

Community Board 7 Resolution
250 West 77th Street (Belleclaire Hotel)
May 8, 2007

Full Board Vote: 32 In favor 0 Against 0 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the original hotel entrance of this building was on Broadway, but the entrance was moved to West 77th Street many years ago, and the former Broadway entrance is obscured by commercial space; and

WHEREAS, the 77th Street facade, at the site of the proposed new entrance, once had an elegant conservatory with stained glass windows and a handsome iron balustrade; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new entrance pays homage to those original elements, including a reasonable replication of the original balustrade, and is a very substantial visual improvement over the present entrance at this location and a substantial step toward restoration of the building's original elegant appearance; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Preservation Committee of Community Board 7/Manhattan believes that the proposed new entrance is appropriate to the historic Individual Landmark;

Be it Resolved THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves the proposal for a new entrance at the 77th Street facade of the Belleclaire Hotel at 250 West 77th Street, but encourages the applicant to use stained glass in the restored transoms above the entrance.

Committee: 8-0-0-0.

Community Board 7 Resolution
Snow Leopard Exhibit, Central Park Zoo
May 8, 2007

Full Board Vote: 37 In favor 1 Against 2 Abstentions 0 Present

WHEREAS, the Wildlife Conservation Society proposes to create a snow leopard exhibit in the Central Park Zoo that would involve constructing two viewing pavilions and a holding pen building; and

WHEREAS, the normal historic Olmstedian aesthetic applicable to Central Park is necessarily relaxed with regard to structures within the Zoo area; and

WHEREAS, the three proposed structures will be largely screened by plantings, and are of design and materials appropriate to their use as zoo buildings and consistent with the design vocabulary of other structures within the Central Park Zoo;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Community Board 7/ Manhattan approves the final design for the snow leopard exhibit, including the three proposed structures, in the Central Park Zoo.

Committee: 6-0-0-0. Board Member: 1-0-0-0.

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