

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Health & Human Services**

**Re: The Transitional Women's Shelter at 237 West 107<sup>th</sup> Street (Amsterdam Avenue-Broadway)**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

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

The following facts were taken into consideration:

- The shelter is home to 120 single women.
- The shelter has been in its current location since 2010.
- Many women are either continuing their education or are gainfully employed.
- Over 60 community residents expressed strong support for maintaining the transitional shelter as a home for 120 single women.
- The West 107<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association and the Church of the Ascension community are strong proponents of maintaining the shelter as it is.
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services informed the Community Board of its intention to move out the female residents and instead turn it into a shelter for single men.
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services did not provide a timetable, information about where the women would be moving and did not consult with the affected community.
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services (DHS) was invited to CB7's September 24<sup>th</sup> Health and Human Services Committee meeting and was expected to attend in order to address questions about the move they are planning for the shelter. DHS informed the Board in the afternoon of the 24<sup>th</sup> that no one would be able to attend and they provided no additional information to share with community.
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services informed the current female residents that there would be a move, but without any details. There was no information for them on to where they would be moving and whether their community would be moving together to a new location.
- The NYC Department of Homeless Services did not outreach to the West 107<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association or the Church of the Ascension community, both that have long-time supportive involvement with the Shelter and its residents.
- We have witnessed a rare situation, wherein a community is clearly embracing the DHS transitional shelter and its residents and wants DHS to maintain this shelter as it is in their community.

We concluded that:

- The 107<sup>th</sup> Street transitional women's shelter has been successful in serving 120 single women, safely and effectively for several years of its operation.
- Continuing education and gainful employment is uplifting the skills and abilities of the women to move them toward greater self-reliance.

- The residents of the shelter have integrated into the life of the neighborhood and made a positive impact on the community. Residents have even been hired as employees by their neighbors and have volunteered with the West 107<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association.
- The outpouring of over 60 community residents indicated unanimous support for the continuation of the transitional shelter as a shelter for single women.
- It is cruel, inhumane and unacceptable for DHS to remove the shelter's residents from their home – a safe, stable environment that has enabled them to make progress in their lives, form a strong female community and positively contribute to their neighborhood.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7/Manhattan requests that the New York City Department of Homeless Services put their plans on hold for any change in the use of 237 West 107<sup>th</sup> Street.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** CB7 insists that New York City Department of Homeless Services initiate open meetings with the current residents of 237 West 107<sup>th</sup> Street, Community Board 7, the 107<sup>th</sup> Street Block Association, and the Church of the Ascension community to explain their plan and to listen to the voices of the community members from the neighborhood surrounding the shelter.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** CB7 calls upon the Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, Councilman Mark Levine and all other elected officials serving the affected community to intervene with the NYC Department of Homeless Services on behalf of the community's desire to maintain the shelter as a transitional women's shelter of 120 women. And to that end we implore them to insist that the DHS immediately put their plans on hold.

**RESOLUTION**

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Electric Charging Stations, Level 2 EV chargers.**

**Full Board Vote: 28 In Favor 17 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 7-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** Con Edison’s plan to install 3 chargers (6 parking spaces) at curbside locations on the UWS and Lincoln Square. The chargers will be in place for four years as part of a demonstration project, which will include an evaluation. Below are the locations Con Edison will be checking for feasibility in the coming weeks:

ON STREET	TO	FROM
<b>W 93<sup>rd</sup> Street</b>	Central Park West	Columbus Avenue
<b>W 86<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	West End Avenue	Riverside Drive
<b>W 64<sup>th</sup> Street</b>	Amsterdam Avenue	West End Avenue

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: 241 Central Park West (West 84<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 29 In Favor 14 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ **approves** request by 239 Central Park West Corporation to the Department of Transportation to designate a “Loading Zone” extending from the proposed new entrance on West 84<sup>th</sup> Street to the corner of Central Park West.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Secondary Street Renaming, Felipe de Jesus Bilit.**

**Full Board Vote: 26 In Favor 7 Against 6 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 6-1-1-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the request by Tara to name secondarily the southwest corner of West 80<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam in honor of Felipe de Jesus Bilit.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Transportation**

**Re: Secondary Street Renaming, "Samantha Friedman Way."**

**Full Board Vote: 25 In Favor 5 Against 7 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 6-1-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the request by P.S. 333, Manhattan School for Children, to name secondarily northeast corner of West 93<sup>rd</sup> Street between Columbus Avenue or Amsterdam Avenue in honor of the late teacher, Samantha Friedman.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 795 Columbus Avenue (West 99<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

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

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Columbus Avenue Kitchen LLC, d/b/a Bareburger.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 200 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue.)

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

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Long Play Record Bar LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.



## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 774 Amsterdam Avenue (West 98<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

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

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by JPDB Hospitality, LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 269 Columbus Avenue (West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street.)**

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

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

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

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 450 Amsterdam Avenue (West 82<sup>nd</sup> Street.)**

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

**Committee: 10-0-0-0.**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by Mee Tung LLC, d/b/a Land Thai Kitchen.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:**

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** the following Renewal Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés Applications:

- **510 Columbus Avenue** (West 85<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #2045884-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Motorino 3, Inc., d/b/a Motorino, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 12 seats.  
*Committee: 9-0-0-1.*
- **568 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87<sup>th</sup> – 88<sup>th</sup> Street.) Renewal application #2036313-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 568 Amsterdam, LLC, d/b/a Pizzeria Sirenetta, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.  
*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 189 Columbus Avenue (West 68<sup>th</sup> – 69<sup>th</sup> Streets.)**

**Full Board Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

The applicant did not attend the meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** renewal application #2055693-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by VLC Upper West, LLC, d/b/a Vive La Crepe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 340 Amsterdam Avenue (West 76<sup>th</sup> Street.)**

**Full Board Vote: 38 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present**

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

The applicant did not attend the meeting;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **disapproves** renewal application #1413323-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Ale House, Inc., d/b/a Amsterdam Ale House, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 11 tables and 32 seats.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

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

**Re: 718 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.)

**Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present**

*Committee: 10-0-0-0.*

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan **approves** new application #4823-2019-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Cabrera Argudo Corp., d/b/a Rancho Taquileria, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Preservation**

**Re: 319 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street (West End Avenue – Riverside Drive.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear-yard addition, penthouse extension with skylights and windows, stoop and façade restoration.**

**Full Board Vote A: 39 In Favor 2 Against 0 Abstention 0 Present**

**Full Board Vote B: 40 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstention 0 Present**

*Committee: 6-0-0-0.*

The following facts were taken into consideration:

- The premises was constructed ca. 1893-94 by architect George F. Pelham.
- The property is included in the Riverside Drive-West End Historic District Extension I.
- The building is a 3-story plus basement townhouse in the Romanesque Revival style with a partial fourth floor. The primary façade is composed of brick and brownstone.
- The application includes restoring the masonry stoop and main entrance on the parlor floor, with corresponding adjustments to the areaway and parlor floor windows; extending the partial fourth floor to the rear façade; creating a stair bulkhead on the roof above the extended fourth floor; and creating a full-width/full-depth rear façade addition in lieu of the existing “L” extension, with significantly altered window units on the lower portion of the rear façade.

### **Front Façade:**

- The restoration work on the front façade includes re-creating a masonry stoop and re-introducing a main entrance on the parlor floor using the existing western-most of three parlor floor tall windows.
- The existing historic detail on the main façade would be restored. The areaway would be adjusted to accommodate the stoop, with a basement entrance under the staircase.
- The stoop would be modeled after the existing stoop at 327 West 84<sup>th</sup> Street, a companion building in the group.

### **Rooftop Addition:**

- The existing partial fourth floor would be extended to a setback of 16” from the rear façade, with a stair bulkhead composed of stucco added at the top.
- The rooftop addition and bulkhead would not be visible from any public way.
- The bulkhead would be approximately half the width of the roof, and would consist of a stucco wall facing the front of the building, plate glass windows and a door facing west and north.
- Black metal railings would bound the fourth floor roof terrace at the front and back.

### **Rear Yard Addition:**

- The existing “L” extension would be removed in favor of a full-width extension at the 30-foot depth into the rear yard. The existing “L” extension is paired with an existing “L” extension on the



adjacent building to the west, so the only effect of the full-width extension is to create a notched inset on the townhouse to the east.

- The new extension would include the ground, parlor, and second floors, with the roof above the second floor creating a shallow terrace accessible from the third floor. The existing punched windows on the rear façade at the third floor would be expanded to a pair of double-doors leading to the new terrace.
- The proposed full-width addition would be clad in white washed brick.
- The new rear façade of the proposed extended fourth floor would be clad in stucco and would include three punched windows. The existing corbel brick roof line would be preserved.
- The fenestration of the ground floor would consist of a wide plate glass panel flanked by narrow operable doors leading to the rear yard.
- The fenestration for the parlor and second floors would be 5 double-height 13 feet tall window panels with hopper panels at the base and a thin bar separating the panels at approximately the dividing line between the parlor and second floors.
- The monumental glazing would be surrounded by brick to a width of 2 1/4 feet, with a metal spandrel between the ground and parlor floors, and a wider course of brick framing the façade above the second floor.

With certain modifications to the proposal detailed below, the proposed changes to the front façade, rooftop and rear façade are appropriate to the character of the Historic District.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan:

- **approves** as thoroughly appropriate to the character of the Historic District the restoration of the front stoop and the associated façade and areaway restoration, including the lighting fixtures for the stoop and areaway; and
- **approves** as reasonably appropriate to the character of the Historic District the proposed extension of the existing fourth floor, the creation of a half-width stair bulkhead on the roof, the full-width rear yard addition in place of the existing L extension that will rise from the ground through the second floors, and the railings at each terrace area, with **strong recommendations** (a) to unify the color of the brick on the full-width extension and the third floor, either as all common red brick or all in the proposed whitewashed common brick, and (b) to introduce horizontal mullions to break up the monumentality of the tall thin windows on the rear parlor and second floors.

## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Parks & Environment**

**Re: Monumental Women proposal for a new Central Park statue honoring women.**

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

*Committee: 6-0-0-1. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0.*

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

Monumental Women, a corporate alias of the Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony Statue Fund, Inc., which is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization, is dedicated to women's equality. Monumental Women has won approval by the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation to build a statue in Central Park along the Literary Walk promenade featuring New Yorkers Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Sojourner Truth. The design is currently pending approval by New York City's Public Design Commission.

The Women's Rights Pioneers statue will be the first statue depicting real women in the 165-year history of New York City's Central Park. Currently, the park includes statues of allegorical figures, nymphs and angels, including Mother Goose and Alice in Wonderland, but no real women.

As of September 16, 2019, the composition of the statue depicts Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and Sojourner Truth atop a base. All three women were well-documented women's rights pioneers, New Yorkers, and contemporaries. In the current design, nationally-recognized sculptor Meredith Bergmann shows the three women working together in Elizabeth Cady Stanton's home, where it is historically documented they met and spent time together.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the specific design of the Women's Rights Pioneer statue in the form, appearance and materials as presented at Community Board 7 on September 16, 2019.



## RESOLUTION

**Date: October 2, 2019**

**Committees of Origin: Parks & Environment**

**Re: Harlem Meer Project / Re-envisioning of Lasker Pool & Rink.**

**Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 0 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:

Central Park was developed in the mid-1800s by Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux as a refuge from urban plight and the adverse effects of industrialization. The park was built with the specific purpose of healthful recreation for all. Central Park is a New York City Scenic Landmark. During the 1940s the landscape began to harden with a more formalized network of pathways under Robert Moses. The existing Lasker Pool and Rink was constructed in the 1960's. In the 1980s parts of the north end of the park went into neglect and were subject to arson. Over the past 30 years, there has been a concerted effort to improve this area and bring balance and utility for the community's enjoyment. The Lasker Pool and Rink has outlived its useful life. Additionally, its current location has adversely affected the flow of water northward into the Harlem Meer, and the water flow no longer functions as intended.

The transformation of the Harlem Meer and re-envisioning of Lasker Pool and Rink located approximately between 104th-110th Street in the north portion of the park involves demolishing the existing facility and integrating a new facility into a restored landscape. The Central Park Conservancy is funding and overseeing the development of the project with an approximately \$150 million budget. The project is scheduled to be completed over a three-year period, with construction beginning in 2021 and completed in 2024.

The goal of the transformation is to fuse nature and architecture, as is done in other parts of the park, including Bethesda Terrace and Wollman Rink, by lowering and resizing the pool into the landscape and restoring the landscape to pre-Lasker Rink and Pool conditions by allowing the ravine to naturally flow along the west side of the structure as opposed to being buried underneath the existing structure. The existing facility was originally designed with systemic flaws and is failing, including disruptions to the landscape and natural hydrology. For example, the pool currently leaks an average of 50,000 gallons of water per hour during summer months creating the potential for an environmental hazard. The ice resurfer requires a lift to get on and off the ice rink, and the ice making equipment requires R22, a refrigerant that will become obsolete by 2020. The facility also welcomes 220,000 visitors per year and access to the facility is not easily accessible, with a multitude of stairs to get in and out of the facility.

The Central Park Conservancy is considering a variety of uses for the new pool and rink facility in off seasons, including spring and fall sports and leisure activities. The small pool for children, of a type known to harbor bacteria and difficult to maintain, will be replaced with a splash pad that does not require oversight of a lifeguard. This design element is also current best practice in parks and playground facilities, as it is universally accessible. The project design will entail green roof elements, thoughtful solar and daylighting, bird-safe glass and energy efficient systems. The site will be fully accessible, including by

elevator and various ramps with protective fencing. A pool consultant will be engaged to determine the best configuration for lap lanes.

The western portion of the Harlem Meer, where the islands are located, referred to as the Freshwater Marsh by The Central Park Conservancy, will also be developed with a lighted, self-directed walkway to encourage visitors to interact with the water in different ways. The walkway will extend into the water and be accessible year-round.

The project will require the significant removal of surrounding trees, including approximately 25 crabapple trees and white pines. While the removal of some vegetation is inevitable, the proposed landscape will see an estimated 50 percent increase in plantings. The Central Park Conservancy is approaching this project as stewards of the park and of the landscape, and as they progress through the design phase they will do their best to mitigate any negative impacts on the park.

The Central Park Conservancy has displayed thoughtful consideration regarding the complexities that come with this significant project to transform the Lasker Rink & Pool facility. The project takes into account the history of the space, how it is presently utilized and future uses, while remaining sensitive to the existing landscape.

As discussed with the Parks & Environment Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan, at its September, 2019 monthly meeting, many design and operational elements of the new facility are still being developed. These include, for instance, the configuration of the new locker rooms and bathroom facilities (including addressing gender identification issues of users), some type of functional replacement for the existing "bleacher" area, the specifics of tree removal and tree replacement and other new landscaping, the installation of water fountains/bottle fillers and the placement and hours of designated lap lanes. The Conservancy has committed to return to the Parks & Environment Committee to present such further details in connection with its application for approval of the final design for the project.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the preliminary design for the Harlem Meer Project / Re-envisioning of Lasker Rink & Pool as reasonably appropriate to the historic landscape of Central Park, given the strong need for this public active recreational facility going forward into the future.

Community Board 7 also **commends** the Conservancy for its thorough presentation and its thoughtful preliminary design, including the restoration of the natural water flow northward into the Harlem Meer, and looks forward to reviewing the proposed final design as soon as it is available.