

RESOLUTION

Date: November 5, 2014

Committees of Origin: Steering and Strategy & Budget

Re: CB7 Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget.

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **adopts** the priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 capital budget.

Department of Education

1. Amend the DOE Capital Plan to include renovation of the West End Secondary School (f/k/a Beacon High School) building. \$50M

The West End Secondary School for Urban Studies will open in September 2015 in the space previously used by Beacon High School (located on 61st between West End Ave and Amsterdam Avenue). WESS will enroll a 6th grade for 2015-16, and will phase in to a 6-12 middle and high school.

WESS will represent a net addition of new middle and high school seats that are desperately needed in our District.

Among the priorities for the renovation of the building are an expanded cafeteria; a reconfigured gym and exercise space; an auditorium/assembly space (potentially combined with the expanded cafeteria); upgraded facilities for science, music, visual and performing arts; enhanced ADA compliance, especially rest rooms and street access; and usable outdoor space either on the roof or space adjacent to the building.

Since the school is phasing in one grade per year, a coordinated phased approach to renovation could be employed to meet these needs over a period longer than a single summer.

The current 2015-19 Capital Plan should be amended to include investment to meet these retro-fit needs. (FY14#1; FY15#2)

Department of Parks and Recreation

2. Cherry Walk, Riverside Park, 100th to 129th Streets, at the Hudson River. \$5M

Reconstruction of the existing bicycle and pedestrian path, including repaving the existing asphalt path, installing new park security lighting, and reconstructing sections of the existing rip rap edge and the landscape between the Henry Hudson Parkway and Hudson River. The Cherry Walk is part of the Hudson River Greenway. Since it was constructed a couple of decades ago, and particularly as other sections of the Greenway to the north and south of this segment have been opened, the number of cyclists using the Cherry Walk, both commuters and recreational cyclists, has exploded. The Cherry Walk is also heavily used by walkers and runners. It was built without lighting, which makes it dangerous after dark. Furthermore, it has suffered substantial deterioration because of its vulnerable location, unusual storms and its heavy use. Because it is part of the Greenway, there is the possibility of federal funding for this project, up to \$2.5M, with the necessity to fund the rest of the cost with NYC funds. (New)

Department of Transportation

3. Install pedestrian count-down timers at 10 intersections on Central Park West, Riverside Drive and other dangerous locations. \$50K

The safety of our pedestrians is paramount. Countdown timers allow pedestrians to more carefully gauge the amount of time left to cross an intersection, and whether they should even attempt the crossing, depending on where in the cycle they arrive. Count-down timers also enable drivers to estimate better how much time remains before they will be required to stop. Many drivers, previously feeling the need to speed up when seeing the

flashing red hand, will not need to speed up when given measured time and will easily cross the intersection at normal speeds with a count of 5 or above. Drivers observing the count will not be surprised by a quick signal change to yellow and red due to the advance notice provided by the countdown winding down. Countdown timers save lives. (FY14#3; FY15#1)

Department of Parks and Recreation

4. Equipment for District #7. \$150K

Purchase a crew cab pickup truck (\$40K) and a mini-packer for garbage collection (\$110K). These vehicles are necessary for the District's operations. They will permit far more efficient deployment of the limited number of staff personnel, reduce or eliminate waiting times for existing shared vehicles to become available and/or to be repaired, and reduce unnecessary use of fuel. FY12#3; FY13#4; FY14#4; FY15#3)

Department of Parks and Recreation

5. Bloomingdale Playground (Amsterdam Avenue, 104th-105th Streets.) \$900K

Renovate the playground, which serves P.S. 145, West Prep Academy and the adjacent community, with new play equipment, safety surface, lighting, fencing and landscaping. (New)

Department of Parks and Recreation

6. Basketball Courts and Soccer Field, Riverside Park \$500K

Reconstruct the basketball courts at 102nd Street and the steps leading to them and the 101st Street soccer field. This project would also provide two volleyball courts. (FY15#16)

New York Public Library

7. Renovation of the Bloomingdale Branch Library \$9.6MM

The Bloomingdale Branch is among the most heavily used in Manhattan, with dramatic increases in every relevant category including circulation, attendance, and the demographics of users. New residential construction and the lingering effects of the economic downturn compound the increased usage. Bloomingdale, like many branches needs extensive modernization to meet this demand.

On-going structural renovation must be paired with a re-imagining of the interior. Needed additional work includes new lighting throughout the facility; renovation of the basement to serve client needs instead of dead storage; a separate and appropriately-equipped teen center; enhanced computer facilities; and furniture replacement. (FY11#10; FY12#5; FY13#5; FY14#6; FY15#6)

Department of Transportation

8. Replacement of curb-cuts.

DOT does not have funding to repair existing curb-cuts/pedestrian ramps. CB7 is conducting a survey of all curb-cuts in the district. Phase One of the survey covering 57 curb-cuts from West 60th-89th Streets identified the following conditions: **10** super-bad; i.e.: basically impassable, require immediate fix; **23** severe cases; definitely high-priority and should be repaired as soon as possible; **15** bad but not yet terrible, yet if allowed to deteriorate would probably become severe cases; **9** not great but not good; bear watching. (FY13#3; FY14#9; FY15#21)

Department of Transportation

9. Fund speed cameras throughout MCD7.

Speeding near schools continues to be a problem throughout the district, with some areas, such as West 95th/West 96th Street-with nearby entrances/exits to the Henry Hudson Parkway, a particular concern. Strategically placed speed cameras would make the areas close to schools much safer for children and all pedestrians. (FY14#19; FY15#5)

Department of Transportation

10. Fund street-scape safety improvements.

Many streets in the district need new treatments - whether it be bulb-outs, sidewalk extensions, traffic-calming, bicycle parking, etc. (FY14#23; FY15#8)

Departments of Parks and Recreation and Transportation

11. The Rotunda, West 79th Street in Riverside Park

\$100M

Federal, State and City funds are needed for the restoration of the 7 bridges, masonry and steps and basic infrastructure. The Rotunda is seriously deteriorated and needs to be restored. This joint DOT/Parks project would involve reconstructing the roadbeds and underlying vaulted ceiling of the café area; restoring the plaza and long-dormant central fountain; adding improved kitchen facilities for the restaurant; renovating the bathrooms; renovating the park office and maintenance spaces on the garage level. ADA access would be provided from the street level to the park and café levels. Drainage and electrical infrastructure would be replaced throughout. The inner and outer parapet walls around the traffic circle would be strengthened to meet modern codes.

(FY09CS; FY10CS; FY11CS; FY12CS; FY13CS; FY14CS; FY15CS)

Department of Transportation

12. Pedestrian-initiated traffic crossings in Central Park.

Electric and other infrastructure, and programming capacity, to coordinate traffic signals in Central Park electronically, including providing the ability for pedestrian walk signals to be activated by "push buttons" when pedestrians want to cross the Drives. The traffic signals in Central Park were installed decades ago, essentially to govern private motor vehicle traffic, which has increasingly been prohibited in the Park. CB7 supports, at a minimum, a trial period during which all private motor vehicles would be prohibited from using the Drives at all times. But currently, regardless of time of day and the amount of motor traffic and other conditions in the Park, the signals on the Drives can only be governed manually. The confusion among cyclists as to whether they must to stop at red lights when no pedestrians are crossing, and the failure of many cyclists to do so -- among other factors -- has highlighted the need to provide up to date functionality to the traffic signal system in Central Park, so that the thousands of recreational users -- pedestrians (including runners), cyclists, skaters, etc. -- can be made as safe as possible from collisions on the Drives. (New)

Department of Parks and Recreation

13. Soldiers and Sailors Monument, West 89th Street on Riverside Drive.

\$1.5M

Phase I stabilization, including windows, roof and interior marble, as well as a conditions survey of this magnificent but badly deteriorated monument. (Expense/Study Only: FY05#13; FY06#18; FY07#23; Capital: FY08#17; FY09#19; FY10#17; FY11#7; FY12#9; FY13#7; FY14#20; FY15#22)

New York Public Library

14. Renovation of the Performing Arts Library (Lincoln Center)

\$5.5M

The Performing Arts Library serves both local and City-wide needs. It is ideally located within the Lincoln Center campus, an easy walk from Carnegie Hall, LaGuardia High School and the Special Music School among many other public schools, and Fordham; is a short commute from the Manhattan School of Music, Mannes College of Music, and other colleges and conservatories.

The Performing Arts Library boasts a vigorous circulation and is heavily used, and enhances the cultural identity and resources of our Upper West Side community.

The building is in need of extensive need of system-wide structural renovation, including foundation waterproofing; sidewalk replacement and drainage management; safety and security upgrades such as improved exterior lighting, replacement of exterior doors and security cameras; as well as replacement of the HVAC systems including steam pressure stations, air compressors and steam heaters.

The A/C component (a \$350K upgrade) is critical both to meet the needs of library users as well as to promote the preservation of fragile manuscripts, scores and original ephemera. (FY14 #12; FY15 #18)

Department of Transportation

15. Fund red light cameras throughout MCD7

Failure to yield & running red/amber lights with the resultant vehicular/pedestrian accidents resulting in serious injury and/or loss of life - continues to be a serious concern throughout the district. The placement of red light cameras - particularly in areas known to be at a high risk for vehicular/pedestrian conflicts - would send a strong message to operators of vehicles that speeding and improper/illegal movements will not be tolerated, and violators will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. (FY14#19; FY15#24)

Department of Parks and Recreation

\$750K

16. Restoration of the landscape at the Hippo Playground area of Riverside Park (91st-95th Streets). Reconstruct pathways, ramps and adjacent landscape around Hippo Playground, including the spectacular Crabapple Grove area and the 91st Street entrance to the park, all of which are severely deteriorated. (FY11#16; FY12#15; FY13#10; FY14#5; FY15#4)

Department of Transportation

17. Funding for an Upper West Side pilot for variable traffic signal timing.

Many intersections have variable crowd conditions depending on time of day - for instance, when schools let out, the PM rush hour, the AM rush, etc. DOT has said they cannot at this time program traffic signals by time of day. We believe this technology is important for safety, and must be pursued. (FY14#7; FY15#25)

Department of Transportation

18. Increase funding for street and curb lane resurfacing.

\$200K/lane mile

There are 193.6 lane miles of paved streets in CD7, slightly more than 10% of the lane mileage of all of Manhattan. The huge increase in street cuts for utility work, including fiber optics and cable, and construction has left CD7's streets in dire shape. Side streets and intersections are particularly rutted. Many blocks on Broadway, Amsterdam Avenue and Columbus Avenue have ruts as deep as 6 inches in the parking lanes near the curbs. (FY05#14; FY06#11; FY08#12; FY08#13; FY09#18; FY10#9; FY11#15; FY12#4; FY13#2; FY14#14; FY15#15)

Department of Parks and Recreation

19. Green Outlook, Riverside Park

\$2.8M

Build the "Green Outlook" facility on the no longer needed south parking lot near the 96th Street tennis courts, including a landscaped overlook, a solar-powered comfort station using state-of-the-art compost technology and a sustainable parks maintenance building. This project would serve thousands of Greenway users, tennis players and other park users. This project would "green" a currently paved space and dedicate it to park users. Total cost: \$5.5M (The Riverside Clay Tennis Assn. plans to raise \$2 million, including \$500,000 for a maintenance endowment.) Council Member Brewer has allocated \$1.2M. (FY15#17)

Department of Parks and Recreation

\$1.5M

20. Sol Bloom Playground (West 91st-92nd Streets, CPW-Columbus Avenue.)

Renovate the schoolyard, which serves P.S. 84 and the adjacent community, into a multi-purpose play area with a track, mini-soccer field and basketball courts that can be fully utilized by the students during the school day and neighborhood youths after school and on non-school days. (FY14#17; FY15#19)

Department of Parks and Recreation

21. **Renovation of Anibal Aviles Playground, West 108th Street and Amsterdam Avenue.** **\$1.5M**
Renovate the playground, including new play equipment, safety surface, drinking fountain, lighting, fencing and landscaping. (FY13#16; FY14#18; FY15#20)

Department of Parks and Recreation

22. **Dinosaur Playground, West 97th Street, Riverside Park** **\$3.5M**
Reconstruct the playground, including new play equipment and swings, safety surface, update of bathrooms in the adjacent comfort station, which would be made accessible for people with disabilities. (FY10#23; FY11#14; FY12#13; FY13#12; FY14#22; FY15#23)

Department of Parks and Recreation

23. **Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center, West 60th Street.** **TBD**
Replace roof and skylight in the old portion of the building. (New)

Department of Transportation/Department of Environmental Protection

24. **Reconstruct Riverside Drive, West 104th-110th Streets.** **\$2.95M**
An inter-agency effort has mitigated serious drainage problems on Riverside Drive from West 104th -110th Street. Full reconstruction is needed to improve drainage, replace catch basins that do not meet current standards, increase the curb reveals, and repair unsafe medians affected by subsidence. (FY05#3, FY06#9; FY07#5; FY08#5; FY09#6; FY11#20; FY12#6; FY13#7; FY14#16; FY15#9)

Department of Parks and Recreation

25. **Bennerson Playground, West 64th Street, Amsterdam Houses.** **\$1.5M**
Provide additional funds so the whole playground can be renovated at the same time, including new play equipment, spray shower, an additional drinking fountain, picnic tables, benches, perimeter fencing, plantings and lighting. Former CM Brewer and CM Rosenthal allocated \$1.55M for the renovation of basketball courts. (New)

Department of Transportation

26. **Visually Handicapped - Accessibility.**
Those of our community with handicaps, are frequently unable to share in a quality of life open to others and a free access to the world outside their homes. Moving along the streets, the visually handicapped have no way of knowing if it is safe to cross the street. We are recommending that audible signals be developed by DOT to indicate red lights. (FY15#12)

Department of Parks and Recreation

27. **Frederick Douglass Playground, West 102nd Street and Amsterdam Avenue.** **TBD**
Replace the synthetic turf field, which has outlived its life span, and repave the handball courts. (New)

Department of Parks and Recreation

28. **Happy Warrior Playground, West 99th Street and Amsterdam Avenue, PS163.** **TBD**
Repave the multi-purpose play area; rebuild and expand the parkhouse as a district headquarters for M&O; and add a storage facility. (New)

Department of Parks and Recreation

29. **Matthew Sapolin Playground, West 70th Street, PS199.** **TBD**
Upgrade the playground, including resurfacing the pavement around spray shower, replacing the safety surface, and replacing the backboards. (New)

Department of Transportation

30. Fund a speed/red light camera pilot to enforce TLC (only) violations.

Pending a check of the legality of such a program, this would catch TLC-licensed vehicles who are speeding or running red lights, or other illegal movements. (New)

Department of Parks and Recreation

31. Restoration of the perimeter sidewalk along Central Park West between 59th Street and 110th Street. **\$250K/block**

The Park's perimeter sidewalks along Central Park West have buckled and present tripping hazards. Hex pavers, curbs and benches would be replaced. With the completion of the reconstruction of Columbus Circle and Frederick Douglass Circle, the Central Park West sidewalk in CD7, which connects the two locations, would complete the improvements. (FY07#10;FY08#20;FY09#25;FY10#26;FY11#19;FY12#17;FY13#17;FY14#25;FY15#26)

CONTINUING SUPPORT

Department of Parks and Recreation

Reconstruction of Naumburg Bandshell

(FY08#22; FY09#22; FY10#24; FY11#CS; FY12CS; FY13CS; FY14CS; FY15CS)

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **adopts** the priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 expense budget.

Office of Management and Budget

1. Increase Community Board budgets.

Community boards have not received a budget increase for non-personnel costs in more than eleven years. Meanwhile, costs and demands for services have increased dramatically. Salaries, which are based on DC37 contracts, had not increased since 2007. In 2014, DC37 agreed to a contract that modestly increases salaries of its members. Following the usual pattern, salaries of other unions and management will increase by the same amounts as DC37's. Board budgets, which are currently baselined at \$206,895, must be increased to reflect increasing OTPS costs and salary increases for both union members and management staff. (FY08#4; FY09#6; FY10#1; FY11#1; FY12#1; FY13#1; FY14#1; FY15#1)

Department of Sanitation

2. Funding for a dedicated collection truck to service the street recycling cans.

Green and blue recycling cans have been added to street corners in MCD7. DSNY services them once a week. The recycling is overflowing and the cans are left open by people collecting cans. MCD7 is the pilot for this program, which is not working well given the lack of service. (New)

New York Police Department

3. Traffic Enforcement Officers.

\$600K

Add 15 new uniformed patrol officers to increase enforcement of traffic rules in CD7. (FY15#8)

Human Resources Administration

4. Hunger.

20K

The poverty level in New York City is at 20%. At a time when Food Stamps have been lowered for everyone, families and individuals are having to decide between paying for food or rent. They are dependent on community programs for meals and for pantries to provide groceries to take home. In 2014, The West Side Campaign Against Hunger has provided 51,760 households with 1,705,541 meals, an increase of 5% over the previous year. The demand has gone up every year. They are asking for a grant of \$20,000 from the Emergency Food Assistance Program to enable them to secure more food from the City Food Bank. These additional funds are also needed by similar programs. (FY12#4; FY13#5; FY14#3; FY15#3)

NYC Housing Authority

5. Additional funds for skilled trades personnel at Amsterdam Houses, Frederick Douglass Houses, Wise Towers and DeHostos.

NYCHA developments in CD7 have a significant backlog of repair requests in residents' apartments. Repairs are made when there are enough of them to warrant the issuance of a contract. Having skilled trades (plumbers,

electricians, carpenters) do the work at these developments would result in timely repairs, a reduction of the backlogs and increased well-being for the residents. (FY08#5; FY09#7; FY10#12; FY11#11; FY12#13; FY13#14; FY14#4; FY15#9)

Department of Parks & Recreation

6. Pest control personnel.

\$50K

Parks has only one exterminator for all of Manhattan. The rodent population in parks has exploded in recent years. In District 7, Verdi Square, Strauss, Theodore Roosevelt and Riverside Parks, the Broadway Malls, and several playgrounds have had extreme rodent infestations. An additional exterminator for Manhattan would allow Parks to address infestations through a variety of systematic and sustainable measures. (FY14#10; FY15#10)

Department of Youth & Community Development

7. Increase Funding in order to maintain and increase the number of positions available through the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Summer Youth Employment Programs serve several compelling needs. They provide alternatives to gang influence for at-risk youth; provide models and pathways to employment; develop positive work habits and self-esteem; and virtually every dollar earned is spent in the community. In addition, without the availability of this work force, community-based organizations serving children and youth cannot meet their adult-to-child ratios, making those programs less effective.

SYEP was all but decimated in serial cuts to its budget from 2009 through 2012. Other than a one-year stimulus grant in 2009, the number of funded positions dropped from a high of 52,000 in 2008 to approximately 17,000 for several years. The reversal of the trend began in Summer 2012, when 29,000 positions were filled, and continued with 39,000 in Summer 2013, and 47,000 in Summer 2014 (FY15).

Even with the recent restorations, over 100,000 applicants in Summer 2014 (FY15) were turned away. Given the multi-lateral benefits of this program, additional funding on SYEP is a wise investment. The recent, long-overdue increase in the minimum wage will result in the current level of funding being insufficient to maintain the current number of SYEP positions without commensurate increases. CB7 believes that it is necessary to increase funding at least so that staffing can be maintained at least at FY15 levels, and should be expanded so that additional staff positions can be created in FY16. (FY08#6; FY09#1; FY10 #6; FY11#13; FY12#6; FY13#7; FY14#18; FY15#12)

Department for the Aging

8. Fund Senior Services.

The coming year's budget has restored many senior services which had been cut by the City. The restorations will not be helpful unless there is a path provided to seniors to learn about them and receive help in accessing them. Most seniors do not know about agencies which can help them with this. They do know about Senior Centers, where they already go for meals, programs, meeting with their neighbors but where there is often no social worker who can help them with their specific problems. DFTA should base line funds for social workers in each center, as they do food and programs.

- Publicity of senior services \$500K
- Social workers for senior centers \$5M

Department of Homeless Services

9. Increased funding for the DHS Home Base Program.

There are currently 58,000 people sleeping nightly in the City's transitional shelter system. DHS does have programs which help people remain in their own homes when threatened with eviction, but the funds available for them are limited, as DHS continues to eliminate existing affordable housing by paying exorbitant rates to SRO owners who convert their buildings to shelters. DHS policy should be changed to adequately fund their programs such as Home Base. (FY15#14)

Department of Environmental Protection

10. Dedicated enforcement staff for anti-idling law.

There is currently no routine enforcement of the anti-idling law, and only spotty and largely unsuccessful enforcement of specific targeted violations. Drivers of commercial and individual private motor vehicles park at our curbs and run their motors continuously with impunity. The NYC idling law is intended to reduce pollution that harms our health. It also is addressed to limiting the use of non-renewable fossil fuels. The Upper West Side is particularly vulnerable to asthma and other health problems from pollution because of our high population density and the continued use of polluting fossil fuels for heating our buildings. DEP has no funds budgeted for enforcement of the anti-idling law, and similarly neither the NYPD nor Traffic Enforcement engages in routine enforcement nor responds to individual, specific complaints. 311 complaints are not followed up on, and the 311 system is not suited to addressing this problem. (New)

Department of Youth & Community Development

11. Maintain and increase baseline funding for after-school and OST programs in public school and in neighborhood CBOs in MCD7.

Afterschool programs ensure that children are safe in the hours between the end of school and the end of their families' work day, when they would otherwise be most vulnerable, and provide opportunities for remedial instruction, enrichment, and safe play.

For the first time in several budget cycles, \$71MM in funding for core programs was baselined in the FY15 budget, with a significant portion allocated to out-of-school time (OST) programming. The baselining of funding for these programs allows service providers to plan in a rational manner to meet these important needs, and allows families to plan work, education and other adult schedules with confidence.

The essential certainty that this baselining represents would unravel immediately if the baselining adopted in FY15 were to be diminished or eliminated in FY16 or subsequent years. To deliver on the commitment to meet these needs, baselining of the funds needed for program capacity at least at current levels must be a priority.

Even with these enhanced baseline funds, there are children who remain without these essential services, and families that are eligible for such services who may not know of opportunities with capacity nearby. It is essential that the stability afforded by continued baselining be augmented with additional program funding for (1) additional program capacity, and (2) additional outreach.

(FY05#2; FY06#2; FY07#1; FY08#2; FY09#10; FY10 #3; FY11 #6; FY12# 8; FY13#10; FY14#7; FY15#16)

Department of Parks & Recreation

12. Park Enforcement Personnel for Riverside Park and District 7.

\$600K

Manhattan North above 59th Street (River to River, including Central and Riverside Park) is patrolled by 11 officers. In the summer, these officers do swimming pool duty, so the numbers are effectively even fewer in summer, when the parks are busiest. (In addition four fixed-post officers, who are paid for under dedicated funding, patrol Riverside Park South and are available in Riverside Park only for emergency conditions.) No PEP officers are available to be assigned to patrol on regular beats in our District parks for quality of life and other offenses. An additional ten officers for Manhattan would increase safety and help address graffiti and other vandalism, littering, skateboarding, homeless, alcohol, off-leash, smoking, motor idling and other conditions throughout Riverside Park and in district parks and playgrounds on a steady basis. (FY05#11; FY06#20; FY07#24; FY08#24; FY09#16; FY10#17; FY11#27; FY12#15; FY13#10; FY14#16; FY15#11)

NYC Police Department

13. Restoration of the number of police officers in precincts and PSAs.

The number of uniformed officers in our precincts and housing developments has been reduced to minimal levels (121 in the 20th; 127 in the 24th; and 128 in PSA6). CB7 seeks a restoration of the overall headcount to 50,000 and the number of uniformed patrol officers to 40,000, which would fully staff community policing, sector patrols,

enforcement of traffic and bicycle regulations, and special units. (FY09#17; FY10#14; FY11#7; FY12#2; FY13#3; FY14#9; FY15#19)

Department of Parks & Recreation

14. Staff for Gertrude Ederle Recreation Center (West 60th Street.)

Reinstate two playground associates and two recreation specialists to run various programs, including programs for teens and adult fitness. Attrition policies resulted in the elimination of these staff lines and cuts in programming. It is essential that this new and thriving center be fully staffed. (New)

Human Rights Commission

15. Accessibility.

Compliance with the ADA needs to be monitored. All West Side residents should be able to enjoy its resources. All agencies should have staff insuring that:

- Traffic lights should reflect the pace at which the elderly and disabled are able to move. They should also alert the visually handicapped to red lights. DOT
- Stores and public buildings should be accessible to wheelchairs. CHR
- ADA compliance needs to be enforced. DOB
- Resources for seniors and the disabled should be widely publicized. DFTA DOH
- Playgrounds in schools and parks should include facilities for the disabled. DOE

(FY15#20)

New York Public Library

16. Restoration of Staff and Operating Budget

\$19.3MM

While the operation of branch and research libraries have been stabilized, and 6-day service at most locations has been restored, after the drastic cuts to the NYPL operating budget in FY10 and FY11, service at most locations continues to suffer from the lingering effects of the cuts that have not been restored (a current shortfall of approximately 13%). Ensuring adequate levels of circulation, reference, preservation and outreach services, and continuing to enhance the service provided in the ways in which our branch libraries meet a plethora of new needs as a wider cross-section of our diverse communities turn to the libraries for traditional and new media resources, requires restoration of the expense budget at least to 2008 levels. (FY14#23; FY15#22)

Department of Parks & Recreation

17. Playground Associates.

\$8100/assistant/2 months

Six playground associates would provide valuable programming and supervision for children from July through Labor Day in Bloomingdale Playground, West 104th Street and Amsterdam Avenue; Frederick Douglass Playground at Amsterdam Avenue and West 100th Street; Happy Warrior at 97th Street and Amsterdam Avenue; Sol Bloom Playground at Columbus Avenue and West 91st Street; Tecumseh at Amsterdam Avenue and West 77th Street; Bennerson Playground on West 64th Street; Neufeld Playground at 76th Street in Riverside Park; and Dinosaur Playground at 97th Street in Riverside Park. (FY05#9; FY06#11; FY07#22; FY08#28; FY09#25; FY10#18; FY11#24; FY12#14; FY13#9; FY14#19; FY15#16)

Board of Elections/Department of Education

18. Primary day security in schools used as polling places.

\$20K

Unlike general elections, schools used as polling sites for primary elections are not closed to students. While all polling sites have a police presence, the officers properly are expected to focus their attention on the room(s) within the venue at which the voting takes place. Schools used as primary day polling sites have reported voters either intentionally or mistakenly going unsupervised access to portions of the school building unrelated to voting where children are found including restrooms, hallways and other spaces. Additional security, whether School

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Safety Officers, per diem DOE staff, or others, are needed to ensure that voters leaving the polling site proceed immediately to leave the building using only the designated route. (New)

Department of Business Services

19. Coordination of City Regulations/Services for Small Businesses \$2M

Small businesses face a myriad of regulatory inspections each year, all managed by different city departments. Fees and fines are inconsistent. Schedules are not coordinated, so businesses are often interrupted by random visits. Coordination of these regulations would go a long way to improving NYC as a fertile environment for small business to grow. (New)

Department of Parks & Recreation

20. Permanent staffing for Districts #7 and #14 (Riverside Park).

Parks full-time workforce is responsible for park maintenance and cleanliness. While the FY15 budget provided funding for increased staff (Associate Park Service Workers, City Parks Workers, and Gardeners), additional funds are needed to rebuild the agency's permanent, year-round workforce, which has been substantially reduced because of budget cuts from its former baseline. (FY12#5; FY13#8; FY14#5; FY15#5)

Department of Education

21. Physical Fitness \$55K/school

Regular physical fitness is acknowledged as necessary for both physical and mental well-being. Due to overcrowding and scheduling changes around curriculum pressures and testing, schools have reduced gym classes and recess time. Most school playgrounds operated by the Department of Education are locked after the school day because there is no staff to supervise them. It is recommended that two school playgrounds in the CB 7 district receive funding of \$55K for personnel allowing the playgrounds to remain open. (FY14#23; FY15#18)

Department of Information, Technology & Telecommunications

22. Data Integration/Accessibility \$2M

Since passage of the open data law in 2012, New York City agencies are now required to make data relevant to the public available online. The potential to use this data to inform public policy is enormous. However, much of the data is not in searchable format, nor can it be combined effectively with data from other departments. CB7 would like funds allocated to update and integrate data so it is searchable and useful in identifying trends and analyzing city policy. (New)

Department of Parks & Recreation

23. Synthetic turf field repair.

An annual expense contract to repair and maintain synthetic turf fields in CD7 will extend the lives of the heavily-used fields and provide safe playing fields. (New)

Department of Parks & Recreation

24. Tree Pruning and Stump Removal. \$2M citywide

DPR has more than 8,400 street trees in District 7. This does not include Central and Riverside Parks. Many of these street trees have dead branches; most have not been trimmed for a long time. Funding for emergency pruning and a 10-year pruning cycle would make it possible for Parks to respond more rapidly to requests for tree pruning and stump removal, and would reduce safety concerns. (FY13#21; FY14#21; FY15#17)

Administration for Children's Services

25. Maintain Funding for Baselined Early Learn Programs, including UPK and Head Start

Adequate child care is a necessity for working families. The Mayor's initiative to expand all-day pre-K, together with expanded Head Start programming, is funded under the Early Learn initiative, are proven drivers of achievement in school for years to come as well as stability for working families.

It is essential that the funding for these programs, newly baselined in FY15, continue at least at the current programming levels to deliver both the services families need as well as certainty essential to good planning by service providers, families and ancillary services.

In addition, many of ACS's programs are funded on a district-wide allocation based on indicia of need on a Census tract or zip code basis that continues to leave pockets of significant unmet need in our District for publicly-funded child care, pre-K and Head Start. Either an overall funding increase to the baseline, or reform of the allocation system, is needed to ensure those with equivalent needs have equivalent access to programs and services. (FY05#3; FY06#1; FY07#2; FY08#9; FY09#4; FY10 #4; FY11 #19; FY12#10; FY13#12; FY14#15; FY15#4)

Department of Sanitation

26. Funding for additional basket service at night and on weekends and holidays.

CD7's 1,000 litter baskets are never empty – and often they are overflowing. DSNY cut a Sunday basket truck, making it impossible to service all of the district's baskets. Additional basket service is needed from 4PM to midnight on Sundays and from midnight to 8AM on weekdays. The current service helps keep streets and sidewalks clean, with fewer incidents of rodent infestation and clogged catch basins and street drains, and reduces floatables in the Hudson River. Additional service on the night shift, weekends and holidays would improve conditions when thousands of tourists are in the district (FY07#6; FY08#10; FY09#19; FY10#23; FY11#8; FY12#3; FY13#4; FY14#13; FY15#7)

NYC Police Department

27. Hiring of civilian personnel to perform administrative and clerical positions in NYPD.

The goals of crime reduction and greater public confidence in the police have been realized in great measure through increased patrol strength. Patrol strength and its positive community impacts are being jeopardized as more officers must perform administrative work or are moved into special initiatives. To maintain patrol strength without breaking the budget, the NYPD should rescind the hiring freeze for civilians in administrative and clerical positions, restore civilian personnel to 14,400, and free uniformed officers for precinct patrol (FY98 #19; FY99#9; FY13#6; FY#14; FY15#15)

Department of Transportation

28. Funding & placement of "NYC Law-no right on red", "NYC Speed Limit 25mph unless otherwise posted" signs.

There is a lack of signage where the Henry Hudson Parkway exits on to West Side streets, at the 79th Street & 95th-96th Street exits. As this may be the first place vehicles are actually on NYC streets from their point of origin, it is essential that New York City's rules & regulations be visible to motorists who may not be aware of them. Additionally, there is a paucity of speed limit signage throughout the West Side. (New)

Department of Finance

29. Funding for Appraisers, Assessors, Tax Auditors and other staff to both (i) reassess older residential buildings experiencing dramatic and unsustainable tax increases in recent years contributing to a loss of affordable units, and (ii) thoroughly review tax exemptions and abatements, which may be misapplied toward new and recent projects.

For the past several years CB 7 has highlighted the need to fully staff the Department of Finance given their revenue-generating jobs. The Board appreciates the addition of staff to date. It has come to our attention; however, that a number of older residential co-op buildings in our community have witnessed unprecedented jumps in their assessed value. This has resulted in a dramatic increase in monthly maintenance costs and a loss of affordable units when families can no longer pay such increases.

Large residential co-ops are renowned for their mix of apartment values corresponding to when any apartment was purchased and thus often house a wide mix of incomes within a single building. This phenomenon has long contributed to our community supporting a variety of incomes. Unfortunately, while the high-assessed value may be affordable for new occupants, most inhabitants in these older buildings are at the lower end of the household income spread and cannot afford the steep rise in maintenance charges. The result of the sudden escalation of a building's assessed value is yet another factor resulting in the loss of our affordable housing stock.

CB 7 urges the Department of Finance to employ staff to create a program for re-evaluating the assessment of our older (built prior to 1985?) buildings, taking into account a building's existing occupants to ensure a building's taxed value is NOT tied to the potential selling value of any apartment as witnessed by a small number of recently purchased apartments. We also request appropriate staff for other city agencies that may need to be involved in this new program (FY13#2; FY14#2; FY15#2)

RESOLUTION

Date: November 5, 2014

Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues

Re: 2014 Broadway (West 68th – 69th Streets.)

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

Committee: 8-0-0-1.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** renewal application #1326142-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 68th Street Café, Inc., d/b/a Luce, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 5, 2014

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: 15th Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square

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

Committee: 11-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** Lincoln Square Business Improvement District (BID) 15th Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square on Monday, December 1, 2014 at Broadway and West 63rd Street.