

# FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Andrew Rigie, Acting Chair | Beverly Donohue, Chair

October 3, 2022 at 6:30PM via Zoom

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hOyVDhMtFUC>

**Present:** Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Daniela Alvarado, Richard Asche, Kristen Berger, Elizabeth Caputo, Courtney Clark Metakis, Joshua Cohen, Christian Cordova, Kevin Corte, Ken Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazero, Mark Diller, Beverly Donohue, Sheldon Fine, Miranda Goodwin-Raab, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, K Karpen, Natasha Kazmi, Doug Kleiman, Blanche Lawton, Sara Lind, Ira Mitchneck, William Ortiz, Michele Parker, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Peter Samton, Susan Schwartz, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain, Anthony Thomas, Kristina Villarini, Benjamin Wu, and Howard Yaruss.

**Absent:** Robert Espier, Sonia Garcia, Klari Neuwelt, Erana Stennett. **Board Office:** Max Vandervliet, Jessie Nieves, and Ashley Lopez.

*The Full Board of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 on the Zoom online platform. Interim Chair Andrew Rigie called the meeting to order at 6:34PM, after it was confirmed by the Secretary that a quorum was present.*

## Chair's Report, Andrew Rigie

- Thanks everyone for the honor of being the interim Chair.
- Noted the behind the scenes working of the board,
- Spoke out about the conflicts between members, and the inordinate amount of time spent on this. Recommended trying to remedy as respect is the foundation for good working conditions.

## District Manager's Report, Maxwell Vandervliet

- Noted that the Governor has not yet announced the Open Meeting Law passed the end of October, as we continue to meet over Zoom rather than in person.

## Election Chair, Joshua Cohen

- Election procedures were discussed, and candidates were given five minutes each to speak.
- Questions and comments were made by members.
- The vote was made electronically by each member and sent to the Elections Committee for tallying.
- The vote was announced, and the new officers are: Chair: Beverly Donohue  
Vice Chair: Doug Kleiman; Treasurer: Seema Reddy; Co-Secretaries: Barbara Adler, Linda Alexander
- Beverly Donohue immediately assumed her position as Chair. She called first on Council Member Brewer, who discussed her new initiatives and priorities, before resuming the business session.

*Approval of Minutes from previous month: 40-1-1-0.*

## Business Session

### Strategy & Budget Committee, Roberta Semer

**1. Expense Priorities for FY2024:** The following is a compilation of the final, approved expense priorities for FY2024:

1. **Food Insecurity:** Increase funding for programs that address food insecurity including West Side Campaign Against Hunger (WSCAH) and Get Food NYC. The Meal Gap, NYC's measure of food insecurity, represents families' and individuals' missing meals that result from inadequate household food budgets. In Manhattan Community District 7 the annual Meal Gap is over four million. Over 20% percent of residents in the district are food insecure. WSCAH serves over 300,000 meals each month.
2. **Free Broadband for NYCHA:** Provide operating funds for free broadband service for all New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) households and on-going technical support for residents.
3. **Homeless Outreach:** Provide additional funding for the Manhattan Outreach Consortium (MOC), a multiagency effort established by Goddard Riverside.
4. **DYCD Funding:** Increase funding for Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) programs sufficient to provide the purchasing power to cover increased costs for community programs, including Summer Rising, community-based centers/camps, after school programs (Cornerstone, Beacon, SONYC, Compass), Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), Work-Grow-Learn (WGL) and other programs for youth.
5. **Children's Mental Health:** Provide child-centered mental health training in CD7/M (Ryan Health Center, Mt Sinai West) to provide training for medical providers in trauma informed care and forensics (to identify, report and care for children who are victims of sexual assault and abuse).
6. **Crisis Stabilization Center:** Establish a Crisis Stabilization Center in CD7/M. Too often unhoused individuals are released from the hospital after undergoing a mental health crisis with no place to go, ending up back on the streets. Frequently they are too sick to return to shelters. Crisis Stabilization Centers provide medical respite beds filling a critical need and provide people time and space to recuperate.

7. **Traffic Enforcement for Safety:** Request increased enforcement of all vehicles (including cars, trucks, motorcycles, bikes, and all alternative vehicles) for all traffic violations with the intention of reducing death and injuries in CD7/M. Provide funding for increased staff.
8. **Support for Special Needs Students:** Secure funding to support the programs and specialists needed to provide service for students with special needs including in-school and after school programming.
9. **Dedicated Pre-K Evaluators:** Provide funds to hire and train staff at UPK and Pre-K programs run by Community Based Organizations (CBO) to enable the staff to make timely referrals for children with special needs.
10. **Nurses and Social Workers:** Provide funding so that each elementary school in CSD3 has a full-time nurse and social worker on staff.
11. **School Safety Support Staff:** Secure funding to ensure that every public elementary school has appropriate school safety support staff; and that every school has a crossing guard at every essential crossing.
12. **Professional Development for Teachers:** Provide Department of Education (DOE) funding for in-person professional development for teachers to address gaps from several years of reduced/remote-only training; including training on differentiated learning from remedial instruction to accelerated learning.
13. **Social Emotional Training:** Provide Department of Education funding for ongoing training of those who work with students (e.g., social-emotional learning for teachers, principals, administrators, and any personnel in contact with students), and professional development.
14. **Language Access Programs:** Provide funding to support the expansion of CSD3 language access programs such as dual language schools/language enrichment programs. A large influx of refugee families makes this need urgent.
15. **Crime Victims Treatment Center:** Address sexual assault of adolescents and adults by providing funding for the Crime Victims Treatment Center (CVTC) to administer and provide services for sexual assault survivors, including training of SAFE evaluators.
16. **Solar Trash Compactors:** Install additional solar trash compactors and trash cans in CD7/M and restore litter collection to 7 days per week.
17. **Reduce Rat Population:** To address the crisis of a rapidly increasing rat population, request DSNY to provide the following in Community District 7/M (CD7/M): additional litter basket service in evenings in high foot traffic areas; in addition to the restored regular daily street cleaning provide sealed garbage containers (tilt trucks) in all schools and improve garbage management through containerization in all NYCHA properties.
18. **Parks Staff:** Restore funding for permanent and seasonal staffing for the parks, as well as additional playground associates and recreation specialists.
19. **NYPD Overtime:** Restore overtime funding for the NY Police Department in the 20<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, and Central Park precincts.
20. **PEP Officers:** Hire additional Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers for Central Park and Riverside Park.
21. **Signage in Playgrounds:** The Department of Parks needs to provide clear signage outside playgrounds to protect children. There have been several incidents involving possible child predators. Signage that adults are only allowed to enter when accompanying a child is either missing or not prominently displayed in many West Side playgrounds.
22. **Library Staffing:** Provide additional funding for staffing at the three libraries to increase programming for children and teens who have been adversely impacted by the Pandemic and expanded adult service.
23. **72 Bike Lane Study:** Provide funds for the study of implementing a proposed protected bike lane on 72<sup>nd</sup> St. from Central Park to Riverside Park.
24. **Traffic Flow Study at 96th Street:** Study the possibility of installing a 96th Street option for south bound traffic exiting the Henry Hudson Parkway.
25. **CB Funding:** Provide increased Community Board budget for CB7/M to take account of cost inflation, the increased needs caused by the Pandemic, and the technology needed to provide hybrid meetings.

Vote: 28-4-4-0

**2. Capital Priorities for FY 2024:** The following is a compilation of the final, approved expense priorities for FY2024:

1. **NYCHA:** Preserve New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) as a source of deeply affordable housing by working to repair and maintain all property and individual apartments, including front doors, elevators, and security systems.
2. **Playgrounds:** Provide funds to ensure that all playgrounds are in working condition, clean, updated and inviting. Specifically, prioritize upgrades to Frederick Douglass Playground and the Happy Warrior Playground.
3. **NYCHA Broadband:** Install infrastructure for free high quality and safe broadband for all NYCHA households, enabling access for educational, tele-health, social services, economic and workforce opportunities
4. **Bloomingdale Library:** Secure funds for the reconstruction of the basement of the Bloomingdale Library for broad and flexible community programming, including space for meetings, learning opportunities, etc. The

design should incorporate input from established local service providers. Provide funding for refurbishing the second floor, including a Children's room, classrooms, and public meeting spaces (cost \$1 m).

5. **Argus Cameras for NYPD:** Provide funds for Argus cameras (\$10K each) in locations selected by the 20th and 24th NYPD Precincts, including Amsterdam Corridor, Broadway Corridor, 72nd street, Amsterdam Houses, Wise Towers and Douglass Houses.
6. **Street Safety Improvement:** Install Street safety improvements, including count down timers, speed cameras, speed bumps, thermo-plastics street markings throughout the district; and "Stop Here on Red" signs at every intersection on Broadway.
7. **Safe-Haven:** Create a Safe-Haven (residence) to address the rising number of those living on the street in the district. This shelter must have supportive services provided by a reliable service provider.
8. **Affordable Housing in SROs:** Create permanent affordable housing in SROs in CD7 threatened with conversion in partnership with Project Find.
9. **Comfort Station:** Construct two comfort stations in Riverside Park South one at 62nd Street and one at 66th Street.
10. **Manhattan Valley Affordable Housing:** Create permanent affordable housing in Manhattan Valley under HPD's Pillars Program with Project Find.
11. **Fire Alarm System for Library:** Library for the Performing Arts needs an upgraded Fire Alarm System (estimated cost \$3 m), a life-saving system.
12. **Ramp at 68th in Riverside Park:** Rebuild the ramp in Riverside Park at 68th street down to Pier 1 to make it ADA accessible.
13. **Sidewalks in Riverside Park (95th-110th):** Reconstruct interior path and perimeter sidewalks from 95th to 110th in Riverside Park.
14. **Cellular Service in Central Park:** Install working cellular service in remote areas of Central Park where there is none.
15. **Handicap Accessible Schools:** Obtain 2020-2024 Capital Plan Funding for 1 additional elementary in CSD3 to ensure that at least one-third of these schools are handicap accessible.
16. **Accessible Subway Stations: Increase the number of accessible subway stations including adding escalators or elevators at the following:** On the 1 line at the 79th, 86th, 103rd and 110th stations; on the BC line at the 81st, 96th and 110th stations.
17. **Safety Technology for Public Schools:** Upgrade school facilities to improve school security.
18. **Technology Equipment at Riverside Library:** Provide funding for technology equipment for both children and adults at Riverside Library to enable the library to provide STEM programs.
19. **Riverside Park Entrances ADA Accessible:** Several entrances into Riverside Park need repair. It is important that all entrances to Riverside Park become ADA-accessible.

Vote: 31-2-1-0

### 3. Top Three Pressing Issues for District Needs Statement:

The following was taken into consideration:

25% of residents in CD7M are food insecure, including a large number of children; Affordable housing is a critical need with over 20% severely rent burdened; All schools have been adversely impacted by the Pandemic, and increased needs for emotional, educational, and social support, as well as students with special needs are necessary.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan's top three pressing issues for the Fiscal Year 2024 are Food Insecurity, Affordable Housing and Public Education.

Vote: 32-0-1-0

### Parks and Environment Committee, Barbara Adler and Natasha Kazmi, Co-chairpersons

#### 4. Resolution Re: Request by the Department of Parks & Recreation for the proposed redesign of Anibal Aviles Playground:

WHEREAS, this proposed upgrade will substantially improve the playground in many different ways, including new lighting, new colorful asphalt, 4 new trees, facilitate passive-use areas for leisure and community events, add performance space, improve circulation and site lines in the park, upgrade the utilities and all of the amenities, add color everywhere, new colorful, whimsical, and innovative play equipment, with distinct areas for 1-5 year-old and 5-12 year-old kids, new benches, picnic tables, a drinking fountain with a bottle filler, and lots of space to safely run around, creating an overall big, beautiful, inviting green, creative 1/2-acre space. (Note that a Comfort Station was recently added just outside the playground, which is open to all).

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 / Manhattan resoundingly and unanimously approved this project, which will take about a year to construct.

Vote: 33-0-0-0

**Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-chairpersons, JOINT with Public Safety Task Force, William Ortiz and Polly Spain, Co-Chairpersons**

**5. THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7 / Manhattan **requests** the MTA take immediate steps to explore options to make the 72<sup>nd</sup> St. Broadway 1,2,3, and 96<sup>th</sup> St./Broadway stations safer by installing infrastructure preventing riders from falling or being pushed onto the tracks, including relatively inexpensive solutions such as low railings at the platform edge or poles along the platforms that riders could hold on to. Helping riders feel and be safe are steps the MTA must take to bring riders back to our amazing transit system.

*Vote: 34-0-0-0*

**6. 20-30 West End Avenue.**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7 / Manhattan **approves** petition for a new revocable consent to the Department of Transportation by Abraham Joshua Heschel School to construct, maintain and use security bollards around the perimeter of a school.

*Vote: 30-0-1-0*

**7. 68 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7 / Manhattan **approves** petition form EIN#095-74-6532 for a new revocable consent to the Department of Transportation by Caroline H. Van Scheltinga to construct, maintain and use a proposed fenced-in area including planters and steps.

*Vote: 30-1-1-0*

**8. Secondary Street Naming by the Neighbors of the Manhattan Valley**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7/Manhattan approves request by the Neighbors of the Manhattan Valley to name secondarily West 108<sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue on the northeast corner in honor of Rafael "Monkey" Delgado way.

*Vote: 26-3-3-0*

**Preservation Committee, K Karpen and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons**

**9. Resolution Re: 231 & 233 West 74<sup>th</sup> Street, Application #LPC-22-02413 Landmarks Preservation Commission for a Certificate of Appropriateness.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7/Manhattan resolves as follows with respect to this project: CB7/M takes no position on whether or not the wholesale removal of the existing façade is required or appropriate given the differing engineering opinions presented. Assuming removal and reconstruction are appropriate, CB7/M approves the restoration of the façade to the condition reflected on the 1940s tax photo as appropriate to the character of the Historic District, expressly conditioned on:

- The applicant conducting and completing a detailed inventory and documentation of the original condition of the façade as reflected in the 1940s tax photo, including use of current technology (such as photogrammetry) that allows micro-detail documentation of the existing condition and compares that to plans for restoration.
- The façade being rebuilt to match as exactly as possible the condition represented in the 1940s tax photo included with the application.
- The rebuilding being accomplished using only salvaged materials or new materials of the same type and nature selected to match the original materials, and that in no event will the rebuilding be done using substitute or synthetic materials on any visible surface.

*Vote: 33-0-1-0*

**10. Re: 2211 Broadway, the Aphthorp. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace an existing concrete stair on the north elevation of the building with a new granite stair.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that** Community Board 7/Manhattan approves this application as appropriate to the character of the individual landmark.

*Vote: 31-0-1-0*

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

**11. Re 2624-2626 Broadway (West 99<sup>th</sup> St.) Re: 2624-2626 Broadway (West 99<sup>th</sup> Street.)**  
**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7/Manhattan approves new application to the SLA for two-year liquor license by Metrocinema 1, LLC d/b/a To be determined.

*Vote: 31-0-1-0*

**12. Re: New and Temporary Retail Permit application:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves the following New and Temporary Retail Permit applications:

- **320 Columbus Avenue** (West 75<sup>th</sup> Street.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Columbus Avenue Hospitality, LLC d/b/a TBD.  
*Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0.*
- **635 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 91<sup>st</sup> Street.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Miah Management, Inc. d/b/a Cibo NY. *Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0.*
- **768 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 97<sup>th</sup> – 98<sup>th</sup> Streets.) New and Temporary Retail Permit application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Rincon Mexicano, Inc. d/b/a Pico De Gallo Bar & Kitchen.  
*Committee: 4-0-0-0; Non-Committee members: 3-0-0-0*

*Vote: 27-0-0-0*

**13. Class Change: 2130 Broadway** (West 74<sup>th</sup>-75<sup>th</sup> Streets.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** class change application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by KDK, LLC d/b/a Viand Café Restaurant.

*Vote: 30-0-0-0*

**14. Alteration re: 49 West 64<sup>th</sup> Street** (Broadway-Central Park West.)

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves Alteration application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by 49W64 Restaurant LLC & Monte Carlo Hospitality Group, LLC d/b/a Atlantic Grill.

*Vote: 28-1-0-0*

**Community Session**

The following representatives spoke on behalf of those from local Elected offices:

- **Hannah Weinerman** (office of Congressman Jerry Nadler)
- **Ankeith Illiparambil** (Office of Assembly Member Danny O'Donnell)
- **Evelin Collado**, (Office of Comptroller Brad Lander)

Other Speakers from the Community:

- **Peter Arndsten** (Columbus Amsterdam BID)
- **Zac Campbell** (American Museum of Natural History)
- **Jennifer Zarr** (New York Public Library)

*The meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

Barbara Adler and Linda Alexander, Co-Secretaries

# TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairs**

**October 10, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom**

The entire meeting can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VCeMWr-0r4g>

**Present:** Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, co-chairs; Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Doug Kleiman and William Ortiz. **Chair:** Beverly Donohue. **Non-Committee Board members:** Mark Diller and Susan Schwartz. **Absent:** Sara Lind and Erana Stennett. **Board Office:** Jessie Nieves.

*The Transportation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met on Tuesday, October 10, 2022 on the Zoom online platform. Co-Chairs Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm after Andrew Albert confirmed a quorum was present. The following discussions were had, and actions taken.*

## 1. Update on Committee DOT and MTA items

- Andrew Albert: announced that DOT was not joining this month's meeting related to the Rotunda project at 79<sup>th</sup> Street. A Rotunda email update will be shared with the Committee as work continues through the winter. It has affected bus service and traffic. Barbara would like to make sure that Parks is included in subsequent conversations.
- Howard Yaruss: I have been in touch with Colleen on DOT developments related to the bike lane, but no updates on the bike lane or other matters.
- Andrew Albert: Addresses Transit signal prioritization at key intersections for buses. DOT has not responded to any of the requests and as a result buses are getting stuck.
- Howard Yaruss: Andrew and Howard with the BP office on loading zones to contribute. Discussion about allowing some deliveries to be made in garages, need for spaces to legally do their business and the city can charge. NYC is behind other cities. CB7 has called for this four years ago and no action from the city. Columbus is now down to one moving lane.
- Andrew Albert: 96<sup>th</sup> St and WEA street calming measures, still waiting for a response from DOT.
- Susan Schwartz: Asks about West Side Drive inside Central Park at 64<sup>th</sup> Street and Gale Brewer letter about the raised bump for enforcement. Howard explains that Transpo Committee has relayed the info and to rethink to increase pedestrian safety.
- Mark Diller, Barbara Adler, Doug Kleiman, Jay Adolf, Ken Coughlin: address the regulation of e-bikes and mopeds in Central Park and Riverside Park throughout meeting and suggest ideas

## Community Speakers:

**Dan Rickler** (addresses WEA pedestrian safety)

**Deborah Kerzhner** presents proposal on two connections at the Greenway - 68<sup>th</sup> Street and 94<sup>th</sup> – a powerpoint on improvements, specifically at 68<sup>th</sup> Street – lack of visibility on Riverside and 68<sup>th</sup> without stop signs; proposes various safety measures including continuous sidewalks.

Andrew Albert: provided an update on **Congestion Pricing**. Traffic Mobility Review Board is looking into items with specifics from MTA and US DOT. Update to come in a month or two, a lot is yet to be decided. Committee chairs reinforce that it is the policy of CB7 as passed by a resolution to support congestion pricing.

## 2. 520 WEA.

- Howard Yaruss: 520 WEA. Petition to DOT. Poor internet connection so tabled briefly; request is for double wide enclosures on north side of the block.
- Adrian Figueroa (architect representing 520 WEA): to legalize installation of metal enclosures on 520 WEA. Deb from 520 WEA. Discussion about keeping rats out of the garbage. Questions about including Preservation in the conversation as well as Transportation. He says to go Transpo first for placement then to Preservation to address placement.

Resolution called by Barbara Adler, for committee to approve the legalization of the installation of the metal enclosures.

**Resolution on the floor to support**

*Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Resolution passes.*

**3. 64<sup>th</sup> and West End Avenue: Curb and Sidewalk Construction Updates**

- Howard Yaruss: Jessie Nieves provides background, says this it came in through general email for our general recommendation, was 85 pages. Discussions about whether various sidewalk corners are in a landmark corner or if any changes to sidewalk would affect landmarking.
- Andrew Albert: Asks Jessie about timelines for comment period, for pedestrian ramp updates. Before Transpo can vote, need more info. Suggestion to table until we get more information and not sure how we can vote.
- William Ortiz - commented that this could be for a start on construction (30 days from Sept 14). Jessie has asked for extension. **Will come up on next agenda, and in meantime CB7 agreed to write a letter ASAP and make sure the minutes reinforce this letter request.**

**Old Business/New Business:**

- Mark Diller - references a neighbor who took Access A Ride trip who was being verbally abusive as she was going to the hospital. Andrew Albert was able to make sure the issue was handled for interceding and gave thanks for helping to address the issue.
- Doug Kleiman – discusses M57 Crosstown experience, asked about getting on the bus “in the wrong way” to avoid paying the fare. Addresses fare evasion as we talk about crowds on the crosstown buses. Is MTA looking at a plan for buses in and around Riverside South? Also asked about the two different stops for M7 and M11 around 66<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Elizabeth Caputo – Carriage Horses in Central Park, movement through City Council where CB7 should weigh in given potential upcoming City Council legislation and CB7 work on a car-free Central Park. Committee chairs acknowledge that it has been referenced for a discussion at a future meeting and to include Parks & Environment in that meeting.
- Ken Coughlin and Howard Yaruss – question for Andrew about MTA and bus lines and fare evasion, ask what the MTA is doing to address the problem.
- Barbara Adler - when will OMNY work with senior card (asks of Andrew); notification should come via email or message. Also mentions M86 and M79 to Andrew reminds that SBS routes have back door open for OMNY.
- Ken Coughlin – asked about free bus service. Andrew discusses fare box revenue.
- Barbara Adler – addresses her visit to New Zealand, experience w transit, and the country’s transit innovations

*Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:20pm ET.*

# BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairpersons

October 12, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM

*The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kWdXpvhFAU&t=190s>*

*Business & Consumer Issues Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met via the Videoconferencing application Zoom. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Co-Chairperson Christian Cordova.*

**Present:** Linda Alexander and Christian Cordova, Co-Chairs; Joshua Cohen, Madelyn Innocent, Sonia Garcia, Doug Kleiman, Andrew Rigie and Anthony Thomas. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Barbara Adler, Seema Reddy and Benjamin Wu.

**Absent:** Erana Stennett

## 1. **Re: 430 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81<sup>st</sup> – 80<sup>th</sup> Streets) Method of Operation application to the SLA for two-year liquor license by Third Avenue Restaurant, Inc d/b/a Jake's Dilemma. Requesting to add a disc jockey and live music to their method of operations.**

*Presenting for the Applicant: Joshua Cohen, [JoshuaTCohen@gmail.com](mailto:JoshuaTCohen@gmail.com);*

- Applicant would like to officially add a disc jockey and live music to its Method of Operations, primarily for event of private parties. The live music would be for background, although not necessarily acoustic all the time. The venue traditionally has used a disc jockey on Friday and Saturday nights. Hours of operation will remain the same with closing from Sunday through Wednesday at 2 a.m.; and Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. closing.

### Comments:

- A resident at 430 Amsterdam Avenue complained that the bass was reverberating throughout her apartment on several occasions, was anxious about the space being used as a "disco" if there were live bands. She added the bartender was responsive in having the volume of the bass turned down.
- The applicant added he would make sure staff contacted him in the future if the level of the music is bothering the residents.

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

*Committee VOTE: 7-0-0-1. Non-Committee vote 3-0-0-0*

## 2. **New Business.**

### Comments:

- Brief discussion on serving liquor across the bike lane. It was questioned whether it was legal to serve alcohol across the bike lane to street seating due to an SLA regulation that states that liquor cannot be served across a roadway. It was explained that it is actually legal because the bike lane is not considered a roadway for the purpose of the legislation.
- Columbus Avenue BID Executive Director Nicole Paynter announced the last day of the Sunday Open Streets program along Columbus Avenue.
- Further discussion on the problematic NYS cannabis program and its effects on the UWS community, stipulating no enforcement for rampant illegal sales. Committee again called on the Office of Cannabis Management to provide an update on the program.

*The meeting ended at 7:17 p.m.*



## PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

K Karpen and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons

October 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

*The entire meeting can be viewed on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mr4xOyxfKTA>*

*\*\* Meeting minutes will be forthcoming\*\**

# PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Barbara Adler and Natasha Kazmi, Co-Chairpersons**

**October 17, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom**

*The entire meeting can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJJ6GEfR0P4>*

**Present:** Barbara Adler and Natasha Kazmi, co-chairpersons; Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin and Polly Spain.

**Late:** William Ortiz. **Absent:** Daniela Alvarado. **Excused Absence:** Susan Schwartz.

Natasha Kazmi began the meeting promptly at 6:30PM. She announced that this is Barbara's last meeting as co-chair, as she will be joining the executive board as co-secretary and will be taking Minutes this evening. She will remain on the committee.

1. The committee had the great pleasure last night to meet and ask questions of both **Merritt Birnbaum, the new President and CEO of the Riverside Park Conservancy** and **Anthony Perez, the new Manhattan Parks Commissioner**. Both gave illuminating histories of their respective backgrounds, as well as their goals in their new positions. *[People are encouraged to watch the Zoom meeting to see them both in action.]*

2. **Reconstruction of the two step ramps at West 78<sup>th</sup> in Riverside Park:** *Presentation by Margaret Bracken, Landscape Architect for Riverside Park, NYC Parks*

The goals of the project are to improve paving conditions, accessibility, and site drainage. Construction is expected to start in the spring of 2024 and take approximately a year to finish. This will coincide with the \$150MM renovation of the adjacent rotunda. Hence the timing of this project is ideal as the two ramps under discussion will not serve any purpose for the public until the rotunda is functional again (3-4 years from now). The \$750,000 cost of these repairs is being funded by Council Member Gale Brewer.

While there was no resolution prepared at the time of the meeting, the co-chairs of P&E requested that the Board vote in concept at this time, and a formal resolution would be circulated at a later time. Everyone agreed, while enthusiastically endorsing the project. The vote tally was:

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-committee Board Member: 2-0-0-0.*

3. **New Business:** Ken asked to put an item on the agenda for next month, supporting a Council-introduced bill to ban non-essential helicopters, joint with the Transportation Committee. Natasha will discuss this consideration with her new co-chair. Elizabeth asked to put the issue of horse-drawn carriages in Central Park possibly being replaced by electric vehicles. This was also mentioned last month and will be on the Agenda in November.

*With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 8:00PM.*

Respectfully submitted, Barbara Adler

# SENIOR TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

**Roberta Semer, Chair**

**October 20, 2022 at 10:00am via ZOOM**

**Present:** Roberta Semer, Chair; Louisa Craddock, Madge Rosenberg, Ana Becker (DOROT). Mark Jennings (Project Find), Lisa Beth Miller (Lighthouse Guild), Aaron Rooney (Goddard Riverside), Paula Seefeldt (LILY), Robin Strashun (Search and Care), Carolyn Stem (NY Academy of Medicine) and Tevin Williams (Senator Hoylman). Board Office: Max Vandervliet.

*Meeting called to order at 10:02 am*

1. Aaron Rooney said that this will be his last meeting with us for now. After 10 years he is leaving Isaacs and Goddard to become the executive director at Search and Care. The programs at Goddard Senior Center are ongoing. They still have room for additional participants. A big concern is hiring new staff.
2. Robin Strashun spoke about their programs to help disabled individuals with their pets. They are doing a program with LiveOn NY to help people plan for their pets.
3. Paula Seefeldt said that LILY was able to host in person the Celebrate Our Elders luncheon for the first time since 2019. They also were able to hold their fund raiser. Upcoming is a Poetry Reading by a 93-year-old poet, who has just published her first book of poetry
4. Mark Jennings reported that they are now having in person meals and activities at their centers. There were 30,000 applications for Park 79, which only has about 50 units. He also suggested that we should collaborate with some of the Community Boards in the Bronx
5. Ana Becker said that DOROT is able to increase their in-person programming. This year there will be package deliveries instead of the Thanksgiving Banquet on Thanksgiving.
6. Carolyn Stem said that the NY Academy of Medicine is working on neighborhood resiliency, especially in minority communities. She also spoke about the ImagesNYC data base and offered to help us access the database at a future meeting.
7. Lisa Beth Miller said that Lighthouse Guild still has openings in their Elder Care Day programs and to contact her. The tech center is open. They are working to help migrants get access to eyeglasses.
8. Roberta Semer reported that State Senator Cordell Cleare hosted a task force meeting for representatives from CB7, 9, 10, 11, & 12 Manhattan to discuss the needs of our seniors. She will continue to host the task force.

*Meeting adjourned at 10:40*

Next Meeting **Thursday, November 17, 10: 00 a.m.**

# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Beverly Donohue, Chairperson**

**October 20, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via ZOOM**

*The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0b4tem-lz8>*

*The Steering Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan met via the Videoconferencing application Zoom.*

*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Chairperson Beverly Donohue.*

**Present:** Beverly Donohue, Chair; Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Courtney Clark Metakis, Christian Cordova, Ken Coughlin, Louisa Craddock, Sheldon Fine, K Karpen, Natasha Kazmi, Doug Kleiman, Blanche Lawton, William Ortiz, Michele Parker, Seema Reddy, Andrew Rigie, Susan Schwartz, Roberta Semer, Benjamin Wu, Howard Yarus. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Alex Bell, Mark Diller and Ethel Sheffer. **Absent:** Richard Asche and Kristina Villarini.

## **I. Chair's Report**

1. Introduction of new CB7 member, Alex Bell.
2. Introduction of new committee co-chairpersons:
  - a. Kevin Corte, Co-Chair, Land Use
  - b. Anthony Thomas, Co-Chair, Budget & Strategy
  - c. Benjamin Wu, Co-Chair, Business & Consumer Issues
  - d. Kristen Berger, Co-Chair, Youth, Education & Libraries
  - e. Susan Schwartz, Co-Chair, Parks & Environment
3. Announced the new co-secretaries, Barbara Adler and Linda Alexander, were available to help streamline minute-taking through new protocols, following Robert's Rules of Order.
4. Discussion of November 2022 meeting location in the event CB7 is required to meet in person.
  - a. Discussion of quorum requirements in the event of hybrid meetings.
  - b. Discussion of mask requirements for in-person meetings.
  - c. C. K Karpen has offered his church, St. Paul & St. Andrew where mask requirements can be enforced. The church can hold 900.
5. Proposed a new format for full board meetings, which will begin tryout with a 30-minute public session after the Chair's report, temporarily replacing the public safety session.
6. Requested two volunteers for a soon-to-be launched "Leadership Development" program.
7. Announced an Executive Committee meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2022.
8. Chair attended Borough Board meeting and reported the MBP is requiring board members to attend three training sessions. The first sessions start November 2022, and the next sessions will be spring 2023.

## **II. District Manager's Report: Max Vandervliet**

1. The Board office will be issuing RSVP notifications to board members to reply they will be attending "in person" or "remotely."
2. In the event of in-person committee meetings, there will be a limit of 25 attendees, including board members, public members, and applicants/presenters, at any time in the board office. The elevator vestibule outside the office will also be available to attendees.
3. There are new UV filters in the office and Max is looking into purchasing a CO2 meter.
4. Thanked staff member Ashley Lopez for her service and announced her last day is October 28, 2022. A small personnel committee will be convened for a replacement.
5. Announced new protocol for Full Board meetings in the event they remain remote, i.e., all panelists will be muted; when ready to speak, will raise their hands to be unmuted.

## **III. Committee Co-chairs discussed resolutions scheduled for November Full Board**

1. Transportation will have one resolution.
2. BCI will have one resolution.
3. Preservation will have four resolutions.
4. Housing is not meeting until October 24, so no resolutions could be announced.
5. Health & Human Services has one issue for discussion concerning a Help USA-run shelter and two resolutions.
6. YEL is meeting on October 27, so no resolutions could be announced.
7. Budget & Strategy has submitted its report through the city portal.

**IV. Task Force reports**

1. Senior Task Force met October 20, 2022.
2. In-person and Remote Meetings had no resolutions.
3. Public Safety will have a joint meeting with HHS.

**V. Chair announced Old Business and New Business**

1. There were no responses.

*A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 7:02 p.m.*

*Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda Alexander & Barbara Adler*

## HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Louisa Craddock and Kristina Villarini, Co-Chairpersons

*Joint with the* Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Kevin Corte, Co-Chairpersons

October 24, 2022 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

The entire meeting can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZG7bwvRTlo&t=6s>

*\*\* Meeting minutes will be forthcoming\*\**

## HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Sheldon Fine, Chair

*Joint with the* Public Safety Task Force, William Ortiz and Polly Spain

October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM via Zoom

*\*\* Meeting minutes will be forthcoming\*\**

# YOUTH, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Courtney Clark Metakis and Blanche Lawton, Co-Chairpersons

October 27, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom

The entire meeting can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6q4wZdPMY38>

**Present:** Courtney Clark Metakis and Blanche Lawton, Co-Chairs; Kristen Berger, Mark Diller, Ira Mitchneck and Seema Reddy. **Chair:** Beverly Donohue. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet.

## Discussion of District Schools Enrolling Children of Asylum-Seeking Families

- Guest Speaker Naveed Hasan, CEC3 and PS 145 parent
  - > 100 kids in D3 schools from families of asylum-seekers
  - Many are at PS 145, also 165, 76, 242
  - Advise against donations from the community – requires a lot of volunteer hours. Better: Amazon wishlist
  - A lot of schools ended up in schools that were close to shelters as 1<sup>st</sup> criteria. 2<sup>nd</sup> – both capacity and willingness to take them. Almost all the students ended up at title 1 schools.
  - Good and bad – title 1 have infrastructure.... But already suffering from lack of resources.
  - All of the schools needed afterschool programs so parents could work. Usually Title 1 schools don't have funding or space or both for all the kids. Expansion of 145 afterschool programming needed.
  - Need for laundry facilities
  - Many dual-language programs are under-enrolled, may have to bus lower school kids.
  - Comptroller calculated \$34m, so 9m shortfall. Reallocation after 10/31 comes in January. That's too late. Need sooner – November/ December, not end of January. And need Spanish-speaking mental health professionals ASAP.
  - 145 also hosted Ukrainian refugees, but they were sponsored – so had someone to stay with when they got here vs. shelters

## Discussion of District After School / Summer Programming

- Guest Speaker Alexander Betancourt, Director DYCD
  - DYCD addressing needs of children of asylum-seeking families, too.
  - Currently funded out of DYCD funding 7M – that supports 18 orgs, and 32 contracts.
  - Also, Summer rising – and SYEP – latter largest number of jobs in history of program. Of 100k jobs promised, 90k slots filled.
  - Discussion of planning challenges for Summer Rising, steps taken to help ensure that all parents were aware/had access/ could enroll, including utilizing in-person parent coordinators, pushing back deadline.
  - Heard feedback to give priority to students already enrolled in schools
- Mark Diller: the need for advance planning, is the role of baselining funding year to year vs. negotiating each year as if standalone operation, in order to be able to know what you're planning for, or conversely the capacity you're trying to serve. What is left to council restorations, and what it is we should be advocating for in terms of budget.
- AB: absolutely related, got baselining funded for SYEP. Probably face similar challenges this coming fiscal year given the state of the budget and stimulus money, essentially being pulled out of the budget. Already asked to put together a package as other agencies. Advocate community has to continue to be vigilant if we're going to duplicate the scale that was achieved this past year.
- Priority spots for asylum-seeking kids? Guidelines for these programs clearly allow for priority to be given to students who are in transition. ,
- Afterschool: beacon programs should be open and accessible

## Discussion of Resolutions/Letters

- Committee votes to approve resolution on schools/children of asylum-seeking families, 5-0-0
- Decides to do letter on DYCD programming + ensure it's reflected in budget priorities

Meeting concludes: 8:30pm