, LTD, d/b/a Henry's, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 62 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Scott Snyder, Owner:

- Now it is a fish/seafood restaurant.
- This was Henry's Restaurant before.
- No changes being made to sidewalk café.
- Large café.
- Deliveries done through Door Dash and other delivery services.

Public Comments:

- Karen Goodhart, a neighbor, supports the restaurant!

CB7 Comments:

- DOT took away the bike corral when the street was repaved.
- We will request that the bike corral be reinstituted. Applicant would be supportive of it too.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

10. **936 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 106<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #2042354-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam GS Cooperation, d/b/a The Ellington, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 26 tables and 56 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Michael Kelly, Michael Kelly Inc.:

- Applicant provided a list of posting locations.

Public Comments:

- Peter Arndtsen, from the Columbus Amsterdam BID, said the restaurant is a great addition to the community, especially the sidewalk café.
- It changed the whole corner at 106<sup>th</sup> street and Amsterdam Avenue.
- He saw the postings.

CB7 Comments:

- Mr. Cordova did not see any postings last Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Committee requested that the notice be reposted until the next Full Board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

#### ***Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal/Modifications:***

11. **960 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107<sup>th</sup> – 108<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal/Modification application #1275484-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Thai Market, Inc., d/b/a Thai Market, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Ricardo Cervina, Expediter/Attorney; Vutichai Ngosuwana, Owner:

- Renewal with a slight modification – space is being made a little smaller, reduced now to 10 tables and 20 chairs.
- Size being reduced mainly for cost. This eliminates one row of seating, allowing for more pedestrian space on the sidewalk.
- New sidewalk café plan given to the committee.
- Deliveries done by bicycle.
- Photos provided of delivery person with properly marked vest.

Public Comments:

- Peter Arndtsen, from the Columbus Amsterdam BID, said they are a great restaurant.

CB7 Comments:

- 20' wide sidewalk.
- Café is 9' from building line.
- Café is much cleaner now.
- Notices were posted.

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

VOTE: 7-0-0-0

12. **1018 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 110<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal/Modification application #2050848-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Madrel, LLC, d/b/a Marlow Bistro, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 30 tables and 58 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Steve Wygoda, Architect; Marjanne Motamedi, Owner:

- No changes to the operation.
- Delivery is done through 3<sup>rd</sup> party services.
- The notice to be posted was emailed to the wrong address.

Public Comments:

- Andrea Craig, neighbor, loves the restaurant.

CB7 Comments:

- Wraparound café
- Committee requested that the notice be reposted until the next Full Board meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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

*VOTE: 7-0-0-0.*

***New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café:***

13. **412 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 79th – 80th Streets.) New application #1307-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Bettola NYC, Corp., d/b/a Bettola, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 26 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Michael Kelly, Michael Kelly Inc.; Marianna Leszayova, Owner:

- Ownership change
- No changes to the operation.
- Photos provided of delivery person with properly marked vest.

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

*VOTE: 7-0-0-0.*

14. New business.

Robert Noyer, neighbor:

- Someone was stabbed and killed at Dive 75 Bar (101 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street) last night.
- Awful event.
- There was shouting and screaming.
- Main fight happened in the bar, and then spilled out onto the street.
- It could be a one off event, but almost every weekend there are loud noises, disturbances and sometimes violent verbal and physical fights. Not sure if this is normal for bars, but is very concerning!
- Historically there has always been a problem that has been tolerated. It seems to have gotten worse in the past few years.
- Maybe their liquor license should be withdrawn.
- The Bar was not closed the day after.

Public Comments:

- Peter Arndtsen, from the Columbus Amsterdam BID, said the owner has 3 bars in the neighborhood.
- He's a good operator, and likely to give his contact info to neighbors for noise complaints

CB7 Comments:

- We can record complaints and ask the 20<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct to look into this situation.
- Doug Kleiman – would be interested in knowing the outcome of the police investigation.
- Recommended Mr. Noyer contact the bar owner to discuss the ongoing problems; he thought perhaps a meeting could be requested but doesn't know if other neighbors have reached out to the owner

Doug Kleiman:

- Provided more information about the TIPs seminar.
- Proposed that he could provide a shortened version of the seminar for the committee members.

Linda Alexander – will look into this possibility. *The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.*

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN MINUTES**

**Full Board Meeting Minutes**

**March 5, 2019**

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, March 5, 2019, at Goddard Riverside Center in the district. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

**Chair's Report: Roberta Semer**

Minutes from the previous Full Board meeting were **approved**.

Vote: 33-0-0-0

- Rene Mills and Students from West Side High School made a presentation on the 4 Freedoms. D-Day celebration and asking Mayor/Borough President to issue proclamation to Caen, France for commitment to freedom. Student-curated exhibit will be displayed at Normandy war memorial for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The students each told what the Four freedoms: (freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech, freedom of worship) meant to them.  
If you want to support the project, donate at [www.gofundme.com/supporting-our-freedom](http://www.gofundme.com/supporting-our-freedom)

Roberta Semer announce that Polly Spain has stepped down from co-chair of the YEL Committee due to conflict of interest. Steve Brown has been appointed to co-chair with Blanche Lawton.

Conflicts of Interest Board will give our board a training, hopefully on 3/19 before Steering

City Planning will offer training on Land Use on 3/20.

Charter Revision Task Force will meet soon.

**Community Session:**

**Marjorie Cohen, Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group**

Schedule Available, talks and free programs, neighborhood walks.

**Winifred Armstrong, JHL proposal to build on 97<sup>th</sup> St**

Archives of Park West Justice Project (97<sup>th</sup> St Nursing Home proposed) will go to Tenement Library at NYU.

Won case – it's being appealed by the developers.

**Joseph Negron, KIPP NYC**

Charter was approved yesterday for new middle school on UWS. Many families are excited but there is opposition.

**Zachary Campbell, AMNH**

External work is ongoing, tree removal is complete. Work will begin on interior building components.

Construction Task Force meeting next week.

Question: how long will sidewalk shed last on Columbus?

It delineates area where construction takes place. Project is 36 months, shed will be there for the duration.

**Olive Freud, Committee for Environmentally Sound Planning**

Mechanical voids proposal is inadequate because it does not restrict the total height of the building. Still allows multiple smaller mechanical voids. New buildings should continue to house mechanics in the basement. Only reason mechanics were never counted against FAR in the past was because they were in the basement. Need a codified formula for determining height to ensure livable city with sky and sun.

**Linda Alexander, Columbus Ave BID**

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of UWS honoring WSCAH

Buy a ticket now and get 15% off  
Friday May 17 and Saturday May 18

Sheldon Fine, Free Homework Help

For children K-5 at St Michaels every Monday evening from 6-7

Jill Benzer, West Side Naturalists

Changing electric and gas analog meters to smart meters – almost no public discussion of this. This is a whole new technology and it should be something that people understand what's going on and decide whether they want to do it. Will send info to CB with details about this.

Deputy Inspector Malin, 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct

Build-the-Block Meeting 3/13 7:00 at Brandeis High School (will also be live-streamed on Facebook).

New Body Cameras – have already been useful.

Slight turnover with NCOs – updates will be on the website soon.

Crime is down 43.4% for year

Crime in the 24 is also down

**Manhattan Borough President's Report**

**April Adams**

Voids Text Amendment

Department of City planning held a public hearing at BP's office. There are some reservations, but BP will be coming out with a report with recommendations.

March 13 - deadline for submitting individual testimony on text amendment

March 7 – deadline for submitting Comments regarding city's budget – [budget@manhattanbp.nyc.gov](mailto:budget@manhattanbp.nyc.gov)

Accessibility Task Force – will be meeting

Congestion Pricing – 3/21 6-8 Congestion Pricing Forum, Location TBD (probably Cooper Union) – reach out to April for further info if you want to attend

Census 2020 Job Fair this Thursday 6-8 pm at Northern Manhattan Office

3/21 Housing Clinic 4-6 at Northern Manhattan Office

Women's History Month Celebration – women in prison and honoring 3/20 at 280 Broadway 6-8

**Reports by Elected Officials:**

**Helen Rosenthal, New York City Council Member (6<sup>th</sup> District):**

Thanks for effort on the resolution on mechanical voids.

Corey Johnson announced new plan for the MTA where the City would take it over completely. Would be able to float bonds to pay for upkeep and new capital. City would be responsible for making sure trains run on time and the books are balanced. The plan is available on the City Council website. BAT – Big Apple Transit.

3/19 Congestion Pricing forum – experts coming to talk about what's in the plan.

**Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:**

**Caitlyn Letteri, Office of Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (67<sup>th</sup> District):**

SCRIE/DRIE Clinic this Friday.

4/4 Westside Town Hall with Stringer at John Jay College at 6:30.

AM's Bill on Free Menstrual Products in Charter Schools passed this week.

Bill on increasing how mechanical voids are counted towards FAR.

Asher Baumrin, Office of State Senator Brad Hoylman ( District):

Bill requiring that Imitation weapons must be brightly colored so that they're easily identifiable

Bill requiring safe storage of guns in homes with children

One-year lookback period under Child Victims Act begins on 8/14 – office will be doing outreach

NYPL offers free tax assistance workshops

Saadia Santos, Office of State Senator Jose Serrano (29<sup>th</sup> District):

Constituent Hours – tomorrow at JASA 76<sup>th</sup> 11-2

Visit UWS once/week (St Agnes and Senior Centers)

Mechanical Voids – signed onto letter from CM Kallos

Erik Cuelto, Office of Council Member Mark Levine

Office of Hate Crimes Prevention has opened

CM pushing for Residential Parking Permits

Alek, Assembly Member Gottfried

New York Health Act passed Assembly Health Committee, now before Codes Committee

Hannah Weinerman, Office of U.S. House Member Jerrold Nadler (10<sup>th</sup> District):

Requested documents from 81 individuals and organizations. Oversight: obstruction of justice, public corruption, and abuses of power.

HR-8 and HR1122 – first gun control legislation passed in 20 years. Closed loopholes around background checks.

Now goes to Senate.

Still holding hearings on separated families

Victims compensation fund – slashed awards. Working to reauthorize 9/11 Victims Fund.

Business Session:

**Land Use Committee, Page Cowley and Seema Reddy, Co-Chairpersons**

**Resolutions Re:**

1. **Residential Tower Mechanical Voids Text Amendment.** Department of City Planning's proposed amendment.

Read more at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/plans/voids/voids.page>

Ben Kallos, CM District 5

Speaking in favor of our resolution in support of the mechanical voids text amendment. This is a citywide problem and UES and UWS agree on.

Rabbi Lisa Gelber, Congregation Habonim

Future home at 50 West 66<sup>th</sup>. The building is as-of-right. Halting progress will challenge the survival of our community.

Elaine Witkoff, President of Habonim

Searched for new home. Not involved with the development of 50 West 66<sup>th</sup> St, but has an interest in the construction. Unfair to apply a new rule to an in-progress project.



Ellen Mendel, Member of Congregation Habonim

Last-minute, governmental roadblocks risk putting our existence in serious jeopardy.

Michael Harwayne, Member of Congregation Habonim

Suggested that developer revert to plans for 25-story building. Developer originally owned a smaller piece of land and filed plans for smaller building on that land in 2015. In 2017 they bought lot next door and submitted plans for larger building on larger site as-of-right.

Debra Karlstein, Member of Board of Trustees of Congregation Habonim

Represent 100s of constituents in the district. Relied to detriment on city's prior approvals. If the building doesn't go forward, we have nowhere to go. We have community members who are elderly and not very mobile and some who are Sabbath observers.

Richard Verner, President of Congregation Habonim

We have put significant resources into the plans for this congregation. New synagogue, school with many classrooms, adult education programs, programming and event space open to UWS community.

Josh Pinkerton

Resolution is a missed opportunity. Mechanical voids provide higher floors for billionaires. Developers don't include Affordable Housing because it counts against FAR. Why aren't we changing definition of FAR in a way that encourages developers to build affordable housing.

Ellen Martin, Save Central Park NYC

Saving light in Central Park. Not completely satisfied with what city has proposed, but it's a good start and time is not on our side and we need to move now. Suggestions: 12 feet void every 200 feet (should adequately protect developers).

Chris Giordano, 64-67 St Block Association

Building has 205 feet of void space. Just 26 years ago City Planning went through a full process to limit the height in the neighborhood and yet here we are again. Voids don't provide housing and affordability and don't do anything for architecture. Limit mechanical space to 12 feet and lengthening distance to 200 feet.

All board members were given a chance to speak. Many expressed their personal affinity for Congregation Habonim but believe that the resolution is crucial for the neighborhood. Mechanical voids are dangerous and create buildings that are much too tall for the neighborhood with no added housing stock.

Howard Yaruss expressed that he does not believe the rule should apply to buildings already under construction. There was some discussion that the 50 West 66<sup>th</sup> actually does not have a permit to build a 750 building – their permit is only for 25 stories.

Richard Asche believes that the developer at 50 West 66<sup>th</sup> will be able to build even under these new rules and therefore the congregation will still have a home.

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

**Vote: 38-1-0-0**

**2. Moratorium on Too-Tall Buildings.**

Sara Lind: should there be an exemption for affordable housing?

Roberta: this does not apply to affordable housing.

Andrew Rigie: Agree that this does not seem to exclude affordable housing.

Howard Yaruss: Don't like to change the rules when people have already relied on them.

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

**Vote: 31-2-6-0**

**3. 100 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street d/b/a Renzo Gracie Upper West Side** (Columbus Avenue.) Application Cal. No. 2018-200-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeal, a special permits application for a Physical Culture Establishment in the sub-cellar.

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

**Vote: 39-0-0-0**

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons**  
**Resolutions Re:**

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

- **475 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street** (Riverside Boulevard) GC Riverside LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.
- **200 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street** (a/k/a 718 Amsterdam Avenue) Cabrera Argudo Corp., d/b/a Rancho Taquileria.
- **949 Columbus Avenue** (West 106<sup>th</sup> Street) The Calaveras Group, d/b/a To be Determined.

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

**Vote: 39-0-0-0**

**5. 161 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue) Miznon UWS LLC, d/b/a Miznon.

Applicant agreed to close back terrace at 10 pm and no music will be allowed on the back terrace.

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

**Vote: 39-0-0-0**

**6. 239 West 105<sup>th</sup> Street** (Amsterdam Avenue) Miss Ye Food Service Inc, d/b/a Szechuan Garden.

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

**Vote: 37-0-0-0**

**7. Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:**

- **2178 Broadway** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1418144-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Serafina 77 West, LLC, d/b/a Serafina Upper West, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 38 tables and 76 seats.
- **476 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #1218332-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Rest, Corp., d/b/a Fred's, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.
- **509 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84<sup>th</sup> – 85<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Renewal application #1416762-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New York Beer Co, LLC, d/b/a Jacob's Pickle, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

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

**Vote: 38-0-0-0**

**Enclosed Renewal Sidewalk Café:**

**8. 2483 Broadway** (West 92<sup>nd</sup> – 93<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Renewal application #0916146-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Hussien Environment, Inc., d/b/a Cleopatra's Needle, for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 16 seats.

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

**Vote: 31-6-1-0**

***New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe:***

- 9. 994 Columbus Avenue** (West 109<sup>th</sup> Street.) New application #682-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by UWS 994 Corp., d/b/a Isola on Columbus, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 22 seats.

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

**Vote: 38-0-0-0**

**Strategy & Budget Committee**

**Cindy Cardinal, Chairperson**

**Resolution Re:**

- 10.** Statement on the NYC Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

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

**Vote: 37-0-0-0**

**Transportation Committee, Suzanne Robotti and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons**

**Resolution Re:**

- 11. 72 West 109<sup>th</sup> Street, aka 981 Columbus Avenue.** Renewal application #B02228 to NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission by Special Radio Dispatch Corp. for a renewal of their For Hire Base Station License.

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

**Vote: 35-0-0-0**

**Preservation Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson**

**Resolutions Re:**

- 12. 262 Central Park West Apt #4C/D** (West 86<sup>th</sup> – 87<sup>th</sup> Streets.) Application #19-3469 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows.

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

**Vote: 34-0-0-0**

- 13. 327 Central Park West** (West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street.) Application # LPC-19-35760 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to alter masonry openings at the penthouse.

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

**Vote: 34-3-0-0**

**Parks & Environment Committee, Ken Coughlin and Jennifer Markas, Co-Chairpersons**

**Resolution Re:**

- 14.** Broadway Mall Association public art exhibition.

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

**Vote: 34-0-0-0**

**Health & Human Services Committee, Catherine DeLazzerro and Sheldon Fine, Co-Chairpersons**

**Resolution Re:**

- 15. Nurse/patient staffing ratios at Mt. Sinai/St. Luke's.**

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted. **Vote: 34-0-1-0**

## PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Ken Coughlin and Jennifer Markas, Co-Chairpersons

March 18, 2019 7:00PM

**Present:** Ken Coughlin (“KC”), Jennifer Markas (“JM”), Cindy Cardinal, Natasha Kazmi (“NK”), Jennifer Nitzky (“JN”) and Susan Schwartz (“SS”). **Chair:** Roberta Semer (“RS”). **Board Member:** Mark Diller (“MD”). **Absent:** Klari Neuwelt.

*The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by co-chair KC.*

### **1. Presentation by the Department of Parks & Recreation on the reconstruction of, and changes to, the active recreation area adjacent to the West 102nd Street Field House in Riverside Park.**

*Presenter: Margaret Bracken, Landscape Architect, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.*

Bracken outlined the reconstruction project of the active recreation area adjacent to the West 102nd Street Field House in Riverside Park by the Department of Parks & Recreation.

The renovation of the Field House is in the final stages and the goal of the project is to transform it into a space for programming and special events, a Department maintenance office, sports equipment storage, and a year-round public restroom facility, with an expected completion date of late summer 2019.

The area immediately west of the Field House is a small active recreation area that includes a basketball court and two concrete volleyball/multi-use courts. This area is currently in disrepair, as Bracken noted the park was designed by Frederick Law Olmsted between 1880-1900 and there was once a large wading pool but it was removed in the mid-1990s. Due to the excavation, the basketball and volleyball courts are in worse condition. She noted that the renovation will include the following:

- The volleyball courts will be eliminated and the single basketball court will be expanded to two courts as the area is currently underserved for basketball (the closest basketball courts are at 110th Street in Riverside Park).
- Modular and moveable seating will be added to the area in front of the Field House, allowing for a variety of stage and seating configurations.
- Cafe tables and benches will be introduced and locked inside the Field House after hours, making the area accessible to multiple community visitors and suitable for events and programming.
- A hi-low drinking fountain with a water-bottle filler will be installed.
- Decorative pavement will be installed that will replicate the Robert Moses-era palette

The overlook terrace will not be affected by the construction, as a waterproofing membrane was previously installed to prevent leaking and damage. The location is currently not in a flood zone or in a 50-year flood zone projection area.

The reconstruction of the recreation area is slated to coincide with the opening of the renovated Field House. The cost of the recreation area project is being fully funded by the Riverside Park Conservancy.

### **Q&A (Committee and Non-committee CB7 members):**

JN: Will Junior Tennis, located on the volleyball courts, be affected by construction?

DPR: They are in touch with Mark McIntyre, Riverside Park Director of the Clay Tennis Association, who is actively involved in the summer tennis camp. The answer is unclear at this time, but they will consider the courts at 105th as well.

JM: Will the London plane trees be affected by the construction?

DPR: Pavers will not be removed in tree pits and an arborist will come and see if there are any surface roots.

JM: Will there be any amplified sound coming from the Field House?

DPR: DPR is not sure about the programming details at this point.

MD: Will there be any fencing around the basketball courts?

DPR: There are no plans to install chain link fencing, as this is not a requirement. DPR sees no issue with the ball courts running north/south in direction.

#### **Q&A (community members):**

Ira Gershenhorn: Will there be an adult workout area installed?

DPR: Units will be installed at 105th Street.

Nancy Anderson: Noted that this is a wonderful addition to the park. Whom do we contact to inform about needed repairs inside the park?

DPR: Best way to reach them is to call 311.

Ian Clarke: Where is the next nearest comfort station?

DPR: 105th Street.

Clarke: Are there any more comfort stations?

DPR: No, not until 119th at the tennis courts.

KC asked the presenters whether a CB7 resolution is needed and it was determined that a resolution is needed. MD noted that the resolution should make note of the need for approval by the Landmarks Preservation Commission. A resolution to approve the reconstruction of the recreation area adjacent to the 102nd Street Field House was approved.

*Committee members: 6-0-0-0. Non Committee members: 2-0-0-0.*

KC asked for the latest news on the redesigned skate park at 108th Street.

DPR: The contract is about to be awarded and there is a meeting soon, in the next couple of months to determine the start date.

KC noted that representatives of the Statue Fund were on the meeting's agenda to present a proposal for a statue of two women along Central Park's Poet's Walk -- the first statues of actual women in the entire park. The presenters did not appear.

#### **2. Presentation by the Friends of Verdi Square Park.**

*Presenter: Aleya Lehmann Bench, Friends of Verdi Square Park*

The Friends of Verdi Square Park has made progress since presenting to CB7 last year about its hopes to make the park a more attractive and welcoming place. A certificate of incorporation has been filed and they are waiting for 501(c)(3) status. They currently have fiscal sponsorship through the City Parks Foundation. Each member of the Friends of Verdi Square Park Board and Steering Committee has an area of expertise (i.e., horticulture, programming, etc)

Bench presented a map and draft concept of the park and new plantings.

Daniel Atha, the Friends' Horticultural Chair, discussed the plantings and mentioned that he has been working closely with Matt Genrich of the Department of Parks and Recreation on plant selection. Safety, education, wildlife and sustainability are the principal criteria for selections. The Friends of Verdi Square Park will contract out work for some of the larger areas of the park and will itself take care of other, easier parts.

Thanks to the Friends' efforts, the park is down to six rat burrows from 80 previously. The Friends may collaborate

with the Wild Bird Fund to educate the community on why it's inappropriate to feed birds. They will also host an "It's My Park Day," and they currently have enlisted up to 12 regular volunteer gardeners who will work on Saturdays.

Regular programs will be developed with an aim to serve children of all income groups. They will also strive to enlist local businesses to support their initiative as stewards of the park. Bench asked if CB7's Parks & Environment Committee had any suggestions for whom to reach out to. Board Chair Roberta Semer recommended speaking with the Broadway Mall Association. The Friends of Verdi Square Park have been in touch with the Lincoln Square BID, which has offered to look at sample RFPs.

On November 11, 2018, the Friends of Verdi Square Park held a tabling event that drew 150 signups for volunteering and more information about the Park. They expect a ribbon cutting in June to mark the official beginning of their improvements.

#### **Q&A (Committee):**

KC: What is your purview? Have you met with the MTA?

FVSP: North of the subway entrance (the Friends of Verdi Square Park are calling this area "the meadow"). No, we have not figured out the best way to reach them.

RS: Andrew Albert from the Transportation Committee can assist you in this.

SS: Where can you walk?

FVSP: The areas around the statue will be open to walk around.

SS: Will the roses stay there?

FVSP: Probably not. Daniel Atha believes that the area should look beautiful all year round and roses are a lot of work and keeping them will make it difficult to maintain the area.

JN: Will there be a habitat for pollinators?

FVSP: Yes, spice bush should be able to attract butterflies.

MD: Will there be mobility challenges with the semi-permeable pavers? Is this area wheelchair accessible?

DPR: These are pavers that the volunteers can easily install. There is a lip around the perimeter fence so it wouldn't be handicap-accessible anyway.

FVSP: This Saturday we are looking for a bunch of volunteers to help us with plantings.

KC and other committee members expressed their gratitude to Bench and the other Friends for their dedicated work to improve Verdi Square Park.

#### **3. Cindy Cardinal, Co-Chair of the Strategy Committee, discusses District Needs Statement.**

Cardinal noted that we should be making budget requests in tandem with other community boards as agencies look at their broader work program. We should only be looking at our top two priorities and we should keep in mind supportive elected officials and evidence from the community (i.e., non-profit letters of support). Cardinal is requesting a bulleted list from the Parks & Environment Committee for the next Steering Committee meeting.

#### **4. Community updates:**

Elaine Boxer from the Bull Moose Dog Run thanked former committee co-chair Klari Neuwelt and KC for bringing the issue of funding the renovation of the dog run to Steve Simon of the Department of Parks and Recreation last fall. She noted that Simon has kept in touch, providing her regular updates. The total budget is now \$684,000 and Simon has rounded up the money and construction is scheduled to begin in July 2019. The dog run will be closed for a year during construction.

Boxer asked the Committee if it made sense to organize a conservancy for the dog run, as there is no maintenance and no budget for maintenance. Matt Genrich responded that they could probably create a "Friends of" group and that he can provide the contact for the Partnership team at the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Gershenhorn asked if there is any way to get a variance on the Olmsted landmarking in Riverside Park.

He was referred to the DPR representatives present at the meeting.

*The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.*

## **PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**Mark Diller, Chairperson**

**March 14, 2019 6:30 PM**

***Present:*** Mark Diller, Jay Adolf, Michele Parker, Madge Rosenberg, Peter Samton and Susan Schwartz.

**1. 334 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street (Riverside Drive-West End Avenue)**  
**Modification for application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Bulkhead/Pergola.**

**Presentation:**

- The applicant, Eric Petersen was returning with a modified bulkhead and pergola for the top floor apartment. It is a one story rooftop addition, set back from the façade, and has a picket fence around it. The bulkhead is of stucco with bronze tone flashing. Pergola is 9 ft. high. Staircase for access is a winder within the bulkhead. The bulkhead is 4ft. by (ft. in plan. The roof itself is comprised of metal louvers running east west. Roofing will be replaced. The roof deck will be used by top floor apartment.

**Comments:**

- Jay Adolf saw no problem with the fact that the new proposal is less of an addition than the previous proposal made for the same project.

**Discussion:**

- Members of the Committee had no problem with the new proposal, except for the scale and material used...(aluminum).

**Resolution:**

- To approve the addition of the bulkhead pergola.
- *Vote: 4 to approve, 2 abstentions (4-0-2-0).*

**2. 159 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street** Janovic Site between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues  
**Application for new signage.**

- *Presented by Richard Gaudino, President of Janovic.*
- *The site is the current Benjamin Moore storefront on W. 72 St.*

**Presentation:**

- 2 new signs are proposed between the first and second floors and between the second floor and the roof line, with the new signs to be smaller, (Janovic and Benjamin Moore), replacing one Benjamin Moore and one Janovic sign currently. Two existing blade signs will be replaced by new signs that alternate between the Benjamin Moore branding and the Janovic name.

**Discussion:**

- Joseph Komanski liked the new signage. The Committee overall felt the new signage which revealed more of the original brick façade was more appropriate.

**Resolution:**

- Vote: 6 to approve, 0 disapprove, 0 abstentions (6-0-0-0)

**3. 150 West 79<sup>th</sup> Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues.**

**Application to Landmarks for Window Replacement Master Plan**

- Nora Martins presented for Akerman Law Firm

**Presentation:**

- Building was originally built in 1911. The existing one over one windows are not the originals. Because all the existing windows are no longer 6 over 1 as originally built, the proposal us to follow the existing windows. The proposed windows will be anodized aluminum, dark grey. The Crystal Windows are proposed windows by Adler Windows from Jamaica. The existing are a second generation replacement.

**Discussion:**

- The new windows won't be installed all at the same time, but a Master Plan would be implemented. Whereas there are no remaining original windows, and the building already has a fair amount of elegant detail, the Committee felt that it was not necessary to insist on 6 over 1 windows.

**Resolution:**

- *Vote: 6 to approve 0 disapprove 0 abstentions (6-0-0-0)*

**4. 150 West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street between Amsterdam and Columbus Avenues.**

**Application to the Landmarks Commission for an enlargement of the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor**

- Patrick Mattia, Slate Property Group, Francesca Orban, Harry Kendall,
- John Englund
- Original Architect was George Pelham

**Presentation:**

- Changes to the side and rear of the 9 story building and to the one story penthouse are proposed. Two of the four top floor units proposed to be duplex apartments. A slight bit more of the top floor would be visible from the street. Part of the existing elevator bulkhead would be reduced. Additions to the rooftop structure would be clad in yellow brick to match existing brick. Several windows on the side are to be replaced with brick to match existing yellow brick on the secondary façade.

**Discussion:**

- The penthouse additions will be minimally visible from the street. Unfortunately the drawings don't show clearly where the new and the old meet. The proposal was generally favorably received.

**Resolution:**

- *Vote: 6 to approve 0 disapprove 0 abstain (6-0-0-0).*

*Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.*



## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Roberta Semer, Chair

March 19, 2019

**Present:** Roberta Semer, Linda Alexander, Steven Brown, Cindy Cardinal, Christian Cordova, Ken Coughlin, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Lolita Ferrin, Amy Hyman, Blanche Lawton, Sara Lind, Jennifer Markas, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Suzanne Robotti and Melissa Rosenberg. **Board Members:** Andrew Albert, Madelyn Innocent, Doug Kleiman, Michele Parker and Susan Schwartz. **Absent:** Page Cowley, Catherine DeLazzero, Sheldon J. Fine and Howard Yaruss.

### 1. Budget

- a. Please get info to Cindy as requested ASAP
- b. Evidence to support priorities (photos, city data online, etc.)
- c. Reach out to other CBs – much more powerful if multiple CBs ask for the same thing
- d. Try to look at things with fresh eyes and reach out to community orgs for input

### 2. Chair's report

- a. Zoning Text Amendment Resolution was sent to City Planning, Roberta was 13<sup>th</sup> to testify. Also shared resolution on Moratorium.

### 3. Resolution from the NYCHA Task Force on the Rental Demonstration Program (RAD)

- a. NYCHA has picked certain developments for the RAD program. All 16 in Manhattan have been lumped together as one RFP.
- b. Should also include community organizations – consultation with relevant stakeholders.
- c. Amy will come up with wording to address this issue.
- d. VOTE to approve:
  - i. Steering Committee: 18-0-0-0
  - ii. Non-committee: 4-0-0-0

### 4. Review of the proposed April 2 full board agenda

- a. Land Use will be dealing only with voids for February and March. There will be a resolution for state legislation – will pass around beforehand. Possibly will push off to the next full board meeting.

### 5. Committee and task force reports

- a. Transportation: next month, official meeting will be 6:30-7:00. Then panel on e-scooters. People from 410 CPW did not show, so remove from agenda.
- b. BCI: non-controversial – can we move them up to the beginning of the meeting.
- c. Housing: Please read the resolutions ahead of time because they are long and complicated. We will move housing after Transportation and BCI since it will be more complicated.
- d. Preservation: Another window master plan – will give comparison to what we've voted on previously. Pretty standard stuff.
- e. Parks & Environment: Central Park statue people never showed up at the meeting. We will see if they can do a pre-meeting because it requires a resolution in April.
- f. YEL: Don't think there will be any resolutions
- g. HHS: Don't think there will be any resolutions
- h. Charter Revision Task Force: they're trying to set up a meeting for all Manhattan CBs to have a meeting with Charter Revision commission. Roberta will send out info. Looks like this commission will not address the 8-year term limit, so bylaws should reflect this.
- i. Broadway Task Force: meeting Monday, March 25.
- j. ABC Task Force: will do the walk-through in April. Roberta will send the date to the Task Force.
- k. Bylaws Task Force: will meet in April.

**6. New business**

- a. Assembly passed speed cameras for school zones
- b. Rotunda: still waiting from DOT on when they will report back.
- c. COIB – If you have a conflict you don't abstain, you say "not entitled to vote for cause".

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Suzanne Robotti and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

March 12, 2019

**Present:** Suzanne Robotti, Howard Yaruss, Andrew Albert, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Doug Kleiman, Sara Lind and Richard Robbins. **Chair:** Roberta Semer. **Board Member:** Mark Diller. **Absent:** Joshua T. Cohen.

**Council Member Helen Rosenthal's Office** – Congestion Pricing Town Hall next Tuesday 3/19

### Sergeant Montgomery – 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct

- 125 collisions (decrease from last year same period by 3)
- Friday is day of most collisions
- Time of most is 3:00-4:00, then 12:00-1:00 and 1-2
- Sector A had most collisions, then B and then C
- Driver inattention or passing too closely
- 65 and Broadway – 4 collisions, 146 moving violations. Most going southbound on Broadway, vehicles trying to turn down Broadway
- 8 occupant injuries
- 8 pedestrians struck (down from last year); Wednesday then Friday most pedestrians struck. Accidents on left turns (Oath Summons – Left Turn, fail to yield to pedestrian in crosswalk; \$500 fine – no points against license)
- Bike collisions: 5 vs 3 last year. All bicyclists except 1 were wearing required equipment. Up 31% with moving violations to bicyclists (running red lights). These are cars hitting bikes.
- 2/15 – WEA Commercial Truck Activity Operation. From 7:00-10:00 at 75 and WEA. 37 moving violations, 15 disobey signs, etc.
- Had a meeting with Amazon at 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct. After meeting here and that meeting, 311 complaints have decreased. Signage on Amsterdam – DOT needs to make recommendation. Fresh Direct and Amazon have been working with the precinct.

### DOT

- Still working on presentation for bike lane on CPW – finalizing that. Will have a pre-meeting with elected officials and CB7 (end of April)
- Looking at loading zones, will come back to the board. Probably will incorporate it into the presentation on CPW
- Amsterdam: will be implemented in late spring/early summer. Can't do any paintings or markings with current weather.
- Will come back to board in April on Rotunda
- 4/9 Transportation Meeting will be townhall panel discussion on e-scooters. DOT will send representative.
- Columbus bike lanes also haven't been repainted since road was repaved. DOT will look into this.

### Citibike

- Brian Gehrety, Operations Manager
- Cory Epstein, Communications for Lyft Bikes
- Presentation
  - 750 stations and 13,000 bikes
  - 147,000 annual members
  - Discounted \$5/month pass for residents of NYCHA
  - 70,000 rides in Spring/Summer weekday
  - 74,000,000 rides in 5 years. Only one fatality due to traffic violence.
  - Challenges
    - Mostly used for commuting
    - More people ride when light out, downhill, north to south
    - Field staff Rebalancing – move bikes around the system

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- Valets – station that is staffed (number of bikes not limited to the number of docks). This spring adding 22 additional valet stations. One will be at Columbus/72.
  - Bike Angels – incentive for participants to help with rebalancing by moving bikes from stations with too many to stations without enough (30,000 Bike Angels) – moves about 25% of the bikes that get moved every day
  - Bikes leave the UWS but then don't come back. Every day they move bikes from other parts of the system back to UWS. Happens overnight to prepare for demand in the morning. 200 bikes into UWS every day.
  - New program with Bike Angels to give points for bringing bikes into the UWS; it was very effective.
  - As weather gets warmer and it gets dark later, we will see more people riding home from work.
  - 4000 pedal-assist ebikes into the fleet from now until mid-May. No special rebalancing program for ebikes currently, but they will watch how it happens and might introduce some rebalancing program. \$2 more per ride.
- Discussion
    - How to get more bikes? Continue calling Customer Service and also post to Social Media channels – they monitor these.
    - If you go to a station that only has ebikes, then the fee is automatically waived.
    - Planning to offer new pricing structures soon.
    - Maybe an incentive to bring ebikes up to the UWS by waiving the extra fee.
    - Very low threshold for when a station shows up green.
    - Congestion pricing – will drivers come in and then get a bike?
    - Could be good for the app to track what stations people are trying to get a bike from, not just where they ultimately find one.
    - Data privacy? Don't sell the data. Do share with the city. Use it to learn more about where bikes go and where they're needed. Open data (totally anonymized). On website: "Use Our Data". Monthly reports to DOT.
    - Any option for people to use cash? Actively working on cash.
    - Map in the app shows protected bike lanes, etc. The map is based on the city's map/service that provides maps.
    - Any updates on dockless system? No plans to expand. There's a pilot program that has been renewed for three more months.
    - Expanding the dock system – working out where and the phasing. Will likely be further north into Manhattan. DOT says that they will come before CB for plans for new stations. Also will notify in 48 hours for changes. DOT will share the timeline with the community board.
    - No change in rates during peak or off hours.
    - Do valet stations take up additional parking spaces? No.
    - Estimate of the lost revenue to city because of the stations? Citibike actually pays the city for the revenue that they would receive when a Citibike stations occupied what would otherwise be metered parking.
    - How to tourists, out-of-towners learn the rules of the road. When you open the app for the first time, there's a walkthrough that you have to go through. Decals on the bike call out important rules of the road.
    - Discounted helmets, helmet vending machines? Citibike does sell helmets on their website. Partner with local bike shops and use promo code from website to buy a helmet. DOT does a lot of bike helmet giveaways.
    - What about locking up some bikes until past rush hour to keep some on the UWS.
    - Planning to move beyond bikes? Not legal, needs to be a law change.

**Newsstand, SEC Broadway & West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.** New Application.

- There will be construction at this intersection

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- There's another newsstand one block north and one block south
- Prefer not to have one with illuminated signs, because residents complain about these being too bright
- Proposed hours: will be regular newsstand hours
- Smaller size
- VOTE:
  - Committee: 7-0-1-0. Non-Committee: 1-0-1-0.

**410 Central Park West (101<sup>st</sup> Street).** Request for a “No Standing” sign in front of the building.

- Nobody came from the building.
- Have Penny ask them to come next month.

**Exit Ramp at 59<sup>th</sup> Street.** Tom Caffrey, Committee for Environmentally Sound Development

- So that people going north on West Side Highway can get onto Riverside Blvd
- Riverside Blvd is still owned by the developer, those streets have not been mapped. They're coming back to us. The streets will be mapped once the developers are done working on the site.
- It's in the original plan that they have to put in an exit there.

### **Congestion Pricing**

- Most people don't believe that people will drive into UWS and look for a parking space. Probably farther reaches and get on a train there.
- Rich calls for resolution supporting Mark Levine's call for residential parking permits
- Roberta: need more information and need to let the public/BIDs/electeds know that we're discussing this.
- Details are yet to be determined. We should express our opinions on this. Many cars parking on streets have out-of-state license plates.

### **Locations for Audible Pedestrian Signals**

From DNS – request for more information

Lighthouse Guild had asked for this a while ago. They are now at 64<sup>th</sup> and WEA. They had submitted a list, but we don't know where it is. Penny has reached out to Lighthouse for an updated list and we will bring it before the committee next month.

### **List of variable traffic signals for bus locations**

From DNS – request for more information

Andrew has original list that we put together. Let's put it into letter form and submit it (DOT, cc: OMB). Andrew has the bus people looking at our original list. This is a programming issue, not a budget issue.

### **Street Seats**

- Broadway Task Force working on outreach to businesses who may want to be maintenance partners for Street Seats.
- They will need to come before our committee for approval

### **Manhattan Day School**

Let classes out at 2:00 but can't park until 5:00

### **DNS**

What groups should we be talking to and reaching out to? Start reaching out in April and May so that you have some insights by June.

## Broadway Task Force Minutes

March 25th, 2019 6:00 PM

**Present:** Sara Lind, Roberta Semer, Doug Kleiman, Howard Yaruss, Rich Robbins, Henry Rinehart, Reed Rubey, Jody Sperling and Michele Parker.

*Meeting called to order at 6 pm.*

1. Discussion about Parking Day. Jody is willing to do the spot at 100th and Broadway. Goddard Riverside may also be interested. We will also reach out to the BIDS. We can promote using Link NYC
2. Discussion about Street Seats. Sara and Henry have created a flyer to give to local restaurants and businesses that may be interested. Task Force members will reach out to the appropriate businesses in their assigned blocks. Roberta will communicate with local media.
3. Discussion about Street Benches. While we are out looking for possible locations for Street Seats we will also try and find spots where city benches will be helpful additions to Broadway
4. Discussion about Weekend Walks. It is not possible to do Summer Streets on Broadway, but it is a possibility that we can have several Weekend Walks on Broadway. The ideal location is 73 to 79th Streets in the North Bound lanes (eastern side). Saturday July 13, August 10th and September 7 are the preferred dates. Roberta and Sara will set up a meeting with the Broadway Malls Association. Jody will help with dance and performances.
4. Bike Safety Outreach: DOT will be handing out bike lights and safety booklets on May 14 from 4:30 to 7:30 at Amsterdam and 77th Street. Please let Sara know if you are able to volunteer.

*Meeting adjourned at 7:15*