



Minutes of March 4, 2014 Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at Congregation Rodeph Sholom in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full board meeting **approved:** 27-0-0.

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- Provided update regarding community board applications. In particular, thrilled that there are seventy-eight applications for the eight to ten vacant seats on CB7. Three members will not be reapplying for positions on CB7 - Evan Rosen, Laura Atlas and Elizabeth Starkey. Applicants should receive calls or emails to schedule interviews in the coming weeks. Noted diversity of community board applicant pool and boards is increasing borough-wide. CB7's applications represented 24% of the applications in the borough. The top issues that applicants discussed in their applications were: transportation and youth issues [**Elizabeth/Penny 3rd issue**].
- Working on efforts to increase pedestrian safety in the neighborhood. Ethel Sheffer will be working very closely on implementation of vision zero plan in the district. An interdisciplinary working group will include six or so board members and members of the community to work through this issue.
- Land Use Committee recently held a meeting regarding the W. 57th street supertowers. This issue will continue to be discussed at upcoming committee and full board meetings.
- Mel Wymore and Mark Diller will be working on CB7 budget priorities.
- Comments regarding the final JHL scoping document were sent on behalf of CB7 to the acting commissioner of the NYS DoH. Major points were that they did not address safety concerns, hazardous materials, and transportation.
- Sent a letter to Artemis Construction to obtain information about their ongoing project on West 110th Street. They have acknowledged receipt of the letter.
- The next Business Two Business forum will take place on March 27, 2014 and it will focus on youth and summer employment.
- Two upcoming CB7 committee meetings of note:
 - o Housing Committee will meet Monday, March 10th to discuss Stonehenge Gym issue.
 - o Transportation Committee will meet Tuesday, March 11th to discuss pedestrian safety issues at 72nd and 79th Street intersections at Riverside. A representative from Manhattan DA's Office and TLC will be present for this discussion.
- Su Robotti will be working on CB7's social media, so please "like" us on Facebook and follow on Twitter @CB7Manhattan.
- Students from McCourt High School were in attendance in the meeting to observe as a part of their government class.

Brief Presentation by Klari Neuwelt and Roberta Semer in honor of Elizabeth Starkey's Service on the Board



- Thanked Elizabeth Starkey for being their cheerleader, leader, co-chair of Parks Committee, serving on task force and serving as chair. Presented special card and present from entire CB7 board.
- The present was a beautiful book about Central Park. Since could not give her Central Park, they gave her a book.
- Noted Elizabeth' generous spirit, open-mindedness, and collegiality are greatly appreciated.
- One of the Bruce Simon read a poem for board member Starkey.
- Borough President Brewer read a proclamation for Elizabeth Starkey.
- Elizabeth Starkey noted that former Mayor David Dinkins appointed her to the Board in 1986. Acknowledged the recent past chairs for their leadership and support: Mark Diller, Helen Rosenthal, Shelley Fine, Hope Cohen, and Mel Wymore. One of the things that has made her stay as a board member is the level of engagement of the community. Thanked Elizabeth Caputo for being so forward thinking with technology. Thanked Parks co-chairs for their leadership. Thanked Ethel, Richard and Andrew for their example and inspiration to follow. Thanked all board members for their hard work and will miss us all so much. Penny, John and Jessie keep everyone organized. Former community board chair Hope Cohen said Elizabeth Starkey has been such an extraordinary friend, mentor, indomitable spirit and it is a pleasure to live in her neighborhood.
- CB7 Task Force, Chaired by Ethel Sheffer, will be focused on improving street safety, design, and livability for all users in the community. Will be trying to look at issues of district. Linking with Borough President Brewer to address safety issues generally. There will be open meetings for the entire community.
- Thanked Evan Rosing for his service. Hopes he will serve on his community board in his new neighborhood.

Community Session

- Ed Hill – outreach coordinator at Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence – going to every community board to ensure they are aware of how domestic violence affects the City. There were almost 3,000 reported incidents of domestic violence in FY13. The Office is there to provide vital services under the leadership of new Commissioner Rose Pierre-Louis.
- New family justice center at 80 Centre Street, which addresses domestic violence and elder abuse issues. Their hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Left materials for the public.
- A member of the board asked whether members of the public can volunteer with the Office of Domestic Violence. Ed said yes volunteers work at main office and family justice center. Should call (212) 341-9097 to connect about outreach opportunities.
- Sharon Pope – NY Society for Ethical Culture – the Society will be holding film series on Crime and Responsibility during March. \$5 suggested donation and light refreshments will be available. Ethical elders program for empowering ethical elders is also available for the public. Honoring David Dinkins in April, flyers available for the public.



- Ian Alterman – 20th Precinct Council – Precinct Council’s monthly meetings are on 4th Monday of each month, except May. These meetings are an opportunity to express concerns about any issues of law enforcement in the community and meet precinct commander. In his personal capacity, Alterman noted he supports item number 6 on the CB7 agenda relating to revoking licenses of those who severely injure or kill someone with their car. At the memorial for Cooper Scott, Comptroller Scott Stringer said that he cannot believe that a person who kills a young child gets the same punishment as someone who double parks. That is deplorable.
- Dee Rieber – community liaison for soldiers and sailors organization – the Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Organization works in tandem with the Riverside Park Conservancy. Holding an event on Memorial Day with representatives from all branches of armed services, which will take place on May 26, 2014. Last major renovation to monument was in 1960. The monument needs major interior and exterior restoration work. They have begun major capital campaign to raise \$5.5 million to get back to former state.
- Judith Ackerman – yielded time to Jane Thompson
- Jane Thompson – lives at 736 West End Avenue –
 - o It is a very difficult traffic intersection at 96th and West End Avenue. There were traffic guards directing traffic, but now they are gone. Need urgent help on this issue.
 - A board member responded that DOT has not started their remediation yet at the intersection at 96th. It will not go into effect until after the weather gets warmer.
 - o Regarding JHL, the proposed changes could exacerbate the problem.
 - o Regarding 736 WEA, there are up to 200 complaints. Most recent issue is that scaffolding at north wall at 732 WEA was left out. On Thanksgiving Eve they took off some of the scaffolding, which presents a safety issue. Also have issues with mice. With Penny’s help they have got someone from DOH to come inspect and were supposed to hear feedback by Monday, March 3, 2014, which they have not received yet.
- Albina De Meio – VP of Park West Village Association – deeply appreciate CB7 for sending a thorough and clear letter regarding the JHL proposal.
- Winifred Armstrong – Bloomingdale Neighborhood History and Park West Village - thanked Elizabeth Starkey for her work on CB7. Thanked for resolution rezoning W. 106th Street and clarifying letter regarding rezoning of W. 106th Street. There were flyers available for public for event in connection with a new book relating to how tenants and tenant organizations have shaped the field on this issue.
- David Lip sky – concerned about commercial footprint on Broadway, especially at West Side market. Biggest concern is all of the products that are delivered to W. 97th street West Side Market. Trucks park on Broadway and there is an increased amount of traffic during peak rush hour. The store takes up half of the sidewalk and it is very noisy and dirty. Walgreens on W. 93rd is also presenting an issue with trucks parking in the bus stop. The bus stop may need to be moved.
 - o The co-chairs of the Transportation Committee noted that they are addressing this issue.



- Melina – Nextdoor.com – Upper West Side field organizer – next door is a private social media platform for people to connect with neighbors. Currently 1 in 6 people use the platform. Former Mayor Bloomberg encouraged them to come to NYC post-Sandy. Started 2 years ago in Silicon Valley. Platform creates private neighborhood virtually.
- Peter Arndsten – Columbus-Amsterdam BID – events calendar is available for the public. Tour Sunday, March 9th for Bloomingdale area. Opening of new art exhibit at Cathedral of St. John the Divine worth a visit. March 20, 2014 talk at Youth Hostel. Tiar Latino 104th and Broadway, celebrating 35th anniversary celebrating with many events.
- Belina Anderson – Cathedral Gardens’ board of non-college managers – Mayor de Blasio has bought affordable housing back to the fore. Thanked Mark Diller and Elizabeth Caputo for issuing a letter and contacting Artemis on their behalf. Island at W. 110th has helped to calm traffic. @110_condo on twitter.

Manhattan BP’s Office, Sam Levine, Deputy Budget Director

- Working on project to get more data available through open data law passed by BP Brewer when she was a CM.
- Eager to support universal pre-K program. Manhattan needs 9,000 seats. Sent a letter to de Blasio.
- Engaged in efforts to redevelop South Street Seaport. Developed working group with all stakeholders to discuss a potential plan before ULURP begins.
- Last Thursday was the deadline for capital allocations through Borough President’s office. Can still apply for capital allocations through NYC Council.
- Formerly have had grants program on expense side. Contact Will at BP’s office – Budget Director – to discuss panel that will be setup to analyze these requests.
- Borough budget priorities document will be voted on by borough board. The public can participate in virtual town hall by completing questionnaire on www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov through March 17, 2014. Can email Sam Levin at slevin@manhattanbp.nyc.gov.
- District managers are receiving training about how to use the new open data portal. Will share information once training complete. Info will be updated daily.

Reports by Legislators:

Helen Rosenthal – City Council Member, 6th District

- Just back from Albany wanted to give a quick report. Spoke with Governor and Legislators about universal pre-kindergarten. Believes it will be a big lift.
- Stepping closer to getting Coopers Law presented on floor of City Council. This bill would immediately suspend and require an investigation should any cab driver kill or maim a pedestrian or cyclist. Should they be found to fail to yield in causing the death then taxi drivers’ license will be permanently revoked.
 - o TLC is regulated at the local level, so do not need State law approval.
 - o Bill language is being finalized.



- Budget negotiations are beginning. Outstanding question is labor contracts that could create a deep hole in the budget.
- There will be member items and a fair amount of money for that community based funding.
- Chair of the Contracts Committee and has learned that there is a revolving loan fund administered through Fund for City of NY and will encourage community groups to apply for that fund.
 - o www.helenrosenthal.com has information and links for documentation necessary for discretionary funding.
 - o No interest rate on bridge loans.
- A board member raised a concern about diversity of CB7 with small business owners. There are currently 3 on the board who have 5 or more employees. She will work closely with Elizabeth Caputo to address the needs of the board.
 - o CM Rosenthal would like to work with CB7 to educate members of the community about impact of revised paid sick days law.
- Thanked Elizabeth Starkey for her service on the board.

Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Celine Mizrahi – Congressman Nadler’s Office

- Introduced bill American Royalties Too, which provides royalties for American artists whose art is resold. This would ensure that their art is better valued.
- Congressman is ranking member of House Intellectual Property Subcommittee.
- Has continued to work on NSA and security issues. Must ensure that security issues are balanced with due process.

Josh Cole, Senator Brad Hoylman’s Office

- Thanked for support for vision zero town hall
- Submitted testimony in front of 2014 draft energy plan before the energy board.
- Introduced Port Authority Open Government Act. Port authority is not subject to Freedom of Information Act. This would rectify that situation and make it easier to access data openly.
- Transparency relating to State Liquor Authority – put any rules or stipulations on their websites relating to issuance of liquor licenses.

Paul Sawyer, A-M Linda Rosenthal’s Office

- Fighting for universal pre-K and other programs in need of funding.
- Focusing on science and technology, as she chairs a legislative task force on science technology.
- Hosting forum on senior citizen and homeowner exemptions on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 from. There is a deadline to apply for exemptions by March 17, 2014. This is not applicable to SCRIE. Office will help with completing applications by deadline.
- Regarding application for Imperial Court Hotel to BSA, sent a letter to DHS urging to deny applications to insert a safe haven hotel at this site. Goal is to keep illegal hotels out of what should be affordable housing on UWS.



- Exciting resolution for residents of 71st and 72nd street plagued by C72 nightclub, got nightclub to agree to stipulations to address years of complaints.

Dominic Lee, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- Assembly Member has sponsored Assembly Bill 8478 that would lower speed limit in city limit to 20 mph. Bill was recently amended to cover all levels of government.
 - o The City Council has to pass a home rule message to support this state bill.
 - o A board member asked why 20 mph versus 30 mph. Research from mayor's office indicates that people would live if hit by car going 20 mph versus 20 mph.
- Assembly Member's office will hold legal clinic on March 27, 2014 from 6:30 – 8 p.m. Call Joyce to make an appointment.

Rebecca Godlewicz, NYC Comptroller's Office

- Comptroller has two events coming up of interest to community board 7. First tax prep day in Harlem on W. 145th street on Saturday, March 8th from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Second women's history event on Wednesday, March 12th from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Emigrant Savings Bank.
- Released results of audit on way the Department of Education procures milk for school lunches. Found possible collusion and price fixing among bidders. Sent letter to Department of Investigation for possible investigation.
- Comptroller working on four audits: first top to bottom audit of NYCHA and audits of the three library systems - Queens, Brooklyn, and New York Public Library – following story about Queens' director.

Andres Pasmينو, State Senator Jose Serrano

- Senator Serrano working hard on behalf of his constituents.
- Sponsoring a bill relating to minimum wage. New minimum wage is \$8. It will go up to \$8.75 by end of 2014 and by the end of 2015 it will be \$9 per hour. One bill would expedite the increase. The other bill would get rid of tax breaks to those paying minimum wages and would give local governments the ability to raise their minimum wage.
- The senator is pushing for the Mayor's universal pre-k.
- The office will holding constituent hours on March 18, 2014 at JASA from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Eleni Bourinaris – City Council Mark Levine's Office

- Councilmember was in Albany today discussing City priorities.
- Stonehenge Village had a press conference with Public Advocate James. Councilmember will be following up on this issue.
- Very committed to implementing Vision Zero. There will be a street renaming on March 10, 2014 at 1 p.m. on southwest corner of Amsterdam Street for Ariel Russo.
- On March 6, 2014 there was a "know your rights" labor forum at a New York City public high school at W.165th and Amsterdam Avenue.



Business Session:

Preservation Committee, Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

1. **48-50 West 69th Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for replacement of windows and doors, façade restoration, and roof-top addition expansion

- The scope of the project would combine both buildings in to a single-family residence. Number 48 is already a single family home and number 50 is a multiple dwelling. Project entails replacement of windows and doors, façade, restoration, expansion of current rooftop addition, etc.
- Committee is pleased with façade restoration and believes that it is appropriate. Gave recommendations to architect some of which the architect said would be considering.
- One important note is that unlike many other conversions to single family homes, they are reducing a rear yard addition by increasing open space in the donut.
- Rooftop addition will combine two bulkheads in to a single unit. Totally invisible from public way.
- Very forward thinking design by using geothermal technology.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 31-2-1-0

2. **433 West End Avenue, The Calhoun School** (West 80th – 81st Streets.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for modifications to the ground floor entrance and facades, alterations to the adjacent exterior spaces, and installation of a new mechanical unit at the roof.

- Alterations will primarily be to the base of the Calhoun School. School built prior to historic district.
- Proposed changes are marked improvement to the building, especially since building is out of context generally.
- Will place a half wall around the building, which will make it more visually appealing.
- Only recommendation was to make the elevation between the new base and the “flash cube” to distinguish between those sections. Architect said would do as much as architecturally feasible.
- A board member asked whether it was a “no style building.” Yes it is. Proposed friendly amendment to modify language in the resolution to soften the tone in the final clause to say “already inappropriate structure.” It was proposed to say “in the context of the existing structure.”
- A board member recused from voting on this issue because worked on collaborative team for this project. All of the alterations are relevant to the considering the entire proposal. This went before LPC today and there were a number of comments elicited. Team working hard to revise proposal.
- *After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*
- VOTE: 33-1-1-0

**Transportation Committee, Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**

3. **132 West 60th Street, Professional Children's School** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenues.) Request to name secondarily the SW corner of West 60th Street and Columbus Avenue and the SE corner of West 60th Street and Amsterdam Avenue "PCS Way" in honor of Professional Children's School 100th Anniversary in 2014.

- CB7 Chair asked whether YEL was involved in consideration. No, it was not involved.
- A board member asked if there is precedent for this type of secondary naming because what if an institution leaves the community after the renaming.
 - o Yes, there is precedent in namings for American Red Cross and another school, both of which are gone.
 - o Very much in favor of honoring a person. Longstanding institutions have history of secondary renaming.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 26-6-0-1

4. **Giving NYC the authority to install speed cameras in the city.**

- The City must obtain permission from Albany in order to install speed cameras. Once granted this authority, the City retains discretion to determine how many cameras are needed and where to place them.
- It was clarified that DoT would be in charge of administering this.
- A board member raised a concern about speed cameras lacking discretion that police officers can exercise. The question was raised about whether this lead to a flood of automatic fines.
- It was reiterated that this bill if passed would give the City authority to install cameras and then can have a conversation about how, where, etc.
- Senator Hoylman will do all he can to get this bill passed for the city.

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 34-0-1-0

5. **NYS Assembly Member Dan O'Donnell's bill to amend the administrative code of the city of New York (Title 19) so that the default speed limit drops from 30 to 20, and to give the City Council power to set different speed limits.**

Board Discussion:

- Board member supports Assembly Member O'Donnell's bill. This is not in alignment with Vision Zero, which would call for 25mph speed limit.
- Board member said should do what is practical.
- Most groups support 20 mph, which gives City more latitude to go as low as 20 mph but could ultimately be 30 mph.
- This would establish a floor for speed limit and then each street could be different. Senator Dilan bill and A-M O'Donnell bill in Assembly both have 20 mph.
- Police always give 10mph buffer.

Community Comments:



Mark Dooley – community resident – owns Dorchester Tower, small business owner

- Conducted independent survey for about 10 hours in 60s and 70s on West End Avenue.
- At Broadway and Amsterdam pedestrians are very aggressive, whereas on West End it is much calmer. The morning commute is much worse. Lower speed limit may encourage pedestrians to be more proactive with cars.
- Look at personality of neighborhood instead of citywide.

Jane Thompson - Broadway needs to have slower speeds.

Board discussion:

- Board member said need to have consistency throughout borough of Manhattan instead of variable speed limits. This would avoid confusion.
- State law currently sets a floor that city cannot go below. This would ask state to give us home rule to allow NYC to determine the best standard.
- Board member suggested that no right on red and other City specific rules should be posted at major intersections.
- Objected to notion that police allow speeding of 10 mph over speed limit on City streets vs. on the highway. If we endorse any speed limit we are going wrong direction. Going against Mayor's plan if say 20 instead of 25. We should not include specific mph in our resolution.
- Cab drivers against speed limit being lowered. This should be part of the debate. Believe this will create traffic jams and will make it harder to move around the City.
- Would it be inconsistent for DoT to determine speed cameras, but City Council has authority to set speed limits. In favor of default speed limit consistent with Mayor's proposal. Object to Police Department being characterized as lenient.
 - o This is not an inconsistent position.
- Should word the resolution to say "City has right to lower speed limit and give City Council authority to determine such speed limit."
- Proposed a substitute motion that specific speed limit will be determined by other factors, including permanent obstructions on a street and avenue.
- DoT should establish the policy, not the city council to avoid politicizing. Universal speed limit in Manhattan would be ideal. No data on leeway, but also no tickets being issued in Manhattan. CB7 has already passed a resolution around schools that 20 mph.
- Support the concept that City Council should set the policy in consultation with DoT.
- DoT should determine this because it has holistic perspective.
- Do not have right to change limit. Should support the bill that is moving through legislature.
- It is inconsistent to be taking a different perspective than the Mayor. O'Donnell's bill – home rule and ability of local decision-making on this is what the resolution should support.
- It is not up to state to determine this, should grant authority to the City. The law as currently written to allow 30 mph and discretion to go above that.
- Memo should propose setting default limits as low as 20mph.



After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 32-1-0-0

6. Revocation of driver's license of anyone who kills or severely injures someone while violating traffic laws.

- A board member suggested that “after adjudication” should be added to the resolution to ensure due process. At City Council hearing, it was made unequivocally clear that there has to be due process in such cases so cannot just revoke the license without adhering to these standards. The standard would be that the driver's action has to be the cause of the death.
- Current law was ambiguous about whether adjudication is required. License should be pulled automatically and if reinstated if found wrong.
- This standard is contrary to constitutional protections.
- Jason Harding – Director of Constituent Services for CM Helen Rosenthal – responded that CM Rosenthal's proposal would result in a suspension of license until found responsible and then after court adjudication and determine to revoke license.
- It should also be a criminal offense to kill someone.
 - o It was responded that there are currently statutes that cover criminally negligent homicide.
- The problem with the resolution is that there are too many unknowns. The real issue is enforcement. There are gaps in enforcement, but we already have strong laws on the books that must be enforced. Permanently revoking someone's driver's license is too harsh. Why not say that if convicted of a crime then take license away?
- It is important to ensure that everyone is comfortable with the process here because all in agreement about the substance.
- Severity of the offense is relevant to this issue. Point system is a known factor.
- Standard should be DMV shall have formally concluded that person violated the traffic law.
- But, the DMV is not the court and cannot address legal issue. Pleading is a conviction. Need an adjudication before make a decision. Traffic court currently adjudicates these matters.
- DMV determines who has the privilege and who should drive. If they have done so improperly then can seek redress.
- A motion was recommended that resolution be amended in the be it resolved clause to read “while having been convicted of being in violation of traffic laws.”
 - o This is still contrary to our American legal justice system.
- We do not have sufficient information to make an intelligent, concrete resolution of this issue. Should speak with experts to clarify this issue so can make an intelligent decision here.
 - o Should invite appropriate government representative to come speak before the committee.

Motion to table and return to committee – 23-10-0-0

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee, Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero,
Co-Chairpersons**

B2B on Youth Jobs on Thursday, March 27, 2013 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at Greater New York YMCA.

7. Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:



- **447 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street) 447 Amsterdam Avenue LLC, d/b/a To Be Determined. – Meatball House former Social House
- **2298 Broadway** (West 83rd Street) Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, d/b/a Chipotle Mexican Grill.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 31-0-0-0

8. Alteration application to the SLA:

- **1 Tavern on the Green** (Central Park and West 66th Street), The Emerald Group LLC, d/b/a Tavern on the Green, application to add an additional bar to existing license.
 - Scheduled to be open in April

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 30-1-1-0

9. Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

- **316 Columbus Avenue** (West 75th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1395732 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Pappardella Rest Corp., d/b/a Pappardella, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 20 seats.
- **2315 Broadway** (West 84th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1341402 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Donizetti LLC, d/b/a Five Napkin Burger, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 34 seats.
- **2737 Broadway** (West 105th Street.) Renewal application DCA# 1109932 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by The Westside of Broadway Rest Group, Inc., d/b/a Toast, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.
- **364 West 110th Street** (Columbus-Manhattan Avenues.) Renewal application DCA# 1039389 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Spoonbread, Inc., d/b/a Spoonbread Too - Miss Mamie's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 34-0-1-0

Marc Glazer has to abstain for cause for 9(bullet 1)

10. **886 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 103rd - 104th Streets.) New application DCA# 667-2014-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 886 Amsterdam Avenue, Corp. d/b/a Arco Cafe, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 20 seats.
- **This is first time that have had outdoor café application uptown.**

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted.*

VOTE: 29-1-1-0

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Christian Bray, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Marc Glazer, Phyllis E. Gunther, Meisha Hunter, Joanne



Imohiosen, Madelyn Innocent, Genora Johnson, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Evan Rosing, Roberta Semer, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler, Jaye B. Smalley, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Mel Wymore, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Absent:** Laura Atlas, Matthew Holtzman, Brian Jenks, Lee Ping Kwan, Anne Raphael, Haydee Rosario, Jaye B. Smalley and Howard Yaruss.



Housing Committee Meeting Minutes
Nick Prigo, Chairperson
March 10, 2014

Agenda: 1) Discussion with Jean Green Dorsey, President of the Tenant Association for the Westgate/Stonehenge on West 97th Street. The building owners have recently decided to exclude rent regulated tenants from a newly constructed gym. 2) Legislative housing agenda check-in with Assembly Member Rosenthal and Council Member Rosenthal.

- 1) Presentation, committee discussion and community discussion with Jean Green Dorsey and Sonia Garcia on the exclusion of rent regulated tenants from communal spaces at the Westgate/Stonehenge on West 97th Street.
- 2) Committee: 5-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0 on resolution to amend the New York City Human Rights Ordinance to stipulate that all amenities in any residential rental building shall be provided on the same terms and conditions to every tenant and lawful occupant, without discrimination based on rent regulatory status.
- 3) Funsho Owolabi from Assembly Member Linda B. Rosenthal's office discussed their housing related legislative agenda for the State.
- 4) Ahmed Tigani from Council Member Helen Rosenthal's office discussed their housing related legislative agenda for New York City.

Present: Nick Prigo, Matthew Holtzman, Madelyn Innocent, Genora Johnson and Lillian Moore. **Board Members:** Ken Coughlin and Mark Diller. **CB7 Chair** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Christian Bray, Robert Espier



Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes
Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons
March 12, 2014

Applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. **165 West 65th Street, 10th Floor at Lincoln Center** d/b/a Kaplan Penthouse.

Presenting: Alaina Williams (Restaurant Associates, awilliams@restaurantassociates.com), Richard Nasca (Skene Law Firm, rnasca@skenelawfirm.com) and Tom Dutton (Lincoln Center, tdunn@lincolncenter.org). Request is for catering packages, exclusively, there will not be retail or ala carte sales, cash or credit. In order to sell the catering packages to the groups, applicant needs an SLA permit. Up until now, they have been receiving one-day permits for each caterer, but would now like a general permit.

Committee Comments: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero said the Kaplan Center charges too much money for non-profits to be able to use their services. Mr. Dutton responded that he will relay George's comments to the appropriate parties at Lincoln Center. Ms. Williams said Restaurant Associates, would be flexible about caterers and corkage fees. Committee has requested that the Method of Operations be amended to reflect closing hours at Midnight, applicant agreed.

Committee Approves Application: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

2. **165 West 72nd Street** (Amsterdam Avenue) LD & CJ Corp. d/b/a To Be Determined. Owner did not appear: Committee votes to Disapprove without Prejudice: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

Unenclosed Café Renewal Applications:

3. **270 Columbus Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) Renewal application #1260284-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 276 Columbus Inc., d/b/a Arte Around the Corner, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Presenting: General Manager Marc Ornetti, marc@nycrg.com; Gerialin Maiello, manager. Su Robotti saw one posting on the window and two torn postings in appropriate places.

Committee Approves: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

4. **519 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th Street.) Renewal application #1395448-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by De La Fontaine, LLC, d/b/a Machiavelli, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 21 tables and 42 seats. Marc Glazer, acting as expeditor, represented the applicant.

Linda Alexander commented they need to repost signage, as there was only one sign in the front window. Applicant agrees to repost before Full Board.

Committee Approves Application: 8-0-0-1; 1-0-0-0

5. **566 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th -88th Streets.) Renewal application #1312628-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Jos Concept, LLC, d/b/a B Café West, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats. Owner did not appear at meeting: Linda Alexander commented that no signs had been posted.

Committee Votes to Disapprove without Prejudice: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

6. **668 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 92nd- West 93rd) Renewal Application #1139454 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Talia Restaurant Group, LLC, d/b/a Talia's Steakhouse & Bar for a two-year consent to operate a an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 36 seats.



Presenting Owner, Ephraim Negar, info@taliassteakhouse.com

Committee Approves Application: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

7. **732 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 96th Street.) Renewal application #1138270 to the Department -of Consumer Affairs by Le Se Amsterdam 732 Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Dive Bar, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats.

Paul Fisher reviewed postings and said they were excellent. Presenting: Lee Seinfeld,

lee@divebarnyc.com

Committee Approves Application: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Café Applications:

8. **469 Columbus Avenue** (West 82nd/83rd Streets) New application #2103-2014-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Lenny's 83rd Street d/b/a Lenny's, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats. Marc Glazer, acting as expeditor, presented the floorplans.

Committee Approves Application: 8-0-0-1; 1-0-0-0

9. **511 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 84th/West 85th Street) New application #2017-2014-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by EE BAR, LLC d/b/a E Bar for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 8 tables and 20 seats.

Presenting, owner: Ethan Hunt, jelpc@msn.com

Committee Approves Application: 9-0-0-0; 1-0-0-0

New Business

Discussion of upcoming B2B Networking event.

Present: Present: George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michelle Parker, Linda Alexander, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Matthew Holtzman, Joanne Imohiosen, Brian Jenks, and Suzanne Robotti. **CB7 Chair** Elizabeth Caputo. **Intern:** Gabriel Rosen. **Absent:** Anne Raphael.



Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
March 11, 2014
Goddard Riverside Community Center

1.-Presentation by Department of Transportation on Improvements for West 79th St and Riverside Drive Intersection and for West 72nd St and Riverside Drive Intersection. Dan Wagner, Terry Shim, and Josh Orzeck representing DOT.

W.79th St -

Many conflicts at W.79th and RSD – in top 10% of locations for crashes. Greatest number of conflicts where northbound Henry Hudson Pkwy exit meets eastbound W79th St traffic coming from the highway. Long pedestrian crossings at intersection.

DOT plan is to add a stoplight on the northbound exit and a third phase to the traffic signal at the intersection to allow that traffic movement to occur while eastbound 79th St traffic and Riverside Dr traffic are stopped. Northbound exit, previously controlled with only a stop sign, will receive a red signal during the phase when eastbound 79th St traffic moves. Pedestrian areas will be extended from the south and north sides of 79th St on the west side of Riverside Dr. to shorten the crossing distance. Westbound 79th St traffic will be separated into two single lanes, one for making a right onto Riverside Dr north or onto Henry Hudson Pkwy north and one for continuing straight ahead to the circle for southbound access. Bicycles will have shared lanes designated to allow travel from W77/78 St to W79th St, into park, and onto greenway.

Comments from public: What about preventing left turn from eastbound W79th St onto Riverside Dr. north? It is illegal, needs better enforcement. Some thought a clearer sign was needed. DOT will look into that.

Problem with visibility and traffic obstruction from bus layovers on the south side of W79th St. DOT will work with MTA to prioritize use of the layovers on the north side of 79th St and reduce the use of the southside locations as much as possible. With a red/green phased control signal, traffic exiting the northbound highway should not need to see as much on 79th St as they needed to see when they had a stop sign for control and never had right of way.

With more traffic coming eastbound from the highway, why not have two lanes and a controlled left turn lane going eastbound and only a single westbound lane on 79th St west of RSD?

Why do bicycles need to be added to this intersection further complicating the traffic? There is a curb cut and a perfect entrance into the park at W78th St. DOT and parks will look into this possibility.

Resolution to approve the proposed DOT changes for W79th St and Riverside Drive with the following stipulations:

- a. Synchronize signals to allow the northbound exit traffic to have continued movement across Riverside Drive or to turn right onto Riverside Drive.
- b. Increase signage and street markings for No Left Turn for eastbound 79th St traffic.
- c. Request MTA to favor north side layovers.
- d. Adjust W78th St light to allow traffic turning right from W79th to clear that intersection.

Committee vote: 5-0-0 Non-committee board vote: 3-0-0-0

W.72nd St –

Traffic is much lighter than when there was an exit from the Westside Highway. There are very long



crossings for pedestrians and this is a primary access route to Riverside Park.

DOT proposes a three phase signal. One for traffic moving on W72nd St allowing a left turn onto northbound Riverside Drive; one for traffic moving from Riverside Drive turning left or right onto W72nd St; one for pedestrians only to cross either W72nd St or Riverside Drive with all traffic stopped. The pedestrian crossings will be shortened and a third crossing added with the construction of extended curbs at both north side corners and on the south side of W72nd St at the end of Riverside Drive.

33 new spaces at the curb become available on W72nd St for parking vehicles. From a traffic perspective, any type of parking could be accommodated safely.

Public comments: What is the effect on traffic at W72nd St and West End Ave? Midblock between Riverside Dr and West End needs a crosswalk. Can we get one? What about having W71st opened two ways?

There is an ongoing problem with double parking, mainly by taxi's at this intersection around the time of midday services at the nearby mosque. As many as seventy to eighty vehicles may be attempting to park here at peak times.

Possible choices presented by DOT for the new spaces include:

1. No standing anytime – (as it is now).
2. Regular alternate side parking
3. Metered parking
4. Time limited parking

Each could be implemented for various days and hours.

There were a variety of opinions within the committee ranging from not allowing any more parking at all to allowing regular alternate side parking most nearly like the current nearby regulations which allow parking.

It was not clear if any of the choices for regulation would have any real effect on the double parking problem related to the mosque generated parking traffic.

Resolution to approve the proposed DOT changes for W72nd St and Riverside Drive with the request that the 33 new parking spaces have Time Limited 2 Hour Maximum parking MF 7a-7p and regular parking overnight and on weekends. DOT would check with their traffic people further to see if some small changes in the days/hours of the limited parking would be needed.

Committee vote: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee board vote: 3-0-0-0

3.-Presentation and discussion with Taxi and Limousine Commission and NY District Attorney's Office regarding taxis, traffic violations, and penalties for TLC drivers who violate the laws –

TLC – Represented by Justine Johnson and Emily Genser

DA office – Represented by Jill Hoexter – Vehicular Crime Unit

Taxi drivers are basically good drivers - 79% of TLC drivers had zero collisions – fewer reported



collisions per mile than other drivers – Defensive driving courses required every 3 years (more often if violations).

Vision Zero Action Plan – Collaborative effort among City Hall, TLC, DOT, NYPD, and other agencies. – 21 Action Items in Vision Zero plan (of 63 total) involve TLC.

Initiatives in four broad areas: Incentives, Education, Enforcement, Technology.

Presentation slides are available on CB7 website.

Various infractions have a fine and points associated with them. Points from TLC enforcement accrue in a TLC Persistent Violator Program. Each infraction's points are counted for a 15 month period. Points from DMV violations are accumulated under a Critical Driver Program. TLC and DMV programs each have their own action penalty thresholds and are currently counted separately.

New Programs:

-In Summer 2014, a new taxi school requirement will be in effect administered by CUNY.

-In Dec. 2014, approved medallion vehicles must be crash tested with partitions installed.

-Initiated safety messages to licensees.

-Issued Black Box RFI to seek to add safe driving technologies.

New Legislative Initiatives:

-Explore laws to strengthen penalties.

-Increase sanctions for dangerous TLC driver behavior – possible increase in TLC points for violations through TLC rules and City Council legislation, add 'failure to exercise due care' to the list of offenses for which pre-hearing suspension can be issued.

-Combine Critical Driver (DMV) and Persistent Violator (TLC) points

Public comments:

Is vehicular accident avoidance technology being investigated? TLC is investigating – this type of technology is just now becoming available and coming mainstream.

Why can TLC just suspend the license of a driver who injures or kills someone while violating a traffic law? A license is not a right; it is a privilege.

Why can't TLC's point system be greater than DMV's point system?

Is the 15 month retention of points sufficient to eliminate unsafe drivers from the road?

Is there any continued observation or counseling provided to a driver after a deadly accident?

TLC will report back to CB7 on a number of questions asked.

4.-New Business

Richard Barr – Asked for the re-opening of the 95th St Entrance to the Henry Hudson Pkwy. Also asked for re-implementation of the W72nd St Exit from the Westside Highway possibly using a ramp as was suggested for a W79th St left hand turn earlier in the meeting. Both changes have impacted increased traffic at W79th St as well as increased traffic on local streets below 95th St.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig,

Ken Coughlin, Lee P. Kwan, Lillian Moore, Suzanne Robotti, and Howard Yaruss. **Board Members:**

Isaac Booker, Paul Fischer, Klari Neuwelt. **CB7 Chair** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Mark Glazer, Anne Raphael and Roberta Semer.

**Parks and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes****March 17, 2014**

1. Presentation by the Art Students League on “Model to Monument” temporary public art project in Riverside Park to be installed in June, 2014.
 - a. Site 1: Natsuki Takauji, Artist. “The Window.”
 - i. Fire, water, wind, earth. Steel pipe and plastics with cast plexiglass windows; operating swing.
 - b. Site 2: Phyllis Sanfiorenzo, Artist. “Atabeys Land Haven.”
 - i. Image of what settlers saw when they sailed down the Hudson River. Features standing female figure (fertility goddess) and sitting “mer-man.” Cast stone with internal frame/armature supports and ceramic mosaics.
 - c. Site 3: Laura Barmack, Artist. “Just Passing Through.”
 - i. Steel sculpture with recycled materials (rubber, piano wire, computer cables)
 - d. Site 4: Minako Yoshimo, Artist. “Architects of Nature.”
 - i. Shinto mythology illustrating first lovers/creation of the world. Marble resin over metal frame (figures) with black granite (base) on bluestone (platform).
 - e. Site 5 (a & b): Lindsay McCosh, Artist. “Harbor for Industry.”
 - i. Monument to train workers and NYC’s industrial heritage. Transfer bridge, cement figures, park bench. Wind operated light.
 - f. Site 6: Janet Fekete-Bolton, Artist. “Conversation with Nature.”
 - i. Theories of nature in “U” shape form. Steel, aluminum and lexan. Observers can contribute to a time capsule “mailbox” with on-site paper notes.
 - g. Site 7: Ana Sofia Marti, Artist. “Everyday.”
 - i. Organic shapes and colors representing chemical elements. Four upright column on cement base; “elements” supported above.

Resolution in favor. Committee vote: 6-0-0-0; Non-Committee members: 1-0-0-0

2. Presentation by Kenneth Camilleri, NYC Clean Heat, on “Valuable Information on Clean Heat Decision Making.”
 - a. Presentation/Outreach scheduled for 3/29/14 from 12-4 pm at St. Agnes Library. Air quality in 5 boroughs improving. UWS still needs attention: outreach to individual buildings, property managers, coop/condo board meetings, local block associations, etc.



- b. “Spot the Soot” website. 430 buildings on UWS emitting 54 tons of PM 2.5 annually. Carbon saturation in air particularly around buildings with boilers (burning 4 or 6 fuel); density of emissions accumulate.
 - c. Heating oil regulations: Phase 1 compliance 2015; Phase 2 compliance 2030. City-owned buildings, institutional buildings and schools not subject to mandate. NYCHA buildings already converted to gas fuel.
 - d. Seek “fuel neutral” program with phase out of boilers using 4 or 6 fuel types and increased use of renewable resource energy. Financial assistance available: \$100 M committed funding from NYC Energy Efficiency Corp. (with Housing Development Corp. and Fannie Mae, partners). Department of Environmental Protection will perform enforcement and issue penalties/fines to non-complying buildings; Environmental Control Board will issue “cease and desist” notices.
3. Committee Updates and Discussion.
- a. Kayaking concession at Pier 96 (West 54th Street).
 - b. Proposed lighting and other electric infrastructure at new multi-purpose field in Phase 6, and at 70th Street soccer field, which is being rebuilt with “Brewer Money”, both in Riverside Park South.
 - c. Tavern on the Green. Projected public opening April 2014.
 - d. Elizabeth Starkey’s and Evan Rosing’s final P+E Committee meeting as CB7 members.
 - e. Public restrooms in Riverside Park.
 - f. Caroline Greenleaf, Central Park Conservancy, to make presentation on potential additions to bike cross-paths in Central Park (April 2014). (To be confirmed.)
 - g. Playground 89 may return to P&E Committee in April 2014.
 - h. Bike paths in CP marked with single vs. double lanes (Department of Transportation).

Carriage horses in Central Park to possibly be replaced with “cutesey” electric vehicles? De Blasio administration apparently supporting closure of carriage horse trade in the Park. Possible to focus on car-free policy in the Park in potential CB7 response?

Present: Klari Neuwelt (Co-Chair); Elizabeth Starkey (Co-Chair); Ken Coughlin; Evan Rosing; Madelyn Innocent (new committee member); Elizabeth Caputo (CB7 Chair). Board Members Meisha Hunter.
Absent: Phyllis Gunther; Isaac Booker; Joanne Imohiosen.



**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 25, 2014**

Mt. Sinai - Roosevelt/St. Luke's merger

- Dr. Candrice Heath from Committee of Interns and Residents (www.cirseiu.org) is concerned with the details of the changing system. She asks that community and hospital staff be consulted before changes are made. When Mt. Sinai took over Beth Israel attending physicians' salaries were cut and seven attendings were let go. Two inpatient floors were closed, causing overflows on other floors that were short staffed.
- The Committee wants to be kept in the loop about Roosevelt and St. Luke's, and asks for transparency.
- Residents would like a borough-wide event to discuss merger landscape and provide a statement to the NLRB. They want to be part of the change.
- Residents would like Mt. Sinai to listen to doctors as well as business people and consider more than fiscal considerations.

- Brad Korn, p.r. representative for Mt.S/R/St.L says "what we know, you know and vice versa."
- Pediatrics at St. Luke's was moved because of the low census.
- Inpatient pediatric psychiatry has moved from Mt. Sinai to St. Luke's.
- Renal transplant unit was moved to Mt. Sinai from St. Luke's
- Essential services will not be "farmed out" to other hospitals but will exist at each.
- Hospital is doing a Community Health Needs Assessment especially involving diabetes and hypertension.
- Most of the chief administrators are doctors.

Food Stamps for Seniors

- Alexis Greene from the Council of Senior Centers and Services (agreene@cscs-ny.org) is working with DFTA and AARP to enroll more seniors in SNAP. Only 45 -55% of eligible seniors register because they are embarrassed or have difficulty in filling out forms.
- Gov. Cuomo will keep up food stamps even if Feds. cut back.
- April 10 from 9:30 - 12:00 she will participate in Lincoln Square Neighborhood Association Health Fair.
- Apartment ownership does not disqualify SNAP benefits. Maximum income is \$1915/month. It is available to the homeless who need to use an address of a church or other non-profit. She can help homeless people at LSNC.
- Alexis would like to reach out to the northern part of our district. We suggest elected officials direct her to any place in our community that needs outreach. Perhaps she can put up posters at food pantries and libraries.
- Alexis is part of "Re-serve," which helps people over 50 find new lines of work

Independent Care System

Danny Perry, Director of Community Engagement for Independent Care System (877 427 2525) introduced the Medicaid sponsored program for home care, adult daycare, nursing services and



equipment for long-term care in the community. ICS offers free custom care plans for dementia, spinal injuries. Multiple sclerosis covered by Medicaid.

Accessibility

- Shelly Fine will join the Vision Zero Task Force to be the voice for accessibility.
- Problems of accessibility: unlevel sidewalks, curb cuts, length of countdown timers, sounds for the blind at crossings, pooling water, sidewalk cafes.

Background checks on home healthcare aids

A community member asked why she could not get help when she reported that her home health aid from Personal Touch Agency was using her credit cards and not doing an adequate job. Is there someone at DFTA or the DA's office that keeps on top of these violations to homebound people?

Good bye to Evan Rosing, our Radon Man.

Since Evan has moved out of the Community, he resigned from the board. We will miss him.

Present: Madge Rosenberg, Barbara Van Buren, Christian Bray, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Phyllis E. Gunther, Genora Johnson and Evan Rosing. **Absent:** Robert Espier.