

FULL BOARD MEETING

Roberta Semer, Chairperson

April 2, 2019

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, April 2, 2019, at Mt. Sinai West in the district. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:32 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: 25-0-0-0

- Rotunda: Joint meeting with Parks, Transportation, Preservation and DOT possibly last week of April.
- DOT working on 59th St Riverside exit and once that's complete the roads will be turned over to the city and we can get stop signs, etc.
- Did three TV shows last week.
- Housing Urban Fellow – presentation next Monday, 4/8 on his work. Interactive database and two maps. Will also present at full board in May or June
- Forum on hate crimes with CB6 and CB8 on May 20th.
- Committees should be working on the DNS – have until June to complete, until September to do budget.
- Reminder that we need minutes and agendas before the end of April.
- Revised 2019 Handbook will be distributed shortly.

Joli Golden, Partnership Specialist for 2020 Census

- April 1, 2020 will be the first day of the count.
- Numbers will be released for redistricting by April 2021.
- Presentation available.
- The Census is NOT concerned with whether people are documented or undocumented.
- The Census does count the homeless population – overnight operation on March 31st.
- How will CBs be involved?
 - Facilitate census kick-offs
 - Disseminate information
 - Help recruit people
 - Help tell census where to find homeless individuals
- Contact info for questions: joli.r.golden@2020census.gov

Captain Sarubbi-Barcia, EO 20th Precinct

- Down 30% in crimes YTD
- 28 day period, slight increase
 - 6 Robberies – 2 started off as petit larceny, trying to steal from a store
 - 9 Assaults

Community Session:

Alex Minier, Bike New York

- Reminder of 5 Boro Bike Tour – will go through Central Park

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- May 5, 2019 in the morning
- Some street closures but not in CB7
- Money from this goes into bike education in all five boroughs

Aaron Kiolik

- 96th and WEA – incredibly dangerous to pedestrians
- Helen Rosenthal’s office was dismissive of the issue
- Congestion pricing will increase traffic at this intersection
- Curb extensions
 - Roberta: we need to get a partner to maintain the curb extension
- Need speed deterrents for cars coming off the highway

Zachary Campbell, Gilder Center

- Continuing removals of some of the interior building components
- Work to protect adjacent buildings to those slated for demolitions
- Continuing to coordinate with the parks department, finalizing plans for relocation of benches to other areas in Theodore Roosevelt Park
- Three trees that were transplanted did not survive; working with Parks to have them replaced in kind, hope to be done in a few weeks
- Working with Parks on tree care for trees within the site

Elizabeth Caputo

- Forum about Emerging Technology and Transportation at next regularly scheduled Transportation Committee meeting – Tuesday 4/9 at 7:00pm

Elaine Boxer, Bull Moose Dog Run

- March 5, 2013 was the first resolution on this issue to replace the drainage in the dog run
- November 17, 2017 another resolution to repair the drainage
- Last October, budget had increased
- Project went out for bid
- March 18 – budget now up to \$684,000
- Construction now slated to begin in July, expected to be a 12 month project

Linda Alexander, Taste of UWS

- 12th annual Taste of the UWS is coming May 17 and 18
- Honoring Westside Campaign Against Hunger
- Buy tickets at www.tasteuws.com

Peter Arndtsen

- April events calendar is available

Tiffany Virvet, Children’s Enrichment Program – Mates on Mats

- Children’s Yoga and Chess combined

Manhattan Borough President's Report

- Legislation to establish a database of vacant storefronts – landlords would have to list the storefronts, how long they’ve been empty, asking rent, and contact information

- CB appointments announced by mid-April
- New Census funding initiative – funding for orgs with plans to do outreach to traditionally under-counted populations
- Borough-based Jails – plan must go through the ULURP process
- Earth Day – office will be passing out thousands of reusable bags

Reports by Elected Officials:

Brad Hoylman, State Senator:

- Report on Budget
- MTA – new revenue stream
 - Was pushing a pied-a-terre tax, but it didn't get passed
 - Did get a new tax on high-end apartment sales → expected to bring in \$300 million/year
 - Congestion Pricing in Central Business District
 - Will help increase bus speeds, decrease air pollution, etc
 - Fighting for exemptions for those living in the district
 - Statute does include discount for residents making \$60,000 or less (fully refundable tax credit)
 - Special commission to look at all these issues
 - Can travel up and down FDR and Westside Highway for free, as long as you don't go into the zone
 - Statutory recognition of need for residential parking permits
 - Criminal Justice reform
 - Bail reform
 - Speedy trial
 - Public Schools
 - Democrats were pushing for funding under Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit
 - Did achieve Foundation Aid of over \$600 million
 - Mayoral Control/Accountability extended for three years
 - CECs empowered to have a role in selecting Chancellors and PEP member
 - No additional charter school seats
 - Ban on Plastic Bags
 - Also includes a \$.05 fee on paper bags at discretion of local communities
 - Hudson River Park
 - Senate put money into LGBTQ organizations
 - Voting Reforms – put some money behind Early Voting; took a first step towards public financing of elections – commission to institute this; closed the LLC loophole
 - NO money for NYCHA in the budget – state still owes \$400 million

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

Julien Dellaporta, Office of Helen Rosenthal, New York City Council Member (6th District):

- Monthly Housing Clinic
- 4/11 Help Center Van at District Office
- 4/16 Document Shredding
- 200 Amsterdam – CM Rosenthal reached out to Mayor's Office asking that all work be ceased
- PB voting is open

Caitlyn Letterii, Office of Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (67th District):

- Thursday, 4/4 at 6:30pm: Town Hall meeting with Comptroller Scott Stringer

Saadia Santos, Office of State Senator Jose Serrano (29th District):

- Senate Committee on Cultural Affairs
 - Additional parks improvements, environmental protection, etc
 - Double grants to orgs that help maintain parks and historic sites

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

- Held first ever hearing on Equality Act – for LGBT community
- Overseeing meeting to issue subpoenas for full Mueller Report
- Resources available for tax filings

Business Session:

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

Resolution Re:

1. **Riverside Park.** Request by Department of Parks & Recreation on the reconstruction of the West 102nd Street Field House.

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

VOTE: 34-0-0-0

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

Resolution Re:

2. **Newsstand, SEC Broadway & West 85th Street.** New application # 18507-2018-ANWS to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Madiha Shahid to construct and operate a newsstand on the Southeast Corner of Broadway and West 85th Street.

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

VOTE: 26-2-5-0

Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

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

- **239 West 105th Street** (Broadway.) Miss Ye Food Service Inc, d/b/a Szechuan Garden.
- **44 West 63rd Street** (aka 1889 Broadway.) Boucherie Lincoln Center LLC, d/b/a Boucherie Lincoln Center.

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

Class Change Application:

4. **917 Columbus Avenue** (West 105th Street.) Tien Giang Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Mekong. Upgrade to full on-premises license.

After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted **for failure to appear**.

VOTE: 34-0-0-0

5. **Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:**

- **428 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th – 81st Street.) 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.
- **494 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th 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.

- **2479 Broadway** (West 92nd – 93rd Street.) 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.
- **201 West 95th 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.
- **2607 Broadway** (West 98th – 99th 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.
- **2745 Broadway** (West 105th – 106th Streets.) Renewal application #1025180-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by [Grillo, LTD, d/b/a Boulevard Seafood Company], for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 62 seats.
- **936 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 106th 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.

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

VOTE: 34-0-0-0

6. **Sidewalk Cafe Renewal/Modifications:**

- **960 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 107th – 108th 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.
- **1018 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 110th 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.

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe:

7. **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.

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

Steering Committee, Roberta Semer, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

8. Rental Demonstration Program (RAD) at NYCHA.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 29-0-4-0

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

Resolution Re:

9. Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal's legislation to amend the multiple dwelling law, in relation to the definition of floor area (A05026).

The resolution was withdrawn for tonight, it will be back in May.

Housing Committee, Louisa Craddock and Melissa Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

10. [Supporting the Housing Justice for All Campaign.](#)

The Board discussed concerns that eliminating MCIs would mean that landlords would have no incentive to improve apartments. We also discussed concern that there is no income limitation on affordable housing and that it's important that affordable units be distributed equitably.

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Friendly Amendment: The Board expresses concern that eliminating MCIs would mean that landlords would have no incentive to improve apartments and tenants would be doomed to live in increasingly decrepit conditions. We would urge the legislature to explore alternative ways to ensure that landlords cannot recoup more than the actual cost of improvements. The Board adds that we support the renewal of rent stabilization.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 28-2-3-0

11. Supporting Efforts for a Full and Fair Count in the 2020 Census.

The resolution was withdrawn.

Preservation Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson

Resolutions Re:

12. **334 West 84th Street** (Riverside Drive – West End Avenue.) Modification of the application #LPC-19-35740 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a bulkhead and pergola, extend a chimney flue, and install an HVAC unit.

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

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

13. **159 West 72nd Street, d/b/a Janovic Paints** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #LPC-19-26058 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install signage.

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

14. **150 West 79th Street** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #LPC-19-28629 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to establish a master plan governing the future installation of windows.

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

VOTE: 32-0-0-0

15. **150 West 82nd Street** (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for an enlargement of the 10th Floor.

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

VOTE: 33-0-0-0

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE

Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

April 10, 2019 7:00 PM

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 Christian Cordova.

Present: Christian Cordova, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Joshua T. Cohen, Paul Fischer, Doug Kleiman, Michele Parker, Seema Reddy and Andrew Rigie.

The following matters were discussed:

New application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license:

1. 519 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street) Consulate NYC LLC d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant – Donald Bernstein, attorney; Metodija Mihajlov, Owner:

- Machiavelli was previous occupant of the space. Place has been vacant for a while.
- Been in restaurant business since 2011. Experience working at Empire Hotel.
- Hours – closing at 8am to 1pm, 7 days a week
- Recorded music only

CB7 Comments:

- There will be deliveries through 3rd party vendors

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

Application to the SLA for a Corporate Change and a Change to the Method of Operation of existing liquor license:

2. 768 Amsterdam Avenue (West 98th Streets) Guacamole Midtown Corp. d/b/a Guacamole Taqueria.

Application for a rear yard patio.

Presenting for the Applicant – Aurelia Taveras, representative for licensees Miguel Hernandez, Victor Hernandez, Elys Peralta, Owners:

- Add patio to liquor license, and addition of owners/investors
- Want to add mariachi music inside to be added to the liquor license
- Outside café will be closed at 11pm. No speakers and no music outside.

Comments from the Public:

- **Bradley Bliss, 204 West 98th Street:**

- She was at committee meeting previously with 7 neighbors. Everyone has great difficulty trying to sleep because noise from the patio is extremely loud and lasts later than it should. Workers often hang out there and make noise very late after restaurant is closed. She and boyfriend have called the restaurant and no one has been helpful: no manager available. She went over there and there was amplified music and liquor in the patio. Liquor was being served on the patio last summer. At last meeting, owner said that she was a chronic complainer. But neighbors maintain the restaurant is chronically disrespecting their needs and not obeying guidelines. Neighbors directly above the restaurant cannot sleep at night. Collectively, the neighbors say the restaurant is ignoring their feedback. Ms. Bliss says she has been calling 311 regularly, but the police don't know what to do with the complaints. She lives half a block away on the donut so the noise is disturbing.

- **Suzanne Reisel, 202 West 98th Street:**

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- Also lives on the street. There were no signs posted on her street to notify about the meeting. Postings were only adjacent to restaurant. In the past, their experiences with the patio have been bad. Hours promised were not kept. She directly overlooks the patio. And with the liquor, patrons tend to get drunk and noisy! The patio noise is a detriment to their quality of life! She has called 311, but it is very frustrating! Patio is in a courtyard. All of the facing buildings are brick. The sound gets loud and ricochets.
- **Mark Dobbs, 202 West 98th Street:**
 - Reiterating what Suzanne says. There have been a number of restaurants in the space and there have been chronic issues with noise and disruption. It is difficult to remove drunken guests from the patio at 11pm at night. The incentive is there to continue to serve regardless of the rules. Even 11pm is late, especially on a weeknight. He feels it is a real quality of life issue.

CB7 Comments:

- Last summer, the neighbors said they saw liquor being served in the backyard patio area. But this year, they have not seen it yet because of the weather. Last summer, a private party was witnessed with liquor being served.
- Mr. Hernandez said one of the reasons for the additional investors is to properly staff two restaurants.
- Going forward, the applicant says there will be no music outside. They are working on ways to control sound in the patio. They welcome the neighbors to come and see the renovated patio space and will have a sound company test the ambient sound.
- Applicants have been to the committee for six consecutive months. Yet the neighbors are still complaining. It doesn't seem like anything has changed. People facing the backyard constantly have issues.
- Q: Will having liquor in the patio make it louder or not? A: They are working on soundproofing.
- Q: When is the covering to be done? A: The work is starting now, and should be completed before food or liquor is served out there.
- Neighbors think the soundproofing should be put up first. Then if the sound level is ok, liquor can be introduced. Liquor only makes people louder.
- There is still an Instagram posting of a karaoke nigh from October 2018, contrary to the method of operation.
- The patio has been closed all winter. No complaints recently.
- The concerns we have heard from the community has caused us to reject this application in the past. We need the applicant to work with the neighbors in terms of noise and sound engineering.
- Doug Kleiman witnessed alcohol being served in the patio when it was not allowed.
- Mr. Hernandez, the owner, pointed out with reference to comment about outdoor service of alcohol, he was not there to supervise and the bartender didn't realize that people were taking drinks outside. He added that the patio was closed immediately upon the bartender realizing. Three months passed, and have not had the problem again. He also added that in two years, he has not had disciplinary issues or problems with patrons drinking or fighting – inside or outside. Never has there been police intervention at the restaurant. He maintains that it is Ms. Bliss who has harassed him and the restaurant and began doing so from the first day of construction. The owner says he has called the precinct repeatedly because she has caused scenes when the restaurant has been full of customers. Sound doesn't go through the back door or above. Some members of the community have come to the restaurant many times. It's never noisy. They close at 10pm on weekdays. Weekends, they usually close by 11pm. They have never passed 9pm in the patio. The wellbeing of the neighbors is important to the Owner.

- Currently, food can be served in the backyard. Should people be allowed to consume alcohol out in the patio too? Will the soundproofing solutions be able to adequately mitigate the noise?
- The method of operation for the patio is not included in the applicant's information.

The committee split the vote into two resolutions, one addressing the SLA application, 2A; and the other, 2B, signifying a vote on changing the corporate documents to include two new investors.

*2a. After due deliberation regarding the Change to the Method of Operation of existing liquor license for the outdoor patio space, the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted **UNLESS**, the following stipulations are met and added to the Method of Operation:*

- 1. The patio closes Sunday through Thursday at 10pm; Friday and Saturday at 11pm.*
- 2. A sound mitigating canopy or device must be installed over the patio before food and/or liquor may be served in the outdoor space. A sound engineer must submit a report certifying a demonstrable reduction in noise.*
- 3. No music of any kind shall be allowed in the patio space. Any speakers must be removed.*
- 4. Non-essential staff shall not hang out after hours in the space*
- 5. A manager must be on-premises during the hours of operation of the restaurant.*

VOTE: 7-2-0-0

*2b. After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** the Corporate Change was adopted.*

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewals:

- 3. 413 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 79th – 80th Streets.) Renewal application #1396587-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flagship S B Amsterdam NY, LLC, d/b/a Saravana Bhavan, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 22 seats.

The Applicant did not show up.

NOTE:

- Normally we take the vote for no show applicants at the end of the meeting just in case they show up late.
- This time we had unanimous consensus to disapprove the application as we normally do when the applicant does not show up. However, we failed to take a formal vote at the end of the agenda.

However, because of the applicant failure to appear, the application is automatically disapproved.

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

- 4. 485 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd – 84th Streets.) Renewal application #1249725-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cilantro West, LLC, d/b/a Cilantro West, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Saad Saad, Owner:

- Nothing has changed in the sidewalk café.

CB7 Comments:

- Well posted. Beloved restaurant.
- Deliveries are done by the restaurant.

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

5. **2020 Broadway** (West 69th – 70th Streets.) New application #2409-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Espresso Bookstore & Café Broadway, LLC, d/b/a Shakespeare & Co., for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 19 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Christian Melhado, General Manager/Real Estate; Michael Pressel, Consultant; Janet Alexander, Consultant:

- Café will be on the side.

CB7 Comments:

- There already is a liquor license for the space. They will not come farther out than neighboring restaurant, Gina LaForina – just north of this store.
- There will be stanchions.
- People can bring books outside into the sidewalk café.
- Plans show the sidewalk café is coming out 11-feet from the base of the building, which does not conform to CB7's maximum width of 9-feet.

*After due deliberation the resolution is to **disapprove**, **UNLESS a revised architectural plan is submitted that conforms to the "9' rule"** was adopted*

VOTE: 7-2-0-0

6. **483 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) New application #3003-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pizza 84, LLC, d/b/a Marinara Pizza, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 20 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Robert Callahan, expeditor; email: Kellymlk136@gmail.com:

- Sidewalk is 20'2". Café will be 8'11"
- Weekdays 11am-9:30pm, Fri and Sat closing, 11am-10pm
- Pizza place

CB7 Comments:

- No liquor being served
- There is service outside. But you can also take your slice outside.

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

7. **217 West 85th Street** (Broadway – Amsterdam Avenue.) New application #2637-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 217 W85, LLC, d/b/a Elea, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Robert Callahan, expeditor; email: Kellymlk136@gmail.com; Andreas Davetas, General Manager:

- The café extends 6.5-feet from the building, giving more than 8-feet of clearance from the curb.

CB7 Comments:

- The previous tenant, Prime K, operated a sidewalk café, which was initially controversial because of its side street presence, although on a block with mixed commercial and residential zoning.
- The applicant is asking for more tables but the width is the same as the previous operator's café.
- The architect changed the circulation to optimize seating in the sidewalk café.

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

8. **2460 Broadway** (West 91st Street.) New application #2554-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Joe & The Juice New York, LLC, d/b/a Joe & The Juice, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Valdemar Haleye, Partner:

- 20 stores in Manhattan. Several outdoor cafes.
- Fresh juice and coffee. 7am-7pm. Basic, simple concept.
- Small café proposed – because of clearance with bus stop

CB7 Comments:

- Café only comes out 7-feet so will not interfere with passage near bus stop.
- One staff member will be responsible for cleaning up the outside space.

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

9. **949 Columbus Avenue** (West 106th – 107th Streets.) New application #3267-2019--ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Calaveras Group, Inc, d/b/a The Calaveras, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 8 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant – Victor Martinez, Owner:

- Using same space as Fat Monk used to have. They used to have 5 tables. He is reconfiguring – there will be seating for 8 people, 3 tables – less than the seating for 10 previously.
- Hours of operation – until midnight is allowed. But they will close earlier – probably 11pm.

CB7 Comments:

- Well posted
- Café comes out 7-feet
- Café will close at 11pm, 7 days a week.

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

VOTE: 9-0-0-0

10. Ending the requirement that **physical culture establishments** ("PCE") must have a BSA permits to operate.

CB7 Comments:

- In the spirit of helping small business and reducing retail vacancies, Doug Kleiman thinks that the PCE BSA regulations are antiquated. A challenge to small business is that zoning doesn't always allow for a PCE because of the onerous process involved to change the zoning.
- In order for a business to open a PCE, they have to apply for a variance from BSA. Originally, this regulation was meant to reduce houses of prostitution.
- Doug brought it up with Gale Brewer. She also felt the laws were antiquated.
- More work needs to be done to craft a proper resolution.

- When you make PCE a standard use, you can then talk about where it is appropriate.

Draft Resolution: Re-categorize physical fitness establishments to be included within a standard commercial use per the zoning resolution in order that a special permit from the BSA is not required.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was not voted on.*

VOTE: Tabled for next month. Further research is required, and perhaps some experts talking to our committee.

11. NY City Council hearing (scheduled for 4/11) on the proposed vending bills: [Learn More](#).

CB7 Comments:

- Overview of the bill: Big controversial hearing tomorrow at City Council regarding a package of legislation that will increase the number of mobile vendors over the next 10 years, adding 4,450 more vendors – doubling the existing vendors on the streets. The bill does not name an agency responsible for enforcement or designate funding for those efforts. There is a big underground market where people with permits rent them on a black market for a huge up charge. Small business owners (stores, restaurants, etc.) have issues with cannibalization of their stores by the vendors. Property owners have issues. Congestion, safety. Basically at issue is how the city regulates use of public sidewalks. There are no siting criteria for the vendors as long as you are in allowed areas. But there is a marked lack of enforcement. Now bill says only 75% of carts would be inspected annually – why not 100% annually?
- It would be nice to have one entity to regulate and oversee these street vendors. Maybe DOH is the right place for this.
- There should be a mechanism to stop the issuance of permits if needed. It shouldn't have to be a legislative process to stop further issuance of permits. Now, legislation proposes 400 permits to be issued, each year for the next 10 years.
- Current cap of street vendors has created a black market. This is meant to address that. But, no mechanism for rescinding permits is laid out.
- There are a lot of similarities between this and the taxi medallion business.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was not voted on.*

VOTE: Tabled for further discussion

12. New business.

- Free shredding event next Tuesday April 16: Sponsored by Councilmember Helen Rosenthal's office and AARP.

The meeting ended at 9:40 p.m.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mark Diller, Chairperson

April 11, 2019

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, April 11, 2019, at the CB7 District Office, 250 West 87th Street. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chair Mark Diller. The following discussions were had and actions taken.

1. Re: 400 West End Avenue, Apartment 15A/B (Northeast corner of West 79th Street). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement.

David Sherman and Mara Ayuso presented for Abelow Sherman Architects. This project, for in-kind window replacements for this apartment only – not a master plan for the entire building -- is on the calendar with LPC for review on May 14th. The building is located in the Historic District, designated in 2012. The Committee was concerned about the lack of a master plan at the present time and voted to disapprove, pending a master plan. The cost of replicating the original windows in aluminum would be \$125,000 versus \$80,000 for the window renovation for this apartment. There was no community input on this project and the committee was in agreement.

This resolution is premised on the following facts:

The applicant's building is a 20-story apartment building with primary facades on the south and west facing West 79th Street and West End Avenue, and secondary facades facing north and east into an internal courtyard. The primary facades are clad in red brick with intentional mottled color variations; the secondary facades are clad in common yellow brick.

The primary facades feature setbacks above the 16th and 18th floors, each of which is defined by a limestone-colored horizontal detail. The bottom two floors of the building, including the surround of the main entrance on West End Avenue, are clad in contrasting stone in large blocks. There are three pilasters on the stone façade at the base, two flanking the main entrance, and one proceeding above the entrance, all of which conclude with a triangular cap just above the horizontal capstones of the ground floor stone cladding.

Apart from the details described at the ground two floors and the setback levels, the facades are brick elevations without significant decoration other than a striped brick effect between punched windows in the column above the main entrance.

The application concerns only the windows on the two primary facades on the applicant's apartment, which is located on the 15th floor of the building, one floor below the first set-back. The subject windows wrap around the entire West End Avenue façade and include approximately half of the windows on the 15th floor on the West 79th Street façade.

The original windows on the primary facades of this building were steel casement windows with a horizontal rectangular transom above and four tall thin columns of four individual panels each, with the center two columns operable and the flanking columns fixed.

None of the original windows remain on either of the primary facades. The existing condition, and the condition at the time of designation, consists of 1,080 aluminum replacement windows of a deep bronze color, 90% of which are in a 1:1 configuration, and the remainder of which are tilt-and-turn single-pane windows.

The existing windows are believed to have been the result of a building-wide window replacement sometime in the 1980s. The existing windows are approaching or have passed their useful lives, and do not conform to current energy efficiency standards.

The applicant seeks leave to replace the existing windows in approximately the same configuration, with a more modern energy rating.

The building management and ownership is contemplating a master plan for window replacement. While the applicant anticipates that the master plan would call for windows similar in configuration, color, materials and overall effect to those proposed in the instant application, no application for a master plan is pending.

A single application could create an inconsistent or hodge-podge appearance on the primary facades of the building if the anticipated master plan varied from the configuration, color, materials and overall effect of the current application.

NOW, THEREFORE, Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves to **disapprove** the application as presented because a potentially inconsistent appearance could materially detract from the appropriateness to the character of the Historic District of the proposed condition once a master plan is approved, and calls on the building management to submit an application for a building-wide master plan.

Committee Vote: 5-0-0-0.

2. Re: 200 West 83 Street, a/k/a 468 Amsterdam Avenue (Southwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 83 Street). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a new entrance and new storefront infill.

Chad Smith, Architect, and James Huang and Ryan Prat, Owners of the property, presented this project, which is scheduled for LPC review on April 30th. The Committee advised the applicants that this date needs to be rescheduled for after the next full board meeting. The residential property is comprised of 71 units, 22 of which are rent regulated with the remaining 49 units at market rate. There was no community input on this project.

This resolution is premised on the following facts:

The application concerns the ground floor of a 5-story red brick tenement-style apartment building, being one of a group of six similar buildings with main residential entrances on West 83 Street. The subject building features granite lintels above punched windows on the Amsterdam Avenue façade, with contrasting-colored stone details uniting the sashes of the windows into a series of horizontal bands. There is a substantial cornice at the roof line on the Amsterdam Avenue and West 83 Street façades.

The subject building reduces to a single story to create an approximately 15-foot wide connection between that building and the neighboring tenement-style apartment buildings to the south, which are of a different style but of the same era as the subject building.

The subject building includes ground floor retail which, due to grade changes along the block, is partially below the sidewalk level.

The existing condition on the southern storefront is a below-grade 1970s-era storefront infill, one-half of which is standard bronze-colored aluminum framing with large glass panels, and one-half of which are rough-hewn wide wood slats mounted on the façade at a 45-degree angle, and which have not aged gracefully. There is an equally dated wood stockade fence at the roof of the one-story retail extension.

The applicant's proposal is to remove the storefront infill in its entirety, and to replace the portion of the storefront that is within the main 5-story façade with a new aluminum entrance in approximately the same opening; a three-panel aluminum and glass series of windows with a sign band above, and brick cladding to match the façade in place of the wood slats.

The proposal for the one-story extension is to create a stone tile façade composed of Pacific Basalt in a granite color with contrasting darker horizontal stone bands to align with the horizontal bands on the primary façade. The one-story extension would include a new aluminum and glass entrance to the building, with an operable door and an equal-sized fixed panel. The space within the one-story extension would become a building amenity space with a similar glass door and panel configuration on the interior, providing a view through the glass panels to the garden spaces in the donut beyond.

The proposal also includes a series of non-symmetrical, undulating steel tubes that create an undulating effect evocative of wild vines. The proposal is to include plantings that in season would grow along the steel vines.

On the Amsterdam Avenue storefront façade, the existing handicap accessible ramp leading to the southern storefront entrance is proposed to be surrounded by a simple rectilinear black steel tube railing. The sign band and storefront infill will be lit by non-invasive LED light bands.

The proposal also includes replacing the main entrance to the residential building on the West 83 Street façade with a new entrance that is visually and physically lighter in appearance, and with a door handle crafted to emulate the vine motif proposed for the garden-view door on Amsterdam Avenue.

The creation of an opportunity to view a portion of the rear-yard donut gardens behind the one-story extension harmoniously unites the interior and exterior characters of the Historic District.

NOW, THEREFORE, Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves to **approve** the application as presented as being appropriate to the character of the Historic District, and **strongly urges** the applicant to carry forward the design motif of the vines surrounding the new entrance in the one-story extension to the railing on the handicap-accessible ramp for the storefront entrance.

Committee: 4-1-0-0.

3. Re: 313 Columbus Avenue (Southeast corner of Columbus Avenue and West 75 Street). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a single handicap-accessible ramp to serve three separate storefronts.

Monty Mitchell made the presentation for this project, which was uniformly approved by the committee, without any input from the community.

This resolution is premised on the following facts:

The applicant's building is a 6-story tenement-style apartment building with ground-floor retail in three separate bays facing Columbus Avenue. Each retail entrance requires a single step up into the store.

The proposal is to create a ramp that rises from the north and achieves a height sufficient to provide barrier-free access to each of the three separate storefront entrances in the building.

The ramp would be enclosed by a black steel tube railing only for the portion of the run on the incline, and again at the south end of the ramp.

The ramp would be composed of grey concrete on its rise and surface, with contrasting-colored granite cap stones at the top of the edge of the ramp. The cap stones would have bumps to emulate the safety surface often installed at sidewalk curb cuts for handicap access, and would define the edge of the raised access to the storefronts.

The use of a single ramp to provide access to three stores will also help to unify the storefronts, which is in keeping with the character of the Historic District. The edge of the ramp/platform, however, should be further defined both for safety and aesthetic reasons by the continuation of the metal railing at intervals along the raised surface to unify the appearance of the ramp and provide additional safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves to approve the application for a single handicap-accessible ramp to provide access to and unify the appearance of three storefronts in the subject building as reasonably appropriate to the character of the Historic District, provided that the applicant supplement the proposal to include the continuation at appropriate intervals of the railing defining the edge of the ramp.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

4. 301 West 96 Street (West End Avenue – Henry Hudson Parkway). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for signage above a commercial storefront.

Adrienne Yurgosky, owner, made the presentation. There was no community input and the proposal was uniformly approved by the committee.

This resolution is premised on the following facts:

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The applicant's building is a five-story apartment building with primary façades facing West End Avenue and West 96 Street. The street slopes downward to the west, creating space for a storefront at the western end of the West 96 Street façade that is partially below grade and the steps leading up to the main residential entrance to the building partially obscure the view of the storefront from West End Avenue.

The proposal is to install a blade sign to be hung from a bracket at the level of the top of the first-floor residential window, where it could be seen from the avenue.

The application also calls for a second, panel sign at the top of the storefront infill.

The previous tenant in the commercial space, prior to designation, had multiple signs intended to overcome the poor visibility of the commercial space from the avenue and the main commercial corridor at the corner of Broadway.

The blade and panel signs are reasonably appropriate to the character of the Historic District, and necessary to sustain a viable presence on an otherwise moribund stretch of the street.

NOW, THEREFORE, Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves to approve the installation of the blade and panel signs as reasonably appropriate to the Historic District.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

5. New business – 315 West 103rd Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive).

Presentation by Rich Robbins in his capacity as a resident of the building immediately to the west of the subject building. The subject building, one in a series of intact townhouses with intact stoops and typical rear "L" extensions, is included in the Riverside-West End Historic District Extension II, designated in 2015. The subject building has been undergoing on-again/off-again construction for approximately a decade, consisting of a two-story full depth and highly visible rooftop addition and a full-width rear yard extension, as well as extensive interior alterations. In addition to the ongoing construction issues at the subject building, including the myriad violations and fines imposed on the contractor and owner, the permits for the on-going project were no longer in effect at the time of the designation of the Historic District, which issue is currently the subject of on-going litigation and communications involving the neighbor, the developer and the Landmarks Preservation Commission. At this time, no resolution was proposed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Suzanne Robotti and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

April 9, 2019

Present: Suzanne Robotti, Howard Yaruss, Andrew Albert, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Doug Kleiman, Sara Lind and Richard Robbins. **Chair:** Roberta Semer. **Board Members:** Christian Cordova, Mark N. Diller, Jeannette Rausch and Seema Reddy. **Absent:** Joshua T. Cohen.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Prior to taking up its scheduled agenda items, the committee heard a report from Sgt. Montgomery of the 20th Precinct on the precinct's latest statistics on collisions and traffic summonses for the period of March 11th to April 7th. Collisions are down 21 percent compared to the same period last year, 102 versus 130. Pedestrian injuries were down slightly – 6 versus 7 – and bicyclist injuries down from 5 to 2 for the 28-day period. The precinct issued 552 "Vision Zero" summonses (disobey signs, cell phones, texting, speeding, red lights, improper turns, and failure to yield to pedestrians). Sgt. Montgomery noted that for-hire vehicles are involved in nearly 40 percent of the collisions so summonses to these drivers are up. Cyclists received four moving violations, and she reported that there have been no collisions involving e-bikes year to date. The precinct confiscated one e-bike during the last reporting period and issued 45 summonses to drivers for failing to yield when making left turns. Committee member Rich Robbins asked Sgt. Montgomery whether in her opinion enforcing against e-scooter riders would be difficult. She said that the precinct enforces against bicyclists already, so it wouldn't be hard to enforce against scooters.

Co-chair Howard Yaruss then asked DOT's representative to CB7, Colleen Chattergoon, to update the committee on the status of outstanding matters. Chattergoon said that by the end of April the DOT would be meeting with CB7 leaders and elected officials to provide details of the plan for the Central Park West bike lane and that a presentation on the lane would be made at the committee's May meeting. Implementation of the Amsterdam Avenue bike lane south of 72nd Street is scheduled for late spring. DOT has approved some loading zones in the district and a letter on this will be sent soon to CB7. Chattergoon didn't know exactly how many loading zones would be proposed but that it's "quite a few." The Columbus Circle bike safety treatment will be implemented in late spring as well. Regarding DOT's final presentation to CB7 on its design for the Rotunda renovations in Riverside Park, Chattergoon said DOT is planning to come to the board in May.

1. West 61st Street (Broadway-Columbus Avenue.) Request by Avalon Bay for a 70'5" by 10' 7" loading zone on the north side of West 61st Street to accommodate deliveries for the new Target store at 1865 Broadway. *Presenting for Avalon Bay were Martin Biazola and Lauren Cahill. Cahill said that Avalon Bay, currently being completed, will be a 32-story condominium building with 70,000 square feet of retail.*

The building's main retail tenant will be a Target store, to open in mid-October. Avalon Bay is requesting a 70.5-foot loading zone on the north side of 61st Street just west of Broadway in order to reduce the number of deliveries to Target and other stores. Avalon Bay will have a loading dock at the western end of the building on W. 61st Street but it will be able to accommodate only box trucks (maximum 35 feet). The requested loading zone will permit deliveries by tractor-trailers (two trailer deliveries a day to Target), which will reduce the number of deliveries required to the loading dock from between 8 and 12 per day to between 6 and 10 per day. This would reduce what Cahill characterized as the "loud noise" of trucks backing up to enter the loading dock.

The loading zone could be used for any delivery to the building, not just for Target. In between the proposed loading zone and the loading dock will be a *port cochere* with two curb cuts to allow vehicles dropping people off to access the building's entrance. To the east of the proposed loading zone will be a taxi stand already approved by DOT. Biazola said that Avalon Bay had earlier been asked by the community board during a walk-through to situate the proposed loading zone as close to Broadway as possible in order to locate it away from residential buildings at the western end of the block.

Biazola said that the proposed loading zone will technically be in effect 24/7, although Target has set parameters for when deliveries to the loading dock will be made. The only nighttime hours that would be free of deliveries are midnight to 4 am. Asked if that could change if the loading zone were approved, Biazola replied that that would be up to Target. Target, not Avalon Bay, will determine the delivery hours. Biazola said

that in his opinion no parking spaces would need to be removed on the south side of the street in order for box trucks to easily access the loading dock.

Residents of the block attending the meeting raised concerns about traffic on 61st Street with the increased truck deliveries, compounded by the coming congestion pricing boundary being only one block south. They said trucks would be backed up waiting to deliver, causing congestion, noise, and pollution, nearly all day and night. Biazzola responded that without the proposed loading zone, Target's trucks would be forced to double-park, adding to congestion. Biazzola couldn't say how many trucks beyond Target's would be delivering, but he said they expect that Target will be the biggest user of trucks because the store is taking 50 percent of the retail. He said that in addition to Target there will be between four and six other retail tenants.

Residents also expressed concerns about the noise of moving goods from the loading zone along the sidewalk to the loading dock. Biazzola said that goods would be moved using a manual hand truck or an electric conveyance. In neither case will the equipment make noise, he contended. Biazzola estimated that unloading one of the Target trucks will take between 20 and 30 minutes. Biazzola said that the lifts on the delivery trucks will be silent. "We were told no high-lows to remove the deliveries," he said.

Board member Mark Diller asked whether an employee could be stationed at the loading zone to ensure that it is used properly. For example, he said, some deliverers double park and use a loading zone as a receiving area for their goods. Biazzola said that if the zone is improperly used, it's a violation and Avalon Bay would file a complaint.

Chattergoon said that DOT did an analysis of Avalon Bay's proposal for the loading zone and found that the site is feasible. In answer to committee member Ken Coughlin's question, she said DOT is aware that the loading zone will mean more 18-wheelers on the Upper West Side.

Co-chair Su Robotti asked Biazzola what Avalon Bay could do to be a good neighbor. He said they will ask Target to commit to its stated assurances that unloading will be quiet.

Alternatives to siting the loading zone on 61st Street were discussed. Columbus has a bike lane on its eastern edge, and if loading were put next to the bike lane, residents of the building at the northwest corner would likely complain. Broadway has a lot of pedestrian traffic and siting the loading zone there would require hauling goods further.

A resident of the Beaumont Condominium at 30 West 61st Street said she had 76 letters signed by residents opposing the loading zone, which she said will turn the north side of the street into a permanent loading zone.

Co-chair Su Robotti said it would be good to speak to representatives of Target before voting on the loading zone. After it was determined that Avalon Bay does not require an immediate vote, the committee decided to invite representatives of Target to meet with us and to put off the vote until the committee's May or June meeting.

2. Discussion of electric bikes, scooters, skateboards and other new modes of transportation.

Committee member Elizabeth Caputo led a discussion of the impending arrival of small electric vehicles to our district, principally electric scooters. She said we had hoped for the participation of legislative representatives as well as representatives of e-scooter companies such as Bird, Jump and Lime, but we were unable to get representatives to attend. This is in part because the legalization of small electric vehicles was dropped from the recent state budget at the request of Manhattan elected officials.

DOT's Colleen Chattergoon noted that throttle e-bikes and all e-scooters are currently illegal in New York City, and the agency is waiting to see if legislators change the law. She said she can't say what DOT's position is at the moment. Whatever the outcome is, she said DOT will have to work with the companies, just as it has with bike share.

Alex Nesic, co-founder and Chief Business Officer of Clevr, presented to the committee remotely from Los Angeles about his company's innovative addition to the e-scooter field -- a three-wheeled scooter with a luggage carrier and integrated lock. Rather than "ruggedizing a toy," which he claimed conventional e-scooter companies are doing, he said Clevr is downsizing from automotive-grade construction. He maintained that three wheels will appeal to a broader section of the population. The Clevr scooter is still being manufactured but they anticipate deployment in Los Angeles on a pilot basis in June and the company has permits to operate in several other cities.

Committee and community members had questions of Nesic about scooter speeds, potential dangers of silent vehicles, user age restrictions, the sustainability of batteries, whether user location data would be used for

target advertising, how rebalancing problems could be solved, and contingencies for snowstorms. Caputo said that before these vehicles arrive, it will be important to have community input similar to the workshops that DOT held in advance of siting the CitiBike docking stations.

Nisec said that most cities are doing pilot programs to start out with, after which the city takes more ownership through public/private partnerships. "Responsible deployment" is the company's watchword.

Robbins said that we need to be careful not to look at any of these new technologies in black and white terms – all can be used responsibly or irresponsibly. There are shades of gray.

3. Request by 30 West 61st Street to make permanent the "No Parking" zone in front of its building to accommodate the fact that trucks backing into the receiving dock of 1865 Broadway will not be able to accomplish that maneuver without it. The zone is currently in place to accommodate the construction of 1865 Broadway.

Stephen M. Yesenosky, President of the Beaumont Condominium, argued for the need to make the current no-parking zone permanent. He gave two reasons: First, if the zone is not made permanent, Parks Department employees will begin parking their vehicles in front of the Beaumont as before, which prevented access to the building by residents. Second, the street is too narrow to allow for both parking and trucks accessing the soon-to-open loading dock across street.

A resolution was proposed to continue what is currently in place – designation of the south side of West 61st Street from the Regent garage to the east boundary of 30 West 61st Street as a permanent No Parking Zone
Vote to approve: *Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.*

4. Discussion of the transportation section of CB7's District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2021.

Andrew Albert asked committee members to review last year's District Needs Statement on transportation and consider how priorities have changed in the way we use our streets. There followed a debate among committee members over the wisdom of residential permit parking versus market-pricing all curbs in the district, particularly in light of the coming congestion pricing boundary at 60th Street and the fear that our neighborhood will receive all the traffic avoiding the congestion zone.

Committee member Sara Lind proposed that the committee do a resolution calling for better management of the curb. Co-chair Howard Yaruss drafted a resolution based upon input from the committee for discussion at the committee's May meeting (draft resolution appended below).

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

The meeting can be viewed in its entirety at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=07B9l4Qf7gU&feature=youtu.be>

DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PARKING:

A congestion pricing plan was passed by the state government which will impose fees on cars that travel south of 60th Street. The committee is concerned that this will cause an increase in the number of non-residents looking for parking on streets just north of this border, so that they can park for free and then take public transportation into the congestion zone. This will cause an increase in people "cruising" the neighborhood looking for parking (already a significant problem).

Additionally, the committee believes that the city's current policy of allowing the vast majority of street space adjacent to curbs to be used for free parking needs to be revisited regardless of this effect of Congestion Pricing. This huge amount of city-owned land is a precious resource in a city as dense as New York and, as with all city resources, should be used in a manner that helps those in need and/or creates the greatest good for the greatest number of people.

Free parking for private cars strongly encourages private car use over mass transit, thereby creating traffic congestion, pollution, environmental degradation and unsafe conditions for pedestrians, cyclists and other users of the street. It also exacerbates economic inequality by directing limited city resources to private car owners (a group of people more economically privileged than non-car owners) rather than to New Yorkers in general or to New Yorkers who are disadvantaged either economically or physically.

Therefore, the committee resolves that the city discontinue the policy of providing free parking for private cars and consider (1) more productive and equitable uses of curbside space and (2) the most efficient way to get fair value for the provision of any private parking it does provide. The committee specifically recommends that the city's review of this policy include, but not necessarily be limited to, paid residential parking permits, metering capable of surge pricing and the best practices of other major cities.

YOUTH, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Blanche Lawton and Steven Brown, Co-Chairpersons

April 18, 2019 6:30 PM

The Youth, Education & Libraries committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, April 18, 2019, at the District Office, 250 West 87 Street, in the District. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by co-chairs Blanche Lawton and Steven Brown.

Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD).

Presentation by Alexander Betancourt – Intergovernmental and Community Affairs, DYCD

- DYCD's budget for FY2019 exceeds \$900-million as a result of significant funding growth under the current Administration.
- DYCD's budget is nearly entirely expense funding – used to fund independent community-based organizations which in turn run programs that benefit the constituencies served by DYCD.

COMPASS

- Compass – the Comprehensive After School program, serves youth in grades K-12 from public school facilities.
- Much of the Compass funding is baselined for school-year programs, so that CBOs may plan ahead rather than awaiting the results of Budget negotiations.
- Compass programs are run 15 hours per week in the typical after-school hours for the 36 weeks of the standard public school year.
- Most of these service providers also run programming during the summer vacation period under the aegis of Compass.
 - Funding for summer Compass programs has been secured through City Council restorations during City Budget negotiations, and is not baselined.
- Most DYCD Compass programs are funded via three-year contracts with CBOs, who respond to Requests for Proposals (RFPs).
- Compass programs currently include a mix of enrichment, remedial and athletic activities.
- Since schools are typically the venue for Compass programs, the City Department of Education often selects school sites at which DYCD funds such programs.
- Youth participating in Compass programs at a particular school are not required to attend that school. The Compass programs in public schools are run in the same manner as all other Compass programs – i.e. through a CBO contracting partner.

DYCD

- DYCD was created ca. 1995 through the merger of the former Community Development Agency and the former Department of Employment.
- The mission then as now was to use federal and other anti-poverty funding from block grants to provide services to constituents who were at risk due to poverty.

SYEP

- Summer Youth Employment is also funded through DYCD.

- During the summer of 2018 (FY 2019), more than 70,000 youth aged 14-24 received job placements through SYEP.
 - The number of positions available through SYEP for the last two fiscal years exceeds the previous high-water-mark achieved in the summer of 2008 just before the economic downturn. Funding issues caused a drastic reduction in positions available due to diminished funding, until the trend to expansion resumed and in the last three years has met and exceeded the pre-2008 totals.
- SYEP jobs are created by providers who contract with DYCD.
- Funding for SYEP is through a mix of City and State funds, although nearly all of the expansion of SYEP positions in the most recent years has been as a result of City funds.
- In a change from previous years, SYEP employees aged 14-16 are not assigned to support tasks, but rather spend nearly all of their time in programming designed to enhance their job readiness and building of skills needed for employment later in life.
- The leading sources of employer participants include retail and technology companies, although there are many settlement houses and not-for-profits and CBOs that rely on SYEP employees to meet their adult-child ratios to allow the programs to offer children opportunities to go on field trips and off-premises outings.

BEACON

- Beacon programs serve both out-of-school and in-school youth through programs run by CBO partners, typically in public schools, during the afterschool hours and into the evening.
- Beacon programs typically are directed to Neighborhood Development Areas – zones identified based on poverty – to satisfy the federal anti-poverty block grant criteria.
- Programs may be run in areas that constitute pockets of poverty within otherwise affluent communities.
- Census data is the primary source used to determine whether a given location or neighborhood meets the criteria of the use of funding for anti-poverty programming needs.

Transitional Independent Living

- DYCD funds operators of long-term shelters for homeless youth. As with all DYCD programs, the facilities are maintained and operated by CBO partners.
- The Shelters include on-site support and case management services.
- Related programs funded by DYCD include Crisis Shelters, Borough Drop-in sites, and Fatherhood initiatives (assisting young adults to the transition to the role of parent).

Other DYCD activities

- Capacity building – DYCD programs assist CBOs to develop capacity and experience needed to compete for and win grants to run programs.
- Professional Development – DYCD assists CBO partners by providing training in key areas of program management as well as record-keeping and administrative requirements.
- City Council Awards – DYCD typically administers the qualification and release of funds allocated by individual Council Member Items relating to youth services.
- RFPs – recent effort to streamline the application requirements and process through a function entitled HHS Accelerator to enable more CBOs to compete effectively for DYCD awards.
- Discover DYCD – an online map showing the locations of funded programs in any given area, searchable by key words and location, and providing contact information for each funded program.

- Parent Leadership – CBOs are responsible for fostering parent leadership as an element of a successful program.

SONYC

- School's Out New York City (SONYC) after school program is for students in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades.
- Structured like clubs, the model offers young people a choice in how they spend their time; provides rigorous instruction in sports and arts; and requires youth leadership through service.

Girls On The Run

Presentation by Allison Hauser, Executive Director of Girls On The Run.

- GOTR is a privately run program that uses running as a tool to empower girls to achieve in all aspects of their lives.
- GOTR is *not* a track team, and while running features prominently in the activities of the program, the purpose of the program is not to compete internally or externally, nor to achieve a particular time result. The goal is mastery of the activity, not timed performance.
- The program participates form teams who proceed through the program together.
- Volunteer coaches supervised by leaders and trainers provided by GOTR together deliver the curriculum developed for the program.
- The program serves girls in two age categories – grades 3-5 and 6-8.
- The Curriculum engages girls to:
 - “understand ourselves”;
 - “value (positive) relationships and teamwork”;
 - “connect with and shape the world at large through a community impact project.”
- At the end of each session/lesson, one girl is recognized with an “energy award,” and all girls take part in positive reflections on body image. Middle School girls are encouraged to maintain a journal of their experiences.
- GOTR emphasizes positive outcomes through learning life skills beyond the physical activity that forms a part of each team experience.
- Programs are currently run in District 3 at PS 87 (before school); Anderson School (afterschool); Manhattan School for Children (afterschool); and Success Academy at Brandeis (afterschool).
- Parents often serve as volunteer coaches and are present for the program.
- One culminating event of each 10-week session of the program is a 5K walk/run in which the teams participate in a collaborative effort.
- While the private program charges a \$375 fee for the service, more than 70% of the girls participating receive some form of financial assistance.
- Certain schools at which the program is run qualify for financial assistance for all girls participating from that school via grant and endowment funding.
- Currently the organization runs 40 elementary and 9 middle school programs in various states.

Future Meetings

The committee brainstormed topics and potential guest presenters for future meetings.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm

Present: Blanche Lawton, Steven Brown, Catherine DeLazzerio, Mark Diller, Natasha Kazmi and Ira Mitchneck.

Absent: Paul Fischer, Amy Hyman and Sara Lind.