

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
General Meeting
January 28, 2014

ATTENDING:

Fernandez [Chair], Bing [1st Vice-Chair], Ferreira [2nd Vice-Chair], North [Treasurer], CSmith [Secretary], Allman, Ally, Arthur, Barberis, Benjamin, Berlin, Bueno, DeLosSantos, ADiaz, MDiaz, Glenn, Kach, Kackman, Kalinsky, Lehmann, Lewis, Lorris-Ritter, Luna, Mazur, McGougan, Mejia, Miller, Morales, Nau, O'Sullivan, Prentiss, Ramadan, Raysor, Rivera, Sanchez, Saneaux, Santos, Simon, ASmith, Tejada, Vanterpool

EXCUSED:

Cespedes

ABSENT:

Florimon, Jimenez-Castro, Noboa, Oglive, Young

STAFF:

Smith [District Manager]

ELECTED OFFICIALS and REPRESENTATIVES:

Borough President Brewer, Borough President Brewer's Representative, Senator Espaillat's Representative, Assemblyman Farrell's Representative, Assemblywoman Rosa'a Representative, Councilmember Levine

The meeting was called to order at Isabella Geriatric Center by Chairperson Fernandez at 7:20 pm, including a moment of silence remembrance for several who had recently died.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Lewis, seconded and passed without opposition.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The previous minutes are still coming from the previous Secretary and will be considered at a later meeting.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair outlined City and community events that occurred in January in which he participated or at which his office was represented.

Issues coming up within the District were also highlighted.

The Chair reviewed accomplishments made by the Community Board in 2013 and goals for 2014 as his annual report to the Community Board.

The Chair congratulated elected officials who have been recently elected or taken on new positions within their bodies.

A copy of his Powerpoint presentation follows these minutes as an appendix.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The District Manager presented his monthly report highlighting continued transitional issues for the District Office and major work/events in the District.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CM Ydanis Rodriguez presented about upcoming plans for the City Council and representation of the new Council District and ways for cooperation with CM Mark Levine.

The 2014-15 Executive Budget of New York State, "Building on Success", was presented by a team including Commissioner Peter Rivera (New York State Commissioner of Labor) and Erik Bottcher (Special Assistant to the Governor for Community Affairs). The content of this presentation is publicly available on the Internet. Questions were raised about details presented. State representatives spoke of current commitments, the process and the periods of time over which these are planned.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brewer presented about the planned road ahead for the borough including the use of technology to better facilitate consideration of issues. Athena is looking to relocate the District Office to facilitate easier access by constituents.

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public raised issues surrounding:

- Community League Health Center (159th and Amsterdam but hoping to move soon) and their new Center Director
- Need for emphasis for ADA Compliance in NYC Parks
- The late Dr. Emit Bassett
- A member of the District being appointed The Commissioner of Health for NYC
- The state of Washington Heights Public Library and the need to be focused on getting people there when it reopens
- The expectation of the opening of the Harlem River Valley and Highbridge Aqueduct
- Lawfulness and the effect this would have on our safety and quality of life
- Upcoming function of and activities at the Shabazz Center

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Licensing

The chair of the Licensing Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee. Diaz, on behalf of the Licensing Committee, moved the following resolution:

1. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant – 4165 4167 & 4169 Broadway (bet. W. 176th & W. 177th Sts)
2. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Trustees of Columbia University dba The Faculty Club – 630 W. 168th St (bet. Broadway & Ft Washington Aves)
3. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: Merlion Specialty Foods Inc. – 813 W. 187th St (bet. Ft. Washington & Cabrini Blvd)
4. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: Marisco Caribeno Inc dba Marisco Centro – 1490 St Nicholas Ave (at the corner of W 185th St)
5. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: 565 West Side Café Corp dba TBD – 565 W 207th St (bet Sherman & Vermilyea Aves)

6. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to:
Las Palmas Restaurant Inc – 3891 Broadway (at the corner of W 163rd St)
7. Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to:
Yudyt Restaurant Inc – 1626 St Nicholas Ave (bet 191st & W 192nd Sts)

The result of the voting of Community Board members on these were:

1. 38-0-0-0, therefore Passed
2. 38-0-0-0, therefore Passed
3. 37-1-0-0, therefore Passed
4. 29-9-0-0, therefore Passed
5. 34-4-0-0, therefore Passed
6. 34-4-0-0, therefore Passed
7. 29-7-2-0, therefore Passed

The full text of these resolutions are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Traffic and Transportation

The chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

Kalinsky, on behalf of the Traffic & Transportation Committee, moved the following resolution:

1. Resolution in Support for Rerouting the M100 Bus
2. Resolution in Support of Two Temporary Crosswalks In Front of 104 Haven During Construction

The result of the voting of Community Board members on these were:

1. 37-0-0-0, therefore Passed
2. 35-0-2-0, therefore Passed

The full text of these resolutions are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Parks and Cultural Affairs

The chair of the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

Glenn, on behalf of the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee, moved the following resolution:

Resolution in Support of the Renovation of Fort Tyron Park's Staircase #50

The result of the voting of Community Board members on this was: 34-0-0-1, therefore Passed

The full text of this resolution is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Housing and Human Services

The chair of the Housing and Human Services Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

Lewis, on behalf of the Housing and Human Services Committee, moved the following resolution:

Resolution on Property Tax Incentives for a Pilot Video Surveillance Program in Public Spaces of Residential Buildings

The result of the voting of Community Board members on this was: 31-0-4-0, therefore Passed

The full text of this resolution is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Land Use

The chair of the Land Use Committee pointed to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

Health & Environment

The chair of the Land Use Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

Public Safety

The chair of the Land Use Committee pointed to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

The Chair of the Board referred members to the minutes of Youth & Education, Business Development and Concerns of the Aging Committees.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Elected members spoke earlier in the meeting.

REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Representatives of elected officials reported on the work of their appropriate offices.

- Emphasis was made about applications for community board membership.
- Councilmember Levine's Office reported a move of their district office to 1638 Amsterdam Ave, New York, NY 10031 with a new district office phone number of 347-708-2277 and email address of fmalina@council.nyc.gov.
- In addition to the elected official representatives listed above, the Board was addressed by a representative of Comptroller Stringer

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 pm.

Community Board 12 – Manhattan

**Aging Committee Meeting
530 West 166th Street – 6th floor
New York, New York 10032**

**February 11, 2014
Minutes**

Aging Committee Members Present: Gloria Vanterpool (Chair), Elizabeth Lehmann (Asst. Chair), Shahabudden Ally, Edgar Nau, Liliana Saneaux

Public Members Present: Norma de Candido

General Public in attendance: Michelle Maldonado (Riverstone Memory Center), Zamira Setaro (Con Ed), Michael Karash (Fort Tryon Center for Rehabilitation), Amir Mansour, Jim McNiff, Mary Anderson, Ramona Gomez, Joan Dunne, Bianca Ramirez

Absent: Aging Committee: Lorenzo McGougan

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**The Meeting was called to order at 11:05am.**

**1. Review of pertinent CB 12 Committee meetings.**

Several committee meetings were cancelled due to inclement weather

Liliana Saneaux – Public Safety Committee reported that the renovations at Bennett Park is complete

Gloria Vanterpool added that in a prior Aging Committee meeting there had been a decision to visit the Thurgood Marshall Center to review a report of a leakage in the center’s lobby. That meeting will be scheduled shortly with Lorenzo McGougan.

Betty Lehmann – Health & Environment Committee meeting – Feb 6

Report of Affordable Care Act enrollment efforts in this community by Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, New York Women’s Chamber of Commerce and Morris Heights Health Center

CB 12 (H & E Committee) will explore hosting a forum with other non-profit community groups on the Affordable Care Act in the coming months.

Jim McNuff reported that the Inwood Library is promoting the Affordable Care Act and is encouraging community residents to sign up. He will e-mail specific dates for information sessions.

## **2. New Business:**

### ***~ Riverstone Memory Center – Michelle Maldonado, Assistant Director, Memory Center***

Michelle Maldonado of Riverstone Memory Center reported that the first Caregiver Support “Memory Café” was held at Coogan’s Restaurant on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm to 4:30pm.

The purpose of the “Memory Café” is to provide a supportive social setting where caregivers can network with one another and share some of their daily life experiences.

Approximately 20 caregivers (and care recipients) attended and the event was deemed a success. The next “Memory Café” is planned for the second Sunday in February, Feb 16<sup>th</sup>.

### ***~ Visiting Doctor’s Program– Amir Mansour***

Mr. Mansour introduced a new “Visiting Doctors’ Program” which will be available to residents in the community. He indicated that the program will be led by Dr. Alexis Livingston Young who is affiliated with Columbia University Medical Center. This group will provide a network of volunteer physicians who would be available to visit seniors in the community. This is a private initiative and Mr. Mansour indicated that he will have printed material and more information at a future meeting.

### ***~ City Harvest – Healthy Foods in the Community – Giselle Mejia, City Harvest***

Giselle Mejia showed a film entitled “Imagine a Child” which is an education video created by City Harvest and Schervier Nursing Care Center to promote healthy eating in children. This video is also available on You-Tube.

Giselle also presented a survey sample which she has asked the Committee to review and provide comments. This survey will be available as a tool to record the degree to which food stores provide access to healthy and affordable fruits and vegetables.

The Committee agreed to review the survey and to consider a resolution in support of City Harvest’s efforts. The Committee also suggests that Giselle make a similar presentation to the Health & Environmental Committee meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Gloria indicated that she will follow up with chair, Steve Simon.

Giselle also announced that the film “A Place at the Table” will be shown on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 9:00pm at Word-Up Book Shop. There will also be a panel discussion about hunger and food access in our community.

S. Ally discussed his role as a Board member with a similar nutrition project. At our next meeting he will share information with the committee.

***~ People's Theater Project -- "Domestic Disturbance" - Mary Anderson***

Mary Anderson announced that there will be three dates in February when the People's Theater Project will present a play called "Domestic Disturbance" She provided fliers in English and Spanish.

***3. Topics that have been tabled until the next meeting include:***

RAPP Update  
Committee Goals for 2014

**The next meeting will be held on March 11, 2014. Site to be determined.**

**The meeting concluded at 11:45am.**

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Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lehmann
February 20, 2104

Business Development Committee

Minutes, February 4, 2014

Committee Members Present: Anina Young (Chair), Ellen Ackerman, Richard Allman, Ariel Ferreira, Christopher Smith

Committee Members Excused: Jason Miller

Committee Members Absent: Victor Santos, Rud Morales

CB12 Staff Members Present: None

CB12 Members Present: Obie Bing

Community Members Present: Katherine Taveras

Official Office Representative: Nina Saxon, NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer's Office

Guest Speakers: Robert Izzo (NY Women's Chamber of Commerce)

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks by Anina Young

Re-cap of January meeting.

Topics included:

- o Possible small business expo
- o New administration

This week's meeting (guests who would be invited)

Robert Izzo from the NY Women's Chamber of Commerce said he will also be attending the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting of Community Board 12. He will be speaking about the Affordable Care Act.

Under the Affordable Care Act, individuals and businesses can enroll in health care. It is the only way individuals or businesses can receive a tax credit. Per the law, individuals or businesses can only receive credit by going through the Affordable Care website (www.nystateofhealthy.ny.gov). The New York State website is not to be confused with the national website.

Insurance is selected for one year. If one doesn't like the selection, they can change their insurance in November of the following year. There are some "life events" that allow for a person to switch prior to November.

When selecting a plan, individuals will be asked questions about income, age, sex. Individuals will not be asked questions regarding their health.

There are three types of plans:

- 1) Bronze – Least expensive of the plans. It has higher deductibles (maybe \$350/mo)
- 2) Silver – Slightly more expensive, but the co-pays and deductibles go down (maybe around \$450-475/mo)
- 3) Gold – Most expensive of the plans, but co-pays and deductibles are even lower.

Navigators are individuals who trained to work through the website in a quick and efficient manner. However, the website is designed such that individuals and small businesses do not have to utilize a Navigator out of necessity. Working with a Navigator is a free service. The telephone number for

individuals to call in order to get a list of Navigators in their neighborhood is (855) 355-5777. However, wait times are still roughly 45 minutes.

Small businesses can sign up on the part of the site that is the "Shop".

The initial phase of awareness was targeted to individuals. The second (i.e., current phase) will be oriented toward small businesses.

If people feel like they signed up for a particular plan, but then found out they were getting something different (due to misinformation on the NYS website), they should file an appeal.

Gold and some Silver plans have dental plans. Bronze do not.

Gold plans tend to have vision. Silver and Bronze tend not to have vision plans.

Outreach is being done through television, radio, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media. Outreach is being done to both individuals and small businesses.

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4th, 2014.
- A representative from NOMAA (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance) is scheduled to be in attendance.
- Rebecca Karp (from the NY/NJ Port Authority) was tentatively supposed to attend tonight's meeting, but did not. Therefore, the committee will ask her back, again to provide a general update on progress and timing.
- The New York Cares Coat Drive ends this Friday (February 7, 2014)

B. Meeting Adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Meeting
February 4, 2014

Committee members present: Mitch Glenn, Chair; Karen Arthur; David Kach; Richard Lewis; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; Juan Mejia; Chris O'Sullivan. **Committee Members absent:** Ulises Noboa; Zead Ramadan. **CB12 members present:** Obie Bing, Pam North.

Community Members present: Emilie Gruchow, Morris Jumel Mansion; Sandra Harris, Columbia University; Chauncy Young, Harlem River Working Group; Paul Kittas; Jennifer Hoppa and Ellen Macnow, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; [Others]

Mitch Glenn, Chair, called meeting to order at 7:10pm

Pam North, Vice Chair of the Morris Jumel Mansion Board & Emilie Gruchow

- Discussing letter discovered recently at Morris Jumel Mansion. Letter was written in 1775 by Robert Livingston and describes a last ditch attempt to sway British people to change policies towards the colonies and thereby preserve the presence of the British Empire in the new world.
- Emily from Morris Jumel Mansion identified an auctioneer - Keino. Letter sold for over \$900k, \$730k of which will go to the Mansion (after auction commission).
- Richard Lewis raised question regarding Mansion policy regarding selling of Mansion material. A policy has been put into place as result of this auction.
- The Mansion's Board is reviewing options on the use of the funding. Document can be viewed in archives of New-York Historical Society. Buyer of the document is Brian Henderson, who promises to keep the document public.
- We look forward to a future visit from Emilie and Carol Ward to talk about the plans for the money.

Sandra Harris, Assistant VP at Columbia University, regarding Baker Field Agreement

- The Agreement was made pursuant to a negotiation between the University and the City Council that allowed (among other things) Columbia to satisfy the public space obligation triggered by CU's construction of the Campbell Sports Complex at Broadway & W. 218th St., a waterfront land parcel, by building a 1-acre park waterfront park adjacent to Inwood Hill Park.
- Because the "Agreement" currently is executed only by the University and there is no second party to it, it remains a unilateral declaration of the University's intent, but is not legally an Agreement (which requires two or more parties).
- Copy of the Agreement was provided at the meeting, and a link to the document and to the annual report that Columbia is required to provide pursuant to its provisions of the Agreement can be found here:
http://www.gocolumbiaions.com/ViewArticle.dbml?SPSID=43716&SPID=3893&DB_LANG=C&DB_OEM_ID=9600&ATCLID=205689348 or by going to <http://www.gocolumbiaions.com> and searching for "Baker Athletics Complex Community Information."
- Among the community benefits of the Agreement is that Columbia allocate free tickets for selected games throughout the various athletic seasons, as well as an annual "Community Appreciation Day."
- The park, originally referred to as "the Boathouse Marsh," and officially named "the Muscota Marsh," is now open. Columbia is hoping to have a community event around the ribbon cutting in the spring, once the weather improves.
- The Earth Institute is working with local schools to develop programs (i.e. PS 52) to use the dock. Further information on the dock appears in the Parks update section below.
- Questions from the community regarding use of the dock or any of the Agreement's provisions should be directed to Sandra Harris (212-305-6359 or sh533@columbia.edu) who will follow up.
- \$100k/year for three years is earmarked in the Agreement to be used for Isham and Inwood Hill Parks. Use of this funding is not prioritized by Columbia University. Priorities for use of the funds must be agreed to by Parks, our elected officials, and community members, including a mutually agreed-upon CBO, which is presumed to be Conservancy North, but which has not yet signed on to the Agreement. A final agreement between the community, our elected officials and Columbia needs to be reached to

release this money. The CB12 Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee intends to help the parties reach an agreement so the funds can be distributed.

- Gail Addiss, community member from 100 Park Terrace West, requested a discussion at the park site regarding safety and use of the park. She expressed concern about the ability to engage Columbia University in discussions regarding access and lack of security.
- Mitch asked whether it makes sense to have a community meeting at the park in the spring to discuss security issues related to Muscota Marsh. The Committee agreed that having a meeting in the late spring (i.e., May or June) makes sense.
- Sandra Harris said that such a meeting wouldn't bypass CU's 'Dispute Resolution Team,' and that it is important to raise any/all security issues to Columbia, and not wait for a spring meeting onsite.

Chauncy Young representing the Harlem River Working Group

- Presenting on efforts to plan the opening of High Bridge and work being done on both sides of the river in the Harlem River Valley.
- High Bridge Coalition represents groups from Bronx and Manhattan.
- Majority of funding comes from PlaNYC (\$49.6M), Rep Jose Serrano (\$5M) and other federal grants (\$7.2M). (Reconstruction Newsletter distributed).
- Issue has been raised on the absence of lights in paths adjacent to the bridge.
- Many planning meetings have taken place for the opening of High Bridge. We want to have as much community participation as possible in the planning of the opening ceremony.
- Chauncy reviewed suggestions/ideas that have been provided for the opening ceremony.
- The Harlem River Working Group can be found at <http://harlemriverworkinggroup.org/>. You can find information about the High Bridge Coalition there, too.
- Marcie Love of Row New York announced that her organization will hold 'Row New York's Heroes Row the Harlem' on Sunday, June 1, 2014 from 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The NYPD will face off against the FDNY on the Harlem River. The community is welcome to cheer them on. Row New York can be reached at 718-433-3075 or rownewyork.org.
- Councilman Rodriguez's representative Carmen De La Rosa expressed interest in working with Harlem River Working Group to discuss bike lanes in High Bridge Park.
- Ellen Macnow, NYC Parks & Recreation, spoke about the design elements of the High Bridge's railing.

Paul Kittas Presentation of Harlem River Valley photographs: Numerous pictures reviewed, detailing highlights of High Bridge Park, remnants of the building of the High Bridge and hidden walls built from rocks uncovered during the original construction.

Jennifer Hoppa presented monthly Parks Department update

- Clarification during CU's presentation:
 - i. Muscota Marsh is owned in part by NYC Parks but will be managed by Columbia, which will provide security, park upkeep, etc. Park rules will apply (like event permits).
 - ii. The floating dock/boat launch will require a Parks Permit (FYI April 1st to December 1st is the season and the cost is \$15). All security concerns/issues should be brought to Columbia's attention immediately.
 - iii. The 'Dock MOU' is part of the agreement between the city and Columbia that allowed Columbia to build the Campbell Sports Complex (as discussed above). The Dock MOU states that the dock is open to the public at all times, except when being actively used by Columbia. As indicated in ii. above, a parks dock use permit is always required.
- Capital Projects Updates:
 - i. High Bridge Park:
 - a. Due to weather & contractor delays, the Highbridge is expected to be completed by Fall '14.

- b. Ice Skating Rink: The RFP has undergone some further refinement and review and will be reviewed by the incoming Parks Commissioner and then issued to the public for proposals.
 - c. John T. Brush Stairs: Electrical work is complete, now timer issues are being refined. Certain tweaks are being made to the project site to facilitate park operations/machinery access for maintenance. Additional lighting has been requested of City DOT.
 - d. High Bridge Recreation Center Expansion: Progressing, dance floor complete, HVAC work to be advanced, alarm system additions, etc. Target completion is early spring.
 - e. Skate Park: The facility is completed but not yet opens to the public. NYSDOT will complete landscaping and other finishes in the spring with target completion/opening for Spring '14.
- ii. Fort Washington Park:
- a. Playground and ball fields done. Two more sections of waterfront area to be completed once the weather clears.
 - b. Lighthouse Link: Greenway from Dyckman Street southward to roughly 185th St. is nearing completion. Some additional fence work to be done and, when the weather enables, the remaining section of pathway paved.
 - c. Wooden deck bridge on the Greenway at roughly 181st St.: This bridge will be reconstructed over an 18-month period. During that time the bridge will be closed and the Greenway will be severed. Legal agreements have been completed; Parks and DOT (which will be maintaining the bridge for Parks) are working on design revisions to enable DOT maintenance while fulfilling the design priorities raised by the Public Design Commission. Bidding out for construction is expected in Fall 2014. Committee members raised the issue that there would need to be an alternate bike path and access down to the waterfront. Parks would like to receive capital funding for paving the pathways west of the northbound HHP from 179th Street southward to the comfort station in Fort Washington Park's waterfront area. This area was included on CB 12's Parks Committee's capital priority list.
- iii. Inwood Hill Park:
- a. Muscota Marsh is complete and open to the public
 - b. DeGroat Ball field reconstruction is advancing but has had some delay due to weather.
 - c. Greenway/Dyckman ADA is advancing and is expected to be complete by the summer
 - d. Inwood Nature Center: Parks will have an update for the Parks Committee Meeting next month after resolution of some issues with FEMA.
 - e. The TBTA will be doing some work in the park, related to toll booth removal, and is working with Parks to minimize impact and to repair some infrastructure/pathways that have suffered lots of construction wear and tear. A community member raised the need for Revolutionary War Artifacts to be protected and conserved if unearthed by construction and relayed how she and Park Rangers found Fort outposts and had to cart them away during past construction projects. Parks will recommend to TBTA that they have an on-call archaeologist to ensure that any artifacts unearthed are conserved.
- iv. Isham Park:
- a. A petition has been circulated stating that the Isham Park Water Service project will destroy Bruce's Garden and impact safety of the surrounding neighborhood.
 - b. NYC Parks is committed to protecting its property and Bruce's Garden is a cherished site in the portfolio of open spaces. NYC Parks had public meetings in September 2011 (public scoping meeting) and September 2012 for the design presentation at CB 12 during the project design stages and met with the various volunteer groups in the park to make sure that the project installed water where the volunteers and park staff would need it most. CB 12 approved the project design.

- c. In 2012, Parks' Landscape Architect for the project also met on-site with the then leadership of Bruce's Garden to refine where the water lines would go in the garden, in order to protect both the large and the small trees.
- d. Subsequently there was a change in the leadership in the Garden, so in November 2013, Parks again met on site with Mr. Reynolds and Aaron Scott to walk through the project area (within Bruce's Garden) and identified further measures to minimize impact on the garden. At that meeting, it was decided that the water lines would be moved underneath the pathways, and that Parks would reconstruct those gravel paths and their cobblestone edges following construction. Parks would also transplant the five euyonomous shrubs north of the garden's entrance gate where the RPZ was to be sited. These revisions to the project in Bruce's Garden were presented at the November 2013 Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting with Bruce's Garden leadership in attendance. No objections were raised at this public meeting. Commissioner Castro also met with Mr. Reynolds to personally hear his concerns on the water service project.
- e. In response to the recent petition, Parks has analyzed the proposed Park Terrace West option for the RPZ backflow preventer. Parks engineers have determined that this option would not be feasible, given the significant elevation change between Park Terrace West and the upper lawns/Bruce's Garden section of Isham Park. It would necessitate excavating into the PTW retaining wall, which would potentially compromise its structural stability, impact the tree root zones along the park edge, and require heavy machinery to be brought into Isham Park, creating more impact on the park.
- f. The construction contractor will be required to secure a Maintenance and Protection of Traffic Permit from the City's Department of Transportation. It's unlikely that the DOT would issue a permit for any construction staging area that would jeopardize public safety. Parks construction division also noted that the construction staging dimensions described in the petition were larger than will actually be necessary for the construction contractor and the construction duration for the water tap/connection will be shorter than the petition's 3 weeks.
- g. Parks is continuing to work with DEP and DOT to ensure that there aren't any other potential project approaches that could be utilized to provide water service to the upper levels of the park.
- v. Fort Tryon Park: Parks Department has received construction bids on the pathway project below the Cottage and south of the historic Billings Arcade. We expect construction to start late Spring '14, pending a positive review of the contractor by DOI and approval of the Comptroller & OMB.

- Questions

- i. re: tilting of street trees. A: Not sure if it is related to weight of the snow. Jennifer recommended that concerns be reported to 311 so that Parks Department can follow up.
- ii. re: Plows in Inwood Park; someone drove across soccer field. Are vehicles staying on pathways? A: not all paths are plowed during snow storm. Sometimes emergency or other vehicles drive across the park lawns, necessitating repairs..

New Business: None

Announcement by Liz Ritter: Sen. Espaillat and uptown elected will be having a press conference on Sunday, 2/9 at 2pm on the Ft. Washington Ave. side of the GWB Bus Station to discuss community dissatisfaction with lack of progress and responsiveness by the Port Authority with regard to MWBE hiring and (sub-contracting); a *real* traffic study, and meaningful community space within the redeveloped station.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06pm

Community Board 12 Manhattan
Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting
February 6th, 2014 at the New Board's Offices
Office Conference Area – 530 West 166th Street – 6th Floor

Committee Members Present (6): Richard Lewis [Chair], Alyce Smith, Lorena Jimenez-Castro, **Ayisha Oglivie**, Jay Mazur and Christina Burgess [Public Member].

Committee Members Absent: (0)

Board Members (1) Steve Simon

Guests (2): Martin Smith (Senator Adriano Espaillat's Office) and Fidel Malena (Council Member Mark D. Levine's Office).

Public (2): Derrick Horton (Program Manager, ASCNY) and Vojislav Filipcevic (Trinity College).

Staff: Paola Garcia

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda. Richard Lewis as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Board Members introduced themselves as did the public and guests. A quorum was present during the entire meeting. Topics for tonight's agenda were outlined. The major change was to place resolution items first since there was no guest speaker.

The chair gave some recent housing news and updates: New Department of Homes and Community Renewal (DHCR) amendments to its rules and administration were released. This was a result of public hearings with legislative officials last June. They are essentially a rollback of anti-tenant changes initiated during the Pataki-Bruno years. For more information on the changes enacted read **the following"**

<http://www.nyshcr.org/Rent/RentCodeAmendments/> or <http://www.nyshcr.org/Publications/> or <http://www.rew-online.com/2014/01/30/new-year-ussers-in-27-new-rent-stabilization-codes/>

The Chair announced several decisive actions taken by the new DHCR enforcement group – the Tenant Protection Unit (TPU). On January 15, 2014 Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced a major settlement agreement that will help make communities more just and affordable by ending the reported harassment and intimidation of mainly Spanish-speaking immigrant tenants in nearly 1,800 apartments within 49 buildings in Harlem, Washington Heights, Brooklyn and the South Bronx.

"The steps outlined in the unprecedented agreement between New York State's Tenant Protection Unit (TPU) and Castellan Real Estate Partners/Liberty Place Property Management include monitoring of the landlord's practices for up to three years, the establishment of a fund to compensate mistreated tenants, the return of tenants that

had been wrongfully removed from their homes and requirement that all future communication between landlord and tenants be conducted in both English and Spanish.”

As a result of audits and subpoenas approximately 500 owners and 1,100 apartments have been audited – and over 2,700 buildings with 28,000 apartments have been re-registered and added back to the rent-stabilization rolls. The TPU has also returned more than \$200,000 to tenants who were unknowingly overcharged. See <http://www.governor.ny.gov>

The chair also announced major housing appointments by Mayor Bill De Blasio. He also promised a “total reset” of the previous administration’s approach to public housing as he announced his new appointees. They include **Ms. Shola Olatoye**, who will serve as the new chair of the New York City Housing Authority, **Mr. Cecil House**, who will continue to serve as NYCHA’s general manager, **Ms. Vicki Been**, who will head the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, and **Mr. Gary Rodney**, who will serve as president of the Housing Development Corporation.

Ms Been had been contacted several months ago to give a presentation on Property Taxes in March’s HHS Committee meeting in her Furman Center capacity.

“We are going to take a new approach to this crisis that holds nothing back,” Mr. de Blasio said in a statement announcing the new hires. “From doing more to protect tenants in troubled buildings, to innovating new partnerships with the private sector, to forging a new relationship with our NYCHA communities. Every decision we make will focus on maximizing the affordability of our neighborhoods.” For more information read including full appointee biographies see <http://politicker.com/2014/02/de-blasio-appoints-members-of-housing-dream-team/>

For this meeting new source materials selected by the chair were distributed. For information contact the board’s office.

Committee member Mr. Jay Mazur gave a brief presentation on different items and the variance in prices in Farmers Markets in our community district and will follow-up on this matter for the next meeting.

Discussion and Resolution on Increasing the Maximum Household Income Threshold for Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE).

Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) is a program that allows seniors at age 62 to be protected from rent increases in rent regulated, Mitchell-Lama, and HDFC apartments. NYCHA units are excluded from the program. The maximum household

income is capped at \$29,000 as a result of its sunset in the law in 2009 and the failure of the state legislature to increase this cap or renew successive \$1,000 annual increments begun in the 2005 amendments to the law. In addition, to be eligible seniors or their household must pay one-third or more of the household's total monthly income for rent For more information:

http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/property/property_tax_reduc_drie_sc_te.shtml
 and http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/html/forms_reports/property_forms_tenant_scrie.shtml#scrie
 and <http://www.nyc.gov/html/dof/downloads/pdf/brochures/scriedriebrochure.pdf>

This situation needs to be remedied as many otherwise seniors cannot meet this maximum household income level and faced eviction or displacement in their households. In addition, federal programs such as social security have increased benefits based on COLAS on three occasions since 2009. These increases along with other increases in public benefits programs have threatened SCRIE eligibility standards given its frozen income standards. Here is an example in the table below.

Table 1 Example of SCRIE Eligibility Inequities and Lack of Protection

	Senior A	Senior B
Employment	Works 1,000 part time hours/year @\$11 per hour = \$11,000.	None
Savings	None	\$1,000,000 earning 1%= \$1,000.
Social Security Income	\$1,550 per month= \$18,600	\$1,550 per month= \$18,600
Total Income	\$29,600	\$28,600
Qualifies for SCRIE	NO	YES

Note: Rent increase exemption eligibility in the rent regulated unit are the same for both as more than one-third of income is paid as rent.

Discussion then center around what amount should be placed in the resolution. The highest amount for a new maximum household income was \$40,000. The figure of \$36,000 was settled upon with increments of \$1,000 per year since the sunset of the 2009 cap such that \$35,000 would be set for municipal fiscal year and \$36,000 for July, 2015. It should be noted here that the average rent stabilized rent in Upper Manhattan is approximately \$1,200 and three times that amount would be \$36,000. There would be no retroactive eligibility. As stated in the 2005 amended law these rates are dependent on the ability of an individual state municipality to have sufficient revenue to fund a tax credit to owners for this rent increase offset.

Consideration was given on how to allow for future increase and it was agreed that this funding should be automatic and would be based on the annual cost of living

adjustment (COLA) indexed to NY State regional Consumer Price Index for Urban Consumers (CPI-U).

The final discussion on SCRIE involved complaints that are still resurfacing on the management of the NYC Department of Finance (DOF) and its lack of compassion and to seniors. There are reports of cases closed due to a failure of a timely response to notices or if for some other reason a response was not forthcoming. The outreach and sensitivity once found in the NYC Department of Aging that handle this program five years ago is lacking. The department is too technologically-centered not person-centered. In addition there is a need to increase the staff in the DOF to allow for a more coordinated effort in record management and direct personal contact and engagement. Another suggestion regarding the reporting of rent changes such as MCI's or tax abatements, such as J51 is to allow the DCHR Rent Administration to include SCRIE/DRIE reporting forms when Order and Decision notices are sent instead of referring tenants who might be seniors to the DOF. A resolution was then unanimously approved 6-0-0 and will be sent to the general meeting on February.

Discussion and Resolution on the Need of Reforms in the NYC Rent Guidelines Board.

The Committee reviewed a list of the present NYC Rent Guidelines Board appointed members and staff. No official or public biographical information was available at the time of our meeting to determine if they represented a true cross section of the city's multi-cultural and vibrant working class communities whose future ability to pay rent they vote on. Unofficial sources suggested that this board was less than inclusive.

https://www.stpcvta.org/rgb/rgb_member_info.htm

The New York City Rent Guidelines Board is composed of nine members consisting of two members appointed to represent tenant interests, two members appointed to represent owner interests, and five members (including the chairperson) appointed to represent the general public.

There are now five vacancies on the current NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB): two public members (including the chairperson), one owner's representative, and two tenant members. It was concluded that more diversity for future appointees on this board that imposes rent increases to different communities in our vast city, This diversity should extend to different occupations and different income levels as well.

Finally, there was a discussion over the accuracy of descriptive statistics that the NYC Rent Guidelines Board uses for determination of the income and operating expenses property owners use to justify a rent increase. It was pointed out by the RGB itself that they had to use a small sample (actually the entire data they had) and this consisted of

only about 14,669 NYC rent stabilized properties containing 672,887 units from the deadline of November, 2012 filings or about only 34% of the city's rent regulated apartments. See: http://nycrgb.org/downloads/research/pdf_reports/ie13.pdf

This poor response by owners to comply with annual filing with the NYC DOF the Report of Property Income and Expenses Form (RPIE) required by law needs to be enforced with penalties. Greater compliance is needed so that these I and E reports could be more accurate and allow a timeline to chart cohorts and change. It was agreed that if any owner failed to be in compliance with the NYC DOF on these matters (as per Local Laws 52 and 63) that their property would not be eligible for the benefits of a new Rent Guidelines Board Order until such compliance has been met. There would also be no retroactive rent increases applied to the property. The resolution on these matters discussed was passed unanimously 6-0-0 and will be presented at the general meeting on February.

Presentation by Martin Smith - Director of Constituent Services (Senator Adriano Espallat).

Mr. Martin Smith made several announces that were followed with some questions. He stated that he had just return from a nearby meeting held on the Governor's Executive Budget by Darryl C. Towns, DHCR Commissioner.

He stated that some \$18.7 million dollars had been added r to that agency's budget. He mentioned the cases and settlements involving several property owners and the Tenant Protection Unit that the Chair had announced earlier in the meeting. A request was made for a list of those Washington Heights or Inwood buildings that were part of the settlement

In his second major announcement Mr. Smith commented on the apparent attempt by New York Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University to displace or evict hospital union workers abd their families from their apartments where they were granted licensee rental agreements that the union leadership had negotiated in apparent good faith. He cited a building on Haven Avenue that is being investigated for this type of tactics. A letter and petition drive is being done and will be presented to many stakeholders in the community.

Presentation by Fidel Malena (Community Liaison/Council Member Mark D. Levine

Mr. Fidel Malena introduced himself to the HHS Committee and on Council Member Mark D. Levine expressed his interest in the activities of our committee. He briefly touched upon his background and offer contact information:

7th District Office (Washington Heights, Hamilton Heights, West Harlem, Morningside Heights, Upper West Side) 1638 Amsterdam Avenue, New York NY 10031 (near West 141st Street and CCNY). Tel: 212 928.6814 Fax: 646-582-1408

The Chair briefly went over plans for the large Legal Forum on Housing set for May and will send a detail brochure to committee members for input by the end of the month. The Chair asked the committee to review to the 12 page assemblage of graphics and data; on workforce changes for the post industrial age and indicated this matter would be revisited at another meeting.

For want of time the Chair tabled the discussion on HHS Committee Goals for 2014 and agenda items and on a resolution for CB12M to join the NYC Alliance to Preserve Public Housing for our next committee meeting in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30PM
Respectfully submitted by,
Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee
With the notes from Alyce Smith
February 6th, 2014

CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Monday February 10, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 530 West 166 Street, 6th Floor, New York NY 100432

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Chris Smith, Asst. Chair; Maria Luna; Lorena Jimenez-Castro; Ayisha Oglivie; Alyce Smith

Committee Members Excuse: Manny De los Santos;

Committee Public Members Absent: Shaun Abreu

Guests: NYPD's Community Affairs representatives-Liza Aviles; Robert Mirabal; and Alejnadro Sandoval; Richard Bucley- NYPL; Amy G. NYPL;

Introductions: The Chair opened the meeting at 7:20PM.

Chair welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting. Members of the committee were introduced and those present were asked to introduce themselves.

PART I: OPEN ISSUE

"La Colectiva Freedom School" By Mr. Chris Whitney

Mr. Whitney made a presentation with the objective to introduce a new community-based organization program called "La Colectiva Freedom School" and hope to obtain the support of board as well of the community. According to the presenter, the program still under development and seeks to serve young people in the community. Presenter shared his background and the rational of the proposed idea. During his presentation the following were discussed.

- Presenter background in education includes working with youth people in South Africa for 2yrs.
- Works in Bronx Community Charter School with newly immigrated families.
- Understands that poor communities need after-school programs. Should be a community approach. Not just DOE.
- In conjunction with other teachers who shared concerns want to develop summer programs to supplement what schools are doing.
- 2% of all ELL 6th graders passed the state test.
- Urgent need for extra support
- Sports, arts multi generation groups of people to support the young people.
- Wants to make things better in the community, free programs is one way to so
- Organization is in the process of identifying potential community partners- funding and space highly desirable.

- And last, in support of the proposed idea and/or program some responses includes representative of the Popular Community- Bank Mr. Giuseppe Lentini- Branch Manager who indicate willing to provides financial literacy for young people.

PART II: YOUTH VIOLENCE BY: Mr. Alejandro Sandoval, representative of the NYPD/Community Affair-Youth Division

Presenter Mr. Sandoval provided an overview of what is happening with youth and violence in the community. He acknowledge that youth violence is a serious social problem facing many communities and suggested that parents should be closed involved in the lives of their children. Presenter also provided the following suggestions and information:

- Parent involvement between the hours of 3-5:30pm is crucial. Unfortunately, many parents aren't aware what youth are up to during this period of time.
- Monitor social media activities is also important
- Presentations: buildings, violence, youth policy, academy, cops, kids program (mentoring, sports)
- Pro Hoops- free programs for youth DA'S seized. GW's HS 5-9pm (volley ball, Basketball @sat)
- Gang activity in WTT:
- Trinitario-175th Street and fort Washington main gang in our community.
- Operation crew act monitor social media to identify media activities.

Responders:

To complain about social media violence

-SGT. Andrew Donton (212-343-3707)

-conflict resolution in our community:

-Tackle through workshops and mentoring program

-23, 25, 28+32 96 streets FDR to 155th street holds 80% of youth violence

PART III: Under new/old business the following items were discussed By: Mr. Chris Smith

- CB12M's Youth & Ed. Committee invited Chancellor Farina for a school tour at I.S. 52, March 11th at 8:30am
- Grand opening Inwood community in March 3rd at 10am/Santanila celebration
- Committee even on "Scholarship opportunities" and "How to Navigate College admission" for March 1st has been canceled due to NYS Riverbank similar event, on the same date. Instead, the committee will have a Youth Mental Health forum 10-12pm.
- **Teen Center at the Ft Washington Library Branch- pending proposal**
 - Fort Washington 3rd floor is not ADA accessible according to NYPL representatives.
 - President does want to add new programs there.
 - Between two to three (2-3) groups have visited the branch space for programing but, have learned that it is not ADA accessible.
 - There are teen programs presently in three boroughs
 - Speak to the community district Council Member to help fund this project.
- Mr. Jacob Morris' comments:

- Scholarships opportunities through historical society for a \$1,000
- It would be great to have youth around the table to participate in the design of the space and services. Also suggested three proposals:
 - \$12,000,000 total renovation
 - Teen center
 - Exploratory/gather community, youth, and citizen inputs to see what is needed in the community.
- Showed support for this request
- Proposed #3 we would need a proposal to show what CB12M is doing.
- Member Maria Luna suggested doing some research, and later a resolution.
- The committee voted unanimously on the motion presented in support for an exploratory initiative to support a “Teen center” at the Ft. Washington Library Branch.

Upon roll call vote the following voted as:

COMMITTEE MEMBER(S)	BOARD MEMBER(S)	PUBLIC MEMEBR (S)
Yes 6	0	8
No 0	0	4
Abstain0	0	0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39pm

Next Meeting: Monday March 10, 2014 @ 7:00PM



Traffic and Transportation Meeting Minutes

2.10.13

Attendance:

Committee –Present: Edith Prentiss, Anita Barberis, Yosef Kalinsky, James Berlin. Absent: Ellen Kackmann and Maceo Raysor. Board – Richard Allman. Public – Sonia Dueno, Lars Klove

Meeting began at 7:15pm

- 1) Discussion of committee goals: We look forward to working closely with CM Rodriguez as the new chair of the city council transportation committee and hope that he has the opportunity to address the committee at an upcoming meeting.
 - a. 181st Street Corridor
 - b. GWB
 - i. Our committee needs to be included in the conversation
 - ii. Bronx buses piled up by GWB and layover before they return to the Bronx. Is there a better place to have the buses wait particularly during the reconstruction of the terminal Further that block is the entrance to the GW Bridge and has heavy vehicular traffic.
 - iii. Construction plans – what are they up to?
 - iv. Community area – will we see one?
 - v. We should resend the resolution from February 22nd 2012 – which states monthly updates to CB12M on the project to be reported to the board.
 - c. Bike Lane/Paths
 - i. Need to be plowed from the snow
 - ii. Need update from Hayes Lord from June 2012 resolution
 - d. Continue discussions with MTA related to bus bunching and rerouting of buses heading uptown, in particular the #4 bus which travels on Ft. Washington Ave.
 - e. Continue follow up with Josh Orzeck and the DOT on past resolutions
 - i. Including one-way street proposal on 157th Street
 - ii. Feedback on jobs implemented in the past 2 years
- 2) Proposal for MTA preservation league for newly restored Dyckman Street IRT Station
 - i. In order to be eligible the work must be completed by January 1st 2014 and recommendation submitted by February 14th 2014
 - ii. The committee feels that we will not be able produce the resolution in time and are unsure if the work was completed before 1/1/14
 - iii. We hope to follow up with Diedre Parker about these details

- 3) Dyckman A Train Station
 - i. We would like the backs to the benches restored
- 4) The committee would like a study and inquiry about the feasibility of lowering the HH Bridge toll for WaHi residents in order to encourage livery and others to take the bridge and not the streets in order to avoid the toll – similar to a suggestion made for Staten Island residents and the Verrazano Bridge
 - a. This should be presented to Denny Farrell, Gabriella Rosa, Adriano Espaillat
 - b. Maybe David Thom with his info from the slow zone study has some information for us on this
- 5) Sonia Dueno – a WaHi resident inquired to change the time frame of meters on 181st Street between Broadway and St. Nicholas to end at 7pm and not the current 10pm, so that all the meters crossing 181 St end at the same time. Other major traffic corridors on 125th Street and Dyckman Avenue have meters that end at 7pm. In addition muni-meters need to be installed with greater frequency so that people don't have to walk more than a block to pay for their parking. The committee asks to see a map of the muni-meters installed in WaHi for us to examine.

Vote: 4-0-0

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Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, February 12, 2014

Committee Members Present: Shah Ally (Vice-Chair); Michael Diaz; Maceo Raysor; Edith Prentiss; Angela Sanchez; Anina Young

Committee Members Excused: Aldemar Diaz and Rolando Cespedes

Committee Members Absent: Ulises Noboa

CB12 Members Present: Ariel Ferrera; Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present: Nancy Preston, Jose Perez, Joe Irizarry, Barbara Curon, Wyatt Stone, Manuel Rosario, Altagarcia Marrero, Maria Lantigua, Arlene Schulman, Jorge Peralta, P.O. Melendez and P.O. Robinson Hewitt.

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Shah Ally, Committee Vice-Chair

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:

On-Premises Liquor License

1. Block Rockers LLC dba Vinoteca Lounge -115 Bennett Avenue (at the corner of West 181st Street)

Owner/Representative	Representative: Manuel Rosario
Type of Establishment	Bar/Cafe
Hours of Operation	4pm – 2:30am 7 days a week. Last call for alcohol is 30 minutes prior to closing.
Tables/Chairs	6 tables and 8 chairs. There is 1 bar.
Music	Ipod. Music is played at a mixed interval between background music and entertainment level. Music is regulated by a sound governor.
Security Cameras	8 cameras in total (5 inside and 3 outside)
Security Personnel	Yes, 1 on the weekends who is NYS certified.
ADA Compliant?	Yes (front door and bathroom)
Employees	3
Capacity	30
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	Pending

33rd/34th Precinct	34th Pct. – The precinct offers the following objection to the application (via email): The 34th Precinct objects to a license renewal for this establishment. In December 2012 they had 3 incidents of alcohol being sold to a minor. In November 2013 summons was issued for alcohol being served after hours and as a result the business was closed.
Community Comments	(1) A member of the community offers support for the renewal. Community member indicated that the restaurant is a nice place to meet and talk without the loud music. Member Indicated that the restaurant support local artist.
Stipulations	None
Notes	(1) The representative offered the following explanation to the 34th precincts objection: (a) the issue of selling to a minor was part of the sting operation conducted by the NYPD. It was stated that he was part of a “set-up”. He indicated that all necessary steps were taken to prevent the future sale of alcohol to minors; (b) as to the summons issued for alcohol served after hours, representative indicated that he is disputing that claim. He paid a fine and the restaurant was re-opened immediately. (2) There was no appearance at the meeting by a representative from the 34th precinct. (3)
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

2. 4716 Broadway Restaurant Inc. dba The Whale (Irish Brigade) -4716 Broadway (at the corner of Arden Street)

Owner/Representative	Barbara Cronin - Owner
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	10am – 4am 7 days a week. Last call is 30 minutes prior to closing
Tables/Chairs	4 tables and 20 chairs
Music	Juke Box
Security Cameras	1 camera (bar side)
Security Personnel	1; NYS certified
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	3
Capacity	40
Emergency Exits	1

Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th PCT – the precinct offers the following position via email: The 34 th Precinct objects to a license renewal for this establishment. In April, May & June alcohol was sold to a minor inside of this establishment. Court stipulations were issued and agreed to by the establishment on 2/1/13. On 6/15/13 the court stipulations were violated and the business was closed once again as a result of the stipulations being violated.
Community Comments	(1) Community member noted that the bar could be loud at times. Owner responded that there are multiple sources of noise in that area that is often attributed to her bar.
Stipulations	None
Notes	(1) In response to the 34 th Pct's objection, the owner indicates that she felt as if there is a set up happening by the local police precinct targeting certain bars in the area. Owner indicates that she does not know the identity or the incident that resulted in an underage person purchasing alcohol. Owner indicates that her bar has been in operation for 30 years and not generally considered a "young person" bar. (2) Owner indicates that as a result of the fine by the police department, she has instructed the bartender and security personnel to check the identification of every person who enters the bar. Owner indicated that she was unaware of her obligation to check each individual person. Going forward, she indicates that every person will be checked regardless of how old that person appears. (3) As for the position by the 34 th pct that a stipulation was violated, the owner indicates that she did not pay a fine on a timely manner and that was the extent of the violation. Owner indicates that alcohol was not served to a minor after the incident in 2012. Owner indicates that her bar was not closed after the alleged violation in June 2013. (4) CB 12 offered no objection to the renewal for the On-Premise Liquor License on February 29, 2012.
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 4/0/2

3. La Rueda Restaurant Inc. dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant – 3362 – 3864 Broadway (at the corner of West 161st Street)

Owner/Representative	Jose Perez – representative (Rosa Martinez – Owner)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – American and Dominican food (full kitchen)

Hours of Operation	6am through 12am 7 days a week. Last call is 30 minutes prior to closing.
Tables/Chairs	18 tables and 36 chairs.
Music	Juke box
Security Cameras	10 total (8 cameras outside and 2 inside)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	8
Capacity	Less than 73
Emergency Exits	2 (located by the conference rooms)
Restaurant Letter Grade	Pending
33rd/34th Precinct	33 rd PCT – no opposition
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	(1) CB 12 offered no objection to the granting of a new on premise liquor license on November 29, 2011.
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

4. Mary K. Mac Inc. dba Patrick's Dyckman Bar – 221 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Broadway).

Owner/Representative	Jose Irizarry
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	Sun., Tues., Wed., & Thurs. 5pm-2am. Fri. & Sat. 5pm -3am. The bar is closed on Mondays. Last call is 30 minutes to 45 minutes prior to closing.
Tables/Chairs	6 tables and 13 chairs
Music	Ipod
Security Cameras	5 cameras (4 inside the bar and 1 outside)
Security Personnel	1, on the weekends and NYS certified
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	6
Capacity	50
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	No food served at the bar
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th pct – No objection
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	None
Notes	(1) CB 12 offered no objection to the renewal of the on premise liquor license on January 25, 2012.
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

C. State Liquor Authority New License:

On-Premise Liquor License

5. La Caridad Restaurant #2 – 2092 Amsterdam Avenue (b/w West 163rd & 164th Street)

Owner/Representative	Altagarcia Marrero
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – Spanish Food. Currently has a Wine and Beer license.
Hours of Operation	Mon. through Sun. 7am to 4am. Last call is 30 minutes prior to closing.
Tables/Chairs	13 tables and 42 chairs
Music	Juke box – with a sound regulator. Premises are soundproof.
Security Cameras	3 total (2 inside and 1 outside)
Security Personnel	1 – on the weekends and NYS certified
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	4
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	2 fire exits in front of premises
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	33rd Pct – offers objection to the application based on allegations that the establishment served alcohol after hours.
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	(1) Owner to meet with 33rd Pct. Commanding officer, Deputy Inspector Pichardo prior to General Meeting on 2/25/14.
Notes	<p>(1) Owner indicates that she apply for an on premise liquor license to stay competitive with other establishments. Owner indicates that her customers have been requesting other drinks than her restaurant can accommodate.</p> <p>(2) Owner indicates that she has an ID card scanner. Owner indicates that the restaurant has a Lotto Quick Draw machine that has a separate ID card scanner.</p> <p>(3) CB 12 offered No Objection to the granting of a new Restaurant Wine License for the restaurant on March 20, 2013.</p>
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 5/1/0

6. New York City Chicken & Ribs, Inc. dba Pollo Provocon – 1495 St. Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of West 185th Street)

Owner/Representative	Jorge Peralta
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – Spanish/Fast food

Hours of Operation	Sun. through Thurs. 11a to 2a and Fri. & Sat. 11a to 4am. Last call is 30 minutes prior to closing
Tables/Chairs	10 tables and 20 chairs
Music	Ipod
Security Cameras	7 cameras
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes (front door and bathrooms)
Employees	6
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th PCT – No objections
Community Comments	None
Stipulations	(1) Council member Rodriguez would like to meet with owner prior to general meeting and (2) Owner agrees to purchase a ramp so that a wheelchair can enter the premise. Owner further agrees to place a sign, including a telephone number, so that patrons can contact management for the use of the ramp.
Notes	(1) CB 12 offered No Objection to granting a renewal of a Restaurant wine license on December 16, 2011.
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

D. New Business/Adjournment:

None, Meeting adjourned.

MEMORANDUM

To: Community Board 12, Manhattan

From: Ebenezer A. Smith, District Manager

Re: District Manager's Report – February 2014

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

It is a great pleasure to report to you as the District Manager of Community Board #12, Manhattan.

Reopening of the Washington Heights Library

The New York City Library announced the grand re-opening and the centennial celebration of the Washington Heights Library. This library branch has been closed for several years for renovation. This event will take place on Monday, March 3, 2014 at 10 am at the 100 St. Nicholas Ave at West 160th Street. The renovated facility has 25 new Apple computers and laptops, and new books directly from the vendors. The Washington Heights hours of operation are: Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 am to 7 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 am to 6 pm; Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am to 5 pm.

Green Dot Scam:

The NYPD informed us that there is a telephone scam where criminal call potential victims telling one of the following lines: 1. that they owe back taxes to the IRS, 2. that a family member had a car accident or 3. that they owe money to an utility company. In every case the criminals demand immediate payments by Green Dot Money-Pak. The NYPD also informed that the elderly and minority small business owners are the target for the above mentioned scam. I sent an e-mail with a flyer from the NYPD outlining the crime prevention for this type of crime. If anyone did not received this flyer please let me know I will send it.

DOT Report on Potholes

New York City DOT reported at the District Service Cabinet meeting that because of the rough winter we are having this year and one snow storm after the other, the numbers of pot holes and sinkholes has dramatically increased in the City. DOT has fixed 61,000 potholes in the Borough of Manhattan since January 1, 2014. DOT is asking for our help to report potholes by calling 311. If there is a compelling condition or an emergency please call 311 and call the CB #12, Manhattan office with the complaint number to expedite the repair.

DOH Rodent Condition

The NYC Department of Health (DOH) informed us that the numbers on rodent condition in the district went up again. We are feeding the rodents from the garbage outside the street the DOH said. DOH is also conduction a rodent abatement study to the organic pick up program and they recommended that the food waist be place in solid plastic beams.

Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union

Early this month I met with representatives from the Neighborhood Trust Federal Credit Union (NT) located on the first floor of 530 West 166th where our office is located. The NT representatives gave me a short presentation on the saving, credit and money management programs they have available for their members. The goal of the NT is to guarantee to its members affordable and fair financial services. The NT is seeking to increase its membership in order to ensure its goal. The NT representative indicated to me that in order to become a member you must be resident of CB #12, M and Part of CB #9 in Manhattan. However, any person who works in the area can become a member as well and it wants to expand its services to small business.

FDNY Manhole Fires

The FDNY informed us at the District Service Cabinet meeting that we may be experimenting manhole fires within the district. These fires are the result on a chemical reaction of the combination of the salt used to removed ice, water and faulty cables in the manhole. The FDNY said that in this cases they go to the affected manhole to ensure that the fire does not travel to private property and supervise the manhole until ConEd come. The Fire Department recommend that the manhole be kept clean snow and ice and if any observes fire in a manhole to call 911.

Department of Buildings

The NYC Department of Buildings recommend that property must remove the snow and ice from their building's roof and awing in order to avoid injuries when the ice being loose and fall down by warmer weather. DOB strongly recommends that if anyone observes falling ice from a building to call 311 immediately and file a falling debris complaint.

Salsa, Blues and Shamrock 5K

The annual New York City Road Runner's Salsa, Blues, and Shamrocks 5K Run (formerly known as Coogan's 5K Run) will be this Sunday, March 2, 2014. The Race travels on Fort Washington Avenue from West 168 Street northbound to Ft. Tryon Park and back south. Please note that Fort Washington Avenue and traffic leading to Fort Washington Avenue will be affected while the run is in effect. There will be no parking on Fort Washington Ave from 12 am to 12 pm on Fort Washington Ave and there will be not traffic on Ft. Washington Ave between W 168th and West 174 from 6 am to 12 pm and there will be not traffic on Fort Washington between 168th and Fort Tryon Park from 8:30 am and 11 am. Please plan your travel and parking accordingly.