COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN MAY 2000 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 3 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 49 West 64th Street, O'Neal's.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 895618 to the Department of Transportation by The Good Service Co., Inc., d/b/a O'Neal's at 49 West 64th Street, for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 13 tables and 31 seats.

Committee: 2-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 3 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 285 Columbus Avenue, Sesso.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 1005984 to the Department of Transportation by Alchemy, Inc., d/b/a Sesso's at 285 Columbus Avenue (73rd-74th Streets), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 8 tables and 20 seats.

Committee: 2-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 3 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 1900 Broadway, Josephina.

WHEREAS, the applicant agrees not to encroach further into the arcade than the six feet permitted;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 895613 to the Department of Transportation by Costal at Lincoln, Inc., d/b/a Josephina at 1900 Broadway (63rd-64th Streets), for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 17 tables and 35 seats.

Committee: 2-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 37 In Favor 3 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 483 Amsterdam Avenue, Good Enough to Eat.

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed to reduce the depth of the sidewalk café in question to 9 feet by removing 2 seats, and has agreed to submit to Community Board 7/Manhattan plans revised to document this reduction and stamped by the NYC Department of Consumer Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the applicant has agreed that waiters will remain within the confines of the café when serving;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application DCA# 1027927 to the Department of Transportation by Good Enough to Eat Uptown, LTD, d/b/a Good Enough to Eat at 483 Amsterdam Avenue (83rd – 84th Streets), for a one-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 8 tables and 16 seats.

Committee: 2-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 35 In Favor 3 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 2012-2014 Broadway, La Fenice.

WHEREAS, the sidewalk café in question has not yet been in operation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the renewal application DCA# 0960823 to the Department of Transportation by H.D.N. Corp., d/b/a La Fenice at 2012-2014 Broadway (70th-71st Streets), for a one-year (i.e. not a five-year) consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 14 tables and 28 seats.

Committee: 2-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Land Use Committee

Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 2728 Broadway.

WHEREAS, 2728 Broadway has been part of the New York City Department of Housing Preservation & Development's ("HPD") Tenant Interim Lease ("TIL") program, in which occupied City-owned residential buildings are converted into tenant-owned, low-income cooperatives; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the preservation of low-income housing and the TIL program as a mechanism of such preservation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has already approved this application;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan supports the disposition of 2728 Broadway (104th-105th Streets) to 2728 Broadway Housing Development Fund Corporation, as the final step in this rehabilitation project in an Urban Development Action Area pursuant to Section 694a of the General Municipal Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the associated partial tax exemption.

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Housing and Human Services and Environmental Committee

Full Board Vote: 42 In Favor 0 Against 1 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Extension of the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption.

WHEREAS, the Senior Citizens Rent Increase Exemption ("SCRIE") protects seniors on limited incomes from annual and biannual rent increases that are authorized by current rent regulations, because these increases would be a substantial hardship and would cause many of these tenants to lose their homes; and

WHEREAS, current state laws reimburse rental housing owners for the rental income they lose by the SCRIE program through an off-set of their property taxes, so that the owners do not suffer a loss from the program; and

WHEREAS, the SCRIE policy is beneficial to the community because it tempers the need for higher rents with fairness and justice and prevents homelessness of seniors who would, in addition to their suffering, become public burdens; and

WHEREAS, the household income limits for eligibility into the SCRIE Program is set at $20,000 and this number does not adequately reflect the current market trend or the changes enacted in the RCRS code allowing for additional increases not previously proposed or enacted; and

WHEREAS, a number of tenants of Rent Controlled/Rent Stabilized and Mitchell-Lama apartments are people with permanent disabilities whose incomes are limited, and often derived solely from governmental programs such as SSI and SSD; and

WHEREAS, the state contribution to SSI has not increased in ten years, so that the maximum now provided to an SSI recipient is only $599 per month; and

WHEREAS, average regulated rents have more than doubled in the past ten years and now exceed the maximum disability support of a person on SSI; and

WHEREAS, many of people with disabilities are not eligible for the existing SCRIE program because they do not meet the minimum age requirement; and

WHEREAS, many people with disabilities will lose their homes because of the state authorized increases in regulated rents;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 Manhattan urges the Mayor of the City of New York, the City Council, and the NY State Legislature to expand eligibility into the SCRIE program to include people with disabilities (SSI, SSD), regardless of age, who otherwise meet the requirements of the SCRIE eligibility; and to increase said household income caps to $25,000 allowing for a more broad and encompassing program further protecting seniors from excessive increases as the program originally intended.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Landmarks Committee

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

Re: 249 Central Park West.

WHEREAS, the building is an important anchor on Central Park West; and

WHEREAS, the proposed work is to restore the integrity of the building; and

WHEREAS, although the they are removing a portion of the roof which is not visible from the street; and

WHEREAS, none of the proposed work impacts negatively on the building or can be seen from the public way except for a corner of the vestibule;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 Manhattan approves application #005476 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a rear yard addition, enlarge a window opening, and remove the roof from the existing extension.

Committee: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Landmarks Committee

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

Re: 158 West 88th Street.

WHEREAS, the building had a stoop which was previously removed; and

WHEREAS, although the stoop was a curved one, there is general approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a straight stoop; and

WHEREAS, the new side wall and grill work are appropriate to the period; and

WHEREAS, the front door will be appropriately changed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 Manhattan approves application #005083 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to construct a stoop, with the proviso that the applicant shows the Board the drawings for the light to be placed over the front door.

Committee: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Landmarks Committee

Full Board Vote: 27 In Favor 9 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: 2 Columbus Circle.

WHEREAS, 2 Columbus Circle is a distinctive New York City building designed by Edward Durell Stone, a world renowned Architect, in 1965; and

WHEREAS, the building is a unique component of the refurbishing of Columbus Circle; and

WHEREAS, the City has issued a Request for Proposals that would result in the demolition of the building; and

WHEREAS, the building was last review by the Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1996, and there are now several groups interested in purchasing and reusing the building;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan strongly urges the Commission to hold public hearings regarding possible landmark designation of 2 Columbus Circle.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Landmarks Committee

Full Board Vote: In Favor Against Abstentions Present (held over)

Re: Recognition of landmarked buildings.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan acknowledges the restoration of the following landmarked buildings: The Dakota (Central Park West and 72nd Street); The Oliver Cromwell (West 72nd Street, Central Park West-Columbus Avenue); St. Paul the Apostle Church (Columbus Avenue and 59th Street), and Shearith Israel (Central Park West and 70th Street).

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Transportation Committee

Full Board Vote: 41 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 1 Present

Re: 325 Central Park West.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the new application to the Department of Transportation by 325 Central Park West, Inc. to construct and maintain a handicapped ramp at 325 Central Park West (92nd-93rd Streets).

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Board members: 2-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Transportation Committee

Full Board Vote: In Favor Against Abstentions Present (withdrawn)

Re: 462 Amsterdam Avenue New application to the Department of Transportation by Cafe Salsa Entertainment, Inc. to construct and maintain a sidewalk ramp at Salsa Cafe, 462 Amsterdam Avenue (82nd-83rd Streets). The committee will present the resolution.

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Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Transportation Committee

Full Board Vote: 40 In Favor 0 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: West 97th Street Greenmarket.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the application to the Office of the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office by the Council on the Environment to operate

Greenmarket on the north sidewalk of West 97th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues) on

Fridays from May 26-December 22, 2000.

Committee: 5-0-1-0. Board Members: 2-0-1-0. Public members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Transportation Committee

Full Board Vote: 41 In Favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Bus Shelter Locations.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the plan of the Department of Transportation to place bus shelters at the Southwest

corner of Broadway and 110th Street and the Northwest corner of Broadway and 73rd Street; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7 asks that updates on the reconstruction of the 72nd Street IRT Station be posted in the 73rd Street bus shelter.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Members: 3-0-0-0. Public Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee

Full Board Vote: 38 In Favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Temporary artwork installation, from May 31-June 31, at Dante Park, in conjunction with the art show entitled, "Environmentally Concerned".

WHEREAS, the proposal to construct a temporary artwork from May 31st to June 30th by the artist Laura Anderson Barabata around the flower beds in Dante Park will be visually appealing and unique; and

WHEREAS, the work, which calls for a combination of dried rose petals and biodegradable paper to be placed in the flower beds is part of an art show entitled Environmentally Concerned at the Nathan Cummings Foundation, which is in conjunction with Ecology Week; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation and the artist will be fully responsible for cleanup, and any errant movement of the petals due to wind;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the temporary art installation by Laura Anderson Barabata at Dante Park.

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

RESOLUTION

Date: May 2, 2000

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries Committee

Full Board Vote: 27 In Favor 8 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

Re: Placement of the Alfred Nobel obelisk at Central Park West and 81st Street.

WHEREAS, in response to the 81st Street community, the Department of Parks and Recreation ("DPR"), withdrew its original proposed location for the placement of the Alfred Nobel monument which was formerly at West 81st Street, west of Central Park West; and

WHEREAS, DPR has thoroughly explored all placement options for the monument, and believes the chosen location is the best for several reasons; and

WHEREAS, the new location, approximately 100 feet south of West 81st Street on the Museum side of Central Park West, abutting Theodore Roosevelt Park, will make the monument readily accessible to museum-goers and others; and

WHEREAS, the location is appropriate for several reasons, including that the American Museum of Natural History is a world-renowned scientific institution appropriate to such a monument; Theodore Roosevelt was the first recipient of the Nobel Prize, and Margaret Mead was a recipient as well; and the monument itself celebrates all the American Nobel Prize laureates and intellectual, scientific, and literary achievements befitting the placement near this Museum; and

WHEREAS, the existing fence on Central Park West will be reconfigured into a semi-circle at this location to surround the sculpture, so that people can walk around it to read the names of the American recipients of the Nobel Prizes that are inscribed on all sides without the sculpture impacting either on the sidewalk space, or on the views of either the Planetarium or the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial wing of the Museum; nor will it interfere with the roots of nearby trees;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the proposed location to install the Alfred Nobel monument abutting Theodore Roosevelt Park, on Central Park West about 100 feet south of West 81st Street.

Committee: 5-0-1-0. Board Members: 1-1-0-0. Public members: 1-4-0-0.