

**COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN**  
**Full Board Meeting Minutes**  
**September 4, 2012**

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Tuesday, September 4, 2012, at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital Center, 1000 Tenth Avenue (West 59<sup>th</sup> Street.) in the District. Chair Mark Diller called the meeting to order at 6:39 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

Minutes from previous full Board meeting were **approved**: 24-0-3.

*Nominations of Board Officers for 2012-13*

*Evan Rosing, Chair, Elections Committee*

The following were nominated and seconded and accepted the nomination:

Chair: Mark Diller

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-Chair: Dan Zweig, Marc Glazer, Roberta Semer, Elizabeth Caputo, Miki Fiegel

Co-Secretary: Denora Getachew, Su Robotti

Chair's Report: Mark Diller

- Placements at 316 and 330 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street represent the imposition of shelter by fiat. Declaration of emergency allowed them to avoid public review, including Fair Share Analysis. This is not a NIMBY argument, 21% of borough facilities are already in CD7. Concerned about a proposal set up to fail. Co-authored joint letter with elected officials, met with DHS, held press conference.
- Mourn passing of Lynette Velasco, Chief of Staff to Councilmember Inez Dickens.
- Development of CB7's budget priorities for the FY2014 NYC capital and expense budgets begins at this month's committee meetings.
- Consideration of the revised CB7 bylaws will begin at November full Board meeting; a special meeting concerning the proposed changes will be held on October 24 at 6PM.

Community Session

- Rebecca Donsky, NYPL, Bloomingdale Branch. Service was being impacted by Riverside Health Clinic construction project. The branch will be closed from October 3 to November 30 to remediate asbestos in the windows.
- Ian Alterman, President, 20<sup>th</sup> Precinct Community Council.-The council meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of month. September is national preparedness month.
- Emily Frost, DNAinfo - Introduced herself. Please contact her with story ideas.
- Bob Wyman- Reduce heating costs through ground source heat pumps in new construction.
- Mary Hogan- Rat infestation in Riverside Park. CB7 been incredibly supportive; seeking to work more constructively with DPR. Have seen progress - more traps, more collapsed burrows, more resistant trash cans- but rats are winning. Wants NYC to use Audubon Society protocol for rat control which does not adversely affect other native populations.
- Hank Honig, Doodle Noodle Shelter Project - Gives 10% of profits from company to shelter kids.
- Jane Thompson, 736 West End Avenue resident - CB7 must work their best to develop new laws concerning sliver buildings. ECB needs to be reformed to hear cases most expeditiously.
- George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chair, CB7's Business & Consumer Issues Committee - The BCI's new Business 2 Business initiative will help grow UWS economy by stimulating community engagement.



## Manhattan Borough President's Report- Rebecca Godlewicz

- Recently held a Department of Health & Mental Hygiene rodent academy in conjunction with Community Board 7.
- Moved quickly to counter new DHS shelter at West 316 and 330 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Held 2 town halls on UWS over the summer.
- Issued report concerning steps to reform NYCHA.

## Reports by Legislators:

### Gale Brewer – City Council Member, 6<sup>th</sup> District

- Thank you to CB7 for IS44 compromise on playground use.
- WEA Historic District was certified today. It now goes to the City Council. Verdi Park will have the Big Belly solar-powered trash cans. By getting rid of the mesh cans it will help the terrible rat population there, and compactors in the cans will prevent overflows.
- Seniors now have fresh fruit and veggies because of the agreements with GreenMarket and the UWS senior centers.
- Housing clinics will start again in October.
- 316 and 330 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street should be for permanent residents, not transients. The shared bathrooms and kitchens require that the residents not be transient but know each other.

## Reports by Legislative Representatives:

### Bethany Bowers, Office of the Mayor

- Clean Heat initiative will hold a 9/24 meeting for building owners. This is a fuel neutral program and the city is developing financial resources to aid with costs.

### Celine Mizrahi, Congressman Jerrold Nadler's Office

- Wrote letter to debate commission to urge questions beyond debt reduction.
- Introduced amendment to bill which would slash regulatory controls to exclude nuclear plants.
- Pushed for extension of middle class tax cuts.
- Seeking to expand copyright protections to information in cloud.

### Jared Chausow, Senator Tom Duane's Office

- Once more city contractors have torn up community plantings along bike lanes, this time in conjunction with the DDC water tunnel project.
- Proud to have participated in AIDS symposium.

### Paul Sawyer, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Incredulous regarding homeless shelters on West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.
- 2 bills introduced by A-M Rosenthal signed, 4 passed by both houses, 11 by Assembly.

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

- Wrote letter to DOH re JHL public hearing.
- Had successful health fair recently.

### Sondrine Fermino- Cy Vance, New York County District Attorney's Office

- Introduction as new community affairs coordinator.

George Oliver, A-M Richard Gottfried's Office

- Immigrant connect event 9/16.

*Business Session*

**Health & Human Services Committee**

**Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons**

**1. The Department of Homeless Services placement of adult families at 316 and 330 West 95<sup>th</sup> Street.**

Committee Co-Chair Barbara Van Buren read the resolution and spoke about the committee's concern about the lack of public input and how the emergency situation that caused the quick decision has been an emergency for thirty years.

Public Speakers:

- David Lopez: Represents West 95<sup>th</sup> Street resident association. Letter to DHS. Implementation of "Fair Share" is flawed. Find a way to improve the procedures.
- Stefan Ninovitch: Against the shelter in this neighborhood.
- Jonathen Arkins: The neighborhood has improved, let's not destroy it. The parks are important, this threatens the safety of them.
- Gwynne Rivers, PS75 PTA co-president: PS 75 yard faces new shelters. Families in SROs being forced out. Students walking home alone are frightened.
- Andrew Rubin: New West 95<sup>th</sup> Street resident. Constant loitering, security has dissipated, malodorous.
- Glen Bigelow: Board of Directors of 645 WEA: The proximity of schools is crucial to understand why this transient housing is a bad idea. Is it possible to get the background data on the people being placed on West 95<sup>th</sup> Street?. And can we get the success rate of people in transitional facilities?
- Gabriel N. Rhodes: Suggested solution: more stringent screenings, follow "Bridge Project Program" guidelines.
- Ben Wollinsky: In favor of housing for working people but safety is paramount. It takes 12 minutes for the cops to show up for an emergency. There was a fistfight this morning near the school when children were trying to get to school.
- Laura Moss: Meyer Michelle stepped in for Laura: Concern that the Community Board has limited power. Those putting these policies in place don't care about the Upper West Side. UWS is a voter power center. We need to let elected officials know they will be held accountable. Send an email to your electeds. Be aware that 94<sup>th</sup> and 95<sup>th</sup> Streets are the pathways to Riverside Park. All the institutions (religious and community service) are compromised.
- Laura End: What are the channels of communication so citizens can learn about what is happening and what they can do? Has there been thought to a long-term plan on how to deal with this situation? By opposing the hostels, we created a vacuum that might have contributed to this outcome.
  - *Barbara Van Buren responded: The City has known for decades that there isn't enough housing for middle class and lower-income people. The SROs were intended for people with little money to live. City agencies are taking away availability of SROs and other low-income housing. We have called on the City many times for a plan for housing and there has been no response. Mark Diller responded: CB7's web site will have updates.*

- Jacob Weintraub yielded to Arron Biller: Electeds talk about subsidizing buildings to keep them going. There is no money for this. But there are programs like 80-20 that can work. These buildings were put under lease a year ago, people from NJ are living in these rooms.
- Donald Arang: We in the community were given only three hours' notice. The security guards didn't know what was going on. Asked if the Health Dept had checked the residence and was told that they did. Certain that the building would not have met the requirements. Screening is only for a person's housing need.
- Robert Atkins: Lives in an SRO building. There is hypocrisy going on, many people supported this project.
- Michelle Wucker: Should be much higher fines on missing services and landlord harassment. There is too much transient housing for mentally ill, this is warehousing. We need to work with the other sections of the City.
- Leonard Peter: Agrees with the speakers.

## Board Discussion:

- Landlords are financially incentivized to move out SRO residents and move in transitional housing.
- When the law changed closing tourist hotels, we needed a plan to replace them with something. Former DHS commissioner Robert Hess, who did it six years ago, is now the proprietor – this is wrong. Everyone has to push the elected officials to find solutions.
- Rent stabilization laws require giving a rent stabilized lease after 30 days. Therefore all these people will be cycled out before thirty days. The Comptroller determined that this is an emergency. We should write a letter to him.
- Someone needs to take legal action. Have the court test whether this is a legitimate emergency. Contact the Department of Investigation and the Manhattan District Attorney about Robert Hess. There are laws about not doing business with the City for a period of time after working for the City. We have heard nothing about what the actual next steps are.
- Can these ideas be written up and circulated for the Board for completeness and action? Will they give us data on how long the 400 will stay and when the next group, when they start, when they leave and where are they going? Will they get permanent housing?
- Five or six years ago we were faced with the same issues and we were too polite. Every committee chair should write a letter and broadcast it to every agency. As an architect I deplore that we have more input on parking than on housing issues. The Department of Buildings is equally culpable because these are not livable spaces. The housing stock is being depleted and being degraded to third world level when 60 feet away we are creating an historic district.
- Supportive housing is key and mental health programs have had much success with it. Residents with mental health issues can't behave any other way than they do. We are missing having other service providers at the table during the conversation. We've been very successful with our workgroups. Let's make a workgroup of service providers and residents that have successfully moved on and meet with them monthly. We don't work with this every day and if we can get that part of the community at the table monthly we can get greater insight and make useful proposals.
- In 1988 our block association was faced with a tier 2 shelter proposal. They put together a working group that merged into the Community Board and took control – they created a facility that has blended into the community.
- It would seem to me that the emergency is for the school and they should file to get injunctive relief.

- We should not overlook the process by which it became so lucrative for landlords to throw out tenants and replace them with transient housing.
- Was former Commissioner Hess invited? DHS invited? In the past we've insisted that developers come in and landlords too. *Mark Diller: They have been invited but have not come in. One service provider did come in.*
- With the involvement of former Commissioner Hess and others, there is nothing about this that doesn't stink. It appears that Mr. Hess was cleared by the Conflict of Interest Board for this. It is not apparently extra-legal. I would love for there to be a cause of action but I don't know what that would be.

Friendly amendment: Add to the resolution that the proposed shelter is across the street from a public school and other community facilities.

After deliberation, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

VOTE: 40-0-0-0

#### Land Use Committee

**Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**

**2. 158 West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street (Amsterdam-Columbus Avenues.) Application #86-12BZ, 12-BSA 114M to the Department of Boards of Standards and Appeal for an enlargement that would increase the building's floor area by 1,366 feet (4.9% increase above the underlying district regulations.)**

The Resolution was re-written tonight with input from many sources. Importantly, we received an independent report on solutions to the HVAC noise. The landlord has agreed to comply with the recommendations. A commitment was received from the building that noise or other issues would be dealt with.

Public Speaker: Caitlin Fitzgerald – the block is a mess, there is scaffolding everywhere due to other construction that just ended, four parking garages that double park and a fire station. Why should this building be allowed to increase height? *Andrew Albert comments: we have noticed the problem with the parking garages on that block and we are looking into it.*

#### Board Discussion

- We might have the ability to influence the building in the future because Crunch requires a physical culture permit that needs to be renewed. That will give us leverage.
- Most of the construction is as of right. They are getting another 4.9% space, not in height but in the rear of the building it will go back further.

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

VOTE: 31-4-1-1

**Housing Committee, Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown, Co-Chairpersons, Joint with the Land Use Committee, Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons, and Youth, Education & Libraries Committee, Marisa Maack, Chairperson**

**3. Riverside Center, Building #2, 15 West End Avenue (West 61<sup>st</sup> Street.) Affordable Housing Plan Application Pursuant to the Inclusionary Housing Program to the Department of Housing Preservation & Development for 15 West End Avenue. The proposed building will be a rental containing 616 units with 127 unites (20.6%) affordable to low-income tenants.**

Ken Lowenstein, Holland & Knight, attorney for the Dermot Company – Assured CB7 that the affordable housing is more than 20% of the floor area of the residential space as required in the 2010 Restrictive Declaration.

Board Discussion

- The affordable housing plan meets all the requirements established by the inclusionary housing program, including ensuring that the affordable units are not all bunched together in less-desirable corners of the building.
- The proposal also places all 20% of the required affordable housing attributable to this building on-site, which CB7, Gale Brewer and other electeds pushed hard for, instead of locating a portion of it elsewhere.
- Developer got a better rate of interest because they have limited the availability to “poor” people, not moderate income. The definition of affordable in this case did not include moderate at the landlord’s choice because they got a better interest rate if they limited the income levels.
- Page Cowley: I was in a minority position on this because the master plan that we worked on was with Extell and was proposed by a different architect. The new developer is building a differently shaped building, although we are told it fits within the “envelope” **approved** through ULURP. Changes in the shape of the building raise the question whether the studies done using the first architect’s designs would yield the same results using the new designs, which apparently are not yet final. The Community Board and the developer made an effort to create a space that incorporates extraordinary open space and inclusiveness with the community. Why does the new owner not have the same review process that the first developer did?
  - *Mr. Lowenstein: the drawing you saw does not do service to the final design. Much of the original design elements remain. We had to change the west side to accommodate a roof for the school.*
- Jay Adolf: I voted in the negative in the committee and again tonight because the original approval for Riverside Center was for a much less dense area. Too much for the community.

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

VOTE: 34-1-4-0

**Preservation Committee**

**Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons**

4. **49 West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a canopy on a residential apartment building.
5. **136 West 73<sup>rd</sup> Street** (Columbus – Amsterdam Avenue.) Application # 13-1337 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a reconfigured rear-yard addition and façade restoration.
6. **135 Central Park West** (West 73rd – 74th Street.) Application # 13-1777 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission installation of “bluestone” steps from the sidewalk to a new bluestone landing, cast iron railing returns, doors to the professional spaces, and gates in the areaway.
7. **41 West 75<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application # 12-4384 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for enlargement of rear windows, addition of balconies, new rear parapet fence and piers, and basement excavation.
8. **101 West 87<sup>th</sup> Street** (Columbus Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to modify the existing communication facility located on the rooftop.

Resolutions #4-8 were bundled. After deliberation, the resolutions to **approve** were adopted.

VOTE: 36-0-0-0

**9. Revised CB7 Sidewalk Café Guidelines. Postponed to a future meeting.**

**Transportation Committee**

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

**10. West End Avenue Loading Zones.**

After deliberation, the resolution was adopted.

VOTE: 40-0-0-0

**11. Newsstand, N/W/C Amsterdam Avenue & West 59<sup>th</sup> Street.** Application # 1415850 to the Department of Consumer Affairs for a proposed newsstand at northwest corner of Amsterdam Avenue and West 59<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

VOTE: 34-1-1-0

**12. Newsstand, S/E/C Broadway & West 79<sup>th</sup> Street.** Application # 1426353 to the Department of Consumer Affairs for a proposed newsstand at southeast corner of Broadway and West 79<sup>th</sup> Street.

Shakoor Wadood attended the meeting to speak in favor of the resolution, but could not stay until the item was heard. Mr. Albert said Mr. Wadood objected because his news store is a few doors away from the site.

After deliberation, the resolution to **disapprove** without prejudice was adopted.

VOTE: 34-1-0-0

**Business & Consumer Issues Committee**

**Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**

*Alteration application to Active SLA license #1256471:*

**13. 2170 - 2178 Broadway** (West 77<sup>th</sup> Street), NY 2178 Broadway Operating LLC & Highgate Hotels LP, d/b/a On The Ave Hotel, to include a newly constructed lobby bar.

*Application to the SLA for two-year liquor license:*

**14. 2170-2178 Broadway** (77<sup>th</sup> Street) RF Broadway LLC, d/b/a RedFarm, includes sidewalk café.

*New Unenclosed Café Application:*

**15. 483 Columbus Avenue** (West 83<sup>rd</sup> Street.) New application DCA# 1432318 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Ephesus NYC Corp., d/b/a Bellini Restaurant, for a two-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 3 tables and 6 seats.

Resolutions #13, 14 and 15 were bundled.

After deliberation, the resolutions to **approve** were adopted.

VOTE: 32-1-1-0

**Steering Committee**

**Mark Diller, Chair**

**16. Manhattan Borough Board resolution in support of tidal surge preparedness.**

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

VOTE: 36-0-0-0

# COMMUNITY BOARD 7



# Manhattan

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**Present:** Mark Diller, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Ian Alterman, Richard Asche, Laura Atlas, Issac Booker, Louis Cholden-Brown, Hope Cohen, Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Mark Darin, Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Phyllis E. Gunther, Joanne Imohiosen, Lee P. Kwan, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Nick Prigo, Anne Raphael, Suzanne Robotti, Haydee Rosario, Madge Rosenberg, Helen Rosenthal, Evan Rosing, Gabriella Rowe, Roberta Semer, Elizabeth Starkey, Barbara Van Buren, Stephen Vazquez, Thomas Vitullo- Martin, Cara Volpe, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **On-Leave:** Lenore Norman. **Absent:** Brian Byrd, Elizabeth Caputo, Miki Fiegel, DeNora Getachew, Ulma Jones, Marisa Maack, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler and Mel Wymore.



**Housing Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Nick Prigo and Louis Cholden-Brown, Co-Chairpersons**  
**Joint with the Land Use Committee**  
**Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons**  
**September 10, 2012**

1. The Extell Development Company presentation on an affordable housing plan for Building K at Riverside South was cancelled. Extell has withdrawn the application.
2. Discussion of Expense and Capital Budget Priorities:
  - a) Louis Cholden-Brown noted the committee did not submit anything for last year's Capital Budget Priorities and invited members to submit new items for inclusion.
  - b) Mr. Cholden-Brown covered Expense Budget Priorities and reiterated the committee's continued support for additional funding for Amsterdam Houses, Frederick Douglas Houses and Wise Towers skilled labor.
  - c) Committee resolved to seek higher ratings on the CB7 Priorities list for its items.

*Discussion of Expense Budget Priorities:*

- Lillian Moore asked for an elaboration on the effectiveness of requesting NYCHA budget increases. Cholden-Brown responded that the item was more of an advocacy than an expectation.
  - Robert Espier suggested that the committee focus solely on issues that may have effectiveness. In addition, he requested that attorney Barry Mallin and engineer Jeffrey Eichenwald, two of the original architects of the HDFC programs, be invited to speak at a future committee meeting.
3. Co-chairs requested suggestions for next month's meetings.
  4. Discussion of the clarification of the statutes regarding illegal hotels.

Meeting adjourned.

**Present:** Nick Prigo, Louis Cholden-Brown, Linda Alexander, Robert Espier, Lillian Moore and Cara Volpe.

**Absent:** Laura Atlas and Marisa Maack.

**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons**  
**Joint with the**  
**Business & Consumer Issues Committee**  
**Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Castro, Co-Chairpersons**  
**September 11, 2012**

**1. Pay Phone RFI (joint BCI)**

Marc Glazer:

- Phones that do not work are often not reported. When they are reported they are usually fixed.
- The number of new phones is not mentioned. Will new phones be introduced simply to sell advertising? There is a big problem when all pay phones are installed by ONE contractor
- Pay phones are often a good source of lighting on dark city streets
- We should focus more on maintaining the phones we have rather than installing all kinds of new technology

George Zeppenfeldt-Castro:

- We need to ensure that pay phones are located in neighborhoods where cell phone ownership is not high.

Linda Alexander:

- Any vehicle that generates revenue for the city (potentially leading to lower taxes) is good
- Shall we do a survey?

Dan Zweig:

- Do usage pattern surveys, maps, exist? Do we know which neighborhoods are “underserved”?
- Bus stops may be a good way to conserve sidewalk space. Unfortunately that is DOT jurisdiction.
- Since advertising is such a big part of this, should we have a say over the visual impact of the advertising?
- It seems like we as a group are still trying to figure out what we want from this

Mark Diller:

- Usage statistics can be unreliable because they do not take into account broken phones
- What is the utility of a public phone? Can we describe geographic locations where it would make sense – avenues vs side streets, bus stops, etc?
- This contract will not cover the phones inside subways
- Two kinds of ads: a rolling poster and the video screen. Of course the vendor likes to be able to show more ads, but what does the community want?
- Solar power would ensure that these work during power outages

Roberta Semer:



- during emergencies, or when people's cell phones don't work for whatever reason, we need working pay phones
- Landlines only work when they are not dependent on a power source
- Previously, the company awarded the contract gets to decide where to locate phones. We should ask for a resolution that gives the community more say as to where the phones are located and how often they are maintained

Andrew Albert:

- Are pay phones immune to power outages? This should be a requirement that we write into the resolution. Also that 511 calls be free of charge
- The general disrepair is a result of the current nonprofitability of the franchise
- What many members seem to be saying is that a citywide contract will not be sensitive enough to the needs of specific communities
- CB input on location, design, type of ad media, and features?

Ken Coughlin:

- Less than half of seniors have cell phones. This is especially salient in an area like the UWS with many NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities)

Ian Alterman:

- We should not be basing decisions on national statistics, as the RFI does. The feedback loop of broken phones leading to less usage. Cell towers depend on electricity so we will always need pay phones.

Peter Arndsten:

- Ten years ago we did a block-by-block survey of our area, which has a high proportion of seniors and low-income residents, and found that many existing pay phones are located in inconvenient locations, either blocking access and visibility to businesses or providing havens for drug dealers and public urination. Business owners generally do not like them.
- The complaints mostly involve curbside phones, not the ones on the building line (which have largely disappeared)
- The BID guidelines did not see a need for pay phones except once every two blocks, near corners

Mark Darin:

- More open booth designs would discourage bad behavior
- Should there be some kind of security deposit to ensure that phones can be removed in a timely manner

Michele Parker:

- Kids also need to use pay phones
- College campuses use blue lights to indicate emergency phones

Mel Wymore:

- The public phone contract has always seemed to be more about revenue generation (\$30 million annually) than civic need. Is it possible to take it out of the realm of government and into the realm of private enterprise?

David Zelman:

- It might be a good idea to separate out 911 phones from normal pay phones
- There are programs where elderly are provided with free cell phones
- Can we use this RFI to create proprietary technology that NYC can then license to other cities?
- An advertising-focused approach might be most beneficial

Robert Espier:

- Two completely different sets of issues. One is the city's need for revenue. The other is the need for emergency communication for the disadvantaged. So, how do you reconcile advertising needs with communication needs

Ping Kwan:

- The RFI seems to be very much a design-focused document. How will we make our voices heard, if the issues we have raised tonight are not even on the radar of DOITT
- hands-free operation could be helpful

As summary, the RFP for the new contract should include the following items:

- a. Phone capability must work in a power outage
- b. Full service phones should be supplemented by emergency 911 contact phones for coverage
- c. Maintenance guarantee should be built into contract
- d. Incentive to include small businesses to participate in making public phones available
- e. Phones should be designed to be easy to maintain
- f. Locations decided with Community Board input
- g. Built in limits on visual clutter
- h. Have some placement near bus shelters where pedestrian path is already somewhat reduced and incremental obstruction can be minimized
- i. Bonded deposit to insure performance and removal if unit is not being used or maintained

The Committee voted to adopt these recommendations: 5-0-0-0.

## **2. Articulated buses on the M60 route**

Andrew Albert:

- Do artics have more seating capacity? Will this affect headway?
- How does this affect saturation of buses stopped at the layover?

Buckley Young, NYC Transit:

- Yes, from 8 min to 10 min due to the increased capacity. Rush hour schedule will not be changed
- There is a need for more room near the layover in case of need



- We would like to get CB7 feedback on new proposed bus stops, sketched out in conjunction with DOT. The buses are now being manufactured and will be delivered shortly, they include luggage racks
- We try to avoid placing bus stops under residential windows
- These new buses are much quieter, particularly when turning on and off

Ted Orosz, MTA NYC Transit, Director of Long Range Bus Planning:

- If metered parking is taken away to create a larger bus stop, we could creating a loading zone
- Should we cluster the bus stop nuisances, or spread them out

Peter Frishauf (pfrishauf@yahoo.com), community member:

- There are pedestrian safety issues when buses are double-parked due to visibility issues. Why was there not more effort made to reduce double-parking at layovers before ordering new buses?

Dan Zweig:

- What about going one block further south? Artics have tighter turning radii so could more easily turn left onto Broadway.
- What about continuing down 106 to Amsterdam?
- We commonly see up to 3 buses parked at the layover, so we need a plan from you on how to handle this. Letting the dispatcher know, etc
- How do you keep local traffic from slowing down the M60 – particularly with the added capacity of the artics

Ted:

- Going south and then making a U-turn back north on Broadway would be illegal. Going to Amsterdam is just too many extra turns

Peter:

- Please take into account cyclist safety

Mark Diller:

- When trying to avoid all sidewalk cafes, residential buildings, public parks, etc, Option 1 seems best

Andrew:

- There was a time when this CB advocated pulling the M60 all the way down to 96<sup>th</sup> St...
- TWU question: if a bus is late, does the driver have to skip a break?

Ping:

- These bus stop options do not have any visibility for pedestrians walking north on Broadway?

Buckley:

- We will put up signage and even have staff at the stop redirecting customers

Allan:

- Why not just continue discharging at the M104 stop to avoid turning a commercial block into one giant bus stop?

Dan:

- Instead of taking away parking spots, please consider putting the layover on a street where parking is currently not allowed

Resolution for approval on an emergency basis:

Due to the immediate implementation of longer articulated buses on the M60 route and the need to increase the layover space for the longer buses,

Be it resolved that CB7 approves on an emergency 6 month trial basis NYC Transit plan to site the last stop of the M60 on the east side of Broadway just north of W.107 St. and the first stop for the route on the south side of W.106 St between West End Avenue and Broadway,

Be it further resolved that CB7 requests that in the future NYC Transit provide planned changes with more time before implementation so that a plan like this can be fully vetted by the affected community and so the opportunity for modification with the benefit of local input can be provided to be sure that adverse impact on the community can be kept to a minimum.

*Committee: 7-0-0-0 Non-committee board: 2-0-0-0*

### **3. 25 West 88<sup>th</sup> St**

No show for the third time. Vote to disapprove without prejudice

Committee: 7-0-0-0 Non-committee board: 2-0-0-0

#### 4. West Side Highway proposal

Laurence Tamaccio, architect:

- As an owner on Riverside Blvd, I often wonder why people pay a premium to look out as this hideous rusty structure. How do we beautify the West Side Highway? Perhaps we could build an arched cable trellis and then grow ivy over it. Also add waterfalls. This is what I call the “VineLine”
- Because the trellis is separate from the highway structure, there is less danger of the ivy eroding the concrete
- This may require re-routing the bike path for a short section between 66<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Sts
- The waterfalls could have glass or acrylic scrims behind them to protect from wind.

Roberta Semer:

- Does this meet federal highway standards?
- The 72<sup>nd</sup> St West Side Highway off-ramp really fell through the cracks, because responsibility for its removal was not written into the original Riverside South guidelines
- Had the highway been buried, we would have had close to 1/3 less acreage of useable park space.
- I remember giving tours under the highway to elected officials back when it was a trash-strewn wasteland. Originally we wanted more athletic fields under the highway, but the Riverside South contractors needed it as a service road. Now that a service road is no longer needed, we may want to restore ball courts.

Dan Zweig:

- Concerns about road structural maintenance – can it be easily performed with the Vines in place?

Vote of support to continue exploring this idea:  
 Committee: 5-0-0-0 Non-committee board: 1-0-0-0

#### 5. Budget priorities

Punchlist items vs. Budget items. Capital vs. Expenses

Andrew Albert:

- Street milling and re-surfacing needs better coordination, sometimes months can go by between the two actions
- Need speed cameras (require State approval), red-light cameras
- Signs as you enter the neighborhood instructing “no turn on red”
- Need time-specific signal control
- Repainting faded traffic markings
- Addressing the MTA payroll tax court ruling?

Ian Alterman:

- Sometimes streets get higher and higher as they are re-surfaced
- There is an incredibly low number of accidents at 66<sup>th</sup> and Broadway
- Who gets to write committee agendas?

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Lisa Sladkin:

- Are safety campaigns part of the budget? Protected bike lanes, neck downs, etc

Peter:

- 106<sup>th</sup> and Amsterdam is terrible
- Thank you for all the new bike racks. Still waiting for more of the pole-top bike racks

Ken Coughlin:

- Need to ask DOT to finish the protected bike lane installation on Amsterdam and Columbus

Marc Glazer:

- Too many parking spaces taken away by bike lanes (55 promised, 72 in actuality). Businesses are hurting.

Mark Diller:

- The bike lane issue is pending a DOT presentation (Manhattan Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgione)

**Present:** Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Mark Glazer, Lee Ping Kwan, Lillian Moore, Anne Raphael and Roberta Semer. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Business & Consumer Issues:** George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Michelle Parker, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher and Marc Glazer. **CB7 Chair** Mark Diller. **Non-Committee Board Members:** Ian Alterman and Mel Wymore. **Absent:** Ulma Jones, Blanch Lawton and Suzanne Robotti.



**Business & Consumer Issues Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Michelle Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons**  
**September 12, 2012 7:00 PM**

2 year liquor licenses

- 1) **103 W 70<sup>th</sup>** – no show. Applicant requested postponement to October, 2012 meeting.
- 2) **658-660A Amsterdam** – approved.

9-0-0-0. 2-0-0-0

approval

Marc has two questions – asks if he plans to apply for a sidewalk and if he plans to do delivery. Marc is the booklet handler.

GZ says there is a vest required w reflective letters with a helmet, ID, a light on bicycle, etc.

Mark asked intent – it is a transfer application. Lawyer says he has not been assigned a serial number yet.

Post-vote conversation about space to sidewalk, whether it is 8 feet or 9 feet. Su asks if 8 feet applies to all sidewalks or just restaurants

- 3) **936 Amsterdam Avenue, West 106<sup>th</sup> St**

Andrew Breslin – not here. Legal representative did not forward information to client about the meeting. Rescheduled for October meetin.

- 4) **53 W 106<sup>th</sup> St** and Manhattan Avenue

Not here – applicant change new application to a wine and beer license which CB7 does not review.

Unenclosed Renewals

- 1) **2014 Bway**

Luce – 14 tables -

EC

Vote to approve renewal:

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Noncommittee – 2-0-0-0

Tony Mila 212-724-14—

[www.lucenyc.com](http://www.lucenyc.com)

- 2) **410 Amsterdam (79<sup>th</sup>); Tolani**

Turgut Balikci , global food

212-873-6252

[info@tolaninyc.com](mailto:info@tolaninyc.com)

They own Bella Luna and several other restaurants in the neighborhood. Pasha also 71<sup>st</sup> Street. May June is where they get most of their revenues – said it's been an off-year for

this year. Talked about bike issues and potential violations – he said he’s been on the UWS for over 25 years.

Vote to approve renewal:  
Committee: 9-0-0-0  
Noncommittee: 2-0-0-0

**New Unenclosed**

Gastronomie 491, W 84<sup>th</sup> Street, 491 Columbus Avenue, W 84<sup>th</sup> .

Nicole Ahronee, [Nicole@gastronomie491.com](mailto:Nicole@gastronomie491.com)

212-974-7871

Columbus bt 83<sup>rd</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> – used to be BOC and before April Cornell – 2200 sf

Open till 9pm, Fridays and Saturdays till 10pm

No smoking – concerns that someone dropped ashes on her awning

Michele examined the blueprint and diagrams of the new establishment. It is a request for a sidewalk café with six tables and 12 seats outside. Produce, etc. There is a kitchen, there will be wait service outside. Not like you buy outside and sit outside. Should have tables in the front. Michele has some questions about the vault doors. She reiterates that there will be no tables over the vault doors. She suggests we follow up with Consumer Affairs about whether tables should be built on vault doors.

Committee Members – 9-0-0-0

Noncommittee members – 2-0-0-0

**Discussion of CB7 Priorities for NYC Capital and Expense Budget**

George kicks off discussion about our budget for FY2014. We need money for envelopes and snacks at the B2B meetings.

George and others discussed the B2B initiative and mentioned that meeting would run from 6-730 the first month. Joanne asks what the sponsors do. George says for example Verizon, when they do street fairs they offer special rates. They’d do the same thing to businesses who attend the meeting. Banks say maybe they’d waive fees for certain small businesses in the neighborhood.

What is the budget – stuff donated. Tables and promotion material, maybe make one table. SBA example digital link – send to everyone a link to materials and display tables. Collecting emails. RSVP to George – Name, company, email address.

Getting it up on the website – home based stuff – it is the same crowd coming to weekly meetings. Wine tasting and networking, chance to interact. They’ll do nametags etc. Would help with startup with NY Tech Meetup. Small Business, App for Columbus Avenue BID with all the restaurants etc.

Elizabeth going to contact Time Warner

Mark Diller mentions Rachel Stein – Unwaste NY – part of the NY Public Service Commission

Startups and NY based businesses and MWBE stuff

Columbus Avenue BID – more empathy for the businesses in the area.

Assignment and hand delivering flyers to businesses. Distribution with CB7 logo. Dropping them off.

**Present:** Michelle Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Elizabeth Caputo, Paul Fisher, Marc Glazer, Joanne Imohiosen, Anne Raphael and Suzanne Robotti. Paul Fischer, **CB7 Chair** Mark Diller. **Board**

**Member:** Denora Getachew. **Absent:** Ulma Jones and Eric Shuffler.

**Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Lenore Norman and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons  
September 13, 2012**

**1. 43 West 61<sup>st</sup> Street: Application to LPC for replacement of the non-original glass front entrance doors.**

The applicant was represented by Walter Sedoric of WS Architects. The proposed replacement doors will be frameless glass with an etched design. The committee was satisfied that the etched design is appropriate to the door surround and the building design in general. The new doors will be automatic sliding doors, replacing the existing hinged doors and a suggestion was made that revolving doors might be installed to conserve energy. The architect explained that an installation of revolving doors would cause original terrazzo in the inner entrance to be damaged. The application was approved: 4-0-0-0 (Committee); 1-0-1-0 non-committee members

**2. 176-182 West 82<sup>nd</sup> St.: Application to LPC to combine 4 buildings into one, reduce the number of dwelling units from 20 to 11, remove fire escapes on the front façade and restore the West 82<sup>nd</sup> St. elevation; replace all windows, lower the front entrance to accommodate an ADA compliant ramp, remove 6'-10" feet from the entire rear, fill in the narrow interior courtyard, and create an outdoor terrace and deck; add a penthouse.**

The applicant was represented by Christian Bailey, ODA, Architects. The façade of the building will be restored as closely to the original as possible. The current aluminum windows will be replaced by 1 over 1 aluminum windows with dark frames. The existing brownstone is currently painted off-white and will be repaired and repainted a brighter white. The existing wood entrance doors will be replaced with wood and glass doors of a similar design. A 13' ramp will be installed between existing stoops and will not impinge on the width of the sidewalk. After the proposed penthouse addition (one story and mezzanine) the building will be 76' high.

6'10" will be removed from the rear of the building, and the narrow courtyard at the building interior will be filled in. The habitable space of the 18'4" rooftop addition will not be visible from the street. Only a sliver of an elevator bulkhead will be partially visible. The addition will match the brick below; the windows will be aluminum double-hung, framed in black. A new elevator will be installed (a type not requiring a mechanical room) will be installed in the center of the building minimizing any chance of noise issues with the adjacent buildings. The developers have also retained an acoustical engineer to manage any noise issues.

The committee members were favorably impressed with the project as a whole. Some expressed a concern with the proposed expanse of glass on the new rear façade but the developer indicated a willingness to modify the design to include more masonry.

The application was approved: 5-0-0-0 Committee; 2-0-0-0 Non committee members.

**3. 152 West 88<sup>th</sup> St.: Application to LPC for window replacement on the front façade and rear yard and rooftop additions.**

The applicant was represented by Guy Humphrey, Zaskorski & Notaro Architects.

Front façade: The front windows will be replaced by 1 over 1 wood windows with dark brown frames. The front doors will be refinished; historically accurate light fixtures will be installed at the front doors; wrought iron fences and gate will be replicated.

Rooftop (4<sup>th</sup> floor) addition: The proposed addition will contain 673.50 sq.' of living space. It will be composed of a metal and stucco roof, wood windows and door and a wood railing in front. There will also be an unconditioned removable greenhouse enclosed at the existing roof deck. The proposed rooftop addition will not be visible from any public way.

Rear addition: The proposed rear addition is the most controversial part of this proposal. There is an existing rear addition which is in general conformity with other rear yard additions in the "donut". This proposal would extend the rear yard addition to the full width of the building. Some committee members expressed concern

about approving any additional extension regardless of the design on the basis that it would constitute an unwarranted intrusion into the donut and would set a bad precedent by being the first extension there of this magnitude. Additionally, there was unanimity among the committee members that the design was inappropriate. It was variously described as “belonging on the east side,” more appropriate to Staten Island” and “looking like the front entrance to a hotel”.

Several members of the public presented comments:

- *Eric Rosenfeld* of 149 W. 87<sup>th</sup> St. lives behind it and described the proposed rear façade as an “abomination” consisting of “glass, glass, glass”.
- *Nancy Newhouse* of 154 W. 88<sup>th</sup> St. disputes the claim that the rooftop addition will not be visible and will be submitting written comments to the committee.
- *Maureen Albert* co-owner of 150 W.87<sup>th</sup> St. (wife of Board member Andrew Albert) objected to the expansion of the rear yard addition as cutting off light and air and particularly adversely affecting the tenant of their building.
- *Meesha Hunter*, a local architect, raised some questions about the appropriateness, scale etc. of the rooftop addition.

Since the committee had divergent opinions about the different aspects of the proposal, it was decided to vote separately on each aspect and three resolutions were proposed.

- 1<sup>st</sup> was a resolution to approve the proposal for restoration etc. on the front façade.  
*The application was approved: 5-0-0-0 (Committee) 2-0-0-0 (Non committee Bd. Members)*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> was a resolution to disapprove the proposal for the rear yard addition.  
*This portion of the application was disapproved: 5-0-0-0 (Committee), 2-0-0-0 (Non committee Bd. Members)*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> was a resolution to approve the rooftop addition.  
*This portion of the application was approved: 4-1-0-0 (Committee), 0-2-0-0 (Non committee Bd. Members)*

**4. 236 W. 73<sup>rd</sup> St.(Rutgers Presbyterian Church): Application to LPC to exclude 2 of their tax lots from the proposed extension of the West End-Collegiate Historic District.**

The Church was represented by Christine Gorman, Moderator of Trustees of the Church, Rev. Laura Jervis and Dave Mammen, Church Administrator. The Church was seeking CB7 support for the above application. A portion of their interconnected buildings (which they describe as one building on multiple tax lots) is proposed to be included in the historic district while the Eastern portion fronting Broadway is not. If excluded, it would not subject the premises to historic district development restrictions and would not bind future generations to those restrictions. LPC has indicated an unwillingness to grant their request.

Speakers on behalf of the church included Pastor Andrew Stehlik and congregants Beth Childs, Pam Cooper, Alice Hudson, Nora Lidell and David Taylor.

While accepting that there are no plans by the church to develop the site any time soon it became clear after much discussion that the sense of the committee was not to support the request for exclusion from the proposed historic district. Rather than obtain a negative result, the Church withdrew its request.

5. Committee member assignments and working documents review. A brief discussion was held about committee member assignments.

6. An even briefer discussion was held about CB7 budget priorities for the 2014 budget. Last year’s request for funding to add additional personnel at LPC was supported again this year.

Gabby requested that the committee give the matter further thought and e-mail any suggestions for other items.

7. New business. Just prior to adjournment, one item of new business was introduced: by Robert Shanley, who lives at 200 Riverside Drive.

- He raised concern over the new rooftop addition being constructed at 190 Riverside Drive. It is highly visible from many points of view. He recalled (as did the Committee) it being heard by the CB7 preservation Committee several years ago, and objections being raised by the Committee and by neighbors at how visible it would be. It was heard several times at Landmarks but the applicant never came back to the CB7 Preservation Committee. He expressed concern that when CB7 isn't notified, then the community isn't notified. He raised concern that what is being built appears to be larger and more visible than what was approved by landmarks. Mr. Shanley will contact LPC and the DOB to request they investigate this possible issue, then get in touch with CB7 for follow up.

**Present:** Gabrielle Palitz, Jay Adolf, Brian Byrd, Miki Fiegel, and Blanche E. Lawton. **CB7 Chair** Mark Diller.  
**Board Member:** Andrew Albert. **On-Leave:** Lenore Norman. **Absent:** Lee P. Kwan

**Youth, Education & Libraries Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Marisa Maack, Chairperson**  
**September 20, 2012 6:30 PM**

**Jacob Morris of Harlem Historical Society** asked for a resolution to be passed calling on NYPL to revoke the non disparagement clauses signed by some NYPL employees for a severance package.

Discussion was tabled pending further review

**Borough Board Resolution on Special Education Busing** –  
approved 10-0-0 committee members and 2-0-0 non committee members

**Forum/Meeting Ideas** - discussion moved to agenda topics for the year

- Will reach out to CCSE to coordinate a meeting on new Special Education guidelines to include private schools, public schools, education groups, DOE and parent organizations.
- Invite DOE to talk about procurement and services in general.
- PCB follow-up - Gabriella Rowe will gather material and assess whether a meeting or simply a follow up handout is appropriate
- Participatory Budgeting with CM Mark-Viverito - it was concluded that the timing did not fit with YEL meetings but will ask PS 163 and Bloomingdale if they will submit requests and send letter asking for their consideration (without endorsement).
- ACS/DYCD - an accounting of all summer youth, afterschool and daycare programs in CB 7 district
- Implementation of Early Learn System

**Budget Priorities** - will complete offline

**Update on PS 75**

Mark Diller arrived from their PA meeting to report on 24th precinct steps through school safety officers to increase patrols

**Meeting adjourned 8:00**

**Present:** Marisa Maack, Isaac Booker, Brian Byrd, Paul Fisher, DeNora Getachew, Helen Rosenthal, Eric Shuffler, Stephen Vazquez and Cara Volpe. **Chair:** Mark Diller. **Board Members:** Mark Darin and Gabriel Rowe. **Absent:** Haydee Rosario.

**Parks and Environment Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Klari Neuwelt and Elizabeth Starkey, Co-Chairpersons**  
**September 24, 2012**

Meeting Start: 7:02 pm

**Item 1. 79<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Basin, Riverside Park**

Petra Mager of Abel Bainnson Butz, landscape architects, made a presentation describing a design proposal for the replacement of A-Dock, known as the Public Pier, on the upstream side of the marina at the 79<sup>th</sup> Street Boat Basin. Ms. Mager was accompanied by Maria Petkanas, the project engineer at the Department of Parks and Recreation, and Bob Gallup of Haks, the engineering consultant.

The dock is now structurally unsound due to lateral stresses and damage by the marine borer, and is currently closed to the public. The proposed redesign will cost \$2.5 million of public money, of which \$2 million has been secured, and will consist of a new steel support structure, new railings, rebuilding of the wave wall, an enlarged entry area, decluttering of the dock, and raising the dock so it stands 4.5 feet above the mean high water mark. The railing for the main part of the dock will be permanent and will resemble the new Riverwalk railing just to the north, but the railing at the “end dock” where larger craft will berth will be removable. Construction is slated to begin in June 2013 and will take about a year to complete. The new dock’s design life will be 50 years.

A number of concerns emerged during committee and public discussion of the current design proposal, including:

- Was adequate notice of the presentation given to stakeholders, including Boat Basin residents, and to the public, and were stakeholders adequately included in developing the plans? Ms. Petkanas said that flyers were posted and Boat Basin residents were e-mailed, but co-chair Klari Neuwelt said no flyers were in evidence on the landward side of the sea rail fence during a Sunday visit, and the several Boat Basin residents in attendance said that many residents had not been notified of the meeting. “Users and residents have been cut out of this discussion,” said Boat Basin resident Gloria Weiss;
- Will the dock be built high enough to withstand rising sea levels caused by climate change? Boat Basin resident Chris Williamson said that Manhattan tides are predicted to rise 18 inches over the next 20 years. Mr. Gallup said the dock could be raised further if needed.

- Where will the removable railings at the “end dock” be stored, and will the presence of a railing where boats are docking pose a hazard? Member of the public Bob Wyman said that in his experience as a former dockhand many removable railings would end up in the water or lost, and that putting a railing on a working dock was asking for trouble because boat crews would not be expecting it when disembarking. Because a railing is required if the dock is to be open to the public, it was suggested that perhaps the end-dock should not be open to the public. Concerns were also raised that opening this portion of the dock to the public would create security problems.
- Will the new dock be able to withstand the tremendous forces exerted by winter ice?
- Is it possible to have solar/wind power and recycling on the dock?
- Is there sufficient seating? Committee member Mark Darin proposed retaining the 12 x 12 logs that currently line the perimeter. Ms. Petkanas said this would require raising the railing even higher. Ms. Weiss suggested constructing alcoves for seating.

With these concerns in mind, Klari Neuwelt proposed a resolution generally approving the preliminary design but expressing concerns about the lack of notice to stakeholders and the other issues enumerated above, and requesting the Parks Department to return with a final design that addresses these issues. Evan Rosing spoke against the resolution, saying a lot of public money is at stake and we should not approve a flawed design in any fashion.

Resolution failed.

*Committee members: 3-3-2-0. Non-committee board members: 0-0-1-0.*

After further discussion it was decided that the Parks Department would delay its presentation to the Public Design Commission by one month and return to the committee at its October 15 meeting with a potentially revised design after taking into account the concerns raised and includes input from stakeholders, including Boat Basin residents and recreational users of the park and promenade. Jesse Bodine of Gale Brewer’s office said that Gale will hold a meeting prior to the October committee meeting that will give stakeholders an opportunity to comment on the proposed design. Ms. Mager will send a PowerPoint of the proposed design to Board Chair Mark Diller, who will pass it on to Boat Basin residents.



**Item 2. Free kayaking program.**

Graeme Birchall of the Downtown Boathouse made a presentation on the free kayaking program at West 72<sup>nd</sup> Street in Riverside Park. Mr. Birchall said that in its 16 years of existence, the free kayaking program has served more than a quarter million people at its several locations, including an average of about 7,500 a year at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street location since 2003. The program operates on about \$30,000 a year and gets much of what it needs from “dumpster diving.” Birchall said a confluence of problems leave the program at the 72<sup>nd</sup> Street location in jeopardy.

The 10-year-old dock at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street is being eaten so badly by ship worms that it will last another season at most. They are running some tests with plastic docks, and the Park would prefer the dock were moved south 50 feet to avoid conflicts with cyclists. The current location also has no shade for volunteers and needs the 56<sup>th</sup> Street boathouse as a nearby base camp. The availability of this boathouse is in question because Hudson River Park may start charging for it, at which point the Downtown Boathouse would have to leave. Birchall said they could easily increase the fleet size at 72<sup>nd</sup> Street but it would require a bigger dock. Birchall suggested that the current boat launch at 59<sup>th</sup> Street could be made into a beach that would be ideal for launching kayaks and paddle boards, although it was unclear whether the Army Corps of Engineers would permit this. He said it was a shame that the design of the new waterfront park between 59<sup>th</sup> and 72<sup>nd</sup> streets did not include a boathouse and/or at least some access to the water.

**Item 3: The Vineline.**

Laurence Tamaccio, an architect and resident of Riverside South, presented his proposal to beautify and green the West Side Highway along Riverside Boulevard by growing an ivy-covered trellis arbor on a lightweight wire rod and cable system installed on the road structure. His plan would also include a waterfall to cover the terminated section of the highway at the north end, as well as a café at the south end. The committee asked Mr. Tamaccio to keep the committee informed as he continues discussions with various agencies.

**Item 4: Budget priorities for FY 2014.**

Given the late hour, it was decided that this discussion would be postponed until the next meeting, although Board Chair Mark Diller noted that the number one priority of the Parks Department is for adequate permanent staffing for Riverside Park.

**New Business:**

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Committee member Ken Coughlin raised concerns about the recent spraying of insecticide on the Upper West Side to combat West Nile Virus. He suggested that residents received insufficient notice of the spraying and that such spraying is controversial and that some regard it as totally ineffective. He suggested that the committee invite a representative of the pertinent city agency to explain the rationale for the spraying, the safety record of the insecticide employed, and the need for such short notice of spraying. Board Chair Mark Diller suggested that Mr. Coughlin contact Paul Sawyer in Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal's office because it was complaints to her office about mosquitoes that likely triggered the spraying.

**Present:** Klari Neuwelt, Elizabeth Starkey, Isaac Booker, Elizabeth Caputo, Ken Coughlin, Mark Darin, Evan Rosing and Stephen Vazquez. **CB7 Chair** Mark Diller. **Board Member:** Phyllis E. Gunther.

**Absent:** Tom Vitullo-Martin.