

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE

George Zeppenfeldt and Michele Parker, Co-Chairpersons

June 14, 2017

Committee Members Present: Michele Parker, Christian Cordova, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Seema Reddy, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Brian Jenks

Non-Committee Members Present: Josh Cohen, Melissa Rosenberg

The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 pm and adjourned at 9:01 pm.

The following matters were discussed:

New applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

1. 267 Amsterdam Avenue (West 72nd Street) M.O.A. Sabry Corp, d/b/a Utopia Diner.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Martin Mehler and General Manager, Elsayed Abdelkarim, came to speak
- General Manager is buying out the previous owner

CB7 Comments:

- Has an enclosed café
- Diner had beer and wine for 35years. Now looking for a full liquor license
- Deliveries are done on foot – no bicycle deliveries

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 6-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

2. 2758 Broadway (West 105th Street) ISG Restaurant LLC, d/b/a Il Gatto Nero.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Bob Callahan representing Owner
- Isko Sahinovic & Bahrja Sahinovic – Owners
- Owner has worked as GM at the restaurant since its inception 2 yrs ago. Now, he is taking over the restaurant with a partner.
- This is a full service Italian restaurant. Will apply for a transfer of the sidewalk café license later. There is a sidewalk café now with a wrap-around of the corner.
- Restaurants is 27 tables, 54 seats; sit down bar with 9 seats
- There will be background music with an ipod
- Postings were done. Paperwork package was submitted.

CB7 Comments:

- Elizabeth Kellner – this is a wonderful addition to the neighborhood with great pizza. And she wishes them well.
- There are deliveries now. But, they will be stopped. Maybe they will consider doing deliveries again in the future.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

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VOTE: 6-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

3. **2735 Broadway** (West 105th Street) Serafina 2735 Corp., d/b/a Serafina.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Letizia Manfredi, Nick Granato, Anna Maria Matteis – Owners/Management
- New Serafina – taking over former Toast location
- In process of reapplying for the sidewalk café license.
- Family owned restaurant
- Aiming to open in August. Doing a lot of renovations in the meantime.
- 11am-midnight, 7 days of week. Only background music
- 10 bar seats

CB7 Comments:

- Deliveries will be done through online delivery services – Seamless, UberEats, etc.
- Need pictures of the bikes, the vests, and the delivery people to complete the application

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

4. **36 West 106th Street** (Central Park West) 36 West 106th Street Venture, d/b/a Jazz on the Park.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Terry Flynn – representing the Owner
- Wine and beer license is what is requested
- 11am-midnight, 7 days/wk. Hotel lobby bar – small basement bar to accommodate a small non-profit theater group. The non-profit theater group will put on approx.. 40 shows/year.
- Lobby bar upstairs has 36 seats
- Space is being donated to the theater group.
- According to applicant representative, 500' rule doesn't apply because of wine/beer only. There aren't any other liquor license premises within 500' radius
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CB7 Comments:

- Lots of neighbors from the community here
- Now is a moment to engage constructively with the applicant representative because the license will be granted by the SLA. By law, we have no say so regarding a beer/wine license. We only have a say with regard to a full liquor license.
- There is a small food menu that will be provided upstairs. They will not have food service downstairs.
- Shows and restaurant and bar are all open to the public.
- Community Input:
 - Elizabeth Kellner – 40yr resident of 132 Manhattan Ave. Very concerned about the long history of
 - Was an illegal hostel and now this.
 - Her backyard is perpendicular. Johnstons, who are neighbors, also wrote an email.
 - This is a residential block in a historically designated neighborhood.

- There are underage residents coming and going. There is no need for liquor. It would be disruptive to the quality of life in the block.
 - Acorn School – SUNY chartered high school is on 106th and Columbus.
 - When will liquor be sold? 11am – midnight, 7 days/wk
- Serving alcohol to underage minors is a severe offense that risks the license’s standing.
- Omer Duli from Brown Harris Stevens – represents 455 CPW
 - Currently not serving liquor
 - 17 is minimum stated age on hostel’s website
 - Passed around pictures of young people partying with liquor, along with posters of alcohol filled parties
 - There are also pics of people partying outside and on roof.
 - Is the ventilation of the food service operation going to be done properly according to code. The cooking that has been done thus far is not code compliant.
 - The kitchen proposed will not be vented. BBQing should also not continue.
 - Getting a liquor license should actually make this better – as the responsibility to serve alcohol responsibly is required as a condition of the license.
 - William Bonet – resident manager of 455CPW. Opened the building in 2004. Personally feels this will be a terrible decision to grant the license to the applicant. Residents there are very concerned about this! The photos are posted to social media by Jazz on the Park staff.
 - There are lots of concerns about the noise and partying on the premises. The place is already out of control. And the fear is that it will become worse with the liquor license.
 - Owner’s Representative Response: Rooftop is not supposed to be used. The wine and beer license is only for the ground floor lobby and small portion of basement space. The roof should not be used by anybody. If something is going wrong, neighbors should call the SLA with complaints. There will be some change in management. It is not clear how much the staff will change.
 - CB7 – Perhaps we can write a letter/recommendation to the SLA with our thoughts.
 - Does the SLA have a probationary period for the license?
 - The roof is not as critical as the common areas and the space in front of the building.
- Lincoln Mitchell – 43W105. Been there since 2005.
 - The noise and partying is a real problem esp when the weather is warm. The roof top parties are a huge issue – the noise travels a lot. His backyard borders the Jazz on the Park.
 - The hostel visitors are teenagers, by and large.
 - There are a lot of neighbors that are concerned. The idea of solving this problem by granting the license seems very odd! Can we find a way to address these concerns? Some of the issues are related not just to the liquor being served.
- Jeff Taar – Board President of 455CPW
 - 45yr resident of UWS. Has 3 kids.
 - Has been president for 9yrs.
 - The building is a family building. The neighborhood has really changed in the past 10yrs. This license feels like a step back.
 - The hostel is European teenagers. Jeff wakes up to cigarette butts all over front steps, and his kids growing up listening to partying and inhaling cigarette smoke. This is a real problem for property values. If history is an indication of future performance, the hostel will not be able to control the behavior of its occupants.
 - The change of ownership has not affected those problems. The hostel has been behaving badly as a neighbor. The customers of the hostel don’t care! The neighbors have to care in lieu of that.

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- Echo Bonner – live on 42W106.
 - Lived there since 1994. 2 houses down from the hostel. When first moved in, the place was very drug infested. Neighbors worked together to try to change the neighborhood!
 - They love the neighborhood and have put in time and effort to change things. But, then this hostel has partying, peeing, etc. Worry that this kind of situation of the past will reemerge again.
 - Worry that the license will make the containment/behavior problems worse. Their quality of life will go down – is their worry.
- Mark Rausch – resident of 455CPW. Lived in the building for 10yrs. On the 10th flr, directly above the hostel.
 - Wife is a Columbia prof., former dean
 - This creates an attractive nuisance. Their front stoop is a mess every morning, with kids looking disheveled. This liquor license will escalate the problems.
 - Perhaps there should be a weekly mtg between the manager of the hostel and 455CPW and other interested stakeholders to review what has occurred and what can be done to resolve the issues? This would be a constructive way to handle issues. Most often this leads to a productive dialogue.
 - The letter, ideally binding, should have a procedure to establish a good neighbor relationship
- James Applegate – resident of 455CPW, Columbia faculty member, apt. 2A
 - Immediately above Jazz on the Park.
 - The parties are a problem. European tourists spill out on to the street smoking. Major nuisance.
 - The license is a step in the wrong direction. Will make the problem worse.
- Jaime Rosowski - Resident of 455CPW
 - Why does a place that has existed for 20yrs that has served underage minors for years now need a liquor license?
 - People can get as drunk with wine and beer as with liquor.
- Have the police been spoken to? Yes. The parties do tend to end at 3am-ish. During the summer the parties and noise issues are a constant.
- Yes, the Owner’s Rep says that management is open to a regular dialogue with the neighbors and stakeholders. BCI would like to facilitate the neighbors’ access to management of the hostel.

Recommendations from Brian:

 - Report back from Counsel from the applicant regarding this proposal. BCI can facilitate the meeting.
 - BCI drafts a strongly worded letter addressing the neighbors’ concerns.
- Peter Arnstein – Young people in our neighborhood don’t all act like this. We are all responsible to step in and make sure that young people act safely and know the rules.
- In UWS, there is a lag in the development of Manhattan Valley. Neighbors will be especially sensitive as a result.
- Elizabeth Kellner – who is the new owner? Moshe Ziv is the new owner. He is the operator of the first floor and the basement. He may not be the sole owner of the building or the other parts of the hostel. So, there are 2 ownership interests – one for the liquor license premises, another for the rest of the hostel.

Committee agrees to write a letter.

VOTE: No vote.

[Since the meeting, it was decided to hold a pre-meeting on July 5 and take a vote.]

Renewal application to extend hours to 4 a.m.:

5. **929 Columbus Avenue** (West 105th Street) 929 Columbus Ave, LLC, Bob's Your Uncle.

Presenting for the Applicant:

- Danielle Savin – Owner.
- Want extension of hours to 4am.
- Took over space from Ding Dong Lounge – who was a terrible neighbor. They have created an amazing neighborhood bar!
- Turn people away if the hour is too late. The extension in bar hours is really for regulars. Now, the hours are until 2am during the wk, and until 3am on the wknds.

CB7 Comments:

- We tend to not approve opening until 4am during the wk, with some exceptions. Brian – this bar is a very good neighbor. People are not rowdy! It is a nice neighborhood bar. Brian would not object to 4am for the wknds (Thurs to Sat), but not during the wk.
- Client base are mainly local residents.
- There is one email for and one against this.
- Kevin, lives at 71W106th Street. These are such wonderful neighbors, always respect the neighborhood and do their best to make sure there are no complaints. Wish it would stay open until 4am.
- Peter (from the BID) – having people out on the street late at night is good for safety on the street. And, they are nothing like Ding Dong used to be. Would like it to be open until 4am! These are people who are looking out for other people – makes the street safer.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** (opening until 4am for the wknds (Thurs to Sat), but to remain open until 2am during the wk) was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

6. **416 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 80th Street) New application #6360-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ain Jupiter LLC, d/b/a La Sirene UWS, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Didier Pawlicki

- 5 tables for the café. He would like us to consider a wraparound café for the future.
- Restaurant will be a true asset to the neighborhood.
- He has another restaurant downtown that does well!

CB7 Comments:

- Café design is in compliance with our guidelines.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

7. **480 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street) New application #7833-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Two Melons LLC, d/b/a JG Melon, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 14 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Bob Callahan

- Any paperwork that is missing will be submitted tomorrow morning.
- Same café set-up as before. Transfer of license requested.

CB7 Comments:

- There was a complaint that the café did not properly clear the telephone booth. But, that is not the case according to the plans.
- There is no delivery by bike.
- Missing items: list of postings, sidewalk café checklist.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

8. **566 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th – 88th Streets) New application #7399-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by La Petit Amelie LLC, d/b/a Amelie, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Bob Callahan

- 4 tables, 8 seats. Using 9' of a 19'+ sidewalk.
- This is where B Café was.

CB7 Comments:

- There's an opposition email – saying there is not enough clearance relative to the bike rack.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

9. **189 Columbus Avenue** (West 68th Street) New application #6814-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by VLC Upper West, LLC, d/b/a Vive La Crepe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 4 tables and 8 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Bob Callahan & Ulrika Bengtsson – Operations director for all of the locations

- This is for 2 locations. This is for 189 Columbus
- No bicycle deliveries – crepes should be eaten immediately!
- There is a typo in the plan. It will be re-submitted.

CB7 Comments:

- Plan complies.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

10. **489 Columbus Avenue** (West 83rd – 84th Streets) New application #7821-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Shivhari, Inc., d/b/a Ashoka, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 6 tables and 12 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Gauri Shankar, Owner Representative

- There was a previous sidewalk café.
- Checklist is missing. But, will be filled out right now to complete the file.

CB7 Comments:

- There is another email in opposition, objecting to clearance.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

11. **532 Columbus Avenue** (West 85th – 86th Streets) New application #7062-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by VLC Upper West, LLC, d/b/a Vive La Crepe, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 7 tables and 17 seats.

Presenting for the Applicant: Bob Callahan & Ulrika Bengtsson – Operations director for all of the locations

- The other Amelie location.
- 7 tables, 17 seats

CB7 Comments:

- Plans comply with guidelines.

*After due deliberation the resolution to **approve** was adopted*

VOTE: 8-0-0-0; 2-0-0-0

12. New business.

- Marc – Idea for restaurant business promotion.
 - Computerized kiosk funding didn't work out.

FULL BOARD MEETING

Roberta Semer, Chairperson

June 6, 2017

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, June 6, 2017, at Fordham University, 113 West 60th Street (Columbus Avenue), in the District. Chair Roberta Semer called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

The following matters were discussed and actions taken:

Minutes from the May 2, 2017, full Board meeting were **approved**.

VOTE: 22-0-7-0.

Chair's Report: Roberta Semer:

- Welcome new Board members. New Member greetings from Joshua Cohen, Katie Rosman, Amy Hyman, Natasha Kazmi, Ira Mitchneck and Melissa Rosenberg.
- Louisa Craddock will be drafting a new members handbook.
- The Public Housing Task Force will be hosting representatives of Community Board 9 for a joint event concerning New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) issues in common in July.
- Comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) relating to the proposed expansion of the American Museum of Natural History will be received at a hearing 6/15 at 6 pm at the Museum. The New York City Department of Parks & Recreation, the lead agency for the DEIS, will conduct the hearing.
- Comments on the scope of the EIS for the proposed project involving the West Side Federation of Senior and Supportive Housing (WSFSSH) on West 108th Street will be received at a hearing on 6/22 at 4 pm at the Reynolds West Side High School.

Community Session:

Shah Ally – chair of Community Board 12

- Speaking privately, not on behalf of CB12.
- Supports the secondary street renaming in honor of Ponsie Hillman on the agenda.
- Street namings are a wonderful thing, creating a sense of pride for both the family and the community.
- It is also an opportunity to pass along the legacy of those who inspire us to future generations to come.

Marion Billups – on behalf of Unionized workers protesting changes at Spectrum cable company (successor to Time Warner Cable)

- Workers are on strike protesting Spectrum's replacing union employees with non-union workers.
- The striking workers have received support of New York State Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, City Council Members Helen Rosenthal and Mark Levine.
- Safety issue as Spectrum is hiring untrained out-of-state workers through Facebook.

Ian Clarke – New York Skateboard Coalition

- Learning of the tremendous cost for restoration and maintenance when the skating community defaces local monuments and public spaces.
- Attempting to increase awareness within the skating community of the cost of such destruction.

Richard Barr

- Regrets that Dan Zwieg, the long-serving co-chair of CB7’s Transportation committee, was not reappointed. Found Dan to be a fair and reasonable voice on issues relating to Transportation.
- Surmise that a partisan lobby with outsized influence persuaded those involved not to reappoint him.

Dan Cohen – Friends of Anibal Aviles Park (West 108th Street) (also a Democratic State Committee member)

- Street Fair on Saturday, 6/10 on Columbus Avenue between West 96-106 Streets will benefit Anibal Aviles Park.
- Programming in Anibal Aviles Park will include puppet shows.
- An installation known as “Yarn Bombing” – creating images with yarn wound into the chain link fence – will be presented at Anibal Aviles Park in September.
- The Park is named for a community member killed in Viet Nam.

Manhattan Borough President's Report, Diana Howard:

- Welcome new members.

Reports by Elected Officials:

Helen Rosenthal, New York City Council Member (6th District):

- The Council and the Mayor reached a budget deal that includes a lot of good news for the Upper West Side.
- The biggest wins were in social service programs that support institutions including the Lincoln Square Neighborhood Center, Goddard-Riverside Community Center and the Westside Y. The benefits will be felt by seniors and children especially, and will address these programs' concerns about being chronically underfunded.
- The adjustments to baseline funding will provide these institutions with the first effective increase in net funding in years, and will also address the impact of their being subject to the ramp-up to a \$15 min wage as well as OTPS (Other-Than-Personnel-Services) and indirect costs that have been flat over past 20 years.
- Also receiving much-needed funding will be Symphony Space, the free Kayak dock in Riverside Park, the renovation of the stairs at West 102nd in Riverside Park (will be pushing Parks to get the work started).
- Capital and expense funding will again be provided to public schools in the District.
- The New-York Historical Society is opening a new wing “Project Citizen” (currently “Women’s Gallery”).
- A package of bills to address tenant harassment will be on for a hearing heard in June.
- Environmental Forum 6/26 at Rutgers Church. Inviting homeowners and building management to hear renewable energy options.
- The monthly events calendar will no longer be distributed except on HelenRosenthal.com, as targeted emails are presumed to be campaign-related.
- Senior Fresh Food Bag Program – in collaboration with Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, will be providing cheap access to bags of fresh fruits and vegetables. Program is popular and growing.

Reports by Elected Officials' Representatives:

Erik Cuello, Office of Council Member Mark Levine (7th District):

- Automatic enrollment for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) and Disabled Rent Increase Exemption (DRIE) is available through the District Office.

- Recycling forum at Bloomingdale Library on Tuesday, 6/20 – learn about rodent control, composting, recycling.
- The Council unanimously approved the creation of the Morningside Heights Historic District.

Gus Ipsen, Office of Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal (67th District):

- Strongly supports the street co-naming for Ponsie Hillman on tonight's agenda.
- Marched over the Brooklyn Bridge with Sen. Brad Hoylman to support the Child Victim's Act.
- Press conference with students from West End Secondary School in Albany on ecological issues relating to the Hudson River. The students' proposed solution includes farming oysters, which are able to filter and clean the water. Proposed legislation would provide tax incentives to restaurants to save and recycle oyster shells.
- SCRIE DRIE and STAR clinic at the District Office 6/9.

Chris Chu, Office of Assembly Member Daniel O'Donnell (69th District):

- PRIDE month! Celebrating the 6th anniversary of the passage of the Marriage Equality act in New York, and the 2nd anniversary of marriage equality in the nation.
- Carrying a bill to make all single-stall rest rooms gender neutral.
- Seeking to repeal of 50-a regarding the transparency of police disciplinary records.

Alek Miletic, Office of Assembly Member Richard Gottfried (75th District):

- The New York Health Act, which would establish a single-payer health care plan in New York State, passed the Assembly 94-46. The bill's chances in the State Senate are uncertain.
- Providing support for Arts and Music programs at Jazz at Lincoln Center.
- Participating in a forum on renovations to Beth Israel/Mount Sinai.

Peter Ajemian, Office of State Senator Brad Hoylman (27th District):

- Please join Sen. Hoylman on the Pride March on 6/25. Email Hoylman@nysenate.gov.
- Co-signed onto the zoning challenge to the super-tall building proposed for 200 Amsterdam.
- Released a report entitled "Bleaker on Blecker" highlighting the blight of vacant storefronts and the difficulties faced by small businesses.
- Supports the proposed street co-naming in honor of Ponsie Hillman on tonight's agenda.

Daisy More, Office of State Senator Jose Serrano (29th District):

- Office hours 6/7 at JASA Community Center.
- Supporting bills to protect against gun violence, including S3444 requiring child-proofing of weapons for sale.

Brennan Ward, Office of State Senator Marisol Alcantara (31st District):

- "Clean Slate" - Event with Manhattan District Attorney to clear outstanding warrants.
- Pop-up office at St. Agnes Branch Library – every 4th Thursday – from 5-7 pm.

Elie Peltz, Office of U.S. House Member Jerrold Nadler (10th District):

- Concerned by firing of FBI Director James Comey. Heartened by the hiring of special counsel prosecutor to investigate the ties of the President's campaign with Russia. Calling for independent commission similar to the 9/11 Commission
- Introduced bill to make it easier for condominiums and co-ops to receive FEMA grants after disasters. Voted out of committee with bi-partisan support.

- Press conference at Columbia University to protest cuts to the "Upward Bound" program, which helps students without adequate credits for graduation. Its elimination shows lack of respect for our most needy.

Michael Stinson, NYC Comptroller Scott M. Stringer's Office:

- Released a preliminary analysis of the Trump budget. New York City stands to lose \$850 Million that would drastically affect the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, the housing code enforcement unit, the response teams for emergency heat and hot water, and lead paint inspections, among many others.
- LGBT event at Macy's 6/20.

Jennifer Greer, Public Advocate Letitia James' Office:

- Advocating for fair work week legislation – helps workers in fast food and retail industries.
- Constituent hotline – just completed 20,000th constituent response. 212-669-7250.

Gabrielle Dann-Allel, Mayor's Community Affairs Unit:

- IDNYC pop-up enrollment event – office of imm affairs hosting IDNY enrllment event at JCC this week and next (through 6/16) – many free benefits. Prefer to make an appointment on website.
- Mayor and Council agreed on the budget with many programs funded, including increases to the Summer Youth Employment Program and expanding the breakfast in the classroom program.

Business Session:

STEERING COMMITTEE

Roberta Semer, Chairperson

Resolution Re:

1. Secondary street naming of the northwest corner of Columbus Avenue and West 71st Street in honor of Mrs. Ponsie B. Hilman.

Presentation by Roberta Semer:

- The current proposed location was changed from the original application. In the interim, CB7 reached out to the neighbors on West 71st Street (including Hargrave House), who were enthusiastically supportive.
- Mrs. Hillman spent her retirement volunteering at Hargrave House/Project FIND.
- The resolution is being called up by the Chair despite a tie vote at Committee.

Public Comment:

Josetta Brown:

- Mrs. Hillman was an active and stalwart presence in her local community and in the global community.
- Met Mrs. Hillman through the Board of Education – she was emphatic in giving positive encouragement to teachers, and helped teachers advance within the BoE.

Michelle Deal Winfield

- Thanks to CB7 for considering this application. Appreciation for the exhausting work to prepare the resolution.

- One item not included in the biographical materials provided to the Board is that Ponsie Hillman was a member of a special advisory committee in Washington DC to the then-Secretary of Labor in 1974, and received a special commendation from the Secretary.

CB7 Comments:

- The biographical materials document Mrs. Hillman's extraordinary life in public service, key aspects of which are summarized in the proposed resolution.
- Among the more compelling highlights are:
 - Mrs. Hillman's decades of devoted service to organized labor;
 - her service as a volunteer "Freedom Teacher," teaching children whose public schools were closed rather than comply with mandated integration;
 - Mrs. Hillman's forceful presence as a featured speaker calling for justice for the plight of Soviet Jewry, showing empathy for others outside her expected sphere of experience and using her influence where it was most needed.
- Whatever CB7 may determine in the future to be appropriate criteria for a secondary street renaming, Mrs. Hillman will surely satisfy the test.
- Establishing a secondary street renaming honors not only Mrs. Hillman and her family, but our community as well.
- Had the privilege of knowing Ponsie Hillman while a United Federation of Teachers chapter leader and Mrs. Hillman was in the union leadership. She was a wonderful friend and colleague.
- Mrs. Hillman was genuinely concerned with social justice for all, and one of those rare people who affected so many in a positive way.
- Committee should take up the task of formulating guidelines on how secondary street renaming applications should be handled in the future.
- Voted against this resolution in committee due to the lack of guidelines, despite potential confusion because some worthy honorees could be turned down.
NB: Guidelines are on the June Transportation agenda; this application was deemed worthy of a vote now.
- Explaining a vote against – Mrs. Hillman is clearly a spectacular person.
- Voting no because all street renamings should be opposed. The secondary street names are distractions.
- Street renamings tell us next to nothing about the person being honored – this is not the right way to acknowledge.
- Transportation Committee will take up guidelines.
- An Exceptional West Sider. Mrs. Hillman would have made the cut whatever guidelines are adopted.
- Support the resolution – meaningful way to commemorate this remarkable person.
- Establishing guidelines is important, and can be developed simultaneously.
- Recently approved other renamings – we would not want CB7 to appear to be arbitrary.

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

VOTE: 39-0-3-0

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

Resolution Re:

2. Determining how cyclists could safely navigate Columbus Circle.

Presentation by Howard Yaruss:

- Chaotic traffic pattern outside the beautifully planted area. No safe way around for cyclists.
- The resolution calls on the Department of Transportation (DoT) to come up with a plan for safe passage.
- Must also address the safety of pedestrians without unduly sacrificing the efficient movement of motor vehicles.

Public Comment:

James Miller

- A cyclist commuting by bike for 25 years. Applauds the effort to make streets safer.
- Was hit by a cab a year ago and thrown 10 feet – was ok, but many are not so lucky. -- while cycling north entering the Circle, was hit by cab coming around the circle.
- Knows a pedestrian who was hit in a crosswalk by a driver who was texting while driving.
- Whether one is a cyclist or not, please consider the vulnerability of those on the street with no protection.
- Must confront trucks that park in the bike lane, as it forces cyclists into traffic.

Melanie Bryant:

- Chelsea-based cyclist in Midtown's parking protected bike heaven.
- Columbus Circle is unsafe for cycling. While still on 8th Avenue, there is no way to get to the bike lane since the painted bike lane shifts from the west to the east side of the avenue within one block.

Reed Rubey

- While driving a car through Columbus Circle, there is confusion as to how to navigate the lanes.
- What is inconvenient to drivers is life-threatening to cyclists. Cyclists know that cars do not see them.

Willow Seltzer

- Thanks to CB7 for the work to fix the Lincoln Center bowtie, which resulted in tremendous improvements.
- The commute home through Columbus Circle is scary and tenuous.

CB7 Comments:

- As a cyclist, avoids Columbus Circle like the plague.
- A similar resolution will be presented to CB4 and CB5.
- CB7's resolution should address the approach to the Circle and cyclists' need to cross 4 lanes within one block.
A: will coordinate with CB4.
- CB7 must also address near-misses by delivery bikes (sometimes motorized) not using the bike lanes.

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

VOTE: 42-0-1-0.

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Comment by Andrew Albert, co-chair:

- There were two suicides on the No. 1 train today, which snarled service.
- The aging fleet of R46 cars on the F train also causes repeated problems.
- The MTA management claims to be really going all out to fix these problems.

BUSINESS & CONSUMER ISSUES COMMITTEE

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

3. New applications to the SLA for two-year liquor licenses:

- **2020 Broadway** (West 69th Street.) Borja Enterprise LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.
- **2028-2032 Broadway** (West 70th Street.) Mamexicana LLC, d/b/a To be Determined.
- **480 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) Two Melons LLC, d/b/a JG Melon.
- **566 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 87th Street) Le Petit Amelie LLC, d/b/a Amelie Wine Bar.
- **160 Riverside Boulevard, aka 161 Freedom Place** (West 68th Street.) Ollie's Hiro Sushi Inc., d/b/a To be Determined.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

- The former site of Enoteca will now be a Middle Eastern restaurant.
- Gia La Fiorina returning to the neighborhood, although not in its original location.
- JG Melon is again attempting to open a branch on the Upper West Side.

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

VOTE: 41-0-0-0.

4. 517 Columbus Avenue (West 85th Street.) New application to the SLA for a two-year liquor license by EGS, LLC, d/b/a The Viand.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

- Will occupy the former site of Jackson Hole.
- The same restaurateurs currently operate a coffee shop in the Beacon Hotel.

CB7 Comments:

- Viand is particularly generous to schools and not-for-profits seeking donations for fundraising.
 - Concern that the closing of Artie's on Broadway leaves behind a large enclosed café. CB7 approved and renewed the enclosed café because of the operator's long standing in the community. CB7 should go on record as opposing enclosed sidewalk cafes.
- A: Will take up at Committee.

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

VOTE: 42-0-0-0.

5. New Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafés:

- **283 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 73rd Street.) New application #4870-2017-ASWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Nabucco LLC, d/b/a Salumeria Rosi, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 15 tables and 30 seats.

- **172 West 79th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) New application #5515-2017-AWC to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Amsterdam Avenue Bagels Inc., d/b/a Bagels & Co, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 28 seats.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

- This application is a revision of a revision – Salumeria Rossi at first applied to expand the unenclosed café when it intended to expand into the neighboring store formerly run by Gia La Forina, and is now applying to return to the original footprint since it has since declined to take the neighboring space.

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

VOTE: 42-0-0-0.

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Application:

6. **898 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 103rd Street.) Renewal application #2021277-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Primavera Mexican LLC, d/b/a Casa Mexicana, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 9 tables and 22 seats.

Presentation by Michele Parker:

- Initial application was to disapprove as the applicant failed to appear.
- Applicant present at the full Board meeting – confirmed there were no changes from the previous application.
- Resolution now to approve based on informal consensus of the Committee.

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

VOTE: 41-0-0-0.

PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

7. **143 West 87th Street** (Columbus-Amsterdam Avenues.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for facade restoration, replacement of windows, modification of first floor window, replacement of rear elevation and installation of roof dunnage and condensing unit.
 - A. Façade restoration (excluding the rear façade), replacement of windows, modification of first floor window, installation of roof dunnage and condensing unit.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Proposal is to replace a window on the parlor floor with a wider window to match a sister building down the block. Proposing a multi-paned window aligned with the existing windows on the third floor. Agreed to include a delineation between the transom and operable windows.
- Agreed to make upper windows multi-paned.

CB7 Comments:

- Parlor floor proposed window for the Parlor floor (piano nobile) is too large, and changes the look of the entire building.
- The proposal will cause the loss of the masonry around the existing window, which aligns with the window on the second floor above.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the façade restoration (excluding the rear façade), replacement of Basement level windows as modified, Parlor floor window enlargement as modified, upper floor replacement windows, and rooftop dunnage and HVAC unit** was adopted.*

VOTE: 36-2-2-0.

B. Rear façade work.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Rear façade covered years ago with a tar finish that ruined the bricks beneath. Must remove and rebuild.
- Proposal is to create a new façade using passive house technology including a form of stucco cladding.
- Using super-passive protective windows.
- The existing red brick corbelling at the roof line will be recreated.
- Recommendation that top floor retain punched openings at the top – one a doorway.

CB7 Comments:

- Concern that the rear façade inconsistent with character of the donut. This could be Malibu. The oversized picture windows are out of character and inappropriate.
- At most the ground floor could have such big windows for light, but not all the way to the top.
- Passive house energy efficiency generally improves thermal protection but is not completely energy neutral.

*After deliberation, the resolution to **approve the design of the rebuilt rear façade as modified** was adopted.*

VOTE: 32-4-3-0

8. **230 West 103rd Street** (Broadway-West End Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of 16 windows installed in non-compliance, 3 new windows, and modification of 2 windows.

Presentation by Gabrielle Palitz:

- Individual landmark the Marseilles, owned and operated by the West Side Federation of Senior and Supportive Housing.
- A window replacement was approved by LPC years ago, but certain windows were installed that modified the approved design. Eventually violations were issued for the non-conforming windows.
- Modifications were to special windows to conform to function and architectural issues (e.g. the space for a window air conditioning unit was flipped from the top to the bottom because a lowered ceiling would have prevented the use of the air conditioner).
- The committee found the substitute designs minimally appropriate.
- The changes to the façade from replacing with conforming windows would not justify the effort and expense.

CB7 Comments:

- Q: Why are some windows approved at Staff level at LPC, and these require a public hearing?
A: Staff cannot legalize “special” windows or those that are visible from the street.
A: Issue arose due to a violation from LPC to the Marseilles.

- Meisha Hunter-Burkett, employed by Li Saltzman, which was retained for this application, did not participate in the design of the prior windows or their modification. Will recuse from voting.
- Shelly Fine, Chair of the WSFSSH Board, also will recuse from voting.

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

VOTE: 39-0-0-2.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons

Resolutions Re:

9. **21 West End Avenue.** Riverside Center (West 60th – 61st Streets.) Application #2017-98-BZ to the Board of Standards and Appeals by SoulCycle 21 West End Avenue, LLC, for a special permit to legalize a Soul Cycle physical culture establishment on a portion of the first floor (Opened December 2016.)

Presentation by Richard Asche:

- Physical Culture establishment – Soul Cycle.
- Exercise area is acoustically enclosed.

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

VOTE: 40-0-1-0.

New Business:

Mel Wymore:

- There is a boom of new construction throughout the District. Notable new projects include those on West 96th Street, on lower Amsterdam Avenue, and on West 66th Street.
- Certain of these new projects are extraordinarily tall, and are claimed to be as-of-right from a zoning perspective.
- Request that the Land Use Committee assess whether these buildings can validly claim to be as-of-right, and determine if there are any opportunities to reconsider or oppose them.
- Richard Asche: CB7 has already had preliminary discussions with the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, including over the concern about the purchase from West 95th Street of Transferable Development Rights (sometimes referred to as "air rights") that may not be in compliance with the applicable requirements.
- Ethel Sheffer: Concern with the use of the undefined term "supertall" buildings. CB7 should assess and take action as indicated on a project-by-project basis.

The meeting was **adjourned** at 8:27 pm.

Present: Roberta Semer, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker, Tina Branham, Steven Brown, Joshua Cohen, Christian Cordova, Kenneth Coughlin, Louisa Craddock, Catherine DeLazzerro, Mark Diller, Robert Espier, Sheldon Fine, Paul Fischer, Sonia Garcia, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Meisha Hunter Burkett, Amy Hyman, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, Brian Jenks, Genora Johnson, Natasha Kazmi, Blanche E. Lawton,

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Ira Mitchneck, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Jeannette Rausch, Seema Reddy, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Katie Rosman, Madge Rosenberg, Melissa Rosenberg, Peter Samton, Ethel Sheffer, Polly Spain, Mel Wymore, Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Elizabeth Caputo, Page Cowley, Miki F. Fiegel, Marc Glazer, Lillian Moore, Susan Schwartz, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

Madge Rosenberg and Catherine DeLazzero, Co-Chairpersons

June 27, 2017

Committee Members Present: Catherine DeLazzero, Madge Rosenberg, Christian Cordova, Robert Espier, Sheldon Fine, Sonia Garcia, Audrey Isaacs, Genora Johnson.

Non-Committee Members Present: Melissa Rosenberg

The following matters were discussed:

1. Committee will evaluate our initiatives in 2016-17 in light of planning for the coming year.

Catherine DeLazzero:

- We want to evaluate what we have done this past year to come out with a plan for next year.
- Since last June we had panels on different topics like: food insufficiency, accessibility, domestic violence and others.
- Each panel had different speakers answering a set of given questions.
- We did a survey at the end. Feedback given was that the panels were fabulous but that we should focus on fewer topics.
- We had the services of a fellow (Stephanie Bonnan) to focus on a particular topic and provide a report.
- Maybe we should have panels every other month and in between process the information and decide how to use the information.
- It will be good to continue with the panels because it serves to inform the public on these topics.
- We can concentrate on Medicaid first for September. To be planned by Sheldon Fine and Audrey Isaacs.
- Questions to concentrate on:
 - What voices need to be heard or included?
 - How do we find out the needs of people in the community especially those that do not attend CB7 meetings?
 - What do we want to support, what we can advocate for?
 - Know your rights and options Clinic?
- We need to do more community outreach to increase participation.

CB7 Comments:

- Audrey Isaacs:
 - We had the fellow do work which needs follow up.
 - The board should make recommendations only, not offer services.
 - Described services offered by Advocates for Children.
 - There is a need in the community to match up youth with existing programs.
 - Will like to focus on youth services.
 - We should advocate for particular things for the topics.
- Robert Espier:
 - The fellow's work on youth violence was a perfect tying with YEL's last meeting.
 - We should work with them.
 - We need to decide where to focus on.

- Will like to focus on Aging-Out of Foster Care.
- Sonia Garcia:
 - Will like to focus on mental health for seniors.
 - Believes that the format of one panel on and then next month to process may not be very productive. We should have some flexibility in the process.
 - We should focus on few specifics issues versus many.
- Fern Fleckman:
 - One way to use a fellow would be to do a needs assessment on a topic.
 - For a fellow is hard to suggest solutions for a system (like the DOE) where the system was not involved in the discussions.
 - Should be able to have results base on the panels.
 - Should be Panels of users and the public instead of experts.
- Madge Rosenberg:
 - How do we tell when someone should come to us versus the city directly?
 - Went to a meeting with the Mayor's office of Mental Health where they asked for feedback from the public.
- Sheldon Fine:
 - Agrees with doing the panels every other month but should choose a project to work on that will be something tangible for us to do.
 - If we are covering a topic we need to find members of the community that are affected by that topic.
 - Will like us to advocate throughout the year about Medicaid. We need to know what NYS will do in response to the changes by the federal government.
 - We can be involved in events like a vigil where participants can tell their Medicaid story bringing it to life.
 - We can learn about who will be cover or not and advocate for those that will not be covered.
- Genora Johnson:
 - Will like to focus on children with special needs.
- Melissa Rosenberg:
 - Should invite service providers to connect them with clients and make a priority of the needs in the community.
 - Can have a Medicaid panel with the format of Know your Rights.
 - Should do panels outside CB7 office.

The meeting ended at 8:28 pm.

HOUSING COMMITTEE

Jeannette Rausch, Chairperson

June 17, 2017

Present: Jeannette Rausch, Robert Espier, Sonia Garcia, Madelyn Innocent, Genora Johnson, and Susan Schwartz. **Absent:** Benjamin Howard Cooper and Lillian Moore.

Chair: Roberta Semer. **Board Members:** Joshua Cohen, Mark N. Diller, Meisha Hunter-Burkett, Ira Mitchneck and Melissa Rosenberg.

Meeting called to order at 6:45PM.

Presentation was made by Glory Ann Kiersten of the HDFC Coalition:

The City of New York told over buildings from landlord who had defaulted on their taxes in the 1970s and 80s. Many of these buildings were in crime ridden areas and were in disrepair. The City developed program that induced residents to stay in the buildings with a promise of home ownership. There were also homesteaders who moved into derelict buildings. The buildings were not marketable, they were "as is". Residents needed to fix up their units and their building. They had to pay water bill, oil, and taxes. They helped stabilize their neighborhoods. There were 5,000 buildings some small. Each building has a different contract and different formula for income.

There are 33,654 co-op units, 1,061 in CB7

There are 1,024 buildings, 53 co-op units in 72 buildings in CB7

HDFC rentals are run by non-profit organizations

HDFC buildings incorporated with a tax abatement (DAMP tax) for 40 years by pro bono attorneys. Glory Ann's tax abatement expires in 2029. There were also different programs in the 1990s and 2000s. Some buildings had maintenance performed by the City. There was a broad definition of affordable. The difference between HDFCs and Mitchell Lama Co-ops is that the Mitchell Lamas were newly constructed housing complexes with the deed owned by the City.

Presentation by Michael Palma Mir of the HDFC Coalition:

A copy of the new regulatory agreement is on the Coalition web site and he urged people to read it. Mike discussed his opinion that the City wants to claw back the buildings and does not care about the distressed buildings. There are different classes of shares "originators" and non-originators. The City has created a flip tax, but it only helps if many apartments are sold. The apartments can only be sold to people who qualify (the income levels are different in some buildings).

The new regulations would extend the tax emotions for the buildings. 27% of buildings are in financial distress. 73% are successful

The purchaser must meet certain requirements.

Robert Espier explained that some realtors take advantage and try to sell apartments at higher than allowed prices.

Meisha Hunter stated that in March a law was proposed in the State Senate, but no action has been taken

Members of the Community:

Blanca Vazquez: What makes HDFCs affordable is the maintenance. Residents do all the work in their unit and in the building. Her building is predominately people of color

Stephanie Mortimore: Her building is a very diverse. They don't want to sign the agreement. She added they would be blackmailed into signing

David Rebhun encourage the Housing Committee to find out more about repeal of the DAMP tax. 12 years early would be devastating. His building is planning for 2029 when the tax will increase and the thought of losing the DAMP tax early adds to the daily stresses.

David Calvert: In the 1980s 3000 families took over apartments in distressed buildings. The City benefitted and now the City is trying to preserve housing that is not necessary to protect.

Question of Clarification: There is an income limit on who can purchase the units. Only 6% of units have been sold of 30,000 units. 85% were under \$500,000, 57% were under \$300,000.

William Garcia: born and raised in the neighborhood and want my kids to stay in the neighborhood

Jeannette Toamez: lives at 987 Amsterdam. Three of the original homesteaders died of AIDS. After she moved in she went to City Hall with a babe-in-arms to get ownership. She then was able to go to graduate school and put her children through college.

Dorris Garcia: Wants to know what alternatives the City will offer

Keith Williams: Suicides, death and stress, we have turned around. Powers that be want to make Manhattan the Isle of the Rich. We got to find a common ground.

Judith Hartman: Regulations seem vulnerable to legal challenges

Julie Luminario: Many of our buildings were disgusting and the police were unable to get rid of drug dealers. We were able to preserve our building and get drug dealers out. We home schooled our children like one big happy family.

Verlier Duran: Bought 3 years ago. Her mom was an originator. The failing HDFCs are being lost to the program and are taken back by the City. The City will foreclose and there is no guaranty that those units will remain affordable.

Discussion of resolution by Board:

Jeannette Rausch: there are 5 points:

- 1 Why HDFC, why this housing is valuable and creates a sense of community, if 75% financially viable
2. Units in distress, how can the City save and protect them and not sweep up others.
3. Process to create regulations needs to be transparent
4. Make a list of unacceptable provisions in the proposed regulations, protect the DAMP tax, oppose two tiers of ownership, look at monitors and management
5. Where do we go from here? Collect real data and have more voices at the table

Resolution passed by Committee Members: 5:0:0:0, by non-committee Board members 5:0:0:0

[Since the meeting, it was decided to send a letter to HPD and have the agency attend the September or October Housing Committee meeting.]

PARKS & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Klari Neuwelt, Chairperson

June 19, 2017

Present: Klari Neuwelt, Susan Schwartz, Ken Coughlin (P&E and Transportation) and Meisha Hunter Burkett.

Absent: Steven Brown and Brian Jenks.

Item 1. Temporary Sculpture Project by Samantha Holmes at Riverside Park South

Presentation by Jennifer Lantzas, DPR; Margaret Bracken, DPR Riverside

Project: Artwork consists of stacked cairns, fiberglass stones covered in stone mosaic, anchored to the ground on concrete footings; all pieces anchored to each other – steel pipe “spine” on which all stone sculpture pieces are mounted; concrete removed at the end of the installation; location in Riverside Park South; plaque with artist’s name; no CB7 Resolution required

Committee Questions:

KC: ceremony to mark installation? DPR: yes, tbd

Community Questions:

what are the dates of the installation? DPR: July 2017-July 2018

Item 2: Rehabilitation of the West 79th Street Rotunda Structures and Bridge over Amtrak (DOT, DPR) (Joint with Transportation Committee)

Presenters: Joannene Kidder, DOT (jkidder@dot.nyc.gov); Margaret Bracken DPR; Collen Chatergoon (DOT Community Relation Specialist cchattergoon@dot.nyc.gov); DOT Hyu Yang, DPR: Katie Riley, Sybil Young, Joint Venture consultant: HDR/AECOM, HDR: Nicholas Roberts, AECOM: Rahul Saggur, Structural Engineer

Project: initial start in 2000; VE 2009-2010; JV notice to proceed; Federal Funds involved – NEPA, SEQRA, CEQR, Project goals include comprehensive rehabilitation of Rotunda and bring bridge into state of good repair; Rotunda built 1936 owned by DPR; 79th Street bridge over Amtrak last rehabbed 1975, owned by DOT; 3 levels (1st level garage; 2nd level Pedestrian; 3rd level traffic circle); introduce new DPR admin space at pedestrian level as well as new storage space; stone masonry restoration; historic railing restoration; lighting improvements; ADA access throughout the structure; drainage; restore Guastavino tile arches; bluestone paving; repair ramps and structural repairs; MEP upgrades; Bridge: new concrete deck; repair steel beams, sidewalks; upgrade lighting and drainage; Concessionaire café (existing) will be doubled in size; restrooms will be renovated; remove 3 blind arcades and install a metal and glass “storefront” infill for DPR use; restore central fountain; restore bronze turtle sculptures (extant sculpture at MCNY); schedule construction 2019-2022 (36 months); cost estimate \$100 million; city, state and federal funds

Lead Federal agency: FHWA (Section 106 Review; Section 4f; SEQRA; CEQR); Stakeholders: MBP ; Helen Rosenthal; Linda Rosenthal; Senator Marisol Alcantara, Senator Nadler; CB7, DPR, DEP, RPC, LPC, PDC, FDNY, NYPD, SHPO (federal tribes not cited)

Committee Questions:

KN – is the entire project completely funded? DOT – yes

KN – cycling access impacts? HDR/AECOM team will coordinate with DOT and DPR and other agencies and stakeholders in design and access for cyclists; no change to grades or topography; How will this plan improve lighting, grading etc? Margaret – will coordinate with existing DPR projects in Riverside; there will be a lot of impact to all kinds of circulation; greenway relocation (topical markings, smooth pavement); this overall project will provide much better paving conditions; DOT looking at alternatives for bringing cyclists through the garage (permanent change); KN: permanent routing through garage may not work well for cyclists – consultation needed; also concern about garbage storage/removal in present location—should study improving it

KC – what kinds of traffic disruption are anticipated? Recirculating water in fountain? AECOM – maintain access at riverfront at all times; still working out the traffic study data collection; detours and closures still being

decided; close south bound exit ramp; no traffic coming west on 79th Street (detour); entire facility will be closed; phased construction will affect staging, traffic access and detours; HP(?) will drive scheduling and coordination with structural work; fountain to use recycled water

MHB – salvage and reuse plan for historic fabric; DPR – yes, DOT, nothing specific yet; special provisions in the contract for historic fabric; most of granite is in excellent condition; Schedule for Section 106, LPC, SHPO, PDC?; DOT this schedule is being developed this summer; very ambitious schedule for regulatory reviews

SS – will concession be shut down? Draft EIS for AMNH, rerouting of traffic impact? Impact to boat basin residents? AECOM – yes, 2 seasons, will try to reduce shut down time to be as short as possible; coordination between AMNH and W. 79th project, construction occurring at around the same time; boat basin residents may be affected, pedestrian access will be maintained throughout; noise impact

MHB – regulatory reviews LPC Public Hearing will be required (Binding Commission Report) coordinate with PDC; SHPO reviews; DOT will perform due diligence and prepare regulatory review schedule this summer; Excavation? AECOM/HDR does not anticipate excavation for new footings; will require excavation for ramp; Restoration of Guastavino tile vaulting? AECOM/HDR will work with HPI and JBC on restoration specifications, and structural engineers

Community Questions:

Michael O’Neal – former W. 79th St. Rotunda Concessionaire – how many trees will have to be removed? DOT – not sure; compelled to provide ADA access; Will new fountain with turtles restored, where will the dining occur? Around the fountain? AECOM/HDR seating planning not part of this project; no fit out for concessionaire in this project, just core and shell; need gas supply for concessionaire

Community Member Ira Gershenhorn– want to see DOT lessons learned, trench drains, green infrastructure?

DOT - best management practices; no room for BMP at this site

KN – drainage, permeability of bluestone? AECOM HDR – impermeable surface; KN: this is first of what should be several presentations on this project to CB7 as plans are developed – presenters agree that Rotunda is tentatively scheduled for October, 2017 committee agenda for review of more specific plans if sufficiently advanced by then

Community Member Cy Adler – M79 bus; AECOM/HDR bus will be impacted by this construction work; drinking fountain? Nothing exists, will look for an opportunity (seasonal)

PRESERVATION

Jay Adolph and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons

June 8, 2017

Present: Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Louisa Craddock, Meisha Hunter-Burkett, Peter Samton and Mark Diller.

Absent: Miki Fiegel

The following matters were considered and actions taken.

23 West 69th Street (Central Park West – Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to extend rear façade by 2 ½ feet and make rear façade all glass, replace windows on front façade, expand penthouse, add elevator bulkhead on roof.

Presentation by Ann Krsul, architect.

- Townhouse built in 1892 by Gilbert Schellenger – one of a group of 5.
- Renaissance revival style – 4 stories plus basement.
- Bordered by a 14-story apartment building to the east, and another townhouse on the west.

Front façade window replacement:

- Proposal is to replace windows with energy efficient wood windows made to match the overall look and effect of the original historic windows.
- Window moldings would be recreated to be historically accurate to the best learning possible based on the available information and models.
- Replacing front rounded-top windows with true rounded windows.
- Windows would be painted black

Rear yard renovation:

- The rear façade is not visible from the street.
- Proposal is to completely remove the brick rear façade and replace with a metal grid with large windows.
- The north and east walls of the existing L extension would similarly be removed and replaced with the metal and glass grid. The west wall is a party wall and will remain brick.
- The metal grid consists of tall thin rectangles of black metal with 4 bays across the upper floors, and two bays in the primary façade and three smaller bays on the north face of the L extension.
- Rear façade apart from the L extension would be extended to the 30' depth limit, with the L extension preserved in its current footprint. The main façade will extend 2' 3.625" further north into the rear yard to reach the 30' depth zoning limit.
- Other rear yard extensions in the same donut have varying amounts of glass.
Q: The distinction between this project and the examples offered as precedent by the applicant is that this proposal would have metal and glass extending all the way to the party walls, with no masonry or other materials surrounding the window system, whereas the examples cited still have large areas of brick surrounding the enlarged windows.
A: That is correct.
- Existing L extension roof is covered by a glass and metal greenhouse.

- The apartment building to the east has a light well / side court that will continue to have a view of portions of the former party wall.

Rooftop work:

- Proposal includes an elevator overrun bulkhead and a small elevator vestibule. Elevator is being relocated.
- No other expansion of the rooftop addition is proposed.
- Proposal also includes re-cladding the existing rooftop addition in “Oko skin 2.2” – color is a medium grey.
- Proposal also includes replacing the existing yellow stucco surfaces, and modifying the north façade of the rooftop addition to add a larger window and glass door.
- Sides of the rooftop addition would remain brick.
- A greenhouse similar to the existing one on the rear terrace will span the front of the L extension, which will be replaced with enclosed walls. New walls will also be clad in Oko skin 2.2.
- A ladder will be installed from the rear terrace north of the rooftop addition to its roof for fire department access.
- None of the rooftop changes will be visible from the public way.

Public Comment:

[none]

Committee Comment:

- Some curious decisions – keeping a lot the same. Common on that block for townhouses on this side of the street not to have 30’ depth rear yards – many extensions are deeper than the 30’ limit.
- No longer a donut – a sliver.
- Concern that the presentation does not show the neighboring rear facades as context.
- A: too many trees to get any kind of a view. [NB: another project nearby used a drone to take rear photos despite limited access and trees]
- Concern that the metal and glass grid system for the rear façade continues to the top floor, interrupting the pattern common to the other townhouses in the group. It is important to keep the top floor with original punched windows to unify the façade with others in the group. Should preserve the masonry and punched windows.
- Question use of glass opposite the west-facing windows of the apartment building next door opposite the L extension – light and materials affect the experience of the neighbors.
- This grouping is intact without other projects interrupting the common plane.
- Donut actually is intact.
- Main façade plane should be preserved at the top floor with the punched windows.
- Concern regarding the breaking of the common plane in addition to not preserving punched windows.
- Dental pattern of L extensions in the donut is also fairly intact in this grouping.
- Share the concern about the compromise of the plane at the top of the rear façade.
- Extending the glass all the way up is out of character.
- Elimination of corbelled cornice at the top of the rear façade is problematic.

- Must respect the integrity and context of the existing group.
- LPC fairly consistently insists on the common plane.
- Concern re complete elimination of all brick skin on the rear façade. CB7 has approved large glass expansion, but typically with masonry surrounding the glass.
- Window wall is very handsome. Examples offered as precedent actually show that expansions of glass that are routinely approved retain brick or masonry surrounds.
- Larger metal panels in the grid system on the second floor rear L extension is out of place.
A: Is a bathroom.
- Shares concern re retaining punched windows and common plane at the top floor.
- Beautiful composition, but completely inconsistent with the character of a donut rear yard.
- Concern re the amount of light these walls of windows will impose on the rear yard character.
- Applaud the use of the Oko-skin as an alternative to stucco.
- No issues with the proposal.
- Punched windows on the top floor is usually a preference, but not necessary in this case.
- Finds it sufficiently appropriate.

Resolution to approve the front window replacement [assuming that issue is before CB7], approve the rooftop addition and mechanicals, and disapprove the rear yard extension.

VOTE: 5-1-0-0.

Calendared – July 18, 2017.

113 West 77th Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for legalization of 2nd and 3rd floor windows, and an areaway hall.

Presentation by Arron Comvs and Teri Anderson, residents in the co-op building.

- Project concerns a brownstone townhouse in a grouping of similar townhouses on the north side of West 77th Street.
- Previous owners (ca. 2000) replaced the historic curved-top windows on the front façade parlor and second floors with aluminum replacements that retained the curved brick moldings and enclosures, but used square-top windows behind.
- A violation was issued ca. 2011, at a time that pre-dated the current ownership.
- Violation discovered only upon applying for permits at the Department of Buildings for kitchen renovations.
- Request is to legalize the existing condition.
- Curved-top replacement windows are very expensive – would be a large financial burden at to which the current owners did not have visibility, and would be incurred at a time when the owners were not planning or prepared to absorb.
- Conforming replacement windows cost approximately \$20K each.

- The applicant understands that the windows will eventually need to be replaced with conforming wood curved-top windows, and seeks legalization to delay and prepare to shoulder the cost.
- Seeking to complete the renovation during the summer school break to minimize the impact on two small children residing the apartment with planned kitchen work.
- Rented an apartment to live elsewhere.
- Q: The LPC permits applicants to postpone required work by placing funds in escrow.
- A: LPC requires three times the value of the postponed work be escrowed – in this case that would be unduly onerous.
- Q: Recommend speaking directly with Lilly Fan of LPC enforcement, and staff members, arrive at a more reasonable amount to escrow.

Public Comment

[none]

Committee Comment

- The question in any legalization application is whether we would have approved the as-built design if it had been brought as a fresh application.
- Here, we would have insisted upon conforming windows.
- Resolution should call on LPC to require a much more modest escrow, and to provide at least 15 months in which to complete the work required, so that the planned kitchen renovations can go forward as planned and the violation be cured in good time.

Resolution: to disapprove legalization, but with a strong recommendation that LPC (a) allow the applicant 15 months to effect the replacement and (b) that the amount of the escrow deposit be calculated at one-half the lowest bid.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0.

Calendared 6/20/2017

122 West 73rd Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a rear extension and 4th and 5th story addition.

Presentation by Adam Kerechanin, architect.

- Townhouse constructed in 1881-82 by architects Kahn & Wilson as a part of group of 3.
- 3-story townhouse plus basement. The project is the middle building in the group of 3.
- Neighbors to the east of the grouping are 5 story townhouses; to the west is a 12-story apartment building.

Front façade

- Proposal is to restore the historic stoop and original entrance.

- Staff level approval of replacement windows to conform to the historic 1:1 configuration in wood painted black.

Rooftop addition

- Proposing a two-story addition, but lowering the 3rd floor ceiling heights.
- Not visible from the public way except for chimney extensions required by the addition. Visibility is minimal and only from a distance.
- Front and rear façades of the rooftop addition to be clad in a metal curtain wall system similar to the fenestration planned for the rear yard addition [see below].
- The height of the building with the proposed 2-story addition will approximate the existing height of the buildings to the east (other than the ones in the same group).
- Proposing to use stucco (beige) on the sides of the proposed addition.
- Tallest element will be an elevator bulkhead – but not among the elements visible from the street.
- Glass railings on roof terraces will not be visible.

Rear yard addition

- Proposal to remove the basement, Parlor and second floor façade and replace with a curtain wall system of metal (black aluminum) and glass with tall thin rectangles of glass in sets of 4 abreast.
- New rear façade will extend 11' further into the rear yard to the depth of 30'.
- Retaining the brick historic plane of the third floor with brick and punched windows (one will be extended to be a door for the terrace formed by the top of the new 11' full-width extension).
- Proposing a ground floor greenhouse with a glass roof, extending appx 5' further into the rear yard.
Q: Not a greenhouse – has solid masonry side walls.
A: One side of the greenhouse abuts an existing brick wall.
Q: Greenhouse roof is glass, but will be used as a terrace for the Parlor floor.
A: Is a greenhouse.
- Q: Square footage existing and as proposed:
A: Existing: 4,669 GSF; Proposed 6,321.
- Side of the extension and one side of the greenhouse will be a new stucco wall.

Public Comment:

- Jonathan Welter:
- Q: Will the materials for the new stoop be actual Brownstone, not synthetic brownstone?
- A: Masonry.
Committee: unclear whether it will be actual quarried stone or an application made to look like brownstone.

Committee Comment:

- Ingenious solution, but there are concerns.
- The greenhouse is inappropriate.
- Trying to get too much out of this site.
- Offended by the greenhouse.

- 70% of true greenhouse is required to be transparent. This is just a ruse, an extension of the building proper into the rear yard.
- Rooftop addition looks top-heavy and is out of character.
- Greenhouse is inappropriate.
- Too much bulk being added to a modest structure between the roof or rear addition.
- Concern that the glass railings are out of place on the roof.
- Applaud the restoration of the stoop.
- Not as troubled by the greenhouse.
- Troubled by the rooftop bulk.
- Examples to the west concern broader houses which can accommodate and offset the bulk above.
- Lot of glass in the rear, which adds to the overall impression that the cumulative changes are out of scale and character.
- Concerns about the greenhouse.
- Ambivalent about the bulk being added, although it does seem to comport with the taller neighbors.

Resolution to disapprove based on the bulk addition being out of scale with the building.

VOTE: 6-0-0-0.

Calendared 7/11/17.

169 West 85th Street (Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for rear extension with a green roof and a new stoop to match stoop at 167 West 85th Street.

Presentation by Gregg Rothstein, architect.

- Proposal is to convert the ground floor of a townhouse building to commercial use, including a full-depth one-story rear yard addition.
- Full depth rear commercial additions are permitted within 100' of the avenue.
- Proposal includes removing the existing sills from the areaway windows and creating a curved-top full height thin metal door and matching fixed pane of glass in the areaway to provide access to the storefront.
- Rear extension will rise 12' above the existing yard. Currently a 6' fence separates rear yard from the neighbors to the east.
- Restoring the front stoop. [Unclear whether the stoop is before CB7]. New stoop will include a side door to replace the existing door.
- Neighboring building no. 173 already has a full-depth commercial space; No. 171 (Dorot) has a near-full-depth extension.
- Buildings on the opposite side of the donut have excavated rear yards.
- Excavating the rear yard to create a cellar below the one-story full-depth extension.
- Extension will be clad on the sides in common brick to match the rear façade.

- The proposed rear yard infill will obscure three east-facing lot-line windows on the Dorot building.
- Roof of the extension will be a partial green roof, with access from the Parlor floor apartment. A portion of the roof will be in pavers as a patio for residential use.
- No commercial signage is proposed at this time.

Public Comment:

- Elvita Harris – tenant in the apartment in which the commercial space will be built.
- Rent stabilized lease – renewed recently to 2019.
- Concern about her continued tenancy.
- Concern by the change of windows to doors in the areaway.
NB: The proposed project seeks approval to create commercial space out of an occupied rent-regulated apartment.
- Bruce Connelly – tenant in the rear of the building.
- Stoop will lead to an occupied rent-regulated apartment.
- Cannot serve both as a residential space and a common entrance.
- Monica Katz – neighbor at 167 West 85
- Front stoop is damaged – about to restore. Concern that creating new stoop at 169 will damage the stoop at 167.
- Concern that living room next door was completely covered with white dust during previous work on the applicant’s building. General Contractor came next door and offered to pay for cleaning.
- Concern that can already hear conversations through the wall from the neighboring apartment.
- Concern for the creation of a 12’ wall over the fence.

Committee Comment:

- The door under the stoop should be a gate with a door underneath the stoop itself – will look phony otherwise.
- Concern for replacing windows with commercial space doors in a beautiful arched masonry opening.
- Cannot approve a skinny frame and glass in such a space.
- Stoop restoration seems great.
- Tenants concerns are noted.
- A: Agree to change doors to be consistent with doors at the top of the stoop – large wood base with glass panels – consistent with historical stoop-level front doors.
- Consensus of concern for the rights of tenants who occupy the existing residential apartments, although rent regulation issues are beyond the scope of the Preservation Committee’s mandate.

Resolution to approve with revised doors. Resolution to note that the space that is the subject of this application is currently occupied by rent regulated tenants.

VOTE 4-0-1-0.

6 West 95th Street. Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission replacement of windows and doors, rebuilding the rear extension, adding rooftop skylights, relocating roof hatch and condensing units.

Presentation by Cristina Milleur, architect.

- The proposal concerns a 3-story townhouse built in 1893 in a group of three, of which only nos. 6 and 8 West 95th Street remain.
- 4 West 95th and 11 West 94th were eliminated to create the service entrance for 350 Central Park West.
- Not a pristine block in the donut. There are 3 buildings on the south side of West 95th that have rooftop additions, one of which also has a rear yard extension. 5 residences on the north side of West 94th have rooftop and rear yard modifications.
- The entrance to the alleyway between the applicant's building and the CPW apartment building is through a masonry wall with an arched, gated entryway.
- The applicant's building is in the Renaissance Revival style with *churrigueresque* details.
- The rear façade has a denticulated cornice under the gutter system.
- The rear façade is painted brick – “thoroughseal” – which cannot be removed and is starting to crack and peel.
- L extension is listing away from the rear façade, pulling the main façade with it. A bowing effect on the main rear brick façade is visible to the naked eye.
- Very little foundation was found under the L extension. Surmise that the footing of the L extension was disturbed when 4 West 95 was removed to create the service entrance.
- Proposal includes excavating the cellar from 6'7" to 10' with underpinning under the front of the building to support the structure above; and building a haunch under certain rooms in the rear.
- Proposal also includes building a full-width extension and removing the existing L extension. The proposed full-width extension will be at the 30' depth, an extension of 6'6" for basement, Parlor and second floors from the existing main rear facade, and will keep 1'2" masonry “nubs” to frame the new extension.
- Rear extension will have masonry frames around large tall, thin rectangular casement windows in groups of 4 abreast. The window system will include smaller hopper windows below the main large rectangular windows only on the Parlor floor.
- Windows will be a bronze color.
- Rear façade will be CMU cladding with insulation and a single row of bricks.
- Side elevation will be clad in stucco on the east side; west side of extension is flush with the neighboring party wall.

- Terrace above the extension will have a simple horizontal metal railing.
- Visibility:
 - The rear addition is partially visible over the top of the masonry wall enclosing the service entrance, especially from West 94th Street. Most of what is visible is the existing retained façade at the top floor.
 - Condensing units on the roof not visible in proposed location; would have been highly visible from the donut if kept at the rear of the building.
- Roof - No living space proposed to be added, just mechanicals.
 - Will remove asbestos roofing materials.
 - New skylights, new kitchen and elevator exhaust (elevator only serves up to the third floor).
- Front façade:
 - Proposal includes replacing the front door (existing is warped – needs an extension rod to keep in plane). New door to match the neighbor at 8 West, but replacing the lower glass panel of the neighbor door with a solid wood panel with a mail slot.
 - Will salvage the existing door pull to match existing hardware.
- Replacing 1:1 double-hung windows with transoms above. Windows a pebble grey to match the existing.
 - Proposal includes cleaning the front façade.
 - A: Recommend adding a D2 antimicrobial addition to wash.

Public Comment:

- Sarah Brezavar: neighbor down the block.
 - The presentation answered the concern as to how to protect the neighbor's L extension.
 - A: running the underpinning along the entire party wall.
 - The proposal includes removing the gorgeous interior entranceway (not visible, barrel-vaulted ceiling – shame to lose).
 - A: Badly trampled upon.
- Back proposal is fabulous.

Committee Comment:

- Appreciation for a thorough and thoughtful presentation.

Resolution to approve as presented.

VOTE 5-0-0-0.

Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Andrew Albert and Howard Yaruss, Co-Chairpersons

June 13, 2017

Present: Andrew Albert, Howard Yaruss, Marc Glazer, Suzanne Robotti, Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Isaac Booker, Lillian Moore.

Absent: Miki Fiegel and Richard Robbins.

Non-Committee Members Present: Roberta Semer, Natasha Kazmi and Mark Diller

1. Presentation by NYC DOT on proposed painted bike lane on West 110th Street.

- 110th Street E/W passage from Riverside Dr Service Road to Frederick Douglass Circle
- Resident objected to bike lane being on 110th. Requested it be moved to 106th. Then suggested moving trucks to 106th.
- Back-ups on Amsterdam and 110th from trucks. Slows the #4 and #11 buses.
- Resident would prefer protected bike lanes, not painted bike lanes. Too much double parking there. FDCircle, any possibility of making it an intersection?
- Resident asks do drivers understand “sharrows?”
- Resident asks if FDC could be turned into a roundabout, which has no lights, just yields.
- Board member: safe infrastructure entices more cyclists which is why we have more cyclists. A painted bike lane is space for double parking. Suggest multiple loading zones.
- Board member: double parking is the biggest problem on the street. They will consider loading zones.
- Protected bike lanes need 9 feet, 6 feet for parking and 3 feet for door swings. They will make it as narrow as 7 feet. Floating parking lane between 8 and 10 feet.
- Patrick Kennedy, of DOT said:
- Hoping to come back in fall with proposal for south of 72nd on Amsterdam.

- Studying Columbus Circle.

- Gap in Amsterdam lane north of 107th. Capital projects issue. Hoping for funding commitment soon.

Committee requested that DOT come back next month with an updated presentation, including the requested safety improvements, as well as graphics for treatment of Douglass Circle.

2. S/E/C Broadway and West 88th Street. New application #5359-2017-ANWS to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Muhammad Amjad to construct and operate a newsstand on the southeast corner of Broadway and West 88th Street.

Largely in front of City MD, partially in front of Starbucks. 10 feet wide. Would not affect bike rack in front of Starbucks.

VOTE: Passes 6-0-1-0 Non-Comm Board members: 0-0-1-0

3. Discussion of secondary-street naming guidelines.

Ken passed out "Suggested Guidelines for Secondary Street Naming" that was prepared in February 2012. Objection to #1 Person is deceased for at least 5 years.

Need to add that vote taken that all secondary street names should be re-considered ten years later.

Committee gathered information on what streets are named by walking the area. Penny had an intern collate it into a list that was supposed to be posted on the website.

There should be some sort of independent measurement like a petition with a minimum number of names.

Committee will receive other CBs rules for street secondary namings.

Committee will get the existing list of secondary namings and the Committee is willing to update it.

4. Discussion of NYC DOT notification of community boards regarding Citibike operations.

Citibike stations seem to move and/or change in size without any notification to the Community Board.

Resident requested that when a station closes or is moved that there should be a sign directing to the nearest station and/or when it would be re-established.

Resident and Board member complained of rebalancing of bikes, too many stands are out of bikes.

The Motivate contract runs out next year.

Committee will write a letter to Motivate about this.

Resolution: Resolved that Motivate (or DOT) notify Community Boards of any changes, moves, new stands, or removal of stands.

VOTE: 7-0-0-0 Non-Committee Board Member

5. Discussion regarding driveway safety issue on 97th Street, between Amsterdam – Columbus Avenues –Lillian Moore.

7 driveways on 97th street in one block. With the wide sidewalks, cars and trucks entering and leaving pick up speed rather than move carefully through pedestrian traffic. The driveways accommodate trucks and rental cars, both of which would be likely to have drivers unfamiliar with the street.

This is a very dangerous situation. Developed a packet and reached out to elected officials. Warning signals are needed. Highly traveled, schools nearby. Pedestrians cross in the middle of the street to avoid being run over by this traffic.

Lillian requests that we consider this a city-wide issue. There is no process for getting safety procedures installed.

It's the responsibility of the building to put in mirrors and detectors to warn the cars within their building. DOT would not put in painting or manage this issue.

Resident suggests Department of Buildings would give citations which will force the buildings to respond.

Resolution to request elected officials to enact legislation to require lights or other warning devices for driveways that empty onto city streets.

VOTE: 7-0-0-0 Non-committee Board Members 1-0-0-0

6. New Business

Steve Yasinowski, 30 West 61st Street. Construction of Avalon building is causing a problem. Trucks in and out constantly blocking sidewalks and street. Loading zone from middle of street to Columbus Parks Dept arsenal parks vehicles all along the street. One car that had been parked for 10 days/nights without moving. Could the barriers be moved in slightly, giving more space. Could the Parks Dept stop parking in the "No Parking" zones. Spoke with Corey Johnson's office.

Penny can get in touch with Parks. Recommendation from Marissa from Helen Rosenthal's office to work with Corey Johnson's office.

From Dave Zelman: Why does Trader Joes have their trucks parked on West 72nd Street and Broadway so that busses have to go out 2-3 lanes. Trader Joes was given space for a garage to keep them off the street.

Manhattan Day School on 75th Street. "No Parking" 7am to 5pm. The public school only gets until 4pm. On Fridays during the winter school closes at 2pm. Why do we have to wait to park until 5pm and why do they get more hours of parking than the public school?

Colleen said write a letter to DOT and they will change the signs.

The Astor building on Broadway between 75th and 76th is requesting big loading zones. Now has one half of block for garbage and around the corner the trades people get free parking.

Meeting ended at 8:55pm

YOUTH, EDUCATION, & LIBRARIES COMMITTEE

Blanche Lawton, Chairperson

June 8, 2017

Present: Blanche Lawton, Catherine DeLazzerro, Paul Fischer, Polly Spain, and Mark Diller. **Absent:** Isaac Booker, Tina Branham and Steven Brown.

Chair: Roberta Semer

Non-Committee Members Present: Robert Espier, Shelly Fine, Christian Cordova, Audrey Isaacs, Katie Rosman, and Amy Hyman.

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. and adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

The following matters were considered and actions taken.

Presentation and informal discussion with Kim Sweet, Executive Director of Advocates for Children.

Presentation by Kim Sweet, Executive Director, Advocates For Children.

- The children served by AFC tend to fall into one of three categories:
 - Those who will be fine regardless of circumstance or services.
 - Those who need certain amount of support but can find that support within their current school placements.
 - Those who are at greatest risk of getting lost in the process – Those who are homeless or in foster care, ESL, students with special needs, overage/undercredited students.
- Advocates For Children (AFC) focuses on the students who start at the greatest disadvantages; those at the greatest risk.
- The New York City population breaks into roughly equal thirds – about 300K students fall into the third category.
- AFC staffs a Hotline and fields calls for any education-related concerns.

- AFC undertakes direct interventions, typically working with 7,000 students per year.
- Many are one-off calls asking for information or assistance in how to appeal decisions made by a school or the Department of Education concerning the student's placement.
- AFC also provides "Know Your Rights" training for families of students with special needs and English as a Second Language (ESL) families.
- AFC also offers workshops and direct advice when children are being bullied (especially since those who are at greatest risk of being left behind or given an inappropriate placement tend to be easy targets for bullying).

- AFC also participates in advocacy for change to the processes and systems affecting children, especially at-risk students.
- AFC determines its advocacy agenda by reviewing the issues that arise in constituent services and discerning areas of greatest need for advocacy.
- Advocacy takes several pursuits, including forming coalitions, writing policy briefs, meeting with elected and agency officials.
- If nothing else works, AFC will bring class action lawsuits challenging a practice.
- AFC will also initiate impact litigation as a tool to try to affect or change policy.

- AFC was involved in 7,600 cases of constituent advice in 2016 – 20% from Manhattan.

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- Also, 8,400 attended workshops.
- AFC does reach a lot of the people with issues or concerns, but nowhere near the need.
- Still have excess demand and those they cannot reach.
- Effective – AFC was able to solve at least one problem presented by student/family in 90% of the time.
- AFC has a staff of 54; about half are attorneys. About 49 are FTE.
- AFC Also uses pro bono firms as co-counsel, but AFC staff still remain heavily involved as co-counsel since pro bono counsel may not know the ropes.
- One FTE Attorney does nothing but charter school cases.
- Systems are different with charter schools than DoE.
- Law re charters is still evolving.
- For example, in the Charter school context AFC and families are still fighting discipline issues that have been long settled in DoE cases.
- AFC also is active in cases where students are pushed out by Charter schools. This is a significant issue in charters, but can also be an issue in certain DoE schools as well.
- AFC FOILED Charter Schools’ Discipline Codes and Procedures – a summary appears on AFC’s website.
- Problems addressed by AFC:
 - Most of the calls concern a school’s failure to provide mandated services from the student’s Individual Education Plan (IEP).
 - Others include DoE placing a student in a facility that does not provide the mandated services.
- Another common concern – student aged 8-10 who are still not reading, but keep getting promoted through the grades. Remedy is to obtain an educational evaluation to determine if there is an LD (Learning Disability) – will require heavy duty tutoring or special schools. There is a time limit, as students’ rights age out at age 21.
- “Nickerson” letter – one outcome of a long-fought class action for children deprived special education services.
- A Nickerson letter is an acknowledgment by a school or district that a student’s services have not provided / or that an appropriate placement has not been made by a specified point during the year. The Nickerson letter can be used to obtain a private school placement at City expense.
- May not be as useful as anticipated since alternate placements are frequently scarce.
- Concern which is the subject of work by Mark Elter inquires whether programs (e.g. 12:1:1, CTT, Resource Room, etc.) are effective.
- Other than Prof. Elter’s work, concerns arise only through a complaint-driven system.
- AFC also becomes involved in connection with certain types of suspensions, or when students are simply sent home without a formal proceeding.

- AFC also becomes involved when students are placed in a District 75 placement as a discipline response. May be profoundly inappropriate.
- Students in temporary housing.
- NYS has an office and hotline for students in temporary housing – located in AFC’s offices.
- Calls often concern rights to immediate enrollment at the last minute.
- There is a disproportionate use of suspension on students with special needs. Concern about serial or multiple suspensions for similar/same behavior .
- MDR – Manifestation Determination Reivew – designed to determine if behavior is linked with an IEP -- if so, the response should not be through discipline but rather academic intervention.
- Accessibility:
 - D3 is particularly behind in providing handicap-accessible school options.
 - Cafeteria tables will not accommodate wheelchair joining other students.
 - AFC maintains a list of schools by accessibility.
 - Need to make information about the nature and extent of partial or non-accessibility available to all families.
 - Larger problem is to advocate for funding needed to make all schools accessible.
 - Example – current year will provide funding to convert/retrofit 17 schools.
- Exploring the possibility of CB7 working together with AFC on the next push on accessibility.

Committee Comment

- Discipline at issue even in charters funded by DoE – code and rules.
- Example of immigrant from Belize at charter school who was beaten up; brought a pair of pliers to school.
- Principal accosted and suspended for several months.
- Principal was then the administrative appeal officer for her own decision.
- Took forever to right the wrong (thankfully now graduated).
- Concern re aging out population – aging out of foster care.
- A: Tracked for a few years thanks to a grant that has now expired.

Review of Core and Working Principles as relevant to the YEL Committee

- Chair Roberta Semer led the committee through a discussion on possible revisions to the Youth, Education & Libraries sections of the Core and Working Principles.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Linda Alexander and Suzanne Robotti, Co-Chairpersons

June 13, 2017

Present: Linda Alexander, Suzanne Robotti

Chair: Roberta Semer

District Manager: Penny Ryan

Non-Member(s): Ellen Jovin

The meeting was called to order at 5:30pm and adjourned at 6:48 PM.

1. Introduction of Ellen Jovin as volunteer to Communications Committee
 - a. Ellen is a communications professional who applied to CB7 for 2017 and plans to apply for a seat again next year.
 - b. Offered to help with social media initiatives.
 - c. First platform she would like to do is Instagram

2. Discussion of what may or may not be posted on Instagram:
 - a. Schools may be photographed for neighborhood postings, but without children.
 - b. No children may be photographed for any Instagram postings
 - c. Colorful streetscape shots are encouraged, such as the planted block on Columbus Avenue between 76th and 77th Streets
 - d. Store shots along the avenues are encouraged
 - e. Scenic photographs of the parks and river are encouraged
 - f. Amsterdam nightlife photographs may be acceptable

3. Website Upgrades
 - a. Will continue discussion in July meeting
 - b. Brief discussion of possible budget for updated website photography.
 - c. Linda spoke with professional Upper West Side-based photographer for proposal.