

## LAND USE COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

March 5th, 2014

### Committee Members Present

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

### Committee Members Absent

### Board Members Present

David Koch

### Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

### Public Member Absent

Staff: Debra Blow

**Guests:** Osi Kaminer, Robert Wendel, , Robin Galawanji, Kerfe Roig, Guy Irwin, Rita Gorman, Paul Kittas, *Warshaw Burstein LLP*: Josh Rinesmith, *Manhattan Borough Presidents Office*: Jesse Bodine, (Director of Community Development), *nC2 architecture LLC*: Richard Goodstein, Michael Hanson

1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:11 PM. Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests.
2. Chair Wayne Benjamin introduced Josh Rinesmith of Warshaw Burstein LLP representing Plant Fitness in consideration of a BSA application for a new fitness center to be located at 4168 Broadway (Block 2145 Lot 15). The property is located at the southeast corner of the intersection formed by West 177<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway. The chair explained Plant Fitness is seeking two approvals (special permits). The first special permit application is to allow a physical cultural establishment pursuant to section 73-36 and 73-52 of the Zoning Resolution. The application also seeks to permit the extension of the proposed physical culture establishment use into the residential portion of a zoning lot that is split by commercial and residential zoning district. The majority of the property is located on zoning district C8-3, however 26'- 2" is located in R7-2 zoning district. If the property extended 1'-2" less into the R7-2 zoning district the fitness center use would be considered as of right and would not require BSA approval.

The property is currently used as a six-story parking garage; it also has one retail store-front. Mr. Rinesmith stated that the owner has not used the second and third floors for parking more than a year. Based on the floors currently in use for parking, the Department of Consumer Affairs allows for 398 spaces; typical occupancy is only 50 percent of the allowed spaces. . Mr. Rinesmith informed the board that Plant Fitness executed a lease for approximately 1,500 square feet on the ground floor and 14,100 square feet on the second and third floor for an approximate total of 29,700 square feet. The center will be 24 hour operation and fully ADA compliant. It will contain a shower facility, but no steam rooms or saunas.

Committee member Jim Berlin voiced his concern about lack of parking in the neighborhood and removing the second and third floor of the building would be a disservice to the community. Mr. Berlin motioned to not support the BSA application due to parking concerns. The motion did not pass:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	2	3	3
Public Member	0	1	0
Members of the Public	1	0	1

Mr. Rinesmith resumed the conversation with further questions about parking capacity and current utilization stating that the fourth, fifth and sixth floors will remain parking which can accommodate approximately 85-90 car per floor and that it is the building owner, not Planet Fitness, which is a tenant, who decided not to discontinue use the second and third floors for parking. Committee member Jason Miller asked how many jobs will the fitness center create and will the hiring efforts be done locally. Mr. Rinesmith responded stating the fitness center will create 20 new jobs with every effort to hire locally. Chairman Wayne Benjamin stated that the building is located within one of the C8-3 zoning districts that the Community Board has requested the Department of City Planning to rezone precisely because C8-3 zoning only allows auto related uses, which does not allow for the range of use and development to serve area needs. He further stated that the subject parking garage and the neighboring parking garage are identified in the District-wide Planning Study which CB12-M undertook with City College as underutilized structures that could be redeveloped. He suggested a motioned to support the BSA application. After further discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed by the following votes.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	5	1	2
Public Member	1	0	0
Members of the Public	0	1	2

- Chairman Wayne Benjamin introduced Jesse Bodine, Director of Community Development and Land Use for the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer. Mr. Bodine introduced himself to the committee and guests as the liaison for Community Board 12. He briefly discussed topics that the new administration is reviewing. This consists of preservation of housing, creating working groups around affordable housing and land use issues such as over development around public parks. He described the new administration's efforts as implementing a "holistic planning or zoning of the area" allowing for developers to get the communities prospective earlier on in the process instead of stuck with just the ULURP process.
- The Chairman Mr. Benjamin introduced nC2 architects, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Goodstein on behalf of the new owners of 434 West 162nd Street, who are seeking approval from the Landmarks Preservation Commission ("LPC") for proposed renovations to the townhouse, which is located within the Jumel Terrace Historic District. Mr. Goodstein informed the committee that application for 434 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street is scheduled to be considered by LPC at a public hearing scheduled for March 18, 2014. Since the full board meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2014, due to time constraints, Chair Benjamin explained that any resolutions adopted by the Land Use Committee will be presented to the Executive Committee to approve on behalf of the Board. The resolution, if approved by the Executive Committee, will then be presented to the Board for affirmation. .

The new renovation consists of a roof deck, a bulkhead enclosing a new stair that provides access to the roof, and modification to the fenestration, i.e.: door and window openings, at the rear garden level. nC2 provided plans and photo-renderings to illustrate the view points from which the renovations would be visible from the public thoroughfare, i.e.: the street, which is the standard used by LPC. Only the bulkhead would be visible from the street. It is not visible from West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, but is visible from St. Nicholas Avenue and West 161<sup>st</sup> Street, a portion of Jumel Terrace and from Roger Morris Park and the Jumel Mansion. The architects informed the Committee that although LPC does not consider visibility from parks it included these view in the analysis and presentation.

After further discussion a motion was made and seconded support of the proposed renovations to 434 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street including the roof deck, bulkhead and modification of fenestration at the garden level but recommending that before LPC approves the application it encourage outreach to and discussion with neighbors in the historic district. The resolution passed based on the following votes.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	8	0	0
Members of the Public	4	0	0

5. Mr. Robert Wendel a six year resident at 467 West 163<sup>rd</sup> Street has expressed his concern of lack of information available concerning apparent new building activity occurring on a lot in close proximity to his residence. He explained that he lives next to the correction facility parking lot and is concerned of potential expansion of the prison. He also mentioned a potential new development might be in the works on 163<sup>rd</sup> Street, but did not identify the address. Mr. Wendel was advised to bring his concerns to the attention of the District Manager for his follow up.
6. Committee member Steve Simon inquires as to the status of the Board of Standard and Appeals review of the proposed Fort George Hill Project by South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Benjamin stated that he would ask the District Manager to obtain an update.
7. After further discussion the Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Jason Miller and Wayne Benjamin

## Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

Attendance: Committee – Kalinsky, Barberis, Berlin, Kackman, Prentiss, Raysor. Public – Eric Jenson, Pedro Villalta, Josh Orzeck (DOT), David Breen, Michael Feeny, Dennis Reeder (WHDIC), Jim Mewiff, Osi Kaminer, Fidel Malena ( CM Levine), Maggie Clark

Meeting began at 7:05pm

Councilmember Rodriguez addressed the attendees.

- He is looking for input from the committee and community on transportation matters and is looking towards 2030 city transportation plan to increase transportation both on land, underground, and water ferries. The CM is committed to put the capital forward on these projects.
- Vision Zero – brings everyone together. Highest death rate for children under 14 is through car accidents. We must improve pedestrian safety. Looking to redesign streets that are dangerous – Broadway is one of the most dangerous streets in the city. Also looking at people with disabilities and their concerns. Would like to move the city speed limit down to 20 or 25 MPH. The CM would like to see the time frame for the budget that the city plans on allocating to vision zero. He would also like to include an educational component to this vision zero plan as well.
- The city council will host 4 meetings throughout the 5 boroughs related to Vision Zero – to get more input from the communities on the plan and to produce a report on that feedback.
- State of northern Manhattan will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm – the focus will be building a 2030 year plan for Northern Manhattan.

We then opened the floor to question to the CM:

- Edith – why are police only ticketing for double parking on 181<sup>st</sup> street (in order to move traffic into the Bronx), we have these issues all over the district? What about cars parked in bus stops?
- CM – we need a city wide traffic study. He asked the city today if there is federal funding available for a city wide traffic study. Let's work together to bring items to the DOT and I will be as helpful as I can to move the process along.

DOT presentations:

- 1) Request for Art installation at Dyckman St./Riverside Drive
  - a. An artist has an art piece on 124<sup>th</sup> Street for the past 2 years and DOT suggested that they move the item to the Dyckman Street location.
  - b. Typically the art stays in a location for one-year in order to “activate the area” to new art. The maintenance and moving expenses will be provided by the Washington Heights BID.

- c. The location is also available for proposals of urban art
  - d. Jim – maybe we should include the Parks committee on this discussion. They meet tomorrow night. Perhaps Angelina Ramirez could present this project to the Parks Committee.
  - e. Maggie – request to make the sidewalk on Riverside Drive (leading north from Dyckman) wider and remove the parking of 5-6 spots that were added.
  - f. Edith – we should add in the resolution something about Ring Garden having input on the precise location of the art, as there is a concern that sanitation vehicles drive over this piece of sidewalk.
  - g. Vote – 5-0-1, 0-1-1
- 2) Plaza de Las Americas
- a. Looking for a temporary relocation for the current location of the market.
  - b. Green market is open from the last Thursday in June until the week before Thanksgiving
  - c. Vendors market is open every day except Thursday and Sunday
  - d. Suggested temporary location during construction - West 175<sup>th</sup> Street between Wadsworth and St. Nicholas Avenue
    - i. Loss of parking would be on the North side of the street - about 25 spots
    - ii. Jim – can we make up the loss spots somewhere else?
    - iii. Dennis Reeder – maybe we can turn 173<sup>rd</sup> Street to angle parking and pick up additional parking spots
    - iv. Vote – 5-0-1, 4-0-0
- 3) Proposed inter-city bus stop for La Cubanita Bus Line located at 4149 Broadway (between West 175<sup>th</sup> and W. 176<sup>th</sup>).
- a. There was no representative here from the Bus Line – let's invite them to our next meeting
  - b. Currently the buses sit in the M5, M100 & Bx7 bus stop for hours at a time
  - c. DOT is basically looking to legalize what's already happening
  - d. We'd like to ask 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct about enforcement and if they have issues with this bus service
- 4) Fidel Malena – community liaison for CM Levine's office, introduced himself to the committee.
- 5) Maggie – mentioned that we have many potholes in the district and that chains on buses, when not warranted by snow, add to the holes in the street.
- a. Jim – we should not second guess the DOT's decision
- 6) Osi Kaminer – lives on 215<sup>th</sup> street, brought to our attention the accumulation of urine in bottles in the area, possibly from idling car service vehicles.
- a. Edith – the bases need to renew their licenses each year and this information should be passed on to the licensing committee.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

**Community Board 12, Manhattan Parks & Cultural Affairs Meeting**  
**530 W. 166<sup>th</sup> St., 6<sup>th</sup> fl.**  
**March 4, 2014**

**Committee members present:** Mitchell Glenn, Chair; Karen Arthur; David Kach; Richard Lewis; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; Juan Mejia; Chris O'Sullivan. **Committee Member absent:** Ulises Noboa. **CB12 members present:** Edith Prentiss, Steve Simon.

**Community Members present:** Chris Noel, Leslie Peoples, Jennifer Hoppa, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation; Patricia Anderton; Kevin McKeon, Inwood Canoe Club; Maria Loll; JA Reynolds; Aaron Scott; Gayle Addiss; Chris Whitney; Sara Fisher; Luis Ramos, Shorakapok Earthkeepers; Roger Meyer; Joanna Rodriguez; Daniela Lebron; Helena Judd; Katherine O'Sullivan; Nancy Prince; Matthew Perry; Osi Kaminer; Carole Mulligan; Carmen DelaRosa, C/M Rodriguez; Nelson Denis; Fidel Malena, C/M Levine; Angelina Ramirez, Washington Heights BID.

**Mitchell Glenn, Chair, called meeting to order at 7:15pm**

**Girl Scout Troop #3210 Mural Painting Project** Daniela Lebron & Joanna Rodriguez from Girl Scout Troop #3210 proposed a project to paint a mural on the wall of a store abutting the southern perimeter of Isham Park at Broadway, along the "Isham Alley" section. They spoke about media in the community, much of which is negative, e.g., graffiti; messages that are demeaning to women; advertising promoting use of alcohol, cigarettes and junk food; monolingual images in a bilingual community. This is in contrast to the potential for more positive images, e.g., exercise; healthful food; bilingual messages; images supporting racial, ethnic, gender and sexual-orientation diversity. They surveyed the community and found that people want to see bilingual messages, positive images and beauty. Currently the wall along Isham Alley is graffitied, which disrespects the community. There was a brief discussion of the history of this wall, which has been "home" to a number of murals, most recently one which engendered some controversy in the summer of 2012 and was painted over by the NYPD. The Girl Scouts propose to engage in a clean-up of that area of the park and to paint a new mural which has positive imagery and inspirational quotes from (for example) Maria Theresa Mirabal ("What matters is the quality of a person, what someone is inside themselves.") in English & Spanish. They are seeking input on/feedback on the content for a mural, as well as to network with the community for support of the project. They have the support of the building's landlord if the project is approved by the Precinct & CB12, and will be going to the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct for their support as well.

Ms. Hoppa noted that as the park will be undergoing renovations, that area might be inaccessible, and asked about their timeframe. The troop leader replied that the girls are in 8<sup>th</sup> grade and would like to finish the project before they graduate from High School. Ms. Hoppa said that she would work with the group if they get the approvals for the mural; the Troop replied that they can be flexible with the timing to reflect the construction timetable. Ms. Hoppa asked about ongoing maintenance; the troop leader replied that she is hopeful that the community would honor the newly cleaned area and would help to keep it clean. The idea received the universal support of the Committee and those in attendance. Next step: work with 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct & Community Council, and with DPR regarding timing and access from contractor.

**DPR Accessibility** Chris Noel, DPR's Accessibility Coordinator, with Nancy Prince and Helena Judd, spoke regarding universal design - DPR's ongoing efforts to improve accessibility for all parks users: lower tables, with space for wheelchairs to roll up; benches with backs and arms; accessible fountains; etc. NYC DPR has pioneered design in many of these fixtures as there was little or nothing commonly available. They have paved space in dog runs. Graphics are hung lower and printed with higher contrast (i.e., light print and dark background). There are more ramps to eliminate stairs in hilly terrain with multiple grades. These accommodations in buildings and structures are easier with new construction than retro-fitting. Another innovation is to put drinking fountains ON the exteriors of buildings, so that the fountain can work year 'round due to the pipes being within the building, and therefore not at risk for freezing. Mr. Noel shared photographs of Roger Morris Park, Highbridge Park wheelchair accessible Greenway from Dyckman St. south along the Hudson (including a long switchback path to accommodate 50'+ grade change.) and the new playground in Ft. Washington Park near 165<sup>th</sup> St. to provide recent examples of accessible renovations and innovations. He also talked about special programs for mentally and developmentally disabled; beach access with special mats to enable wheelchairs to travel on sand.

Universal design features for playgrounds includes:

1. Ground Level Play Components for a range of ages and developmental skill levels.
2. Accessible Route to the playground from the street.
3. Accessible Protective Surfacing around the play equipment.
4. Accessible Drinking Fountain.
5. Benches with a paved clear space adjacent to benches.
6. Accessible Picnic Table along an accessible route.
7. Transfer System mount/ dismount opportunity for wheelchair users on the equipment.
8. Child Safety and Security fencing and views of play area from most benches.
9. Multisensory Experiences textures, scents, hearing feature in equipment/ play area.
10. Visual Contrast for partially sighted children on equipment/play area.
11. Social Gathering Areas that are accessible with shared play activities.
12. Quiet Cozy Spaces where children can feel emotionally secure but visible.
13. Access to Landscaped Areas for wheelchairs to landscape plantings.
14. Ramping Experience next to ground features with handrail.
15. Ramping Playtrails to have an elevated experience in the landscape.
16. Shade to provide a mix of sunlight and shade may be natural or manmade.
17. Signage.
18. Decorative Spray Shower Features.
19. Elevated Play Table.
20. Swings with accessible seat or a swaying feature.

Since DPR is such a big consumer, they can push manufacturers for design modifications in play units, which then are manufactured and sold elsewhere. Universal adult fitness features were discussed. Edith Prentiss asked about the benches in FW Park, saying that they are all in the playground. Jennifer Hoppa: there will be more benches in the Park when the renovation is completed. She then praised Ms. Prentiss for the important role she has played as an advocate for the disability community, and in educating DPR, other agencies, CB12 and the public about accessibility issues. Richard Lewis asked about ADA standards and whether DPR complies and can they post these standards and statistics. A: Yes, DPR complies w/ ADA; DoITT is working on posting that information. A member of the public asked about the fee structure for those DPR facilities that require fee for entry (like tennis courts) for the disabled, noting that the same discount as for youth and seniors should apply. Roger Meyers asked about waterfront access for wheelchair users and to boats and kayaks.

**Bruce's Garden** As continuation of ongoing discussion of the renovation in Isham Park to bring water service into the park and to Bruce's Garden (see previous month's minutes), Ms. Hoppa noted that the design for this project was approved in June '12. Following changes in leadership at Bruce's Garden, a request was made to DPR to keep all water service construction outside of the Garden. DPR announced tonight that two other sections of Isham Park will begin work while design changes are made to accommodate the request of the Bruce's Garden representatives. DPR engineers have re-evaluated the plans, and the backflow preventer ("RPZ") has been moved. Bruce's Garden will remain untouched. If fences are moved, the contractor must secure the area during construction and replace the fencing. These and other changes are detailed in a letter dated today from Borough Commissioner Castro to the uptown elected who wrote to DPR in support of the Garden. The plan was well received by all in attendance.

Ms. Hoppa also gave an update regarding the agenda for the High Bridge re-opening planning on March 13<sup>th</sup>, and on efforts to shovel snow in the District's various parks during the recent snow storms, particularly on the Ft. Washington & Pinehurst Ave. sides of Bennett Park and adjacent to Payson Playground. One member of the public said it was, "the best I've seen it in my 20 year living in the neighborhood."

**Fidel Malena**, new representative for C/M Levine introduced himself, and noted that the C/M is in Albany advocating for universal Pre-K, but hopes to attend an upcoming Committee meeting.

**CU Baker Field Agreement** Roger Meyer for Conservancy North spoke about the disposition of the \$300k promised by CU to the community, hopefully to be used for re-granting and for capital improvements in Isham & Inwood Hill Parks. Carmen de la Rosa said that C/M Rodriguez is fully supportive of these goals, has met with Conservancy North and is meeting next week with CU, and hopes to have an update at the next Committee meeting.

**Angelina Ramirez / WH Business Improvement District's "Artervention" Program.** "Pod" is a sculpture in Harlem, on the mall on Malcom X Blvd. / Lenox Ave. @ W. 124<sup>th</sup> St, which is proposed to be moved to the triangle at Broadway / Riverside / Dyckman. It must be approved by DOT. The piece would be a temporary installation (for one year). It will be placed so as not to interfere with pedestrian traffic or driver visibility; also important to place it in a way that does not interfere with the Riverside Inwood Neighborhood Garden's (RING) periodic flea markets and art shows. DPR and DOT will balance these placement considerations with any concerns the MTA may have regarding structural integrity with respect to the A-train station below. Any changes to the sidewalk (drill holes, etc.) will be repaired after the artwork is removed. The proposal was unanimously approved by the Committee (7 in favor) and the non-Committee Board members (2 in favor, 1 not-voting due to conflict); the public approved 7-2-1-0. Because the presentation was also made to the Traffic & Transportation Committee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the two Committees will prepare a joint resolution.

**Committee Priorities** There was a brief discussing among those remaining regarding the Committee's priorities for the coming budget cycle. It was agreed that the dual emphasis on both Parks/waterfront/open spaces and arts/cultural affairs is a good thing, and that the Committee should continue to strike a balance of concerns among the geographic areas of the District, i.e., Inwood / WH / Southern Heights, and both East & West of Broadway. There was also an expressed desire to bring back old cultural and performance spaces, e.g., many old movie theaters are now retail stores. We need more theaters, theatres and performance spaces. Edith suggested that it would be interesting to see a "then-

and-now" pictorial. Mitchell Glenn made a point of emphasizing the importance of universal accessibility at all opportunities and to actively promote making more facilities accessible.

**Community Gardening:** Hannah Yokoji made a brief introductory presentation regarding community gardening in our District. Edith: raised beds? A: Yes. Ms. Hoppa had some suggestions regarding other gardening programs in the neighborhood, including community and rooftop gardens.

**Security Cameras in Isham Park** A member of the public asked about security cameras in Isham Park, citing an article from the Daily News last year. Ms. Hoppa and Mr. Simon replied that much of the information in the article was incorrect, noting that there are two cameras in the park: one at the Park Terrace East circle which is a "flash cam" set to go off when it detects motion nearby during hours that the Park is closed (i.e., 1am-sunrise), and another which currently is being serviced and will be restored to the Memorial Circle in a couple of weeks (it was reinstated soon after our Parks Committee meeting) This latter camera has a 24/7 live feed, to which both NYPD and NYC Parks have real-time access. The camera also records 24 hours of video footage should it be needed by the NYPD.

**LG Proposed new Headquarter building on the Palisades:** Ms. Hoppa gave an update of this project, noting that the Town of Englewood Cliffs approved a zoning variance which will change the zoning for a 2.9 miles stretch of the Palisades. She urged all to attend a (then-upcoming) "Day of Action" on March 8<sup>th</sup>, and gave information to contact LG USA Corp to continue to protest this proposed development.

The meeting was adjourned at about 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

## **Business Development Committee**

*Minutes, March 4, 2014*

**Committee Members Present:** Anina Young (Chair), Jason Miller, Ariel Ferreira, Christopher Smith

**Committee Members Excused:** Ellen Ackerman

**Committee Members Absent:** Victor Santos, Rud Morales, Richard Allman

**Community Members:** Karen Loew, Kelley Boyd

**Guest Speakers:** Angelina Ramirez, Executive Director Washington Heights Business Improvement District

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### **A. Welcome & Opening Remarks by Anina Young**

Re-cap of February.

Robert Izzo from the NY Women's Chamber of Commerce spoke on the Affordable Care Act and enrolling individuals and businesses.

Angelina Ramirez, Executive Director of the Washington Height Business Improvement District (WHBID) gave a presentation on accomplishments in 2013 for the Dyckman Business Improvement District (Dyckman BID) and the next steps it would be taking.

She also gave a presentation on the WHBID Retail Recruitment Initiative:

1. There was a 7.5% vacancy rate last year, it is now 4%.
2. WHBID acquired a \$20,000.00 grant from NYC Small Business Services. This grant allowed them to hire JGSC Group, who in turn:
  - a) Did an assessment of the WHBID for demographics, spending trends, and identifying retail gaps.
  - b) Will utilize the assessment data to identify stores that can fill those retail gaps.
  - c) Will then develop a marketing campaign to stores for recruitment – mail outreach, telephone outreach, invitation to see retail spaces.

### **B. New Business**

There was discussion on changing the meeting on Tuesdays for another day of the week. Many people felt it should stay as is. There was no quorum so we could not vote.

### **Next meeting**

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014.
- A representative from NoMaa (Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance) is scheduled to be in attendance.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm.**

CB12M Aging Minutes  
March 11, 2014  
Riverstone Senior Center  
99 Ft. Washington Ave.

In Attendance, CB Members: Gloria Vanterpool, Chair, Elizabeth Lehman, Asst. Chair, Edgard Nau, Lorenzo McGougan, Lillana Saneaux,  
Absent: Shahabudden Ally  
Public Member: Norma Candido

Guests:

Ilana Dunner, Riverstone Senior Center  
Betty Flanagan, Community Resident  
J.M. McNiff, Community Resident  
Giselle Mejia, City Harvest  
Eric O'Toole, JASA  
Dep. Inspector Fausto Pichardo, NYPD, 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct  
Laura Whitehorn, RAPP, Community Resident

Chair Gloria Vanterpool called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM

Committee Reports:

- Health & Environment
- Affordable Care Act explained in detail
- Columbia University stated that there is a shortage of lab technicians

Deputy Inspector Fausto Pichardo, Commanding Officer of the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct spoke at length:

- Senior vulnerabilities to telephone scams...stated repeatedly that neither the NYPD or FDNY will ever solicit money
- Another scam is claiming that a relative was kidnapped
- Another scam is posing as a utility company and directing you to purchase a "green dot" prepaid card.  
Rite Aid has been cooperative in allowing NYPD to post flyers at their registers.
- He spoke about ATV's and dirt bikes...NYPD needs info as to where they are stored as most of them are unregistered and uninsured...NYPD will not chase them.
- He left his e-mail: [fausto.pichardo@nypd.org](mailto:fausto.pichardo@nypd.org)

Ilana Dunner, of Riverstone, spoke about her facility, which hosted our meeting:

- Bilingual multiservice agency
- Memory Center
- Capacity of 120 to 130
- Funded privately and by some Medicaid MLTC programs
- Got a grant to conduct Memory Cafe's, which are respite for caregivers
- Their second annual gala on April 10, 2014 at the Shabazz Center

- Mentioned that she is working with a researcher at Columbia University Medical Center ( Jose Luchsinger, MD) who is conducting a study on Latino caregivers
- They also have a grant from the Together on Diabetes campaign

Laura Whitehorn made a presentation concerning RAPP:

- 9000 such prisoners, increasing by 1000 per year
- There will be a program on this issue on March 28, 2014 at Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health, contact Eventbrite.com for further info
- Recidivism rate of prisoners over the age of 55 is approximately 1%, compared with 40% for the general population.

Erin O'Toole will work the community to develop a legislative advocacy group to address the needs of the seniors in our community. A follow-up meeting will be held.

Chair Vanterpool adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:35 AM

Next meeting is on April 8, 2014 at the CB12M office.

**Proposed Agenda:**

Con Ed presentation

Alzheimer's Treatment Update

**Announcements:**

Health Outreach Spring Fair, April 7<sup>th</sup>, Allen Hospital, 9:30am-2:30pm, call 212-932-5844

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Gala-Riverstone Senior Center, April 10<sup>th</sup>, Shabazz Center

Respectfully submitted,

Edgard Nau

**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
March 5, 2014**

**Committee Members**

Present:

Luis Tejada, Chair  
Dr. Michael Mowaat-Wynn, Public Representative  
Liliana Saneaux  
Dr. Chris O'Sullivan

Excused:

Dr. Pamela Palanque-North

Absent:

Rud Morales

**Public Officials:**

Deputy Inspector Pichardo, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Officer Sharon Robinson-Hewitt, Community Affairs, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
(Absent: 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct; DA's Office representative)

**Public/Press**

Mike Feeney, *Daily News*  
Nancy Preston, Inwood Resident/Moving Forward Unidos  
Candice Delevante, Inwood resident  
Paul Kittas re: Highbridge opening

Meeting called to order 7:14 pm

Mr. Tejada, as a new chair, wants to incorporate everyone's opinion and work toward a common goal. Asks for suggestions for the agenda and ways to bring more people to the table.

- Chris suggests:
  - 1) looking at sign-in sheets and inviting members of the public who attend a meeting, especially looking back to a fall meeting that was well-attended, and sending all of them meeting announcements/agendas (credit to Mitch Glenn, Chair of Parks & Cultural Affairs, for this idea).
  - 2) putting out the full and accurate agenda to attract people interested in a particular issue, instead of just listing the precinct and DA's reports.

**Report from 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**

- Numbers don't tell the whole story: 5 cars stolen this year and 5 last year, but this year, in 4/5 cases the driver left keys in ignition, car running and ran into a store. Avoidable.
- With warm weather coming, there will be dirt bikes and quads (ATV's) on the streets. It is difficult and dangerous to stop them when they are out riding. Asking everyone with information on where they are stored – in basements and rear yards of residential buildings, garages – to let him know. Safer to bust them there than on the street.
  - A resident of a building gave an anonymous tip to check out the roof of a five-story building. They confiscated an unregistered dirt bike that a 16 year old had been riding on the roof.
- As it gets warmer, burglaries increase because people leave windows open when they are out, or sleeping. Decline in home burglaries attributed to Pichardo's relentless reminders.
- Luis raises issue of things left out at school and snatched. D.I. Pichardo says Operation ID, going through PTA, Principal, Ass'st. Principal and Dean, to have a "soft presence," informing kids that

"We're registering every phone in there." Don't want to criminalize the kids, but thwart temptation to pick up a phone that is left out.

- Luis comments that his school was plagued with violence, theft, fights and gangs, but is now peaceful and computers are not being stolen, attributing the change to trust given and received.
- Daily News reporter asks if 33<sup>rd</sup> will crack down on double parking. Pichardo explains that the 34<sup>th</sup> was selected to participate; 33<sup>rd</sup> not part of campaign at this time.
- New scam – calls claiming to be from IRS demanding check to be sent immediately; Green dot card; pretending to be from utility company.
- 33<sup>rd</sup> now has a monthly newsletter.

#### Discussion of school crime:

- Accessibility of data: PD tracks school crime but one has to file a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request to get the data.
- Lack of school crime: Pichardo states that school crime has been "really non-existent" for the last 18 months. Occasionally a cell phone gets misplaced, but "schools are not a dangerous place."
- Bullying: The PD has an anti-bullying campaign; did a presentation at school on 176<sup>th</sup> with parents and kids. Sometimes parents or kids come in but it is more teasing than an assault, affecting the kids at home and at school, so they try to bring in parents and children and mediate. Tejada says that parents believe the police can mediate and counsel kids, but that is not a police function. Mowaat-Wynn said that parents have to take responsibility; they sometimes egg on their children in rejecting other children who are different. Comments on Latin culture accepting a girl or women having masculine traits but not men or boys who show feminine traits and common use of the N word, which has a different connotation when used between African Americans from when it is used by a white person. Saneaux states that her 3 year old relative brought up bullying with her 3 year old sister. Luis says that his school is emphasizing positive relationships.

#### New Business

##### Transfer of responsibility for investigating animal cruelty from ASPCA to NYPD/Poisoning of cats in 33<sup>rd</sup> (Sheila Massey)

- NYPD took over investigation of crimes against animals from ASPCA Humane Law Enforcement. Slow start, police had no training on what constitutes abuse and neglect; most of it happens inside, out of sight. Now there is a procedure in the 33<sup>rd</sup>.
- There were two incidents of a large number of cats in managed feral colonies found dead. Ms. Massey explains why one can conclude that these mass deaths were human killings, not natural.
- She stated that ASPCA gave erroneous guidance to police, but the 33<sup>rd</sup> really stepped up; took a complaint, conducted an investigation – sent two officers to the crime scene and learned about feral cat colonies under the Mayor's initiative: cats in a colony are spayed/neutered, fed and cared for, and have shelters; they keep down vermin and do not proliferate the way strays and ferals that are not cared for do. The way the cat poisonings was approached is a model of cooperation: Sheila put out flyers, the police logged a report and opened a case, assigned a detective, in contact with ASPCA.
- Dr. Mowaat-Wynn reports that the transfer of animal cruelty investigations to NYPD on Jan. 1 was addressed at a meeting of all the precincts. It is a hot potato to the police; no guidelines; Pichardo was proactive.

- There are now NYPD policies and procedures for animal cruelty but Pichardo cannot share them. A FOIA request might work.
- 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct not present. Issue in 34<sup>th</sup> may be fighting of pit bulls. Decision to ask 34<sup>th</sup> about issues in Inwood and their approach.
- Discussion of how the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct's learning curve and response can be shared to help other precincts, "This is how we did it," and "Don't trivialize animal abuse: it's a felony." Chris suggests a resolution that describes the transition from the ASPCA to NYPD, commends the 33<sup>rd</sup>, and specifies their approach, in order to raise awareness of the new procedure among the board and community members.
- There is or will be an Animal Abuse Liaison in each borough or district, and there may a specialist in each precinct.

#### **Attendance of DA's Representative at PSC**

- Lack of attendance of representative of DA's Office for many meetings, also absent from 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Council meetings (someone attended the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council meeting), and from CB12 general meetings. Being addressed by the CB12 Chair.
- Vance is opening an office in Washington Heights, in the same building as CB 12.

#### **34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council**

34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council has a new president, Steve Feldheim. Other members of the executive board were dismissed; no other volunteers found willing to serve on executive board. Elections in June.

#### **La Marina**

Nancy Preston of Moving Forward Unidos lives near La Marina and asks what can be done. She doesn't want La Marina to close but wants them to be a good neighbor. She doubts that no laws are being broken since there is valet parking on public streets. This is not legal unless there is an agreement with DOT but there is no record of such an agreement.

The issues are traffic and noise, and sheer numbers. There are sometimes 3,000 people at La Marina, many coming by car. Residents cannot get out or get back home. Could take an hour just to get from Broadway. The DOT changed the pattern of lights to speed traffic, but La Marina is in a unique physical situation of a bottleneck. Police cordoned off streets. Resentment among residents that public resources are going to help a business that is making them miserable. The contract with Parks limits seating to 500, but the FDNY registration allows occupancy by 2,094. The head of security at La Marina spoke at the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Council meeting and said there had been 100,000 people through the doors in one week-end without a single crime being committed.

Sunday is the big night. It makes it difficult for neighbors to get to work and school. Mom and pop businesses are failing. All the new businesses in the neighborhood are bars. Some bars advertise as being the place to go after La Marina closes; these bars close at 4 am, then people are on the streets.

How can this work so that La Marina makes a profit but it is still working for local businesses and the community?

Inspector Buzzetti of the 34<sup>th</sup> organized a meeting about Mama Juana, where Tuesday is the big night. Mama Juana said they were renovating, sound proofing, getting rid of old speakers and installing surround sound, and would call the neighbor most affected to test whether the sound was still a problem in her apartment. They held an event with loud music until 4 am. They said they weren't fully re-opened, just a special event, so didn't run the test with the neighbor. Buzzetti is holding monthly

meeting with business owners. Ydanis Rodriguez cancelled meeting with residents and bar owners. Mowat-Wynn concludes the problem is compliance. Nancy suggests a DUI checkpoint.

Noise issues can be taken to the DEP, but regular decibel meters don't register the bass, which requires a special decibel reader. DEP doesn't take complaints after 2 am.

### **Discussion of Public Forum/Role of Public Safety Committee**

#### Debate about Focus and Process

Luis refers to a conversation before the meeting was called to order about scheduling additional meetings "because of the project we want to do about school violence": We need to bring in experts, go beyond this table, and our time is limited. Chris objects that the committee has been talking about a public forum for a couple of years, and that we just heard from Deputy Inspector Pichardo that school violence is not the problem. We need to look at the data and focus on what is the real problem. Luis responds that it is our job, regardless of what you think, to cooperate with the chair. One of the problems George would like to take on is a forum around violence in the schools. As the chair of this committee, Luis is going to try to work with the committee to do this well; we need to have a united front as a family.

Sheila inquires whether there is a subcommittee working on this, asks where this was discussed. Chris interjects that it wasn't discussed here. Luis explains to Chris that, as committee chair, he is privy to information that you don't have. Chris states that there is much prior discussion and development of ideas that is being ignored. Luis replies that the forum on violence in the schools has been introduced at the three previous meetings that he attended, and that, as assistant principal, he was taught to respect the chair.

In regard to bringing in outside expertise, Luis has already spoken to RAPP, an agency that works on dating violence. Chris objects that this is her field, there is a lot of expertise on the committee that should be utilized, and we should go with evidence-based programs. Luis states that he doesn't know how to play this political game, he is a straight shooter, says what he has to say and whoever gets hurt, gets hurt.

#### Agreement about need for forum and latitude in topics addressed

Working in the school, Luis sees that there is a need to inform parents. Parents don't know how to navigate the system, where to get help, the resources available that can help with healthy relationships. He agrees that violence in the schools is not such a big issue, so we are on the same page (although he recently had to suspend 8 kids, something he hasn't had to do in two years). We can bring in our issues under this forum. Nancy Preston suggests the NYC Task Force Against Sexual Assault, which does presentations and training

#### Problem of sufficient time and people to organize a successful event

Luis says that, in the school system, you have a committee that comes up with an idea. We don't have that time because our meetings are limited and open meeting laws prohibit discussing by email. He will see if we can get around that by printing the emails in the minutes. We meet for three hours and nothing is done. Chris suggests that Fe and other committees invite people to their meetings. Luis states that we need to go beyond talk. We need action. We are going to have the forum before school gets out in June.

Liliana attended the Y & E forum on youth and mental health with five experts; perhaps we could have two of them. The forum was impressive. Objecting that Luis and Chris have dominated the discussion, she explains that she is an experienced event organizer. The problem is that an event like this takes time and "manpower": we cannot pull this off with just 3 committee members participating, no matter how

often we meet. We need a large auditorium; we need to reach teachers, parents and students. We can't do it successfully in a few months. Luis and other members agree. Luis will speak to George.

#### **Opening of Highbridge**

Paul Kittas: Concern that opening of Highbridge event and subsequent use of Highbridge will create safety issues because far more people will come than the antiquated access points and walkways can accommodate; the stairs down can be difficult. The Highbridge was not designed as a tourist attraction; this was a renovation, not new construction, so there was less planning. We need two numbers: how many people they expect for the event, and the holding capacity. Kittas suggests that police, and perhaps Homeland Security or the National Park Service, are needed for crowd control. Luis will speak to Mitch at the executive committee meeting and get planning going.

#### **Criminalizing school disciplinary problems and youth infractions**

Discussion of how a child's life can be derailed by misbehavior if it is treated as a criminal act (e.g., makes a mark, it is called graffiti, and kid ends up with a criminal record, can't get a scholarship). Chris hands out a NY Times op ed about criminalizing disciplinary infractions at school, which provides data on the lifelong impact of suspensions, with many kids never going back to school. She refers to Pamela Palanque-North's repeated suggestion for an event to educate parents about the dire effects of the law on gang-related activity. Suggestion that part of the forum educating teachers, parents, and students on school violence provide information about keeping kids out of the criminal justice system.

**Adjourned 9:25**

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

**Committee Members Present (4):** Richard Lewis [Chair], Alyce Smith, Ayisha Oglivie, and Jay Mazur

**Committee Members Absent: (3)** Lorena Jimenez-Castro and Christina Burgess [Public Member]

**Public (2)** Kelly Boyd, Vojislav Filipcevic (Trinity College), Milka Rodriguez (WEACT).

**Staff:** Paola Garcia

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**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. A quorum was present during the entire meeting. Topics for tonight's agenda were outlined. There was no guest speaker. Some announcements Two annual large building shows will be taking place in New York and there is free admissions and classes given for both:

**BUILDINGSNY** at the Javits Center, March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

<http://www.buildingsny.com/>

**The Co-op, Condo & Apt. Expo**, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Hotel NYC

<http://coopexpo.com/>

The chair announced progress on re-writing the amended and board approved Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) resolutions. This was submitted to the office on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He also announced that the first meeting of the RGB will take place on March 27th and four vacancies have not yet been filled by the Mayor.

The SCRIE/DRIE resolution that was also passed by the board with amendments needs some research so that it can be re-written accurately. This research involves maximum thresholds of DRIE so as to maintain parity in both programs DRIE eligibility formulas are very different than SCRIE and involved the federal government and independent work related employment (IWRE). It will be submitted to the office this month.

There are some new and large investors in Upper Manhattan:

Replaced Advantage, Pyramid, E&M Associates

Some of them have anti-tenant practices and we need to be watchful

See: [http://therealdeal.com/issues\\_articles/a-new-guard-takes-upper-manhattan/](http://therealdeal.com/issues_articles/a-new-guard-takes-upper-manhattan/)

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

## UPPER MANHATTAN PORTFOLIO DEALS IN 2013

BUYER	NEIGHBORHOOD	TRANSACTION AMOUNT	# OF PROPERTIES	# OF UNITS
E&M Associates	Central Harlem	\$339 million	84	1,593
Oribach Group	Central Harlem/UWS	\$246 million	33	1,031
E&M Associates	West Harlem	\$75 million	7	539
Alma Realty	Washington Heights	\$49 million	10	474
A&E Real Estate Holdings	Washington Heights	\$48.2 million	2	341
Heritage Realty	Hamilton Heights	\$45 million	4	205
Unknown	Hamilton Heights	\$31.5 million	3	112
A&E Real Estate Holdings	Inwood	\$31 million	4	191
E&M Associates	Washington Heights	\$27.2 million	7	190
Castellan Real Estate Partners	Central Harlem	\$25.4 million	8	200

Source: Data from brokerages, public records and TRD research

### Presentation on Making Property Taxes Fairer.

The chair made a slide show presentation from images downloaded from the Furman Center on: This presentation came out of Talking Transition Session on the acme topic given by Vicki Breen , See Furman Center's "Talking Transition Panel Outlines How to Make NYC Property Taxes Fairer"

<http://furmancenter.org/thestoop/entry/join-the-furman-center-at-talking-transition-making-property-taxes-fairer>

Changing the property tax laws will benefit to tenants in rent stabilized buildings and we need to hold a large forum on property taxes to explore this issue further.

There is a disparity on property tax assessments. There are four classes of taxes (Class 1 to Class 4). Class 1 is single family houses with less than 3 units – Class 2 is multifamily buildings and condos/co-ops

- Disparities between Class 1 and Class 2
- Disparities within Class 1.
- Disparities within Class 2.

State law favors home owners depending on the location and condo/co-op units that are used as "comps" favoring them compared to rent regulated and other free market residential buildings. With higher property taxes there is need for higher rents for a retune of investment. Taxes pay a significant part in decisions on rent increases by the Rent Guidelines Board

### Recommendations:

- Improving the models for valuing Class 1 properties.
- Allowing class shares to adjust yearly to the extent the law
- Increasing awareness among renters.
- Lobbying the state for changes

A representative from WEACTION discussed their upcoming Building Forum

- Another forum in April
- Asking outreach through our mailings
- Convert #6 oil to cleaner fuel

### **NYCHA Issues and Resolution.**

There was a discussion held on the benefits of Community Board 12, Manhattan joining the New York City Alliance to Preserve Public Housing. These discussions grew out of committee meetings with Victor Bach (Community Service Society) and Bernal Hall (NYCHA). We need to preserve and protect public housing in our Community District and give these residents a voice. Since this organization reviews each annual fiscal year Plan from NYCHA and issues key recommendations on issues presented; it is important that this board and its residents participate in this process. The Manhattan Borough President, Gail Brewer is a member of the Alliance

The resolution to join passed 4-0-0 and will be presented at the next general meeting of the board.

Discussion on the Planned Legal Forum on Housing

- Venue, hospital, University, United Palace, Isabella, Church on the Hill
- Partner with CBO's who do this type of work
- Registration, RSVP
- Who to speak at forum and what kind of workshops and test marketing will be done (Eventbrite©, etc)
- There is Tenants Forum, Isabella, 6:30pm-8:00pm on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014.
- The committee will meet periodically to firm up plans in the next few months and the target date for the Legal Forum is **May 17<sup>th</sup>, Saturday.**

### **OPWDD Letter for Placement in a Community Facility**

CB12 received a time sensitive letter from Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families to place five developmental disabled individuals in a community facility that will be renovated at 255 Cabrini Blvd – Apt. 1C. We must hold a public hearing within ten days notice so a resolution may be presented to the full board. This is pursuant to the Mental Health Law 41.34. The Committee decided to hold this meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> at the Board's Main conference room at 7pm.

### **Responses to the OMB Preliminary Budget Request for FY2015.**

The committee reviewed OMB's scripted and responses to CB12, M Budget Ranking. IN general the committee was not satisfied with these vague one-liners that required more specifics. See the HHS Committee responses below in the attached table.

**CB12M HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO THE  
FY 2015 PRELIMINARY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AND REGISTRY  
FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**CAPITAL ITEMS**

<b>BOARD RANKING</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S EXPLANATION</b>
<b>1</b>	Affordable Housing (Unfulfilled promises for adequate new construction, development and preservation in CB12M).	This item was ranked Number <u>One</u> by the Committee and the Board for FY 2014 and FY 2013
	<p align="center"><b>CB12M SUBMISSION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSE</b></p> <p><u>Board:</u> <i>Provide Funding for Affordable Housing in CD12 (Tracking Code: 312301201C),</i></p> <p><u>Agency:</u> This project is included in the ten year plan. - HPD</p>	<b>COMMITTEE REBUTTAL</b>
		<p>This explanation is unacceptable. There are no details or specifics related to where CD 12 now stands in relation to any plan in terms of funding, site selections, or projects planned or in the future. This is important since we have no information about any cycles in this plan given the fact this item has been ranked number one in our capital request for FY 2013 and FY2014. Where do we stand relative to the agency placing us together with CD 7, 9 and 10 that have more affordable housing generated in this ten year plan? Why are we competing with them for housing units started and completed relative to the few in our CD? Finally, the board's request failed to imply in its request appropriate language to strongly suggest that this item was an urgent if not an emergency need and an unfulfilled HPD promise for many years.</p>
<b>BOARD RANKING</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S EXPLANATION</b>
<b>2</b>	Daycare Centers	This item was ranked Number <u>Two</u> by the Committee and the Board for FY 2014 and FY 2013.
	<p align="center"><b>CB12M SUBMISSION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSE</b></p> <p><u>Board:</u> Add more funds for Day Care Centers in our District (Tracking</p>	<b>COMMITTEE REBUTTAL</b>
		<p>This response places the burden on other government agencies instead of focusing on the City of New York and its needs.</p>

	<p>Code: 312291511C)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u>  <i>Approval of this request depends on federal/state Funds. - ACS</i></p>	<p>Why isn't this agency seeking more of the city's resources for funding instead? Again there are no specifics about why we are again being placed in the mix with CD 7, 9 and 10 to compete for these funds that appear to be scarce. The agency response fails to be specific for the dire needs of our district that has again ranked this item number two for FY2013 and FY2014.</p>
<b>BOARD RANKING</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>COMMITTEE'S EXPLANATION</b>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>NEW ITEM</b> -Funding the establishment of capital resources for existing and legacy Housing and Human Service Organizations and CBO's in CB12M so that their support services can be housed and operate in central "Non Profit Clusters" or relocated in one.</p>	<p>Space for these organizations is a very scarce resource. The cost and time spent to move and relocate due to organization growth or even funding to lease space is a serious hardship. Today, the movement is towards Non Profit Clusters akin to popular Tech Hubs where capital resources are shared and leasing is low cost.</p>
	<p><b>CB12M SUBMISSION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSE</b></p> <p><u>Board:</u>  Allocate funding for the Establishment of Additional Capital Resources for Existing Housing and Human Resources Organizations and CBO's in District 10 so that Their Support Services Can Be provided for in Central "Non Profit Clusters". Tracking Code: 312281512C)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u>  <i>In order to fund this initiative contact local elected officials for appropriations. - Housing Authority</i></p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REBUTTAL</b></p> <p>The committee is of the belief that the responder to this request did not understand the difference between <u>one central non-profit cluster</u> in our district and <u>central non-profit clusters throughout our district</u>. The later is what we did not request. The board's submission could have made that distinction clearer. In addition, since this concept is new to our city why has CD 7, 9, and 10 been included where they did not make such a request? Finally why is NYCHA the agency to respond or be involved in this initiative when they have no funding and this is not mentioned in their Plan2014?</p>

BOARD RANKING	COMMITTEE'S DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE'S EXPLANATION
27	<p><u>NEW ITEM</u>- Solar Thermal Demonstration Project(s) in CB12M focusing on affordable rent regulated Multifamily Buildings</p>	<p>CB12M still has a very high number of buildings that have not converted to cleaner and more energy efficient fuels. This project can demonstrate how savings can be achieved and encourage others to follow. We also need also to insure that adequate and continuous training on the use of these systems once building ownership or management has changed.</p>
	<p><b>CB12M SUBMISSION AND THE AGENCY RESPONSE</b></p> <p><u>Board:</u> Fund Solar Thermal Projects in Community District 12 Manhattan. Focusing on Affordable, Rent Regulated, Multifamily Buildings. (Tracking Code: 312201513C)</p> <p><u>Agency:</u> <i>Further study by the agency for this request is needed. Contact the agency. – HPD</i></p>	<p><b>COMMITTEE REBUTTAL</b></p> <p>This is a solar thermal project aimed at energy conservation efforts related to PLNYC. It has nothing to do with HPD. The relevant agencies are NYC Clean Heat, the Borough President's Office, and NYC and NYS DEC, and the NYC DOB. The aim of this project is to reduce burning fossil fuels and non-renewable energy sources. This would cut emission rates of toxic gases and particles. It is hard to understand why this matter was referred to HPD in the first place where Green Buildings are not exclusively part of their mission or fulfilling Local Laws 84 and 87. Finally, why are CD7, 9 and 10 lumped into this project when they did not request it?</p>

**ADDITIONAL COMMITTEE COMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS**

Every year this participatory budgeting process results in the same responses that are;

- not detailed or specific;
- fail to directly answer the request or why it is not recommended;
- allocated to the wrong agency or individual;
- panned with scripted answers that are dispositional;
- Just not correct.

Greater transparency is needed in this process. Just what are the identities of these

individuals or office group who are responding? What is the level of their expertise? Finally, why are community districts arbitrary lumped together to compete with resources when most of these requests were only made by one community district? Unfortunately, there is another problem with these responses. We have individuals held over from a previous administration that are attempting to make fiduciary decisions for a new one. Many of these agencies have no key Mayorality appointments at this time. This situation may in itself be confusing and this problem needs to be addressed soon given its effect on the planning, design, allocation, and approval of many important and critical long range capital projects.

**EXPENSE ITEMS (Committee Response to be Given Orally at the Public Hearing – May 18th)**

HHS COMMITTEE EXPENSE BUDGET RANKINGS – FY 2015**			
BOARD	RANKING COMMITTEE	ITEMS (New and Old)	EXPLANATION
1	1	<b>REWRITTEN</b> - Provide <u>sufficient</u> funding for CBO's in CB12M that provide legal and or administrative assistance, advocacy or intervention for CB12M residents.	There is extremely limited funding to help clients in housing and human services who need legal assistance with filing documents or representation or advocacy. Recent studies on <i>pro se</i> representation have shown a heavy eviction rate for families in housing courts.
24	2	<b>NEW ITEM</b> - Funding to <u>expand</u> an Online Agency Information Systems, make their databases more user friendly, for searches, apps, or visual mapping of data with drill downs. Allow <u>global queries</u> by Community District or Zip Codes, generate online reports with extractable data, permit joint certification of violations cured for transparency and public oversight, and provide seamless linkage to DOB, HPD, DOF, EPA, and ACRIS databases.	At present there is no online means to search all buildings in our community district with a certain number of violations in agency databases – only one building at a time can be searched or viewed. There is no ability to achieve joint certification of violation removals by both the tenant and the landlord online. Finally, the Public Advocate's Office has long requested some kind of interconnectivity between city agency databases for better data analytics.
10	3	<b>NEW ITEM</b> - Funding for more inspectors and more building inspections by HPD, DOB, and DEP.	CB12M has an aged stock of buildings that are in constant need of repair – some older than 100 years.
19	4	<b>NEW ITEM</b> - Funding to help initiatives lower energy costs, produce savings through weatherization, efficient boiler/heating systems and retrofits.,	This is part of the greater greener urban movement towards sustainable and more energy efficient systems and to better accommodate unfunded city mandates.
26	5	Provide training in Building administration /Management to local housing organizations and residents/shareholders who live in CD12 HDFC's.	Many HDFC's in our community are poorly managed within and without. Training on all levels is needed for new equipment, property management, finances and, accounting, and how to avoid foreclosure.

NOTES: \*Capital Ranking: Only the top 40 ranked and accepted. \*\*Expense Ranking: Only the top 25 budget items ranked and accepted

The meeting was adjourned 10PM

Respectfully submitted by,  
 Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee  
 With excellent notes from Alyce Smith  
 March 6th, 2014

**Community Board 12 Licensing Committee**

*Minutes, March 12, 2014*

**Committee Members Present:** Aldemar Diaz (Chair); Shah Ally (Assistant Chair); Rolando Cespedes; Michael Diaz; Edith Prentiss; Maceo Raysor; Anina Young

**Committee Members Excused:** Angela Sanchez

**Committee Members Absent:** Ulises Noboa

**CB12 Members Present:** Ariel Ferrera; Victor Santos

**CB12 Staff Members Present:**

**Community Members Present:** Jesus Perez, Katherine Sullivan, Nancy Preston, Martin Collins, Danilo Polanco, Altagracia Marrero, Niall Henry, Miguel Duarte, Maggie Clarke

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

**B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses:**

***Catering Establishment License***

1. Seaman Casandra Corp. dba Seaman Casandra Catering Hall - 4020A 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 214th & W. 215th Streets.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Miguel Duarte
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Rental Hall; Liquor with no food (no food prepared by the establishment/food is brought into the Catering Hall by patrons)
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Weekdays: 7pm – 11pm and Weekends: 7pm – 2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Tables 23 and Chairs 200
<b>Music</b>	Ipod/Computer/Radio
<b>Security Cameras</b>	30 cameras (front entrance, entry hall, emergency exit, bar, kitchen)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	4 security personnel; NYS certified
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	6
<b>Capacity</b>	200
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3 (backyard, side and front)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> – no objection. The 34 <sup>th</sup> pct indicates that the establishment should not extend hours of operation pass 2am.

<b>Community Comments</b>	(1) Suggestion is made for owner to post a sign to be a "good neighbor" and refrain from noise.
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) Owner place a sign in front of the premise directing patrons to refrain from noise making and to disperse from the front of the establishment (2) Owner adhere to SLA requirement that officer of establishment be present when event is held.
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Committee member question: establishment has notified the 34 <sup>th</sup> pct when there is a large party. Owner indicates that they have done so.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

***Restaurant Wine License***

2. La Caridad Restaurant #2 - 2092 Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 163rd & W. 164th Streets.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Altagarcia Marrero - owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant – Spanish food
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	7 days a week; 7am to 4am. Alcohol is served until 3:30am.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	13 tables and 42 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Juke box (with sound governor)
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 security cameras
<b>Security Personnel</b>	On Saturday, one and NYS certified
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	4
<b>Capacity</b>	50 to 60
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 emergency exits
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A – last inspection 9/13
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Pct: Inspector Pichardo reported that the precinct has met several times with the owner and is satisfied with compliance.
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	(1) No objection to the application at last review by CB 12.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

**C. State Liquor Authority New Licenses:**

***On-Premise Liquor License***

3. LLC to be formed dba TBD - 4740 Broadway, (at the corner of Thayer Street.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Niall Henry & Shean Carbin (owners)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant – American Comfort Food
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday to Sunday 10am to 4am. Last call at 3am.

<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	12 tables and 40 chairs. One stand-up bar with 14 additional chairs
<b>Music</b>	Ipod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	5 exterior and 12 interior with complete coverage
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1 security personnel 7 days a week; 3 NYS licensed security guards from Wed. to Sun. nights
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	8-10
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Pct: unable to give an opinion because a walk-through has not been conducted
<b>Community Comments</b>	(1) Community member questions what accommodation is made for parking; (2) Owners indicate that they are not residents of the area; (3) Community member addresses issue of sound proofing the windows.
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) Owner to use a sound governor; (2) "Good Neighbor" sign; (3) Owner to meet with Councilman Rodriguez's office; (4) meet with the 34 <sup>th</sup> pct. and discuss issue of parking; (5) windows close at 10pm on the weekdays and 11pm on the weekends.
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Councilman Rodriguez request a meeting with the owner prior to general meeting.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

4. Vermilyea Restaurant Associates LLC dba TBD - 145 Vermilyea Avenue, (at the corner of W. 207th St.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	
<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Pct: No position since there was no walk through
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	

<b>Notes</b>	No show by applicant.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 0/6/0

5. La Galleria Cafe Inc. - 4863 Broadway, (b/w Academy & 204<sup>th</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Yvette Aquino - owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Italian
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Mon. – Thurs. 2pm to midnight – Friday 2p – 2am and Sat. –Sun noon -2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	9 tables and 36 seats
<b>Music</b>	Ipod and piano playing. Recitals by school children during the day. Sound governor will be purchased
<b>Security Cameras</b>	6
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1 – on weekends. NYS licensed
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10
<b>Capacity</b>	75
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A – business not opened yet
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Pct.: No position until a walk-through is conducted.
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) Meet with the 34 <sup>th</sup> Pct. and Councilman Rodriguez’s office; (2) request that the SLA measures the distance b/w the establishment and local school; (3) will not serve alcohol during recital hours
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Plan to open the beginning of July 2014; (2) Questions were raised regarding whether the establishment is 200 feet from the local school; (3) Owner indicates that prior owner had a liquor license and she purchased the establishment based on that information.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

6. EMS Gourmet Corp. dba Capri Restaurant - 1342 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 177th St.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Hector Santana (representative); Marian Rodriguez (Owner)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Family restaurant Spanish food – in operation for 30 years
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	6am to 2am - 7 days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	10 tables and 40 seats
<b>Music</b>	Ipod with no sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	12 (all inside)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (front entrance); No (to bathroom)

<b>Employees</b>	12
<b>Capacity</b>	100
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 (in front and basement)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Pct. – Inspector Pichardo indicates no concerns and support application.
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) Meet with Councilman Rodriguez’s office prior to general meeting; (2) submit a menu and floor plan prior to general meeting; (3) post “good neighbor” signs
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Currently has a beer/wine license; (2) owner has owned the business for 8 years
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

***Restaurant Wine License***

7. Ma Ruey Corp. dba Tung Thong Thai Restaurant - 561 W. 169th Street, (bet. St. Nicholas & Audubon Aves.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	
<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	No appearance by applicant.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 0/6/0

**D. State Liquor Authority Alteration Applications:**

8. Corcho Corp. dba Corcho Wine Room - 227 Dyckman Street, (bet. Broadway & Seaman Aves.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Danilo Polanco
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant – tapas, wine & cheese
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Mon – Fri. 11a – 4am;

<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	6 tables and 36 seats
<b>Music</b>	Live music/Ipod/Juke box. Live music everyday.
<b>Security Cameras</b>	9 cameras (4 inside, 2 outside and 3 back)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	3 full time and 5 part time.
<b>Capacity</b>	36-49
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 (front and back door)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A – March 2014
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Pct. – no opinion
<b>Community Comments</b>	(1) Community member indicates that there is noise when the doors are open
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) Meet with Councilman Rodriguez prior to general meeting; (2) Owner contact the SLA to change application from alteration of license to new license; (3) good neighbor sign; (4) Agree to close doors when live music is being played; (5) install a sound governor
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Application for liquor license. Applicant has a tavern license.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 6/0/0

**E. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs Renewal Application:**

*Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe*

9. Vida Cafe Inc. dba Mamajuana Cafe - 247 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Seaman Ave.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Victor Santos – part owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant – Spanish/Caribbean food
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Indoor: Mon-Thurs 2pm – 1am; Fri-Sat 2pm-3:30am; Sunday 11am-2am. Outdoor: Monday-Thursday 2pm-12am; fri-sat 2pm-12am, Sunday 11am-12am.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Indoor: 60 tables and 120 chairs, 8 stools bar. Outside: 44 tables and 84 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Ipod/computer, DJ
<b>Security Cameras</b>	16 total, 2 outside and 14 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	4 total, all NYS certified
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (partial accessibility)
<b>Employees</b>	60, including kitchen staff
<b>Capacity</b>	189 (inside)
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending – inspection just conducted. The last inspection was an A.
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	34 <sup>th</sup> Pct. – no opinion

<b>Community Comments</b>	(1) member indicates that DCA stated that planters cannot be left on the sidewalk overnight; (2) Hookah smoking is a problem; (3) Community member note that establishment has speakers fixed to the exterior of the restaurant
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) meet with Councilman Rodriguez prior to general meeting; (2) "Good neighbor" sign; (3) Owner agrees to remove speakers from exterior of restaurant
<b>Notes</b>	(1) no change to operation
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

**F. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs New Application:**

*Unenclosed Sidewalk Cafe*

10. JAPP Business Inc. dba Pick n Eat - 4179 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 177th Street.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Jorge Peralta - Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Healthy, Organic food – vegan/gluten free
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	11am-11pm Mon-Sat./11am-9pm Sunday
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	20 seats and 5 tables
<b>Music</b>	No music outside
<b>Security Cameras</b>	2 (facing sidewalk café)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	8 total (3 full time and 5 part time)
<b>Capacity</b>	65
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	4 fire exits (2 upstairs and 2 downstairs)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A – last inspection March 2014
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Pct -
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) meet with Councilman Rodriguez prior to general meeting; (2) "good neighbor" sign
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

11. Starbucks Corp. dba Starbuck Coffee Company - 4761 Broadway, (at the corner of Dyckman Street.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	

<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	No appearance by applicant.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 0/7/0

12. Kiara Foods Inc. dba Manolo Tapas Restaurant - 4165 Broadway, (bet. W. 176th & W. 177th Streets.)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Jesus Perez - Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish Tapas restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Mon – Thurs 12pm – 12am; Fri. –Sat. 12pm – 2am and Sun. 12pm – Midnight.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	16 tables and 56 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Ipod/Live music. No music played in the outdoor space.
<b>Security Cameras</b>	Yes – 22 in total.
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	8
<b>Capacity</b>	62
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3 exits
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A – last inspection was 7 months ago.
<b>33<sup>rd</sup>/34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	33 <sup>rd</sup> Pct. – no objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	(1) meet with Councilman Rodriguez prior to general meeting; (2) post “good neighbor” sign
<b>Notes</b>	(1) Sidewalk café will operate from 4pm to closing.
<b>Committee Vote</b>	Yes/No/Abstain: 7/0/0

G. New Business/Adjournment:

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN**  
**General Meeting**  
**February 25, 2014**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

**ATTENDING:**

*Fernandez [Chair], Bing [1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair], Ferreira [2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair], North [Treasurer], CSmith [Secretary], Allman, Ally, Arthur, Barberis, Berlin, DeLosSantos, MDiaz, Florimon, Glenn, Jimenez-Castro, Kach, Kalinsky, Lehmann, Lewis, Lorris-Ritter, Mazur, McGougan, Mejia, Miller, Oglive, O'Sullivan, Prentiss, Ramadan, Raysor, Sanchez, Saneaux, Santos, Simon, ASmith, Tejada, Vanterpool, Young*

**EXCUSED:**

*Bueno (per 5.02(3)), Luna (per 5.02(1)), Rivera (per 5.02(1))*

**ABSENT:**

*Benjamin, Cespedes, ADiaz, Kackman, Morales, Nau, Noboa*

**STAFF:**

*Smith [District Manager]*

**ELECTED OFFICIALS and REPRESENTATIVES:**

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

The meeting was opened by the Chair at the Milstein Family Heart Center at 7:15 pm. As there was not yet a quorum the Chair began by presenting his report. A quorum was formed at 7:23 pm before any action was taken by the Board.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

A motion to adopt the minutes of the January meeting was made by Kach, seconded and passed without opposition and a single abstention.

**CHAIR'S REPORT**

The Chair highlighted key current actions of the Board including in the areas of informational technology, personnel matters, the City's budget process, issues around developments, cooperation with other boards in Manhattan, broader collaborations, upcoming events. The Chair also introduced other community leaders and the Board was addressed by leaders of the two precinct councils within the District.

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

## DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

The District Manager presented his monthly report highlighting aspects with respect to the recent cold and snow as well as major work/events in the District and areas that members of the community should be aware of and for which they should be cautious.

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

## SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A special presentation was made on "Report on EMS Station 13's First Year in Washington Heights-Inwood" by David J. Harney, Chief of Staff to the Deputy Fire Commissioner of the Bureau of Support Services and Human Resources and Commander Jonathon Pistelli, Borough Commander for Manhattan EMS. The report highlighted significant improvements in service response as a result of the opening of this station.

## BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A representative of the Borough Presentation presented briefly about the importance of education, the ongoing process of selection of community board members, housing downsizing issues, grant funding processes as well as increased use of technology and its impact on transparency.

## PUBLIC SESSION

Members of the public raised issues surrounding:

- The 2014 Arts Stroll
- New York Commission for Human Rights and their services related to complaints and investigations
- The LG proposed Palisades construction
- The process of getting an item onto the Community Board's agenda
- Young People's Chorus of New York City
- Issues around animals and pets
- Concern about noise from Dykman Bar
- Concern about trash cans removed by the Sanitation Committee
- Lack of affordable housing
- Youth involvement including in countering underage drinking
- Teen center proposal in the library
- Resignation from the Community Board by Zead Ramadan
- Problems of accessibility within snow removal issues, especially in our community

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Licensing

The assistant chair of the Licensing Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee. After discussion on several of the applications, the fourth resolution was amended from the originally presented form.

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

1	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Block Rockers LLC dba Vinoteca Lounge at 1-15	26-7-0-0	Passed
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	Bennett Avenue (at the corner of W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street).		
2	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 4716 Broadway Restaurant Inc dba The Whale at 4716 Broadway (at the corner of Arden Street).	23-8-2-0	Passed
3	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to La Rueda Restaurant Inc dba Tu Sabor Latino Restaurant at 3862-3864 Broadway (at the corner of W 161 <sup>st</sup> Street).	33-0-0-0	Passed
4	Amended resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Mary K Mac Inc dba Patrick's Dyckman Bar at 221 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Broadway).	31-2-0-0	Passed
5	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to La Caridad Restaurant #2 at 2092 Amsterdam Ave (between W 163 <sup>rd</sup> & W 164 <sup>th</sup> Streets).	22-11-0-0	Passed
6	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to New York City Chicken & Ribs, Inc dba Pollo Provocon at 1495 St Nicholas Avenue (at W 185 <sup>th</sup> Street).	30-2-0-1	Passed

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

### Traffic and Transportation

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

Kalinsky, on behalf of the Traffic & Transportation Committee, moved the following resolution with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution concerning Street Parking.	33-0-0-0	Passed
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The full texts of these resolutions are attached as an appendix to these minutes.

### Youth and Education

The chair of the Youth and Education Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee. Florimon, on behalf of the Youth and Education Committee, moved the following resolution:

1	Resolution for an exploratory initiative in support of a youth center at the New York Public Library's Ft. Washington Library Branch.		
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Fernandez made a motion to table the resolution; it was seconded and passed with a vote of 21-5-2-0.

### Housing and Human Services

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

Lewis, on behalf of the Housing and Human Services Committee, moved the following resolutions with the corresponding vote of Community Board members:

1	Resolution to allow greater diversity in the Mayorality appointment of tenant and public members on the NYC Rent Guidelines Board.	24-0-1-0	Passed
2	Resolution to increase the maximum household income threshold for the Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE).	24-0-1-0	Passed

### Parks and Cultural Affairs

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

### Land Use

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

### Health & Environment

The chair of the Health & Environment Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

### Business Development

The chair of the Business Development Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

### Concerns of the Aging

The assistant chair of the Concerns of the Aging Committee highlighted the discussion and actions of the committee.

### Public Safety

The chair of the Public Safety Committee reported that they did not meet because of the weather.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Elected officials were not present to report.

### **REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS**

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

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 pm.

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

Attachments:

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