

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, Manhattan
General Meeting
Thursday, January 29, 2015
Isabella Geriatric Center
515 Audubon Avenue
New York, New York 10040

Board Members Present:

Richard Allman , Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Isaiah Obie Bing, Kelly Boyd, Rolando Cespedes, Manny de los Santos, Aldemar De Jesus Diaz, George Fernandez, Fe Florimon , Wanda Garcia, Mitchell Glenn , Yosef Kalinsky, Osi Kaminer, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard R. Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter, Maria Luna, Jay Mazur, Isidore Medina, Rud Morales, Ulises Noboa Maurice Owen-Michaane, Martin Restityo, Angela Sanchez, Arlene Schulman , Steve Simon, Alyce Smith, Gloria Vanterpool, Felipe Wytik Sanchez

Board Members Absent - Excused:

Shahabudden Ally , Yahaira Alonzo , Anita Barberis , Lorena Jimenez-Castro , Juan Mejia, Jason Miller, Edgar Nau , Ayisha Ogilvie, Pamela Palanque-North , Terriell Peters, Tamara Rivera , Liliana Saneaux, Christopher Smith

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, Debora Blow, Paola Garcia

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***Call To Order: Chairman George Fernandez convened the meeting at 7:18 pm.***

***Chair's Welcoming Remarks, Updates and Announcements:***

The Chair, George Fernandez, welcomed Board members and the public and reminded Board Members to take the seats set aside for them in the front rows. He then announced that there are (27) resolutions to be considered as well as guest speakers. He also reminded everyone about Roberts Rules of Order. There is no quorum at the moment.

***Chair 's Report:***

- ~ CB 12 helped celebrate Three Kings Day with NYS Senator Espaillat and with the help of Mr. Cerillo of the restaurant "809". He also thanked CB 12 Board members for their contributions to this effort.
- ~ CB 12 co-sponsored with NYS Senator Espaillat and NYC Councilman Rodriguez a Town Hall meeting on Safety on January 20<sup>th</sup>. Improvements for Cabrini Boulevard were discussed in light of recent vandalism. The prospect of better lighting was introduced as a practical improvement. The Public Safety Committee is engaged in this effort and CB12's Budget Priorities for 2016 include funding for this matter.
- ~ On January 14<sup>th</sup> some members of the CB 12 Executive Committee met with newly elected NYS Assemblyman Guillermo Linares. The Assemblyman was provided a copy of the Statement of District Needs for CB 12 for 2016 and was also apprised of the recent budget rankings for both capital and expense needs for the district.
- ~ On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, First Vice-Chair Obie Bing and Mr. Fernandez met with US Small Business Services to explore the availability of money to support small business development in the community
- ~ CB 12 currently has 43 active members on the Board. Mr. Fernandez reminded everyone of the importance of good attendance. He also indicated the following:

- ~ There are currently 10 committees and 3 taskforces.
- ~ There should be (5) Board members on each committee. Mr. Fernandez may change some committee assignments.
- ~ Task forces have a purpose and when fulfilled may not continue. He will review the work of the current task forces which include:
  - 1) Information Technology & Telecommunications – which has made great improvements to the web site, e-mail and data mapping.
  - 2) Street Activity and Permits
  - 3) By-Laws
- ~ The Executive Committee will review the structure of the CB 12 committees.
- ~ Mr. Fernandez will be sending notices out to the community seeking Public Members for various committees.

~ The Chair indicated he attended the Borough Board meeting in January where other Community Board Chairs meet on a regular basis. He indicated that (3) City Council resolutions were introduced for review:

- 1) “Intro 585” a resolution to bring about term limits for Board Members.  
He indicated that this resolution is not supported by the Borough President and that the Executive Committee would consider this resolution at the next meeting. All CB 12 Board members are invited.
- 2) A resolution on substations was introduced and will be referred to the Health & Environment Committee for further review.
- 2) A resolution on illegal hotels was introduced and will be referred to the Housing & Human Services Committee for review.

Mr. Fernandez also announced the following:

A meeting on Affordable Housing will take place – February 2, 2015 –at 99 Fort Washington Houses. This meeting is being sponsored by RENA and other community organizations.

CB 12 will co-sponsor a Community Relations Forum with the Police Department on Monday, February 2, 2015. This meeting will take place at the Alianza Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. George Fernandez will be one of the moderators.

A Business Development forum in Spanish will take place on February 12, 2015 in The Alianza Dominicana Building on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

CB 12’s Business Development Committee is sponsoring a Small Business Forum will take place on March 3, 2105 to be held at Isabella Geriatric Center.

Edith Prentiss has resigned her position on CB 12 and the Chair thanked her for her many years of dedicated service.

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District Manager’s Report:

District Manager, Ebenezer Smith, reminded everyone that Community Board applications are due by close of business, Friday, January 30, 2015.

He provided updates on the following projects under the New York City Department of Design & Construction (DDC):

- ~ The north staircase project will be completed by mid February
- ~ The Plaza de las Americas is underway but has had delays due to bad weather

~ The Wadsworth Terrace reconstruction project has been approved and will get underway soon.

For the 2015 DOT High School Summer project, Mr. Smith has recommended (5) high schools within the district for the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT). IF there are other schools, please let him know.

Web Site Update: There is a new way to register for e-mails on the CB 12 web site. This improvement was brought about with the help of the Manhattan Borough President's office Intern. In addition, a better system for sending group e-mails has been introduced and implemented.

The matter concerning El Presidents Restaurant remains a hot issue. Mr. Smith received e-mails from the Manhattan Borough Presidents' office and CNY Councilman Levine requesting updates. He provided a copy of the minutes and resolution of the most recent licensing committee meeting. He indicated that the restaurant appears to be operating in compliance with the recommendations and is making the needed improvements in sound-proofing.

Mr. Smith reminded Committee Chairs to review next month's Calendar and Agenda listings.

On February 6, New York Presbyterian Hospital will be hosting a forum on National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness. Information on this event can be found in packets and on the information table.

Mr. Smith was invited to Middle School 328 to provide feedback and guidance to 7th & 8th grade students who composed letters to Senator Schumer regarding alternative energy sourcing.

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**Presentations:** Since there was no quorum, George Fernandez moved to ***Presentations:***

***Inspector Chris Morello, 34th Precinct, presented the following information:***

- ~ 2014 Showed a 2.3% reduction in crime over 2013. This means that there were 15 fewer robberies and 34 fewer burglaries in 2014.
- ~ 2015 appears to be another record-breaking year. So far there have been 12 fewer crimes in the first 3 weeks of the year over 2014. (69 vs. 81) (14 robberies vs. 24 in 2014).
- ~ The recent Shredding Day that was held was very successful and another date will soon be set.
- ~ The Citizens Police Academy is soon to start and applications are available. The program is a great program for community leaders. The training program is 14 weeks long and will take place from 6pm to 9on Tuesday evenings at the Police Academy on East 20<sup>th</sup> Street. Please contact our Community Policing Officers who are here.

A question was asked about the reasons for the drop in crime. The answer:  
"We had quality policing within the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct and also received some additional support for Manhattan North"

A question was asked about a limit on the number of participants per Precinct in the Citizens Police Academy Program: Answer: 2 or 3.

A question was asked about what progress has been made to secure an arrest of the perpetrator(s) who committed the vandalism of autos on Cabrini Blvd.  
Answer" "Some arrests have been made, but the situation is still being investigated."

Tony Martinetti of the Inwood Owners Coalition thanked Inspector Morello of closing the No Bo Lounge (used to be Hashi) after a recent incident.

***NYS Assemblyman Guillermo Linares, District 72 presented the following:***

He recently met with the CB 12 Executive Committee and will work closely with the community on at least (3) areas that are a priority to community residents:

- 1) Creation and preservation of affordable housing
- 2) Harassment by landlords against existing tenants
- 3) Renewal and strengthening of rent regulations

The position of Assembly Speaker will be vacant as of February 2, 2015, "The new speaker will have my vote is he/she supports rent regulations, NYCHA housing, strengthening public schools and protecting seniors."

The new office is at 210 Sherman Avenue Suite A, New York, New York. He introduced two new staff members, Herminio Martinez, Chief of Staff and Frances Méndez. Phone Number is (212) 544-2278. He will send his contact information to CB 12 offices.

A question was asked about by Mr. Michaane why rent regulation comes up for renewal so frequently. He answered the state legislative and executive branches have control over the matter of rent regulation and that he would like to bring it back to the local level. It's important for everyone to mobilize

***New York City Councilman Mark Levine, District 7 presented information about the following:***

- ` As Chair of the Parks Committee, I want there to be full disclosure on the private funds that support the larger parks such as Central Park & Prospect Park. He introduced Into 386 to the Council which will mandate the Parks Department to disclose the amount of private money that goes to certain parks.
- ~ As a member of the Housing Committee he is pushing to reform the 421A Tax exemption that has been effect for real estate developers who have build luxury housing with this exemption and have not provided any units of affordable housing. He indicated that The Commissioner of HPD agrees.
- ~ February 20<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for applications for discretionary funding from the Council.
- ~ A Forum for Small Businesses and Estate Planning will take place on February 17<sup>th</sup>. (Refer to the information table for more details.)
- ~ A question was raised by Mr. Benjamin as to what CB 12 can do now with regard to the fact that it had previously voted in support of 421A. Answer: Pass a new resolution in support of the position now being taken by Councilman Levine.

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Quorum was reached at 8:00 pm and Mr. Fernandez called the meeting officially to Order: Agenda – Change to Agenda to remove item listed as "Removal of Board Member" – made unnecessary due to the recent resignation of that Board Member. Hearing No Objection, the change was approved.

Moved to adopt and accept the Agenda. Moved to adopt and accept the December Minutes.
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**Resumption of Presentations:**

***Giovanni Puello, Community Liaison, Manhattan Borough President's Office reported:***

- ~ He reminded appropriate Board members to reapply to Board by tomorrow.
- ~ Community Police Forum February 2 – co-sponsored by Chairs of CB's 9, 10, and 12 Public Safety Committees – Alianza Building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- ~ 2016 Capital Funds Applications are now available. The due date for capital funds in February 26<sup>th</sup>. Applicants should meet with the MBP's budget staff asap. If anyone has questions, contact either Mr. Levine at (212) 669-4814 or Ms. Gonzalez at (212) 669-2969.
- ~ The State of the Board Address will take place at Columbia University on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Information is available in the back. Call (212) 669-4039 to register.
- ~ The Department of Transportation has assessed the lighting condition at 190<sup>th</sup> and Bennett and will keep you posted.
- ~ 121 and 131 Fort George buildings have been returned to rent regulation statute following a determination by Schneiderman's office that the buildings were not really co-ops after all.

***Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter from New York State Senator Espaillat's office reported the following:***

- ~ Senator Espaillat led the fight against fracking – which will not be permitted in NYS.
- ~ The Senator will support efforts to maintain and strengthen rent regulation despite the fact that the Senate is controlled the Republicans and the fact that the Erstadt Law gave control of rent regulations to the state.
- ~ A workshop on SCRIE and DRIE was postponed and will be rescheduled in the Spring when staff of the Legal Aid Society may be available

***On a personal note, there are (2) community events to note:***

- ~ The Cornerstone Chorale will hold a fund raising concert on Saturday Jan. 31 at Holy Rood Church
- ~ Up Theater will perform staged readings at Bread and Yoga on Sunday February 8<sup>th</sup>.

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Public Session hosted by First Vice-Chair, Isaiah Obie Bing

Trevor Alexander, Community Outreach Specialist, HRA, OCSE – Outreach & Paternity Services spoke about a program to assist impoverished fathers to fulfill their obligations with regard to child support. Efforts are made to connect fathers with pre-natal clinics to forge financial, emotional and medical and bonds. Looking for partnership and education opportunities within the community.

Mary Anderson, Community Resident, spoke about the DOT Forum at Columbia University and expressed gratitude that new benches at bus stops will be installed soon. There is a new bench at 181st & Wadsworth.

David Garcia spoke about the WHIN Music Program which is music instruction for children similar to El Sistema. Approximately 150 children a week take lessons and payment is according each person's ability to pay. The purpose is to promote music education in the schools. A presentation was made at the Youth & Education Committee. He is also proposing a Music Center Charter School to be located in the community and is also looking for community partners.

Nancy Preston and Sally Fisher, Community Activists, spoke on behalf of Moving Forward Unidos. and indicated support for the liquor license renewal for Mama Sushi Restaurant and a sidewalk license renewal for Park View Restaurant. They also support the application for a new liquor license of Brown Sugar Restaurant and applauded their willingness to work with the community.

Community Group in support of the liquor license application of Brown Sugar: (5060 Broadway) submitted a written recommendation prepared by Martin Collins (incorporated In the minutes and attached). The Inwood Owners Coalition (Tony Martinetti) is satisfied with the stipulation signed with Rodriguez regarding music, valet parking and the use of hookah and has withdrawn its objection. Question about whether this was discussed with Licensing Committee: Answer: Yes – January 26th meeting. The requested that the stipulations to be included in resolution.

Laura Martinez and Francesca Castellano spoke about their work with TNR (Trap, Neuter and Release) in the prevention of animal abuse within the community. Services are at no charge. They also expressed there is a need for shelters to hold the animals temporarily.

Betty Lehmann, Isabella Geriatric Center, announced a Ribbon Cutting for Isabella’s new Rehabilitation Center to be held on February 5, 2015. In addition, free Home Health Aide Training will resume beginning February 23rd. Interested applications should check the Isabella web site, call me or call Home Care.

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**Resumption of Presentations:**

***New York City Councilman Rodriguez, District 10 spoke about the following:***

- ~ The state of the Community address is scheduled for Sunday, March 22 at 2:00pm at George Washington High School. The address will focus on the 30-year Vision for Northern Manhattan.
- ~ In March the Councilman will lead a major effort to focus on economic development and affordable housing for this community. We will be working with City Planning and the EDC in this effort.
- ~ There was little construction of affordable housing recently in this community. Only 250 affordable housing units were constructed.
- ~ As Chair of Committee of Transportation, the Councilman is working with the DOT concerning the exits of the A train at Bennett Avenue.
- ~ Councilman Rodriguez was able to obtain \$29,000 in funding for the Peoples’ Theater Project.
- ~ Councilman Rodriguez is concerned about the quality of education in the district and wants to replicate best practices of good schools. More than 80 % of students in our community are level 1 or 2 in all grades. There are no schools in this community that take Level 3 & 4 students. He wants the Commissioner to establish a G & T (Gifted and Talented) School in this community.
- ~ Councilman Rodriguez applauded the dedicated support of Mary Anderson who attends many CB 12 meetings.
- ~ He supports intro 585 on the matter of term limits for Community Board membership.

**Mary Lizardo, Executive Director of Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation**, introduced herself in her new role as Executive Director. She also spoke about the work and expanded role of NMIC. and provided information. The organization has also recently moved to 45 Wadsworth between 175<sup>th</sup> & 176<sup>th</sup> Streets.

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Committee Reports:

Licensing – Aldemar Diaz, Chairman of Licensing Committee indicated that the licensing Committee went smoothly despite a long agenda. He had a couple of comments:

~ The resolution **not to recommend** a renewal of a liquor license for **Euro El Tina Restaurant** (#8 on the Agenda) was due to the fact that the owner did not show up. In addition the 34th Precinct did not recommend a renewal. They were not present at the meeting but a follow-up meeting with the 34th Precinct showed that this organization has a checkered past including selling alcohol to minors, selling liquor after hours and experiencing at least (2) serious assaults.

~ **Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corp.** (#20 on the Agenda), a non-profit organization, were actually applying for a Club Liquor license which means they can sell liquor to their members. They are not applying to see liquor to the public. They presented a different picture to the 34th Precinct. The application was approved – but there is some caution as to how this establishment will operate.

~ **Brown Sugar Bar & Restaurant, Inc.** (#18 on the Agenda). We look forward to working with various community groups who wish to weigh in on an application. Where possible, those discussions should take place during the Licensing Committee meetings which are public hearings with plenty of notice in advance of the date.

Sometimes, a local councilman will have a separate meeting with a business owner. IF we know about this ahead of time, the licensing committee will reference that meeting in the resolution. It is not customary to include additional accommodations a business owner has made to a community group after the licensing committee has finished its work.

Maurice Owen –Michaane made a motion to accept the Inwood Owners’ Coalition stipulations to be incorporated as part of the resolution to be submitted to the SLA. He indicated that there is no conflict between both documents and the Inwood Owners’ Agreement is more stringent than resolution drafted by the Licensing Committee.

A request was made for a “Call to Question” to end the discussion Roll call was held. The vote was 19 = Yes; 7=No. The discussion ended.

There was then a second vote as to the incorporation of the Inwood Owners Coalition Agreement with the existing resolution to be submitted by CB12 to the SLA. Voting Results: 25 = Yes; 2 = Abstain. The resolution stands as amended with the exception that the reference to windows should also include doors with respect to the playing of music. A copy of the Inwood Owner’s Coalition stipulation is attached

Mr. Rolando Cespedes moved to “Call to Question” to end discussion all licensing applications. The move was seconded. Roll Call took place. The vote was 17 = No; 1 = Abstain; 9 = Yes. The motion to end the discussion failed and discussion continued.

Item #	Resolutions	Voting Y-N-A-NV	Passed or Failed
1.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Saggio Restaurant Inc, dba Saggio – 829 W 181 St. (bet Pinehurst & Cabrini Blvd).	25-4-0-0	Passed
2.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to The Third Palm Tree Inc., - 2145 B Amsterdam Ave, (bet W 166 th St. & W 157 th St.)	25-0-2-0	Passed
3.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Pipo Pool, Inc. - 582 W 182rd St (bet St. Nich & W 183 rd	25-4-0-0	Passed
4.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise		

	Liquor License to Empire Szechuan dba Noodle House Inc. – 4041 -4049 Broadway (at the corner of 170th St)	27-2-0-0	Passed
5.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 187 Restaurant Corp. dba Refried Beans Mexican Grill – 591 Ft. Washington Ave, (Corner of 187 th St).	27-1-1-0	Passed
6.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Eskina 214 Corp. dba Café Tabaco & Ron – 501 West 214 th Street, (corner of 10 th Ave.)	25-4-0-0	Passed
7.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba Il SOLE – 229-233 Dyckman St. (corner of 10 th Ave.)	26-3-0-0	Passed
8.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to Euro El Tina Restaurant Lounge & Billiards Corp – 500 W 207 th St (Bet Post & 10 th Ave)	26-2-1-0	Passed
9.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 148 Nagle Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba Mi Nido Taverna – 148 Nagle Ave (corner of Thayer St).	26-3-0-0	Passed
10.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to La Terraza Restaurant Inc. – 3881 Broadway (corner of 162 nd St.)	27-2-0-0	Passed
11.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc., dba Captiol Restaurant – 4933 Broadway (corner of 207 th St)	27-2-0-0	Passed
12.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant an Alteration Application to Modify License Establishment to Beans & Vines Corp. – 4842 Broadway (corner of Academy St)	25-4-0-0	Passed
13.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant an Alteration Application to Modify License Establishment to Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi- 237 Dyckman St (corner of Seaman Ave).	27-2-0-0	Passed
14.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant an Alteration Application to Modify License Establishment to Negro Claro -Negro Claro -805 10 th Avenue (corner of 204 th St).	27-1-0-1	Passed
15.	Resolution to recommend the TLC to grant a renewal of a Livery Base License to Power Luxury Radio Dispatch Inc., - 2015 Amsterdam Ave. (corner of W 160th St).	27-2-0-0	Passed
16.	Resolution to recommend the DCA to grant a Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to 600 West 169th Street Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's Restaurant - 4015 Broadway (corner of 168 th St)	28-1-0-0	Passed
17.	Resolution to recommend the DCA to grant a Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to Jach Restaurant Corp. dba The Park View Restaurant – 219 Dyckman St (bet Broadway & Seaman)	24-5-0-0	Passed
18.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to Brown Sugar Bar & Restaurant – 5060 Broadway (bet 215 St. & 216 St.)	26-3-0-0	Passed
19.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to Coffeed Corporation dba The New Leaf – Fort Tryon Park, 1 Margaret Corbin Drive, (enter 190 th St).	25-3-0-1	Passed
20.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corporation – 1248 St. Nicholas Ave (bet 172nd St. & 173 rd St).	17-9-1-2	Passed
21.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to La Catrina Mexican Grill, dba La Mala Suave Cantina – 3803 10 th Ave (bet 203 & 204 th St)	24-4-0-1	Passed

21.A	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to (21A) Heights Team LLC dba 21 Bar – 4318 Broadway (corner of 184 th St).	23-5-1-0	Passed
22.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Antojitos Restaurant Corp. dba Antojitos Restaurant, 125A Nagle Avenue, (bet Sickles & Arden Sts.)	26-2-0-1	Passed
23.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Yudyt Restaurant dba Lulo Restaurant – 1626 St. Nicholas Ave (corner of w 191 St)	26-3-0-0	Passed
24.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Margarita Mexican Tapas Inc. dba Brasier Ceviche Wine Bar – 3775 10 th Ave (corner of 202 nd St).	25-4-0-0	Passed

Wayne Benjamin, Chair of the Land Use Committee introduced a resolution to ensure that the Landmarks Preservation Commission engages with the community on an ongoing basis to advance the historic district and structures in Washington Heights and Inwood. He commented that the area is one of the oldest sections of New York with artifacts going back to the earliest years of NYC and has not received the amount of attention from Landmarks' Preservation Commission that he believes the community deserves.

Item #	Resolution	Voting Y-N-A-NV	Passed or Failed
25.	Resolution calling upon the Landmarks Preservation Commission to engage with CB 12M to advance the Designation of Historic Districts & Structures in Washington Heights & Inwood.	29-0-0-0	Passed

Mitch Glen, Chair of the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee presented a resolution supporting the Creative at Works Partnership Project to paint a Mural on a Residential Wall outside Isham Parks' Entrance. George Fernandez also indicated that the Owner also sent an e-mail in support of this resolution and that this should be attached to the resolution since the resolution references the same.

Item #	Resolution	Voting Y-N-A-NV	Passed or Failed
26.	Resolution supporting Creative Art Works Partnership Project t to Paint a mural on a Residential Wall outside Isham Parks' Entrance	26-2-0-1	Passed

Steve Simon, Chairman of the Health & Environment Committee presented a resolution in support of Intro. # 442 in relation to setting nutritional standards for distributing incentive items aimed at children. This would mean that the distribution of toys to children would not take place except in cases where meals meet appropriate nutritional standards. The prime sponsor is Councilman Kalos with others from the Council as well.

Health & Environment and Housing and Human Services Committees held a joint meeting concerning an update on the conversion of buildings in our community from #6 heating oil to #2 or #4 oil. A total of 449 buildings have now converted through the Clean Heat Program. 273 are now operating on # 2 oil. There are still 19 buildings that need to be contacted for conversion before the deadline of July 1, 2015.

Item #	Resolution	Voting Y-N-A-NV	Passed or Failed
27.	Resolution in Support of Intro No. 442 in relation to setting nutritional standards for distributing incentive items aimed at children.	28-1-0 1	Passed

Yosef Kalinsky, Chair of the Traffic and Transportation Committee referred everyone to the minutes of the last meeting and indicated that there will be a discussion of the slow zone in the Hudson Heights area. In addition there will be a discussion of a sidewalk area mar the hospital – probably in the March meeting.

Richard Lewis, Chair of the Housing & Human Services Committee referenced the fact that there were 30 students from Luperon High School at the joint meeting who were able to hear the plans expressed by the Con Ed staff. Con Ed will have more information about developments for the community in the near future. 88 Buildings are still on #6 heating oil and they are subject to serious penalties as of July 1 and may also have their boilers shut down. Out next meeting will be a joint meeting with Health & Environment regarding e-waste disposal. We will also be considering a resolution on illegal hotels in the area.

Fe Florimon, Chair of the Youth & Education Committee, reported that the committee invited 4 high schools to meeting with the Borough President for an Orientation about the Board. ESL classes are still registering parents in the community. The classes run from 9am to noon every Saturday at George Washington High School.

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair of the Committee for the Concerns of the Aging – refer to the Minutes.

Felipe Sanchez, Assistant Chair of the Business Development Committee, referenced the Small Business Forum that will be held at Isabella on March 3 from 8:30 am to noon. Please communicate this with your networks.

Maurice Owen Michaane, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, reported that we had a great forum form the community. We encourage everyone to attend a follow-up meeting at the CB 12 offices on February 4th.

Franklin Hess, Community Liaison, Office of Assemblyman Farrell reported the latest news with regard to the Assembly Speakers' position. It appears likely to be Carl Heastie. Additional information is available on the information table.

Chairman George Fernandez announced that all resolution passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved and accepted at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Secretary
February 2015