

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
General Meeting
March 25, 2014
DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDING:

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

EXCUSED:

MDiaz (per 5.02(1)), Florimon (per 5.02(3)), Sanchez (per 5.02(1))

ABSENT:

Noboa, Rivera, Simon,

STAFF:

Smith [District Manager]

ELECTED OFFICIALS and REPRESENTATIVES:

Borough President Brewer's Representative, Comptroller Stringer's Representative, Senator Espaillat's Representative, Assemblyman Farrell's Representative, Councilmember Rodriguez's Representatives, Councilmember Levine

The meeting was called to order at NYPD 33rd Precinct by Chairperson Fernandez at 7:16 pm in order to begin hearing reports and postponing action until a quorum was present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

A motion to adopt the minutes of the October 2013, November 2013 and February 2014 meetings were made by Prentiss, seconded and passed without opposition.

CHAIR'S REPORT

The Chair made a number of key points:

- Appreciation for those present and who were hosting the meeting
- A moment of silence was held for those lives lost recently and other historic losses
- Provided updates on events and collaborations that have been taking place
- Clarified board member responsibilities with respect to hearings
- Provided updates on developing issues and plans within the district
- Called on various members who had represented the Board at other meetings and initiatives

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

As he had to leave earlier, Council Member Levine provided a report, including recent and upcoming legislative actions.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The District Manager presented his monthly report highlighting the effect of major construction in the district, the new sick leave law, office access issues and major work/events in the District.

A copy of the District Manager's Report follows these minutes as an appendix.

BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Brewer's representative presented about on behalf of the Borough President's Office. A large focus right now is on preserving people in housing, the combined Community Board event tomorrow at John Jay College, the completion of the Community Board appointment process, affordable housing and the response to the East Harlem incident. The community office has not moved yet but a storefront has been identified.

PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public raised issues surrounding:

- Upcoming meetings of other agencies and concerns about those in public service
- Reasons for wanting a group residence in this community
- Uptown libraries updates including reopening of one of the libraries, tax assistance, and classes
- Manhattan Family Court educational programs to youth
- Earth Day celebrations
- Resident concerns about the renovation plans that will be coming before the community board
- Affordable health care
- Budget process and how to determine the response of other community boards
- Cultural events in the community
- Community concerns about some of the licensing recommendations
- SLA applicant clarifying their intent
- Clean Heat Initiative
- Upcoming NYC Multicultural Festival
- Theater fundraiser

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

The chair brought the report of the Executive Committee.

Fernandez, on behalf of the Executive Committee, moved the following resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution Supporting the Proposed Renovations to 434 West 162 nd Street in the Jumel Terrace Historic District		Referral
2	Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of Community Board 12, Manhattan	40-0-0-0	Passed
3	Resolution Calling For The Passage of CB12 Manhattan Employees Manual	36-0-2-0	Passed

Resolution 1 was referred to the April meeting of the Land Use committee to allow for neighborhood residents to be able to offer their input into the process.

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

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 resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members. Before resolutions were voted on by the members, amendments were proposed to turn both Resolution 5 and Resolution 9 into negative recommendations – each of these motions were moved by Ritter, seconded and passed.

1	Resolution to Recommend the SLA to Grant a Renewal of its Catering Establishment License to Seaman Casandra Corp dba Seaman Casandra Catering Hall – 4020A 10 th Avenue (bet. W 210 th & W 211 th Streets)	34-3-2-1	Passed
2	Resolution to Recommend the SLA to Grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to LaCaridad Restaurant #2 – 2092 Amsterdam Avenue (bet W 163 rd & W 164 th Streets)	38-1-0-0	Passed
3	Resolution to Recommend the SLA to Grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to LLC to be formed dba TBD – 4740 Broadway (at the corner of Thayer Street)	32-5-2-0	Passed
4	Resolution to Not Recommend the SLA to Grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to Vermilyea Restaurant Associates LLC dba TBD – 145 Vermilyea Avenue (at the corner of W 207 th Street)	39-0-0-0	Passed
5	Resolution to Not Recommend the SLA to Grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to LaGalleria Café Inc – 4863 Broadway (at the corner of W 204 th St)	38-0-0-1	Passed
6	Resolution to Recommend the SLA to Grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to EMS Gourmet Corp dba Capri Restaurant – 1342 St Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of W 177 th Street)	34-5-0-0	Passed
7	Resolution to Not Recommend the SLA to Grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Ma Ruey Corp dba Tung Thong Thai Restaurant – 561 West 169 th Street (bet St Nicolas & Audobon Aves)	39-0-0-0	Passed
8	Resolution to Recommend the SLA to Grant an Alteration Application to the Existing License to Corcho Corp dba Corcho Wine Room – 227 Dyckman Street (bet Broadway & Seaman Ave)	30-7-2-0	Passed
9	Resolution to Not Recommend the DCA to Grant a Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to Vida Café Inc dba Mamajuana Café – 247 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Seaman Ave)	39-0-0-0	Passed
10	Resolution to Recommend the DCA to Grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to JAPP Business Inc dba Pick n Eat – 4179 Broadway (at the corner of W 177 th Street)	36-2-0-1	Passed
11	Resolution to Not Recommend the DCA to Grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to Starbucks Corp dba Starbucks Coffee Company – 4761 Broadway (at the corner of Dyckman Street)	38-0-1-0	Passed
12	Resolution to Recommend the DCA to Grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to Kiara Foods Inc dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant – 4165 Broadway (bet W 176 th & W 177 th Streets)	35-4-0-0	Passed

The full text of these resolutions are 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 & Human Services Committee, moved the following resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution to Authorize Community Board 12, Manhattan Membership on “The NYC Alliance to Preserve Public Housing”	38-0-0-0	Passed
2	Resolution Supporting the Request by Edwin Gould Services for Children & Families to Establish a Community Residence at 255 Cabrini Boulevard Street in Apt#1C	37-1-0-0	Passed

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

Land Use

The chair of the Land Use Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee. Benjamin, on behalf of the Land Use Committee, moved the following resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution Supporting the Application Submitted to the BSA to Permit the Operation of a Planet Fitness at 4168 Broadway	32-3-1-0	Passed
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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 resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution Regarding Temporary Relocation for the 175 th Street Greenmarket and LaPlaza De Las Americas Street Vendors Market During the Construction of the 175 th Street Plaza	34-0-0-0	Passed
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Joint Traffic and Transportation and Parks & Cultural Affairs

The chairs of the Traffic & Transportation Committee and the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committees highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

Kalinsky and Glenn, on behalf of the Traffic & Transportation Committee and the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee, moved the following resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution in Support of a Public Art Installation at Dyckman Street/Broadway/Riverside Drive	38-0-0-1	Passed
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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.

Concerns of the Aging

The chair of the Health & Environment Committee referred to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

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Business Development

The chair of the Health & Environment Committee referred to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

Youth & Education

The chair of the Health & Environment Committee referred to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

Public Safety

The chair of the Public Safety Committee pointed to the minutes for the discussion and actions of the committee.

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.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Christopher L. Smith, Secretary

Attachments:

- Chair's Report
- District Manager's Report
- Full text of Resolutions

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, COMMUNITY BOARD 12-MANHATTAN

April 8, 2014

RESOLUTION: SUPPORTING THE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK IN RELATION TO AFTER HOURS WORK AUTHORIZATION

Whereas: City Council Members Rosie Mendez and Daniel Garodnick have introduced a proposed Local Law to amend (the Amendment” or “Intro.: 17-2014”) the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to authorization of after-hours work variances (“AHV”) issued by the Department of Buildings (“DOB”). The reasons cited for the Amendment include there being no effective transparency in DOB’s approval process, no meaningful community consultation or review, over-use of the broadly defined undue-hardship category and numerous non-emergency projects being granted variances to work until midnight on weekdays and all day long on weekends; and

Whereas: The key provisions (the “Key Provisions”) of the Amendment include:

1. repealing the undue hardship category;
2. requiring applicants for projects where emergency work, public safety or city construction projects to submit a detailed explanation of the condition that warrant the AHV and requiring DOB to make a written decision that spells out its rationale for approval or disapproval and to post all documents on-line;
3. for applications under the “construction projects with minimal noise impact”, requiring DOB make the applicants detailed explanation available to the public for five days, to allow members of the public to submit comments by mail or online, to take public comments into account in making its decisions as well as whether or not other AHV’s have been permitted in a five-block radius of the site for which an application is submitted, spell out the rational for its approval or disapproval and post all documents online;
4. requiring DOB to implement an e-mail subscription system / database to allow interested parties to sign up for notifications of AHV applications in their geographic area;
5. limiting any AHV approved under the category of “construction projects with minimal noise impact” to no work whatsoever after 8PM on weekdays, work on Saturday to the hours of 11AM to 4PM and no work whatsoever on Sundays;
6. increase by 2.3 times, the maximum allowable, all fines for violations of AHV regulations; and
7. requiring the applicant’s noise mitigation plan to be posted on-site and visible to the public; and

Whereas:: The amendment was discussed at the March 2014 Manhattan Borough Board (the “Borough Board”) meeting and will be voted on at the April 2014 Borough Board meeting to be held on Thursday, April 17, 2014 The; and

Whereas: Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) discussed the Amendment at its April 2, 2014 meeting, expressed support for it but required clarification on various matters before it was comfortable voting on the matter. Since the Borough Board is scheduled to vote on the Amendment before CB12-M’s regularly scheduled General Meeting the matter was referred to the Executive Committee to consider on behalf of the full board, consistent with the by-

laws of CB12-M. Land Use generate a set of questions which were forwarded to the office of Council Member Mendez, who sent a member of her staff to attend the April 8th Executive Committee meeting to address the questions and further explain the intent of the Amendment; and

Whereas: The Executive Committee expressed support for the Amendment but recommended certain modifications to its Key Provisions. Now, therefore,

Be It

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan supports passage of the proposed Local Law to amend (the Amendment” or “Intro.: 17-2014”) the administrative code of the City of New York in relation to authorization of after-hours work variances issued by the Department of Buildings but recommends that:

1. the “undue hardship” category retained and its definition made less broad;
2. the City Council state a rationale for increasing by 2.3 times violations of after-hours variance regulations;
3. a uniform unit of measure, such as feet instead of blocks, be used to establish the radius used to determine the geographic area in which other approved AHV applications are considered;
4. the Building Department be required to clarify the definition of Emergency Work;
5. the Building Department require written notification be provided to neighboring buildings as part of the application process for after-hours work authorization;
6. “minimal noise impact” be more specifically defined to include, among other things, decibel level, frequency and duration of noise;
7. The prohibition of work on Sundays be reconsidered to avoid the perception that it is related to Sunday as the day of religious observance since Saturday is also the Sabbath for many people.

THE RESOLUTION PASSED WITH THE FOLLOWING VOTE: [vote was unanimous, get count from attendance sheet]

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members:	X	0	0

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, April 9, 2014

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

Committee Members Excused: Maceo Raysor

Committee Members Absent:

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez (Chair of the Board); Ariel Ferreira; Luis Tejada

CB12 Staff Members Present: Ebenezer Smith (District Manager);

Community Members Present: Maximo Mateo, Sara Fisher, Tami Moccia, K. Weaver, Al Sandoval, Shanny Moreno, Kristin Norderval, Cody Westgaard, Tony Martignetti, Martin Collins, Osi Kaminer, Doug Henderson, Ludovino Acevedo, John Roux, Tom Mullany, Barbara DiPietro, Mary Preston, Gary Bernstein, Emmanuel Carela, Leah Holzel, Katherine O’Sullivan, Eddie Santos

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair

1. Sport Zone Café Inc. dba Mimosa -253-271 Sherman Avenue (at the corner of Isham Street)

Owner/Representative	Miguel Acosta – owner
Type of Establishment	Sports Bar/Tavern (Burger, wings etc)
Hours of Operation	Mon. – Sat. 6pm-4am & Sunday 1pm – 4am. Last call – 3:30am
Tables/Chairs	13 Tables – 8 bar stools.
Music	Ipod – DJ (7 days a week). DJ starts playing at 9pm until closing
Security Cameras	5 cameras total (4 inside & 1 outside)
Security Personnel	3 securities (Fri & Sat) & 2 Security (Sun. – Thurs). State licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes (entrance and bathroom)
Employees	12 employees
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	1 (entrance) 1 exit (front of premise)
Restaurant Letter Grade	A – last inspection 2/14
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct. No objection – would like owner to keep track of noise.
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	Install a sound governor
Notes	(1) Council Member will follow precinct recommendation; (2) 3/12 no objection from the full Board
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

2. Melodia Corp. dba Tette Club – 154 Post Avenue (b/w West 207th & 10th Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Manuel Garcia -
Type of Establishment	Night Club – Cabaret – (minimum food)
Hours of Operation	11pm – 4am (Fri & Sat & Sun)
Tables/Chairs	32 couches and 20 tables.
Music	Live DJ
Security Cameras	42 inside/outside
Security Personnel	20 – 30 security personnel
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	10
Capacity	575 (full capacity)
Emergency Exits	4 emergency exits
Restaurant Letter Grade	A – last inspection 2/14
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct. - would like to meet with staff and management. No objection
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) Establishment would meet with the 34 th precinct prior to general meeting
Notes	(1) Councilman Rodriguez – will follow precinct recommendation
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

3. Vida Mexican Inc. dba Papasito Mexican Grill – 223 Dyckman Street (b/w Broadway & Seaman Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Eddie Santos – Representative
Type of Establishment	Bar & Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon.-Thurs 4pm – 12am, Fri (4p-4a); Sat (11am – 4am); Sun (11a – 2am). Last call is approximately 15 minutes prior to the closing
Tables/Chairs	27 indoor tables; 45 chairs, 18 outdoor tables and 36 chairs
Music	iPod, DJ, CD. A DJ is present 4 nights a week. The restaurant has sound proofing
Security Cameras	16 cameras: 6 on the main floor/2 in the kitchen/8 on the bottom floor
Security Personnel	Security team is licensed. Use 3 to 6 depending on the day of the week
ADA Compliant?	Yes (entrance and restrooms)
Employees	52 employees
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	2 upstairs and 1 basement
Restaurant Letter Grade	A – last inspection 2/14
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct. – expressed concerns regarding noise and meet with precinct regarding sound issues.

Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) Applicant install a sound governor; (2) Consult with a sound engineer regarding possible noise reductions; (3) meeting with 34 th pct. (4) meeting with Councilman Rodriguez; (5) closing doors when sidewalk café is closed
Notes	(1) Since last renewal, stricter policy on IDing.; (2) An objection from CB #12 based on noise and quality of life; (3) Councilman Rodriguez wants to meet with owner prior to general meeting;
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

4. Piper's Kilt of Inwood Inc. dba Piper's Kilt – 4946 Broadway (at the corner of West 207th Street)

Owner/Representative	Carol McKenny - owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – Tavern; American casual
Hours of Operation	Mon – Sat 11am – 2am; Sun 12p-2am. Last call is 15 mins prior
Tables/Chairs	15 tables; 16 chairs; 12 bar stools
Music	Juke Box – live music
Security Cameras	15 cameras. Inside and outside
Security Personnel	None. ID scanner used on Fri. & Sat.
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	23
Capacity	50-60
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	A -
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct. – No objection
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	
Notes	(1) purchased a new ramp; (2) Councilman Rodriguez will follow precinct's recommendation of the precinct -
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

5. Marisco Centro Restaurant Inc. dba Marisco Centro – 1490 St. Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of West 185th Street)

Owner/Representative	Zoilo Ramirez
Type of Establishment	Restaurant - Seafood
Hours of Operation	Weekdays [10am – 2am]; Weekends [10am-3:30am]
Tables/Chairs	40 tables – 170 chairs
Music	Live from singer, 1 piano; iPod
Security Cameras	16 total (14 inside and 2 outside)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes

Employees	35
Capacity	175
Emergency Exits	4
Restaurant Letter Grade	A – last inspection 1/14
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct – no objection
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) Owner will post “good neighbor” signs
Notes	(1) Councilman Rodriguez – follow precinct; (2) no objection on the last CB 12 meeting
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain:

6. Manhattan River Group LLC dba La Marina – 348 Dyckman Street (b/w Riverside Drive & Beak Street)

Owner/Representative	Jerald Tennenbaum/Josh Rosen
Type of Establishment	Modern American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Noon to 1am – 7 days a week. Last call is 12:30am – 12:45am
Tables/Chairs	300 indoors – 400 outdoors
Music	DJs/iPod
Security Cameras	40 cameras- dozen more to be installed
Security Personnel	1 guard per 75 people. All NYS licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	100 (peak at 200 during the summer)
Capacity	In the beach area, up to 1500 people. Indoors – 300, 600 capacity in. Up to 2400 people when at full capacity
Emergency Exits	8 emergency and 7 exits to leave the area.
Restaurant Letter Grade	A – last inspection 9/13
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct: would like to meet with the owners prior to general meeting
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) Good neighbor sign; (2) independent sound engineer to evaluate sound issues; (3) meet with 34 th pct; (4) meet with councilman Rodriguez; (5) owner to provide a list of special events; (6) do not block parking from local residents
Notes	(1) new general manager; (2) Owners have worked with NYPD and other agency; (3) worked on obtaining new speakers/sound equipment; (4) Councilman Rodriguez wants to meet with owners prior to general meeting; (5) 34 th Pct wants to meet with owners and walk through the premise; (6) No objection from the CB #12 on last renewal; (7)
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 5/1/1

7. D'Tony Sport Corp. dba Nagle Sports Associates – 258 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of West 204th Streets)

Owner/Representative	Tony Sierra – owner
Type of Establishment	Billiards – no food
Hours of Operation	12pm to 4am. Last call 3:30pm
Tables/Chairs	37 tables
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	3
Capacity	74
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Pct. – no objection but wants sound governor
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) Sound governor; (2) good neighbor sign (Spanish and English)
Notes	(1) Councilman Rodriguez – follow 34 th precinct
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

8. Don Panchito NY Corp – 2102 Amsterdam Avenue (b/w 164th & West 165th Streets)

Owner/Representative	Francisco Flores
Type of Establishment	Mexican Food
Hours of Operation	Mon. – Sun. 3pm through 4am
Tables/Chairs	6 tables and 12 seats. Counter with 5 stools
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	4 cameras
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	No –entrance; Yes-bathroom
Employees	2 employees
Capacity	19
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	33 rd Pct: No objection
Community Comments	See Public Session comments
Stipulations	(1) purchase a ramp to make front door accessible
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

B. New Business/Adjournment:

Comments:

- (1) Comment regarding denying renewal to La Marina
- (2) Letter read regarding SAO
- (3) Speaker: Inwood – support Piper’s Kilt, opposition to La Marina, underage drinking
- (4) La Marina – in support of La Marina. Supports the revenue and the ambience of La marina
- (5) 4761 Broadway – representative – residents have an issue with noise. Concerns about packs of teenagers who roam the neighborhood and drinking.
- (6) Representative of La Marina – good for the neighborhood
- (7) Speaker support Piper’s Kilt –
- (8) Supporter for La Marina – has helped with ridding drugs from the area. The area is safer now.
- (9) Support for Piper’s Kilt
- (10) Speaker – security provider for La Marina

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, April 21, 2014

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Rolando Cespedes, Michael Diaz, Edith Prentiss

Committee Members Excused: Shahabuddeen Ally, Angela Sanchez

Committee Members Absent: Ulises Noboa

CB12 Members Present: Osi Kaminer, Martin Restituyo, Ariel Ferreira, and Maurice Owen-Michaane

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present:

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair

9. Power Luxury Radio Dispatch Inc. – 3759 Broadway (at the corner of West 156th Street)

Owner/Representative	Luis R. Alvarez
Type of Establishment	For-hire taxi base renewal. 50 cars, has 25 spaces in a lot and 20 in another. At present, the base has 5 wheelchair accessible cars. Does not yet have any green cars. A permit for a wheelchair accessible green car is being processed.
Hours of Operation	24
33rd/34th Precinct	33 Precinct no objection
Community Comments	Councilman Levine has no objections
Stipulations	Sign be posted at base office advising not to park in front of establishment, double parking and to be good neighbors
Notes	Currently has no signage to prevent cars from littering, honking or double parking, has a Drivers Disciplinary Committee
Committee Vote	4-0-0

10. 808 West Tapas Restaurant Corp. – 808 West 187th (b/w Fort Washington & Pinehurst Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Representative Gustavo Sabogal / Owner Yvelisse Rossi
Type of Establishment	Restaurant applying for OPL
Hours of Operation	Sun. Thur- 11AM – 12 AM, Fri & Sat ; 11 Am – 1 AM
Tables/Chairs	28 2-tops + 8 2-tops in backyard
Music	Live flamenco music, 8-10 PM, General Weekends and holidays
Security Cameras	12
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	entrance and restroom are accessible
Employees	7
Capacity	73

Emergency Exits	1 (front door)
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A, Not yet open
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Precinct – No objection but want a meeting/walk through when work is done
Community Comments	General concern about noise. There is an awning that will help control the noise from backyard. Council Member Rodriguez & 34 Precinct no complaints.
Stipulations	Sound governor and good neighbor sign
Notes	Construction is not completed.
Committee Vote	4-0-0

11. The Metropolitan Museum of Art – 99 Margaret Corbin Drive (I/S/O Fort Tyron Park)

Owner/Representative	Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Cloisters
Type of Establishment	Museum / Cloisters: A) seasonal OPL for seasonal café (Trie Café) B) OPL for catering establishment
Hours of Operation	Mon – Thur: 10 AM – 5 PM, Fri & Sat. 10 AM – 9 PM Typically 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Tables/Chairs	A) 20 3-tops (60) B) vary by function
Music	A) none B) occasional live music (Classical quartets) or iPod
Security Cameras	There is adequate security for both
Security Personnel	There is adequate NYS licensed security personnel
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	A) 3 FT & 1 PT B) 10-12 depending on function
Capacity	A) 60 B) 200-300
Emergency Exits	A) 3 B) 3
Restaurant Letter Grade	"A" – Same food services handles both catering and the seasonal café
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Precinct – No Objection
Community Comments	Councilman Rodriguez: No Objections
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	(A) 4-0-0 (B) 4-0-0

12. Kazza Corp. – 708 West 177th Street Store #1 (Broadway & Fort Washington Avenues)

Owner/Representative	Jose Reyes – Owner and Jose Reyes also Owner
Type of Establishment	Wine and Hookah lounge. Seeking wine and beer license
Hours of Operation	Mon. - Thu 4PM – 12 AM, F&S 4 PM – 3 AM, Sun. 12 PM – 12 AM
Tables/Chairs	25 chairs

Music	Background iPod
Security Cameras	None at present will be installed
Security Personnel	No
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	3-4
Capacity	40 persons
Emergency Exits	2 emergency windows
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A not yet open
33rd/34th Precinct	33rd – No Objection but they want a meeting /walk through when work is completed
Community Comments	Councilman Rodriguez – no objection. No public objection
Stipulations	Install sound governor. Post good neighbor sign. Meet with 33 Precinct.
Notes	Construction is not completed.
Committee Vote	4-0-0

13. La Minita Restaurant Inc. – 3855 10th Avenue (at the corner of West 206th Street)

Owner/Representative	Dominga Elizabeth Tyson – President/representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant. Seeking wine and beer license
Hours of Operation	Sun – Thur. 6 AM – 11 PM, Fri & Sat. 6 AM – 12 AM
Tables/Chairs	13 stools & 1 4-top
Music	Juke box
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Not ADA Compliant, They have a portable ramp for the front door.
Employees	2
Capacity	25
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade B
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection – but would like meeting/walk-through
Community Comments	Councilman Rodriguez: no objection, but there is a stipulation in process.
Stipulations	Post good neighbor sign, meet with Precinct, and sound governor for juke box.
Notes	Very narrow!
Committee Vote	4-0-0.

14. Rush Tapas Bar, Inc. – 586 West 207th Street (at the corner of Vermilyea Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Rafael Holguin – representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant. Seeking OPL
Hours of Operation	TBD (to be determined)
Tables/Chairs	TBD
Music	TBD
Security Cameras	TBD

Security Personnel	TBD
ADA Compliant?	Depends on plans
Employees	TBD
Capacity	TBD
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	(not open)
33rd/34th Precinct	34 Precinct will want a meeting/walk through when completed
Community Comments	Concern about parking.
Stipulations	
Notes	Insufficient information, applicant did not have the floor plan or menu. The location was previously a clothing store. They do not have a permit for the construction necessary to convert it into a restaurant. Committee will gladly consider a complete application when re-submitted
Committee Vote	0-4-0 (To become negative resolution)

15. La Galleria Café Inc. – 4863 Broadway (at the corner of West 204th Street)

Owner/Representative	Yvette Aquino – Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant seeking wine license.
Hours of Operation	M – Th 11 AM – 2 AM, F & S 11 AM – 3 AM, Sun 12PM – 12AM
Tables/Chairs	15 tables/ 70 seats (chairs & banquettes)
Music	Live piano during the day and iPod at night. Only live music will be day time school recitals.
Security Cameras	4
Security Personnel	1 As Needed on Sat. After 11 PM.
ADA Compliant?	Entry & restroom
Employees	9 (FT & PT)
Capacity	80
Emergency Exits	2 exits (front door and alley)
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A Not open
33rd/34th Precinct	34 Precinct No objection but would like meeting/walk through when work is done.
Community Comments	Concern about parking. Councilman Rodriguez: no objection.
Stipulations	Good neighbor sign and meet with 34 Precinct.
Notes	Applicant previously applied for an OPL and was denied by CB The SLA's measurement showed the restaurant is too close to school for OPL so now applying for a beer & wine license. Construction is not completed.
Committee Vote	4,0,0.

16. John's Fried Chicken #1 Corp. dba John's Fried Chicken – 4193 Broadway (at the corner of West 178th Street)

Owner/Representative	Ernie Rodriguez – Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant beer and wine license
Hours of Operation	24 hours, beer and wine will start at 12 PM and stop at 3 AM. Last call 2:45AM.
Tables/Chairs	6 tables/12 chairs
Music	Jukebox

Security Cameras	Will have, none yet.
Security Personnel	1 person
ADA Compliant?	Accessible entrance but not bathroom (building new restroom).
Employees	5-6
Capacity	?
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	None on DoH website
33rd/34th Precinct	33 Precinct wants a meeting/walk through before making a recommendation
Community Comments	Councilman Rodriguez also requests a meeting prior to making a recommendation
Stipulations	Sound governor, meetings with the precinct and Councilman Rodriguez, and good neighbor sign.
Notes	Alterations planned floor plans not available, the women with the info is in the Emergency Room
Committee Vote	4-0-0

17. Café De Broadway dba Café Mathias Inc. – 4996 Broadway (at the corner of West 212th Street)

Owner/Representative	No one appeared
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – seeking unenclosed sidewalk café
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Applicant did not appear. It's an automatic no vote for the Committee
Committee Vote	4-0-0

18. Malecon Restaurant Corp. dba Malecon Restaurant – 4141 Broadway (at the corner of West 175th Street)

Owner/Representative	Pablo Gomez and Percio Gomez – co-owners
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – seeking permit for unenclosed sidewalk cafe
Hours of Operation	Sun – Thurs. until 10 PM, Fri & Sat until midnight
Tables/Chairs	8 2-tops
Music	None in sidewalk café
Security Cameras	2 cameras currently inside will be moved to cover the sidewalk cafe
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and restroom

Employees	35 currently, will add 2 waiters and a busboy for sidewalk cafe
Capacity	119 indoors, planning 34 seats outside , 2 tables on Broadway, the rest on 175 St
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	"A"
33rd/34th Precinct	33 rd precinct has no objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Stipulation with Councilman Rodriguez limiting outdoor hours to 10 PM weekdays and 12 AM weekends. Must have security if have special events. Good neighbor sign
Notes	
Committee Vote	4-0-0

19. Vida Enterprises Inc. dba SAO Restaurant – 251 Dyckman Street (b/w Seaman & Payson Avenues)

Owner/Representative	Maria Figueroa – Owner
Type of Establishment	Restaurant – seeking permit for unenclosed sidewalk cafe
Hours of Operation	Mon – Thurs Noon – 11PM; Fri-Sun 11:00am – Midnight
Tables/Chairs	19 2-tops (38) / 23 2-tops 46 outside
Music	None in sidewalk cafe
Security Cameras	2 outside and 7 inside
Security Personnel	No
ADA Compliant?	Yes, entry & restroom. Step was removed and a cement ramp was poured.
Employees	12 employees (FT & PT)
Capacity	38 inside & 46 sidewalk café
Emergency Exits	2 exits, front door, and in the kitchen
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A not yet open
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections but 34 th Precinct wants a meeting/walk through.
Community Comments	Concern about where customers will park.
Stipulations	Have a sound Governor installed, Sidewalk Café will close at 10:00pm during the week & midnight on fri-sat
Notes	Next to Mamajuana, there are apartments upstairs concerned about noise
Committee Vote	4-0-0

B. New Business/Adjournment:

LAND USE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

April 2, 2014

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
James Berlin
Dulce Bueno
Tamara Rivera
Steve Simon
Jason Miller

Committee Members Absent

Isaiah Bing

Board Members Present

George Fernandez

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Public Member Absent

Staff: Debra Blow

Guests: Carol Ward, Evelyn Neal, Jim Hawkins, Adrian Allen, Jamie Venise, James Czajka, Cody Upton, William McNeal

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests.
2. James Czajka of JVC architects on behalf of the American Academy of Arts and Letters (the "Academy") made a presentation to the Committee concerning the Academy's Terrace Accessibility project (the "Project"). Since the Academy is located in an historic district, i.e.: the Audubon Terrace Historic District, the Project must be approved by the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC"). Mr. Czajka provided an overview of current site conditions, focusing in particular on the Academy's North and South Buildings located between West 155th Street and West 156th Street between Broadway and Riverside Drive. Neither building has an accessible entrance at the terrace/main level. The South Building has an accessible entrance on West 155th Street and an elevator that provides an accessible means to reach the main/gallery floor. The North building does not have an accessible entrance and there is no accessible means of traveling between the North and South buildings. The Project involves retaining the existing granite steps at the terrace entrance to the north and South buildings but moving them forward to allow new granite ramps and landings to be inserted in order to make the entrances accessible / ADA-compliant. The Project also involves reinstalling original lamp posts at the terrace entrances to the North and South buildings and new bronze handrails along the new ramps and relocated granite stairs.

After further discussion a motion was made and seconded to enthusiastically support the American Academy of Arts and Letters Terrace Accessibility Project

The motion passed based on the following votes.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members:	7	0	0
Board Members:	0	0	0
Members of the Public:	0	0	0

3. In consideration of the members of the public in attendance to further discuss the proposed renovations at 434 West 162nd Street, Mr. Benjamin recommended reversing the order of the agenda to commence the discussions of the proposed renovations before discussion the proposed new local law regarding after-hours construction work.

Mr. Benjamin informed the Committee that at the March 25th LPC the Commissioners discussed the proposed project, which consists of changes to the fenestration rear façade's garden level, a new roof deck and a new bulkhead (the "Renovations"). He stated that he reviewed the on-line video of the LPC meeting; Committee members also acknowledged reviewing the video. Based on the review of the video he noted that members of the public and LPC Commissioners expressed concern with the visibility of the proposed bulkhead and that LPC agreed to keep the record open for 30 days to allow for more public comment. Chair Benjamin reviewed some key points made at the LPC meeting including: the bulkhead is bigger than it needs to be; its design is not appropriate; it is extremely visible; design options could be explored to make the bulkhead smaller and less visible, the bulkhead is visible from the Morris Jumel Mansion, which is a historic house. Members of the public present at the Land Use meeting shared similar concerns with the Committee.

Committee member Jim Berlin stated that at the March meeting the Committee only got one side of the story and he is no longer in favor of the bulkhead. Chair Benjamin reiterated that the resolution passed by Land Used in March and adopted by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Board recommended that LPC the require outreach to neighbors before it approved the Renovations.

After further discussion a motion was made supporting the roof deck and fenestration, but not supporting the bulkhead as it is currently designed and recommending that design options be explored to lower its height so that it is not visible.

The motion passed based on the following votes.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members:	8	0	0
Board Members:	0	0	0
Members of the Public:	5	0	0

4. The Committee discussed a new local law (Int. 17-2014) to amend the City's Administrative Code as it pertains to the Department of Building's permit and approval process for after-hours construction work. The Manhattan Borough Board discussed the local law and a draft resolution supporting it at its March meeting. Each Manhattan community board has been asked to consider supporting the resolution. The Committee discussed the local law and proposed resolution, was generally supportive of each but had several questions it needed addressed. Therefore discussion of the matter was table until further information and clarification could be obtained. The Committee anticipated discussing the matter at its April meeting unless it is time sensitive in which case it will be referred to the Executive Committee along with a list of the Committee's questions.
5. After further discussion the Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Miller and Wayne Benjamin

Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

April 7th 2014

Attendance:

Committee - Present: Edith Prentiss, Yosef Kalinsky, James Berlin, Anita Barberis, Maceo Raysor. Absent: Ellen Kachman.
Public – Osi Kamier, Mary Anderson, Sabooa Wodsmye, Jeemee Kim, Laurie Tamis, Sharon Greenberg, Siegfried Holzer, R. Franch, David Fields, Andrea Cortis-Comerer, Sam Schwartz, Tom Healy, Andrew Lu, Ross Froman, David Glatstein, Preston Johnson, Hayes Lord, Timothy Frasca, Raphael Meren, Brad Conover

Meeting began at 7:05pm

1) Preston Johnson (DOT) – Bike lanes in CB12

- History: CB12 requested study in 2012, Traffic calming measures installed in Ft. George Hill and Ft. George Avenue
- Looking at Amsterdam Avenue and Ft. Washington on North/South from 162nd Street and East-West pathways as well
- Amsterdam Avenue is a “high crash corridor” – in the top third of Manhattan corridors with 535 yearly injuries – so a good candidate to receive traffic calming measures
 - Higher volumes of traffic between 173rd and 182nd Street
- Proposal: bicycle lanes, but maintaining vehicle lanes (shared bike lanes), by including more turning lanes, creates greater visibility for cyclists
 - 2 types of bike lanes
 1. On areas with lower vehicle volume – 162nd – 173rd, install a bike lane, and leave one lane for vehicles in each direction
 2. On areas with high vehicle volume – 173rd – 182nd, install a shared bike lane with markings on the street
- At the end of Amsterdam Avenue there is angel parking – so install a shared lane there
- When Amsterdam turns into Ft. George Hill – where drivers speed, add bike lanes in order to slow down cars
- Ft. George Hill – also has angel parking, but there is a possibility to remove a moving lane and build a protected bike lane behind the parked cars and move the street down to one lane.
 - Two lanes maintained at Fairview Avenue
 - Loss of 12 parking spots near Fairview Avenue
- 177th St. – create east-west crossing from Amsterdam to Ft. Washington – dedicated space for bicycles
- 180th St. – create east-west crossing from Amsterdam to Cabrini – similar design as 177th St.
 - No changes to the street or street parking
- Implementation: Summer 2014
- Phase 2 – to discuss after Phase One is implemented
- Questions:
 - Edith – look carefully at 177th and Broadway – it is offset and needs to be marked much better, now cars and pedestrians don’t know where to go, and we are adding cyclists
 - James – try to mitigate loss of 12 parking spots
 - Ft. Washington – issue of double parking – causes cyclist to go out into traffic
 - Please be mindful that Amsterdam has a lot of traffic and moving it down to one lane for 11 blocks will only increase traffic and cause vehicles to move to Broadway instead. Especially during Yankee baseball season.

- On Amsterdam – why not create a two-way path instead of paths on each side of the street?
 - City Rack program – let DOT know on their website where we want them installed
 1. 3,500 were installed last year
 - Resolution
 - Caveats – more markings on 177th and Broadway
 1. Install this summer (July)
 2. Repair pot holes on the streets
 - Vote: 4-0-1, 15-1-1
- 2) NYPH/CUMC – Proposed traffic improvements
- Traffic along 168th Street and Ft. Washington Ave
 - The hospital is expanding emergency room in order to provide better service and moved entrance to 168th St., therefore request to change parking conditions on 168th Street and Ft. Washington Avenue
 - i. Plans to improve pedestrian spaces on the campus
 - ii. Vehicle congestion
 - iii. Passengers are dropped off in the middle of the street and crossing against traffic
 - iv. Congestion spills over onto adjacent streets
 - Actions underway to reduce congestion
 - i. Remove shuttle from Ft. Washington to Broadway
 - ii. Relocate medical vehicles to 165th Street
 - iii. Working with vendor deliveries to take place off of the congested streets and not to double park
 - iv. Open up loading docks earlier in the morning
 - Traffic survey
 - i. Majority of parking users are related to medical center and not community residents
 - ii. Proposed parking regulations are consistent with other Manhattan hospitals
 - iii. 168th Street
 1. For two years (2011-2013) only 9 parking spots were available
 2. Currently there are 41 spaces available at night
 3. Proposal to reduce to 17 spots over night (this is still 8 more spots than were available during 2011-2013)
 - Ft. Washington
 - i. Current conditions are 18 spots
 1. Proposal to remove all spots on the street
 2. 42 total spots loss
 - Current parking users
 - i. 80% of the parking users are medical center –related
 - ii. This hospital has the worst access to the emergency room than any in the city
 - iii. The proposal of parking loss is primarily for emergency access
 - On street parking study
 - i. Study followed standard NYC environmental review procedure
 - ii. ¼ mile study area
 - iii. 1 space = 20 feet
 - iv. Hourly occupancy count
 - v. Went out on three separate days and times (including weekend)
 - Study Results
 - i. Traffic gridlock is dangerous for emergency department access
 - ii. Traffic on Ft. Washington – severely delays the M4 bus

- iii. Majority of parking on 186th and Ft. Washington is hospital related
- Questions:
 - i. James – the hospital should also study 165th Street as the congestion there causes traffic on Ft. Washington and 168th Street.
 - ii. Edith – the access-a-ride should have better access on 168th Street
 - iii. A lot of the backup is caused by pedestrians crossing at 168th and Ft. Washington – look at signal studies and street marking and curb cuts
 - iv. Commissioner Forgione – the DOT has been working with the hospital for the past 6 months and supports the proposal. In addition the hospital found some additional spots on 167th Street that DOT can restore.
 - v. We should ask that DOT review this in 2017 when the emergency department entrance is restored to Broadway and not 168th Street
 - vi. Why can't we have parking at night? Commissioner – you want “no standing any time”, once you open up to night parking then people with placards can park there during the day as well
 - vii. James – the hospital has commercial parking – can we make it available to the community in the evening hours at reasonable rates?
- Resolution
 - i. Reassess before 2017 to see if traffic is flowing faster once spots are removed
 - ii. Reduced parking rates for residents in the hospitals parking lots
 - iii. That there are still enough spots available in the adjacent blocks to park
 - iv. Study 165th Street as well with DOT for congestion
 - v. Enforcement by NYPD of double parked cars and cars parked in bus stops
- Vote: 4-0-1, 3-1-0

3) New business

- GWB – need update next month on construction and bus idling
 - i. Invite Port Authority
 - ii. PD #33, 34
- Plaza De Las Americas
 - i. 175th Street between Wadsworth and St. Nicholas has 4 building, one is a synagogue and one is a school and this will create a lot of noise on Saturday and there are residential buildings. It would have been better to move it to 176th Street, which is a commercial street and less parking spots to lose.
 - ii. Not enough notice was given to the residents on 175th Street
 - iii. Edith responds – signs were posted. Also 176th may be too narrow for the vendors.
- Need to follow up with Sandra Harris about CUMC sponsoring the concrete slab near 215th Street

Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting
530 W. 166th St., 6th fl. ~ April 1, 2014

Committee members present: Mitchell Glenn, Chair; Karen Arthur; David Kach; Richard Lewis; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; Chris O'Sullivan. **Committee Members absent:** Juan Mejía; Ulises Noboa.

Community Members present: Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Kevin McKeon, Inwood Canoe Club; Sara A. Fisher; Katherine O'Sullivan; Nancy Prince; Osi Kaminer; Fidel Malena, C/M Levine; Mary Anderson; E. Benjarano, NYC Dept. of Design + Construction; Marilyn Nunez, NYC DDC; Ali Mallick, NYC DDC; Ellen Macnow, NYC DPR; Charlotte Fahn, Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct; Kelly (?); Katherine O'Sullivan; Moving Forward Unidos; Danica Doroski, New York Restoration Project; Osi Kaminer; Eddie Santos; Licette Cohn, Francis Shenan; Kathy Scarborough; Joanna Castro, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance; K. (?); Steve Harris, Inwood Canoe Club; Led Black; Ky Williamson, Rotary Club of Inwood; Karen Marrero Chong, International Healing Center.

Mitchell Glenn, Chair, called meeting to order at 7:05pm. The first order of business was an April Fool: a prank PowerPoint presentation regarding repurposing of several of our beloved parks as parking lots.

Charlotte Fahn from Friends of the Old Croton Aqueduct spoke as a representative of this all-volunteer group that partners with the staff of the Old Croton Aqueduct State Historic Park. She also spoke in opposition to the proposed erection of LG Electronics' new USA headquarters in Englewood Cliffs, NJ that threatens the historic scenic vistas along the Hudson River and the integrity of the Palisades Interstate Park.

Ms. Fahn also described in detail, with the accompaniment of photos and historic sketches, the history and construction of the Old Croton Aqueduct. The aqueduct was a 41-mile marvel of engineering built to convey fresh water - *solely* by means of gravity - to the NYC reservoir located at the current site of the New York City Research Libraries near 42nd Street and 5th Avenue, for purposes of sanitation, firefighting, and disease mitigation. Built between 1837 and 1842 primarily by Irish immigrant labor, the aqueduct was designed on the Roman model, with masonry channels (in this case, a 7 ½ by 8 ½ ft. enclosed tunnel) and a gravity-feed declivity of 13 ½ inches per mile. Although the original holding dam for the aqueduct is now underwater and the New Croton Aqueduct now runs below that, eventually a dozen dams fed into the tunnels, and the remaining dam spillways are a spectacular sight. The original aqueduct followed the course of the Hudson, turned east in Yonkers to Tibbett's Brook, and then traversed the High Bridge to a receiving reservoir in what is now Central Park. Ventilation along the enclosed aqueduct allowed air in to freshen the water in keeping with sanitary practices of the era. Earthen berms supported the tunnel to mitigate the effects of freezing and thawing on the integrity of its stones packed with mortar. Roads passed underneath its archways, and, at Ossining, the aqueduct passed over the river, and several buildings were actually built over it. Currently, there is public display access at a diversion structure for the tunnel works and The Keeper's House (the only remaining Overseer's House) at Dobb's Ferry, which has been restored by the Friends. Most of the 26-mile park in Westchester County, which has been designated a National Historic Landmark, consists of the scenic trails running atop the above-ground tunnel.

Katherine O'Sullivan of Moving Forward Unidos presented a summary of concerns about quality of Life issues in Inwood related to the La Marina restaurant concession granted by NYC DPR at 348 Dyckman, along the Hudson River. Concerns stem from apparently conflicting limits on capacity enumerated by the DPR contract and the New York State Liquor Authority license, as well as claims of after-hours music, and cabaret activity without the appropriate NYC licensing. Ms. O'Sullivan stressed La Marina's

problematic off-site impact on Henry Hudson Parkway access, nightlife activity in the Dyckman area and on its residential neighbors, especially after the restaurant closes.

The Committee also read a letter from La Marina's owner, Manhattan River Group, LCC, which stated it could not attend tonight's meeting because of insufficient advance notice. The letter stated that there have been numerous reviews by various NYC & NYS regulating agencies, and La Marina has found to be in compliance.

Led Black, a community blogger (the Uptown Collective), characterized the presentation as a "mishmash of misinformation", and termed the advent of La Marina as a shining example of how the community has progressed from an era of crime and drugs.

Eddie Santos of Papisito's, President of the Northern Manhattan Restaurant Association, and a manager of La Marina during its first year of operation noted that while the waterfront destination was popular, there was capacity control, and that on several occasions the gates were closed because capacity limits were reached. He also noted that going to social media to air grievances, rather than to the proprietors, was not helpful.

Chair Mitchell Glenn expressed his opinion that the goal in dealing with any issues cannot be to close the restaurant. He noted that La Marina is not going away, so we need to work together.

Chris O'Sullivan [no relation to Katherine] referenced the work of CB's Traffic & Transportation Committee, of which she also is a member, on traffic issues related to La Marina, which resulted in accommodation and dialogue.

Mr. Santos commented that we will see improvements year by year.

Jennifer Hoppa added that Parks is working with La Marina to clarify the limits of what is allowed and to make sure that La Marina complies. There are traffic issues that need work, and revenue adjustments to be made. Parks wants to solve those for the benefit of the community.

Kirsten, a Seaman Avenue resident, delineated three issues: getting back to the original DPR contract, engaging in dialogue without threats, and getting away from what she termed the race-baiting of new residents. She also opined that a DPR concession contract is by its nature a public matter.

Karen Marerro Chong of Fort Washington Love your Block Beautification Project distributed flyers and talked about the event that will take place on Saturday, May 3rd from 12 to 4 pm along Ft. Washington Avenue between 178th and 179th Streets. The project is funded by a grant of the Citizens Committee for New York City.

Danica Doroski, Volunteer Coordinator for New York Restoration Project spoke about the history and accomplishments of NYRP, and about upcoming events planned by NYRP for our parks this Spring. Founded in 1995, the non-profit organization began its work in Washington Heights and Inwood at Highbridge Park and at the Sherman Creek Park wetlands doing ornamental gardening. NYRP now offers volunteer opportunities throughout the Spring and Summer at both parks. This year they will also be showing free outdoor movies with the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, as well as participating in the NOMAA Arts Stroll and sponsoring the Hike the Heights event. Other ongoing projects include the Riley-Levin Children's Garden Beds in Swindler's Cove, plant installations at PS5, Nagle Avenue planting, and 10th Avenue plantings. NYRP is also initiating a neighborhood composting project with drop-off and free finished compost distribution.

Marilyn Nunez and Ali Mallick of the NYC Department of Design & Construction updated the community on the progress of the rehabilitation of the High Bridge. The project, costing an estimated \$62 million, began in 2012 and is now scheduled for completion in late 2014. About \$14 million of the work has been completed, and the crew is working double shifts to catch up. Historic railings have been deleading and replaced. The aqueduct pipe requires repair, even though it is no longer in use. DDC is trying to salvage the original pavers (bricks for the walking pavement). Of the two kinds to be seen on the Bridge, the herringbone design was believed to be part of the original 1848 structure, and the running bone design used for the replacement steel span (1938). The remaining herringbone (about 35% of the whole bridge) will be used for the Bronx and Manhattan plazas, and new brick will be matched with the old. For the steel span portion, all new pavers will be laid down. Deleading has also revealed corrosion on the stringers (steel support elements) that needs to be addressed. Epoxy paneling will strengthen the corroded pipe.

Jennifer Hoppa of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation reported on the progress of projects in the area and upcoming events.

- ADA access to the Hudson River greenway at Dyckman St. is under construction (part of PlaNYC).
- Finishing touches are being put on the Dyckman ball fields.
- Work on the Orville and Wilbur Wright playground continues.
- Ball field 6 (Degroat) in Inwood Hill Park is moving forward.
- At the John T. Brush staircase, the DOT issue with lighting is being rectified.
- Pathways to the Billings arcade, near the entrance to Ft. Tryon Park, are being restored.
- The Shearing of the Heathers will take place on Saturday, 4/5 at FTP.
- The Earth Day Festival will be held Saturday, 4/26.
- Urban Rangers Day is set for Saturday, 5/3.
- DPR is partnering with Bread & Yoga to provide free fitness programs in the parks.
- The Ft. Tryon Park fitness programs continue.
- DPR plans to have NoMAA kick off the 11th Annual Uptown ArtStroll in Highbridge Park.

Ms. Hoppa also announced Mitchell Silver's appointment as Commissioner of Parks. An Economic Development Official in Raleigh, North Carolina, he also headed the American Planning Association. Previously, in New York, he ran Manhattan Borough President Ruth Messinger's uptown office.

Announcements

- Fidel Malena, Community Liaison for City Council member Mark Levine, noted that the Councilman is promoting visiting parks as a way of enjoying increased fresh air in NYC.
- Liz Ritter informed the committee of UP Theater's upcoming fundraiser on Monday 4/7 at Papasito's.
- United Palace of Cultural Arts (UPCA) is conducting a fundraising campaign to restore its screen at The United Palace. Plans are in the works to screen "King Kong" 4/27.
- Rotary Club of Inwood is holding an Earth Day celebration on Friday, 4/25.
- The Rotary Club is also kick-starting an Anti – Dog Pee and Poop Campaign

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:09pm.

Respectfully submitted: David Kach

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting
April 3rd, 2014 - Main Conference Room
530 West 166th Street – 6th Floor

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

Committee Members Absent: (0)

Public (5) Fidel Malena (Community Liaison – Mark Levine’s Office), Kelly Boyd, Linda Rosenthal, Richard Wassley, and Terrell Peters (ASC/NYC).

Staff: Paola Garcia

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda. Richard Lewis as Chair called the meeting to order at 7:23pm. Board Members introduced themselves as did one member of the public. All committee members were in attendance and a quorum was present during the entire meeting. Topics for tonight’s agenda were outlined. The Agenda was changed since the guest speaker from Vision Services NYC requested to be rescheduled for a later meeting this year. Some announcements were made: Two annual large building shows will be taking place in New York and there will be free admissions and classes given for both. They are the BUILDINGS NY Show and the Co-op. Condo, Apt. Expo. Brochures on these shows were made available.

A 421a Application for a tax abatement was recently submitted by HAP for a property located at West 167th Street. This is an As of Right Condo that has been recently completed and the law allows this application with the provision for review by the local community board. We will be deciding what to do with request at our May meeting

The minutes for the Public Hearing on the OPWDD Placement by Edwin Gould at 255 Cabrini Blvd held in March 25th will be made available sometime in May, 2014.

Just hours before the first scheduled meeting of the NYC Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) Mayor Bill de Blasio named four members, three of which filed vacancies and another was re-appointed. No chair was named. Joining the RGB as the Mayor’s two public member appointees are **Cecilia Joza**, who is currently the housing counseling program director at Mutual Housing Association of New York and **Steven Flax**, who has spent over 30 years involved in community housing and development projects.

The Mayor's newly appointed tenant representative is **Sheila Garcia**, who is the Community Organizer at the Community Action for Safe Apartments (CASA) New Settlement and has over 20 years of experience in tenant advocacy. The second tenant representative is **Harvey Epstein** of the Urban Justice Center, who has been serving on the RGB since April 2013 and was officially re-

appointed by Mayor de Blasio. Finally, the new owner's representative appointee is **Sara Williams Willard**, who will join **Magda Cruz**, the other owner representative.

The next meeting of the Rent Guideline Board will be held on April 10th and the other critical meetings are schedule as follows:

Date	Location	Time
Thursday, April 10, 2014 Public Meeting	Landmarks Preservation Commission Conference Room Municipal Building 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor	9:30 A.M.
Thursday, April 24, 2014 Public Meeting	Landmarks Preservation Commission Conference Room Municipal Building 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor	9:30 A.M.
Thursday, May 1, 2014 Public Meeting (Invited Group Testimony)	Landmarks Preservation Commission Conference Room Municipal Building 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor New York, NY 10007	9:30 A.M. <i>Apt. Owners 9:45 A.M. – 11:45 A.M.</i> <i>Apt. Tenants 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.</i> <i>Hotel Tenants 3:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M.</i> <i>Hotel Owners 3:45 P.M.</i>
Monday, May 5, 2014 Public Meeting (Preliminary Vote)	Alexander Hamilton U.S. Customs House 1 Bowling Green New York, NY 10004	5:30 P.M.
Thursday, May 29, 2014 Public Meeting (FINAL VOTE)	Landmarks Preservation Commission Conference Room Municipal Building 1 Centre Street, 9th Floor	9:30 A.M.

The Chair reviewed the NYS 2014-2015 April 1st new budget agreement with the NYS Legislature and the Governor. The agreement contained many items that will have a beneficial effect on housing and human services, particularly established programs that had severe underfunding in the last budget cycle. The agreement includes:

- **Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program:** The Budget increases the income threshold for the program from \$29,000 to \$50,000, which is expected to increase the number of beneficiaries by 15 percent. This will help over 7,000 New York City senior citizens stay in their homes. No income parity with DRIE.
- **Support for the Elderly:** The budget provides \$4.1 million for the expansion of the eligibility for the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Program (EPIC) and \$5 million for Community Services for the Elderly.
- **Property Tax Reform that includes \$1.5 Billion in Property Tax Relief:** The Budget agreement includes a new Property Tax Credit to provide relief to New York homeowners and address one of the primary drivers of the State's high property taxes – the outsized number of local governments.

- **Property Tax Reform that includes Tax Relief for Renters and Low-Income Homeowners.**
- **Accelerated Phase-Out of 18-A Utility Surcharge:** The Budget accelerates the phase-out of the 18-a temporary assessment for all customers. New Yorkers pay some of the highest energy bills in the nation and the temporary utility assessment exacerbates this burden on struggling businesses and families. The Budget will save businesses and residents \$600 million over the next three years.
- **Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities:** The Budget authorizes \$100 million to be invested to create and preserve 3,000 affordable housing units in multi-family developments
- **Targeted Human Services COLA:** The Budget includes \$13 million growing to \$122 million to support a 2% salary increase on January 1, 2015 and another 2 % salary increase on April 1, 2015 to direct care and support workers. The April 1, 2015 COLA will also include clinical staff.
- **Enhancing Mental Health Services:** The budget adds \$38 million to expand community mental health services. This will fund 628 new supported apartments and 122 new “waiver” slots that provide enhanced services for children including respite, skill building, intensive in-home supports and enhanced care coordination.
- **Protecting Children:** The budget provides \$3 million total for Safe Harbor for Sexually Exploited Children.
- **TANF and Public Assistance Programs:** Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Funding is continued at 2013-14 levels for SUNY/CUNY Child Care, Non-Residential Domestic Violence Services, Career Pathways, Displaced Homemakers, Advantage Schools, Wage Subsidy Program, Nurse Family Partnership, ATTAIN, and Settlement Houses. In addition, the Budget includes the authorization of a New York City shelter supplement program within available public assistance resources

The following documents were presented as resources for the agenda and other items of interest:

- Support for Windows XP ends April 8th 2014 <http://www.microsoft.com/en-us/windows/enterprise/end-of-support.aspx>
- Governor Cuomo and Legislative Leaders Announce Passage of 2014-15 Budget <https://www.governor.ny.gov/press/03312014Budget>
- Con Edison Gas Safety - <http://www.coned.com/customercentral/gassafety.asp>
- Seguridad en el uso del gas - http://www.coned.com/customercentral/sp_gassafety.asp Or www.coned.com/gassafety-sp
- COMMUNITY LAND TRUST Picture the Homeless Efforts <http://www.picturethehomeless.org/ct.html>
- New Report Finds American Renters Still Cannot Afford Rent Nationwide <http://nlihc.org/oor/2014>
- Out of Reach 2014: New York - <http://nlihc.org/oor/2014/NY>
- Cooperative Rules - Understanding the Business Corporation Law

- <http://cooperator.com/articles/2153/1/Cooperative-Rules/Page1.ht>
- The Power of Cooperative Boards
- How to handle problems with a condominium's Board of Managers
- With Rent Hike Battle Ahead, De Blasio Appoints Four New Members to Rent Guidelines Board - <http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/category/news/> and <http://blogs.wsj.com/metropolis/2014/03/27/with-rent-hike-battle-ahead-de-blasio-appoints-four-new-members-to-rent-guidelines-board/>
- Mayor Makes New Appointments to the Rent Guidelines Board (Finally) <http://blog.rsanyc.net/rent-guidelines-board/2014/03/mayor-makes-new-appointments-to-the-rent-guidelines-board-finally.html>

Community Land Trust.

To keep the committee advised on developments in affordable housing information was presented on what is called a “community land trust.” So what is it and how does it work?

A community land trust (CLT) is a non-profit organization that owns property, traditionally land, and leases it for affordable housing. The deed to the land, the CLT by-laws, and the lease all require that the housing be permanently affordable. The land can never be traded or sold to the highest bidder on the private market.

The CLT owns the land and can lease the land to any one of the following:

- non-profit mutual housing association (MHA)
- non-profit limited-equity cooperative
- non-profit community development corporation (CDC)
- one- or two-family homeowner, with resale restrictions; or
- a condo association, with resale restrictions

Housing and Neighborhood Gas Emergency Preparedness.

In view of the gas explosion that cost lives and the collapse of two buildings recently in East Harlem the details of a Con Edison pamphlet were discussed on safety and gas emergencies. The main point of the information provided was for building residents to be prudent and proactive (if the smell of gas is faint or ever-present) and immediately call 911, or Con Edison (1-800-752-6633 or 1-800 75 - CONED) or the FDNY once you are a safe distance away. Also do not turn ON or OFF electrical switches as this may result in a spark. Do not call 311.

Discussion on Co-op and Condo Governance.

In response to complaints by some twenty five residents of 255 Cabrini Boulevard at a HHS Committee Public Hearing on an OPWDD Placement by Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families on March 20th the committee placed a governance item on our agenda. The committee expressed its concerns and emphasized that it is presenting information on governance as a public service and not as a source of legal advice that is better suited for government agencies and or an attorney-client relationship. One of

the key factors here was that the Cabrini group residents and others in a similar situation needed to do the following:

- **Organize apartment unit and building records** (bylaws and changes, assessments, fees, charges, and changes, contracts of sale and their terms and conditions, etc)
- **Organize other key documents** (letters and emails of complaints or inquiries, minutes of the board of managers, annual financial statements, inspections of receivables and payables [invoices and bank statements/cancelled checks])
- **A review of all contracts of sale through the NYC Department of Finance ACRIS lookups** a836-acris.nyc.gov or www.nyc.gov/html/property/acris.shtml
- **Making Apartment Violation Requests to HPD or calling 311**
- **Examination of building-wide tax records** from the Department of Finance once individual Block/Lot/Unit numbers have been obtained from ACRIS.
- **Reading the Martin Act** – New York State General Business Law Article 23-A sections, 352-353 that gives the NYS Attorney General (NYAG) extraordinary powers and discretion to fight financial fraud.
- **Filing complaints on validated facts related to specific violations of the law with the NYAG in lieu of emotional appeals, value judgments or moralizing.**
- **Hire an Attorney or re-evaluate the effectiveness of the current one** you might have retained.
- **Hold periodic or monthly meetings** to prevent any loss of group interest
- **Follow-up on all these things.**

While all these steps require work and constant effort the goal of governance is to secure rights and insure the accountability of all parties. The condo members present agreed in the direction given and will advise us on their progress. Finally, it was pointed out that Councilmember Mark Levine once lived in this condo. His representative present at the meeting indicated he would refer this matter to the councilmember as well and get back to the committee on any additional information.

Discussion and Work on CB12M's planned Legal Empowerment Forum on Housing.

The committee was presented with the second draft of the proposed Legal Empowerment on Housing. Several changes were made to the original draft. These included a quick guide to the planned legal sessions, a change in the graphics used, and an annotated description of the eight sessions on legal protections and legal enforcement.

After considerable discussion it was decided that the annotated description of each session was too much to read or keep our target audience's attention in a brochure

may be more appropriate to use for something else. The welcome session was considered too conceptual (the difference between e the law and justice) and had little relevance to the theme of the forum. It needs to be re-written

A lengthy discussion began on how we wanted our community board to do more than have presenters from various agencies just there and give descriptions about what their agencies or organizations actually do. This information can readily be found on the web and in pamphlets published. We wanted to do something tangible and memorable for participants who come to us for assistance.

So it was decided that we needed a major organizing or portfolio session. Even if participant understood the law better after attending a given session they still might need some assistance in organizing the necessary forms, and documents to support their complaints and have a greater impact on their validity. Even if a attorney client relationship exist the presence of organized documents and claims ready to go could save time and reduce the costs as well as allow a better presentation with such exhibits to an agency or a trial judge.

So after each session members of the HHS Committee and the community board will be present to accommodate this effort. The date for the forum was set as May 17th and a location needs to be found that would house two meeting rooms simultaneously. If this cannot be done then the program will have to be modified accordingly.

The committee decided to have a panel of legal professionals supply information at each session with board members acting as moderators. Given the work ahead there needs to be intensive administrative planning (invitees letters sent and or contact made, flyers and a promotional campaign, etc.).The committee decided to meet on April 16th or meet on an earlier date if the board chair so agreed.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

**Respectfully submitted by,
Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee
April 3rd, 2014**

Community Board 12
Committee for the Concerns of the Aging

Minutes
April 8, 2014

Members Present: G. Vanterpool (Chair), E. Nau, L.Saneaux, L. McGougan, L. N. De Candido (Public Member)

Members Absent: B. Lehmann; Shah Ally

Public Attending: Z. Setaro, Con Edison; Juan Rosa (Office of Assemblywoman G. Rosa)
L. Whitehorn (RAPP), J. McNiff (Community Resident)

GV convened the meeting at 10:10 AM with committee reports:

- Housing Cmte report (GV)
 - SCRIE cap increased to \$50K
 - NYCHA requesting money from DFTA for rental increase for senior center use
- Public Safety (Liliana)
 - Buzzetti no longer commander at 34th...replaced by Chris Moriello
 - George Fernandez (Chair, CB12M) presided
 - There will be a new large gym by Planet Fitness on Broadway and 177th, concerns about locker theft
 - Livery cab drivers are leaving bottles full of human urine on the streets/bathroom facilities not available in early morning hrs.
- Health & Environment (EN)
 - Con Ed update regarding upgrades to their structures in our district to protect against Flooding, in lieu of Hurricane Sandy...because we are elevated, not so much damage was sustained.
 - Jim McNeff brought up the problem of animal carcasses recently found in the parks
 - Giselle from City Harvest reported on the status of the Healthy Foods Project Here in Washington Heights & Inwood
 - Ross Frommer from CUMC reported, CUMC contributed several million in funds to the City of New York to help renovate the 168th street subway station.
Construction of the new medical school is underway on 171st & Haven
A new nursing school will be constructed on 168 and Audubon (behind the Russ Berrie building.) Groundbreaking is set for the fall.
 - Juan Mejia of New York Presbyterian reported:
All 17 floors of the Morgan Stanley Hospital are scheduled for renovation.
Construction of the expanded Emergency Room is on schedule and will be completed by 2018
A new in-patient renal dialysis unit will be constructed. The current dialysis center will be re-purposed to function as out-patient renal dialysis.
A new 16 bed pre-partum unit is planned. This is in addition to the regular labor and delivery unit which is also undergoing renovations.

Laura Whitehorn (Release Aging People in Prison)

- of the eleven elders over the age of 60 who went to the parole board last month, only one was released.

Their risk of reoffending is very low. L.Whitehorn will look into what the expense will be to keep the other ten inside.

- Overall, the prison population in NYS has decreased by 20%; but, the numbers of those Over 50 years old went up.

- L.W. was asked where these individuals will go after release and who will service them. She has received support from NYC-

DFTA and the Columbia University Justice Initiative with whom she will do a joint

Symposium. She is working with other agencies to provide services. She is approaching all of the 59 community boards in NYC for support

- NYS spends approximately \$140-240K per year for each elder inmate;

Versus \$50K for each inmate below 50

Zamira (Con Ed)

- in regards to the East Harlem tragedy, the building was 127 years old, residents smelled Gas for days before ConEd was called in.

Z.Setaro

passed out scratch/sniff samples to make us aware of what a gas leak smells like...GV asked about individuals with diminished smell, Zamira answered that hopefully there are other people who would assist them in developing awareness

- Acknowledged that Con Ed does not follow up with the results of an investigation...but, it was mentioned that folks who call in should follow up on their own with "911" or "311".

- Con Ed is only responsible for the gas main to a building; gas lines within a building are The responsibility of the landlord

Juan Rosa (Chief of Staff for Assemblywoman G. Rosa)

- G.Rosa is on the Aging Cmte within the NYState Assembly

- gave us an overview of the NYS budget

- Also mentioned the increase of the income cap for SCRIE participants

- G. Rosa will introduce bill to do the same for DRIE

- Discussions to increase the cap for EPIC have begun

- 2% cost of living increase for caregivers and home health agencies passed.

- Grants to research study for possible assistance to grandparents raising their Grandchildren were approved

- UPK expansion was passed

EN mentioned the diabetes epidemic in northern Manhattan and his desire to decrease limb Amputations. He will look into doing a presentation in May or June.

Next meetings are on May 13 and June 10.

Respectfully submitted,
Edgard Nau

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – April 3, 2014

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (chair), Edgard Nau, Karen J. Arthur, David Kach, Elizabeth Lehmann, Juan Mejia, , Beatrice Hall (Public Member) . **BOARD MEMBER PRESENT:** Jim Berlin.

ABSENT: Lorenzo McGougan.

GUESTS: Laura Mascuch, Angie Gilbride and Lou Villani, Con Edison; Gisselle Mejia, City Harvest; Ross Frommer, Columbia University Medical Center; Hector Carrasco, CHALK, NYPH; Ky Williamson, Rotary Club of Inwood; Mary Anderson, Sara A. Fisher, Osi Kaminer, Haebitna Chong and Stephen Knight.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm in the CB12 office, 560 W. 166th St., 6th floor, by Assistant Chair Edgard Nau. All those in attendance introduced themselves, at which time Chair Steve Simon arrived. He said the committee invited Con Edison to tonight's meeting because of the importance of learning about protective measures being taken to safeguard the area's power supply.

1. **Con Edison: Resiliency Measures to Protect the Inwood Substations** – Lou Vilani, Department Manager, Project Engineering, gave a comprehensive presentation, starting with an overview of the impact of Superstorm Sandy (10/29/12) on the Inwood facilities. Compared to other parts of Manhattan, where facilities lost power due to the storm, the Inwood substations fared well. The new Academy substation, which is enclosed, received some water in the basement from the sewer line but withstood the storm. The Sherman Creek substation, which is spread out over three blocks and is open on all sides and to the sky, received 2-3 inches of water, but its functionality was not affected. All facilities are evaluated October thru December in anticipation of hurricane season. Con Edison met with other utilities in the region, and new designs were created to protect systems from future storms. The following storm hardening objectives were identified:

- Prevent de-energization of power supply equipment due to flood water intrusion
- Maintain relay protection integrity
- Maintain remote control and situational awareness (metering and indication)
- Minimize equipment damage from salt water
- Allow for future flood elevation increase (new water level mark – FEMA 100-year flood level plus 3 feet)
- Allow for rapid recovery

The measures to be taken to mitigate potential flood damage include the following:

- New concrete flood walls around the Sherman Creek substation
- Watertight doors and flood gates
- New submersible pumps (to be deployed 5 days before the storm)
- Nitrogen driven pumps for pressurization
- Seal critical panels and cabinets (strong, breathable, resilient wrap)
- Seal conduits and cable trenches with expansive foam

Mr. Vilani said Con Ed will implement these measures this June thru 1st quarter, 2015 and construction will continue thru 2016. Con Ed will revisit the stations Oct/Nov 2014. Questions were raised about the aesthetics of the walls and security around the substation. He said that finishes can be applied to make the walls more attractive. He volunteered to return to the committee in the fall to give us an update on the work being done. In response to a question from the Chair regarding whether Con Ed has any long-term plans for an empty lot it owns on W. 204th Street, Ms. Gilbride said Con Ed wants to hold onto the property in the event it is needed to help meet future energy needs.

2. **City Harvest: Healthy Food Access in Washington Heights-Inwood** – Gisselle Mejia, Manager, Healthy Neighborhoods campaign in Washington Heights, discussed City Harvest's efforts to improve access to and demand for healthy foods in this community. The organization conducted an in-depth assessment and found that quality and affordability were the biggest issues, not access. It is partnering with senior centers and other community-based agencies such as Community League of the Heights to provide cooking classes and nutrition education. (It was noted that grandparents are targeted for training since many of them are child care

providers.) Its Cornerstone project works with neighborhood bodegas to improve the quality and display of produce. Healthy food is being distributed to local food pantries. Other key initiatives include shopping tours educating consumers how to read labels and shop on a budget. A survey rating local supermarkets is being designed. The Chair asked whether there were any printed material on healthy meals that CB 12 could give to restaurants applying for alcohol licenses to encourage them to include healthy food options on their menus. Hector Carrasco, program coordinator for Choosing Healthy Lifestyles for Kids (CHALK), distributed some handouts ("My Plate Planner") showing how healthy meals can be planned by including ¼ starch, ¼ protein and ½ vegetable. He said El Presidente restaurant is working with them.

3. **Columbia University Medical Center Report** -- Ross Frommer, Vice President, Government & Community Affairs/Associate Dean, updated us on the impact of the federal and state budgets on CUMC. Construction at the 168th street subway station now underway (a two-year project to rehabilitate the ceilings at this station and the next one at 181st Street on the #1 line) should also make it more pedestrian friendly. CUMC and NYPH are contributing \$1million towards this aspect of the project. Construction is proceeding on the Graduate Medical Education bldg. at 171st Street and Haven Avenue; it should open in 2016. Construction of a new state-of-the-art School of Nursing building behind the Russ Berrie Pavilion on Audubon Avenue should begin this fall. He is planning to conduct another all-day program this summer in which community leaders visit the Medical Center and learn about its various affiliated schools and programs. In response to a question, he explained that NYS Psychiatric Institute, affiliated with CUMC, is funded by NIH and provides mental health research, clinical studies and limited patient services.
4. **NY-Presbyterian Hospital Report** -- Juan Mejia, Vice President -Operations, Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, updated us on various construction projects. A Bone Marrow Transplant unit with in-patient beds will open shortly on the 11th floor of Harkness, the first time NYPH has ever had such a unit. Work is progressing on the new adult emergency room, which is being built in phases over a 3-4 year period. The Milstein building is being completely renovated, one floor at a time. The first phase is almost completed. A new kidney dialysis unit for in-patients is being built on the first floor. A new CPAP (behavioral unit) also is being built. As a follow-up to last month's presentation on the measles outbreak in northern Manhattan and The Bronx, the Chair noted that the Health Commissioner announced on Tuesday that it spread to the Lower East Side. A total of 25 cases have been reported since February, including 13 adults and 12 children.
5. **Isabella Geriatric Center Report** -- Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, said as follows:
 - Renovation of rehab unit increased beds from 45 – 120, more than doubling the number of patients to be served.
 - The McFadden Scholarships, given to graduating seniors who live in Washington Heights-Inwood, will be presented at an award dinner on May 15. Besides good grades, students must perform community service.
 - May is Older Americans Month and volunteers are encouraged to share their talent on May 20th.
 - The summer festival is being expanded to include the larger community and will take place on July 24.
 - The health fair is scheduled for October 8, 2014. She said CB 12 would be welcome to co-sponsor it.
6. **New Business** – Ky Williamson: The Rotary Club is concerned about the health of trees in Inwood. In partnership with IS 52, an education campaign will be launched about toxic waste (dog poop) killing trees.
7. **Mail** – Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center invites us to two events being held for National Minority Cancer Awareness Week on April 15 & 16. Free head and neck cancer screenings are being held at Breast Examination Center of Harlem, 163 W. 125th St., its community program on 4/23.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Karen J. Arthur

Business Development Committee

Minutes, April 1, 2014

Committee Members Present: Anina Young (Chair), Jason Miller, Richard Allman, Rud Morales, Christopher Smith

Committee Members Absent: Ariel Ferreira (Assistant Chair), Ellen Kackman, Victor Santos

Community Members: Martin Collins

Guest Speakers: Joanna Castro, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance

A. Welcome & Opening Remarks

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anina Young at 7:15. The Chair welcomed committee members and guests in attendance. Ms. Young proceeded to recap last month's meeting in which Angelina Ramirez; Executive Director of the Washington Heights BID spoke to the committee about its 2013 accomplishments along with future BID initiatives. Ms. Ramirez promised the committee she would provide information regarding market research revolving around the retail needs of the district.

In addition the committee discussed the goals and direction of the newly formed business development committee. The course of action agreed upon was to leverage local business aids including SBS (Small Business Solutions), local Business Improvement Districts, and other governmental departments in an effort to become a resource for local businesses both current and looking to enter the district.

2. Joanna Castro of NoMaa (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance) made a brief presentation to the committee members and discussed the upcoming Uptown Arts Stroll. Also in attendance were Martin Collins, Arts Stroll Coordinator and previous Chair CB 12. The Uptown Arts Stroll is NoMAA's annual month-long art festival. For the entire month of June, Washington Heights and Inwood's diverse roster of artist's floods uptown's businesses and institutions, open spaces, parks and other venues with their inspiring art. The Arts Stroll will commence with an opening reception at Highbridge Water Tower Promenade (Amsterdam Avenue & West 172nd Street) on Thursday, May 29 from 6pm - 8:30pm. The Art Stroll encompasses artists of all different disciplines throughout the neighborhood. For more information about the stroll or participation please visit artstroll.com.

Other events NoMaa will be hosting include:

June 7: Opening of Ephemeral Arts Project in collaboration with New York Restoration Project and coinciding with Hike the Heights

June 22: Open Studios

June 28: Health Fair for Artists in collaboration with NY Presbyterian Hospital

June 28-29: Arts Stroll closing reception TBA

B. New Business

Committee member Rud Morales presented her concerns to the committee about how local business will have to comply with the new sick leave act which has already gone into effect as of April 1 and monitored by the Department of Consumer Affairs. The committee recommended inviting business owners to a forum lead by CB 12 Business Development Committee and inviting the DCA to speak on the topic. Chair Young informed the committee she would reach out to the Department of Consumer Affairs to see if she can have someone speak to the new act. The forum conversation will continue at the next committee meeting.

Next meeting

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6th, 2014.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.

CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Monday April 14, 2014

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: Gregorio Luperon High School – 501 West 165 Street (Near Amsterdam) NYC 10032

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

Committee Members Excuse: Chris Smith, Asst. Chair

Committee Public Members Absent: Shaun Abreu

Guests: Noelle Cavacchioli, Financial Aid Officer from Colombia University; Christian Ramos, Financial Aid Graduate Assistant from Columbia University

The Chair called meeting to order at 7:05PM.

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

PART I: OPEN ISSUE:

Representatives from Columbia University Department of Financial Aid & Educational Financing Ms. Noelle Cavacchioli, Financial Aid Officer and Christian Ramos, Financial Aid Graduate Assistant facilitated a financial aid workshop covering the following topics:

- ✓ How to interpret financial aid award letters
- ✓ How to make cost effective decision when selecting your college
- ✓ What does college cost including direct and indirect costs (from tuition to personal expenses).

The facilitators also discussed several types of financial aid, which included grants, loans, work study and stipend as well as a how to read a financial aid package and compare financial aid packages.

- ✓ Opportunity to ask questions was provided.
- ✓ Chair suggested that workshop of this nature should be available more often for parents and student, and promised the public to invite Columbia University again soon.

Old/ New Business

- ✓ Chair discussed that Saturday April 5th meeting was cancel and rescheduled for May 3rd. It was also considered that the topics for discussion on this coming meeting would be possibly UPK and Common Core
- ✓ The Committee received the introduction of two resos (draft), which were proposed by Chair Florimon on behalf of Assistant Chair Smith. The titles of these resos are “School Environment-“Indoor Air Quality and Student Performance” and “*RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ALARM SYSTEMS ON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXIT DOORS*”. The committee reviewed and agreed that further

discussion was needed and no position was taken on these resolutions at this time of the meeting. Chair also suggested the committee to wait until next to hear Mr. Smith's point of view about this pending resolutions.

- ✓ Mr. Al Kurland provided a brief update on the Teens On Board Group, stating that the number of supporter (elected officials) at state and city levels has enormously increased.
- ✓ The committee discussed the possibility of having a Forum on Youth Violence in June 2014. Also discussed the invitation of several agencies as main players.

Meeting was adjourned at: 9:05pm

COMMUNITY BOARD 12 MANHATTAN
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
April 2, 2014

Committee Members

Rud Morales, Asst Chair
Chris O'Sullivan
Liliana Saneaux
Pamel Palanque-North
Public Member
Michael Mowatt-Wynn

Members Absent

Luis Tejada, Chair
(excused)

CB 12 Members Attending

George Fernandez, Jr.
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Attendees: Nancy Preston, Osi Kaminer, Sheila Massey, Mary Anderson, Nigel Chiwaya-DNA Info, Dep. Insp. Fausto Pichardo-33rd Pct., Lt. C. Muniz-34th Pct., Dep Insp. Chris Morello-34th Pct., Det. H. Pabey-34th Pct., Sandrine Fermino- DA's office

The meeting was called to order at: 7:20pm by G. Fernandez, CB Chair - PSC Chair Luis Tejada, absent due to illness, Rud Morales, Asst. Chair due to arrive by 8 pm.

**NYPD Updates:
34 Th Precinct**

The new Commander of the 34th Precinct, Deputy Inspector C. Morello, introduced himself to all and shared his impressive past assignments and posts within the NYPD (most recently a C.O. with NYCHA Police force) and provided his vision of how the 34th officers would interact with the community going forward. He outlined his immediate priorities as per law enforcement and community relations. Immediate actions will include assessing all aspects of the precinct and all conditions within the precinct boundaries. He looks forward to working in a cooperative and productive manner with the residents, community representatives, elected officials, and business owners. CO Morello is committed to having the safest, most efficient and responsive precinct possible.

Overview of recent crime statistics YTD 34th Precinct:

Murder no change (0)
Rape - decrease (-33%)
Robbery - increase (+29.8%)
Fel Assault - (-21%)
Burglary - decrease (-44%)
Grand Larceny - increase (+25.8%)

Overview of recent crime statistics YTD 33rd Precinct

NYPD Deputy Inspector Fausto Pichardo, reported on crime statistics YTD
Murder - No change
Rape - increase (+66.7%)
Robbery - decrease (-23.2%)
Fel Assault - increase (+14.3)
Burglary - increase (+16.7)
Grand Larceny - decrease (-4.4)
Overview of 33 and 34 Th. reports:

C.O. Pichardo issued an advisory to the public: **Do not** leave vehicles operating and unattended at any time. Most of the thefts of cars (grand larceny) were done when a driver left the vehicle operating and left the car to go into to a store or residence.

Identity Theft - Is a major problem and source of crime across the district. Public advised to shred all documents before placing in the trash. Protect and secure all forms of ID when at home or outside of the home.

Cell phones - when walking or in a public place and speaking on a cell phone be aware of your surroundings at all times. A number of phones are snatched when a person is walking on a street or in a park and not paying attention. Everyone should register their electronic equipment with the NYPD - free program and very useful in the tracing stolen phones.

Robbery: Planet Fitness opening large location in WH - reports of individuals stealing from lockers at local gym. Report of stolen wallet from locker which did not have a lock on it.

CO Pichardo, advises that at no time should patrons leave belongings in an unsecured locker.

Manhattan DA Report

Manhattan District Attorney's office representative provided an update on the Legal Bound Youth Internship Program - reported that there are 40 positions and that a large number of applications were received from students in the borough and from WAHI - interviewing and selection process underway.

Opened a Family Assistance Unit - A "one-stop-shop" unit. Changes in DA services to youth - Now working with Youth Parolees who are re-entering the community.

Started a "Saturday Night Light" program at G. Washington HS ages 11-18 (only)-also offering tutoring to eligible students (Middle - HS).

Introduction of Resolution supporting the transfer of Humane Law Enforcement from the ASPCA to NYPD - Sheila Massey

Sheila Massey, from TRAP which is an organization of volunteers who are committed to the population control and protection of Feral Cats provided background on the inhumane treatment of Feral Cats in WAHI And the transfer of Humane Law Enforcement from the ASPCA to NYPD. The 33rd Precinct has been working cooperatively with Ms Massey on the case of cruelty of Feral Cats.

She presented a resolution for the PSC to discuss, hopefully present to the full Board for approval (see attachment).Ms Massey reported that Feral cats are being killed in Washington Heights and that crimes against Feral cats go un-investigated because of adherence to a standard that requires a witness to the crime i.e. "no witness - no crime".

The resolution calls for developing protocols that creates different standards and stronger law regarding animal cruelty.

Ms. Massey provided background on TRAP which is an initiative that identifies, traps, neuters and returns feral cats to their colonies in the communities.

Managed feral cat colonies control rat infestation and are of benefit to the community

Discussion

General discussion and consensus among committee members to take action on Feral Cat proposed resolution in May. Chris O'Sullivan stated that an earlier version of the resolution was s clearer statement about the issue - current resolution needs to be shortened. Liliانا Saneaux- motion to place on next month's agenda Motion: Table the discussion of the TRAP Resolution

until the May 6 PSC at which time further discussion and crafting of a resolution will be done by the PSC, 2nd, P. Palanque North - No objections

Identity Theft

G.Fernandez and O.Bing proposed to the PSC that the committee conduct a special initiative to address identity theft. They shared traumatic personal experiences with having their own or a family members ID stolen. Shared that while attending a meeting with NYPH to address another issue they discussed ID theft with J.Batista and received an offer from him to provide funds to conduct an activity to Shred documents. Most members in favor of such action but expressed concern about undertaking this initiative. While addressing the other PSC initiatives agreed to i.e. School-based violence forum, mandated and Elevated sentencing for Youth Gang Violence; Domestic Violence. Members also expressed an interest in discussing the Shredding Project when Luis is present. G. Fernandez, assured the PSC that L. Tejada had been briefed on the project and was in support of The action.

Discussion:

Community Residents raised issues/concerns with the 33rd and 34th representatives:

- Water bottles filled with urine are being left on sidewalk by car service drivers. Discussion about identifying car service company and raising this problem with the company when they appear before the CB for their base-station license renewal. Urinating on the street is a criminal offense
- Is the NYPD responsible for bicycles tied to street poles for an extended period of time. **Answer.** DI Morello will get back to the PSC but it is thought to be the responsibility of DOT.
- UNIDOS representative- Night Life Industry - request for help in resolving issues related to night life i.e. after-hour noise caused by loitering by patrons. Told by NYPD that they cannot get involved with Loitering even if its after 4am. **Answer:** DI Morello will look into all complaints but these are primarily addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Noise Complaints and police response to calls to complaints - police not responding in some instances and DEP will not respond after 2am.

Michael Mowatt-Wynn - President 33rd Precinct Council

33rd Precinct Newsletter - give your email address to 33 pct C.A.

Multicultural Diversity Fair - May 31 12-6pm - Founded by Chief Banks

Please attend Council meetings last Wednesday September –June. May change the time of 33 & 34Th

Council meetings to create greater attendance

34th Community Council Update

Next council meeting of 34th Precinct will be held at Campbell sports complex at Baker field

M. Buczeck Little League - April 26 1pm
Ages 7-16 males and females
Open to all youth and children

Submitted by: Pamela Palanque-North
Meeting Adjourned at 9 pm