

Community Board 7/Manhattan
Full Board Meeting Minutes

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, **September 3, 2019**, at Congregation Rodeph Sholom in the district. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:41 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: Carried by Aye votes

Welcomed back everyone. We have a busy calendar:

please sign up to volunteer at the following 3 events

Family Day, Sunday 9/15 11:00-6:00 at 106th and Amsterdam

Park(ing) Day, Friday, 9/20 2:00-7:00, 100th and Broadway

Celebrate Broadway, 9/21 11:00-6:00, 73-76 on Broadway

District Needs Statement will be completed this month. Each committee must complete any changes immediately following September Committee meeting. Capital and Expense budget request must be submitted through September Committee minutes which will then be discussed and prioritized at the October Steering Committee

City Charter Revision ballot – BP Brewer will hold an education program. CB7 will join CB8 to host an educational forum.

October 29, Transportation Committee Forum on use of Curbside Space

CB7 co-sponsoring forum on Rent Law with AM O'Donnell and Goddard Riverside on Tuesday, September 17th at Goddard Riverside.

CB7 and CB8 are planning a Forum on Hate Crimes with Bystander Training.

CB7 and other Manhattan CBs have requested a Town Hall meeting with Gregory Russ, the new chair of NYCHA.

Please note our October Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 2 at Goddard Riverside

Reports by Elected Officials:

U.S. House Member Jerrold Nadler (10th District):

Regulation of Guns – other countries do not struggle with this problem like we do.

Judiciary Committee – two bills and the House passed them – Complete Background Checks Bill and the closing the Charleston Loophole (able to get a gun if the background check doesn't come back within three days). Bills have been sitting in the Senate since March. Committee will meet next week to report out three more bills: ban high-capacity magazines; red flag law; misdemeanor hate crimes cannot pass background check.

Trump is defying Congressional subpoenas. This is an impeachable offense because it is a threat to the separation of powers.

The Judiciary is now conducting Impeachment Hearings. Will be holding hearings. In court to force them to obey subpoenas and to get grand jury report. Fair likely there will be Articles of Impeachment by the end of the year. Even if you can't remove the President from office, you have to show that the Constitution means something. You can't normalize this behavior.

Question: What if Trump still won't honor subpoenas – what is the next step?

Impeachment if he does it systematically. Three ways to enforce: 1. Criminal contempt. US Attorney will not do this. 2. House Counsel sue for Civil Enforcement – in the middle of these proceedings. Then Court could put him in jail. 3. Inherent Contempt: Trial in the House, Sergeant at Arms arrest and put in the House jail.

Brad Hoylman, State Senator (27th District):

Child Victims Act went into effect on August 14th – one-year lookback window for adult survivors of child sexual abuse to file civil claims. Go to Safe Horizons website to learn more.

Gov passed legislation to ban electronic billboards floating in the Hudson and East River. Owner of the company (Ballyhoo) claims that the law is not sufficient and he's going to continue to operate the billboards – he gets fined \$5000 every time he puts one on the river.

Gov signed bill on Confessions of Judgment. Small businesses often sign creditor contracts where the fine print forces them to confess to a credit that they are not responsible for. It's a scam that has been hurting small businesses across the country.

ConEd Outage: Senate and Assembly held a hearing on the outages. Mechanism to create redundancy was installed improperly.

School starts on Thursday. Parent Resource Guide available.

State Senator Robert Jackson (31st District):

First CB7 meeting since taking office – happy to be here and will try to come to more!

District is very gerrymandered and we will try to fix that after the 2020 Census.

Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (67th District):

Rent Laws – information on the table about some of the new rent laws that we passed. Got rid of vacancy deregulation. No more 7.5% increases for rent control tenants.

Child Victims Act – hundreds of lawsuits have been filed. Not just against Catholic Church, boy scouts, summer camps, private schools

Now illegal to declaw cats in NYS. Other states are now following suit.

Andy Byford – this Friday morning he will travel on the M104 Bus.

Census Job Fair at Amsterdam Houses on Friday the 13th.

Assembly Member Gottfried (75th District):

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Most amazing legislative session by far.

Title X – Trump and Republicans trying to destroy these programs. NYS is prepared to help with this. \$16 million in the state budget to be used to replace lost Title X money. Now in the process of releasing this money.

More fully implementing the decriminalization of marijuana. Expunging criminal records.

Elizabeth Caputo: Asked about the vaccination legislation. Why did you vote no in full Assembly?

Answer: Champion of vaccination legislation throughout history in Assembly. My concern was that I believe there is a First Amendment religious freedom right to such an exemption. I understand that the courts don't agree with me on that. My views on civil liberties are stronger than some of the courts.

Helen Rosenthal, New York City Council Member (6th District):

Flyers regarding Senior food program which will continue through November.

New rent laws – can be confusing so there will be a community forum along with Danny O'Donnell and CB7.

Two bills working on as Chair of Committee: Bill to require Department of Corrections to have a Task Force that will make recommendations for how to make housing better so we treat people humanely. Bill about Title IX, at NYC DOE only one Title IX coordinator. In Chicago, with 1/3 the number of students, they have 20 coordinators, because they were court ordered to do so.

Mark Levine, New York City Council Member (7th District):

Fighting the epidemic of teen vaping. Even happening in the Middle Schools. Incredibly dangerous. At least 200 young people in the country contracting respiratory diseases from vaping.

Ben Kallos, New York City Council Member (5th District):

Thank you for fighting overdevelopment. Hurricane Dorian is supposed to hit NYC on Friday. Will be handing out go-bags on September 24th with Mt Sinai.

City Charter Revision.

Question 3: Ethics and Governance – Elected Officials should not be able to be lobbyists ever. Ballot proposal is for 1-2 years. M/WBE – reporting on contracts and have a director.

Question 4: Public Advocate and Borough Presidents should be independent – need independent budgets.

Question 5: Give Community Board a chance to weigh in during pre-certification phase.

Brad Lander, New York City Council Member (39th District):

November 5th – 5 items on the ballot. Ranked Choice Voting. Rank your top 5 candidates to avoid expensive run-offs in Citywide races, avoid a candidate winning without a solid majority.

Bill: Reckless Driver Accountability Act

Manhattan Borough President's Report

New Federal Public Charge Rule – goes into effect October 15th. BP will have two events on Thursday, September 5th. Will be at Public Schools handing out a fact sheet about it. Town Hall that evening with New York Immigration Coalition.

Commission will host a public meeting on Monday, September 16th at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

If you lost power during the blackout and lost food or medicine, you can file a claim with ConEd.

BP can help subsidize fees that orgs normally have to pay to use Public School facilities. Extended Use Hardship Waiver Program

September 15th – 50th Anniversary of African American Day Parade. Pre-parade reception on 9/13.

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

Laurie Hardjocuirgo, Office of Council Speaker Corey Johnson (3rd District):

Criminal Justice Reform: \$13.5 million dedicated to reducing jail population.

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

Emergency Preparedness Training at two Senior Centers. This will be her last meeting.

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

Event in Harlem – Hispanic Heritage Month Event. Sugarhill Children's Museum of Art and Storytelling.

Liam Galligan, Office of Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell (69th District):

Community Forum on rent laws with Helen Rosenthal. Fuel pass-along adjustments are banned under new laws. Please reach out if this is happening.
Shredding event on Sunday as part of Family Day.

Community Session:

Deputy Inspector Malin:

Crime down 14.4%, in the top 10 in the City. The 24 is doing equally as well. Up very slightly in the 28 day. Number one crime is grand larceny: shoplifting, unattended property, identity theft. Carl at 79th Street. We are doing everything we can. We summons him, but people pay them for it. We cannot arrest him just for being there. Goddard and DHS both have cases open on him. Sent him to Bellevue and he gets out in 24 hours.

Shooting August 12 at 212 West 64th Street. Non-fatal. No suspect ID'd. It was over selling weed at about 3:00am.

Back in school: short school crossing guards – three openings.

Police Officers taking their lives – 9 in the last year – all Executives attended session to learn about the services available and how to help officers. Mandatory training for every officer about the resources available.

Question: cab drivers relieving themselves on fire hydrants. Malin: Get the number of the taxi and call 311. If officers see this, it's a civil summons. Idea to get more public restrooms.

Penelope Cox

Statue before public design commission. Women's suffrage monument. Sojourner Truth, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B Anthony. Will be on the Mall. Monumental Fund seeking a resolution of support from CBs that abut the park. Will come to the Parks Committee meeting. Meeting on Monday, September 9th.

Richard Barr

96th Street and Riverside Drive – maybe change the entrance and exits to.

Hazen Cuyler, The Greenhouse Ensemble

Trying to create an UWS Theater and Art district – bring independent artists to the UWS. Resident theater through Goddard Riverside.

Sharon Waskow and Christine Campbell, It's Easy Being Green

Addressing Climate Emergency. Increase participation in organics curbside collections. Reduce the use of single use plastics. November 7th – talk with Dan Garodnick.

Daniel Leinweber, Mt Sinai Urgent Care

Teaching people about why urgent care is important in your healthcare. Walk-in, no appointment, accept all insurances. Community Outreach programs.

Zachary Campbell, AMNH

Removing Building 15 – significant progress: top two levels have come down. Building 16 (glass pavilion) has been removed down to concrete structure. Foundation and Excavation Phase will begin in the next few weeks. Additional machinery will be brought on site. After that soil and rock removal. Amng.org look for Gilder Center.

Jennifer Zarr, NYPL St Agnes

September is National Library Card Sign-up Month

September 21-28: Back to School Week – lots of great programs for Kids

Chris Giordano

Challenging Extel Building at West 66 Street. More than twice the height of anything else in the neighborhood. BSA challenge on August 6th. Block Association meeting on Thursday.

The developers argue that as the buildings get taller they need more mechanicals to push everything up such a tall buildings.

Dan Cohen

Friends of Playground – it's my park day.

Valley Restoration – working to get a flea market at PS165

\$76,000 grant – will start planting trees.

Parvati Devi

Noise pollution when on hold on phone calls. No decibel limit in restaurants

Carmen Quinones, Douglass Houses

Working closely with the new Monitor. He's very good and very fair and we're getting things done. Presidents have met with him. He seems to be understanding that not all public housing can be converted to RAD.

Paul Fischer

Next chair should only have two terms. Give more people an opportunity to serve. Many agree that this would be a good idea.

Jay Adolf: Point of Personal Privilege

Several Board members have been spreading a story about a legal situation I was involved in almost 30 years ago and may be misrepresenting the facts. My law partner was Democratic speaker of State Assembly. He was charged in a politically-based case. I was included because I had served in a legal capacity. On appeal, all charges were unanimously dismissed in their entirety. Since that time, I practiced law and represented several prominent institutions. Been appointed and reappointed to this board under successive Borough Presidents.

Nominations of Board Officers for 2019-2020: Richard Asche, Elections Committee

Joshua Cohen has a medical issue and is in the hospital tonight. In his absence, Richard Asche will take nominations.

Nominations for Chair:

Susan Schwartz – nominate **Jay Adolf**. Second. Accepted.
Catherine DeLazzerio nominate **Mark Diller**. Second. Accepted.
Page Cowley nominate **Amy Hyman**. Second. Accepted.
Motion to Close nominations. Seconded. Closed.

Nominations for Vice Chair:

Amy Hyman – Nominate **Cindy Cardinal**. Second. Accepted.
Roberta Semer – Nominate **Andrew Rigie**. Second. Accepted.
Elizabeth Caputo – Nominate **Doug Kleiman**. Second. Accepted.
Motion to Close nominations. Seconded. Closed.

Co-Secretary

Lolita Ferrin Nominate **Julian Giordano**. Second. Accepted.
Roberta Semer – Nominate **Sara Lind**. Second. Accepted.
Motion to Close nominations. Seconded. Closed.

Procedure: Candidates may submit a written bio 250 words or less by September 16th. Those will be circulated by the office. Election will be held on October 2nd. Each candidate can speak for up to 3 minutes.

Business Session:

**Transportation Committee, Howard Yaruss, Chairperson
Resolutions Re:**

- Request to Improve Safety at Riverside Drive and 79th Street and the surrounding area.

This is a very dangerous intersection because of traffic coming off and going to the West Side Highway.
Unanimously adopted resolution.

Question: How is this affected by the Rotunda project? Answer: the Rotunda project will only make this intersection more dangerous, so it's important to deal with this.

Question: Any consideration to reopening the 72nd St entrance/exit? Answer: There is no way to do this. They would have to build a whole new road.

Question: Isn't all of this addressed in the Rotunda project? Answer: We're calling on them to do something now.

The Resolution calling on DOT to analyze the intersection and surrounding area was adopted. VOTE: 42-0-1-0

- **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.

Important to allow a loading zone so that there are double-parked semis loading and unloading in the zone. We are trying to avoid chaos. Having the truck unload against the curb rather than in the street is safer.

15 minutes for the public:

Many reasons to defeat: no one on CB7 has addressed any of the quality of life issues that arise on our narrow streets. Put the loading zone somewhere else. Safety, congestion, pollution, noise. No proper environmental study of the effect of 55 foot trucks on a narrow street like 61st street will have on all our lives. These trucks will service all the commercial spaces and moving vans for people moving in. It seems that the profits of the developers is more important. Traffic department has made 61st the first place you can turn east coming south. Trucks will turn east at the same point. Almost impossible between bike lane, parked cars, traffic, etc. Emergency vehicles cannot get through because the street is almost totally blocked. Target's Buy Online and Pick up in Two Hours, will put even more cars on our street. Target will make deliveries from 4:00am – midnight. Target chooses not to pay for inventory space inside the building where their store is located, so they have to do much more inventory refilling. DOT said they have done a traffic study, but they really have not. Target says they will need at least 14 trucks a day. Smaller trucks will come into a loading dock that is part of the building and directly across from the entrance to our building. We would rather have 16-18 small trucks. Nothing we can do about the loading dock. But we don't want to get stuck with the loading zone as well. Options: moving the proposed loading zone to Broadway. It has more room – it's a bigger street. We have heard nothing rational about why we can't put it there.

Attorney: Steven Orrell, Counsel to Beaumont. DOT said they had studied the feasibility of the loading zone. Did a FOIL request, but only would hear from them in January 2020. It was a curb access feasibility analysis. Just checked to see if there was any reason why they *couldn't* put a loading zone there. There is no traffic data. Broadway alternative: DOT website: parking sign locator. There are truck loading zones on avenues. DOT doesn't want to lose metered parking spaces on that stretch of Broadway. No other truck loading zones that being before 7:00am. This would be the earliest starting time on any residential side street.

Unit owners and residents:

Transportation Committee voted to prohibit parking on the street. Parks Commissioner complained about how this would be inconvenient. Transportation Committee rescinded the resolution. Board should demand a proper study before a decision is made. We will institute legal proceedings.

Irene: Concerned about negative impact Target will have on QOL and safety. Hours of delivery 20 hours per day. Noisy carts, etc. The concerns of the community have not been taken seriously, but outsiders like Target and Avalon Bay are shown more respect than we are.

Anthony: Responsibility is to ask the right questions and conduct due diligence. The right question is safety and the health of the users of the street.

Can take 2-3 lights to make the left onto 61st street, and then traffic is still backed up. When congestion pricing comes into effect, the street will get even more congested. Two trucks side by side and nobody could pass them and the street was in a cloud of smoke. Health and safety more important than the profits of a few people. The two-hour delivery program will cause people to double park on 61st street. Go to Columbus in front of Whole Foods.

Howard: We have heard this twice at the committee. Target is coming for better or for worse. The question is: how do we reduce the chaos and congestion. Should the trucks unload as double-parked trucks, or along the curb.

Robert Espier: There is no north side to the Target property. The entrance to the building is on 61st Street. The loading bay is on 61st street in the middle of the block.

Sara Lind: The loading zone on Broadway would create more problems.

Shelly: Amendment. Cannot be 4:00am – midnight. This is outrageous. Susan Schwartz seconds.

Howard: We have no control over Target's procedures.

Roberta: If we restrict the hours of the loading zone, then Target will just double park.

Jay Adolf: Can't DOT put up a sign that says "No Loading or Unloading 4:00AM – 7:00AM" Use of the Loading Area is from 8:00AM – 8:00PM

Rich: Contention that if we don't approve this then they will do it anyway. The reason we have signs and laws is to make things illegal. Do we really want to turn our side streets into constant parades of long trucks. They can't threaten us. No standing zone from 8:00pm – 8:00am.

Roberta: It should be 6:00am – 8:00pm because Target does not want to bring large trucks to the street when children are going to and from school, and during rush hours.

Friendly Amendment Accepted: Use of Loading Area is from 6:00am – 8:00pm; No Standing Zone from 8:00pm – 6:00am.

Main issue is all the placard parking across from it. This is between Target and the Developer. They need to figure out how to service the area they have. There's a reason why Big Box retail is not in Manhattan. Letting them in is why our small businesses are struggling.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 32-9-1-1

Not voting for Cause: Doug Kleiman: The company that I work for represents Target, but I am not involved in any way.

Roberta: Candidates Night the night of September 17th at the Steering Committee for 30 minutes.
The idea was approved. VOTE: 26-16-0

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

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

- **2012-2014 Broadway** (West 69th Street.) SDS Dining Corp., d/b/a To be Determined.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 41-0-0-0

Method of Operation Change to Existing License:

- **425 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Frank Mac's Place LLC, d/b/a Frank Mac's. Application to add
Live Music, Acoustic Music – Guitar Etc.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 41-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafes:

1. **377 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 78th Street.) New application #6720-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tacos “Los Vaqueros”, LLC, d/b/a Tacombi, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 32 seats.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 38-0-0-0

2. **718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95th Street.) New application #4823-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cabrera Argudo Corp., d/b/a Rancho Taquileria, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

The Resolution to Disapprove was adopted. VOTE: 40-0-1-0

Preservation Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson

Resolutions Re:

- **2 West 64th Street, Society for Ethical Culture** (Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for lettering on the façade. This resolution was presented by Jay Adolf per the by-laws which states that a Committee Chair may not present a resolution which he/she did not support.

Peter Herwitz: If the issue is about the school, the posting should not have been on August 1st, without any consultation from the school.

Richard Van Deusen: Trustee of the Socieity. We have spent 10 years debating whether to put this sign on. Someone said they’ve been walking past this building for ten years and never knew what it was. Spend 6 months looking for the typeface. We have no identity and we have hundreds of people coming into this building who have never been there before – lots of events and constant stream of non-members visiting.

Rich Robbins: It would be great if they could do this in a non-permanent way.

Barbara: Offended by the use of this typeface as opposed to the one on the original building. They were designed at least a half century apart. I dispute the fact that you can’t find anything closer.

Richard: The company that does this will try to match it as best they can.

Mark Diller proposed a substitute resolution which was withdrawn after a discussion.

The Resolution to Approve was not adopted. VOTE: 11-28-1-0

Mark Diller proposed a Substitute Resolution: Disapprove as Presented, but support identifying the building without drilling into the main façade and with a better typeface.

Board discussed and thought this would not work.

- **135 Central Park West** (West 73rd – 74th Streets.) Application # LPC-19-37877 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to create and modify window openings at the roof.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 37-2-0-0

- **21 West 75th Street Apt #3** (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of four windows at the front of the building.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 38-1-0-0

- **44 West 77th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of one window in the courtyard.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 40-0-0-0

3. **241 Central Park West** (West 84th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for entry on the 84th Street side, providing “at grade” accessibility to the lobby level.

Jack Lepper: Firm represents the building directly across the street from the proposed door. There is parking on both sides of the street, and with this door there will be congestion. Going to go to Transportation Committee meeting to ask for No Standing Zone.

Question: Was this window already changed?

Mark Diller: It's unclear, but it could be.

Jennifer Nitsky: Do we know how many people require this entrance?

Mark: There are doctor's offices who might need it.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 39-0-0-0

4. **141 West 85th Street** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace an existing staircase.

Klari: These are horrible. Friendly Amendment: say "minimally appropriate" instead of reasonably appropriate. Accepted.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 39-0-0-0

5. **123 and 125 West 87th Street** (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues.) Application #LPC-19-26378 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install stoop balustrades and newel posts, and replace doors.

The Resolution to Approve was adopted. VOTE: 36-4-0-0

6. **570 Columbus Avenue** (West 87th – 88th Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for an ADA Accessible Ramp.

Doug: I was the broker representing the landlord here. LPC would not even consider DOB, almost killed this small business. Tenant is required to do this.

Peter: There is a simple way to do this, but it's not for the committee to do the design. This design would be a hazard on the sidewalk.

Katie: You provided applicant with specific instructions for how to come back they declined.

Page: Could put a removable ramp in place.

The Resolution to Disapprove was adopted. VOTE: 37-0-1-1

Not voting for Cause: Doug Kleiman - I was the broker representing the landlord here.

Meeting adjourned 10:00 pm

Present: Roberta Semer, Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Steven Brown, Elizabeth Caputo, Cindy Cardinal, Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazzero, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Lolita Ferrin, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Julian Giordano, Amy Hyman, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, K Karpen, Natasha Kazmi, Doug Kleiman, Sara Lind, Jennifer Markas, Ira Mitchneck, Klari Neuwelt, Jennifer Nitzky, William Ortiz, Michele Parker, Jeannette Rausch, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Richard Robbins, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Katie Rosman, Peter Samton, Susan Schwartz, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Linda Alexander, Joshua Cohen, Blanche E. Lawton, and Meg Schmitt.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Roberta Semer, Chairperson

September 17, 2019

1. Chair's Report
 2. Discussion of Family Day participation at Columbus Amsterdam BID 9.15
 3. Discussion of Parking Day event at 100th Street and Broadway, 2 p.m. Friday, 9.20
 4. Discussion of Celebrate Broadway, 9/21, Broadway in the 70s
 5. Discussion of Friends of Verdi Park Ribbon, 9/21
 6. Discussion of Hate Crimes forum with CB8 and BP Brewer Date TBD
 7. Discussion of Census group formation.
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3. Discussion of most pressing issues facing MCD7 for the F&2021 DNS.
 - Cindy Cardinal, Chairperson, Strategy & Budget Committee.
 - She sent out notification to committee chairs regarding October deadline for District Needs Statements. She said several agencies, such as D.O.E., were very helpful.
 - The Budget Committee requests a list of the top three priorities.
 - Committee Co-Chairs weighed in on what they felt should be the DNS priorities.
 - Most co-chairs concurred regarding the importance of affordable housing and social services in our community. Advocates for commercial development, comprising retail mix and small business advocacy, schools, senior services, street conditions, land use issues, and transit and street safety also contributed ideas. One member suggested we focus on issues that especially pertain to our district. Another member disagreed and said that the DNS should have a citywide narrative. The chair said we should write the DNS so that it does not imply CB7 "chooses" one over the other.
 2. Review of October 2nd full board agenda.
 - a. CB7 will be addressing budget priorities at October Steering meeting. Chair requested every committee submit Budget Priorities and DNS no later than the end of September.
 - b. The committees will send their suggestions to Penny and Cindy, who will begin aggregating the information.
 3. Election presentations and votes will follow the public session at Full Board. Tonight following Steering there will be a Candidates Night where Carol Tannenhauser and Michael McDowell will ask question (which were previously mailed to the entire Board) of the three candidates for Chair.
 4. Committee and task force updates.
 - a. There will be a resolution presented at Full Board on vaping
 - b. There will be a resolution presented Full Board about three charging stations.
 - c. Land Use should not be controversial
 - d. BCI has one issue regarding at wood-burning oven on Columbus Avenue
 - e. Housing Committee on October 7 will be a presentation on NYC Tax Reform Commission
 - o Transportation will address curbside space, October 29 at location TBD.
 - New business.
 - o Mark Diller reported on LPC meeting on 9/17.
 - o Shelly Fine discussed the addition of new men's shelter 237 West 107th Street. Penny added, the community has not been consulted.
 - o Discussion of the imminent opening of the new Bloomingdale's playground.
 - o By-laws task force is meeting next week.
 - o Senior task force is working on a Senior Task Force fair.

Present: Roberta Semer, Linda Alexander, Steven Brown, Cindy Cardinal, Christian Cordova, Ken Coughlin, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Lolita Ferrin, Sheldon J. Fine, Amy Hyman, Blanche Lawton, Sara Lind, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Melissa Rosenberg and Howard Yaruss. **Board Members:** Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Elizabeth Caputo, Kenneth Coughlin, Julian Giordano, Madelyn Innocent, Doug Kleiman, Michele Parker, Meg Schmitt, Susan Schwartz and Ethel Sheffer. **Absent:** Page Cowley, Catherine DeLazzero and Jennifer Markas.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

Wednesday September 11, 2019

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.

The following matters were discussed:

New applications to the SLA for two year liquor licenses:

- **795 Columbus Avenue** (West 99th Street.) Columbus Avenue Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Bareburger.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Teddy Gonzales, Representative. Teddygonzalez14@yahoo.com
- Bill Resk, Director of Op.
- Bruno Pauti, General Manager
- Applicant will use Relay and other third party delivery services.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **200 West 84th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Long Play Record Bar LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Lainie Cohen, longplaynyc@gmail.com
- Hours of operation: Tues-Thurs 4 pm – 1am Fri; Sat 3 pm - 2am; Sun 3 pm – 12 am. Closed Mondays
- Vinyl music bar/lounge.
- Applicant agreed to post notice signage again before October's Full Board meeting.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **774 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 98th Street.) JPDB Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Jacob Poznak, jrp@jakepoznak.com
- Dan Zerkowitz
- Hours of Operation: Tues – Thurs 4 pm – 12 am or 1am; Fri/Sat 4pm – 2 am; Sun 4-12. Closed Mondays,

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **269 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) Harvest Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Harvest Kitchen.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Rashid Carter, office@therestaurantgroup.com
- Applicant agreed to post notice signage again before October's Full Board meeting.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd Street.) Mee Tung LLC, d/b/a Land Thai Kitchen. Transfer of liquor license to new corporate entity.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Robert Callahan. Kellymlk136@gmail.com
- Muttaneeya Jiamanukulkit, new owner who has managed the restaurant for eight years.
- Thitikai Terdthitae, Server.
- Hours of operation: Mon – Thurs 12pm – 9:30pm; Fri/Sat 12 pm - 10:30pm; Sun 12pm - 9pm.

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- Applicant will use its own delivery staff and continue to use original vests.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

- **189 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th – 69th Streets.) Renewal application #2055693-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by VLC Upper West, LLC, d/b/a Vive La Crepe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

*Applicant did not show, after due deliberation the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted*

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **510 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street.) Renewal application #2045884-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Motorino 3, Inc., d/b/a Motorino, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Robert Callahan, rep. Kellymlk136@gmail.com
- Outdoor café hours: Sun – Thu until midnight; Fri/Sat until 1am
- Owner has upgraded the wood burning oven exhaust system due to neighbor's complaints.

Public Comments:

- 3 neighbors from 102 west 85th Street, who live in building next to the restaurant above from the restaurant's wood burning oven exhaust system.
- They spoke as a group: Heather Harrison, Aikio Shioi and Sonia Olinto:
 - o All complained about excessive soot coming into their apartment from the exhaust system..
 - o The soot presents a toxic environment.
 - o All have called 311 repeatedly, had DEP visit and complaint to Council Member Rosenthal's office.
 - o DEP did not get back to complainant about findings.
 - o Owner upgraded exhaust system but tenants claimed it had not significant effect.

CB7 Comments:

- Owner may need to be installed a new scrubber and check for leaks of the exhaust system.
- Mr. Callahan offered to review problem with the owner.
- We can follow up to see if the black smoke problem from the exhaust system will be fixed.
- The committee will ask the office to follow up with DEP.
- Linda Alexander (committee co-chair) provided her contact information to the neighbors; and will arrange with the applicant to view the rooftop exhaust system and new scrubber.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted with the stipulation that Motorino's owner immediately takes steps to ameliorate the wood burning oven's soot coming out of its exhaust system that is negatively impacting the neighbors*

Committee VOTE: 9-0-0-1

- **340 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 76th Street.) Renewal application #1413323-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Ale House, Inc., d/b/a Amsterdam Ale House, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats.

*Applicant did not show, after due deliberation the resolution to **disapprove** was adopted*

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- **568 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th – 88th Street.) Renewal application #2036313-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 568 Amsterdam, LLC, d/b/a Pizzeria Sirenetta, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Robert Callahan, rep. Kellymlk136@gmail.com
- Hours of Operation: Sun – Wed 5pm - 11pm; Thu – Sat 5pm - 12am.
- Applicant agreed to post notice signage again before October's Full Board meeting.

CB7 Comments:

- 9 feet sidewalk café.
- Floor plan complies with CB7 criteria.
- Check building line goes only 9 feet.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

- **718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95th Street.) New application #4823-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cabrera Argudo Corp., d/b/a Rancho Taquileria, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Rodolfo Morales, Owner, rodo_rodo@aol.com
- Angelo Arguro, Owner. argudoangelo@gmail.com
- Antonio Morales, Owner
- Applicant agreed to post notice signage again before October's Full Board meeting

CB7 Comments:

- Posting found to be for September 3rd BCI pre-meeting.
- Sidewalk café plans comport with BCI criteria.
- Side street, wraparound seating stops at stoop and does not present pedestrian obstruction.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

- Committee discussion of FY2021 DNS and budget priorities.

CB7 Comments:

- Committee members discussed the DNS statement and suggested a few changes.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING

Catherine DeLazero and Sheldon Fine, Co-Chairpersons

September 24, 2019 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by co-chair Sheldon Fine.

- **237 West 107th St (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenue). Dept. of Homeless Services plan to replace adult single women residents at 237 West 107th Street with adult single men due to the significant increase in the adult single male population asking for shelter.**

Sheldon Fine, HHS Committee Co-Chair:

- CB7 has a history of concern when there were issues many years ago, over the years the w107th St. women's shelter has integrated into and become a part of the community and is an example of a successful transitional shelter.
- We were expecting Dept. of Homeless Services (DHS) representative to attend this meeting, this afternoon they informed CB7 no one could make it tonight. We wanted to hear their reasoning, their plan, and wanted them to hear from the community
- Earlier this week DHS called CB7 to tell the board this was happening. There was no consultation with the board, which was shocked and decided to make it the prime agenda item for this evening (and would've called a meeting if it hadn't already had one scheduled).
- DHS said there was greater need for single men's shelter in the city. Sheldon thinks they would probably keep the same provider Help USA, likely bc of long-term contract commitments, though note per his understanding there are use changes permitted. Good provider, recognized locally and beyond. We were hoping greater details could be expressed tonight. The CB7 District Manager sent DHS a list of questions earlier this week.

Community comments and questions

Kurt Pohmer – w107th st block association:

- All for helping those less fortunate, helping community for over 30 yrs. Balance acceptance and community involvement is not there in this DHS plan. He's on w107th St block assoc, board of building, board of Church. Part of community action board with current staff, residents, and former EDs that previously worked to get rid of former slumlord of property.
- Against single men's shelter. The current shelter for women works and functions. Students use w107 th as playground and he has safety concerns if a men's shelter.
- Unlike 58th st shelter, the UWS neighborhood already has numerous shelters, methadone clinics and women's shelters. W108th st alone already has a methadone clinic and 2 men's shelters, and we're supporting them. "No more dumping on the West Side"
- He and a few others went to 24th precinct last night – asked if they knew anything about this and they said no.

CB7 Meg Schmitt interjects asking for clarity on if in its call to CB7 earlier this week DHS mentioned anything about timing of this plan, communications, data/rationale, etc. beyond what Sheldon noted in his opening.

1. Sheldon Fine response: no, DHS only noted the decision was made based on the high need for single male housing and provided literally no other information.

Community member notes Help USA they may only support women and their contract may continue, so would they leave if this is for men only?

- CB7 Sheldon Fine response: DHS has not provided population details other than "single male"

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CB7 Sheldon Fine asks for show of hands from those in the room on who's here to support the women's shelter on w107th – majority of hands up. Others here for information before deciding what they think about it. A few others here on an unrelated issue.

Jonathon Lawrence, resident on W109th Street in program with Praxis

- This is a meeting in panic right now, we don't have information yet and some are jumping to conclusions about who these single men may be. Understand community is very supportive and accepting of the shelter and of the people in need, but without the proper info it's a meeting in panic, and anything done out of panic can cause information to be misconstrued.

Samantha [didn't catch last name] – lives across street from shelter

- Native new Yorker, in community 3.5 yrs. Two main reasons concerned related to changes could result in less safe conditions.
- First, over past 6 months there's been an extensive increase in homeless behavioral issues she's seen on the streets. Witnessed a man exposing himself and masturbating in Riverside Park, a woman threw water at her dog, people sleeping on Broadway medians. If police can't control people on the street, why should she believe the police will control 180 people in a building across the street.
- Second, her building has had an uptick in concerning events. Two weeks ago a drunken man shattered building front door, some homeless people have been climbing the fire escapes, neighbor had a man force himself into the building entryway and had to push them off.

Marc Weinflesch (?) –

- DHS hasn't come here to support what they want to do, which makes him think they're trying to hide something. 124 women but want to do 180 men, it seems they may be looking at it from that angle. But if something is working in our community, doesn't know why they're going to throw that out and how they're going to support these women.

Raymond Rafferty – resident at Ascension Church

- He'd like to speak for the women who live there. He walks that block every morning and knows and speaks with the women, many of them going to work or school, and changes in circumstances for them may inhibit their activities. They currently live close to two major subway stations and bus lines that allow them to travel distances, and if moved that may be difficult for them to continue their work or studies.

Pam Kavanaugh

- Has worked in a methadone clinic and a homeless shelter, is not against shelters
- Why disrupt these women's lives? They have a safe place and are part of the community. Why do this to them? It's not right.
- DHS previously reduced the number of women in the shelter, and now they want to increase number of men.

Lydia Ozu – resident of w107th

- Have lived there for years with her mother, seen numerous changes. Not reacting out of panic but out of concern. Personally supports continuation of existing transitional housing. Haven't had issues with women residents, but some employees who come across the street and talk and smoke in front of her building. Would like to see more oversight of employees, which begs the question of what will happen if

a new population comes in and if that population is less stable Would like more info to respond in more appropriate way

CB7 Sheldon Fine: During Bloomberg administration met with Mayor about how communities are engaged. When CB7 worked with the Planning Commission, they worked together regularly and worked out plans together. If they had consultations in advance of any decisions, issues could be worked out ahead of time with community. Then Bloomberg made a directive that CBs be informed 30 days before any planned action. In this instance DHS didn't have consultation or a letter explaining anything, it's coming from an agency without information or engagement with the community. Impressed by the support of the community for the residents of the shelter as members of the community.

Chanel Emmanuel – resident of the shelter

- Lives in shelter and is used to living there. She was afraid at first, moving to a new place, but it's a nice neighborhood, it's safe. Now she's in school and can focus because she isn't worried about being in a dangerous situation. She's working, too.
- When residents hear about this they're worrying where they'd go. Some have PTSD. They have issues they're working through and the idea of relocating is difficult. You finally feel like you're home or belong in some way and then they take it away. She came here for answers and doesn't know why she may need to move, and can't go back and tell the women any info. The building brought it up last week in a meeting with residents, but with no details except they want to move men in.

Fred White – resident of w107th

- 107th st block association does great things w/shelter. Residents of shelter help with spring plantings and other programs.
- Educator for 23 yrs, some in city – there's a Catholic school and students play on the street. Concerned about student safety with a single men's shelter.

Roger Dennis – resident of w107th

- Retired NYC alternative high school teacher, 30 yrs public schools. Has met some current residents. This is a familiar experience when something is working well but shut down – they should let it be.

Connie Sanchez – lives on w107th next to Ascension

- Lived there since she was a kid and seen the neighborhood change. The community needs to know what to do to fight, there will be a fight by Kurt, block association, others (room applause)

Robin Kluber – Director of Religious Education

- Between Ascension school and programs – many students playing in area. Concerned about well-being of the kids. Our youth group supports the current residents.
- Many people don't know that Ascension runs a men's shelter, and is part of the DHS shelter
 - Hosts up to 40 men on the weekends. They go through organizations where they're screened for physical, emotional, and substance use issues. They're wanted before getting on the bus. Ascension's been doing this for 5 yrs with no issues. They're supporting the homeless situation in the city.

Suzanne Hers – lives next door to shelter

- Concerned needs of men precedent over current resident women
- CB7 Sheldon Fine responded: simple answer is spike in # of single males in shelter system and DHS sees this as an opportunity. But there was no community consultation and no communication of plans.

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Something very long with the lack of process and information. From his work on senior transitional housing he knows the idea of removing security and shelter from residents is terrible.

Member of public asked question re: how many shelters on East side

- CB7 Mark Diller responded: almost 25% of such shelters are on UWS
- CB7 Sheldon Fine responded: The city would rather go to the landlord of an SRO, which is more appropriate for homeless population. Historically there are more SRO are available on the UWS, and the east side has few.

Kurt Pohmer (again): Encouraged people to call 311. Block association is going to start a petition, they know people in every building. They'd love to get the ladies at the shelter to support. He spoke with Help USA and called EDs, they didn't know anything about it. They talked to Miss Wazu and she didn't know, talked to Karen Ford (her boss's boss) who didn't know. Handed a flyer to a resident on the stoop who didn't know. He will share flyers with CB7. The owner gets \$3k per month, 120 there, if they want to put in 180 just multiply that. The reason why the block association thwarted earlier attempts for 180 residents is because no one should live like animals. If DHS says "well we'll put in a methadone clinic" then we'll fight that too, we did that last time.

- CB7 Sheldon Fine clarified cost is roughly \$3600+/resident, not all goes to the owner, some goes to security and other services etc.

Committee Discussion

Madge Rosenberg: DHS didn't notify, provide answers, didn't send anyone tonight.

Audrey Isaacs: This plan is so cruel – for these ladies to finally get respite after their past experiences, and now to not know what they're future will be. Numbers game irrelevant. She'll support a resolution against this.

Katie Rosman: Thanks members of the community for coming to speak about this and for their support of the shelter. Agree with resolution and also notes importance of housing women in safe areas to reduce risk of violence and sexual assault.

Meg Schmitt:

- Thanks community members for coming and especially thanks the resident of the shelter for speaking.
- Clarifying questions – when DHS notified CB7 it couldn't come tonight did they indicate any timeline or intention to provide additional information? (No). When DHS received a list of questions from the District Manager earlier this week did they confirm receipt? (Yes). Did they note when they would respond? (No).
- Generally agrees with others. DHS' failure to communicate with the CB, the residents, and the community, failure to come tonight, and failure to provide any actual information is more than sufficient to oppose at this time.
- Will support such a resolution provided that it does not contain any language that makes assumptions or judgements about single males that may live there in the future. We know nothing about possible future residents, other than that there is a need for this housing, and the resolution should not contain language about a population we know nothing about.

Sheldon Fine read draft resolution recognizing the DHS has not and must engage CB, block association, community in general and most importantly the residents. Recognizes the value of the current shelter for its residents and also to the community. Resolution against this action.

Audrey Isaacs: suggest amendment to add forceful language at the end noting this is cruel to current residents. Will not vote for resolution without this (General agreement)

Roberta Semer: agrees it needs to be very strong, and notes procedurally resolutions should use “fact taken into consideration” language instead of “whereas” (okay)

Catherine DeLazzerio: generally agree, what’s next step to get more info (the resolution will demand this)

Community member interjects - Evelyn Manual – 107th st block association

- Agree with comments made, but want to point out that since this city has such a huge homeless issue, why would they take something that works and is working well in the community? Instead of DHS looking at this as a model of it working, they’re changing it without even engaging. The current number of residents is appropriate to house people humanely.

Community member interjects - Betsy Bergreen – part of the original group who worked with the shelter at the very beginning

- Can CB promise her that women won’t be taken out of their homes in the middle of the night
- CB7 Sheldon Fine responded: CB is advisory, we can advocate and say what should be done, use political pressure through elected to pressure DHS and Mayor’s office, but can’t promise what we can’t assure.

Community member interjects - John Derlom – w107

- Thinks when they do this they need an environmental impact study (no)
- What about Fair Share requirement? (no)

Mark Diller

- Agrees with Meg Schmitt’s comment and thinks resolution and presentation to full board must be crafted as YIMBY (yes in my backyard) in support of current shelter and residents, not NIMBY (not in my backyard) regarding a shelter for single males. Should be positive about current status and residents as part of our community, not negative about future plans that are not clear.
- Nature of enterprise and of DHS is to treat homeless people there and community around it as commodities, inventories. Our resolution should emphasize is that this action is punishing YIMBY, punishing a welcoming community.
- Additional Questions for DHS – if contract in place, it’ll have a line item for security and without assumptions of what future population is, would want to make sure there is opportunity to ensure appropriate security and continuity of security for the population, mindful of use of tax dollars and budget planning needed.
- We don’t know whether the current residents will be moved together or dispersed. They’ve formed their own community within the shelter and it’d be wrong to change that.

Community member interjects: already called 311 with concerns, how will they be notified of what’s to come?

CB7 Robert Semer respond: full CB will vote on resolution during Wed Oct full board meeting, and will then be posted on our website. If DHS agrees to meet with the board, that will also be posted, and

shared with the block assoc and others. Otherwise actions would be through the block assoc and community, but not necessarily the CB.

Mark Diller: one more thought re: DHS driven by numbers – they perceive excess capacity to be used. IS there something to be done in our resolution to call on them not to increase the size of shelter pop bc through negotiation and community participation that we're praising in first part. If 120 is the right answer, and if the only reason for choosing this site is their perception, add language saying don't increase no matter what

Community member interjects to advice against dealing with numbers when we don't have the info yet – (committee members agree)

VOTE

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

In request for show of hands from the room, more than a majority of hands up from the community in attendance

Sheldon Fine will circulate draft of this resolution to committee members to finalize wording.

Next step is full CB to vote on resolution during full board meeting next Wed 10/2 at Goddard Riverside. Community members encouraged to attend.

Sheldon Fine advises community members to proceed with their advocacy, CB7 will share its resolution with block association and electeds, but don't wait for CB. Come to full board meeting, opportunity for public comment there as well in front of full board.

- **Committee discussion of FY2021 DNS and budget priorities.**

Sheldon Fine: we have some data and information, welcome more. Sheldon and Catherine getting together Friday to work on it. Committee members can email them with additional contributions or add directly to share Google doc/files. On Friday they'll share the draft DNS with committee members who can comment on it over the weekend.

Mark Diller noted the District Manager needs draft to include budget priorities, which she takes out and sends it to steering

Present: Sheldon J. Fine, Catherine DeLazzero, Audrey Isaacs, Madge Rosenberg, Katie Rosman and Meg Schmitt.
Absent: Robert Espier.

Meeting adjourned

LAND USE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Page Cowley and Seema Reddy, Co-Chairpersons

September 18, 2019 6:30 PM

1. Presentation by Supervising Attorney ADA Diana J. Florence, NY County District Attorney's Office, on the Manhattan Construction Fraud Task Force

- This task force uses the criminal code to go after construction fraud and safety concerns. There is a particular focus on workplace safety for construction workers. There should be an expectation that people working in construction are working in safe places.
- Carlos' Law is named after Carlos Moncayo who died when a 14' deep trench collapsed, killing him. His employers were doing a series of illegal things: stealing workers wages; lying to Workers Compensation insurers to get cheaper insurance; cheating on taxes; and engaging in unsafe construction practices. The big learning from the investigation is that fraud often leads to more 'cutting of corners.'
- This type of fraud and corruption cannot be rooted out by the Task Force alone. It must also involve coworkers, industry, unions, community, and other stakeholders. It is the only way this work can be done successfully.
- The case of Carlos Moncayo started the Task Force on a new path - to a closer engagement with the community.
- Other examples of cases prosecuted by the Task Force include: rampant disregard for the safety of workers and pedestrians; a mini crane fell out of a building on W125th St. propelling a worker with it, etc.
- There is an emboldening of the construction industry where many bad actors cut corners where there is no accountability.
- If anyone sees something that looks blatantly unsafe, then text the office! See something, do something!
- Who do we call with concerns?
 - a. Task Force's WhatsApp: (646) 712 - 0298
 - b. Call 311
 - c. If you think something is immediately dangerous, then call 911
- Pending legislation to address some of these concerns: S4405 and A6675, A4508 and S3314
 - a. Carlos's law is specifically about corporate financial penalties and looking at supervisors who allow such unsafe conditions and are criminally negligent.
- The Task Force is part of the current investigation going on at the UES development site, 1059 Third Ave, where there is potential fraud. Gale Brewer's office referred this case to the Task Force.
- The goal of the Task Force is to change behavior. So the Task Force wants to go after the strongest cases. Unsuccessful prosecutions simply embolden bad actors.
- The structure of the Task Force engages all actors in the construction industry: unions, government agencies, non-union groups, industry groups, consulates, worker groups, Community Boards, other District Attorneys' offices, etc.

Diana Florence followed up after the meeting with links to the legislation that she discussed:

- "Carlos' Law," <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2019/A4508> and <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2019/s3314>
- "Wage theft": <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2019/S4405> and <https://legislation.nysenate.gov/pdf/bills/2019/A6795>.

2. Resolution in support of legislation requiring public notices upon the filing of a TDR (transfer of development rights)

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- The text of the legislation itself is not clear. While the legislation specifies only TDR and does not include zoning lot mergers; the legislation seems to include both methods of transferring development rights.
- Only a notice provision is required in the text.
- The text is not limited to supertalls, but includes all lots.
- Richard drafted a resolution and circulate the following resolution. And Louisa has offered some important edits to the legislation itself. Please see below and attached.
- However, we have concerns about the potential unintended consequences of poorly written legislation. Increased transparency is definitely a good thing.
- Louisa suggests a special permit should be required if a project includes a TDR or zoning lot merger. This mechanism would give the community some more substantial say in the matter.
- Due to the concerns of the committee, we are going to table the draft resolution in anticipation of further discussion at next month's meeting.

Committee members: 7-0-1-0; Non-committee members 2-0-0-0

3. Committee discussion of FY2021 DNS

- Discussion of modifications to the DNS.
- A revised version of the DNS will be recirculated and finalized in the next week.

Present: Page Cowley, Seema Reddy, Richard Asche, Louisa Craddock, Sheldon J. Fine, William Ortiz, Melissa Rosenberg and Peter Samton. **Board Member:** Mark Diller. **Absent:** Julian Giordano, Jeanette Rausch, Andrew Rigie and Ethel Sheffer.

Parks & Environment Committee Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2019

Committee Members Present: Barbara Adler (BA), Cindy Cardinal (CC), Ken Coughlin (KC), Natasha Kazmi (NK), Parks & Environment Chairperson Jennifer Markas (JM), Klari Neuwelt (KN), and Susan Schwartz (SS)

Committee Members Not Present: Jennifer Nitzky

Other Board Members Present: Mark Diller (MD), Board Chairperson Roberta Semer (RS)

Meeting was called to order at 7P.

Item 1. Presentation by It's Easy Being Green, a local climate action group on the UWS.

1. Presentation by co-founder Sharon Waskow, about the work and goals of this grassroots advocacy group that supports an incrementally green mindset. Examples of this approach are to switch from plastic to paper straws or to take the plastic free challenge, or switch to cloth shopping bags. The group was founded in March 2019 and is supported by Bloomingdale Aging in Place and three block associations, (102nd, 103rd, and 104th Streets) and is mandated to serve the population defined by Riverside Park to Central park from 96th to 110th Streets, so is limited in membership to residents of that area. However, anyone can sign up to receive their newsletter by emailing itseasybeinggreen.uws@gmail.com. The group has five project groups:
 - a. Plastics group, focused on reducing reliance on plastics at supermarkets
 - b. Compost group, working with local coop and condo boards to encourage composting
 - c. Small business incentives group
 - d. Speakers bureau – their first event will be with Dan Garodnick, President of Riverside Park Conservancy, on November 7th
 - e. Chatting green group, working to develop non-climate shaming language to encourage others to adopt green habits and mindsets

Tours of SIMS Municipal Recycling are open to the public; individuals can book a visit <https://www.simsmunicipal.com/recycling-education-center/adult-tours/>

No resolution requested at this time, but Ms. Waskow requested assistance with encouraging youth involvement, partner introductions, website design and grant writing.

Item 2. Presentation by Monumental Women regarding new Central Park statue honoring women.

Meredith Bergmann, Sculptor, presented the design for the project, assisted by her husband and project manager, Michael Bergmann. The statue, which will be sited in Central Park, features Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, and Sojourner Truth, is still in the approval process with NYC Public Design Commission. The committee and the community had a robust discussion about the project, which will be the first statue in Central Park representing real women – versus Mother Goose or Alice in Wonderland. PDC is awaiting the review of a historian, which may result in changes to the proposed design. The committee voted on the design as presented and requested another presentation if the design changes materially in the future.

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

Monumental Women, a corporate alias of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Statue Fund, Inc., which is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to women's equality. Monumental Women has won approval by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to build a statue in Central Park along the Literary Walk promenade featuring New Yorkers Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth. The design is currently pending approval by New York City's Public Design Commission.

The Women's Rights Pioneers statue will be the first statue depicting real women in the 165-year history of New York City's Central Park. Currently, the park includes statues of allegorical figures, nymphs and angels, including Mother Goose and Alice in Wonderland, but no real women.

As of September 16, 2019, the composition of the statue depicts Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth atop a base. All three women were well-documented women's rights pioneers, New Yorkers, and contemporaries. In the current design, nationally-recognized sculptor Meredith Bergmann shows the three women working together in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, where it is historically documented they met and spent time together.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 7 APPROVES the specific design of the Women's Rights Pioneer statue in the form, appearance and materials as presented at Community Board 7 on September 16, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Manhattan Community Board 7 encourages additional statues depicting the contributions of women be considered for display in the future.

- Resolution in support of the proposal was approved
- Committee Members: 6 - 0 - 1 - 0
Non-Committee Board Members: 2 - 0 - 0 - 0

Item 3. Harlem Meer project update from Central Park Conservancy

Presentation by the Central Park Conservancy about a project to re-envision the existing Harlem Meer facility, which is a pool in the summer that converts to a rink in the winter, with a goal of keeping as much of the program as possible while addressing complex technical issues at this historic landmark. The facility is aging and has systemic flaws in design and needs to be replaced. The existing facility is only open to the public free of charge for a little over two months during pool season. When the rink is in operation, there is an admission fee and for the remainder of the year (about six months), the facility is empty and closed to the public. The objectives for the project are:

2. Replace existing facility
3. Remove a physical and visual barrier
4. Repair damaged landscape and impaired hydrology
5. Design an environmentally sustainable solution
6. Develop a design inspired by the scenic landmark
7. Provide maximum swimming and skating in the restored site
8. Build a welcoming, accessible facility
9. Serve more park users year-round
10. Expand nature-based recreation

The project is expected to cost approximately \$110 million for construction and the Conservancy has a total fund-raising goal of \$150 million. Construction is expected to begin Spring 2021 and the pool is expected to open in 2024. The project will be presented to Landmarks Preservation in November 2019. The response to the new design was generally quite positive with the exception of concerns voiced by Ken Chaya, Urban Naturalist, regarding the loss of white pine trees during construction, however, the Central Park Conservancy assured that they are researching potential sourcing of replacement white pines to maintain this essential bird habitat.

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

Central Park was developed in the mid-1800s by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux as a refuge from urban plight and the adverse effects of industrialization. The park was built with the specific purpose of healthful recreation for all. During the 1940s the landscape began to harden with a more formalized network of pathways under Robert Moses. In the 1980s parts of the north end of the park went into neglect and were subject to arson. Over the past 30 years, there has been a concerted effort to improve this area and bring balance and utility for the community's enjoyment. The transformation of the Harlem Meer and re-envisioning of Lasker Pool and Rink located approximately between 104th-110th Street in the north portion of the park involves demolishing the existing facility and integrating a new facility into a restored landscape. The Central Park Conservancy is funding and overseeing the development of the project with an approximately \$150 million budget. The project is scheduled to be completed over a three-year period with construction beginning in 2021 and completed in 2024.

The goal of the transformation is to fuse nature and architecture as is done in other parts of the park, including Bethesda Terrace and Wollman Rink, by lowering and resizing the pool into the landscape and restoring the landscape to pre-Lasker Rink and Pool conditions by allowing the ravine to naturally flow along the west side of the structure as opposed to buried underneath the existing structure. The existing facility is failing and was originally designed with systemic flaws, including disruptions to the landscape and natural hydrology. For example, the pool currently leaks an average of 50,000 gallons of water per hour during summer months creating the potential for an environmental hazard. The ice resurfacers require a lift to get on and off the ice rink and the ice making equipment requires R22, a refrigerant which will become obsolete by 2020. The facility also welcomes 220,000 visitors per year and access to the facility is not easily accessible with a multitude of stairs to get in and out of the facility.

The Central Park Conservancy is considering a variety of uses for the new pool and rink facility in off seasons, including spring and fall sports and leisure activities. The small pool for children, which is known to harbor bacteria and is difficult to maintain, will be replaced with a splash pad which does not require oversight of a lifeguard. This design element is also current best practice in parks and playground facilities as it is universally accessible. The project design will entail green roof elements, thoughtful solar and daylighting, bird safe glass and energy efficient systems. The site will be fully accessible, including by elevator and various ramps with protective fencing. A pool consultant will be engaged to determine the best configuration for lap lanes.

The western portion of the Harlem Meer where the islands are located, referred to as the Freshwater Marsh by The Central Park Conservancy, will also be developed with a lighted, self-directed walkway to encourage visitors to interact with the water in different ways. The walkway will extend into the water and be accessible year-round.

The project will require the significant removal of surrounding trees, including approximately 25 crab apple trees and white pines. While the removal of some vegetation is inevitable, the proposed landscape will see an estimated 50 percent increase in plantings. The Central Park Conservancy is approaching this project as stewards

of the park and of the landscape, and as they progress through the design phase they will do their best to mitigate any negative impacts on the park.

The Central Park Conservancy has displayed thoughtful consideration in regards to the complexities that come with this significant project to transform the Harlem Meer and the Lasker Rink & Pool facility. The project takes into account the history of the space, how it is presently utilized and future uses while remaining sensitive to the existing landscape.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7 approves the preliminary design for the Harlem Meer Project / Re-envisioning of Lasker Rink & Pool noting the appropriateness of the design and the restoration of the landscape based on its original fabric.

- Resolution in support of the proposal was approved.
- Committee members: 7-0-0-0
Non-Committee members: 1-0-0-0

The meeting was called to conclusion at 11:15P.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mark Diller, Chairperson

September 12, 2019

Re: 319 West 84th Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a full-width rear yard addition and rooftop addition.

The premises was constructed ca. 1893-94 by architect George F. Pelham.

Included in the Riverside Drive – West End Historic District Extension I.

Presentation by Morgan Hare (mhare@leroystreetstudio.com) from Leroy Street Studio

The building is a 3-story plus basement townhouse in the Romanesque Revival style with a partial fourth floor. The primary façade is composed of brick and brownstone.

The building is the easternmost of a group of 5 townhouses in an ABABA pattern, with an elegantly ornamented rounded bay window on the second floor.

The application includes restoring the masonry stoop and main entrance on the parlor floor, with corresponding adjustments to the areaway and parlor floor windows; extending the partial fourth floor to the rear façade; creating a stair bulkhead on the roof above the extended fourth floor; and creating a full-width/full-depth rear façade addition in lieu of the existing “L” extension, with significantly altered window units on the lower portion of the rear façade.

Front Façade

- The restoration work on the front façade includes re-creating a masonry stoop and re-introducing a main entrance on the parlor floor using the existing western-most of three parlor floor tall windows.
- The existing historic detail on the main façade would be restored.
- The areaway would be adjusted to accommodate the stoop, with a basement entrance under the staircase.
- The stoop would be modeled after the existing stoop at 327 West 84th Street, a companion building in the group.
- Replacement windows will be aluminum and will match existing windows.

Rooftop Addition

1. The existing partial fourth floor would be extended to the rear façade, with a stair bulkhead composed of stucco added at the top.
2. The rooftop addition and bulkhead would not be visible from any public way.
3. The bulkhead would be approximately half the width of the roof, and would consist of a stucco wall facing the front of the building, plate glass windows facing west, and a door and windows facing north and overlooking a terrace to be created from the roof of the proposed infilled fourth floor.
4. Black metal railings would bound the fourth floor roof terrace at the front and back.

Rear Yard Addition

1. The existing “L” extension would be removed in favor of a full-width extension at the 30-foot depth into the rear yard. The existing “L” extension is paired with an existing “L” extension on the adjacent building to the west, so the only effect of the full-width extension is to create a notched inset on the townhouse to the east.
2. The new extension would include the ground, parlor, and second floors, with the roof above the second floor creating a shallow terrace accessible from the third floor. The existing punched windows on the rear façade at the third floor would be expanded to a single punched window and a pair of double-doors leading to the new terrace.
3. The proposed full-width addition would be clad in white washed brick.
4. The new rear façade of the proposed extended fourth floor would be clad in stucco and would include three punched windows.
5. The fenestration of the ground floor would consist of a wide plate glass panel flanked by narrow operable doors leading to the rear yard.

6. The fenestration for the parlor and second floors would be 5 double-height 13 feet tall window panels with hopper panels at the base and a thin bar separating the panels at approximately the dividing line between the parlor and second floors.
7. The monumental glazing would be surrounded by brick to a width of 2 1/4 feet, with a metal spandrel between the ground and parlor floors, and a wider course of brick framing the façade above the second floor.

Community Questions and Comment:

8. Tom Newman (neighbor) Rear windows are jarring. Will the extension be closer than 30 feet from property line? The architect says the addition will be a few inches further from lot line.
9. Community would like better notice that there are mock ups on the roof.
10. Josette Amato, Exec. Director of West End Preservation Society appreciates the stoop restoration, but sees back colors as disjointed.
11. Lorraine Varjabedian - 320 West 84th St. -Why such a high bulkhead? Bulkhead for top of stair landing is now required by law.
12. Anne Myerson - 320 West 85th Street - She lives just behind 319 W. 84. Extension will block her sunlight. Why a bulkhead instead of a shorter trap door?
A: A trap door is no longer legal.

Committee Questions and Comment:

13. Jay - Why mishmash of stucco, red brick and white brick in the rear? Landmarks likes delineation between old and new. Jay prefers keeping all materials a single gray. Half of committee likes two floors of red brick; the other half likes all white washed brick plus stucco.
14. K Karpen likes glass, masonry and front facade and suggests vines on the bulkhead.
15. Susan questions large rear glass windows. The architect says since the windows face north the sun will not reflect off of them to create glare.
16. Mark suggests black horizontal mullions to break up the monumental tall lancet windows on the parlor and second floors, and a spandrel or other detail in the rear to delineate where the second floor begins. He commends decoration around the front door. He prefers red brick on part of the rear facade, not all gray brick.
17. Jay would like a more traditional lantern outside the first floor entrance.
18. Mark: from zoning perspective they have enough floor/area & enough air rights to extend the 4th floor and fill in the L.

Resolution: To approve the project as presented, with strong recommendations (a) to unify the color of the brick on the full-width extension and the third floor, and (b) to introduce horizontal mullions to break up the monumentality of the tall thin windows on the rear parlor and second floors.

After deliberation, the Committees adopted the resolution to approve the Project.

VOTE: *Committee Members: 6-0-0-0.*

Calendared for the October 8th public hearing at LPC.

DNS

Mark will send out Preservation portion of the last DNS. Committee should add comment before next Tuesday.

BUDGET PRIORITIES

We should ask for a better sound system at the Landmarks Commission where it is difficult to hear, especially when the air conditioning is loud.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8 pm.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Howard Yaruss, Chairperson

September 10, 2019 7:00 PM

Full meeting videos: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkXLKWp-jyQ>,
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xc4e7JKX_0I, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZZEVnVYCOI>

- **Electric Charging Stations**, Level 2 EV chargers. Presentation by Con Edison on the installation of 3 chargers (6 parking spaces) at curbside locations on the UWS and Lincoln Square.
 - Mark Simon (DOT), Felicia Tana (DOT), Nate Kimmel (Mayor's Office of Sustainability), Ari Khan (Con Edison) presented the following:
 - Con Ed and DOT will install 100 L2 EV charging ports (50 chargers) on city streets for a four-year demonstration
 - The purpose is to encourage EV ownership and test financial and operational feasibility of curbside EV charging
 - The Upper West Side is expecting 3 chargers (6 parking spaces):
 - Central Park (West 93rd Street)
 - PS 199/Julliard/LaGuardia (West End Ave - east side curb)
 - Riverside Park (West 86th Street)
 - Each location will have No Standing signs for any vehicle but an EV that is being charged
 - Private cars are a major source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions: transportation constitutes 30% of citywide GHG emissions and passenger cars contribute to 83% of on-road transportation GHG emissions
 - Adopting EVs is necessary to achieve GHG goals:
 - Goals of 80x50 plan and Paris Climate Agreement Executive Order 26 (requires electrification of most of the city's 1.8 M private light-duty vehicles)
 - Mayor's goal for 20% of new NYC vehicle registrations be EV by 2025 (requires more on- and off-street EV charging)
 - EV Level 2 chargers have a 240V (3-10 kW) power requirement and can charge 12-25 miles per hour (meaning 4-6 hours for a full charge). Other chargers include Level 1, which involves charging from a home outlet, or DC Fast chargers, which can charge 100-600 miles per hour (30 minutes for a full charge), but require a lot of energy and are only currently available in commercial locations
 - The DOT reached out to BP Brewer in December 2018 and to Manhattan DMs and CM Rosenthal in February 2019. A public feedback portal has been open, allowing the public to provide feedback on where DOT should or shouldn't locate chargers
 - Installation is scheduled for Spring 2020
 - **Q&A- Committee:**
 - Why did you choose Flo (charging station company)?
 - The company has the best, most updated system (they've implemented 500 chargers in Montreal)
 - Where is the funding coming from and what profit is generated?
 - The city isn't paying or earning: Flo has donated the chargers and will split the revenue with Con Ed.
 - What is the fee per hour? What if people stay too long or abuse the parking space?
 - It costs \$2.5 per hour, users will incur additional fees if they stay too long/abuse space
 - How will this be profitable when fully implemented?
 - The volume of usage and strategic placement of them would ensure they would reach 30%, which is the rate at which they become profitable
 - What safety measures are in place in the case of collisions, water damage, etc...?

- A low voltage connection needs to be made before power flows through the cord. The stations are tall to prevent the cord from falling on the ground. There is an auto-procedure in place to safely dissociate power if the station is hit/damaged in a collision
 - How will the no-standing zone be enforced?
 - The NYPD will look if cars are plugged into the chargers or not
 - Where will the data on usage go/how will it be collected?
 - All personal data is anonymous and will not be used for anything.
 - Where do EVs park when done charging?
 - There is an ongoing effort with the Mayor's Office of Sustainability to create different levels of charging and parking
- **Q&A - Non-Committee Board:**
 - Where is electricity being generated? Is it a renewable source?
 - Con Ed no longer supplies the electricity itself, but they are in the process of purchasing renewable energy credits to ensure the energy is renewable. Even if it weren't, however, EVs maximize energy enough to balance out the detrimental impact of a non-renewable energy source.
- **Q&A - Public:**
 - Will there be reports/how will you be held accountable?
 - There will be quarterly reports with updates on goal progress
 - Con Ed is billing us for these EV chargers.
 - At the state level, part of your bill may go to Con Ed's EV charging, but that isn't related to this pilot program
 - Do you have to consult the Landmarks Commission according to subsection 25-31-18?
 - No, this project only involves sidewalks, so we've submitted to the Public Design Commission, which will finalize details in the coming months
 - Can commercial vehicles charge in these spots too?
 - Yes.
- **Committee Discussion:**
 - Richard: Side streets should be used as much as possible to avoid conflict with bus/bike lanes
 - Howard: We should focus on encouraging mass transit and zero-emissions transportation solutions over electric vehicles, and the city should focus its resources on this, not electric vehicles. Opposes resolution to support.
 - Elizabeth: While electric vehicles are becoming more affordable, the charging stations and main EV use are in wealthier neighborhoods, which aren't necessarily the places most in need of them.
 - Julian: We should always prioritize mass transit and zero-emissions solutions, but we have to acknowledge cars, and this pilot program allows us to study a way to improve our city with limited or potentially non-existent harmful side effects.
 - Doug: All we're doing is converting current parking spaces to EV charging space, the impact of this is small, and we shouldn't let perfect be the enemy of good.

Vote: *Committee: 7-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

- **Presentation from Deputy Inspector Malin from the 20th Precinct:**
 - In the period of August 12th - September 8th, collisions, injuries, and fatalities are down YTD. Bicycle injuries are slightly up, but overall we are headed in the right direction. What is strange is that summons are down 19% but collisions are down 12%, what can that be credited to? Speeding tickets are also down (by 13% YTD). This is because there is one less traffic enforcement officer than last year. Next month the stats should normalize.
 - Question from Richard: What do we do about cars parking in the bike lane?
 - D.I. Malin: Summons are needed. DOT does majority of these, but if you call 311, the 20th Precinct will send someone. Oftentimes, officers don't make it there on

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time. If there is a constant blockage, take photos and we'll put you in contact with my DOT counterpart to address that.

- Question from Public: What do we do about bicyclists going in the wrong direction?
 - D.I. Malin: We try to balance summons with collisions. Currently, 97% of collisions are from cars, so we concentrate on those. If there is a pack of kids, you can call 911, and it will be entered as a report for reckless endangerment. We don't pull them over because that might cause harm and endanger pedestrians, however, we collect the data to allow intel to then trace the bikers.
- **241 Central Park West** (West 84th Street.) Request by 239 Central Park West Corporation to the Department of Transportation to designate a "Loading Zone" extending from the proposed new entrance on West 84th Street to the corner of Central Park West.
 - The purpose of the Loading Zone is for handicapped tenants to access the new handicapped door, which was **approved** by the Preservation Committee and Full Board in August and September, respectively.

Vote: *Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

- **Secondary Street Renaming, Felipe de Jesus Bulit. Request by Tara to name secondarily the southwest corner of West 80th and Amsterdam in honor of Felipe de Jesus Bulit.**
 - Presentation from Tara:
 - Tara lived in the building (206 W. 80th Street) that Felipe was the super in between 2010-2016
 - Felipe was born in 1925 in Cuba, immigrated to NYC, and became a super of the building in 1965.
 - Since then Felipe has created the community on 80th street. He was kind, known and loved by all, and selflessly dedicated himself to the neighborhood.
 - He passed away four months ago
 - **Committee Discussion:**
 - Richard: I never approve Secondary Street Renamings for two reasons: 1) it crowds street signs and makes it difficult to navigate in traffic and 2) it isn't the best way of commemorating. A plaque on the building would be better.
 - Andrew: Our website should have a section with info about all of the secondary street names in the district.

Vote: *Committee: 6-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

- **Secondary Street Renaming, "Samantha Friedman Way."** Request by P.S. 333, Manhattan School for Children, to name secondarily northeast corner of West 93rd Street between Columbus Avenue or Amsterdam Avenue in honor of the late teacher, Samantha Friedman.
 - Presentation from Raphael Tomkin, colleague of Samantha's and UFT Chapter leader for P.S. 333
 - Samantha was loved by all and was an amazing educator and human
 - She passed very young from brain cancer
 - She never missed work until the very end, and she was a key member in the school community
 - The corner chosen for the street sign (the North East corner of 93rd and Amsterdam) is between public transportation and the school, so as to allow members of the school community to see it.

Vote: *Committee: 6-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

- Review of F2021 DNS and budget priorities.
 - The Committee read through the DNS and made edits.

Present: Howard Yaruss, Andrew Albert, Elizabeth Caputo, Doug Kleiman, Sara Lind, Richard Robbins and Meg Schmitt. **Board Member:** Mark Diller and Julian Giordano. **Absent:** Joshua T. Cohen and Ken Coughlin.

The meeting ended at 9:10pm.

Youth, Education & Libraries Committee

Minutes

September 19, 2019

The Youth, Education & Libraries committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, September 19, 2019, at the District Office, 250 West 87 Street, in the District. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by co-chairs Blanche Lawton and Steven Brown, and was attended by YEL Committee members Catherine DeLazzerio, Paul Fischer, Julian Giordano, K Karpen, Natasha Kazmi, Sara Lind, Ira Mitchneck, and Mark Diller. The following discussions and presentations took place and actions were taken at the meeting.

Presentation by Joy Rifkin, NYC Department of Education Sustainability Specialist.

Presenter from the NYC DoE Office of Sustainability.

- The DoE operates some 1,859 schools housed in over 1,400 separate buildings, and is committed to sustainable practices both for operations and as an instructional example.
- The goals of the Office of Sustainability include the following:
 - 0 x 30 – to have all schools produce zero landfill waste by 2030
 - 80% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions (“GHG”) by 2050
 - reduce GHG by 35% by 2025.
- School Recycling:
 - required by law (a rare requirement for school districts in the United States).
 - At present, all NYC DoE schools recycle metal/glass/plastic (“MGP”).
 - Composting is now practiced in approximately 850 school buildings.
 - Zero-Waste Schools: 100 school buildings now participate and qualify.
 - Roll-on/Roll-out dumpsters: approximately 100 school buildings now use roll-on/roll-out dumpsters rather than placing bagged refuse on the curb for collection.
 - students’ science curriculum aligned to support the recycling efforts.
- Recycling Vendors/Partners:
 - Sims on Sunset Park, Brooklyn – MGP
 - Pratt Industries on Staten Island – mixed paper
 - McEnroe Farms – composting.
- Compostable lunch trays/plates:
 - Began as a pilot program created and implemented by students at PS 199 in CSD3.
 - A consortium of public school districts across the country (including in Chicago, New York and elsewhere) bundled demand and obtained reduced pricing for composting.
 - DoE now employing compostable lunchroom cutlery.
- NYC spends over \$360-million per year to transport and dump waste/refuse in landfills.
- School Sustainability efforts:
 - School custodians provide recycling bins, but are not responsible for policing compliance.
 - Bins provided by the Office of Sustainability.
- Cross-contamination can be addressed to a certain extent through modern mechanical devices.
 - for example, the “tiger” machine can sort plastic from compostable materials.

-- some level of contamination is not necessarily fatal to composting efforts.

- Curb set-out:
 - Recyclable and Compostable materials are now set out for collection on different days than ordinary refuse.
 - New trucks allow collection of compostables on one side and recyclables on the other.
- At present, School waste is:
 - 51% compostable
 - 35% recyclable.
- MGP is the least recycled type of material (recycled on average between 5%-33%).
- Paper and cardboard is the most typically recycled material (cardboard ~ 84%; newspaper ~ 50%).
- Contamination:
 - MGP ~ 40% contaminated.
 - paper ~ 17% contaminated.
- GrowNYC assists with composting efforts, including providing a representative to work directly with students to promote recycling and composting.
- Sustainability Coordinator – every school must now appoint one.
- Sims provides well-respected tours of its operations.
- Solar Goal:
 - seeking to generate 100 mW on City-owned buildings; 1/3 will be schools.
 - school roofs are not always able to handle the load of installing solar collectors.

District Needs Statement.

The Committee finalized edits and changes to the YEL section of the DNS, as reflected in the draft submitted to the Budget Committee.

Planning for Future Meetings.

Topics for future YEL meetings will include:

2. Concerns for student Vaping – which will likely be a joint meeting with the CB7 Health & Human Services Committee.
3. Equity and Restorative Justice, including:
 - access to presentations by DoE experts, and
 - comments from various student organizations.
4. Concern for apathy among CSD3 students on engaging with student councils and other opportunities for student participation.
5. Potential support for the initiative by Lafayette Academy middle school to seek certification and recognition to offer the International Baccalaureate program, including a presentation and conversation with Principal Zager and community activist Virgil de Voldere.

6. Tutoring programs in the community, including those run at:
 - Sts. Paul and Andrew (West 86th and West End Avenue).
 - St. Michael's (West 99th and Amsterdam).
7. Greater connection with and awareness of the programming at the Mickey Mantle School (75M811).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

SENIOR TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

September 9, 2019

Present: Cindy Cardinal, Louisa Craddock, K Karpen, Madge Rosenberg, Roberta Semer (CB7), Steven De Marrow & Ariel Krasnow (WSFSS), Lisa Miller & Janet Weinstein (Lighthouse Guild), Susan Matloff Nieves (Goddard Riverside). Caitlyn Littarii (Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal), Julian Dellaporta (Council Member Helen Rosenthal). **Not present:** Mark Jennings (Project Find), Delano Wood (DOROT)

Visitors: Susan, David & Marilyn Schwartz

Senior Resource Fair

Let's try to make it happen before Thanksgiving.

Ask Amy Hyman about using the Children's Aid Society gym. The last fair organized by Council Member Helen Rosenberg's office at Goddard Riverside was very crowded but friendly. We need a larger space. The uptown location would be good if it is larger.

Roberta Semer will begin a list of organizations and groups to include in the Fair and will send to the different agencies to add to. K Karpen gave us a printed list of all of the faith base groups in the district.

SUGGESTED BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

1. Nutrition

Janet Weinstein mentioned "Managing diabetes to save sight." Where to get a meal or food (food banks) in the district. Contact Barbara Turk from the Mayor's Office on Nutrition. Find the organization that gives out damaged fruits and vegetables.

2. Housing

Explain new rent laws

Council Member's office can help with SCRIE and DRIE applications and provide fliers and information from Department of Finance

3. Health and Medicare information including NYS Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP)

Let people know where walk in clinics are and how to get referrals from them.

We should try and provide a variety of resources including family members and caregivers, information about the Census and the importance of voting.

The Census

CB7 is working with Joli Golden (Census Bureau) to create a Complete Count Committee. We must communicate why it is important and educate people in advance about the materials they will receive in the mail. One way to help will be to encourage Senior Centers and libraries to have computers and volunteers to help fill out the forms. It is very important not to miss people in NYCHA. K Karpen offered will reach out to Houses of Worship to encourage them to participate

Suggestion: Census and voting registration and absentee ballot forms be handed out with delivered meals from Meals on Wheels and DOROT packages and other outreach.

Next meeting September 27 at 9 am location to be determined

