



RESOLUTION**Date: July 1, 2008****Committee of Origin: Housing****Re: Preserving Human Services for Public Housing Residents.****Full Board Vote: 30 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

In reaching its conclusion below, Community Board 7/Manhattan considered the following, based on a Housing Committee meeting with Lisa Diaz of the New York City Housing Authority and a review of relevant materials:

- The New York City Housing Authority is the City's primary provider of affordable low-income housing – over 180,000 families, 500,000 residents, in 340 developments across the five boroughs. As affordable housing grows ever more scarce, it is essential to protect and strengthen New York City's public housing.
- NYCHA faces a grim outlook with an unsustainable structural deficit totaling \$195 million, resulting from decreased operating subsidies from the Federal Government (\$150 million shortfall in operating subsidies) and the State and City's failure to provide operating subsidies for NYCHA developments the construction of which they funded.
- In addition, police services (\$68 million) are not specifically reimbursed by any government subsidy, and NYCHA is responsible for \$25 million in PILOT (payment in lieu of property tax) payments to the City even though most non-profits receive property tax exemptions.
- NYCHA's funding crisis has jeopardized human services provided to public housing residents. If the City does not act, public housing residents will lose vital senior services, community centers, child care programs and after-school activities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the City to commit funding necessary to sustain current programs for (1) DFTA's senior centers and NORCs, (2) Space for after school and child care programs, and (3) Community Center programming. In addition, CB7 urges the City to convene a federal/state/local task force to address comprehensively NYCHA's persistent structural deficit.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committees of Origin: Transportation and Parks & Preservation

Re: IS44 Green Market.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application by the Council on the Environment to the Street Activity Permit Office to relocate temporarily the IS 44 Green Market to the east side of Columbus Avenue between West 77th and 79th Streets, with an extension to West 81st Street if necessary, on Sundays during reconstruction of the IS44 playground for approximately three months beginning in July.

Committee: 8-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committees of Origin: Transportation, Parks & Preservation and Youth, Education & Libraries

Re: IS44 GreenFlea

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** applications by the IS44 GreenFlea Market to the Department of Parks & Recreation and to the Street Activity Permit Office to relocate temporarily the flea market to the PS87 playing field and to the sidewalk on the west side of Columbus Avenue between West 76th and 77th Streets on Sundays during reconstruction of the IS44 playground on Sundays for approximately three months beginning in July, with the following conditions:

1. The PS87 basketball court users must have adequate alternative locations available to them, and
2. The Columbus Avenue part of the market will not operate on Sunday, September 21, 2008, to allow for the annual Columbus Avenue Festival, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 reserves the right to re-visit the issue of the Greenflea Market should any circumstance change or warrant action.

Joint Committees: 17-2-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Newsstand on Broadway and West 68th Street.

Full Board Vote: 16 In favor 12 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #1286576 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jasmin Parvin to construct and operate a newsstand at the northwest corner of Broadway and West 68th Street.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public Members: 1-2-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 477 Amsterdam Avenue (West 83rd Street.)

Full Board Vote: 27 In favor 2 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 0890575 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 83rd Amsterdam Restaurant, Corp., d/b/a Hi-Life Bar & Grill, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 16 seats.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 1-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Delivery bike registration and licensing.

Full Board Vote: 28 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

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

- Bicyclist injuries have become epidemic on the West Side.
- Bicyclists are often unidentified with company affiliations.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the City Council to adopt registration and licensing for all bicycles used in commercial establishments.

Committee: 8-0-0-0. Public Members: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Bike riding regulations enforcement.

Full Board Vote: 27 In favor 3 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges the Department of Transportation and the NY Police Department to enforce all existing bicycle regulations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT where the City of New York has taken time and expense of installing dedicated bicycle lanes, bicycles must use these lanes, or be subject to fines.

Committee: 8-0-0-0. Public Members: 3-0-0-0.



RESOLUTION**HOLD****Date: July 1, 2008****Committees of Origin: Parks & Preservation and Transportation****Re: 170 Central Park West, New-York Historical Society (West 76th – 77th Street.)****Full Board Vote: 27 In favor 2 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

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

- The applicant has represented to Community Board 7/Manhattan at the joint meeting of its Parks and Preservation Committee and Transportation Committee on June 12, 2008 that the installations for which consent is applied for are identical to design features already approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission or (in the case of the sidewalk lighting), expected by the applicant in good faith to be approved by the LPC in connection with its final “perforation” approval of the applicant’s proposal for façade and other changes.
- This application to the Department of Transportation is based on drawings that include moving the fire hydrant in front of the N-YHS on the Central Park West to the south of its present location, moving the fire hydrant in front of the N-YHS on West 77th Street to the west of its present location and moving the bus stop on Central Park West to the north of its present location, all such changes being necessary to accommodate new exterior stairs at these locations that are deeper than the present stairs will therefore impinge on the respective sidewalks further than the present stairs.
- The N-YHS has submitted to the joint Committees written approval from the Department of Environmental Protection to move the fire hydrants, and has represented that it has the funds available to pay for moving them. However, the N-YHS has also advised that moving the Central Park West hydrant will result in the loss of one parking place, and has not provided clear assurance that moving the West 77th Street hydrant approximately 18 feet further west will not result in the loss of parking place on West 77th Street.
- The N-YHS has stated to the joint Committees that it will not seek to obtain a “no parking” or “no standing” zone in front of its West 77th Street entrance following the moving of the fire hydrant from that location to a location further west, but has not provided such statement in writing.
- The N-YHS has told the joint Committees that its application to the NYCT to move the bus stop is in discussions, but has not yet been approved.
- In its resolution passed at its March 2007 Full Board meeting with regard to the N-YHS’s application to the LPC, Community Board 7 stated as follows:

WHEREAS, the Committee is concerned about the additional encroachment of over one foot eastward onto the narrow Central Park West sidewalk by a substantially widened set of entrance stairs, and is also concerned about the extreme north-south length of the proposed ramp, and is not convinced that a less intrusive and more compact design might not be designed for those features; and ...

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WHEREAS, the Committee believes that the present ramp and stairs at 77th Street, enclosed in a masonry wall, while of quite recent construction, are nevertheless appropriate to the historic building, and questions the utility of removing this functional and appropriate entrance for the sake of gaining very limited same-grade interior space at the 77th Street rotunda area; ...

- While the sidewalk lighting design for the 76th Street, CPW and 77th Street facades was not previously presented to CB7, or to LPC as part of the original or modified application prior to LPC approval of the New-York Historical Society's façade renovation application, the applicant has represented to the joint committees that the lighting fixtures will be flush with the sidewalk and will not present any obstacle to pedestrians or other sidewalk users, and also that the lights will be used only to illuminate the building's facades, and only during limited evening hours.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** the application of the New-York Historical Society to the Department of Transportation for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use modified stoops and ramps, proposed kiosks and lighting, unless and until the applicant provides documentation that the NYCT has approved the change in the bus stop location on Central Park West, and the applicant confirms in writing that it will not seek a "no parking" or "no standing" zone in front of its West 77th Street entrance. *Joint Committees: 16-0-0-0.*

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 140 West 74th Street (Columbus - Amsterdam Avenue.)

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

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

- The proposed awning will echo in shape and material other design elements of these three conjoined historic buildings.
- The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan regrets that the restoration proposal does not include restoring the three missing stoops of these buildings, nor the elimination of the later, inappropriate solid brick wall at or near the front lot line.
- However, the Committee believes that the proposed copper awning is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the buildings and of the Historic District, given the long-standing existing conditions at the building.
- The representative of the applicant who presented at the Committee meeting represented that the only feature of this proposed renovation that is subject to a Certificate of Appropriateness, and therefore subject to CB7 consideration, is the awning. Accordingly, the Committee takes no position on any other design feature of the proposed restoration, but applauds the concept of the proposed restoration of the exterior to the extent being undertaken by the applicant.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed awning at the main entrance at 140 West 74th Street.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 334 West 89th Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.)

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

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

- The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan applauds the applicant for considering the changes that the Committee proposed to the design that it presented to the Committee at its May 2008 meeting; for requesting and obtaining an adjournment of its Certificate of Appropriateness hearing at LPC in order to have time to revise its design and present it in revised form to the Committee at its June 2008 meeting; and for presenting a revised design that is consistent with the Committee's suggestions and is vastly more functional and also more appropriate than the first design presented.
- The Committee believes that, while garbage enclosures such as that applied for were not original features of the row houses in the Historic District, the applicant's design for the garbage bins, with its slanted, ribbed tops, locking front doors, black metal finish and related features, and the proposed adjacent simple iron fence, are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed garbage bins at the front yard of 334 West 89th Street.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: July 1, 2008

Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation

Re: 601 West End Avenue (West 89th Street)

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

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

- The Parks & Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan applauds the applicant for providing for and implementing a master plan for simultaneous installation of identical windows (with limited exceptions) throughout the building.
- While the original windows were 8-over-1, none of those windows remains in place.
- The Parks & Preservation Committee believes that the proposed 1-over 1 windows, with a dark bronze or black exterior finish color, are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the master plan for the replacement of windows at 601 West End Avenue.

Committee Members: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.