

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN MINUTES

Full Board Meeting Minutes

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Wednesday, **October 2, 2019** at Goddard Riverside Community Center in the district. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:33 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: 38-0-2

I wish each and everyone a sweet year. Steven Banks of the DHS demanding that they not remove any women from the 107th Street Shelter and that they meeting with Penny, me and the Elected Officials. CB7 and CB6 are participating with CB8 8 on their Charter Commission forum on 10/24 at 6:30 PS 59 on the UES. The Transportation Committee is holding a Transportation Forum on 10/29 to discuss use of curbside space. The Senior Task Force will hold a senior resource fair on December 11th at Children's Aid Society. Special thanks to members of the Board who have contributed during my 3 years as chair to make my life sweet: Amy Hyman, Andrew Rigie, Lolita Ferrin and Sara Lind for their outstanding work on the Executive Committee, Louisa Craddock for her work with me on the Members Handbook and the Urban Fellow to create a database of affordable housing in CB7, Madelyn Innocent for her work as Chair of the NYCHA task force and our amazing trip to Cambridge to see their CHA. Seema Reddy, Richard Asche and Page Cowley for their work to improve Urban Planning on the UWS, Howard Yaruss, Su Robotti and Andrew Albert for their work to improve transportation and safety on the UWS, Cindy Cardinal for her exceptional work on the DNS and the Budget and Strategy committee, Jennifer Marcus for her work on Parks and Environment, April Adams who has been amazingly helpful.

Captain Saruba-Barcia, 20th Precinct:

Report for 28th Day period 9/2-9/29 for 20th Precinct

Increase in crime 20%

83 vs 69 last year

Main crimes: Grand larceny (unattended property), Grand Larceny auto, Robbery (shoplifting and then clerk intervenes and it becomes robbery), felony assault

Traffic: collisions down by 17.73%

Officers have been focused on Fail to Yield to pedestrians summonses; have increased 236%

Community Session:

Kurt Pohmer, West 107th St Block Association

Discussing the 237 West 107th St Shelter. Word is that women may be moved out tonight. Vigil being held tonight.

Very strong block association. Five years ago DHS put in a women's shelter for transitional women. They are employable. CAB forced to only put in 120 women. Our community can say we have a successful shelter and we want to keep it. Most neighborhoods fight to keep out a shelter and we're fighting to keep a shelter there.

Fighting DHS. DHS declared an emergency, so everything goes out the door. They were going to replace 120 women (who are our neighbors), displace them and replace them with 120 men. Discriminating against women and not working with the community.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

Zac Campbell, AMNH

Two of the three buildings slated for removal have been completely removed (15 and 15A). Concrete structure of 16 is being taken down and should be fully removed within a few weeks. Transitioning into excavation and foundation. Bringing additional machinery onsite. Underpinning to stabilize subsurface and structure. Number of construction workers and vehicles will increase slightly for these activities. Please sign up for eblast.

Sheila Kendrick, Save Central Park NYC

Thanks to CB7 for passing many resolutions in support of fair and responsible development with goal of protecting QOL and CP. Linda Rosenthal and R Jackson have introduced legislation that would close three of the most egregious loopholes resulting in megatowers. Please sign our petition on change.org. We are not anti-development, we are for development that is consistent with the underlying zoning.

Peter Arndtsen, Columbus-Amsterdam BID

107th street – a woman was taken out in a black van, her belongings in black garbage bags. They intend to empty the building by Friday. Women are being threatened with being removed from the system if they don't sign papers saying they agree to be moved. One of the women who works in the neighborhood is being moved to College Park and will lose her job.

BID Events – flyer in the back of the room.

Hazen Cuyler, Greenhouse Ensemble

Artistic director of Greenhouse Ensemble. Along with Goddard Riverside, developing UWS theater and art district – home and hub for independent artists around NYC between 86-96. Symposium scheduled 11/13 at Bernie Wohl Center. Speaking at Foundation Center downtown 10/28.

Ruth Levine, 303 West 66th St

Live directly across from ABC building. Couple issues. Increasingly difficult to exit the driveway safely. Mirror on right side of driveway, or daylighting occur left of driveway. Sewer basin – located to the right of the driveway – drainage from WEA and Riverside. As the park is finished at Riverside, we expect the sewer basin will continue to be backed up.

Paul Fischer, Term Limits

Distrust of elected officials who appoint people to CBs. Chair should have two one-year terms instead of three. I was advised to bring this to the Bylaws committee, and they chose not to discuss it. Next Bylaws committee meeting was postponed until after this election.

Roberta: The bylaws committee will take it up, but they are going section by section, so they will discuss it when it comes up.

Naqi Cruz, CCRB Outreach

Outreach coordinator for CCRB. Independent agency that oversees NYPD. Jurisdiction is finite – FADO. Force, abuse of authority, discourtesy, abusive language. How to report: call Hotline (1-800-341-2272), online at www.nyc.gov/ccrb, in person at office, or by phone. We are also on the ballot this year. Please vote. CCRB Public Meeting 11/13, 6:30-8:30, 80 Pitt Street

Manhattan Borough President's Report

Thank you for the support giving to the women at 107th Street. It's not clear what's going on – it's very frustrating. Can't stand the thought of these women being evicted. Sent letter and will do everything we can to put up a fuss.

Focused on a statue of women in Central Park – includes three women (Sojourner Truth, EC Stanton, Susan B Anthony). Final meeting 10/31 at Public Design Commission – they want to get resolutions from the board. Only five women statues in the entire city, this will be the sixth.

Religious facilities – developers buy air rights, tear down, etc. This is a challenge. We want the religious facility to continue, but don't want to lose the street scape. This is an ongoing discussion. Do we repurpose these buildings, keep them as they are, etc? Government cannot give them any money.

2020 Census. Given out funding to groups, for example a group that helps faith-based leaders write a sermon that talks about the census. Train those who give food to the homebound to help them fill out the census. Want Manhattan to come in number 1.

New Historian – Dr Robb Snyder – professor at Rutgers. Putting together a listing of small historians who do history in the neighborhood. Let us know if there are people who want to participate.

Open House 10/19 – go places you can never go. 1820 map will be available at the municipal building.

Vacancy bill will be live soon – every owner of every building with a vacant storefront has to let us know, so that we have the data.

Making Manhattan age-friendly. 10/27 12:00-3:00 at John Jay College.

Environmental Issues – SWAB 10/6 Reuse, Repair, Recycle Fair – don't throw things away, they can be fixed.

Paper Challenge – Board with largest increase in recycling will get money. Board 7 is losing right now.

Budget – information sessions coming up for 2021 Budget season.

11/5 – Vote on Charter 2019 Revision questions. Number one item is Ranked Choice Voting. Will go into effect in municipal elections in 2021. Second item is CCRB – make sure that police officers don't lie. Number 3 is ethics. Section on budget. Section on ULURP. Would have liked to have more teeth, but Mayor's office was against it.

Proclamation for Roberta

Reports by Elected Officials:

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

Housing clinic location has changed from Goddard to Goddard Uptown on 91st – Bernie Wohl Center. Info on a flyer. Senior Resource Fair at Clinton Senior Center on 55th Street. Legislative session has restarted. Hearing on Domestic Violence shelters – we need more beds and the administration is going to be bringing on 100 more beds soon, but probably need at least 500 more. Passing legislation about transgender nonconforming people who can't access beds and are often turned away.

Borough-based jails and closing Rikers. I am voting yes on this land use issues because I'm certain that Rikers cannot stay open. Rikers is a hell hole and for the women in particular. Need to open humane facilities one near each courthouse.

Present letter to Roberta thanking her for her service.

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

Today I sent a letter along with colleagues expressing our strong opposition to the removal of the women from the shelter. This was a very contentious issue back in 2010, the community came to an agreement and lived up to its side of the bargain – has embraced the women as neighbors and members of our community. The women have developed roots here. Many are employed, worship in area houses of worship, etc. The DHS plan to rip the community apart and disperse these women throughout the five boroughs is absolutely indefensible. Letters were given to the women on Friday – announcement that they may be relocated. Process of relocation will play out over as much as a month or two. Cannot confirm whether any have been relocated yet – rumors that as many as five have already been moved.

Robert Jackson, State Senator (31st District):

Signature not on the letter because we didn't get it in time, but otherwise my signature would be on it. If no engagement from Day 1 about the process, that is totally unacceptable. Homeless shelter at 168th St and the Armory that used to have 2000 people and now it's down to 200. Office yesterday hosted opioid crisis forum. DHS only has to give 30 days notice from a legal point of view and that's totally unacceptable – need to change the law. We have already submitted a bill that once DHS is considering a homeless shelter they have to give notice to every elected official in that geographic area. Community Boards also need to be consulted. I support both the Washington Heights and the UWS communities. Hardest individuals to place are men.

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

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

District office starting a series of round tables in response to homeless crisis. Including agencies, NYPD and residents. Will continue these and keep working to solve these problems.

Events: Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle Fair

Fire Preparedness workshop

Question: Westside Republican Club sent letter – have not received any response. Ideas on how to deal with the homeless, including getting seriously mentally ill individuals off the street

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

Annual Flu shot day

Bus ride with Andy Byford – rode M104 and highlighted chronic issues plaguing that route. Advocating for returning schedules to bus stops.

Shocked to learn about the presence of lead paint in 900 elementary schools – will introduce legislation to create more robust protocol for inspecting and remediating lead

Gabriel Lewenstein, Office of Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell (69th District):

Continues to speak with residents about the shelter situation – continuing to monitor it and will continue to coordinate.

Events:

10/7: Celebration of Elders Red Oak Center 4:00

10/16: Learn How to Compost, Hosteling International

10/17: No-cost Breast Cancer screenings – requires sign-ups in advance

10/20: Paper Shredding, 95th Street by Symphony Space, 12:30-3:00

Forum on NY new climate change laws

Commendation for Roberta

Suad Hassan, Office of State Senator Jose Serrano (29th District):

300 participants in Emergency preparedness workshops from UWS

MTA Access-a-ride event

Announced \$50,000 funding for library programming, including St Agnes library

Shana Harmonoff, Office of State Senator Brian Benjamin (30th District):

Property Tax and traveling throughout the city, trying to figure out ways to generate revenue for things such as education. Speaking to homeowners to understand how property taxes affect them.

10/29, 6-8 National Black Theater – Districtwide Town Hall. Will send Senator Benjamin's proclamation to Roberta.

Jacob Priley, Office of State Senator Brad Hoylman (27th District):

Continue to work with partners in district, Landmark West, etc on the supertalls, along with supporting legislation by Robert Jackson and Linda Rosenthal, along with Council efforts to stop use of mechanical voids in supertalls.

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

Continuing to investigate for possible Articles of Impeachment. Also continuing legislative duties as well. Involved in local issues.

Election of Board Officers for 2019-2020: Joshua Cohen, Chair, Elections Committee

Each candidate may speak for 3 minutes. Short period for questions.

Chair Candidates

Amy Hyman

Mark Diller

Jay Adolf

Questions:

Elizabeth Caputo: One example of demonstrable leadership on the Board.

Jeanette: Doesn't work well to just give the public one minute to speak. How might you address that?

Catherine: Give an example of how you were able to bring together people on the board with dissenting views on a contentious issue in order to reach a resolution and concrete action.

Katie Rosman: How will candidates work to recruit candidates that reflect the vibrant diversity of our community?

Vice Chair Candidates

Doug Kleiman

Cindy Cardinal

Andrew Rigie

Questions:

Rich Robbins: What is the biggest issue facing our community right now?

Secretary Candidates

Julien Giordano

Sara Lind

Results

Chair: Mark Diller

First Vice-Chair: Andrew Rigie

Second Vice-Chair: Doug Kleiman

Co-Secretary: Julien Giordano

Co-Secretary: Sara Lind

Business Session:

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

Resolution Re:

1. **237 West 107th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue - Broadway.) Department 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.

Shelly Fine: Over 60 community members came to our meeting and spoke with one voice to support the women's shelter that has been there for several years. Block association had integrated them and they had volunteered for the Block Association. These residents are part of the community. DHS did not come to our meeting – not a single representative. This is an insult to the CB and to the community. Residents from the shelter came to speak. They are happy there.

Committee passed the resolution unanimously.

Katie Rosman: Have seen firsthand the transformative impact that providing somebody with safe and stable housing can have on individuals. Everyone is entitled to a safe and secure home and in that we are aligned with DHS. Our issue is with the way that they are going about this goal. Extremely concerned about the physical, emotional, and economic toll that uprooting these women will have.

Roberta: Last Wednesday CB7 sent a letter to DHS, and the elected officials sent a letter today.

Elizabeth (Public Speaker): Lived in Manhattan Valley for 42 years. Working with some of the people to find pro bono legal counsel for these women. If anybody knows a private lawyer at a big firm who could do this pro bono, please let me know.

The resolution was approved.

VOTE: 40-0-0

Transportation Committee, Howard Yaruss, Chairperson

Resolutions Re:

2. **Electric Charging Stations, Level 2 EV chargers.** Con Edison proposed installation of 3 chargers (6 parking spaces) at curbside locations on the UWS and Lincoln Square. The chargers will be in place for four years as part of a demonstration project, which will include an evaluation. Below are the locations Con Edison will be checking for feasibility in the coming weeks:

ON STREET	TO	FROM
W 93rd Street	Central Park West	Columbus Avenue
West End Ave (<i>east side curb</i>)	W 66 th Street	W 70 th Street
W 86th Street	West End Avenue	Riverside Drive

John Peluso: The amount of electricity is too high. I don't think that we're ready for this. There aren't many electrical cars. There need to be attendants. Need 5 megawatts of electricity. This is impractical. ConEd is trying to get their foot in the door. These will be dangerous.

Marcia Drezon-Tepler: This is an enterprise that doesn't belong on our community streets. We don't have gas pumps on our streets. These belong in garages and gas stations. This will add to the congestion of our streets. We have already lost parking spaces on these streets. Do what's best for the community, not an enterprise. We do not want these charging stations on our streets.

Jay: Explain where it would go?

Howard: Just somewhere on the street.

Steve Brown: Did they consider garages or other spots besides the street? As a whole we're giving up too many parking spots. Not going to vote for anything that removes parking spots

Howard: They wanted to put them on the street. I think they should also be in garages.

Rich: This passed the committee 9-2. Right now there is no place for people in our neighborhood who own electric vehicles to charge them, which means that people cannot easily have electric vehicles. This is just a pilot. Given the choice of having people drive electric vehicles vs. gas-powered, I would like to create ways for people to have electric vehicles.

Ken: As a public policy matter, we should be creating incentives for people to drive electric vehicles.

Julien: Concerns about safety: ConEd reassured us that these chargers are safe against water damage or vehicle collisions, there are mechanisms in place to ensure that these are safe for our community

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 28-17-2-0

3. **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.

Richard Ashe: We are losing parking spaces at a rapid rate and this is an unnecessary burden on people who own cars and can't afford garages.

Howard: This is a loading zone. This will not be empty. This is an attempt to reduce double parking.

Linda: Large Citibike dock on that block that has already taken most of the parking away. Space that has been allocated to the movie theater.

Klari: Similar discussion three months ago with another CPW building. This will set a bad precedent. Need to think more about a generalized policy. This is a slippery slope.

Howard: This is an attempt to reduce double parking, improve traffic flow, and help handicapped people.

Mark: This is a block that experiences heightened congestion at least twice a day because of a school with drop-off and pick-up. This isn't on CPW, it's on the side street. This fits well within the exception.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 29-14-1-0

4. **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.

Tara Whelen spoke in favor.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 26-7-6-0

5. **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.

Raphael Tomkin spoke in favor.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 25-5-7-0

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

Resolutions Re:

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

- **795 Columbus Avenue** (West 99th Street.) Columbus Avenue Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Bareburger.
- **774 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 98th Street.) JPDB Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.
- **269 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) Harvest Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Harvest Kitchen.
- **450 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 82nd Street.) Mee Tung LLC, d/b/a Land Thai Kitchen.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 37-0-0-0

7. **Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:**

- **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.
- **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.

Doug Kleiman ineligible for cause.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 40-0-0-1

- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.

Neither posted before the meeting, so the committee voted to disapprove.

Bundled items 8 and 9.

Resolution to disapprove was approved.

VOTE: 38-0-1-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café:

- 10. 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.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 40-0-0-0

Resolution Re:

- 11. 200 West 84th Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Long Play Record Bar LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Lisa Haber: Represent the tenants. This is a quality of life issue and is of great concern. 20 years ago this was not a good neighborhood. Thank god it has become much nicer. People came to this neighborhood because they have small children and there's a great public school. This is the wrong place for this type of establishment. People moved here specifically because it was a quiet tranquil street.

Mark Chalom: Representing 46 individuals at 242 West 84th street right next door to the proposed bar that will be selling liquor late at night. Previous place left a lot of trash that we got tickets for even though we cleaned up. We would be happy to have a restaurant, but a bar is different. Urge you to vote against.

Linda: They close at two am on Saturdays and the owner is an attorney so she is gearing this toward a mature audience.

Owner: Not moving into the neighborhood to have a bar full of unsavory characters. Creating a classy, comfortable, welcoming, adult cocktail lounge for the appreciation and enjoyment of vinyl records. Going to soundproof the ceiling, have every intention of picking up trash, not encouraging people to hang out on the stoop next door. Have every intention to be respectful to the neighbors.

Robert: Vinyl generation is going to be asleep by 1:00am.

Andrew Albert: Is the objection the existence of the bar, or the fact that it's going to be open until 2:00.

Chalom: Would prefer to limit liquor to midnight.

Mark: Let's not vote based on the prior tenant's bad behavior. We should give this new tenant the chance. Should have the opportunity to recall the license.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 37-0-1-0

Preservation Committee, Mark Diller, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

12. 319 West 84th Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition, penthouse extension with skylights and windows, stoop and façade restoration.

Page: Three windows above typically align. Do you know if all three windows were replaced? These look oddly positioned.

Architect: Two windows on the bottom are existing locations. Door was replaced with a window.

Page: Bulkhead at the back. Will there be a terrace. Was there concern from neighbors?

Architect: Yes, there will be a roof deck. No concern from neighbors.

Rich: Approve the stoop, oppose the rest.

Approve the rooftop addition, extension, rear yard addition.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 39-2-0-0

Front stoop

Resolution to approve was approved.

40-0-0-0.

Parks & Environment Committee, Jennifer Markas, Chairperson

Resolutions Re:

13. Monumental Women proposal for a new Central Park statue honoring women.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 36-0-0-0

14. Central Park Conservancy Harlem Meer project.

Resolution to approve was approved.

VOTE: 35-0-1-0

Present: Roberta Semer, Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Steven Brown, Elizabeth Caputo, Cindy Cardinal, Joshua Cohen, Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazzer, 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, Blanche E. Lawton, Sara Lind, Jennifer Markas, Ira Mitchneck, Klari Neuwelt, William Ortiz, Michele Parker, Jeannette Rausch, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Richard Robbins, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Katie Rosman, Peter Samton, Meg Schmitt, Susan Schwartz, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Jennifer Nitzky.

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Roberta Semer, Chair

October 15, 2019 6:30PM

Meeting began at 6:34PM

1. Chair's Report

Tonight I reflect on my 3 years as chair. It has been 3 very busy and at times hectic years. 7 days after I became Chair, Trump was elected President and at our NYCHA Task Force meeting the next day we wept together.

It was essential to me that all members have a Members Handbook. Seema, Louisa and I met to plan what was essential. Louisa did the majority of writing and it is now a booklet that we can update when changes are necessary.

Each year I have welcomed all new members, met with them and brought them together for training and to get to know the other new members and their mentors, in order to help them integrate effectively and quickly into the Board.

My first two years I met with every committee to help them engage in developing the District Needs Statement and Budget Priorities and was honored this year to have Cindy take ownership of this.

The Broadway Task Force met last week with a team from the Department of Transportation. The Task Force is dedicated to the goal of making Broadway into a Grand Boulevard — a destination - a place where people want to hang out and shop.

The Charter Revision Task Force completed its work and made several reports. CB7 is co-sponsoring with CB8 and other CBs, a Forum on the Charter Revision Ballot Proposals on October 24, at 6:30 pm at PS 59 231-249 East 56th Street

The Senior Task Force is organizing a Senior Resource Fair in December to be held at the Children's Aid Society Children's Center at Frederick Douglass.

The Communications Task Force continues to work on ways to inform the community about upcoming events, activities and the important work that we do. The Air Table data base is being updated and refreshed so that we can use it to out reach to the various organizations and associations in our community.

Madelyn continues to lead the NYCHA task force - 5 forums with NYCHA residents, a trip to Cambridge Mass to meet with a model Housing Authority and visit the Buildings and speak with residents. The task force continued to meet in the summer with other Community Boards and is working on a joint forum with NYCHA.

The By-laws Task Force is on going.

The ABC/Silverstein Task Force is working on setting up a meeting with Silverstein sometime in November.

We have hired George Janes to consult with CB7, Goddard Riverside and Landmark West to look at the possible areas for infill in both Amsterdam Houses and Frederick Douglass, we are hoping to get an urban fellow to work with CB7 and Goddard Riverside to identify data and needs of residents to better inform our work. (the working group is Madelyn, Page, Seema, Me, Louisa, Amy, Rod, Susan Matloff-Nieves, Sean K)

During my tenure as chair the CPW complete Street with a protected bike lane was approved and completed from 59 -77th streets, and the Amsterdam and Columbus Avenue complete streets have been extended through 59th Streets making our community safer for pedestrians and drivers.

WSFSH has begun work on the New Valley Lodge and Supportive Housing on 108th street.

Ground breaking has taken place for the Guilder Center at the Museum of Natural History.

The redesign for the 79th Street Rotunda was approved.

CB7, thanks to our Land Use committee has created resolutions, testified and worked to stop the encroachment of excessively tall buildings and irrational building practices.

I have accepted Jennifer Marcus' resignation from the Board. And appointed Page Cowley Chair of Parks and Environment.

I want to remind Committee Chairs that it is your responsibility to inform the District Manager and the Chair of the Board your agenda for the committee and to submit minutes in a timely fashion.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

Also before Board members reach out to an agency or elected official or the media, or the public on behalf of the Board they need to get approval from the Chair of the Board

I want to thank Amy, Andrew, Lolita and Sara for your wonderful work and assistance this past year and Congratulate Mark and his new executive committee.

- i.
 - b. Jennifer Markas has resigned from CB7, she will be deeply missed by the Board. There are now 47 members of CB7
2. Discussion of committees' proposed priorities for the FY2021 NYC Expense and Capital Budgets. The priorities will be presented to the full board on November 6.
 - a. Thanks to Cindy Cardinal for putting together the Expense and Capital Budgets
 - b. Melissa Rosenberg: How much do our rankings matter to MBPO?
 - i. Roberta Semer: Our recommendations get sent directly to agencies
 - ii. Catherine DeLazero: We can send letters directly to agencies with items that didn't make it into the priorities
 - iii. Mark Diller: This can also be applied to sending capital priorities to city council-members.
 - c. MCB7 FY21 Capital Priorities (the following order was agreed upon):
 - i. NYCHA: Plumbing and Sewer Systems
 - ii. New York Public Library: Renovation of the Basement of the Bloomingdale Branch Library
 1. Blanche Lawson: We have currently allocated appx \$7M, given the extent of the renovations required, should we provide more.
 - a. Mark Diller: Let's keep at \$7M and get in touch with Bloomingdale Branch to see if the number is accurate. Regardless, it's a large number.
 - iii. Department of Transportation: Fund speed and red light cameras (including dummy cameras throughout MCD7)
 1. Speed cameras for schools are already being funded by the city; the speed and red light cameras in this priority concern the rest of the district and will require state approval
 - iv. Department of Education: Make at least one-third of District 3 elementary and middle schools handicap accessible by the end of the 202024 Capital Plan
 - v. Department of Parks and Recreation: Frederick Douglass Playground, West 100th Street-102nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue
 - vi. Department for the Aging: Frederick Douglass Houses Senior Center
 - vii. Department of Parks and Recreation: Equipment for District #7 and Riverside Park
 - viii. Department of Parks and Recreation: Renovation of Anibal Aviles Playground, West 108th Street and Amsterdam Avenue
 1. This will be to fund the half of the playground that WSFSSH doesn't renovate
 - ix. Department of Transportation: Fund street-scape safety improvements
 - x. Department of Transportation: Increase funding for street and curb lane resurfacing
 - xi. New York Public Library: Renovation of the Performing Arts Library (Lincoln Center)
 - xii. NYCHA: Housing Committee will submit
 - xiii. The remainder will be decided by the Budget Committee
 - d. MCB7 FY21 Expense Priorities (the following order was agreed upon):
 - i. Office of Management and Budget: Increase Community Board budgets by baselining the City Council's grant

- ii. Department of Education: Support for students performing below grade level on in-school and standardized assessments
- iii. Department of Social Services: Funding for shelters and services and permanent supportive housing units for people transitioning from shelters
 - 1. Penny: More specifics should be given
- iv. Department of Social Services: Funding for more beds for victims of domestic violence, including beds specifically for people who identify as transgender or gender nonconforming
- v. NYCHA: Additional funds for skilled trades personnel and resident skilled trades training at Amsterdam Houses, Frederick Douglass Houses, Wise Towers Consolidated and DeHostos
- vi. Housing Preservation & Development: Additional HPD headcount for Code Enforcement inspectors
- vii. Department of Parks & Recreation: Park Enforcement Personnel (PEP officers) for Riverside Park and District 7
- viii. Department of Youth & Community Development: Increase Funding for the number of Positions Available through the Summer Youth Employment Program and to Extend the Term and Provide Training for All SYEP youth employees
- ix. Department of Youth & Community Development: Maintain baseline funding for after-school and OST programs in public schools and in neighborhood CBOs in MCD7
- x. Department of Sanitation: Baseline the FY20 increase in funds for street litter basket services
- xi. New York Public Library: Increase Staff and Operating Budget
- xii. Department of Education: Funding for vision screening (comprehensive eye exams) and free access to prescription glasses for children and youth to improve overall health and school success
- xiii. Department of Parks & Recreation: Permanent staffing for Districts #7 and #14 (Riverside Park)
- xiv. Department of Parks and Recreation: Solar trash compactors for Straus Park at Broadway/West End Avenue, 106th Street, and at playgrounds.
- xv. The remainder will be decided by the Budget Committee
- e. The resolution to approve the Capital and Expense Priorities was adopted with vote:
 - i. Steering Members: 13-0-0-0
 - ii. Non-Steering Committee Members: 2-0-0-0
- 3. Decision on top 3 district needs (the following priorities were agreed upon):
 - a. Affordable Housing
 - b. Social Services (including services for the homeless)
 - c. Youth and child services (schools)
- 4. Review of the November 6 full board agenda
 - a. Linda Alexander: Business & Consumer Issue Committee should be moved to the beginning (this was agreed upon)
- 5. Committee and task force reports.
 - a. NA
- 6. New business.
 - a. Blanche announced a forum on October 30 on the perils of vaping at MS 54 at 6:30 pm. It is also the night of the BCI meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Mark Diller, Chairperson

Thursday, October 10, 2019 6:30 PM

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at the District Office, 250 West 87th Street, Floor “HC” in the District. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Committee chair Mark Diller.

The following presentations were heard and actions taken.

256 West 75th Street (West End Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition and a rear yard addition to the existing 4-story building.

- The premises was constructed ca. 1885-86 by architect William J. Merritt.
- Included in the West End – Collegiate Historic District Extension.

Presentation by Karina Kotova and Project Architects

- The subject building is a 3-story plus basement town house whose front façade is clad in red common brick on the second and third floors and in rusticated stone on the ground and parlor floors. The rusticated stone is painted white.
- The front façade retains a prominent cornice at the current roof line, and has a front areaway with a seven-step stairway to the parlor floor entrance and an areaway enclosed by a tall wrought-iron fence.
- The existing rear façade includes an L extension at the ground and parlor floors with single punched windows with limestone lintels on the L extension and the eastern row of windows above, and with pairs of punched windows with matching lintels on the ground, parlor and second floor and a single such window on the third floor centered above the paired windows.

Front Façade:

- The proposed work on the front façade includes restoration of the existing metal cornice, and addition of a long-since-removed sloped bluestone tiled roof and triangular pediment above the cornice. The roof details are visible in the 1940s tax photo and 1980 historic photo, and were believed to have been removed prior to designation.
- The front façade work also includes replacement of the existing black aluminum windows with 1:1 double-hung aluminum clad windows painted black from Nu-View Window Factory.

Rear Façade:

- The proposal includes removing the 2-story L extension and replacing it with a full-width rear yard extension at a depth of 30 feet from the rear lot line.
- The new full-width extension would extend from the ground, parlor, and second floors, with the roof of the extension forming a terrace accessible from the third floor.
- The rear façade fenestration is proposed to be as follows:
 - on the ground floor, a four-panel tall thin glazing system with a pair of doors with a common transom above in the center flanked by tall thin windows with hopper windows at the base; and
 - on the parlor, second and third floors, a window system with a tall thin door on the west side of the system and three tall thin windows to its right.
- The window systems are to be enclosed in aluminum framing painted black. The window systems are surrounded by red brick with a width of 3’ on each side. The rear windows are to be manufactured by Andersen.
- The proposal includes narrow balconies at the parlor and second floors (and a terrace above the second floor formed by the proposed full-width extension) with metal railings and a stair leading to the rear yard from the parlor floor.

Rooftop Additions:

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

- The proposal includes a new fourth floor set back 5'5" from the front façade and restored cornice and set back 2'4" from the plane of the original rear façade.
- The rooftop addition will have ceiling heights of 10', and will be clad in red common brick to match the existing facades.
- Above the proposed 4th floor the project proposes to add a long narrow stair bulkhead on the east side of the roof and a square elevator over-run bulkhead on the west side, neither of which occupies more than half the width of the roof. Heights of bulkheads: 8' (slanted on stair bulkhead).
- The same windows are proposed for the front and back of proposed rooftop addition as on the rear facade.
- The rooftop structures will not blocking any lot line windows on the neighboring apartment building to the west.
- The rooftop addition (other than the fully restored cornice and pediment) is not visible from the public way.

Community Questions and Comment:

Josette Amato – West End Preservation Society

- Concern for clarity of presentation, and for the total massing of the rooftop addition and bulkheads relative to the modest size of the existing building.

Committee Questions and Comment:

- Q: Dimension of addition?
- A: 18' x 41' x 10' ceilings
- Q: Design of the new front doors?
- A: Not changing
- Windows: The thickness of the framing of the proposed 1:1 front window – does not look like a typical historic window. Townhouse windows of this era are sophisticated, elegantly thin; this seems very fat. Frame is very heavy and klutzy looking.
- A: The appearance on the slide overstates its thickness. A certain amount of the thickness is due to the housing needed for modern double-pane windows.
- Rooftop addition – a 10' ceiling height is larger than should be typical on the UWS. Concerned about height. No reason to be that tall.
- Glad the front roof detail above the cornice and the pediment are being added back.
- Q: What work will be done on the front façade?
- A: cleaning with power wash. Trying to restore to its original condition – power wash will remove the paint from the rusticated stone at the ground and parlor floors.
- Ceiling heights on the rooftop addition should be lower.
- Concern for glare effect on rear fenestration with the generous glazing.
- A: The glass will be treated to minimize glare.
- Q: How will the occupants access the rear yard?
- A: A new stair from the parlor floor will match the railings above.
- Shares concern for the degree of bulk proposed to be added to the top of a modest building. Should revisit rooftop addition ceiling heights.
- Concern about the large floor-to-ceiling windows on the rear façade with no reference to the historic punched windows.
- Concern about non-historic windows.
- Agrees with concerns regarding ceiling heights.
- Should consider a hydraulic lift elevator to minimize the size of the rooftop overrun.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

- While the proposed windows on the rear façade do not retain the utilitarian punched windows at the top of the main rear façade, the use of punched windows above rather than below the rear common roof line satisfies the practice of having a common plane linking adjacent townhouses in a limited donut.

Resolution: Approve conditioned upon lowering the ceiling height of the rooftop structures and a recommendation to explore smaller elevator overruns or a hydraulic lift.

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

VOTE: 6-0-0-0

Calendared for the 11/12/19 public hearing at LPC.

Re: 202-210 West 83rd Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for new doors.

- The premises was constructed ca. 1880-81 by architects Thom & Wilson.
- Included in the Upper West Side – Central Park West Historic District.

Presentation by Smith & Architects

- The application concerns the entrances to the 5-story red brick tenement-style apartment buildings in a group of five similar buildings with main residential entrances on West 83 Street.
- The front facades are clad in red common brick and feature squared three-sided bay windows from the ground to the fourth floor.
- The front façade windows include a strong grey stone lintel above and a thinner grey sash below.
- The existing main entrances are situated within a pair of grey stone pilasters with fluting and decorative detail rising to form brackets holding up a mantel-like structure above the doors.
- The main entrance is located at the top of 6 stairs leading up from the sidewalk with iron railings on either side.
- The doors are wrought iron frames with glass and flanked by tall thin side windows and a prominent transom above. The full address of each building (e.g. “202 West 83 St”) is fixed onto an iron bar at the transom level.
- The doors are enclosed behind full-height wrought iron bars typical of mid-century Upper West Side security systems.
- The proposal includes removing the iron security bars and replacing the existing doors with new metal frame doors painted anodized black. The door frames are similar in size and composition as typical storefront infill in Upper West Side Historic Districts such as Fred’s restaurant around the corner on Amsterdam Avenue. The proposal also includes installing new modest lighting at the top of the landing on the underside of the mantel-like structure above the entrance; replacing the metal building numbers with numerals indicating the building number painted onto the transoms, and using bent black steel tubes to evoke the vine motif already approved for installation on the Amsterdam Avenue façade of the companion building at 200 West 83rd Street.
- Original doors (pre-designation) were double wood doors. Removed after 1990 (not code compliant).

Committee Questions and Comment:

- Appropriate.
- Appreciate the continuation of the vine motif from the Amsterdam Avenue façade and the doorway to 200 West 83rd Street to the remaining buildings in the group.

Resolution: To approve as presented.

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

VOTE: 6-0-0-0

Calendared for the 11/12/19 public hearing at LPC.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

Re: 34 West 95th Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rooftop addition.

- The premises was constructed ca. 1892-93 by architects Neville & Bagge.
- Included in the Upper West Side – Central Park West Historic District.

Presentation by: Nancy Holwell architect, Scott Benedict

- The building is a townhouse with a basement, parlor, second and third floors clad in brownstone and with curved bay windows with decorative carved elements surrounding them on the second and third floors of the front façade, and a strong cornice above.
- The building is the easternmost of a group of three nearly identical townhouses.
- The building retains its original stoop and stairway to the parlor floor.

Rear Façade:

- The existing rear façade has been significantly altered from the typical utilitarian rear yard brick façade with punched windows. The original L extension now includes an angled infill of the space to the west of the L, and features floor-to-ceiling divided light door-and-window systems at the ground level with stone lintels above; tall wide windows with vertical tall thin mullions and crossing muntins at the parlor floor (a single unit on the L extension and pairs on the beveled infill extension on the parlor, second and third floors); a pair of shorter windows with similar mullions and muntins at the third floor on the L façade, and an extra-wide picture window with multiple divided light features on the third floor above the L extension.

Rooftop Addition:

- The proposal includes adding a half-width rooftop addition that would have ceiling heights of 10', with floor-to-ceiling divided light fenestration similar to the existing window system above the L extension on the third floor.
- The rear façade of the proposed rooftop addition would be clad in red to match the rear façade below.
- The proposed front of the proposed rooftop addition is without fenestration due to mechanical equipment to be installed behind it, and would be clad in aluminum siding painted a dark walnut color.
- The east elevation of the rooftop addition will also be clad in the dark walnut aluminum siding, with four tall thin windows and a tall thin door (the door would have divided light; the windows would have single panes). The west elevation of the addition would be clad in common red brick.
- The proposed addition would be set back 18' from the front façade (10' from the chimneys) from the cornice in the front and would not be set back from the original rear façade plane.
- The terrace formed outside the addition on the roof would include a metal railing in the front and rear similar in style to the existing rear rooftop railing.
- Rooftop chimneys would be adjusted to meet height code.
- Steel casements on the south and east side of the addition would be painted black.
- The proposed addition is flush against the rear façade plane, but separated by an existing corbelled brick roof line and gutter system.
- There are existing rooftop additions on 40 and 44 West 95th Street down the block.
- The proposed addition and the mechanical equipment proposed to be installed on the roof above the addition would not be visible from the public way.
- FDNY Walkway from front to back to be placed on dunnage with pavers and glass bricks over skylights. Must be on a fireproof structure.
- The creation of the FDNY walkway requires the level of the proposed rooftop addition to be increased by approximately 2 additional feet to conform to the dunnage level of pavers.
- Hence the top of the addition is to be 14' above the roof line.
- The proposal also includes new doors and refurbishment to the front areaway and access under the stoop.
- The building owner is 6'6" tall, and needs a 10' height in the rooftop addition.

Community Questions and Comment:

- Owner Jessie James and Ben James – Jessie was born and raised in the same house since the 70s.
- Excited to live with husband and parents and to raise a family in the same building and neighborhood.

Committee Questions and Comment:

- Height is a product of FDNY Code that we have not seen before.
- Design details are consistent with what is there now.

Community Board 7/ Manhattan

- Concern for the choice of a brown aluminum siding for the rooftop addition.
- A: LPC Staff wants clear differentiation between historic and new elements.
- The appearance would be more appropriate if the front and side façades of the addition were also in brick.
- Concern for the height of the rooftop addition. Adjusting the ceiling height would appear to be the solution.
- Finds the overall effect appropriate.
- Block has a very important donut, which remains largely intact. The donut is a very important aspect of the historic district.
- Very large addition – goes all the way to the rear. Will cast a shadow into the donut in the morning.
- Just too big.
- Concern for a/c mechanicals on top of the roof. Allowed, but this is the wrong choice.
- Still can lower the floor and ceiling notwithstanding the FDNY Code issues.

Resolution: Approve on condition that the overall height of the rooftop addition be reduced by one foot, and with a recommendation for brick vs aluminum siding.

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

VOTE: Committee Members: 4-2-0-0.

Not yet calendared for a public hearing at LPC.

Re: 771 West End Avenue (West 97th – 98th Streets.) Application #LPC-19-40189 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Master Plan Window Replacement.

- The premises was constructed ca. 1914-15 by architects Schwartz & Gross.
- Included in the Riverside Drive – West End Historic District Extension II.

Presentation by: Rick Azar, Preservation representative; Board president Beth Bickens, and architect Michael Savino.

- The subject building is a 12-story plus basement apartment building with primary facades on West End Avenue and West 97th Street (the northwest corner), constructed in a H formation with a deep inset courtyard on the West End Avenue façade and a much shallower inset courtyard at the rear of the building.
- The main facades of the building are composed of common yellow brick with a strong, ornate cornice above the 10th floor and a second, thinner cornice at the roof line. The basement level is clad in a limestone-colored smooth stone. There is also a modest cornice above the second floor, and the first, second and third floors have picture-frame detail between the windows.
- There are stone Juliet balconies with significant decorative elements located on the:
 - West 97th Street façade in pairs at the third and sixth floors;
 - West End Avenue façades in pairs at the third and tenth floors, and larger such balconies at the sixth floors.
- The main entrance is located on the West End Avenue frontage in the deep front courtyard that has none of the Juliet balconies or other decorative detail of the main facades.
- The original configuration of the windows from the tax photos and research were double-hung windows in various single, double and triple configurations with divided light above and a single pane below. Most appear to have been 6:1.
- None of the original windows remain on any of the primary facades.
- The existing condition consists of aluminum 1:1 double-hung windows in single, double and triple configurations to match the original. The color of the existing windows is dark bronze.
- The proposal is to replace the existing replacement aluminum windows with new aluminum windows to match the dimensions, configuration and color of the existing windows (including the heights of meeting rails and the thicknesses of mullions and spandrel bars where applicable).

- There is a single existing 6:1 window, and the proposal is to match that window with an aluminum 6:1 window.
- The color of the proposed new windows is dark bronze.
- The proposal includes creating new brick moldings out of metal that will more closely approximate the original details than the current condition.
- Precedent cited for approval of a master plan of 1:1 aluminum windows includes 150 West 79 Street and 370 Riverside Drive.
- Apt 12A in this building was approved as a single application for 1:1 aluminum replacement windows by CB7 in 2017.

Community Questions and Comment:

Josette Amato – West End Preservation Society

- Appreciate the effort, expense and commitment involved in putting forth a master plan for the building rather than leaving replacement window choices to individual shareholders.
- A consistent appearance benefits the building and the Historic District.

Committee Questions and Comment:

- Given the absence of any original windows or windows matching the 6:1 original configuration on any of the primary facades of the building, the replacement with a superior aluminum 1:1 double-hung window is appropriate.
- The significant decoration of the primary facades, including the picture-frame molding details, the highly decorated Juliet balconies, the three strong cornices on the primary facades, and the alternation between smooth stone and common brick, when considered as a whole, demonstrate that the loss of the original multi-light windows will not materially detract from the overall effect of this building's contribution to the Historic District, and that the proposed 1:1 double-hung replacement windows are reasonably appropriate.

Resolution: Approve as presented.

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

VOTE: 5-0-0-0 Committee Members.

Calendared for the 11/12/19 public hearing at LPC.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Page Cowley, Chairperson

October 21, 2019 7:00PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Interim Chair, Page Cowley.

Items Discussed:

1. Riverside Park.

The reconstruction of the existing stair between the Promenade and the ball field at 102nd Street in Riverside Park. The stair is currently closed due to hazardous conditions. Work on the stairs will include a new concrete foundation and new granite and bluestone risers.

Margaret Bracken, NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation, Landscape Architect/Chief of Design & Construction, gave an illustrated presentation of the proposed project beginning with the existing conditions of the stairway. Of the many defects and damage that has taken place over time due to wear and deterioration of the mortars and setting beds of the differing stair case components, there is also a deficiency in providing some degree of ADA compliance.

Of note are certain factors that do not need to be considered in this project and the significant one is that this project is not within the flood zone. The project is part of the Riverside Scenic Landmark designated a NYC scenic landmark in 1980 and also listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983. As such the project will be presented before the Public Design Commission and also be subject to an Advisory Report from the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission (LPC).

The project was filed with the LPC Commission and a Permit issued on September 5, 2019, copy attached.

As to the history of this feature and park access, this stairway and promenade were constructed as part of the Robert Moses initiative between 1935 and 1937. The predominant visible materials used in the construction are natural cleft limestone pavers and walls, Deer Isle granite, and bluestone.

The significant missing feature is a bronze handrail that was installed on the riverside knee-wall of the staircase.

Ms. Bracken stated that this project is considered as a reconstruction and restoration project owing to some additional features that will be added to make the stairs easier to navigate.

Of the new features that will be incorporated into the project are a tubular steel guard rail that will be installed on the top of the promenade wall and a second bronze rail that will be installed in the inner wall of the stair case as well as a third rail added to the centerline of the wide staircase which measure 12'-6" uniform width. All of the inclined stair steps will be lifted and re-set with the only change in material being a bluestone strip added to support the overhanging granite edge paver.

There were several comments made by the members of the committee, mostly praise for the adherence to authentication. Page Cowley did take exception to the placement of the center railing. The response by Ms. Bracken is that the new design features were modeled on component railings used at other similar staircase projects, including the 105th Street Stairwell reconstruction project. There was also discussion about the substitute material selection for the Deer Isle granite and the surface treatment of the limestone pavers being changed to bluestone.

Public Comments were as follows:

- Ira Gershorn: "The big elephant in the room is the project cost." This is a huge \$2M budget. She referenced the Skate Park that was budgeted at \$109K and went into the millions.

The meeting was closed for Committee debate with the following resolved:

Resolution:

With the understanding that Ms. Bracken will report on the comments made by the committee regarding the third center handrail, the proposed work conforms to the highest preservation standards for parkland masonry restoration and preservation. The minimal intervention and alteration to re-instate and

introduce replacement bronze handrails and the installation of replacement paving materials for the sloping ramped-steps are consistent with good preservation practice. The committee was receptive and pleased with the thoroughness of the project scope and specification. The resolution is to approve this project.

Committee 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee 2-0-0-0.

2. **Verdi Square Park** (Amsterdam Avenue and West 73rd Street.) **A presentation by Friends of Verdi Square Park and the Parks Department on the restoration of the east side of the park.**

Daniel Atha, from Friends of Verdi Park Square, as Chair of the Horticulture Committee, gave a remarkably thorough presentation of what can only be called a re-birth of an abused open space.

His list of credits and support are long but were duly acknowledged from the elected officials notably, Assembly member Linda Rosenthal. Borough President Gale Brewer, Council Member Helen Rosenthal, CB7 Chair Roberta Semer and Elizabeth Ewell at Goddard Riverside/Greenkeepers. He also acknowledged his Advisory Council, Business Council Founding Donors and his all-star Volunteer crew, and last but not least the assistance and collaboration with NYC Parks Department.

For a complete description of the work of this group and the full description of the project please refer to: see: <https://www.friendsofverdisquare.org>

The project is remarkable in many ways; from the analysis of existing conditions to the environmental and horticultural approach.

The presentation started in almost lecture format as the committee learned about the potential biodiversity that needed protection and the benefits of a micro park with a considerable number of visitors at the crossroads of Broadway and Amsterdam and 73rd Street.

The presentation started with an understanding of *Holocene Epoch* (I had to look that term up – meaning “entirely recent”) to the root cause of the horrific rat infestation. Although Mr. Atha also explained that this triangle was never meant to be a “park.” And was planted with all of the wrong vegetation and trees that encourage rats not deterred them. The Friends of Verdi Square was formed in 2016. In a very short period of time, they had transformed the island park. The scope of work statistics are incredible – the removal of over 200 rat borrows, and control of any remaining sites; replacement of all plantings with native plants that support an eco-system of birds and flowers to support each other and promote sustainable species; return of butterflies; recreate an “old field meadow:” installed porous grade surfaces; and provided seating and small tables.

The reconstruction, mostly on a volunteer basis, took 40 Consecutive Saturdays!

The next stages are maintenance and support for easier maintenance and care. Needed services and materials are: a dedicated water supply for irrigation, connection to an existing water source at the subway station (back-flow connection to an existing tap, a resident gardener, assistance with regular garbage collection and general cleanup and a daily presence. There was expressed importance of a permanent irrigation system to keep the park and plantings healthy and thriving.

The comments and questions from the committee were as follows:

Barbara Adler: Impressive rat control and reduction. How large was the park area? Response: .10 of an acre. Will the tables and chairs remain year-round? Response: Yes. As to the garbage and collection, perhaps add signage?

Ken Coughlin: Are the gates closed at any time? If so what are the hours? Response: The Park is open from 8 am to 7 pm daily. What is the garden surface? Response: Bare ground around plantings. Where

did the plantings come from? Response: Plants came from two citywide nurseries: The Arthur Ross Garden at the Bronx Botanical Garden and from a nursery in Staten Island.

Klari Neuwelt: The transformation is spectacular! Do apply for participatory budgeting as there may be enough time.

There was a brief discussion about the budget deadlines as Julien Dellaporta was present from CM Helen Rosenthal's office.

Natasha Kazmi: Is there Business Council or have you reached out to local businesses? Response: Yes. There are 45 businesses that have supported the project with donations ranging from \$250.00 to \$2,500.00

3. Update on committee discussions.

Item A: Women's Monument: "Monumental Women" (Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B Anthony and Sojourner Truth)

Klari reported that the Public Design Commission voted for the first women's monument to be placed in Central park. The vote was 6 in favor with 3 abstentions. Klari pointed out that this validates additional work to submit resolutions timely.

Item B: Also that the 76th Street basket ball Court has been supplied with a fountain and water bottle filler.

Item C: Update on the established bike path to separate cyclists from pedestrians on Hudson River Greenway between 72nd and 83rd Streets. [Background added: In 2016, a resolution to make the new route seasonal or all year round was voted on. The full board voted to make the path year round. It passed the full community board by one vote. In June of this year (2019), cyclists were banned from using the waterfront path and they now take alternate route.]

A recent accident on October 15, 2019 triggered a second look at the crossing where pedestrian and cyclists share the same path. Ken Coughlin happened to arrive at the location where the accident /collision occurred. The pedestrian was attended to by emergency services called to the location. This was a very heated debate previously and remains so as of the close of this meeting.

Suggestions were made to add signage for both cyclists and pedestrians.

As Julien Dellaporta, Community Liaison at Helen Rosenthal's office was present as was the park ranger for this segment of Riverside Park. Further discussions regarding both cyclist and pedestrian safety notices, signage and education will continue, no doubt with all parties, including John Herrold Riverside Park Administrator.

*There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9 pm.
Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley, Interim Parks & Environment Chair*

Present: Page Cowley, Barbara Adler, Cindy Cardinal, Ken Coughlin, Natasha Kazmi, Klari Neuwelt and Susan Schwartz. **Chair:** Roberta Semer. **Board Member:** Mark Diller. **Absent:** Jennifer Nitzky.

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

October 30, 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:

1. 940 Columbus Avenue (West 106th Street) Fujiya Ramen & Sushi LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant: Rosa Ruiz

- 35 seats, no stand-up bar.
- Open 7 days, 11 AM - 12:30 AM.
- Previously a Chirping Chicken.

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

Committee VOTE: 8-0-0-0

2. 2171 Broadway (West 76th Street) Belleclaire Hotel LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant: Robert Holmes, Sahra Lucas

- This is a hotel.
- Full kitchen, partitions to bar area.
- Open 7 days, 11 AM – 4 AM.
- Café is located on side street but with no access there.
- Patrons enter through the Broadway entrance.

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

Committee VOTE: 9-0-0-0

3. 380 Columbus Avenue (West 78th Street) The Wing UWS, LLC d/b/s To be Determined.

Presenting for the Applicant: Donald Bernstein, Paul Fusco

- Members club designed for women principally, but men now accepted.
- About \$200 /month for membership includes programming, speakers, relaxed area.
- Liquor service incidental.
- Hours of operation 8 AM - 11 PM.
- Background music only.
- Membership approval process that asks questions like why they want to join, etc.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted; the committee encourages them to be open to hosting community events.*

Committee VOTE: 8-0-0-1

Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

4. 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.

Presenting for the Applicant: Abraham Jallow

- Hours of operation 8 AM - 10 PM Mon – Sat; 9 AM – 10 PM on Sundays

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

Committee VOTE: 9-0-0-0

5. **229 Columbus Avenue** (West 70th – 71st Streets.) **Renewal application #1186113-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flej, Inc., d/b/a Pomodoro for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.**

- Applicant not present.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

6. **273 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) **Renewal application #2053459-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Zucker's Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Zucker's Bagels, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 27 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Michael Kelly

- No changes from before, 12 tables, closes at 5:30 PM.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

7. **172 West 79th Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) **Renewal application #2054516-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Ave Bagels, Inc., d/b/a Bagels & Co., for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 28 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Michael Kelly

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

8. **353 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 77th Street.) **Renewal application #2050853-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Westside Donut Amsterdam Ventures, LLC, d/b/a Dunkin Donuts, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Dana Greenstein, franchisee

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

9. **473 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) **Renewal application #2048499-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by ACS Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Lokal, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Murat Aktas

- No changes from before.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

10. **573 Columbus Avenue** (West 88th Street.) **Renewal application #2054416-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Bodega 88, LLC, d/b/a Bodega 88, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.**

- Applicant not present.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

11. **574 Columbus Avenue** (West 88th Street.) **Renewal application #2056569-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by B.L.T.G. Pizza, Inc., d/b/a Bella Luna, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Michael Kelly

- No changes from before.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

12. **994 Columbus Avenue** (West 109th Street.) **Renewal application #2083343-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by UWS 994, Corp., d/b/a Ortomare, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 22 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: Michael Kelly

- 9 tables, 22 seats, no changes from before.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

13. **285 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd – 74th Streets.) **New application #11853-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Tenzan New York Corp., d/b/a Tenzan Japanese Cuisine, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 38 seats.**

Presenting for the Applicant: James

- No changes from before.
- Due to a misunderstanding with DCA the applicant did not file renewal application on time and was forced to file a new application instead.

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

Committee VOTE: 10-0-0-0

14. New business.

Doug Kleiman: Re Slowdown of SLA applications.

- Spoke to Linda Rosenthal to ask her to help.
- Governor issues mandate to automate systems including SLA, taking longer than they thought.
- Andrew Rigie will look into this and advise.

Barbara Adler

- Asked if committee members would rather start meetings at 6:30 PM instead of at 7P M.
- Everyone agreed.
- Linda Alexander will speak to Penny Ryan or John Martinez regarding changing the time.

The meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

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

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Catherine DeLazzero and Sheldon Fine, Co-Chairpersons, Joint with

YOUTH, EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Blanche Lawton and Steven Brown, Co-Chairpersons

October 30, 2019, 6:30 PM

At Booker T. Washington Middle School MS54, 103 W 107TH STREET

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by HHS Co-Chairs Catherine DeLazzero and Sheldon Fine and YEL co-chairs Blanche Lawton and Steven Brown.

The following discussions and presentations took place and actions were taken at the meeting.

Re: VAPING FORUM

Presentation by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal (AD67)

- E-cigarettes are frequently marketed as tobacco cessation devices but are not federally approved as such.
- Tobacco companies own many of today's e-cigarette companies and are using the same marketing tactics for e-cigarettes as they did for cigarettes.
- The variety of flavors that e-cigarettes companies (such as JUUL) offer are what make vaping popular with youth.
- The Assemblymember has had 10 bills on vaping. Recently her bill to ban flavors failed to pass due to strong lobbying.
- Banning flavors isn't enough; the issue must continue to be tackled from all sides

Presentation by Lisa Spitzner, Manhattan Community Engagement Manager at NYC Smoke-Free

- Between 2014 and 2018 there was a 160% increase in e-cigarette use among youth.
- The nicotine in e-cigarettes is in the form of nicotine salts, which allows for a larger intake of nicotine in smaller quantities of vapor.
- One JUUL pod has the same level of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes.
- NYC Smoke-Free runs "Reality Check," which focuses on youth engagement and action in combatting the vaping epidemic.
- The amount of money e-cigarette companies spend on advertising has significantly increased over the years. E-cigarette companies heavily use social media. In NYC in particular, however, there are a lot of advertisements for e-cigarettes (be they in bodegas or on the street).
- Because e-cigarettes have nice flavors, it is more difficult to notice second-hand smoke, and yet it is still an issue.

Presentation by Dr, Lisa Handwerker, MD, FAA, Chief Medical Officer, Children's Aid

- A lot of the contents of vaping liquid are unknown, but we do know that the liquid contains carcinogens/oils
- In New York City, 27% of High School students vape
- Long term effects of nicotine include cardiovascular and heart disease.
- Recently, youth across the country have been dying from EVALI, which is an e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury.
- The most important task at the moment is to remove flavors from the market.

Presentation by City Councilmember Mark Levine (D7)

- The Councilmember agrees with everything said by the other 3 panelists. He has also introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of flavors in the city.

Audience Q&A:

- There should be required education on the dangers of e-cigarettes for youth.
- The legalization of marijuana and CBD will have to take into account the effects it will have on youth.
- Safer is not equal to safe. While e-cigarettes may potentially be safer than regular cigarettes, that doesn't make them safe in general.
- A feature that sets apart cigarette and e-cigarettes is that e-cigarettes can rapidly cause an issue with lung health (1 year is long enough)
- Schools need more resources to support addicted students. What resources and how they are provided are unclear. More evidence and research are required for this as well.

Resolution:

The following facts were taken into consideration:

- One in six New York City public high school students currently uses e-cigarettes.
- Nationwide 27% of teenagers use e-cigarettes in 2019 as compared with 2% in 2013.
- E-cigarettes and vaping devices come in many forms, but they all heat liquids called e-liquids into aerosol. The exact components of propellant e-liquids are not disclosed to the user and are believed to contain toxins.
- E-cigarettes are frequently marketed as tobacco cessation devices but are not federally approved as such.
- E-cigarettes are paired with nicotine, and are frequently paired with flavors.
- While flavors such as chocolate mint, cherry crush, menthol candy and others might make e-cigarettes seem harmless, they are not and the flavors are intended to hook teens.
- The dangers of e-cigarettes in relationship to the nicotine content include;
 - Nicotine is addictive especially for teens
 - Nicotine can negatively affect a teenager's memory and concentration that are essential for learning.
 - One pod of Juul, a popular e-cigarette, contains as much nicotine as a whole pack of cigarettes.
 - The nicotine in e-cigarettes is in the form of nicotine salts, which allows for a larger intake of nicotine in smaller quantities of vapor.
 - Long term effects of nicotine include cardiovascular and heart disease.
- Children who start with flavored e-cigarettes are three times as likely to become regular users later on in life.
- Councilmember Mark Levine has proposed and conducted hearings on legislation -New York City Council Bill - Intro1362 – that would among other things prohibit the sale of flavored e-cigarettes.
- Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal has introduced the following 10 bills concerning the dangers of e-cigarettes: A.47 (prohibiting the sale of e-cigarettes that contain any flavored nicotine product), A.70 (requiring warning labels that disclose that e-cigarettes pose a risk of explosion), A.303 (requiring detailed disclosure of how e-cigarettes are marketed and promoted), A.340 (prohibiting shipments of tobacco products to New York recipients unless signed for by a person over 21 years of age), A.341

(prohibiting online sales of tobacco products unless the purchaser uploads proof of age of over 21 years), A.8626 (prohibiting sale of new tobacco products unless approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration), A.8627 (requiring disclosure of potential toxic metals used in the creation of e-cigarette devices), A.8628 (prohibiting sale of e-cigarettes absent a prescription from a licensed physician), A.2629 (will require all e-cigarettes sold in New York State to automatically taper in nicotine strength) and A.8629 (requiring prescribed health warnings on all e-cigarette packaging).

BE IT RESOLVED that Community Board 7 supports and urges the New York City Council to pass New York City Council Bill -Intro1362 proposed by Councilmember Mark Levine and that the Mayor sign such legislation into law; and for the New York State Assembly and Senate to pass bills A.47, A.70, A.303, A.340, A.341, A.8626, A.8627, A.8628, A.2629 and A.8629 proposed by Assemblymember Linda B. Rosenthal and that the Governor sign such legislation into law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 supports and will publicize the educational programs of New York Smoke Free that designed to address the Vaping problem for teenagers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 urges the New York City Department of Education to fully implement the K-12 Health Curriculum, especially addressing the vaping health crisis facing teens in 2019.
Joint Committees: 10-0-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.