

Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 998 Amsterdam Avenue (West 109th Street.) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 7-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the applications to the State Liquor Authority for two-year liquor licenses by Tannadice LLC, d/b/a To be Determined. Board requests modification of hours to Sun. 11a-2a; Mon-Wed, 4p-2a; Thurs 4a-3a; Fri. 4p-4a; Sat. 11a-4a.

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Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 427 Amsterdam Avenue (427 Amsterdam Avenue.) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 7-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the applications to the State Liquor Authority for two-year liquor licenses by Tai Kai Inc., d/b/a Momoya Upper West.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 2636 Broadway (West 100th Street) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the applications to the State Liquor Authority for two-year liquor licenses by Spectru Restaurants, d/b/a d/b/a To be Determined.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 483 Columbus Avenue (West 83rd Street) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 9-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the applications to the State Liquor Authority for two-year liquor licenses by LVSS Inc., d/b/a Bellini.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 80 Riverside Drive (West 80th Street) Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 7-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** the application to the State Liquor Authority for two-year liquor license by Cosmopolitan Broadcasting Corporation d/b/a Riverside Tower Hotel, until the applicant provides architectural plans, copy of CoA and list of re-posted notices. The Committee will also find out distance from Calhoun School.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications: Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 9-0-0-0.*

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

- **359 Columbus Avenue** (West 77th Street.) Renewal application #0953473-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 359 Columbus Avenue, LLC, d/b/a Isabella's, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 28 tables and 74 seats.
- **467 Columbus Avenue** (West 82nd 83rd Streets.) Renewal application #1384273-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Canteen 82, Inc., d/b/a Blue Caravan, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 18 seats.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 229 Columbus Avenue (West 70th – 71st Streets.) Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

Applicant did not attend the hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** renewal application #1186113-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Flej, Inc., d/b/a Pomodoro, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 16 seats.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 366 Columbus Avenue (West 77th Street.) Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 6 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present *Committee:* 8-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** renewal application ULURP# N120250ECM/ DCA# 1282506 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shake Shack 366 Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Shake Shack, for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats, with the following stipulations: the applicant will come to committee meeting quarterly for one year; applicant will use stanchions; applicant will have "ambassadors" monitoring traffic flow daily, but especially on weekends; applicant will remove exterior benches and flower pot.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 269 Columbus Avenue (West 72nd – 73rd Streets) Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

Applicant did not attend the hearing.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves without prejudice** renewal application #1392078DCA /ULURP #N150429ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 72nd & Columbus Restaurant, LLC d/b/a AG Kitchen for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 16 tables and 34 seats.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 187 Columbus Avenue (West 68th – 69th Streets.) Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application #11625-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jagr 187 Columbus, LLC, d/b/a Joe Coffee, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 10 seats.

Applicant did not attend the hearing.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 464 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82nd – 83rd Streets.) Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new application #11552-2015-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Seva, LLC, d/b/a Hampton Chutney Company, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 22 seats.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Business & Consumer Issues Re: 320 Columbus Avenue (West 75th Street.) Full Board Vote: 30 In Favor 6 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** new/change of ownership application #5143-2015-ASWC /ULURP #N150414ECM to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shreeji Swami Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Saffron Indian Cuisine for a four-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 26 seats.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Housing Re: Support of Int. No. 49 - In relation to the provision of notice to council members and community boards of applications filed with the department of buildings. 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:

- CB7 receives knowledge of applications for new building permits and/or for permits for an alteration requiring a new certificate of occupancy in a haphazard and sporadic fashion.
- As a result CB7 is often deprived of the opportunity to take proactive and timely action on an application that presents concerns to CB7 and/or members of the community.
- If the Department of Buildings is required to give automatic notice of these applications within five days after receipt of a completed application to the Community Board and City Council Member in whose jurisdiction the property which is the subject of the application is located, CB7 could investigate, monitor the situation, and take timely action regarding its concerns and those of the community pertinent to the application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports Int. No. 49 and urges all members of the New York City council to pass this bill into law.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges a modification to this bill so that tenants in a building also receive notice when the related building permits are submitted or rejected.

Int. No. 49

By Council Members Cabrera, Cumbo, Dickens, Koo, Lancman, Rose, Vacca, Rosenthal, Reynoso, Richards, Koslowitz, Miller, Crowley, Espinal, Greenfield, King, Maisel, Mealy, Vallone, Gibson, Cohen, Arroyo, Chin, Constantinides, Cornegy, Palma, Rodriguez, Torres,

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the provision of notice to council members and community boards of applications filed with the department of buildings.

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Section 28-103.11 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as amended by local law number 141 for the year 2013, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28-103.11 Applications and permits. The department shall receive and review applications, construction documents, and other related documents and shall issue permits, in accordance with the provisions of this code. No later than five business days after receiving a completed application for a new building permit or a permit for an alteration that will require a new certificate of occupancy for a building, the department shall send a copy of the application to the council member for the council district in which the property that is the subject of the application is located and to the community board for the community district in which the property that is the subject of the application is located.

\$2. Section 28-104.2.8 of the administrative code of the city of New York, as added by local law number 33 for the year 2007, is amended to read as follows:

§ 28-104.2.8 Notification of rejection. Applications failing to comply with the provisions of this code and other applicable laws and rules shall be rejected and written notice of rejection, stating the grounds of rejection, shall be given the applicant promptly and not later than the date required in section 28-104.2.7. No later than five days after sending the applicant a notice of rejection of an application for a new building permit or a permit for an alteration that will require a new certificate of occupancy for a building, the department shall send a copy of the notice of rejection to the council member for the council district in which the property that is the subject of the application is located and to the community board for the community district in which the property that is the subject of the application is located.

§3. This local law shall take effect ninety days after its enactment, except that the department of buildings shall take such actions as are necessary for its implementation, including the promulgation of rules, prior to its effective date.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Parks & Environment Re: Riverside Park South. Department of Parks & Recreation's design for Phase 2 of the restoration of the West 69th Street Transfer Bridge, Riverside Park in the Hudson River at West 69th Street. Full Board Vote: 24 In Favor 11 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

Full Board Vote: 24 In Favor 11 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

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

The West 69th Street Transfer Bridge, which opened in 1911 (sometimes referred to as the "Gantry") is a relic of an essential piece of industrial history of the Upper West Side. The area that now forms Riverside South, including Riverside Park South, was once a major freight railway yard. The Transfer Bridge, which is just offshore from what is now Riverside Park South, in the Hudson River at West 69th Street, permitted the transfer of railway box cars that were carried on barges across the river between New York and New Jersey.

The plans for the development of Riverside Park South, under the Restrictive Declaration governing the creation of the park, include the restoration of the Transfer Bridge, which has been undertaken in several phases. Phase 1, completed in June of 2012, involved stabilizing the severely deteriorated structure, including raising it on a concrete understructure, and cost approximately \$2.23 million. Phase 2 will include further stabilization of the structure, restoration of the gantry towers, the control cabin and the machinery house with historically appropriate materials, repainting various parts of the Transfer Station in historically appropriate colors and the addition of LED lighting. It will also include the provision of interpretive signage at the overlook onshore in Riverside Park South, at a cost of approximately \$4.034 million. Phase 3, for which funds are not currently available, would provide an access structure from the shore to the Transfer Station, permitting members of the public to visit the Transfer Station, including for educational and other programmed events.

The Parks and Environment Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the proposed design for Phase 2 of the reconstruction of the West 69th Street Transfer Bridge is well thought out and appropriate to its historic character. Community Board 7 **commends** the Department of Parks and Recreation for its thoughtful presentation and its sensitive design proposal.

However, Community Board 7/Manhattan is concerned that, with the completion of Phase 2, well over \$6 million will have been spent to restore this signature historic landmark of the community's industrial past without its being accessible whatsoever to the public. That money has been mostly public funds, but also includes a substantial amount of money paid by the Developer of Riverside South that could otherwise have been allocated to constructing other parts of Riverside Park South, which is still not completed, and as to which there is a very substantial shortfall in currently required Developer funding for completion.

250 West 87th Street New York, NY 10024-2706 *Phone:* (212) 362-4008 *Fax:*(212) 595-9317 Web site: nyc.gov/mcb7 e-mail address: office@cb7.org Community Board 7 is also concerned that there is no signage telling users of the park what the Transfer Bridge is. Thousands of park users pass the site without any knowledge of the nature, or historical importance, of the Transfer Bridge. Further, though there are allusions to the industrial history of the Riverside Park South site further south in sections of the park that have been completed, there is no signage there sufficiently explaining to the public the historic context of those allusions.

Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the proposed preliminary design for Phase 2 of the West 69th Street Transfer Station.

However, Community Board 7/Manhattan also **strongly requests** that temporary interpretative signage be installed opposite the Transfer Bridge without waiting for the permanent signage included in the Phase 2 project, which is not anticipated to go into construction until several years from now. It further **strongly requests** that appropriate interpretative signage be installed at other locations in Riverside Park South, further explaining the industrial history of the site.

Community Board 7 also **strongly requests** that DPR return to the Parks and Environment Committee to present its final design for the Phase 2 work at the Transfer Station, including its proposed permanent interpretative signage for the Transfer Station overlook area.

Finally, Community Board 7/Manhattan, **strongly urges** DPR to obtain the funding for, and to construct, the Phase 3 connection between the shore and the Transfer Bridge at the earliest possible time, so that members of the public will have access to it for educational and other purposes, truly integrating the Transfer Bridge into Riverside Park South.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Preservation Re: 1 West 67th Street (Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement. Full Board Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 4-0-0-0.*

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

- The existing double height window bays are divided into nine units, three rows high by three rows wide.
- While a number of the original window units within the bays have been replaced throughout the front façade over the past century, an overall uniformity and sense of the original design remains. In particular, the lower row of window units at the bays above and below the bays under consideration retain the original design.
- The existing steel frames and decorative steel details will be repaired and restored.
- All the proposed window units will be thermally broken steel frames with insulated glass units. The top row units will have simulated divided lights with applied muntins approximating the original muntin dimensions.
- At the top row, the configuration of all three units will be restored to the original 1917 design: four vertical panes of clear glass, divided by three vertical muntins. The method of the operation of the outer two operable window units will be changed from center-hinged pivots (which preclude the installation of interior shades) to outswinging awning units.
- At the middle row, the existing three units will remain, retaining the original four vertical panes per unit with their original milky glass.
- At the bottom row, the two outer, outswinging casement units will be replaced with similarly designed outswinging casements with no muntin subdivision. The proposed fixed center unit will not include a center vertical muntin, straying from the original 1917 design of this window unit.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that while the change from center-hinged to awning operation of the replacement windows at the upper row is reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District, the fixed windows proposed for center unit of the bottom row are inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District without the original center vertical muntin division..

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** proposed design of the replacement windows **unless** the center vertical muntin is added to the fixed window units at the bottom row of each window bay.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Preservation Re: 219 West 71 Street (Broadway.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a handicap/ wheelchair lift at the front entryway. Full Board Vote: 34 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

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

- The new handicap/ wheelchair lift will be located in the location of the existing planting box in the front courtyard.
- As designed and described at the meeting, but not shown on the drawings, the shaped detail at the top of the existing low brownstone wall enclosing the front courtyard will be replicated at the side, at the same 21" height. A simple black metal railing extending up to the 48" total required height will be installed above this low side wall (lower than shown in the rendering).
- The two proposed piers at the west end and separating the two new gates will have similar details to the existing piers at the base of the stoop. The applicant agreed to make the two new piers the same sizes, modifying the size and design of the middle pier presented.
- The two new black metal gates accessing the front courtyard will be modelled on the existing gate design at the stoop.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed Design for the handicap/ wheelchair lift at the front entry way as modified 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 handicap/ wheelchair lift at the front entryway as orally described and as modified.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Preservation Re: 313 Columbus Avenue (West 75th Street.) Application #17-2294 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace ground floor infill and install illuminated signage. Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

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

- The design of the new storefront will be reviewed at staff level.
- The new sign will be 17'-6" long x 1'-10" high, centered on the new expanded storefront. It will be bronze finish aluminum, projecting 3" off the face of the building. The new letters will be pinned onto the signage board, backlit with white LED lights.
- A new non-illuminated blade sign at the southern end of the façade will be 1'-11" high, x 1'5" wide. It will be installed 1"off the face of the building so project 1'-6" from the building façade overall. Similar bronze background as the illuminated sign, with flat brushed aluminum letters.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed design for the illuminated signage and the blade sign 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 illuminated signage and the blade sign.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Preservation

Re: 41 West 76th Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a one-story extension, facade restoration, window replacement, and new windows on the rear facade.

Full Board Vote A: 35 In Favor 2 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

Full Board Vote B: 35 In Favor 2 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 3-2-0-0.*

Full Board Vote C: 35 In Favor 2 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 5-0-0-0.*

- A. Regarding the front façade work, the following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:
 - The existing brownstone façade is painted in a yellowish white color, with dark colored wood windows. The stoop steps are brownstone. The ground level entry court is paved in concrete.
 - The façade will be re-painted in a bright white color.
 - New one-over-one double hung wood windows will be installed, painted to match the white facade color.
 - The lower entry courtyard will be re-paved in gray slate.
 - The stoop steps will be rebuilt using integrally-colored gray concrete to match the new slate paving.

The Committee requested that the paint color proposed for the front façade be modified to a dove gray white, approximating the color of the adjacent building to the east. New wood windows will be painted to match the modified facade paint color. The applicant agreed to these modifications.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed front façade work as modified and replacement windows 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 front façade work **as modified** and the window replacement.

- B. Regarding the rear yard facade, the following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:
 - The existing three story rear yard addition is atypically deep, extending 30 feet beyond the rear facade, set back only 8 feet from the rear lot line.

- To increase the light admitted to the building interior, and to augment the very limited garden area, at the garden level large new window and door openings will be created on both the north and west facades of the rear yard addition.
- Existing windows at the two upper floors of the existing rear yard addition will be enclosed with matching brick.
- To further increase the amount of light brought into the structure, the existing main rear façade will be opened up significantly in the area above the existing rear yard addition. New taller and wider window openings will replace the small existing punched windows.
- Additionally, at the lower two floors, the existing punched window openings in the narrow western portion of the main façade will be enlarged vertically.
- New fenestration will be powder-coated aluminum frame windows and sliding doors, dark gray finish, with clear glass.

The Committee commends the applicant on a spatially creative and visually appealing design. The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed design for the modified rear facades is reasonable appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District, **with the exception of one aspect**:

• On both the third and fourth floors, the height of the two large window units to the east should be lowered to align with the head heights of the adjacent existing punched window openings to the west.

In addition, the Committee STRONGLY recommends that abundant greenery be introduced to soften the large expanses of unbroken masonry at the walls enclosing the existing rear yard addition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** the rear façade renovation work **UNLESS** the heads of the new large window openings at the east are lowered to align with the head heights of the existing punched window openings to the west on the third and fourth floors, and strongly recommends the introduction of abundant greenery at the rear yard addition's blank walls..

- C. Regarding the rooftop addition, the following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion:
 - The addition will be set back 15 feet from the front façade and will not be visible from the public way. It will be set back two feet from the rear facade.
 - The height of the new rooftop addition will align with the lower existing adjacent rooftop addition to the west.
 - The structure will be clad in common red brick re-used from elsewhere in the building.
 - New windows will be large powder-coated aluminum frame windows, dark gray finish, with clear glass, matching the new windows below.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the design of the new rooftop addition 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 addition.



Date: October 7, 2015

Committee of Origin: Preservation Re: 44 West 77th Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application # 17-0663 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to replace windows. Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Committee: 4-0-0-0.

The following facts and concerns were taken into account in arriving at our conclusion: *Regarding the south façade:*

- There are no original windows remaining in the south façade.
- The existing windows vary widely within the south façade.
- The top three floors of the building's south-facing rear facade are visible from a single location at Columbus Avenue and 76th Street.
 Proposal is to replace the existing double hung aluminum windows with new single pane windows, similar to the single pane replacement windows installed on the floors directly above and below.
- New windows to be Skyline "Tilt and Turn" aluminum thermal windows, dark bronze finish to match existing in the south façade.
- New tripartite window unit to the east will approximate the wider mullion dimension of the existing windows below.
- Existing through wall air conditioner units will be removed. The openings will be enclosed with metal panels, color to match the existing red brick.

Regarding the eastern courtyard facades:

- Although not original, the existing double hung windows are assumed to be similar to the original ones. They are in poor condition.
- The existing windows are considered to be "special", with a variety of different muntin designs.
- Similar "special windows" remain on the floor above and on a number of the floors below.
- The proposal is to replace the existing "special" windows with new aluminum double hung windows. Black finish to match existing windows in the courtyard. Removed "special" glass paned units would be re-used elsewhere in the building by other tenants.
- Existing through wall air conditioner units will be removed. The openings will be enclosed with metal panels, color to match the existing tan brick.

The Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/ Manhattan believes that the proposed replacement windows in the south façade are reasonably appropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District, but the windows proposed for the eastern courtyard façade interrupt a solid grouping of "special" windows and are therefore inappropriate to the historic character of the building and of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the south facade replacement windows **but disapproves** the eastern courtyard façade replacement windows.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: 159-161 West 85th Street (Amsterdam Avenue – Columbus Avenue.) Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 2-0-0-0.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application EIN #46-3662556 to the Department of Transportation by IUC 159 West 85th Street, LLC for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use steps and planted areas on the north sidewalk of West 85th Street, east of Amsterdam Avenue.



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Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: MTA Capital Program. Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 1-0-0-0.

The following facts were taken into account when reaching our conclusion:

- The MTA Capital Program is vital to the City & Region and provides important resources to keep our transit & commuter rail system in good shape & able to expand and meet the needs of over 12 million riders a year.
- At this point, there is still no agreement between the State, City, & MTA over the exact amount that will
- comprise the next five-year Capital Plan, representing the longest the MTA has gone without a verified Capital Program.
- This lack of agreement presents the MTA with many dilemmas, including where cuts will have to be

made in the Capital Program, which could include Phase 2 of the Second Avenue subway, Countdown clocks for the "B" division, new car purchases, the East Side access plan, station renovations, Communications-based-train-control to relieve overcrowding, & more.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan demands that the City & the State of New York immediately take action to make the MTA's entire Capital Program fully-funded, so that all of the aforementioned programs and the vital upkeep of our transit system may proceed without further delay, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all funds earmarked for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority - both State & City funds-must remain in a "lockbox", which may not be used for any other purposes other than the intended purpose - to support the MTA's mass transit system in the 14 county area that it serves.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: New Hudson Rail Tunnel. Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 1-0-0-0.

The following facts were taken into account when reaching our conclusion:

- The existing rail tunnels under the Hudson River that serve both New Jersey Transit & Amtrak trains are over 105 years old, and in dire need of repair.
- One breakdown of a train causes backups and massive delays all up and down the Northeast Corridor, and even affects the Long Island Rail Road.
- Uninterrupted rail service on the Northeast Corridor is critical to the economy of the entire region.
- The first plan to address a new tunnel (Access to the Region's Core) was cancelled by Governor Christie.

Hurricane Sandy did additional damage to the tunnels, making repairs even more imperative.

• Governors Christie and Cuomo agree on the necessity of new rail tunnels under the Hudson River.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan calls on officials of both States, as well as the Federal Government, to immediately agree on a viable plan to fund the construction of new Hudson River Rail Tunnels to serve the all-important Northeast Corridor rail line. Failure to do so will likely result in a devastating blow to the economies of not only the two states, but the entire U.S. economy.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: R179 subway car procurement. Full Board Vote: 36 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 1-0-0-0.

The following facts were taken into account when reaching our conclusion:

- Bombardier was the winning bidder of the R-179 contract, which will replace the R-32 (oldest cars in the entire MTA system) & R-42 cars.
- C train riders (R-32) in Manhattan and Brooklyn have long been suffering with numerous breakdowns, poor service, poor air conditioning, and jerky starts for many years.
- It has been reported that there will be a delay in delivery of the new R-179 cars, resulting in delays of at least two extra years in delivery of the new cars.
- New R-160 cars are placed on the C line during the summers due to the older car's lack of reliable air conditioning on an all-underground line such as the C.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan asks the MTA to demand a better delivery schedule from Bombardier regarding the R-179 cars, and if not feasible, to review the offer of the second-highest bidder, Kawasaki, to ascertain when they would be able to deliver the R-179 subway cars in a more timely manner.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: 130 West 87th Street (Columbus Avenue – Amsterdam Avenue.) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present *Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 2-0-0-0.*

The applicant did not attend the hearing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** application EIN# 54-2070479 to the Department of Transportation by Y&A Realty, LLC for a new revocable consent to construct, maintain and use a stoop, steps, and fenced-in area.



Date: October 7, 2015 Committee of Origin: Transportation Re: Newsstand, N/W/C Columbus Avenue & West 92nd Street (IFO 660 Columbus Avenue.) Full Board Vote: 32 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present Committee: 8-0-0-0. Non-Committee Members: 2-0-0-0.

The applicant did not attend the hearing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **disapproves** application #**10682-2015-ANWS** to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Kanwarjit Gyani to construct and operate a newsstand on the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 92nd Street, in front of 660 Columbus Avenue.