

# FULL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2023 at 6:30PM

Kenneth C. Griffin Sidewalk Studio at Lincoln Center

Inside David Geffen Hall (Corner of Columbus and 65<sup>th</sup> Street)

This meeting can be viewed in its entirety at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JP\\_SBEqJl0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JP_SBEqJl0)

**Present:** Barbara Adler, Jay Adolf, Murat Akaydin, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Alex Bell, Kristen Berger, Elizabeth Caputo (online), Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller (late), Beverly Donohue, Sheldon Fine, Jami Floyd, Sonia Garcia, Miranda Goodwin-Raab, Audrey Isaacs, Tibita Kaneene, Avi Flatto-Katz, Natasha Kazmi, Daria Kim, Doug Kleiman, William Ortiz, Rhonda Marshall, George Morillo, Klari Neuwelt, William Ortiz, Seema Reddy, Kevin Reevy, Andrew Rigie, Ava Stryker-Robbins, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Benjamin Rosenfield, Roberta Semer, Polly Spain (late), Erana Stennett, Benjamin Wu and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Josh Cohen, Miranda Goodwin-Raab, K Karpen, Blanche Lawton, Ira Mitchnick, George Morillo, Michele Parker, Peter Samton, Ethel Sheffer and Anthony Thomas. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet, Jessie Nieves and Alex Crawford.

## Chair's Report

**Beverly Donohue, Chair, formally began the meeting at 6:35PM** by welcoming everyone back for the fall season.

- Sadly, we lost long-time Board member Robert Espier this summer, who attended our meetings until last spring when his health gave out.
  - Shelly Fine, who knew him well over several years, was asked to speak about him, and spoke of all his accomplishments and contributions to our neighborhood.
- Kevin Corte has moved out of the district, and thus has left the Board. His land use expertise will be missed.
- The Chair called on Ken Coughlin to tell everyone about a positive outcome to a resolution we passed in 2021.
  - Ken announced that the City is starting a database to record street secondary names, named after people, as well as playgrounds and parks named after people. It will be in DORIS (Dept. of Records and Information Services). [For a full discussion Ken gave on this, go to our YouTube: 04:13:00]
- We start this season under the NYS Open Meetings Law requirements to hold hybrid meetings or fully in person meetings. We have opted, by a resolution passed a year ago, to hold hybrid meetings. Here's what that means:
  - We must have a quorum in person to transact business at Board and Committee meetings.
  - Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, at 4PM, the bylaws task force, now headed by Jay Adolf, will meet to incorporate changes to our bylaws to bring them into conformity with the new requirements. The changes they approve will be voted on by the Full Board at our October meeting and, if approved, will set the requirements for us to follow thereafter.
  - For the month of September, Individual Board members who cannot attend a committee meeting, due to extraordinary circumstances consistent with the law, may email the Chair and the CB7 office, requesting a waiver to attend remotely as voting members. If such a waiver is granted, members may vote on items but will not be counted towards quorum.
  - Members of the public may continue to attend on Zoom or in person at the announced meeting sites. In some instances, we may need to limit public in-person attendance based on the size of the room.
  - Max, in his District Manager's report, will discuss preparations for hosting committee meetings in the CB7 office and Full Board meetings at other venues in the district.
- Other notable Board events this month:
  - On September 13, a joint meeting of the Transportation and BCI Committees will discuss issues relating to the regulations for outdoor dining under development by the Department of Transportation. The meeting is likely to attract a fair amount of public interest.
  - The Steering Committee, on September 19<sup>th</sup>, will include a presentation and vote on the proposed Board Budget Priorities for FY2025.

## District Manager's Report: Max Vandervliet made the following remarks:

- Welcomed everyone and discussed that the executive committee made a recommendation to strongly recommend masking, as Covid is once-again spiking.
- Open Meetings Law (OML) requirements: Full board meetings will be rotating between Lincoln Center and St. Paul & St. Andrew, due to budget constraints. The board office is working on the seating configuration and lighting, to improve conditions over our last meeting there.
- The board office has reached out to block associations, asking one rep from each group to attend a discussion with CB7 office staff. First meeting September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

- Committee meetings will take place at the Board Office; capacity may be limited due to Covid increases. The meetings will be open to the public on Zoom. We are continuing work with tech consultant Mark Moss to ensure hybrid meetings work well.
- We will continue using digital voting sheets.

**Approval of Minutes:** Minutes from the last Full Board meeting of May 2, 2023 were approved. Andrew Albert said two names were spelled incorrectly [This has since been corrected.]

**VOTE: 34-0-2-0.**

**Andrew Albert announced the names of the board members who were nominated for executive office.** The vote will be in October and the nominees have 10 days to submit their information. Nominations include:

<b>Chair:</b>	Beverly Donohue
<b>Vice Chair:</b>	Doug Kleiman Susan Schwartz (declined) William Ortiz (declined)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Seema Reddy
<b>Co-Secretary:</b>	Barbara Adler Alex Bell Linda Alexander (declined)

Candidates have ten days to submit short remarks about themselves to the board office, which will be distributed. A vote takes place in October, and the officers begin their term in November.

**Community Session:** *(Please refer to our YouTube starting at 25:56:00 for individual and complete remarks).*

- **Arnold Gore** asked the board for a resolution to oppose NYC Link kiosks. He said there are two bills in congress, comprising HR3551 and HRE4171
- **Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal** discussed the session ending in June in which the working group suggested revising and extending 421A and the creation of affordable housing plans. The legislature tried to make the plans local, but the governor objected. Shred Day will be Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10-2PM in front of her office.
- **Councilmember Gale Brewer** announced 500 migrants on West 70<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Streets will be moving to Randall's Island and will be replaced by families. Airbnb regs go into effect today city-wide; will be meeting/talking to stakeholders re bike issues.
- **Sue Peters** spoke against the 5G towers.
- **Nicole Paynter** from the Columbus Avenue BID announced that Open Streets are back through Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Erik Cuello**, from Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine's office gave an update.
- **Kyle Athayde**, from Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, discussed this past summer and the hundreds of outdoor events that were held.
- **Milo Gringlas**, from Councilmember Abreu's office gave an update.
- **State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal**: spoke re shortening the timeframe for Madison Square Garden to stay where they are, in order to get a new Penn Station sooner than later.
- **Emma Johnson**, from Assembly Member Simone's office gave an update.
- **Mackey Bentley** from Assembly Member O'Donnell's office gave an update.
- **Hannah Weinerman** from Congressman Nadler's office gave an update.
- **Julia Maenza** from District Attorney Bragg's office gave an update.
- **Peter Arndsten** from the Columbus Amsterdam Business Improvement District announced that their Open Streets will continue through November on Amsterdam Avenue and Columbus Avenue Open Streets will end on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- **Lynn Armstrong**, a resident, spoke re Bloomingdale's neighborhood citizen historian.
- **Betty Lynd**, a resident, spoke regarding ponding on NW corner of Broadway and West 87<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Business Session** (began at 1:39:36 into the meeting for YouTube viewing)

**Preservation Committee, K Karpen and Madge Rosenberg, co-chairpersons**

**Resolution Re: 230 Riverside Drive, Apartment 6K (West 95<sup>th</sup> - 96<sup>th</sup> Streets). Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness for window replacement.**

This resolution is based on the following facts:

- The subject building is an 18-story plus basement and penthouse apartment building constructed ca. 1930-31 in the Medieval Revival style by architect Charles H. Lench. It is included in the Riverside Drive – West End Historic District Extension II. The front façade is composed of brick and stone with stone and terra cotta decorative elements.
- The application seeks to replace the 5 windows solely in apartment 6K in the building (the “Apartment”). The windows are in the primary façade facing West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.
- The original condition on the primary and secondary facades of the building were paired steel casement windows with muntin creating a divided light effect on the panes and the transom above.
- Aside from the 5 original windows still extant in the Apartment, only approximately 4% of the original windows remain on the primary facades of the building – i.e., the 5 windows in the Apartment plus 24 other original windows as compared with 693 windows that were replaced prior to designation.
- The overwhelming majority of the replaced windows now extant on the current façade consist of 1:1 double-hung aluminum windows. The remaining replacement windows include modern replacement paired casements and some single-opening casements.
- The proposal is to replace the original windows with 1:1 double-hung aluminum clad double- glazed modern replacement windows.
- The color of the proposed windows will be deep bronze to approximate the current condition and that of the majority of the other replacement windows in the building.
- The building façade needs to return to uniformity – approving 1:1 double-hung windows is the surest path to uniformity.
- There is no master plan for window replacement in this Building. A master plan is essential to achieve a uniform façade.
- The decorative stone and terra cotta elements are minimally adequate to survive the elimination of the divided light from the façade.
- The proposed replacement windows are minimally appropriate to the character of the Building and the Historic District.

BE IT RESOLVED, THEREFORE, THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan (MCB7) recommends **approval** of the window replacement application. Based on the level of decoration remaining on the primary facades, MCB7 approves the application as presented as minimally appropriate to the character of the Building and the Historic District, with a strong recommendation that the building adopt a master plan for future window replacement.

**VOTE: 37-0-1-0.**

*With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 8:10 PM.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Adler & Linda Alexander  
Co-secretaries

# PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

K. Karpen and Madge Rosenberg, Co-Chairpersons

SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 at 6:30PM | Hybrid Meeting

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYrX-eWAEHM>

**Present:** Madge Rosenberg and K. Karpen, Co-Chairs; Mark Diller (partial); Jay Adolf (Zoom), Klari Neuwelt, Page Cowley and Michele Parker. **Absent:** Peter Samton and George Morillo. **Board Office:** Jessie Nieves.

*The Co-Chairs called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.*

1. **1000 Fifth Avenue, The Metropolitan Museum of Art.** Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a certificate of appropriateness for the installation of permanent display screens in the Great Hall.

Brett Gaillard, the Head of Capital Planning at the museum, presented, remotely on Zoom. She was later joined by Nora Yahye, Head of Government Affairs, also remotely on Zoom.

The Great Hall (and some adjacent space in the museum) has been an Interior Landmark since its designation in 1970. There have been four digital display screens (two each at the north and south ends of the Great Hall) for 18 months, pursuant to a temporary permit from the LPC. The proposal is to slightly modify the screens and make them permanent. Each of the four screens would have three sections, and they would present information to museum visitors to help them plan and navigate their museum visits. The permanent screens would be slightly smaller than the temporary ones, and they would be mounted closer to the salmon-colored plaster walls at the north and south alcoves. The installation would be reversible.

After discussion, the committee voted in favor of a proposed resolution to approve the application as presented. The applicant anticipates a hearing at LPC in mid-October. Committee members: 6-1-0-0.

The committee then had a discussion of digital displays in museums.

2. New business.

Finally, the committee discussed the possibility, if its members supported the idea, of requiring that applicants present to the committee in person, now that the committee itself is meeting again in person. Mark Diller, a committee member who is also the District Manager of CB2/ Manhattan, reported that he had investigated that issue through the Borough President's office. He learned that if community boards have any remote attendance option, they can't require presenters to appear in person. It was suggested that the Co-Chairs investigate with CB7 staff member Jessie Nieves amending the information that we provide to applicants to strongly encourage them to appear in person.

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.*

Minutes by Klari Neuwelt

# PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Natasha Kazmi and Susan Schwartz, Co-Chairpersons

September 18, 2023 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FQSR6ga-Alw>

**Present:** Natasha Kazmi and Susan Schwartz, Co-Chairs; Barbara Adler, Murat Akaydin, Elizabeth Caputo, Avi Flatto-Katz and Daria Kim. **Absent:** Erana Stennett (Zoom).

## 1. Reconstruction of the concession and addition of pergola structure at Mineral Springs in Central Park, presented by Jason Gould and Richard H. Lewis or Richard Lewis Architects, Joy Gutierrez and Anthony Macari from the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR").

Application for a new pergola structure to allow indoor and the outdoor dining year-round at Mineral Springs in Central Park, southwest portion of the Park, near Sheep Meadows, operated Le Pain Quotidien ("LPQ").

Applicant will maintain current footprint and seating, reconfiguring their own space to create a patio and garden area. Maintaining the current number of tables. Five pergola structures to be installed with motorized retractable louvered ceiling and screens that will open and close depending on the weather. Heating system will be mounted on the interior beams. Bird marks will be added to prevent birds from hitting the glass portions of the building.

Construction Timeline - less than two weeks to erect the pergolas. Site work will take a bit longer, six weeks in total to complete the project. Preference is to conduct the work in February and March 2024, the low season, and to renovate the interior of the existing building.

Project Costs - final cost not clear as the project has not been put out for BID. LPQ is obligated to spend a minimum of \$1.6 million dollar to renovate the building. No additional signage will be added. LPQ has a 15-year concession agreement with DPR.

Questions concerning private events, public access. According to DPR officials, private events will continue to be permitted on a limited basis. While Mineral Springs will be open year-round, there are no plans to significantly increase the number of private events. The plan is to keep the building open to the public as often as possible. Ample notice to be given when the building is closed for private events.

Resolution to approved with limitations on the number of private events, footprint unchanged, protection for birds, public egress, including for pets.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0.*

## 2. Presentation of the reconstruction of the Delacorte Theater and Great Hill Public Restrooms. Presented by Central Park Conservancy Sandy Huber (SVP, Capital Projects), Diane Kestenbaum (VP Program Management), and Nick Kostas (VP for Design).

- a. **Reconstruction of the Delacorte Theater Restroom** – pathway outside will be made ADA-accessible via the installation of ramps and handrails. The building will undergo a full restoration and renovation. All windows and doors will be replaced with historic features, the building façade will be cleaned and pointed, missing architectural elements as well as light fixtures will be replaced, post and lanterns will be cleaned and light fixtures lost overtime will be reconstructed. All interior fixtures will be removed. Increasing the fixtures by eight in the women's restroom, adding baby changing stations in women and men's rooms.

- Schedule - bidding the project winter 2023 aligning with the Delacorte reconstruction. Restroom reconstruction will take about one year.

- b. **Reconstruction of the Great Hill Public Restroom** - create an accessible route to the Great Hill and restroom, including site work around the restroom and restoration of the building, creating accessible paths from the west drive, simple regrading to achieve accessibility, adding landing ramps and handrails. Around the restroom, replacing blocks with accessible blocks and regrading. Brick replacement, including windows and doors, removing cinder block and restoring original historic window design, and drinking foundation. Interior scope - adding accessible stalls in both with baby changing table and maintain storage utility space.

Schedule - out to bid winter 2023, nine-month construction timeline. Use of port-a-sans during concert season.

Plans to operate the restroom year-round. Concern expressed about security and use of the facility for illicit behavior in the winter months when less people visit the area. CPC team will discuss the issue with their operations team

Project Costs - Delacorte Theater - \$10 million/ roughly (DPR funded and private funding) Great Hill - \$1 million (NY Dormitory Authority, DRP and CPC funded)

A single resolution to approve these two projects was passed. *Committee: 7-0-0-0.*

**3. Reconstruction of blue stones stairs in Riverside Park and West 105 Street Staircase presented by - Margaret Bracken, Wes Hamilton, Sybil Young from DPR.**

- a. **Reconstruction of the bluestone stairs in Riverside Park at West 91st** - work to include in-kind replacement of the bluestone risers and pavement at the existing stairs connecting the pedestrian walkway at West 91<sup>st</sup> Street with the Hudson River waterfront, 1930 bluestone riser to be replaced with thermal bluestone risers, and bluestone pavers to be replaced with natural cleft pavers, repair concrete cheek wall, install wrought iron fence, add a small landing and riser to raise the grade level. Not impacting or engaging tunnel. Will salvage materials for future projects.

Resolution to approve the work 7-0-0-0

- b. **Reconstruction of West 105th Street Staircase**

West 105th Street staircase - plans to restore the steps with matching materials, guard and handrails to match 102<sup>nd</sup> Street handrail. DPR was asked to investigate replicating the ornate bronze handrail along the cheek wall. Cost of the bronze guardrail is \$1 million. Due to costs, DPR developed a new solution, removing plans for the center handrail, installing a handrail on the westside and eastside, but not the cheek wall, in case the funding to for a bronze guardrail is found. Project cost: \$125k.

The committee reaffirmed the previous resolution passed by the Community Board in February 2023 in support of the design without a bronze guardrail. *Committee Vote: 6-1-0-0*

**4. Dironda Rodriques of the Central Park Precinct's Community Affairs did not attend the meeting.**

- **Her item was postponed.**

**5. New Business** – Erana ask the co-chairs to invite a representative from DPR Concession to explain the proliferation of food carts remaining around the Central Park West after operating hours creating a de facto permanent structure around the national historic landmark.

Matt Genrich (DPR) announced movie night playground 89, and Family Fun Day at Frederick Douglass Playground.



# STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Beverly Donohue, Chair

September 19, 2023 at 6:30PM | Hybrid

The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4lhBNur4Vw0>

**Present:** Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Kristen Berger, Joshua Cohen, Beverly Donohue, Sheldon Fine, Sonia Garcia, K Karpen, Doug Kleiman, William Ortiz, Seema Reddy, Madge Rosenberg, Susan Schwartz, Roberta Semer. **Non-committee Members Present:** Jami Floyd. **Board Office:** Maxwell Vandervliet and Jessie Nieves. **Absent:** Jay Adolf, Louisa Craddock, Mark Diller, Tibita Kaneene, Natasha Kazmi, Anthony Thomas, Benjamin Wu.

The Chair of the Board, Beverly Donohue, began the meeting promptly at 6:30PM, and welcomed everyone back to the first Steering meeting in the office since Covid, in 2020.

## 1. Chair Update:

- A letter was sent to everyone explaining the concept behind the idea to disband the Public Safety Committee. There will be a vote on this tonight by Steering, which is not required to go to Full Board.
- All committee meetings will be held at the office. Full Board will be held at different neighborhood venues.
- The Open Meetings Law (OML) permits board members to request waivers to attend remotely. If granted, they may vote and comment, but not count for quorum. If not granted, members may still participate and comment, but not vote.
- OML specifies the applicable reasons for granting a waiver: *"Members of the public body shall be physically present at such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances...including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member's physical attendance at such meeting."* **Unexpected** and **extraordinary** are key words here: A prior personal commitment does not qualify unless one of those two words can accurately describe the reason.
- For the month of September only, our current Bylaws allow only the chair to grant waivers to attend committee meetings remotely. However, the Bylaws Task Force met this month, and approved a resolution, to be voted on at October Full Board, that will assign committee co-chairs the responsibility of granting waivers for their committee meetings. If the resolution passes, starting with October, members should request waivers from their committee co-chairs. However, the Chair would continue to approve waiver requests for Full Board and Steering.
- There is a separate provision in the law for Board members who have a disability. The changes voted by the Bylaws Task Force will also address that circumstance.
- Lastly, the Bylaws Task Force also approved a change to Steering Committee meetings requiring attendance from only one co-chair for each committee. This will also be voted on at the October Full Board meeting.

## 2. District Manager Update: Max Vandervliet reported on the following:

- Our next Full Board meeting in October will be held at The Church of St. Paul & St. Andrew. The lighting and seating configurations have been reworked to hopefully improve the audio and visuals in the space.
- The Board will hold a Happy Hour in October, either on the 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- The Board office held their first Community Advisory Board (CAB) to hear issues from heads of block associations, and other neighborhood group heads. The meeting was well-attended by about 20 people.

## 3. Committee Reports:

- Housing (no one present to report)
- Transportation joint with BCI (Business & Consumer Interests): A letter is being sent to DOT, signed by the Chair and the two co-chairs of these committees, regarding concerns about the upcoming regulations for sidewalk cafes and outdoor sheds.
- BCI: Will bring one resolution to Full Board.
- Land Use: Will bring two resolutions to Full Board including a complex one *re* 36 West 66<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Preservation: One Resolution *re* an interior landmark.
- Youth Education & Libraries (YEL): No resolutions this month

- Parks and Environment: 3 resolutions (Le Pain Quotidien, Central Park; steps in Riverside Park at 91<sup>st</sup> St.; Comfort Stations Central Park.
- Health & Human Services (HHS): No resolutions this month.
- Budget & Strategy: No resolutions. Roberta Semer discussed how Budget priorities are being handled differently this year.
- Senior Task Force: A Forum was held in July that had 11 groups represented. Very successful. Congratulations to Roberta Semer who put this all together.

**4. Public Safety Restructuring Discussion:** The Chair announced that Doug Kleiman will begin the process of coordinating precincts, transit, Build-a Block-meetings, and other groups engaged in safety, and will give a report to Full Board on findings. Others, including the two co-chairs from the former Public Safety Task Committee will participate. A vote was taken to approve this change:

**Committee VOTE: 16-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 0-1-0-0.**

**5. Old Business:** The chair discussed rationale behind the letter addressing upcoming Dining Out NYC regulations. The letter, which was developed in a joint session with BCI and Transportation committees, will be sent to DOT to have a record of CB7's previous protocols and those the committees hope will be included in the upcoming regulations on curbside and sidewalk dining, anticipated to be sent in late September. The committees agreed that a letter was the best way to make our thoughts known to DOT prior to that time. We expect to have just a 30-day review process, though we've asked for more. For more information or to review the letter, please click here: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lqfn-hl-VHHkVye1bLV42qMd\\_UXeb98WOXmwiViCzGo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lqfn-hl-VHHkVye1bLV42qMd_UXeb98WOXmwiViCzGo/edit?usp=sharing)

#### **6. New Business**

- For a future meeting, Chair Beverly Donohue would like to discuss ways to improve the voting and attendance processes.
- Richard Asche would like to discuss letter-writing by committee looked at as a policy.

With no further business, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn at 7:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Adler & Linda Alexander, *co-secretaries*



# YOUTH, EDUCATION & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Kristen Berger, Chairperson**

**September 21, 2023 at 6:30 PM**

*The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6w6El0mQrDk&t=670s>*

**Present:** Kristen Berger, Chair; Alex Bell, Blanche Lawton, Ira Mitchneck, Kevin Reevey, Avi Flatto-Katz, Ava Stryker-Robbins, Daria Kim and Seema Reddy. **Chair:** Beverly Donohue. **Absent:** Audrey Isaacs and Michele Parker.

*The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.*

Chair Berger Welcomed the new committee members.

- Committee members did a round of introductions

We looked at the 2023-2024 Calendar

- The committee unanimously agreed to CANCEL the December YEL Committee meeting as it is too close to the holidays.

## **TOPIC: New Arrivals in CB7 schools**

Naveed Hassan (Panel for Education Policy member, D3 Open Arms member) spoke with the committee, providing data and having back and forth discussions with committee members.

NOTE: CB 7 passed a resolution in October 2022, "Responding to Ongoing Needs of District Schools Enrolling Students from Families of Asylum-Seekers"

Most data is for Community School District 3 rather than simply the CB 7 boarders, CSD 3 refers primarily to PreK- 8th grade, as most High Schools and D75 Special Education schools are under the jurisdiction of different District Superintendents

- New Asylum seekers began arriving in NYC public schools in large numbers a year ago (Fall 2022)
- Citywide, roughly 22,000 new students have arrived since July 2022, and approximately 1,000 more arrived over July and August 2023. Citywide, 608 schools (⅓ of all Public Schools) added asylum seeking students over the summer
- In CSD 3 there were approximately 1,100 new arrivals over the 2022-23 school year, with approximately 200 more new arrivals added over this past summer (July & August 2023)
- All elementary schools in D3 have added some new arrivals to their school rosters. Initially, new arrivals were placed in the schools closest to their temporary housing and in schools that already had some language supports already in the school (Dual Language, English as a New Language) For example, PS 145 received 120 new families within 15 months. As demand increased, students were placed in a wider range of schools.

Blanche Lawton: What about arrivals who need support in languages other than Spanish?

NH: There is little staff available in the schools in other languages, but there is demand in French, Russian, and Portuguese. PS 145 has a dual-language Russian Program

Ira Mitchnick: Points out challenges of various forms of Spanish.

Daria Kim asked about how projected budget cuts will affect schools and be impacted.

NH: Notes that most of these are in the form of PEGS (Program to Eliminate the Gap) and points out that elected officials can be asked to ensure that there are not PEGS for the Education budget

Additional Funding for New Arrivals: Last academic year schools were given an additional \$2,000/ student when they added 5 or more new arrivals. This was provided under SAM 65 (School Allocation Memorandum), Project Open Arms. This funding has not been guaranteed for the current school year. One of the challenges with that funding is that it is not upfront in the school budget, so principals cannot use it to hire full-time positions, and it was earmarked as Other Than Personnel Service (OTPS). In practice, this means most support was hired either per diem or per session.

NYSED and DOE use the October 31 enrollment snapshot as a base for school funding, one idea is to ask for greater flexibility on the snapshot date.

Cohesion of services: Discussion on how support is not always predicted or provided in a timely manner. Locally, some of the organizations working to assist new arrival families include: D3 Open Arms, Project Russo, and Tomorrow is Another Day. Many school communities have come together to work to support new students on an ad hoc basis.

Daria Kim: What are the greatest shortfalls for schools?

NH: The greatest need is for additional counseling and social work. Most children are arriving with very serious trauma. A specific need is that there are not currently any psychiatric services available to students in Portuguese.

In conclusion, YEL will develop a resolution to request that the city:

- Create an Office of Student Resettlement- To provide cohesion and support for students and families, this can run similarly to the current DOE Office for Students in Foster Care.
- Demand additional funding to come with new arrivals in the school through the expansion of Project Open Arms (SAM65)
- Provide additional funding for mental health issues for students in public schools. There should be a greater DOE line item for mental health support for students that would ensure appropriate therapists and social workers for children in need.

*The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.*

# HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Sheldon Fine & Sonia Garcia, Co-Chairpersons**

**September 26, 2023 at 6:30pm via Hybrid**

*The Meeting can be viewed in its entirety on [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5N3gqUPO\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I5N3gqUPO_s)*

**Present:** Sheldon Fine and Sonia Garcia, Co-Chairs; Ken Coughlin, Jami Floyd, Audrey Isaacs, Williams Ortiz, and Ava Stryker-Robbins. **Absent:** Ben Rosenfield. **Board Office:** Alexandra Crawford.

Co-Chair Shelly Fine asked each of the committee members to introduce themselves. Next, he gave an overview of the topic of Lung Cancer Screening. Then he introduced the presenters, Naya Haddah and Medha Maga of the American Lung Cancer Screening Initiative.

The slide presentation began with the following information and analysis:

- Lung Cancer is the second most common type of cancer in the United States.
- Every year over 235,000 Americans are diagnosed with lung cancer.
- 6% of people will develop lung cancer in the United States: 1 in 15 Males; 1 in 17 Females.
- Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer-related death in the U.S.
- It causes more deaths every year than breast, colon and prostate cancer combined.
- Nearly 50% of lung cancers are diagnosed at a distant stage, when the five-year survival rate is only 6.7%.
- The symptoms of Lung Cancer include chronic cough, coughing up blood, chest pain, hoarseness, loss of appetite, fatigue, persistent lower respiratory infection, unexplained weight loss, new onset of wheezing, and shortness of breath.

Next, we focused on the U.S National Lung Screening Trial (NLST)

- Participants who received screening with a Low Dose CT (LDCT) scan had a 20% lower risk of dying from lung cancer than participants who received chest x-rays.
- Low Dose CT caught the most lung cancer at an early stage.

Guidelines for Who Should be Screened:

- USPSTF-Lung Cancer Screening Guidelines for who should get screening says Age 50-80. With a 20—year pack history and current smokers or have quit within the past 15 years.
- Pack-Year: A way to calculate the number of cigarettes that you smoke in a period.
- One Pack-Year is the same as smoking one pack per day for a year.

Talking to your Provider:

- Ask about lung cancer screening.
- Be prepared to tell your pack-year – your smoking history and determine if you should be screened for lung cancer.

Additional Risk Factors for Developing Lung Cancer

- Exposure to secondhand smoke
- Exposure to Radon
- Family History
- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Radiation Therapy to the Lungs
- Exposure to asbestos and carcinogens

Radon:

- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer.
- You can't see or smell radon.
- Testing is the only way to know your level of exposure.
- Radon can have a big impact on your indoor air quality.

Lung Cancer in People Who Have Never Smoke:

- A “never smoker” is an adult who has either never smoked or smoked less than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime.

Finally, the presenters, Naya Haddah and Medha Maga, entertained questions, and comments from the committee members.

***\*\* Please note, meeting minutes will be forthcoming. \*\****

## **HOUSING COMMITTEE**

Louisa Craddock and Tibita Kaneene, Co-Chairpersons  
September 11, 2023 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

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## **BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE**

Josh Cohen and Benjamin Wu, Co-Chairpersons

***Joint with* TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Andrew Albert and Mark Diller, Co-Chairpersons  
September 13, 2023 at 6:30 PM via ZOOM

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## **LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Richard Asche, Chair

September 20, 2023 at 6:30 PM via Zoom

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