

COMMUNITY BOARD 7/MANHATTAN NOVEMBER 2002 RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: NYC Budget and Capital Planning

Re: CB7 Priorities for the FY 04 NYC Expense Budget

Full Board Vote: 25 In favor 4 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan adopts the following priorities for the NYC Expense Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: NYC Budget and Capital Planning

Re: CB7 Priorities for the FY04 NYC Capital Budget

Full Board Vote: 26 In favor 3 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan adopts the following priorities for the NYC Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2004.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use

Re: 2290 Broadway (West 82nd - 83rd Streets.)

Full Board Vote: 20 In favor 9 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has a long-standing interest in protecting the Broadway sidewalk for pedestrian use; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan is also interested in protecting the vista and building line along Broadway; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan is concerned that approving a new, enclosed sidewalk cafe on Broadway at this time would be perceived as an invitation to more applicants to come forward with proposals to build structures that would impede pedestrian flow and interfere with the vista;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves the new application DCA# 1119642 to the Department of Consumer Affairs by Westside Deli Inc., d/b/a Artie's Delicatessen at 2290 Broadway (West 82nd – 83rd Streets) for a one-year consent to operate an enclosed sidewalk cafe with 28 tables and 56 seats.

Committee: 3-2-0-0. Board Members: 4-1-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Land Use and Sidewalk Task Force

Re: Department of City Planning proposed text amendment #NO30119ZRY to the Zoning Resolution relating to unenclosed sidewalk cafes.

Full Board Vote: See revised text in reso file

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of City Planning has submitted for approval a proposed amendment to the text of the New York City Zoning Resolution in the application #NO30119ZRY; and

WHEREAS, the proposed text amendment deletes from the New York City Zoning Resolution many rules and restrictions related to applying for, siting, and operating unenclosed sidewalk cafes; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan maintains a strong interest in the siting and operation of unenclosed sidewalk cafes; and

WHEREAS, any draft rules and regulations (e.g. proposed for inclusion in the Administrative Code of New York City and departmental regulations of the Department of Consumer Affairs) intended to replace those deleted from the New York City Zoning Resolution by the proposed text amendment have not been made available for review by Community Board 7/Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan is concerned that important siting and/or operational criteria for unenclosed sidewalk cafes could be lost in the textual transition;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan endorses the concept of the proposed amendment to the text of the New York City Zoning Resolution in the application #NO30119ZRY by the Department of City

Planning to streamline the regulations concerning unenclosed sidewalk cafes; however, Community Board 7/Manhattan cannot approve the proposed amendment without first reviewing associated changes to the Administrative Code of New York City and departmental regulations of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Joint Committee / Task Force: 10-0-0-0. Board Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Sidewalk Task Force

Re: Administration's proposed Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise, which includes bus shelters, newsstands, and automatic pay toilets.

Full Board Vote: 25 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has been increasingly concerned about the amount of physical and visual clutter on our sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, the presentation of the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise proposal this time around has de-emphasized the need to reduce clutter and consolidate sidewalk structures; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has a record of encouraging appropriate siting of automatic public toilets (APTs) in our district; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has a record of opposing advertising in public parks; and

WHEREAS, Community Board 7/Manhattan has long been concerned about the low license fees paid by sidewalk newsstand operators in return for use of valuable sidewalk real estate, frequently involving display and sale of items other than publications protected by the First Amendment;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise should encourage, or even require, bidders to include provision of "news rack" space, as well as future public telephone installations, in their designs for bus shelters and/or newsstands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan finds that the RFP for the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise should encourage the provision of trash baskets of uniform design that also meet functional needs better than the current wire baskets; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan requests APT siting criteria to be broad enough to meet the need for public toilets among New Yorkers and tourists both in and out of parks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan recommends that the City revisit the license fees for newsstands, the financial responsibilities of whose operators (i.e. for construction, installation, and maintenance of newsstand structures) would be diminished by the Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan is concerned about and requires further information about: the role of advertising on APTs in public parks; the plans for special designs for franchise structures in landmark districts; and designing newsstands to display only appropriate newsstand merchandise; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan strongly urges the administration to consult Community Boards about siting of franchise structures in their respective districts.

Sidewalk Task Force: 8-0-0-0. Board Members: 4-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Lincoln Square B.I.D.

Full Board Vote: WITHDRAWN

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the request by the Lincoln Square Business Improvement District to the Mayor's Office to close West 63rd Street, between Columbus and Broadway, adjacent to Dante Park, on Monday, December 2, 2002, for the 3rd Annual Winter's Eve at Lincoln Center.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Department of Transportation's proposed sites for bike rack installations in CD7.

Full Board Vote: 24 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) provides lists of possible bike rack locations without specific site plans, without the name of the person or organization requesting the racks, without proof of notification of the affected landlord or the store owner; and

WHEREAS, DOT uses orange spray paint to delineate the location of the proposed racks, which lasts for a long time, and which is NOT removed by DOT if the proposed location is disapproved;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan calls for a moratorium on the placement of any new bike racks in the Community Board 7 district until these concerns are addressed and corrected.

Committee: 7-0-0-0. Public Members: 0-1-1-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Transportation

Re: Possible increase in bus and subway fares.

Full Board Vote: 24 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, a fare hike is a tax hike for the majority of New Yorkers, hitting those who can least afford it; and

WHEREAS, New York's transit system is the City's arteries, connecting all parts of the City to each other, maintaining commerce and social activity, and helping to keep the streets free of traffic and pollution; and

WHEREAS, many companies choose to locate here due to the easy availability of transit for their employees, their social contacts, and the easily accessible work force; and

WHEREAS, the transit system is a key component in the rebuilding of Lower Manhattan; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bloomberg has stated his intention of completely withdrawing the City's traditional subsidy to the MTA, a key factor in keeping the fare at affordable levels; and

WHEREAS, the transit system is an essential service to New Yorkers, along with Police, Fire, and Sanitation services;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan urges Mayor Bloomberg and Governor Pataki to do everything within their power to help keep the transit fare at its present \$1.50, while maintaining service at present levels.

Committee: 7-0-1-0. Public Members: 2-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 336 Central Park West (West 93rd-94th Streets).

Full Board Vote: 23 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the architect has developed a creative solution to replace windows and AC grills;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #005635 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for a master plan governing the future installation of through-the-wall air conditioning units.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 370 Columbus Avenue, d/b/a Potion Lounge (West 77th-78th Streets).

Full Board Vote: 22 In favor 0 Against 1 Abstention 0 Present

WHEREAS, the sign is the same as others in the area; and

WHEREAS, the owner has agreed to install finials;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves application #011516 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission for the installation of a bracket sign.

Committee: 4-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

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Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Landmarks

Re: 49 West 72nd Street (Central Park West and Columbus Avenues).

Full Board Vote: 21 In favor 1 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the proposed addition will increase visibility from the public thoroughfare;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan disapproves application #031857 to the Landmarks Preservation Commission to enlarge and to add a second story to an existing penthouse.

Committee: 3-0-0-0. Public Member: 1-0-0-0.

RESOLUTION

Date: November 6, 2002

Committee of Origin: Parks, Cultural Affairs and Libraries

Re: Pedestrian area from West 79th to 87th Streets along Riverside Drive.

Full Board Vote: 23 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/Manhattan approves the Department of Parks and Recreation's plan for the restoration of the pedestrian area along Riverside Drive between West 79th and 87th Streets, adjacent to Riverside Park.

Committee: 8-0-0-1.