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June 18, 2007
The Honorable J. Sheldon Fine
Chair
Community Board 7
250 West 87th Street
New York, NY 10024

Re: BSA 74-07-BZ
Congregation Shearith Israel

Dear Chair Fine:

I have observed that as of noon today, the 6-10 West 70th Street matter is still on the web site agenda for the Land Use Committee for June 20, 2007. The matter was only placed on the agenda on June 10, which itself was questionable.

The letter of June 15, 2007 from the BSA in substance states that the Congregation's BSA application is not complete, and, in fact is so incomplete, that unless the Congregation revises its application, BSA will dismiss the application.

The BSA cover letter states:

The Board desires to process applications on a timely basis and requests that applicants notify the Board if they are unable to make a **complete** submission within sixty (60) days.

Accordingly, a meeting of the Land Use Committee is premature, because the BSA has stated that the application is not complete. The Land Use Committee has no jurisdiction to consider this matter, and, it is as well completely inappropriate for meetings like this to be held when so much is wrong and missing in the application.

It is not even appropriate to have a status meeting – basically, BSA bounced the application and has told the Congregation that if it is not fixed within 60 days, the application will be bounced. Please do not waste the time of the community by entertaining the matter at this time. But, if the Committee does proceed on Wednesday night, we will have a court stenographer there to take a record.

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Under these circumstances, we respectfully request that the CB7 web site be updated immediately so that the many members of the community who had planned to attend, will be able to reschedule their time for that evening.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Alan D. Sugarman".

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