

RESOLUTION

Date: January 7, 2014

Re: Columbus Avenue (West 67th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan withdraws of CB7's resolution re: application #228-13-BZ to the NYC Boards of Standards and Appeals by Herrick Feinstein LLP, on behalf of 45 West 67th Street Development Corporation/Cross Fit NYC, for a permit to operate a physical culture establishment at 157 Columbus Avenue, pending rehearing the application at the Land Use Committee meeting on January 15.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: 964 Amsterdam Avenue (West 107th Street)

Full Board Vote: 0 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the application to the State Liquor Authority for a two-year liquor license by La Piccola Cucina.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the following unenclosed sidewalk café renewal applications:

- **340 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 76th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1413323 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Ale House, Inc., d/b/a Amsterdam Ale House, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats.
- **417 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street.) Renewal application to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Gilli, Inc., d/b/a Gill Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 19 seats.
- **249 Columbus Avenue** (West 71st -72nd Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1103658 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by CMR, Corp., d/b/a Café Ronda, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 19 seats.
- **480 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd – 84th Streets.) Renewal application DCA# 1307588 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 480 Rest Amsterdam, Inc., d/b/a Soldier McGee, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: 267 Columbus Avenue (West 72nd – 73rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board members: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** renewal application DCA# 1072082 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Classic Food, Inc., d/b/a Sido, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: Regulation of the use of ID scanners in New York State.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

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

Instances of identity theft increased from 6.4 to 8.6 million U.S. households during 2005 – 2010.

The machine-readable stripe of an ID card contains sensitive data, including a cardholder's home address, date of birth, height, hair color, eye color, weight, license number and medical history, among others.

76% of identity theft was attributable to the theft of personal identification, wallets and computers as of 2010.

Businesses previously employed ID scanners to verify cardholder identities or card authenticity, some have begun collecting and transmitting cardholder information to third parties for data-mining and marketing purposes, and law enforcement officials are promoting such trends.

The practice of unregulated ID scanning, retention and commercial transmission of cardholder data poses significant privacy risks and makes consumers more vulnerable to identity theft, particularly if the protocols for securing and transmitting such data are not kept current.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan calls on the New York State Assembly, Senate and the Governor to enact appropriate legislation:

- (1) to require business owners employing such ID scanning devices to limit their use to appropriate cases as outlined in Hawaii Senate Resolution §487J, and
- (2) to require business owners to display appropriate signage at the point of sale indicating their use of such ID scanner devices, as well as their retention and transmission policies governing such usage.

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Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: Multi-block street fairs.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the following applications to the Street Activity Permit Office for multi-block street fairs in 2014.

DATE	SPONSOR NAME	LOCATION	PRODUCER	VOTE	
				COMMITTEE	BOARD MEMBER
04/27/14	Veritas, Inc.	Bway, 96-102 E	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
04/27/14	Duke Ellington Blvd. Neighborhood Association	Bway, 102-106 E	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
05/04/14	Broadway Mall Center	Bway, 86-93 E	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
05/11/04	Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center	Col, 66-72	Clearview Festival	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
05/18/14	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Amst, 77-89	WMCC	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-1.
05/25/14	Coalition for a Livable West Side	Bway, 72-82 W	Mort & Ray	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
05/25/14	Safe Haven West Side Basketball League	Bway, 82-86 W	Mort & Ray	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
06/01/14	Project Open at Lincoln Center Towers	Bway, 65-72 W	Mort & Ray	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
06/08/14	WS Federation of Neighborhood & Block Assoc.	Bway, 73-82 E	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
06/08/14	The Broadway Mall Association	Bway, 82-86 E	Mort & Ray	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 2-0-0-0.
07/19/14	Valley Restoration, LDC	Amst, 96-106	Mardi Gras Festival	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 7-0-0-0.
07/27/14	Committee for Environmentally Sound Development	Bway, 60-65E	Clearview Festival	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-0.
08/24/14	Goddard Riverside	Amst, 79-86	Clearview Festival	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-0.
09/21/14	West Manhattan Chamber of Commerce	Col, 68-86	WMCC	C: 7-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-1.
09/28/14	Bloomingdale Area Coalition	Bway, 96-103 W	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-0.
10/19/14	NAACP Mid-Manhattan Branch	Bway, 86-90 W	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-0.
10/19/14	Symphony Space	Bway, 90-96 W	Mort & Ray	C: 8-0-0-0.	BM: 1-0-0-1.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 137 West 77th Street (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear yard expansion, bulkhead addition, and facade modifications, including creating new window openings at the west facade.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0.

- a. Regarding the rear facade and rear yard addition, the following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:
- The west facade will be repaired structurally, re-clad with common brick to match existing. New lot-line windows to be aluminum double-hung, dark gray, with cast stone lintels to match existing brownstone color.
 - The existing fourth floor facade contains three punched window openings, continuing the original facade rhythm of the rowhouses to the east. The proposal is to widen the westernmost opening and to relocate the central punched opening, both disrupting the original facade rhythm.
 - Fourth floor windows and doors to be aluminum double-hung units, dark gray, with cast stone lintels to match existing brownstone color.
 - For the rear yard extension, the existing partial-width three-story rear yard extension will be expanded to the east, to become full-width. The rear facade aligns with other existing rear yard additions to the east.
 - The widened addition will be clad in common red brick to match new brick being used to restore west facade, and to approximate existing throughout building.
 - The new rear facade would have a narrow brick frame surrounding a large central three-story element consisting of metal-framed glazed fixed and operable window units and solid aluminum metal panels in an asymmetrical configuration.
 - The windows and frames to be dark gray steel, with solid aluminum panels in matching dark gray.
 - New cast stone coping above parapet to match existing brownstone color, with 1” diameter metal railing.
 - Proposal to excavate approximately 6.5 feet out from rear addition facade line to create an areaway for Cellar level. Lower floor to be at same elevation as adjacent school yard to west and north.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the expanded rear yard addition is overly monumental for its rear-yard context. Its large central opening,

with solid aluminum panels to the east and evenly gridded horizontal glazed panels lacks a hierarchy of detail which would contribute a sense of human scale to the design.

The Committee further believes that proposed modifications to the existing fourth floor rear façade window openings disrupts the rhythm of the typical equally-spaced punched window openings existing in this structure and in the rowhouses to the east.

The Committee finds the design of the entire rear façade to be inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the rear façade and rear yard addition.

- b. Regarding the rooftop work, the following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:
- A new “green roof” will be created.
 - The balance of the rooftop addition will not be visible from the public way.
 - Elevator access will be provided for maintenance access to the green roof. The elevator will be enclosed in a new brick-clad elevator rooftop bulkhead enclosure constructed adjacent to the party wall to the east. The bulkhead will be minimally visible from the public way.
 - New brick-clad duct enclosures will also be constructed adjacent to eastern neighbor’s party wall, not visible from the public way.
 - The rear parapet walls will be capped with a new cast stone coping above parapet to match existing brownstone color, with 1” diameter metal railing.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the rooftop work is 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 rooftop work.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 420 Amsterdam Avenue, d/b/a Yogurtland (West 80th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of a barrier-free access ramp.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

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

- A new ADA-accessible ramp will be installed outside the store. It will project 4 inches from the front façade.
- The railing will be dark bronze aluminum, made up of rectilinear vertical posts and intermediate vertical rectilinear verticals.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the barrier-free access ramp is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District. The Committee strongly recommends that all intermediate vertical elements not required by code be eliminated to make the railing as visually open as possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the new barrier-free access ramp, with the strong recommendation that those intermediate vertical elements not required by code be eliminated.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 2265 Broadway, d/b/a Rainbow Juice Bar (West 81st - West 82nd Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to install a new storefront.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

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

- The existing metal security grille and storefront, including ventilation grille panel will be removed.
- New fully-glazed storefront will be installed across the full width of the 8'-8" wide shop, incorporating the unused ventilation grill space above existing storefront.
- The new storefront will be made up of be butt-jointed glass set within a narrow brushed stainless steel frame.
- The existing small metal cornice element located directly below the second floor window sills will remain. A new flat panel will be installed below the cornice for future signage, to be submitted for review in a future application.
- The new storefront to be set back 18" from front facade for improved egress.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the new storefront is 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 new storefront design.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 51 West 83rd Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a redesign of a previously approved rooftop addition, rear yard expansion and façade restoration.

Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 1 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

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

- The proposed design is a revised design to one previously reviewed and approved by this Committee two years ago.

Work generally includes the following:

- No change to restoration plans for the front façade, previously approved.
- A new three-story full-width rear-yard extension is proposed. It will be clad in red common brick to match existing, with tripartite multi-paned steel glazed doors and windows, dark gray finish. Door and window openings to have cast stone lintels.
- Fenestration at top floor to remain three individually punched openings, with central sill lowered to create a new door.
- The foot print of the new rooftop addition has been extended both north and south. Its front faced will still not be visible from the public way, and its rear façade will have an angled rear window wall to reduce its bulk visually
- The rooftop addition to be clad in dark gray zinc with matching dark gray steel windows.
- In lieu of the extensive cellar and rear yard excavation work proposed for a new pool, the extent of excavation work has been reduced significantly. The proposal is to excavate the Cellar 18” to create useable floor space at this level. Also, the rear yard will be excavated 9’10” down, 12’-4” out from face of addition’s’ facade to create a sunken garden for Cellar.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the façade restoration work, and the new design of the new rooftop addition and rear yard addition are more sensitive to the existing structure and its context and find the new design to be 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 facade restoration work, rooftop addition and rear yard addition.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 64 West 87th Street (Columbus Avenue - Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rooftop additions, replacement of windows, and demolition of part of rear façade.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 4-1-2-0.

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

- This building is the easternmost of three structures built as one ensemble.
- There has been a great deal of erosion of the open space within this block's rear yards. To the south, the rear yard extension extends almost fully to the rear property line, and directly to the east, a rear yard extension was constructed full-depth, effectively cutting off the rear yards of these western rowhouses from the rest of the block.

The scope of renovation work includes

- Extension of the existing fifth floor structure back to create an enlarged fifth floor.
- Creation of a partially covered open-air "green roof" above the expanded fifth floor. A small portion of the stair bulkhead enclosure created to provide rooftop access will be minimally visible from the public way.
- The existing three-story rear yard dogleg extension is in poor structural condition. It will be rebuilt and expanded into a three-story, full-width rear yard addition.
- The new rear yard addition will be clad in common red brick, with a central three-story glazed fenestration, consisting of wooden French doors and windows, with metal-railed Juliet balconies. Horizontal wood panels separate the window groupings at the different floors.
- The fourth floor facade will remain in its original plane, with the two existing "punched" window openings being replaced by three equally-spaced, equal-width window and door openings.
- The existing brick corbelling detail will be restored at top of fourth floor facade wall.
- The rear facade of the fifth floor extension will include this same brick corbelling detail at the top of the brick frame surrounding the central fenestration. Window design will relate to the central fenestration in the rear yard addition below, with similar wood French doors and windows.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the rooftop additions, replacement of windows, and demolition of part of rear façade are all 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 rooftop additions, replacement of windows, and demolition of part of rear façade.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 110 West 88th Street (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to facilitate the construction of a new four-story (plus penthouse) rowhouse.

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 7-0-0-0.

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

- The site of the new rowhouse is at the easternmost end of a row of 3-story-plus-basement gabled rowhouses, originally the end unit in a grouping of eight. Directly to the east is a five-story, corner red brick multi-family nineteenth century apartment building.
- Six of the seven remaining rowhouses to the west retain many of their distinctive architectural details, including rusticated brownstone bases and short stoops; red-toned brick-clad upper facades with strong horizontal decorative banding at each floor level; decorative, whimsical details at the window mullions, at the window and door surrounds, within the varied fenestration configurations and small bay windows; and most distinctly at the lively, whimsical gabled roofline.
- The new rowhouse is proposed to be one story taller - four stories plus a basement, with a setback fifth floor rooftop addition.
- The front facade would be clad in tightly-jointed, 4-foot long, off-white colored limestone bricks, installed in various manners to “relate” to the adjacent rowhouses to the west, including
 - i. Stepping forward and back at the base to allude to the neighboring rusticated bases
 - ii. As a facing material for the stoop.
 - iii. Used to create a broken screen in front of a continuous glazed window bands at the third and fourth floors, set back from the front façade plane. The screen breaks are intended to read as “punched openings”.
 - iv. Slightly projecting horizontal sill and over-window “eyebrows” alluding to the strong horizontal bands in the structures to the west.
 - v. To create a slightly projecting “pediment” pattern ghosted into the top of the front facade, an allusion to the adjacent gables.
- Fenestration would be steel, dark gray charcoal color, a combination of fixed and operable “Tilt and Turn” windows without any mullion subdivisions.
- One very large rectangular projecting window bay, containing a single, unbroken glass pane within a charcoal gray metal frame is proposed.
- The rear façade is five stories tall, with large window openings at the three lower floors, three punched openings at each of the top two floors.
- All windows would be the same charcoal gray steel, with minimal mullion subdivisions.
- The rear façade would be primarily clad using light-colored common brick to match the limestone, with a limestone screen in front of the third floor bathroom windows

While the applicant has carefully analyzed the architectural styles, vocabulary, details and materials of rowhouses in the upper west side’s historic districts and more specifically of the rowhouses within the immediate neighborhood, the proposal does not incorporate or reference those design elements in a manner sympathetic to the context. The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed design of the new rowhouse is over-scaled for its context, overly formal and rectilinear in its design, too cool in its materials and color palette, and lacks the whimsy, warmth and variety of its neighbors. The Committee finds the proposed design to be highly inappropriate to the historic character of the adjacent building grouping of this Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the design for a new rowhouse.

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Date: January 7, 2014

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: DOT's recommendations in the West Side Traffic Study for 66th Street/Columbus and Broadway.

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

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends the following action from the NYC Department of Transportation for the following locations:

- CB7 agrees with DOT's recommendation for curb extensions at the SE corner of 66th Street and Broadway.
- CB7 recommends DOT install some degree of "pitch" for the innermost uptown lane of Broadway just south of West 66th Street to avert the heavy ponding condition that occurs here during heavier rains forcing pedestrians out into the path of moving vehicles.
- CB7 recommends DOT investigate the odd traffic/pedestrian light timing for the east/west crossing with downtown Broadway traffic.
- CB7 recommends DOT immediately install countdown pedestrian timers for the 65th Street crossing at Columbus Avenue. CB7 also recommends the installation of a leading pedestrian interval (LPI) at this location as well as an additional sign reminding turning drivers to yield to pedestrians. Lastly, CB7 asks for additional enforcement at this location to insure that vehicles turning left from Columbus Ave onto West 65th Street yield to pedestrians and that eastbound traffic on 65th Street crossing Broadway and Columbus obeys the red signal at that crossing.
- CB7 agrees with DOT's recommendation of narrowing 66th Street between Amsterdam and West End Avenues. CB7 also recommends changing the timing of the traffic signal at West End Avenue to make it impossible for cars speeding down the block to make that light. CB7 also asks DOT to explore the possibility of bulb-outs on both the NE & SE corners of 66th and West End Avenue.

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Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Hampton Jitney, 2025 Broadway (West 69th - 70th Street.)

Full Board Vote: 31 In Favor 4 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** the application to the Department of Transportation by Hampton Jitney for a bus stop in front of 2025 Broadway, on the west side of the street between 69th-70th Streets, in an existing 102-foot MTA bus stop.