

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
Executive Committee Meeting
530 West 166th Street, New York, New York

June 10, 2015

MINUTES

ATTENDING: G. Fernandez [Chair]; Bing, (First Vice- Chair); A. Diaz, (1st Vice Chair & Licensing); P. Palanque-North (Treasurer); B. Lehmann [Secretary]; L. Saneaux (Assistant Secretary; S. Ally [Public Safety];, Y Alonza, (Traffic & Transportation; M. Glenn [Parks & Cultural Affairs]; R. Lewis (Housing & Human Services); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Business Development) S. Simon [Health & Environment] G. Vanterpool [Aging]; R. Allman, (By-Laws Task Force)

Excused: W. Benjamin [Land Use]; F. Florimon [Youth & Education]

Others Present: Mary Anderson (Asst. Chair, Aging); Sarah Fisher

Staff: Ebenezer Smith [District Manager]

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fernandez- at 7:29 pm. Quorum was achieved.

Secretary's Report: Betty Lehmann reported the following:

- A review of the Board's attendance will be provided at the next meeting.
- A copy of the May Executive Committee meeting minutes will be provided to all Executive Committee members.

Treasurer's Report: Pamela Palanque North reported the following::

- There is no report at this time. An updated report will be e-mailed later.
- Fiscal Year ends on June 30th.

District Manager's Report: Ebenezer Smith reported the following:

- All vendors have been paid.
- There was a problem with one vendor – but it has been resolved.
- All purchases have been made
- (2) laptops have been ordered –
 - (1) existing laptop is old and does not work properly; the 2nd was needed as a backup
 - Spent \$1,500 for (2) Inspiron 3550's
 - DOITT will install the software
- George Fernandez indicated that additional software is needed including the latest version of Photoshop. Richard Lewis and Mitch Glenn will survey the name and type of software needed and Ebenezer will send the recommended software request to DOITT.

Calendar Review was undertaken at the suggestion of Chair George Fernandez:

- The Committee of the Whole is scheduled to meet on July 21.
- Due to various holidays scheduled in the month of September, there were (2) motions that were considered:

(1) Move the meetings scheduled for Sept. 14th to Sept. 10th.

Keep all meetings that are scheduled for the 1st week of Sept in place despite the fact that they occur before Labor Day

Richard Lewis made motion; Seconded by Maurice Owen-Michaane; All in favor:12

Motion passed.

(2) Move to keep the scheduled General Meeting from the 22nd to either the 29th or 30th.
29th = (7) yes; (4) = NO; (1) Abstention

The motion passed to reschedule the meeting for September 29th.

- Richard Lewis, Chair, Housing and Human Services announced that the Health and Human Services Committee plans to meet on July 9th to review the aftermath of what transpired from rent regulation legislation.
- Richard Allman announced that the By-Laws Task Force has set up (2) tentative meetings for July 1 and August 24th.
- Steve Simon, Chair of Health and Environment announced that the committee will meet on July 9th and expects to hear from New York Presbyterian on an update on their Mental Health Task Force and also to consider the prospect of requesting the Port Authority to install some type of fence on the GW Bridge to prevent suicides.
- Pamela Palanque-North raised the matter of whether the State Liquor Authority has the power to amend their schedule to fit better with the City's schedule regarding meetings to consider liquor licenses.

Committee Reports:

Maurice Owen Michaane, Chair, Business Development reported:

- ~ There will be no regular meeting in the month of June.
- ~ There will be a Job and Resource Fair on July 18th at Isabella.
- ~ 18-24 Businesses are expected to attend.
- ~ More than 100 job applicants are expected.
- ~ Working with the Chamber of Commerce and other community organizations
- ~ Fliers and advertising are promoting the Job Fair

Richard Lewis, Chair, Housing and Human Services Committee reported:

- ~ Recent meeting included a discussion of the rent regulations and the 421A Amendment.
- ~ There are 1.219 million rent stabilized apartments in NYC (increase of about 1.000)
- ~ There have been more than 600 illegal conversions out of rent stabilization in the past year.
(The NYC DOB has provided maps of where these units are.)
- ~ The Fair Housing Laws will be discussed in September.
- ~ Other matters on ethnic and gender classifications & related human services
will be reviewed and discussed in the fall.
- ~ Wayne Benjamin and Richard Lewis will participate in a Fair Housing Workshop
on Friday and Saturday sponsored by Palante.

Mitchell Glenn, Chair of Parks and Cultural Affairs reported:

- ~ There was a matter of a water service contractor who has not been paid. The matter should
be remedied shortly
- ~ The opening of Highbridge Park is scheduled for June 25th.
- ~ The Nature Center at Inwood Hill Park is not open.
- ~ Liz Ritter is developing a resolution related to park concessions based on a discussion and
vote that was taken in committee.

Yahira Alonzo, Chair, Traffic and Transportation reported:

- ~ More than 50 people attended the recent meeting which included a lively

- discussion on the new bike lanes on Fort George Hill
- ~ The NYC DOT made a presentation.
- ~ Many residents objected to the lanes and particularly the new angled parking.
- ~ DOT will consider a change in the angle parking but will not remove the bike lanes.

Steve Simon, Chair, Health and Environment Committee reported:

- ~ The Street Cleanliness ratings for the community jumped an average of 12%
85% Rating – Washington Heights
94% Rating – Inwood
- ~ Iggy Terranova of the NYC Dept. of Sanitation has indicated there is no imminent threat for the re-institution of 2 day-a-week street cleaning.
- ~ The DOE Fund has been given \$69,000 from Councilman Levine and \$38,000 from Councilman Rodriguez to help keep the streets clean.

George Fernandez, Board Chair reported:

- ~ All(12) new Board members have been assigned to committees.
- ~ Existing committee members will stay with their respective committees.
- ~ (2) Public Members will be assigned to the Licensing Committee and
(1) Public Member for each of the other committees.
- ~ An evaluation of the District Manager needs to be completed and submitted in September.
- ~ New Public Member interviews will be scheduled. There are at least (20) individuals who are interested. A Public Member serves for a period of (1) year and can be considered for renewal.

Discussion of the CB 12 By-Laws Task Force Committee Worksheet (attached) and the overall conduct of the General Meetings

Some recommendations concerning the General Meetings included:

- ~ Creating a new position of “Sergeant of Arms” to ensure Roberts Rules of Order are being upheld
- ~ Reordering the format of the General Meetings
- ~ Maurice Owen-Michaane recommended that the District Manager’s report be written rather than oral.
- ~ A recommendation was made to put the elected officials at the end of the meeting.
- ~ Richard Lewis recommended a small task force to review possible changes.
- ~ A suggestion was made to consider amending the agenda on an ad-hoc basis.

A review of the CB 12 By-Laws Worksheet provided by the Task Force was undertaken with the following noted:

Section 1 - Proposed List:

- ~ Remove “or other compulsory government service” and replace with “or other emergency and disaster services”
- Remove “Severe” before “personal illness”
- Add “Parental Leave consistent with FMLA requirements” to the list

Section 2 – “What are the attendance requirements”

No change. There was a discussion as to requiring attendance at 4 out of 6 General Meetings and a discussion of the prospect of a 6 month probation.

Section 3 –What is Accountability for attendance and other Member requirements?”

There was a lively discussion about this, and it was recommended that Committee members e-mail their recommendations to the Task Force.

Section 4 – How should we look at Chair and Assistant Chair responsibilities?”

There was a discussion about the need to define the duties of the Chairs and assistant Chairs and to also identify the role of the committee members.

Section 5- “Should there be a two committee requirement for members?”

Following a discussion, **a motion was made** to take vote of the Committee with the following results: **Yes = 7; No = 2; Abstention= 1**. The motion passed concerning a (2) committee participation requirement.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann

September 8, 2015