

February 2004 Resolutions

Land Use Committee

Richard Asche, Chairperson

1. Re: 72 West 88th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue).

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

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan endorses the intent of the 72 West 88th Street Housing Development Fund to purchase the above-mentioned property, providing 12 cooperative units for sale to the current tenants and storefront commercial space under the Tenant Interim Lease Program; and

WHEREAS, a list of incomplete work including floor repairs, boiler work and roof maintenance must be completed before the purchase;

BE IT RESOLVED Community Board 7/Manhattan encourages the City Council to **approve** the sale pending completion of all repairs.

Committee: 5-0-0-0.

Parks and Preservation Committee

Lenore Norman, Chairperson

2. Re: 50 West 67th Street (Central Park West-Columbus Avenue.)

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

WHEREAS, the windows will replicate as closely as possible the profile of the original windows; and

WHEREAS, the windows are on the top floor and usually reviewed at staff level; and

WHEREAS, the windows will be painted black to match the existing windows;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** application #043001 to the Landmarks Preservation Committee to replace the 8 arched windows.

Committee: 3-0-0-0.

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert, Chairperson

3. Re: West 97th Street Greenmarket.

Full Board Vote: 38 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the application by the Council on the Environment to the Mayor's Office of Street Activity Permits to conduct a market on Fridays through December 2004 on the north side of West 97th Street beginning west of the Central Park Diner and extending 330 feet toward Amsterdam Avenue.

4. Re: 421 Amsterdam Avenue (West 80th Street.).

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan **approves** the new application DCA#1157466 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Malka Restaurant Inc., d/b/a Monaco at 421 Amsterdam Avenue, for a one-year consent to operate and unenclosed sidewalk café with 18 tables and 36 seats.

Committee 6-0-0-0. Board Members 4-0-1-0.

5. Re: Miller Highway 72nd Street Off-Ramp Closure.

Full Board Vote: 33 In favor 2 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, late on Friday, January 9, 2004, the New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") approved a request by Hudson Waterfront Associates, developer of the project commonly known as Riverside South (the "Developer"), for the closure of the 72nd Street off-ramp from the Miller Highway, and

WHEREAS, DOT failed to appear before, or otherwise meet with, the community until January 13, 2004, four (4) days *after* such approval was granted, rather than *before* the matter was determined (so that the community's views could be properly taken into account), and

WHEREAS, there is substantial disagreement as to whether the applicable final environmental impact statement (FEIS) *required* the closure of the off-ramp, or merely identified closure as an *option*, and

WHEREAS, DOT has not committed to awaiting the completion of a series of actions in addition to certain West End Avenue traffic mitigation measures – including particularly: (i) construction and completion of the full length of Riverside Boulevard (through to 59th Street); and (ii) improvement of the West Side Highway's 79th Street (northbound) off-ramp – *before* the 72nd Street off-ramp is closed, and

WHEREAS, the necessity of closing the 72nd Street off-ramp, but even more importantly, the necessity of closing it *now*, merely because of the imminent completion by the Developer of its Building "A" (between 71st and 72nd Street at Riverside Boulevard) – rather than in 2011 or whenever, if ever, the balance of the Riverside South Project, and the remainder of Riverside Boulevard, are completed – is in substantial doubt, and

WHEREAS, DOT's action, and particularly its taking of such action now, appear to be simply an accommodation of the Developer, even if that is not actually the case,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan:

- (a) **opposes** the Department of Transportation's grant of approval of the closure;
- (b) urges DOT to immediately withdraw such approval;
- (c) recommends that any further consideration of the matter be postponed until the balance of the Riverside South project, and particularly Riverside Boulevard, are completed; and further
- (d) urges the Department of Transportation to reconsider the traffic, parking and quality-of-life effects of the 72nd Street off-ramp closure in a much more comprehensive way, including specifically in face-to-face consultations with the community, before the matter is *ever* considered again.

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