



COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN
Minutes of Full Board Meeting

Community Board 7/Manhattan's Full Board met on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, at Jewish Home Lifecare, in the District. Chair Elizabeth R. Caputo called the meeting to order at 6:36 pm after the Secretary confirmed the existence of a quorum.

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

Chair's Report: Elizabeth R. Caputo

- Submitted comments to the Department of Housing & Preservation from the Land Use Committee regarding inclusionary housing at 10 Freedom Place.
- Inclusive Playground Task Force will hold its first public meeting on Wednesday, November 19. The Chair acknowledged and congratulated members of the Task Force. The next meeting will include representatives from Parks as well as elected officials.
- The Chair and the Co-Chairs of the Landmarks Committee met with the new chair of the Landmarks Preservation Commission. During this meeting, the LPC acknowledged CB 7's concern that the Commission's calendaring does not always overlap with the Community Board's committee and full board meetings, which frustrates the Community Board's ability to provide input. The Chair and Co-Chairs also raised the Community Board's desire that the Landmarks Committee be able to reconsider projects where major changes are made either after they are considered by the Community Board or the LPC. The Community Board is also working with C-M Rosenthal to address this issue via legislation. The Chair and Co-Chairs also discussed the extension of the West End/Riverside historic district, which the LPC identified as a priority over the next 6 months. Finally, the Chair and Co-Chairs raised their concern that major projects are often put at the end of the LPC's agenda, causing them not to be heard. The LPC explained that reorganizing their agendas would be problematic for the rest of the items that require consideration.
- A portion of CB 7 (between Columbus and Amsterdam Avenues, from 106th Street to 110th Street) has been selected for a pilot rat extermination program. The Chair asked that members of the community be in touch with the district office if they are having issues with rats.
- Board members reminded of the Borough President-provided community board training programs.



- Live streaming of the meeting will be tested tonight and will hopefully lead to live streaming all full board meetings going forward.
- This Friday, the Chair will start live Twitter sessions from 3-5 p.m. during which she will be available to respond to questions from the neighborhood.

Manhattan Borough President's Report, Gale A. Brewer

- Jesse Bodine, who was a member of the Borough President's ("BP") Land Use staff, is now District Manager for Community Board 4.
- BP is working on system to provide supportive services to returning veterans.
- BP and Department of Education Chancellor co-hosting a forum on November 12 at John Jay College regarding new education initiatives and Community Education Councils.
- There will be a forum on HIV testing on November 24.
- Non-resident seniors are receiving meals at Goddard Riverside.
- The BP and DCAS are co-sponsoring program through which DC37 members have the opportunity to get bags of fresh fruits and vegetables direct from farmers at reasonable prices on a weekly basis.
- BP notified HPD that while the process of reevaluating inclusionary zoning is under consideration, she objects to HPD approval of any more "poor door" buildings.
- BP notified HPD and NYCHA that she objects to the unprecedented downsizing of tenants to smaller apartments.
- As part of a settlement with the NYC Comptroller's Office, DHS has started moving homeless persons from 330 West 95th Street (Freedom House) to other housing options.

Community Session

Steve Harris

- Resident of the Ansonia
- Discussed the demonstration on Broadway/74th against the Dalai Lama. Demonstrators were continuously beating drums for up to 12 hours at a time. The noise rendered his home office unusable. Disturbing to other Ansonia residents as well. Complained to 311 and received an email that the police had been notified and that no action was necessary.
- When there are demonstrations in the area, we should address the issue with loud noise.

Peter Arndsten

- District Manager, Columbus Amsterdam BID.
- Announced events sponsored or hosted by the BID.
- Suggested attendance at gallery on the corner of 100th Street and Central Park West.

Winifred Armstrong

- Speaking on behalf of the Bloomingdale Neighborhood History Group



- They are starting a series on medical hospitals and healing history in the area.
- Flyers were provided.

Bob Wyman

- Clean heat program is moving along nicely, and only one year left before the end of legal use of the most dangerous heating oil in the City.
- Discussed Mayor de Blasio's 80x50 carbon emission reduction program (an 80% reduction by 2050). Implication of this program is that we have a lot of work to do over the next several decades. Will have to convert cars and buildings to be fossil fuel free.

Jeneen Johnson

- From NYC HRA Child Support
- Providing information regarding HRA's program to reduce non-custodial parents' arrears. Money is owed to HRA, not the custodial parent. Information was provided on flyers.

Charles Callaway

- Community Organizer for WEACTION
- Hosting a healthy home summit at the New School, November 21-22, 2014. Information is available at weaction.org and flyers were provided.

Reports by Legislators:

Helen Rosenthal – City Council Member, 6th District

- Provided a legislative update
 - o 80x50 carbon emissions reduction
 - o 3 bills focused on helping tenants
- Announced monthly housing clinic where lawyers are available for consultation and discussion of housing issues.
- Hoping to have a hearing on the bike loop in the Transportation Committee in December.
- Working on oversight of the City's investments to ensure that there is good return on those investments.
- 330 West 95th Street (Freedom House) closed as a homeless shelter. A Board Member asked about the allocation of units to homeless and those to permanent community housing—the C-M stated that she would be happy to meet and discuss the issue.
- Working to increase student voter registration at CUNY; having difficulties working with the Board of Elections on this issue.
- Through participatory budgeting and 7 neighborhood assemblies, received 400 ideas for capital allocations.

Reports by Legislative Representatives:

Tara Klein, Senator Brad Hoylman's Office



- Many complaints about M104 bus line; wrote letter requesting restoration of certain bus cuts.
- Sen. Hoylman excited to receive highest score from Environmental Advocates
- Reminder that speed limit is changing to 25 mph this Friday.

David Baily, Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office

- Had renters march on October 28; current regulations that allow 2.5 million NYC residents to live in rent stabilized and controlled housing expire in June of next year.
- NY Fashion Braces; office closed suddenly and now working with patients to get access to their records.

Erica Overton, A-M Linda Rosenthal's Office

- Bike forum went well; over 150 senior citizens attended to hear from and engage with the NYPD, Transportation Alternatives and the Parks Department.
 - o Suggested more education, enforcement and potential licensing of bicycles.
- At West Side Tenant Conference, hosted panels on senior citizen benefits and bed bugs.

Justin Simmons, A-M Daniel O'Donnell's Office

- Traveling to various correctional facilities as part of his position as chair of that committee.
- Holding annual health fair on Saturday, November 22 from 1-4 p.m. at the Children's Aid center at the Frederick Douglass Houses.

Dan Campanelli--NYC Comptroller's Office

- Minority/Women business report card for City Agencies; 2/3 of agencies got a D or F, two got Bs, none got As. Comptroller's office got a C. Yesterday, came out with a vendor roadmap that will take potential vendors through the process of doing business with the City and will hopefully increase the participation of Minority/Women-owned businesses.
- Audited pest complaint system. Found that DOH has a 10 day window during which a complaint should be inspected and that a high percentage of complaints were not inspected during that timeframe.

Andres Pasmino, State Senator Jose Serrano

- Senator appeared on a television program to discuss domestic violence; the discussion is available on the Senator's website.
- Sen. Serrano also got a high score on environmental issues; committed to green initiatives.
- Will be at JASA tomorrow to hold constituent hours.
- Also hosting a CPR training event at JASA on November 18.

Laura Atlas—NYC Public Advocate



- Reminded community of the Public Advocate's worst landlord list. Toured a number of the worst sites across the City.
- First bill submitted to City Council has passed; tracking people in the foster care system who "age out". The law facilitates outreach to these individuals so that they are not stopped from using government services that may be necessary.
- Many universities are not responding to reports of sexual assault with proper due process. Had a hearing with certain City Council committees to hear from students and college administrators; working proactively to address these issues; bill would allocate money to rape crisis centers.

Sabine Franklin—C-M Levine

- Had a rally to support a bill that will ban loud construction noise next to schools.
- Held a press conference with the Mayor in Queens to announce the Community Parks Initiative; investing 167 million dollars into parks in low-income areas. Part of the parks equities programs.
- Had 7 neighborhood assemblies for participatory budgeting; will hold the last public assembly, focused on youth, this upcoming weekend.
- Offering free citizenship services in conjunction with CUNY every Wednesday through January 2015.

Business Session

**Steering Committee/Strategy & Budget Committee
Elizabeth Caputo/Mel Wymore, Chairs**

Committee Chair Wymore presented the CB7 priorities for F/Y 2016:

Committee wants to incorporate ideas expressed during participatory budget process in CB7's priorities and in this manner integrate two processes during the budgeting procedures transpiring in 2015.

1. CB7 Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 Capital Budget.
 - Re #9 and #15: Comment: #9 and #15 should be combined because both deal with cameras
 - o Transportation Chairs indicated that there is a big difference between speed cameras near schools (#9) and red light cameras, which are not necessarily located in areas near schools (#15)
 - o Budget Committee Chair Wymore indicated that notwithstanding that it appears that both priorities deal with the same topic (cameras), the budget allocations are different for #9 and #15; combining these requests would make it less likely that both would be adopted
 - Re #10: Subtitle amended to say "Fund Street-scape Safety Improvements"
 - Re #10: Comment: #10 should be moved to make it the 3rd most important priority, and #3 should be moved to make it the 10th most important priority because item #10 has a greater impact on CB7's district than item #3
 - Re #10: Comment: #10 should be more specific as to what treatments CB7 is seeking
 - o Transportation Committee Chairs indicate that the priorities under consideration will be transmitted to OMB; and that they (the Transportation Committee Co-Chairs) provide more specific recommendations as needed to appropriate governmental agencies



- Re #12: Comment: Pedestrian activated traffic signals in Central Park will not resolve all problems, but will substantially improve safety for pedestrians as they make their way in the park.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** the Capital Budget Priorities for F/Y 2016 was adopted as amended (re the subtitle of Priority #10): **37-0-0-0**

2. CB7 Priorities for the Fiscal Year 2016 Expense Budget.

- Re #3 (traffic enforcement officers): Comment: Can we request more than 15 officers?
- Re #11 (after school programs): Text amended in response to recommendation that as every middle school now has after school programs, #11 should say that rigorous academic programs should be an option in every after school program
- Re # 11 (after school programs): Comment: Funds for after school programs should be moved to a higher ranking than 11th place
 - o Budget Committee Chair Wymore indicated that:
 - 11th place, which is within the top 20 priorities, is already in a spot taken very seriously by OMB
 - As youth programs are also in 7th place, some of the needs of young persons are already included among the top 7 priorities
 - New administration has already increased baseline funding for youth so ranking for the priorities for youth programming has dropped accordingly
- Re #18 (security in schools on primary day): Comment: As this is a new issue/priority, can we elevate this new issue to a higher level?
- Comment on rankings in general: Participants in reaching these recommendations indicated it was extremely difficult to rank priorities because each one is critically important
- Recommendation: Coordinate with other Community Boards so multiple Boards have same issue rated #1, #2, etc.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** the Expense Budget Priorities for F/Y 2016 was adopted as amended (re inclusion in Priority #11 of rigorous academic programs as an option in each after school program): **36-0-0-0**

Business & Consumer Issues Committee

Michele Parker and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Co-Chairpersons

3. **2014 Broadway** (West 68th – 69th Streets.) Renewal application #1326142-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 68th Street Café, Inc., d/b/a Luce, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 14 tables and 28 seats.

Co-chair indicated committee recommended approval 8-0-0-1.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: **37-0-0-0**

Transportation Committee

Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons

4. Lincoln Square Business Improvement District (BID) 15th Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Square on Monday, December 1, 2014 at Broadway and West 63rd Street.

Co-Chair indicated committee recommended approval unanimously.

After deliberation, the resolution to **approve** was adopted: **37-0-0-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Andrew Albert, Linda Alexander, Richard Asche, Isaac Booker,



Kenneth Coughlin, Page Cowley, Catherine DeLazzero, Mark N. Diller, Robert Espier, Miki Fiegel, Sheldon J. Fine, Paul Fischer, DeNora Getachew, Matthew Holtzman, Benjamin Howard-Cooper, Madelyn Innocent, Audrey Isaacs, Brian Jenks, Genora Johnson, Blanche E. Lawton, Lillian Moore, Klari Neuwelt, Gabrielle Palitz, Michele Parker, Anne Raphael, Jeannette Rausch, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Madge Rosenberg, Peter Samton, Roberta Semer, Jaye B. Smalley, Barbara Van Buren, Mel Wymore, Howard Yaruss, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero and Dan Zweig. **Absent:** Steven Brown, Rita Genn, Marc Glazer, Meisha Hunter Burkett, Joanne Imohiosen, Lee Ping Kwan, Nick Prigo, David Sasscer, Ethel Sheffer, Eric Shuffler and Polly Spain.



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

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

- **210 West 70th Street** (Broadway) Lincoln Square Steak, LLC d/b/a Lincoln Square Steak. Represented by Shagun Selma and Michael Ferrari,(owner) and Don Evans. Resident residing above the venue Ms. Carol Rubiano complained about noise in her residence from music; another resident complained about noise from the HVAC system.
Committee Votes to disapprove unless the Applicant agrees to retain an acoustical engineer to evaluate the noise and to present sound report to CB7 prior to Full Board meeting.
6-0-0-0 1-0-0-0
- **685 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 93rd Street) Jin's 888 Corp, d/b/a Kouza. Restaurant to be managed by family member. No changes to restaurant operations
Committee votes to approve 6-0-0-0 1-0-0-0
- **612 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 90th Street) Saigon Café 89 Inc., d/b/a To be Determined. Shagyo Wang and Karen He. Applicant to provide rendering of delivery uniforms.
Committee votes to approve. 6-0-0-0 1-0-0-0
- **924 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 105th Street) Amsterdam Ranchito Corp., d/b/a To be Determined. Open 7:00 AM -12:00 AM. Issues of excess noise presented by Resident, Heather King Applicant agrees to install a Locked Sound Governor (for management control of the sound system). Applicant to present proof of sound system limiter.
Committee Votes to disapprove unless sound issue is resolved prior to full board.
6-0-0-0 1-0-0-0
- **320 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 75th Street) Entity to be formed. Currently Citrus (Surtic Inc).Represented by Robert Bookman, Owner is Simon Oron. Mexican restaurant. Hours of operation 11:30 – 2:00 AM
Committee votes to approve 6-0-0-0 1-0-0-0

Alteration application to the SLA:

2. **240 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 71st Street) Cafe Tallulah LLC d/b/a Cafe Tallulah, for a change to the Method of Operation to include live music and extend hours of operation. Greg Hunt, representing. Request new closing time on Friday and Saturday till 3:00 AM. Resident Robert Gwinn raised issues about noise and customers smoking near the resident's home. Owner agrees to move ashtray away from resident's entrance.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Renewal Applications:

3. **1900 Broadway** (West 65th Street.) Renewal application #1282969-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 64 West Restaurant, LLC, d/b/a Bar Boulud, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 38 tables and 76 seats.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0



4. **434 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 81st Street.) Renewal application #1357136-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by MHBK Associates, Inc., d/b/a The Tangled Vine, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 12 tables and 24 seats.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0

5. **476 Amsterdam Avenue** (West 83rd Street.) Renewal application #1218332-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Upper West Rest. Corp., d/b/a Fred's, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 22 tables and 44 seats.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0

6. **520 Columbus** (West 85th Street.) Renewal application #1006183-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 520 Columbus Ave Ltd., d/b/a Nonna Restaurant, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 10 tables and 24 seats. Ms. Marta White, a resident, complained about the waiters serving the tables on West 85th Street from the sidewalk, which is prohibited. Issues also arose over the restaurants use of the entrance of the rear courtyard which is shared with the residents on 85th Street. Applicant agrees to discontinue serving café patrons from the sidewalk (within the footprint), and to repair and use an entrance on Columbus Avenue for entrance to the rear courtyard. Members of CB7 will visit the establishment to investigate other issues.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0

7. **203 West 103rd Street** (Amsterdam Avenue.) Renewal application #1380748-DCA to the Department of Consumer Affairs by 201 West 103 Corp., d/b/a Buca, for a four-year consent to operate an unenclosed sidewalk café with 5 tables and 10 seats.

Committee votes to Approve 6-0-0-0

Present: Michele Parker, George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero, Linda Alexander, Paul Fischer, Marc Glazer, Brian Jenks and Anne Raphael **Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Matthew Holtzman, Joanne Imohiosen and Suzanne Robotti.



Preservation Committee Meeting Minutes
Jay Adolf and Gabrielle Palitz, Co-Chairpersons
November 13, 2014

1. 53 West 71st Street (Columbus Avenue – Central Park West.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for window replacement.

- *Joe Datema, Baxt/Ingui Architects PC*
(<http://www.baxtingui.com/>).....Calendared on 11/18

Larger renovation already approved at staff level – recreating stoop, restoring front façade, penthouse removal, rear yard addition. Goal is Passive House certification.

Are replacing the double-hung windows with super-insulated simulated double-hung windows, where the bottom light is a tilt and turn. Triple-pane, black frame, manufactured by Zola. Exterior dimensions match the standard Marvin replacement double-hung window very closely, even though the glass is thicker. LPC has approved this window model before.

Using the one remaining historical wooden brickmold to recreate the other brickmolds.

Resolution to approve as presented. Committee: 7-0-0-0. Non-committee: 2-0-0-0

2. 159-161 West 85th Street (Amsterdam Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for reconstruction of the front entry and areaway, adding a canopy over the entry, replacing windows and doors, and construction of a two-story addition on the rear yard extension.

- *Cas Stachelberg, Higgins Quasebarth* (<http://hqpreservation.com/>)
- *David Jaffoni, SBLM Architects* (<http://sblm.com/>)
- *Eric Lang (client), Infinity Real Estate* (<http://www.infinity-group.com/>)

The two houses are part of an ensemble of 16 row houses. By the 1940 tax photo, the stoops had been removed and the buildings combined into a single multi-family building. By the 1980 tax photo, the brownstone had been removed and replaced with brick veneer, and the transom lights of the first floor windows filled in.

The few original details that remain will be restored and replicated (brick cornice, leaded transom lights over original rear window).

Many neighboring rowhouses on the block have extensions over their rear yard doglegs. The facing rear yards are mostly substandard width, as they belong to large apartment houses instead of rowhouses.

Proposal to excavate the front entrance down to the floor level of the basement, add a canopy. To the rear, the asphalt covering of the dogleg will be replaced with red brick, and a full-height, anodized metal extension added onto the top of the dogleg with a minor setback/terrace to provide the required 30' rear yard setback. New black metal railings at setback and roof. Two window openings at rear will be widened.

Rear yard extension will be bronze anodized metal to save weight; brick would be too heavy. The top of the extension stops short of the brick corbelling.

New entrance steps and planting boxes will extend past property line, but not as far as some adjacent stoops. Originally there was a brick vestibule with interior stairs; now the entrance stairs will be shifted to the exterior. Areaway will be paved in bluestone.

Public comment:



- Max Yeston, Landmark West, 45 West 67th St: why is the rear yard extension metal and not brick? (answered already)
- Doug Simes, architect, 159 West 85th St. Wants to know dimensions of rear extension (approx. 10' x 10').
- Art and Crystal Burkhardt, residents of building. Wants clarification on how construction will be accomplished while the apartments are being inhabited. (Answer: the developer will access the rear yard through the super's apartment, then bring materials up to the roof.) Also wanted clarification on the reconfiguration of the rear yard access (all doors moved up to yard level; currently one is at cellar level). Further clarification on dust, debris, etc in rear yard during construction. Commented that already there are many workers in the yard that peek through their window.

Committee discussion:

- Peter: the original rowhouses had a vertical groove on the front façade at the party wall. Is there any way to recreate this? (Answer: probably not, too much work, do not want to touch the front façade more than is necessary for repair and entrance modifications.)
- Meisha: will the removal of the stair leading from cellar level up to the rear yard cause any collapses? (Answer: we have a structural engineer.)
- Gabby: the rear extension feels like it is pushing too close to the brick corbelling. Windows at upper floors of rear façade feel too wide or tall – they just feel too large.
- Mark: disturbed by the bronze color choice. Likes Peter's comment about the seam. Likes the new front yard approach.
- Peter: would like the window openings at rear to be more uniform. Suggests cladding the rear extension in glass.
- Ping: no comments on exterior. Suggested changing floor plans so they do not suggest illegal cellar habitable rooms.
- Jay: minimally appropriate.

Resolution to approve front façade with strong recommendation to reintroduce middle seam. 7-0-0-0, 2-0-1-0.

Resolution to disapprove rear façade for the extension being too tall, bronze metal panel being inappropriate, and the new windows being out of character. 6-0-1-0, 2-0-0-0.

3. 302 West 86th Street, Apt #4A (West End Avenue.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for installation of an AC through wall unit.

- *Claudia Kuselias and Andrew Franz, Andrew Franz Architect*
(<http://www.andrewfranz.com/index.html>)

Master plan to regularize location of AC units as centered under each window, penetrating at locations of regular brick (they are currently in random locations). Currently existing master plan does not address A/C.

Gabby: question about the ornamental brick below the two sidemost window bays. (The proposed architectural louvers will be flush with the brick and painted a natural color to match the brick and terra cotta, which will look more harmonious than the current random louvers.)



Public comment:

- Max Yeston: question about color.

Resolution to approve as presented: 7-0-0-0, 3-0-0-0.

4. 351 Riverside Drive, Schinasi Residence (West 107th Street) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for changes in fenestration and doors, modification of the east terrace, modifications of the north stair bay and marble steps, creation of a mechanical pit at the north yard, creation of a copper dormer at the parapet on the north elevation and extensive exterior restoration work.

- *Charlotte Worthy, Charlotte Worthy Architects LLC (www.linkedin.com/pub/charlotte-worthy/19/742/b24)* Calendared at Landmarks on 11/18

Some exterior renovation work (windows, metal work) already approved at staff level.

Proposing to alter rear elevation by removing one door and replacing it with casement windows to light the interior kitchen, and widening the other door to accommodate a double door. Whatever stone is removed will be re-used elsewhere in the project where possible.

Facing the kitchen windows, proposing to remove grassy area in rear yard and replace with an excavated stone-paved terrace at the same level as the kitchen door (enlarging the current areaway).

Proposal to extend the copper bay window enclosing the back stair outward to accommodate an elevator. The existing bracket supporting the underside of the bay window will be re-purposed as a canopy. The existing dumbwaiter shaft is not large enough for an elevator, so once an elevator shaft is installed the exit stair will have to push out.

The existing patina'ed copper will be extended with new red copper that will patina over time (approx. 20 years).

Proposed new excavation under the grand oriel window, with perimeter guards, to accommodate new mechanical equipment.

Gabby: acoustic control of the new mechanical equipment? (Answer: we are working with an acoustical engineer.)

Proposed new copper-clad dormer at roof, designed in an historical style to match existing roof. Engineering purpose of dormer is to fill in the parapet of the existing stair bay window, which is a source of major water collection and leakage. Replacement skylights in roof approved at staff level.

Mark: are the existing skylights pre- or post-designation? (Answer: no one knows.)

Public comment:

- Susan Rogers, W. 107th St. What about the stone balustrade at the perimeter of the lot? (Answer: That is under the scope of a different architect, Walter Melvin.) The construction noise has been very disruptive.
- Sean Donovan: hydraulic or traction elevator? (Answer: hydraulic)
- Gabby: very clear presentation.



- Ping: the stretching of the bay window into a stair is destructive to the proportion and intent of the original design. The railings around the oriel destroy the floating feeling of the oriel. Agree to disagree...

Resolution to approve as presented: 6-1-0-0. 3-0-0-0.

5. 361 Central Park West (West 96th – 97th Street.) Application to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for adaptive re-use of the building for residential purposes, including exterior restoration, replacement of windows, and a rooftop addition.

- Howard Zipser, Esq, Akerman LLP (<http://www.akerman.com/>)

Ethel Sheffer and Meisha Hunter recuse themselves from discussion and voting, but stay in the room.

Longtime resident of the UWS. “Proud” of this “restrained adaptive reuse” that does not use its excess FAR, as there is no eligible receiving site in the neighborhood currently. 30-40 units ranging from 1300 sf to 3400 sf. No commercial, community facility, or parking, just residential.

Two zoning variances required from BSA: one is to leave the footprint of the building intact and not provide a required rear yard. The other has to do with Multiple Dwelling Law-required natural light and air square footage.

Jay: what is the history of the property?

Judith Saltzman, Li/Saltzman Architects (<http://www.lisaltzman.com/>)

First looked at this building in 1990, when it was still used as a Christian Science church, and identified many envelope deficiencies. Looked at it again for the Crenshaw Church, and are now looking at it for the new owners.

Proposal to remove all of the stained glass on Central Park West façade, which is generally attributed to John LaFarge though their research has not shown this to be so. All stained glass on 96th St façade containing religious iconography will be removed and either sold or donated, though the ornamental border stained glass will be retained and incorporated into the new window insulated glass units.

Proposal to repair and lift skylight 3’-10”.

Most of the additional windows are to be created on the non-street-fronting facades. Pre-patinated copper.

Main entrance to new building will be through the existing driveway. Existing garage will be changed into a lighted vestibule. Front doors will be turned into windows for habitable rooms, with the wood doors remaining as “shutters”. Metal spikes will be added on all entrance steps to deter vagrants. Multiple dome cameras will be installed along the perimeter of the building.

Existing stone panels under the sills of the large windows will be turned into windows, recessed to be in the same plane as the windows above. The stone walls at the corners of the building will be turned into large windows, except for the inscribed stone wall on the SE corner.

New gray zinc-clad mechanical penthouse on roof outside of the “required rear yard” area, with an open louvered top and sides. The intent is to optimize the acoustical engineering for the benefit of both residents and neighbors.

Audible gasp from the audience when the north façade is revealed. There are a substantial number of new windows on this facade, about 70. In terms of area, these windows are maxed out as protected but not fire-rated lot line windows under 2008 code.

- Mark: do the new floor slabs line up with anything? (Answer: in the original design, there was balcony seating pressed up against the middle of the window anyway.)



- Ping: was there ever any thought given to creating a 30' x 40' inner court in the middle of the building to bring in legal light and air without creating so many new exterior openings? (Answer: yes, it was studied, but it was felt that that would be too disruptive to the roofline.) Will the building be sprinklered? (Yes.)
- Jay: Why was the decision made to remove so much of the stained glass? Is it specifically because of the iconography? (Answer: it is about code requiring clear glass for legal light and air).
- *Seamus Henchy, project management consultant, new member of team*
(<http://sghenchy.com/>)

Wanted to address the issues of non-union workers, and assures us that moving forward only “qualified” workers will be used. The chosen mechanical equipment is 45 dBA at 23’, quieter than a conversation (60 dBA).

Public comment:

- Charles Shafran, 7 West 96th: more clarification on noise levels and mechanical equipment, not only in the penthouse but in the steeple. (Answer: the mechanical system that uses the steeple as intake will be located in the basement.) Centrifugal or screw chillers?
- Susan Simon, 370 CPW: her apartment is 10’ from the north façade stained glass windows and calls it “one of the most magnificent sights I could imagine living next to”. Read a passage from “New York 1880” calling the church one of the “10 outstanding churches in NYC” and tracing its style to Nicholas Hawksmoor.
- Max Doloficer, 7 West 96th: how would you rate the style of your proposed windows? Seems very different.
- Dixie Martin, 7 West 96th: the church is the only remaining piece of historical architecture in the neighborhood.
- Cynthia Lane, 49 W 96th St: what is the point of being landmarked if the landmark can be changed so drastically? Wishes there were other uses for the building, such as a supermarket that the neighborhood is in serious need of.
- Umberto Dindo, 372 CPW: architect who sent a letter to the committee, summarized as saying that the changes desecrate the building that is a landmark on a prominent corner. Jay: as an architect, do you see any way of preserving the stained glass in place? Mr. Dindo: No, this building is totally unsuitable for residential use.
- Carol Edkins, 7 West 96th: the mechanical mockup ruins the symmetry of the roof and is highly visible. Exactly how far up in total does the mechanical equipment stretch? Distressed by the sight line.
- Monnie Callan, 65 West 96th: Have lived in her building for 40 years, disappointed that no one in the community was consulted before this plan was unveiled. Does not think it is an appropriate use of the building considering its history.



- Jay: remember that the church congregation originally voted against landmark designation.
- Linda Edgerly, 370 CPW: where else did you look to verify that the stained glass is not Lafarge, besides the Boston archives? (Answer: the editor of the Lafarge catalogue *raisonne*, the original church construction documents.) Did you look in the Archive of American Art? That should have been the first place to look.
- Jordan Most, land-use attorney for Sheldon Lobel, appearing on behalf of 370 CPW. What is the proposed FAR? (Answer: 84,000 sf. Allowable: 150,000).
- Max Yeston: what other fenestration schemes for the north facade were pursued? (Answer: this may not be the final scheme, but it is the one we are presenting to the Commissioners.)
- Susan Brodie, 370 CPW: is not convinced by the argument that the stained glass windows must be removed because of their iconography. What are the apt sizes? (Answer: max is 5000 sf, including 7 duplex units). Will the façade be cleaned? (Yes.)
- Dawn Leigh, 27 West 96th: There are only a handful of Christian Science Churches in the city. The currently proposed scheme is not very imaginative and is very offensive. Also, the asbestos abatement program takes place at night and does not seem DEP-compliant.
- Anthea Lingeman, 12 West 96th St. What is in the cellar? The neighborhood could really use some community facility space. (Amenity space.)
- Jean Isaacson, 220 West 71st St: architect. Are there any other options for adaptive reuse? Jay: you tell us!

Committee discussion:

- Mark: very thorough discussion and presentation, appreciate the site visit and the exploratory research. However, very troubled by the proposed fenestration, both the opening shapes and the removal of the stained glass. The little windows under the sill of the large windows are particularly troubling – a hard solution to accept, since you’d have these muscular shapes floating on air. The repurposed front doors are also “ceepy.”
- Peter: also applaud the thoroughness of the presentation, but the windows look like they were shot out with a machine gun. Also, they don’t take advantage of any of the views, and are most numerous on the darkest, least private side.
- Ping: Also applaud presentation and team. Pointed out that there is a 3-fixture bathroom in the cellar, which is illegal. If the design were different, it would be amazing, but many planning decisions are unfortunate. I.e, if there were an inner court, it would be invisible from the street and there wouldn’t need to be so many new window openings, since light and air would come from the court. Since the building is sprinklered, the slab edge detail at the glass only needs to be 1-hour rated and doesn’t need to be so thick (the thick spandrel creates a dark band when the building is lit at night). The large windows could service triple-height apartments without creating non-compliances re: light and air, since the requirements are based on floor area, not volume. The argument about the stained glass not providing sufficient legal light is specious, since legal natural light does not need to be provided through clear glass. The windows on the north could protrude, so they don’t read as recesses. And the window under the sills of the large windows might be better if they were a light translucent color and pushed out to the face of the stone.



- Miki: As others have said, there must be more imaginative adaptive reuse schemes possible here, and the options should not be limited by the developer's need for floor area. We need to set a standard that we deserve something better. This is a magnificent building on a prominent site and the architects can do better.
- Jay: It is a fact of life that the historical trend is for churches to need to sell their properties off. And regarding the removal of the stained glass, once the apartments are sold then the unit owner can decide to remove it anyway. There must be a better way to use the existing windows rather than punching so many new windows. Whether the east window is Lafarge or not, it is historic and beautiful and deserves respect accordingly. This project is a dilemma, because I don't mean to reject the concept, but I have serious reservations about the execution.
- Gabby: the north façade goes from being an incredible solid wall to something highly compromised. The uniqueness of the site demands a non-traditional approach to apartment layout, because the current proposal undermines the integrity of the architecture in the service of traditional strategies for light, air, leasable area. Even on the 96th St façade, the enlargement of the openings totally changes the character of the architecture.

Resolution to disapprove design but not concept: 7-0-0-0, 2-0-0-0.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT APPROXIMATELY 11:20 PM

Present: Jay Adolf, Gabrielle Palitz, Mark Diller, Miki Fiegel, Meisha Hunter Burkett, Lee Ping Kwan and Peter Samton. **Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Board Member:** Paul Fischer, Audrey Isaacs and Genora Johnson.



**Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Andrew Albert and Dan Zweig, Co-Chairpersons
November 11, 2014**

1. Discussion of walking tour/Neighborhood in the Nineties' recommendations.

Andrew Albert presented the recommendations from the Riverside Walking Tour taken by CB7 Transportation Comm.:

1. 93rd Street - northbound service road - should be a stop sign – limited visibility.
2. SE corner 93rd Street - Montessori school - should be "Slow - School Zone" signage.
3. 94th St & service road - should be a stop sign. Also need painted crosswalks.
4. Place a "raised table" (pavers) at the 95th Street exit of the Henry Hudson Parkway, as well as signage indicating pedestrians/crosswalk is just around the curve.
5. 97th Street/Riverside Drive - install LPI & pedestrian countdown timers and replace missing 'Walk/Don't Walk' signal for pedestrians crossing 97th Street.
6. Place a large pedestrian island on the south side of 97th Street on Riverside Drive in the center of the road, delineating lanes and extend the island on the north side of 97th Street into the long crosswalk to provide additional pedestrian refuge.
7. 95th Street/Riverside Drive - Install pedestrian countdown timers.
8. 95th Street/Riverside Drive - Place more visible zebra striping on crosswalk where pedestrians cross 95th Street at the east side of Riverside Drive.
9. Install dedicated turn signal for left turns from southbound Riverside Drive on to eastbound 95th Street.
 - a. Note that recommendation 4 should result in a separate resolution request. Because it requests a change in the exit from Henry Hudson Pkwy and will likely take a sliver off the park at the east edge of the highway, it will therefore will involve state and city departmental approvals.
 - b. Comments from community:
 - i. Don Arrup, spoke with Linda Rosenthal about this corner a couple of years ago. She was able to very helpful in fixing broken lights (at that time) and placing a police car at the corner for a period of time.
 - ii. Aaron Biller – there are some signs there but there are not enough. Can we put up a sign that shows what speed the cars are moving at on the exit? A dedicated turn lane and dedicated turn signal would help a lot. East side of 95th street doesn't have zebra stripes in crossing area
 - iii. Gretchen Grant 250 Riverside, agrees with Aaron. The DOT has not followed up from her 311 calls from Thursday of last week.
 - iv. Riverside Drive still has 30MPH signs. Andrew assumes that DOT will be changing that immediately with the new law. He will check with DOT tomorrow.
 - v. John Peluso questioned if speed bumps would be a problem with snow plows. The committee assured him no problem.

Roberta Semer resolved we endorse all the recommendations 1,2,3,5,6,7,8 and 9 with the additions of the committee.

Second resolution for recommendation #4 was bundled for the vote.

Resolutions PASSED. VOTE: 11-0-0-0

2. M104 bus resolution

- a. June 2010 many bus lines were cut dramatically including our highly used and very useful M104. Ridership is dropping because the service on the M104 has been decimated, those with mobility



issues are particularly affected. We would like the service restored to its old frequency and length.

- b. Tara Klein from State Senator Brad Hoyleman's office encourages the committee to ask to restore the E42nd St portion and restore the frequency.
- c. Arron Biller complained at the frequency of busses coming through with the "Next bus please" sign up.
- d. Discussion on benefit and negatives of overlapping and L-shaped routes.
- e. Bruce Zimmern - Can we get the DOT to do a count on bus use? Difficult – we know how many get on from fares, but not where they get off.
- f. Access-A-Ride is the most expensive program on the MTA, can we get money from that program? Access-A-Ride has one budget for the whole city. So that is unlikely.

Resolution to restore M104 bus service to its pre-June frequency and path, PASSED.

VOTE: 11-0-0-0; Non-Committee members: 1-0-0-0

3. New Business

- a. James Kaufman, 316 W 79th Street.
 - i. Mr. Kaufman is concerned about the traffic congestion on W79th between Riverside and West End and the bus stop just east of Riverside Drive on the south side of 79th Street. They have suffered through additional traffic for years due to the loss of the 72nd Street exit. Now there are 2 arrows indicating to go south. The cars are ignoring the arrows and going straight. He'd like police there to enforce. Dave Zelman invited him to the precinct meetings because they discuss it there and there is no one representing 79th St.
 - ii. Is there any possibility for 72nd Street entrance to be reinstated? The committee told him no because that area has been completely built up.
 - iii. The honking is terrible because of the backup. The police say they can't give a ticket for honking unless they see the person honking in action. It's worst from 3 – 6pm. Andrew will request police enforcement. He suggests the having a second light at RSD and 78th Street turn green when the exiting light on the HHP northbound is green to allow people to move more smoothly and eliminate the backup. Discussion about honking ensued.
 - iv. Dave Zelman 1. Discoursed on history of enforcement on honking. 2. Claims a dangerous situation: W79th exit is backing up onto HHP due to busses laying over at corner by Riverside Drive combined with the road work on WEA.

Decision to send a letter to DOT requesting a split phase signal and a dedicated arrow for north turns from 79th Street onto Riverside Drive. Light at 78th Street needs to time the green sequence for continuous flow through light at 79th Street.

Resolution: The NYPD should increase enforcement of the laws prohibiting unnecessary honking and take further steps to discourage such behavior.

The resolution PASSED. VOTE: 9-0-0-0. Non-Committee Board Members: 2-0-0-0

- b. Bob Prudhomme – NW Central Park Multi Block Association –
 - i. Mr. Prudhomme discussed the 103rd Street B/C subway station. The station accesses 3 entrances to Central Park. The subway has only one exit which is a dangerous situation. There are 19 similar stations and he's been assured that there is a study, but has no way of knowing when it will be completed or acted upon.
 - ii. Other issues include: peeling paint, orange warning stripe lines eroded, so many diversion posters they take up all the wall space. There are no "on the go" screens and there are no "next train" signs.
 - iii. Co-Chair notes that none of the B division has "next train" signs and should be available on your smart device by 2015 and in the stations in 2019.



- c. Alex – increased enforcement of speeding? Co-Chair noted police are phasing in the enforcement of new speed limits. Problem is the signs haven't all been changed yet.

The committee can write a letter to all the 3 precincts requesting special attention. Committee member asked if it was asked if we could get information on how many speeding tickets are being given out. Would it also be possible to get average speed of traffic pre/after Nov 7th speeds? Discussion ensued.

Andrew stated that we should ask Sgt Montgomery to come next month to report on changing traffic speeds with new speed limits. The suggestion was to wait until January so that new patterns are clear.

There was an announcement that Agenda item 3, continuing discussion – Nelson/Nygaard recommendations, would not be discussed tonight. It will be delayed until next month because we are scheduled to also discuss Stryker Park then. The community members who want to speak on Stryker Park will likely be interested in the broader discussion too.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Present: Andrew Albert, Dan Zweig, Linda Alexander, Isaac Booker, Ken Coughlin, Lee Ping Kwan, Anne Raphael, Richard Robbins, Suzanne Robotti, Roberta Semer and Howard Yaruss. **CB7 Chair:** Elizabeth Caputo. **Absent:** Lillian Moore.



Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
Elizabeth Caputo, Chair
November 18, 2014

1. Scheduling Updates 2015 (See Below)

The date changes were discussed. Changes to agenda dates:

September: Full Board 9/1 to 9/8, Transportation 9/8 to 9/24, Housing 9/14 to 9/21

November: Full Board 11/3 to 11/4 BCI 11/11 to 11/5

Chair encouraged Comm Chairs to search out locations in other parts of CB7.

Su urged Chairs and Penny to let her know for tweeting.

2. Inclusive Playground Task Force Update

Bloomington playground will be the first playground to undergo a review for accessibility and inclusiveness under a plan that might be city-wide. Outstanding effort by Interdisciplinary/inter-committee working group.

Starting January, Playground Working Group will be meeting from 6-7pm before HHS meetings. HHS meetings will move to 7pm.

3. Borough President Leadership Series – discussion and follow-up

Several Steering Comm members went to the data meeting, very useful. Chair encouraged all to attend future ones.

4. Bylaws Proposal and Next Steps

Likely not going to change the by-laws as they stand. There needs to be a conversation with members on when disclosure is needed and when it is not.

5. Social Media and Streaming Update

Twitter Chat with Chair was very successful with about 20 people participating including news outlets asking questions.

Discussion on Twitter during committee meetings: Should Comm Chairs announce there will be tweeting? Yes. Concern was expressed that tweeting will distract members and tweets will be “half-baked.”

It was made clear that tweets from committees should stay focused on the outcome of a vote and not the comments during the process.

The Comm Chairs have the discretion to not have official tweeting during the meeting.

Live Streaming Discussion

Moving the camera becomes an editorial component that some comm members expressed concern at.

Dan requested that any movement planned for the camera be discussed and cleared with the Chair before the meeting. Dan feels that the camera during full board should be fixed on the board members and not changed to include members of the public. Discussion ensued.

Consensus to have a fixed camera at the next full board meeting. Suggestion that the camera be moved to show public session speakers during public session and on the board the rest of the time seemed generally acceptable. No vote was taken.

Request to have Elizabeth announce that the meeting will be live streamed.



6. Proposed December 2 Full Board Agenda was reviewed.

7. Committee and Working Group Reports

Roberta – Working Group UWS Vision – 2 tasks 1. 96th – 110th Street, review what the concerns were that came out of a survey done by students several years ago. 2. Housing working on getting data on affordable housing. We want to look at the number of people who work in the public sector and see what % of these types of workers live in MCD7. Compare that number to how much affordable housing is available in CB7. Consider the implication if we don't have enough affordable housing to house our public sector workers in our neighborhood.

Page - has been working with the 2 interns on housing issues. One is finding information portals on city information such as how many permits are processed each month. Page is looking into particular programs and finding very few of the affordable programs have renewals and will expire. We need to find the housing programs that will expire in the next 5 years and work on those. We might have incorrectly categorized huge properties. If they are good programs we want to encourage them and those that are not, call them to task.

We will have our first samples in January. We are trying to put this information in a chart and geo-map it so that it can be easily updated.

8. New Business

Ken reported on the CB8 Comm meeting he attended on closing Central Park to car traffic.

Mark reported on the land use meeting on One Vanderbilt. It will have 3 levels below grade that will support the increased transit needs.

Elizabeth reported on the 2 dog fatalities in Central Park. We would like to host a small meeting with CPC on their dog run questions, off-leash policies, etc.

Present: Elizabeth Caputo, Jay Adolf, Page Cowley, Brian Jenks, Klari Neuwelt, Michele Parker, Suzanne Robotti and Dan Zweig. **Board Members:** Ken Coughlin, Mark Diller, Richard Robbins and Roberta Semer. **Absent:** Andrew Albert, Richard Asche, DeNora Getachew, Audrey Isaacs, Brian Jenks, Blanche Lawton, Gabrielle Palitz, Nick Prigo, Madge Rosenberg, Eric Shuffler, Barbara Van Buren, Mel Wymore and George Zeppenfeldt-Cestero.



**Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
Richard Asche and Page Cowley, Co-Chairpersons
November 19, 2014**

1. 150 Amsterdam Avenue. d/b/a Flywheel Sports (West 66th-67th Streets). Application #216-14-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals for a special permit pursuant to ZR 73-36 of the Zoning Resolution the legalization and continued operation of the Physical Culture Establishment on portions for the first and cellar floor of the Premises.

The Law Office of Jay Goldstein, represented by Stuart Klein, gave the presentation and presented the existing and proposed plans and equipment layout for Flywheel Sports which were prepared by Nathan Bright Architect, and dated August 2, 2014.

There was a general discussion and no objections were raised. Although there was no quorum present, the four committee members present were in favor by a show of hands. A second Land Use Committee Meeting is planned prior to the full Board meeting on December 2, to discuss the proposal, vote and draft a resolution.

2. 2465 / 2473 Broadway d/b/a Equinox Fitness (West 91st - 92nd Street). Application #182+183-95-BZ to the Board of Standards & Appeals by Equinox Fitness the operation of the Physical Culture Establishment in two existing adjacent commercial buildings.

Adam Rothkrug of Rothkrug and Rothkrug, gave the presentation and presented the existing and proposed plans and equipment layout for Equinox Fitness Club which were prepared by Architectre and Design, P.C., and dated September 3, 2014.

There was a general discussion to determine the exact location of this new facility that will be located on three floors and a cellar. There were no objections were raised. Although there was no quorum present, the four committee members present were in favor by a show of hands. A second Land Use Committee Meeting is planned prior to the full Board meeting on December 2, to discuss the proposal, vote and draft a resolution.

3. Other Business:

- A. There was a continued discussion regarding the forth coming housing forum that is being planned jointly with the Housing Committee. Names of potential speakers and revised topics will be circulated at the respective committee meetings in December.
- B. Two residents from Leader House were present at the end of our meeting, inquiring about the outcome of the site visit made in August. They also requested copies of plans that are on file at the CB7 Offices. Page Cowley has forwarded their contact information to Penny Ryan, District Manager.

Respectfully submitted by Page Cowley

Present: Page Cowley, Sheldon J. Fine, Jeannette Rausch, David Sasscer and Howard Yaruss. **Absent:** Richard Asche, DeNora Getachew, Brian Jenks, Peter Samton, Roberta Semer and Ethel Sheffer.



**Health & Human Services Committee Meeting Minutes
Madge Rosenberg and Barbara Van Buren, Co-Chairpersons
November 25, 2014**

Laura from Lantern Community Services about Rustin House

- The morning of Sat., Nov. 15th, 2014, we believe one tenant was stabbed by another tenant. One tenant is in hospital and another is in police custody. We have been cooperating and communicating with the police. The room is sealed off. We are supporting tenants and making sure social services staff were available. We are confirming we have adequate security. We reviewed procedures and will write a report that will not be available to CB7 “because it will be an internal document and we must protect tenant privacy.”

Follow up questions and discussion:

- Robert: This problem is happening in a supportive environment where the staff is available. Do you have people observing, assessing who should be expelled? What is the staffing pattern? The pattern of services? It sounds like you’re not adequately staffed. It also sounds like the majority of tenants are not properly vetted. We’re not against community residential programs; a lot of us do that work. The secretiveness . . . we know the program is there but we do not know the content. The protocol for admissions is in question. This man is cohabiting with good families. The issues are: who is there, who put them there, should they be there? That’s the general outline of the complaints. Is this Lantern group doing enough to provide services and protect the people? ,
- Sheldon: When we don’t have information, answers or details, whatever is on the street becomes the authority. It would be helpful and supportive of Lantern for us to have information, and if additional services are needed, we could advocate for that, too. We can work together. This is a terrible situation but maybe we can bring something positive. . . . when people don’t know, they assume you are bringing in terrible people. The information and the sharing of it is important.
- Rita: The more information that’s available, the more we can help. We want to be as transparent as possible. We are here to support you and the community. You mentioned a review. Information is good. If you could work in close ties with us.
- Catherine: what information do you provide to the public and what is your calculus in determining what to communicate and how to communicate it?
- Laura: That is a broad question. We are funded by government; we are not turning people away.
- Rita: What information from the review can you share with us?
- Laura: We don’t typically share. It is mostly about a review of process.
- Elizabeth: I asked them to be here to inform the community.
- Barbara: People want to know all the people are served.
- Shelly: I had nine meetings with Lantern; we discussed mail, services, do they have to respond to services. There was a list of 110 items that were discussed repeatedly. Having clarity would be helpful for your mission, and if you need support around getting additional services, we can communicate with agencies.
- Laura: We don’t reject anyone. We have full range of case management-like services.

Santa Soriano from the Community Services Society:

- CSS is a hybrid; we do research and we advocate for changes in policy around anti-poverty. We also provide direct services city wide and sometimes Yonkers and Long Island residents. We also provide technical assistance and trainings to CBOs. In terms of direct services: We partner with other



nonprofits and have core volunteers that go into CBOs and provide training. We also do financial counseling: student loans, credit checks. Usually we serve people who are low income. We are also a part of a housing task force. We get referrals from other nonprofits. We also do one on one counseling for people who have been arrested, because that's very tied to employment. We also do health care insurance enrollment. We also do trainings around government services (SSI, social security, disability). We have a variety of publications around government benefits – these are mostly trainings for people who do case managers.

- Barbara: for people in process of being evicted or threatened with eviction, what resource can you recommend?
- Santa: The NYC Housing Task Force
- Santa: We do research around disconnected youth, not just foster care. Youth who are aged 16-24 who are not in school and not working. We advocate for change in policy. The Youth in Care Coalition: individual organizations who come together to talk about particular issue.
- There is a report on foster children on our website. There are 4,000 who are moving out or about to move out.
- Barbara: are there programs to support young people who have aged out
- Santa: I can put you in touch with Children's Aid's Society. With foster care agencies, the information available is limited. Information is usually very broad. The Coalition recently chose to focus on college; they are asking state to put money aside to support foster youth going to college; CSS is advocating for help with aging out foster care.
- Audrey: It seems they need group homes so they have stability.
- Barbara: Does anyone review what the foster care agencies actually achieve for the kids?
- Children's Services (ACS)
- Robert: This policy statement doesn't address fundamental issues with this population; they have serious mental health issues that are not addressed by anybody.
- Catherine: all children are entitled to have opportunity to go to college and build a future; they are entitled to whatever support services are necessary; not one or another.
- Sheldon: Do the foster care agencies know what's available? My suggestion is education but a comprehensive program exists that is administered though YDI called Adolescent Literacy Program funded by DYCD.
- Santa: Foster care agencies are supposed to provide a lot of support services. CAS provides a range of services for many children and youth.
- Madge: What committee at City Council oversees children's services?
- Santa: The General Welfare Committee
- Santa: I know of a lot of agencies; I could refer you to those.
- Committee: We haven't talked about foster care youth and incarceration.

Karen Jarrett; NYS Nurses Association

- We represent nurses at big hospitals. We negotiate contracts and we want to work for access to good quality health care. We are working with a coalition and we're looking at a referendum. When hospitals close, services are not replaced. People who live there have to go farther. We can control land usage, so we propose to take hospital closing incentives out and give land back to communities. Our proposal will not stop hospitals from closing but will lesson land grab incentives by establishing local, independent health council and borough health committees. We are suggesting that the borough health council approve or reject how land is used for anything other than hospitals based on community health needs. We want to bring back control to the people.
- Robert: I think this is doable.
- Karen: I'm glad to hear that. We welcome your feedback. Manhattan Community Board 3 put forth a resolution to support this.



- Sheldon: The reason this could happen now is because Bloomberg was against community control; he was against community boards. We now have people in high government (Mayor de Blasio) who could support this. Maybe can be built into the land use resolution process; then not a separate structure. Bring it back within ULURP process, build into zoning resolution; it might sell better.
- Karen: we modeled after Independent Budget Office
- Audrey: There are terrible economic issues related to hospitals; a major civil right issue of our time. This is just one piece of it.
- Karen: It's not just about stopping closing hospitals but about doing needs assessment of what the needs of the community are.
- Barbara: Be careful of who makes up committee members.
- Karen: This is a social justice issue.
- Sheldon: It's a life or death issue.
- Audrey: I would like to see us do a forum on this as a civil rights issue and life/death issue to think through solutions because the state is not doing its job. The state has to come up with the money to fund these organizations.

Vote for whether we have Dec meeting : Vote is unanimous (8-0); we won't meet.

Continued Discussion of Rustin House Stabbing

Sheldon: We should follow up that they are not transparent; the fact that they only have to report to government agencies. To advocate we need information.

Barbara: It's not adequate.

Shelly: They should provide information on how many people have severe drug abuse, etc.; they should provide demographic data w/o giving specifics.

Audrey: I can imagine some of her concerns

Catherine: they might not have good data; it would be helpful to ask what information they collect.

Sheldon: We can ask about staffing, hours, facilities, recreational services,

Rita: What is their plan for dealing with emergency situations and their plan of remediation?

Present: Madge Rosenberg, Barbara Van Buren, Catherine DeLazzero, Robert Espier, Sheldon J. Fine, Rita Genn, Audrey Isaacs and Genora Johnson. **Absent:** Miki Fiegel and Jaye B. Smalley.