

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: 20, 22, 24, 26 and 30 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street, Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue). Revised application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for expansion of the school.**

**Full Board Vote: 29 In favor 6 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

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

The applicant has made repeated informal and formal presentations to the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan over a five-month period. During that time, the applicant considered comments and concerns of residents of neighboring buildings, and of Committee members, and modified its design as originally presented in a manner at least in part responsive to some of the concerns expressed.

While the Committee is very concerned in general about incursions into the rear-yard residential “doughnuts” in Community Board 7’s District, and is particularly concerned about the recent proliferation of applications by schools and other eligible organizations to build full rear-yard extensions as “community facilities” under the Zoning Resolution, and does not want its approval of this application to be considered a precedent with regard to such extensions, the Committee believes that this proposed one-story rear-yard extension is relatively minimally intrusive to the character of the doughnut and to the views, light and air, and quality of life of the neighbors.

The Committee believes that the proposed design is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the buildings and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application, as dated and presented to the Committee on December 10, 2009, for an expansion of the Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School at 20, 22, 24, 26 and 30 West 94<sup>th</sup> Street.

The Board urges the applicant to continue to discuss with the neighbors their concerns, and to respond to them to the extent practicable, and specifically to attempt to place the air handler for the rear-yard addition in a location less intrusive to the neighbors to the east.

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

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**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: 129 West 86th Street, aka Crosby Residence (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Application #086787 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for exterior street façade alteration.**

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

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

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan applauds the applicant for certain restorative work on the front façade, including the proposed restoration of the balcony and window and door surrounds and of the transoms.

The applicant declined the Committee's invitation to postpone its Landmarks Preservation Commission hearing for a month in order to permit it to present revised proposals for certain elements of its design at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Committee in January, 2010. Although the applicant informed the Committee after its presentation to the Committee on December 10, 2009 that it was withdrawing its proposal to install awnings, and that it intended to withdraw its proposal for a terracotta painted solid wood door, and instead to propose a glass door with metal bars, the Committee believes that it can act only with regard to the proposals actually presented to it.

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the proposed restoration of the balcony and window and door surrounds and of the transoms is appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

The Committee further believes that, given that the non-original windows are many-paned casement windows with black muntins, the installation of similar glass and muntins in the transoms is reasonably appropriate.

The Committee believes that the proposed grille for a kitchen vent in the center transom at the third floor and the proposed door (as to both design and paint color) are inappropriate.

The Committee further believes that although it appears that awnings were original to the building, the proposed awnings, in the context of the other façade elements, including windows that are substantially different from the original windows, and at the proposed mounting locations, are inappropriate.

The Committee further believes that the proposed fence, including its gate, while incorporating generally appropriate design elements, is inappropriate because of its height, particularly taking into account that the gate portion of the fence in front of the primary entrance door creates an unbroken seven-foot high fence element.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed restoration of the balcony and window and door surrounds and of the transoms, and **approves** the installation of the proposed many-paned glass and muntins in the transoms, but **disapproves** the proposed grille, door, awnings and fence at 129 West 86<sup>th</sup> Street.**

*Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Parks & Preservation**

**Re: Central Park. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for exterior restoration of Mineral Springs in Central Park.**

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

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

The Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan, believes that the proposed design is reasonably appropriate to the landmark-designated park.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposal by

Pain Quotidien for exterior restoration of the Mineral Springs concession building in Central Park.

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

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Land Use**

**Re: Department of City Planning's Residential Streetscape Preservation Text Amendment.**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed changes in the Text Amendment regarding Residential Streetscape Preservation.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Public member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Youth Education & Libraries**

**Re: Chancellor's Regulation A-812 banning bake sales in public schools**

**Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

This resolution is premised upon the following facts:

The DoE has recently implemented a new Chancellor's Regulation A-812, which effectively bans bake sales using home-baked or store-bought goods from public schools from the start of school through 6 pm, when most afterschool programs have concluded.

Only sales of food provided by an approved DoE vendor may be sold to students or on school premises during the affected hours.

While the proffered basis for the ban is concern for healthy food, the new regulation fails to address the following:

- there are food choices available from approved DoE vendors that would not meet most definitions of healthy food (e.g. Doritos).
- the concern for healthy food does not include ensuring that healthy entrees are available at all lunch periods, with the result that the later lunch periods in many schools offer only stand-bys of pizza, hamburgers and similar fare for those who eat during the later lunch periods, and since classes tend to have the same lunch period every day, the same children are under-served as a matter of routine.

Far less draconian options, such as reminders to children and teachers concerning nuts and other potential allergens, could address the most pressing concerns about food safety.

Bake sales are an important source of supplemental funds for cash-starved schools. Bake sales are routinely used to raise funds for trips, athletic teams, academic clubs, and to meet teacher needs. In an era of increasing austerity, banning bake sales means children will be deprived of important opportunities.

Bake sales are a community-building opportunity for parents and children to come together for a common purpose. They also afford children a chance to learn self-reliance as well as practical application of arithmetic and other skills.

The ban on bake sales will have a disproportionately large impact on schools in poorer neighborhoods. While some schools are able to raise funds from parent initiatives, the schools with limited access to parent fundraising rely to a greater extent on fundraising such as bake sales.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan calls on the Chancellor and the Panel for Educational Policy to rescind Chancellor's Regulation A-812 and return to permitting properly supervised bake sales coordinated with other school activities during normal school and afterschool hours.

*Committee: 4-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 584 Amsterdam Avenue (West 88<sup>th</sup> - 87<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 33 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application DCA# 1247422 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by T.B. 584 Amsterdam Corp, d/b/a Bodrum, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

*Committee: 11-1-1-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Secondary street naming in honor of Sidney H. Morison.**

**Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 8 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request by Jacqueline H. Morison to name secondarily West 9<sup>2nd</sup> Street between Columbus Avenue and Central Park West in honor of Sidney H. Morison, who was the principal at PS 84 (The Lillian Weber School) for twenty-seven years.

*Committee: 8-3-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0. Public Members: 0-4-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: An estimated volume for total number of meter pole bike rack placements between West 67<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets on Amsterdam Avenue and West 67<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets on Columbus Avenue; actual individual block placement recommendations to be made by CB7 at a later date**

**Full Board Vote: 23 In favor 12 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

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

The discussion of retrofitting parking meter poles with bicycle racks has many considerations, including uniformity of the streetscape, as well as specific placement of bike racks.

Some in the community have voiced opposition to a mix of the old-style & the new-style bike racks.

DOT has agreed to survey the area of Amsterdam & Columbus Avenues with CB7 with an eye toward placement of these racks.

DOT has asked CB7 for an approximate number of racks for Columbus & Amsterdam Avenues so they may properly order an adequate amount of racks,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** an average of six racks per block (three per block front), with the understanding that some blocks will not accommodate three, and some may require more than three, depending on street obstructions, merchant objections, and other placement issues, on Amsterdam Avenue between West 67<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets and on Columbus Avenue between 67<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Streets.

*Committee: 9-1-2-0. Board Member: 0-1-0-0. Public Members: 3-2-0-0.*

**Partial Dissent from Community Board 7's Resolution re:  
Bike Racks on Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues from 67<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets  
January 5, 2010**

The New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") has requested the views of Community Board 7 with respect to the installation of bike racks attached to vestigial parking meters along Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues from 67<sup>th</sup> to 86<sup>th</sup> Streets. The professed reason for the request is to enable DOT to order the appropriate number of bike racks. The majority has approved, sight unseen, an average of six bike racks per block, sufficient to accommodate 240 bicycles.

We dissent, but not because we oppose bike racks. To the contrary, we believe that the potential installation of bike racks holds great promise. We differ from the majority, however, in that we believe it is inappropriate for Community Board 7 to fix, even approximately, the number of bike racks which would ultimately be installed, given our present state of knowledge.

We are unaware of any data identifying the number of bikes per block which are currently "parked" on the sidewalks along Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues at any given time. Nor do we know how many of these bikes belong to restaurants which provide delivery service or how many local





residents will simply long-term park their bikes in the racks. Nor do we have any basis for estimating how many additional bike riders (if any) would be attracted to the area if racks are installed. We have no clear idea of how much sidewalk space fully loaded racks will occupy. We do not know what effect, if any, the bike racks (when installed on busy pedestrian sidewalks already interrupted by numerous obstructions) will have on pedestrian traffic.

Rather than jumping in with a preconceived idea of how many bike racks to order, we believe that by far, the sounder planning approach is for DOT, in cooperation with representatives of Community Board 7, the Columbus Avenue BID, and other interested parties to identify five or six "guinea pig" blocks for installing racks. These guinea pig blocks should be monitored for six months before any final decision is made as to installing additional racks. If the experiment is successful, the installation of additional racks need not be limited to Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, but could be installed on Broadway as well.

In summary, we dissent from the "Be it Resolved" portion of the Community Board 7 resolution adopted on January 5, 2010 to the extent that it approves, in advance of receiving any data or an experimental installation "an average of six racks per block." While ultimately this arrangement might prove beneficial, there is simply no way of knowing at this point.

Jay Adolph  
Andrew Albert  
Richard M. Asche  
Miki Fiegel  
Sheldon Fine  
Paulie Fischer  
Blanche Lawton  
Dan Meltzer  
Madge Rosenberg (voted for)  
Ethel Sheffer (did not vote)  
Tom Vitullo-Martin

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**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Newsstand at the Southwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 67<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Full Board Vote: 34 In favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

The applicant did not attend the meeting.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** application #1338241 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Braja K. Singha to construct and operate a newsstand at the Southwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 67<sup>th</sup> Street.

*Committee: 10-1-1-0. Board Member: 0-0-1-0.*

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**Committee of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Newsstand on Columbus Avenue, north of 97<sup>th</sup> Street.**

**Full Board Vote: 19 In favor 13 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

Mr. Shaikh, the applicant, presented revised plans for a smaller newsstand located between the Whole Food entrances on Columbus Avenue, north of 97<sup>th</sup> Street.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #1335521, with the reduced size and new location, to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Altaf L. Shaikh to construct and operate a newsstand on Columbus Avenue, north of West 97<sup>th</sup> Street. *Committee: 8-2-2-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 2398 Broadway (West 88<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Sigma Group Inc / Aged 88 St LLC, d/b/a "To be determined".

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: January 5, 2010**

**Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues**

**Re: 2701 Broadway (West 103<sup>rd</sup> Street.)**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Rym Foods LLC, d/b/a Aangan.

*Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.*