

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: Manhattan Borough President's Office on the establishment of a Civic Channel TV (CCTV).

Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the Manhattan Borough President's resolution for the establishment of a Civic Channel TV (CCTV), as follows.

WHEREAS, in September, 2006, the New York City Council unanimously passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor's Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications to start re-negotiations with telecommunications companies for the granting of telecommunications franchises to provide cable television services in the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Time Warner, Verizon, Cablevision, and RCN are seeking new or renewal franchise agreements with the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, public access cablecast channels have long established themselves in local communities nationwide as critical forums for free speech, the development of a marketplace of ideas, and the exercise of residents' First Amendment rights; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Resolution requests that the City of New York require cable companies to provide the capacity and support for Public, Educational and Government (PEG) government access; and

WHEREAS, the Manhattan Neighborhood Network (MNN) is the non-profit organization that administers currently four public access cable channels in Manhattan as part of the City of New York's Public, Educational and Government (PEG) channels; and

WHEREAS, for the last fifteen years, MNN has been providing the residents of Manhattan with video training, television production, equipment, studio facilities, resources for not for profit organizations, youth outreach, and free access to cablecast channels reaching more than half a million subscribers; and

WHEREAS, in a telephone survey conducted by MNN, almost 70 percent of all respondents said it was "important" or "very important" to have local cable television channels that feature programs about Manhattan organizations, residents, ethnic groups, youth seniors, and others, and 100 percent of all respondents from a series of thirteen focus groups felt it was either "very important" (85 percent) or "important" (15 percent) to have noncommercial cable channels that feature programs about Manhattan residents, organizations, community events and issues; and

WHEREAS, democracy is strongest when its citizens can engage in the full and free exchange of information and ideas; and

WHEREAS, critical communication channels between Manhattan residents, local government, and civic leaders must be made open and accessible in order to provide greater opportunity for Manhattanites and all New Yorkers to discuss and debate key issues that affect their communities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to partner the new digital technologies with the processes of local democracy and civic engagement in the Borough of Manhattan and throughout the City of New York; and

WHEREAS, such a partnership will use the transformative power of technology and innovation to provide residents with greater engagement in, and knowledge of, local government deliberations and decision-making, and will connect borough residents with each other and with their political and civic leaders in a collective effort to help identify and solve the problems that face Manhattan; now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Manhattan Borough Board recognizes and applauds the fine work of Manhattan Neighborhood Network in providing public access to new media

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skills and services for the last fifteen years, and recognizes the urgent community needs across the Borough for the continued growth and expansion of MNN's multimedia services, the needs to strengthen and deepen media training, support and access for young people, and the need to provide greater access for residents to local government and civic leaders; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Manhattan Borough Board supports the establishment of a professional-quality cablecast channel, "Civic Channel TV," to increase public access to the day-to-day workings of local civic processes and institutions, including the broadcasting of community board meetings, public hearings, public policy fora, issue debates and community events with both live and archived television and internet broadcasts. The channel will also broadcast neighborhood profiles, civil leadership training sessions, educational and historic documentaries about Manhattan and the City of New York, significant community events and round-table discussions featuring journalists, academics, community leaders, and prominent public figures and others; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Manhattan Borough Board urges the New York City Franchise and Concession Review Committee and the Mayor of the City of New York to ensure increased capital, operating, technology and bandwidth support for Public Access channels and services in the upcoming franchise agreements, and to support the establishment of additional channels, including a new civic channel to be operated by the Manhattan Neighborhood Network.
Committee: 5-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 442 Amsterdam Avenue (West 81st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 0953744 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 442 Amsterdam Restaurant Corp., d/b/a Gin Mill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 14 seats.

Committee: 4-1-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

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Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 474 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd Street.)

Full Board Vote: 25 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 2 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1199934 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ark 474, Corp., d/b/a Columbus Bakery, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

Committee: 4-1-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 2340 Broadway (West 85th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 3 Against 1 Abstention 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1000314 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Broadway Desserts, LTD., d/b/a French Roast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 48 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 584 Columbus Avenue (West 88th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 0851262 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by New Bella Luna, Inc., d/b/a Bella Luna Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 13 tables and 25 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

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Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 2450 Broadway (West 90th - 91st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 0940252 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Carmines Broadway Feast, Inc., d/b/a Carmine's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 22 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

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Re: 732 Amsterdam Avenue (West 96th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1138270 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Le-Se Amsterdam 732 Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Dive Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats.

Committee: 3-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 2665 Broadway (West 101st Street.)

Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1189644 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kieffer & Norell, LLC, d/b/a Picnic, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 23 seats.

Committee: 5-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: Restoration of the West 88th Street entry stairs, Riverside Park.

Full Board Vote: 31 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

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

The Parks & Preservation Committee believes that the proposed restoration of the Park steps is appropriate to the Historic Park for the following reasons.

The original bluestone risers, still in good condition, will be reused.

The landings between risers, are not original, are not original, but will be reconstructed and repaired with bluestone.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the restoration of the stairs.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 101 West 81st Street, Apt 717 (Columbus Avenue.)

Full Board Vote: 30 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

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

The Parks & Preservation Committee believes the proposed roof top addition is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the Building and to the Historic District for the following reasons.

The Architect for the project agreed to paint the window frames dark brown in color rather than tan, so they will recede into the building.

The addition is relatively small and will be clad in the same color brick as the building itself.

The French Doors are appropriate to the design and the building.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves the proposed roof top addition with the window frames painted dark brown.**

Committee: 4-0-1-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: February 6, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 159 West 82nd Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenue.)

Full Board Vote: 30 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

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

The façade is being appropriately restored to match the other buildings in the row.

The Committee suggested that the proposed repair of the existing wood entry door, while appropriate, should remain in the natural wood to be consistent with the other doors in the neighboring brownstones and not painted black as proposed.

No position was taken on the windows since they will not be done at this time and we were not provided with enough information.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the restoration of the facades, but **disapproves** the proposal to paint the door black. The Committee takes no position on the windows and told the Applicant to return to the Committee with the completed proposal

Committee: 5-0-0-0.