

Full Board Meeting
Eric M. Nelson, Chairman
April 4, 2000

Chairman's Report

Eric M. Nelson announced that George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero has assumed the position of Borough Board Health Committee representatives from CB7. Hope Cohen resigned as Budget Committee Co-Chair. We are looking for an able replacement.

Eric announced that a by-law change has been proposed. The by-law change is included in tonight's packet. It will be discussed in May. Eric also announced that nominations of Board officers for 2000-2001 will take place at our May 2nd Board meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Eric welcomed and introduced Shanifah Rieara, Community Associate. Next, Eric welcomed new Board members Steve Carbo, Jean Green Dorsey, Sharon Parker-Frazier, and George Price. Each was given an opportunity to speak as they arrived.

Eric expressed appreciation to the following who are leaving the Board: Shirley Silverberg, who served for many years and did not reapply for membership; Deborah Ward-Gonzalez, who no longer lives or work in the district; Maria Pasado; Judith Alvarez, and John Acevedo.

Public Session

1. *Ed Benson, Central Park Conservancy*, reported that the North Meadow Ball Field will be reopening. There will be available to the community: 7 hardball fields and 5 softball fields. Opening ceremony, Monday, May 22nd. For information or to inquire about permits call (212) 408-0209.
2. *Ron Kapon, 20th Precinct Community Council*, reported progress under Captain Michael Shay. The Precinct Community Council has donated \$3,000 to the Precinct for painting and refurbishing.
3. *Wayman Reed, U.S. Census*, pointed out that at the end of April, non-response follow-ups will begin. Also jobs for "enumerators" are still being recruited. Main Office (212) 957-1377, Recruitment (212) 957-5237.
4. *Phyllis Gunther, CB7 Board Member*, reminded as in a moving presentation that today is the 32nd Anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Unfortunately in 2000 we are still facing police brutality particularly directed at people of color.
5. *Sharon Kern, National Restaurant Association Against Food Protection Regulation in the City Council*. She emphasized the need for better inspections not regulations.
6. *Bill Crain*, spoke about the use of asphalt in Central Park and other intrusion on nature in the park.
7. *Ellen Crain*, urged the Board to work with Charles McKinney to deal with the mud run-off in Riverside Park.
8. *Robert Shanley, Riverside Park Track and Field*, reported that there was a need for repairs and upgrading for the track in Riverside Park. Contributions to the "Riverside Park Fund" and volunteer help on April 29 and May 30th from 9AM-4PM are needed.
9. *Jutho Zaplinski, Riverside Branch of the New York Public Library*, informed the public that the library is at 127 Amsterdam Avenue at 65th Street.
10. *Brad Usher, Senator Tom Duane's office, and Anna Hunter, Senator Eric Schneiderman's office*, made announcements.
11. *Susanna Friedman, Assemblyman Scott Stringer's office*, presented information about a Bill which would use tax revenues for affordable housing. Also Assemblyman Stringer appeared on TV this week exposing the charges in cell phone use being calculated per minute, not seconds. He has introduced the Wireless Consumer Protection Act of 2000 which would have cell phone use by

seconds. Also Assemblyman Stringer's office has surveyed the abuse of commercial vans, trucks, buses etc. on West End Avenue and has been working with the 20th Pct.

12. *Olive Freud, Committee for Environmentally Sound Development*, they are advocating for Two Columbus Circle to become a Museum site not commercial development. May 2nd will be the hearing the matter.
13. *Alan Flacks* spoke.
14. *Batya Lewton, Coalition for a Livable West Side*, supports the Board's resolution on Unified Bulk Plan.
15. *Ann Milne, 760 West End Co-op Board*, spoke on the drunkenness of patrons from the Latin Quarters Night Club.
16. *Porvati Devi, Disabled in Action*, spoke on SSI, Half-Fare Transportation and on raising the limit for SCRIE for the disabled to \$20,000.
17. *Kevin Jones, Parole Transition Program of Project Return*, gave an update on their many programs in our community. They went up to lobby concerning the reappeal of the Rockefeller Drug Laws. The organization in losing their lease at the Church they are in.
18. *Dan Zweig, CB7 Board Member*, spoke about the construction and resulting noise in the neighborhood. You may call Con Ed if you think it is related to their work (212) 683-8830. A person will answer and address the issue.

Business Session

Resolutions were adopted, unless noted otherwise:

1. 25 Central Park West: 32-0-0-0
2. 189 Central Park West: 32-0-0-0
3. 25 West 83rd Street: 32-0-0-0
4. 154 West 70th Street: 32-0-0-0
5. 262 Central Park West: 32-0-0-0
6. 101 West 81st Street: 32-0-0-0
7. M57 Bus: 34-0-0-1
8. 8 West 86th Street: 31-0-0-0
9. 4 West 93rd Street: 21-0-0-0
Speakers: Con: Jerry Johnson, Wachter and Masyr
Pro: Karen Johnson, 325 Cooperative
10. 2180 Broadway: Approved 22-84-1, Failed 10-22-4-1
Speakers: Pro: Peter Sullivan, Sullivan & Chester
Carolyn Baker,, 410 West End Avenue
Ibrakin Adi, 2178 Broadway
Endra Testino
13 Board Members
11. 254 West 72nd Street: Returned to Committee
12. 202 Columbus Avenue: 27-2-4-0
13. 241 Columbus Avenue: 32-1-1-0
14. 646 Amsterdam Avenue: 32-1-1-0
15. 466 Amsterdam Avenue: 32-1-1-0
16. 508 Columbus Avenue: 32-1-1-0
17. 433 Amsterdam Avenue: 32-1-1-0
18. NYCLU Coalition: 34-1-2-0
19. Bulk Regulation: 32-1-2-0
20. Removal of Board Member: 31-0-3-0

Present: Eric M. Nelson, Chairman, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, Annette Averette, Peter Bailey, Beth Berns, Gale Brewer, Dan Cohen, Hope Cohen, Beverly Finegold, Sheldon Fine, Georgette Gittens, Guillermo Gonzalez, Jean Green-Dorsey, Phyllis Gunther, Robert Herrmann, Lawrence Horowitz, John D. Howell, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Jan Levy, Klari Neuwelt, Lenore Norman, Lydia Padilla, Sharon Parker-Frazier, George Price, Melanie Radley, Oscar Rios, Barry Rosenberg, Ethel Sheffer, Patricia Stevens, Barbara Van Buren, Thomas Vitullo-Martin, D. Maria Watson, Angela Wiggins, Melanie Wymore, Jeffrey Zahn, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Robert Zuckerman, Daniel Zweig.

Absent: Anthony Dillett, Joyce S. Johnson, Betty Katz, Hector Santana Jr., Elizabeth Starkey, Jeffrey Zahn.

Youth Committee
Co-Chairs: Peter Bailey and Melanie Wymore
April 18, 2000

Youth Advisory Council, 6pm

The Youth Council called to order its 3rd official meeting with 23 youth attending from Goddard Riverside, Grovesnor, Manhattan Valley Development Corp., YMCA, and Brandeis HS.

The Council reviewed its efforts to get the 2000 SYEP budget reinstated. Letters, rallies, and meetings were discussed. It was announced that the state legislature had voted to reinstate the budget.

The Council discussed the issue of police violence and how to improve relations between police and youth, especially youth of color. It was decided that the Council would first meet with police to review and discuss applicable policies regarding youth. Youth Committee Co-Chairs agreed to arrange a meeting between the Council and the police in May.

Youth Committee, 7pm

Melanie Wymore and Peter Bailey called the meeting to order.

Deena Foreman, Principal, gave an overview of Brandeis HS. She highlighted the school's success and the need to improve its image in the community. She discussed the 9 curricula (Houses) offered, extracurricular activities, and her focus on building strength in two areas: school-to-career and social services. The Committee discussed ways to help improve the Brandeis image, including outreach to middle schools, a flea market, the Dome Garden, and the local press.

Roni Wattman reported on the School District #3 meeting, emphasizing the district's need for more classroom space. Percy Graves reported on the Borough Youth Committee meeting and its opposition to charter schools and vouchers.

Melanie Wymore explained that the money allocated to the 59th Street Rec Center would go to either a new gym or a soccer field. The group voted to support the construction of a new gym at the center. Melanie also announced an Easter party to be located at the Rec Center.

Discussion of the District Needs Statement was postponed until May.

The Committee discussed several items of New Business: possible plans to sponsor a multicultural youth event, the Million Mom March against hand guns, and the need to reclaim school-owned gym space for youth-related community use rather than rental to adult leagues.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Co-Chairs: Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig
April 11, 2000

The Transportation Committee meeting was opened by Co-Chairs Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig.

- 1) The President of the Co-op at 325 Central Park West (92-93 Streets) presented an application for the construction and maintenance of a handicapped ramp to their entrance. This had already been approved in the Landmarks Committee, and approved by the Full Board. The Co-op had been ordered by the Court to install the ramp.

Community Board 7 approves the application for the construction and maintenance of a handicapped ramp at 325 Central Park West (92nd-93rd Streets). Committee Vote 4-0-0-0. Other Board Members 2-0-0-0. Public Members 1-0-0-0.

- 2) The Committee considered an application to the Department of Transportation from Salsa Entertainment, Inc. to construct and maintain a sidewalk ramp at 462 Amsterdam Avenue (82-83 Streets). Arthur Harris, architect, was present for the application. The plan is for a 9-foot wide cement ramp on which a sidewalk café would be placed. No application had been made as yet for a sidewalk café permit. No clear drawings were presented to show what the ramp would look like. The Committee postponed consideration until a site visit could be made and the Land Use Committee could join in the discussion. The architect was also asked to submit a rendering of the street and the building. If there is a date requiring approval before the next Committee meeting, a meeting will be held immediately prior to the Board Meeting on 5/2.

- 3) An application was received for the continuation of the permit for the Greenmarket at 97th Street between Columbus and Amsterdam. The market would operate Fridays from May 26th to December 22nd. Nell Downey, the Market Manager, made a presentation. They would continue to work closely with PS 163, whose students were involved in a garden connected to the market and to special cooking events. There will be 10 vendors.

Community Board 7 approves the application to the Mayor's Street Activity Permit Office to operate a Greenmarket on the north sidewalk of West 97th Street (Columbus-Amsterdam) on Fridays from May 26th to December 22, 2000. Committee Vote 5-0-1-0. Board Members 2-0-1-0. Public Members 4-0-0-0.

- 4) The Department of Transportation asked for comments on bus stop shelter sites. They are recommending that the two shelters made available during the reconstruction of Verdi Park be placed at the SWC of Broadway and 110th St., and the NEC of Broadway and 73rd Street. The Apple Bank has objected to the 73rd Street shelter, but sent no one to the meeting to present their viewpoint.

Community Board 7 approves the plan of the Department of Transportation to place bus shelters at the Southwest Corner of Broadway and 110th Street, and the Northeast corner of Broadway and 73rd Street. The Committee asked that, if possible, updates on the activity with the 72nd Street subway stop be posted in the 73rd Street shelter. Committee Vote 6-0-0-0. Board Members 3-0-0-0. Public Members 4-0-0-0.

DOT has also asked for CB7 recommendation for the future bus stop shelter sites. Everyone is encouraged to make recommendations to the Committee. People were also reminded to notify the Board of any open street lamp bases.

New Business

Melanie Radley suggested that the Committee send a letter commending DOT for the good work they are doing repaving the streets in Board 7. It was thought that might be more appropriate when they finished the job.

Melanie asked the Committee to request that no food vendors be allowed at 88th Street and Central Park West. The Committee felt it would be inappropriate for the Board to single out one site when there have not been complaints. The Department of Health had been asked to make an inspection, and they found no violations. It was also noted that the vendor and those people who utilized the food cart would have to be advised if there were to be any discussion.

While there have been fewer complaints about Transportation around the Planetarium, there still has not been the promised meeting to discuss plans with the schools and mass transit. This will be followed up.

Michael Lupinacci of the Beacon School objected to plan to change the street flow next to the school. This will be looked into.

Max Eisen again brought the concern that the operator of the garage in the Mayfair, which was originally intended as an accessory garage, had raised the rates so high that tenants couldn't afford it, and it was primarily serving transients and non-residents. The Committee has been following this with the help of John Martinez, Assistant District Manager. The current plan is to ask for the number of people who park there who are not tenants of the building.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted by Barbara Van Buren.

Transportation Committee Members Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Barbara Keleman, Marc Landis, Oscar Rios, Barbara Van Buren. **Transportation Committee Members Absent:** Joyce S. Johnson, Elizabeth Starkey. **Board Members Present:** Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley.

Steering Committee
Eric M. Nelson, Chairman
April 26, 2000

Budget Committee liaisons.

Co-chairs were asked to advise the board office of their committee's liaison to the Budget Committee.

Website.

Gale Brewer reported that she planned to have a demo site up by May 2. Dan Zweig is helping. She will coordinate text with the Communications Committee. Steering will review it.

Review of May 2 Full Board Agenda.

The agenda was reviewed and re-ordered. Mr. Nelson mentioned the proposed amendment to the by-laws regarding disclosure of affiliations/interests.

Department of City Planning's Unified Bulk Program.

Mr. Nelson reported on the Manhattan Borough President's (4/18/00) and CPC's (4/25/00) public hearings. He presented testimony, based on the board's resolution, at both hearings. The commissioners ask him several questions about the board's position. Steering decided to send a letter to CPC, expanding on the board's resolution. Hope Cohen and Ethel Sheffer will coordinate comments from board members, primarily those involved in the drafting of the resolution.

New Business.

The Landmarks Committee discussed its plan to recognize landmarked buildings in CD7 that have done exceptional restoration work. The committee will bring the names of these buildings in resolution form to the full board, and if approved, a certificate of recognition will be sent to the building's owners.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Present were: Eric M. Nelson, Barbara Adler, Andrew Albert, Beth Berns, Sheldon Fine, Robert Herrmann, Larry Horowitz, Marc Landis, Lenore Norman, Barry Rosenberg, Thomas-Vitullo Martin, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Dan Zweig. Absent: Richard Asche, Peter Bailey, Gale Brewer, Beverly Feingold, Joyce Johnson, Melanie Radley, Hector Santana, Jr., Ethel Sheffer, Melanie Wymore. Board Member Present: Jan Levy.

LAND USE COMMITTEE
CO-CHAIRS: RICHARD ASCHE AND LARRY HOROWITZ
April 18, 2000

1. 49 West 64th Street

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*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 49 West 64th Street for a five-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe with 13 tables and 31 seats.*

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

2. 285 Columbus Avenue

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

*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 Member vote: 2-0-0-0. Board Member vote: 1-0-0-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

3. 1900 Broadway

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

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

4. 2012-2014 Broadway

Owner Galila Huff presented the renewal application for an unenclosed sidewalk café. Although the applicant has had a permit for two years, the café has not yet been in operation. Steven Sklar, resident of 2000 Broadway, spoke in opposition to the application, citing sidewalk congestion on this block of Broadway.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

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

5. 483 Amsterdam Avenue

Owner Carrie Levin and architect Steve Wygoda presented the application for a new unenclosed sidewalk café. The plans showed a café of 9 feet, 6 inches in depth, and a large central circulation area for waiter service, but not specific waiter aisles. The applicant agreed to reduce the café by two seats to bring it within the guidelines set by Community Board 7/Manhattan for cafes of no more than 9 feet in

depth. The applicant also assured the Committee that waiters would serve only from within the café; there are, in fact physical constraints along neighboring properties that would prevent waiters from serving from outside the café.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

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;

*THEREFORE 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 Member vote: 2-0-0-0. Board Member vote: 1-0-0-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

6. 455 Central Park West

Chris Shlank of Savanna Partners, along with attorney Jay Segal and architect Peter Bafitis updated the Committee on the status of the Towers site, 455 Central Park West (105th-106th Streets). Savanna Partners has been trying for three years to assemble the financing to develop this property as an assisted-living facility. Having been unsuccessful in this attempt, Savanna Partners is now planning to sell the property to Dan McLean of Chicago, for development as market-rate residential (condominium?) apartments. Previous to the involvement of Savanna Partners, the development plan for this site was for market-rate residences. A use variance was granted by the Board of Standards & Appeals (BSA) to allow Savanna to pursue assisted-living as the development program. A new use variance will now be required to pursue market-rate residential as the development program. Thus the new variance will essentially bring the plan back to what was approved originally for the building in 1993. The application has just been submitted to BSA; **this matter will be brought formally to Community Board 7 at the May 17 meeting of the Land Use Committee.** The new application concerns use only; the building envelope will be unchanged. The project will include approximately 150 market-rate apartments and 51 parking spaces (11 on the first level below grade, 40 on the second level below grade).

Susan Gurney of the Rudolph Steiner School asked whether there might be a possibility of a public use of the property, possibly by a school or museum. Mr. Segal indicated that market-rate housing seems to be the only financially viable solution.

Laura Jervis asked whether the new owner would be available for participation with the community. She also urged employment outreach to the community both during construction and after completion.

Robert Prudhomme and Steve Strauss expressed continuing support for the project. In answer to their questions, Mr. Segal indicated that the sale to Mr. McLean is contingent on receiving approval by BSA on the proposed variance and that Mr. McLean's financing is entirely private, with no tax exemptions.

7. 2728 Broadway

Rufus Harvey of NYC Department of Housing Preservation & Development's (HPD) Division of Alternate Management Programs presented the Urban Development Area Program (UDAP) application

for a Tenant Interim Leasing (TIL) program at 2728 Broadway. In the TIL program, low-income residents of City-owned residential properties purchase their units for \$250, after being trained by the City in home ownership and building management. They are moved temporarily while the City rehabilitates the building and installs major systems, such as new plumbing. In this case, the City has invested approximately \$75,000 per unit. The Tenants Association of 2728 is now ready to take title to the 5-floor, 16-unit building. This application has already been approved by the New York City Council.

The Committee adopted the following resolution:

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;

THEREFORE 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 Member vote: 3-0-0-0. Board Member vote: 1-0-0-0. Public Member vote: 1-0-0-0.

8. Starbucks sidewalk café operations in CD7

Once again, Starbucks did not send a representative to discuss this subject with the Committee. The Committee has invited Starbucks numerous times over the past 7 months.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Land Use Committee Members Present: Beth Berns, Hope Cohen, Betty Katz. **Land Use Committee Members Absent:** Richard Asche, Larry Horowitz, Joyce Johnson, Lenore Norman, Melanie Radley, Ethel Sheffer, Maria Watson. **Board Member Present:** Steve Carbo.

Landmarks Committee
Co-Chairs: Lenore Norman and Barry Rosenberg
April 27, 2000

Present: Lenore Norman, Dan Cohen, Jan Levy, Patricia Stevens. Absent: Barry Rosenberg.

1. 249 Central Park West, Mitchell Koch, Architect.

Owner of the building will live on the first three floors, tenants on top two. The owner's entrance exits on to 85th Street. The application is in three parts: first to construct a small rear yard addition which will add a 6'x6' vestibule for the owners entrance.

Just the tip of the vestibule will be visible from the public thoroughfare. The back of the house will have a clear glass wall, which faces a blind wall. Secondly, the facade is being restored. A small window will be enlarged to match a larger window on the other side of the building. A very small bathroom window will be closed up with brick that has been salvaged from the construction. Third, the roof will be removed from a second-story wing that will be made into a porch/garden. The walls will remain and the floor will be covered with pavers. Proper drainage system will be in place.

Committee voted to approve: 4-0-0-0.

2. 158 West 88th Street, Michael White, Architect.

To alter windows, both plans before LPC. Currently, street level fencing covers entrance which is down several steps. This end-unit building once had a curved stoop but owners want to build a straight stoop to the front entrance, which will greatly enhance architectural integrity of the building. New fencing, which will be simple and classic, will run the length of the house up to the stoop. Stonework and newel posts will match neighboring houses. The stoop will be carved to make a self-railing. Basement windows will be left as is. Architect is submitting plans for exterior lights to CB7 and LPC.

Approve as submitted. Committee: 4-0-0-0

New Business: The process for sending certificates of commendation was discussed.

3. Old Business: The Northfork Bank's clock was discussed and the problem of scaffolding that has been up for very long periods of time. The committee would like to know if there is a process by which LPC would let us know what has or has not been approved at the staff level.

4. New Business.

- ❖ J. Levy discussed two plaques on benches in Riverside Park to commemorate deceased. This sets a precedent, and she is calling Charles McKinney.
- ❖ L. Norman discussed historic street signs and proposals for designations north of 96th Street. A letter will be sent to Jennifer Raab asking her to revisit historic designations in this area.
- ❖ The Landmarks Committee at its April meeting discussed the situation regarding 2 Columbus Circle. Despite the fact that there are several groups interested in purchasing and reusing the building, the city appears to be entertaining proposals that would result in the building's demolition. The Committee voted to bring to the full board a resolution to write to the Landmarks Commission and add our voice to the many requesting that a public hearing be held pursuant to possible designation as a New York City landmark. As it stands now, no public forum will be held to allow the community to express its interest and sentiments.
- ❖ The Committee asked Jan Levy to review some of the buildings we wish to bring to the full board for approval for commendations on their efforts to preserve and restore their buildings. One building recently brought to our attention is a private house, which already has received an award from the Landmarks Conservancy. The Committee hopes to make these commendations a regular part of its agenda. We also would appreciate receiving suggestions from members of the Board and the community.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Patricia Stevens

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Cultural Affain & Libraries

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April 13, 2000 Committee Meeting

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Present:

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Georgette Gittens, John Howells, Phyllis Gunther
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Gallery on a proposal to install. for two or more months.
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flrnjdEfl. Ellen Deutsch4 a representative of the
Richard Gray GailciE, presented a proposal

to place a sculpture on a Broadway Mall for two to three
months. The Gallery would absorb all costs

of installation, removal and insurance. The sculpture
weights approximately 990 pounds and is
approximately I 4 high.

Roard members expressed concern whether the
Malls could support a sculpture ofthat

weight. Ellen Deutsch stated that she did riot know what
the load limits were and it was agreed that.

hirther investigation by the Parks Department and the
New York City Transit. Authority was

necessary to determine whether or not a sculpture could
be placed on the nialls anti where. There

was also a discussion as to the location for the
sculpture.

The Committee decided to adjourn the matter to next
month

I)epartment and the Gallery an opportunity to gather more
information.

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2. Presentation by the Denartment of ParE and
Recreation on a temporarv

E%E1E) 3 to June 30 at Dante Park. in conjunction with

an art show entitled

Environmentally Concerned at the Nathan Cummings Foundation. Camline Edmunds, New York

City Department of Parks Public Arts coordinator, presented the proposal to the Committee. The

work, a combination of dried rose petals and biodegradable paper, would be placed around the

flower bed in Dante Park. There was concern expressed by the Committee about the effect of wind

and rain on the exhibit and who would be responsible for maintenance. Ms. Edmunds, the artist, and

Karen Jones, curator of the exhibit at the Foundation, indicated that someone from the Foundation

would be available to check on the exhibit regularly and the artist would be by each day as well as

Park maintenance people.

A motion to approve the exhibit was made and seconded. The Committee

voted 8-0-0-0. The Board members present voted 3-0-0-0 and public members voted 2-0-0-0.

3. A presentation by the City Department of Parks and Recreation on the placement

of the Alfred Nobel Obelisk at Central Park West and 81st Street. Manhattan Commissioner of

Parks, Adrian Benepe and Michael Brown of the Parks Department presented the proposed location

of the Nobel Obelisk. The proposed location had originally been on West 81st Street just west of

Central Park West, but, in response to concerns expressed by residents on West 81st Street, the Parks

Department proposes a new location which is approximately 100 feet South of 81st Street on the

Museum side of Central Park West. The fence would be configured in a semi-circle to surround the

sculpture and would be approximately 30 feet wide by 15 feet deep to accommodate the monument.

Several public members expressed concern about congestion at the site since it is near the bus stop.

In addition, there was some concern expressed as to why the monument should be in Theodore

Roosevelt Park at all. Commissioner Benepe stated that compared to other parks of comparable size,

Theodore Roosevelt Park had no monuments, that it was appropriate to have the monument in the park since it would be affiliated with a world renowned scientific institution and that Margaret Mead and Theodore Roosevelt had both been recipients of Nobel prizes. He also stressed the significance of a monument to intellectual creativity.

A motion to approve the monument's location was made and seconded. The committee vote was 5-0-1-0. The board members present voted 1-1-0-0 and public members voted 1-4-0-0,

4. Discussion with Riverside Park Clay Tennis Association. Joseph Lepique, president of the Riverside Clay Tennis Association, and Mark McIntyre, the court manager paid from funds raised by the Riverside Clay Tennis Association, spoke about issues of concern to the Clay Tennis Association which manages the courts at 95th Street and Riverside Park. Mark McIntyre explained the junior program run by the RCTA. Mark McIntyre then raised two issues of concern to the RCTA. The first issue was closing the North parking lot in the evening to avoid the accumulation of garbage and vandalism which occurs in the evening. According to Mark McIntyre, Charles McKinney had promised to arrange for a gate to be installed so that it could be locked about 9:00 p.m. each evening, but the work has not yet been done. In addition, Mark McIntyre stated that the path between the North and South parking lots needed to be repaved.

The Committee agreed that a letter should be written to Charles McKinney urging him to move forward on the gating of the North parking lot and to make certain that the path is repaved.

5. Presentation on the development of the maintenance plan for Museum Park. Barbara Adler and Bob Herrmann reported to the Committee that

Theodore Roosevelt Park was scheduled to reopen in the near future and that there were ongoing discussions of a public-private partnerships for maintenance of the park with the goal of establishing an endowment. Several public members spoke about their concern that the park would open without a maintenance plan in place.

6. Recycling. Phyllis Gunther reported on the Committee's recycling initiative, She reported that the Central Park Conservancy has recycling at its three visitors' centers and at the North Meadow Recreation Center and is looking to hire a consultant to explore recycling in other areas of the Park. She agreed to pursue discussions with Charles McClintney regarding recycling issues in Riverside Park

7 Drainage Issues. Ellen Cram made a presentation to the Committee regarding serious drainage problems on Riverside Drive and in Riverside Park, particularly between 97th and 100th Street. The Committee decided to schedule this issue as an agenda item for the May Committee meeting (subsequently changed to the June Committee meeting).

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m
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