

December 2005 Resolutions

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Full Board Vote: 39 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 248 West 80th Street, d/b/a New York Sports Club (Broadway-West End Avenue).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #169-93-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Fredrick Becker, LLP for the New York Sports Club to allow the continued operation of a physical culture establishment at 248 West 80th Street.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Full Board Vote: 30 In favor 3 Against 4 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Secondary naming of West 66th Street and Columbus Avenue.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request to the NYC Council for the secondary naming of the north side of West 66th Street at Columbus Avenue and Central Park West in memory of Peter Jennings.

Committees of Origin: Parks & Preservation and Transportation

Full Board Vote: 36 In favor 2 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Naming the greenway at Amsterdam Avenue and West 110th Street.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request by Dominican Sunday to name the greenway at Amsterdam Avenue and West 110th Street in honor of Minerva Bernardino, the first ambassador to the US from the Dominican Republic.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 1 Against 5 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 346 West 89th Street, Yeshiva Ketana of Manhattan (Riverside Drive.)

WHEREAS, the proposed restoration of the marble wall at Riverside Drive is designed to prevent further damage and restores an important element of the property; and

WHEREAS, the proposed plan to install sections of artificial turf in the front yard, to be surrounded by an iron 3' fence and shielded by plantings, is a reasonable and appropriate solution to the problems caused by heavy use of the area as a play area for the Yeshiva's schoolchildren; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to present its planting design to the Committee, and has committed to using reasonably mature plants in an effort to mitigate the visual impact from public ways of the artificial turf and surrounding fence;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #060454 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by Yeshiva Ketana to restore the marble wall and to install artificial turf surrounded by an iron fence, to be shielded by new plantings, at 346 West 89th Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan commends the Yeshiva for its recent dialog with the surrounding community about the impact of its using the exterior of its landmark property as a play area, and encourages the Yeshiva to minimize the visual and other impacts of any play equipment that it may use in its yard.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: Rumsey Summer Stage Support Building.

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #062517 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by the City Parks Foundation to renovate and construct an addition to the Summer Stage building in Central Park.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 275 Central Park West (West 87th-88th Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the design for the replacement windows is a casement style that is appropriate to the original design and further allows for the installation of window air conditioning units in each room; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to use the proposed casement design on the wraparound section off of West 88th Street parallel to the CPW facade, in addition to the Central Park West façade and the West 88th Street façade; and

WHEREAS, the remaining rear façade, for which double-hung windows is proposed, is only minimally visible from the street;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a master plan for replacement of windows.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 473 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a Scharffen Berger Chocolate Maker (West 82nd-83rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to reduce the width of the proposed awning so that it does not extend beyond the width of the store windows, and does not extend to cover any of the adjacent masonry; and

WHEREAS, the design and colors of the proposed awning are appropriate;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission by Scharffen Berger Chocolates to install an awning at 473 Amsterdam Avenue.

Committee: 6-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: "Art of Trees/2005", a public art exhibition in which contemporary artists

"decorate" trees during the month of December.

Full Board Vote: 35 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application to the Department of Parks and Recreation for the installation of a Moebius strip artwork in Dante Park for approximately one month.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Transportation Committee

Secondary naming of West 65th Street in honor of the American Red Cross.

The resolution was not adopted. No action taken.

Full Board Vote: 10 In favor 25 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the modification of previous approval of secondary naming of West 65th Street in honor of the American Red Cross.

Committee of Origin: Transportation

2290 Broadway (West 85th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 7 Against 3 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan in November 2002 disapproved (20-9-0-0) the original application by Westside Deli Inc., d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen at 2290 Broadway (West 82nd – 83rd Streets), for an enclosed sidewalk cafe; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has the same concerns now about an enclosed sidewalk cafe at this location that it did then, namely:

- The enclosed cafe greatly obstructs pedestrian flow at this location and makes walking uncomfortable on this bustling West Side block
- The enclosed cafe structure breaks with the building line along Broadway and permanently obstructs open north and south views of Broadway for all pedestrians walking in this area
- Besides being an inappropriate location for a permanent structure, the enclosed cafe was originally disapproved by this board for the size of its planned footprint which exceeded even the maximum 9 foot depth along Broadway this board approves for unenclosed cafes which interfere considerably less with the vista;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the renewal application DCA# 1119642 / ULURP#N05332 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Westside Deli Inc., d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen at 2290 Broadway (West 82nd – 83rd Streets) for a two-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 26 tables and 54 seats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the Department of Consumer Affairs to take whatever action is necessary and appropriate to have the cafe structure physically removed as soon as possible, pursuant to this disapproval.

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 311 and sidewalk complaints.

Full Board Vote: 39 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the 311 phone system has been a resounding success with the public in lodging many different kinds of complaints to various city agencies; and

WHEREAS, a large number of people have used the 311 system to report sidewalk and street violations and unsafe conditions; and

WHEREAS, the public doesn't have on-the-spot access to building ownership, and in most cases wouldn't take the time and trouble to contact the owners of buildings whose sidewalks have violations; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has removed the ability to lodge sidewalk complaints with the 311 system;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan demands that D.O.T. immediately restore the sidewalk violation complaint notification to the 311 city-wide complaint system.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.