

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, Manhattan**

**General Meeting**

**June 23, 2015**

**Myrna L Daniels Auditorium**

**Milstein Family Heart Center at New York Presbyterian Hospital**

**173 Fort Washington Avenue**

**New York, New York**

**Draft Minutes**

***Board Members Present:***

Richard Allman, Yahaira Alonzo, Mary Anderson, , Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Isaiah Obie Bing, Manny de los Santos, Aldemar De Jesus Diaz, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, George Fernandez, Fe Florimon, Barbara Frazier, Wanda Garcia, Osi Kaminer, Andrea Kornbluth, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard R. Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna,, Jay Mazur, Juan Mejia, Rud Morales, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Estevan Nembhard, Ayisha Ogilvie, Maurice Owen-Michaane , Pamela Palanque-North, Terriell Peters, Martin Restituyo, Liliana Saneaux , Steve Simon, Christopher Smith, Luis Tapia, Felipe Wytik Sanchez

**Board Members Excused:** Alyce Smith, Lorenzo McGougan, Arlene Schulman,

**Board Members Absent:** Shahabudden Ally, Glennis Aquino, Kelly Boyd, Mitchell Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky David Mattera, Isidro Medina, Jonathan Reyes, Angela Sanchez, Jason Tejada, Gloria Vanterpool

**Staff:** Ebenezer Smith, Debora Blow, Paola Garcia

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***Call to Order:*** **Chairman George Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. No quorum as of yet.**

***Chairman's Report:***

He welcomed again the new Board Members and explained the importance of the Committee of the Whole meeting to be held in July.  
He congratulated Anita Barberis for her 30 years of service as Assistant Chair of the Land Use Committee. She will stay on Land Use. Mr. Martin Restituyo will be Assistant Chair. Public Member interviews will be held over the summer. Appointment is for 1 year. Statement of District needs will need to be completed. This year it will be a digital submission. Some committees will meet over the summer: Health & Environment, Parks & Cultural Affairs, Housing & Human Services. It is not likely that any resolutions will pass at the Committee of the Whole, so any resolutions passed by committees over the summer will not be considered until the General Meeting in the fall.

***District Manager's Report:***

He announced that he attended a town hall meeting on May 27<sup>th</sup> regarding the problems that have been apparent with the Postal Service. The Manhattan Borough President's office attended.  
Mr. Pater fontna of the USPS called to give an update and to report that some key keeper mail boxes in some apartment buildings are not operations. He asked CB 12 to assist in getting the situation corrected.

The school bus shooting on 163<sup>rd</sup> Street & Amsterdam Avenue was a result of domestic violence. He attended the official opening of Highbridge Park on June 9<sup>th</sup>. There are some issues at either end of the Bridge with respect to access and safety and the Parts Department is looking into this.

The September calendar is important. Many dates have changed due to the various holidays in the month. Please note the changes.

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**Quorum was reached at 7:30pm.**  
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**George Fernandez announced some changes in the Agenda:**

#30 should not be listed under New Business and should be listed under Youth & Education .

# 15 and #20 should be removed from the list.

A motion was made to accept the changes and was seconded.

There was a motion to adopt the amended Agenda and it was seconded.

There was a motion to limit the discussion time on #15 and 20 to 10 minutes – with a motion to be made if additional time was needed beyond the 10 minutes. The motion was seconded and the time restrictions were set.

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**Borough President's Report**

***Northern Manhattan Liaison, Giovanni Puello presented the following:***

He attended the May 27<sup>th</sup> town hall meeting concerning issues related to USPS and thanked everyone who attended. The Borough President's office will continue to follow up on the recommendations

Information on the Summer Meals Program locations is available on the Information Table.

Capital Grants have been allocated for FY 16 budget and will be adopted later this month.

The Borough Presidents' office will continue to advocated for the preservation and construction of affordable housing.

The Borough Presidents office will also work to fix or end the 421A, in particular the double dipping or overlapping subsidies.

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**Presentation by NYC Planning Commission:**

Adam Meagher spoke about the "Inwood Planning Initiative":

- ~ The area of focus is the area east of Broadway from Dyckman Street north including Spuyten Dyval and Marble Hill.
- ~ The City is focusing on several neighborhoods of the city for future development Inwood is one of the neighborhoods.
- ~ The NYC Planning Commission is at the beginning phase of the project.
- ~ There are three goals:
  1. Increase commercial growth
  2. Support the preservation and new construction of mixed income housing.
  3. Design ways to support the growth and improvement of the quality of life

There are several steps that will be taken:

Visioning Workshops will be held in the fall to explain the vision and

to gather feedback from the community.  
Many community meetings are planned.  
A report will be composed by the end of the year and a Public Review  
Process will begin in 2016.  
The NYC Planning Commission will report back to CB 12.

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**Legislative Reports:**

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter - Northern Manhattan Community Liaison, Office of NYS Senator  
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The Riverbank State Park Uptown Games were extremely successful.  
Some important legislation was passed including legislation on suicide prevention.  
The LG Building in the Palisades will be lower in height and the negotiations  
have been successful.  
The extension of rent regulations for rent stabilized apartments has passed  
Details on this and other pieces of legislation need to be finalized and will be  
communicated at a future date.

**Jessica Reynosa, Community Liaison, Office of NYC Public Advocate Letitia James**

The Public Advocates Office has a Hot Line – (212) 669-7250  
“Tenants Know Your Rights” Information is available at the Information Table  
M=More \$ to CUNY for Child Day Care

**Nina Saxon, Community Liaison, Office of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer**

The school bus audit is underway with regard to DOE oversight  
MTA Fair Share audit is being conducted  
If anyone has any questions, Nina can be reached at (917) 969-5742 and  
at [nsaxon@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:nsaxon@comptroller.nyc.gov)

**Natalie Espino, Community Liaison, Office of NYC Councilman Mark Levine**

The Councilman is working with CB 12 to assist small businesses  
who are being forced out of their premises.

**Frank Hess, Special Assistant, Office of NYS Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell**

Rent Regulations have been extended and details of the legislation will be forthcoming.  
Additional information can be found in the report at the Information Table.

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**Public Session:**

**Obie Bing, Vice Chair of CB 12, chaired the Public Session:**

**Humberto Galarzso**, Department of Environmental with **SOBRO representatives** spoke  
about HEAP Fire Prevention . They want to recruit help from the 14 – 20 year  
olds.

**Phil Zarblocki**, Advocates for Public Integrity, spoke about community use of the  
Armory and reported that the Armory had recently given excessive charges to 3  
community groups who wanted to use the space.

**Dr. Gary Altheim**, Exec Director, Growth & Development Services, spoke about the  
the troubles he has had with the use of space at the Armory and about

“Thrilling Thursdays” being held in July from 5 to 7 pm

**George Calderaro**, Landmarks 50 – supports Resolution #29

**Susan Mathisen**, Landmarks 5, VP of Historic District Council – supports Resolution #29

**Danita Nichols**, NY Public Library – the Inwood Library will closed in July to prepare for new floor. Inwood has been chosen for an early literacy program. The Washington Heights and Inwood History project continues and they are looking for candidates.

**David Brodherson**, Community Resident & Urban Planner registered an objection to Resolution #15

**Jeff Morrison**, District 6 Parent – registered his support for Resolution #31 supporting YM & YWHA program and supports parent child education equity .

**Raffy de Luna**, representing ARCA Lounge, encouraged passage of #20.

**Manuel Lantigua**, representing ARCA Lounge, encouraged passage of #20.

**Katherine O’Sullivan**, MFU (Moving Forward Unidos), (and 2 others) registered objections to Resolutions # 14, 15, 18 & 20. They also registered a complaint that the Licensing Committee meetings take too long and preparation could be better.

**Joel Yoffie**, read a poem about the importance of resistance to oppression

**David Thom**, Inwood Owners Coalition, suggested the Licensing Committee check for NYC Open Data for information about noise complaints when assessing applications. He presented a PowerPoint presentation that showed where noise complaints are. The data came from [www.addressreports.com](http://www.addressreports.com) He opposed the applications of Brown Sugar and Café de Broadway. .

**Ariel Ferreira**, representing Brown Sugar indicated that they signed a stipulation in with the Inwood Owners Coalition in January with regard to noise. We did a walk through with the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct and they have no objection to our application for a sidewalk café

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### **Committee Chairs’ Reports & Resolutions:**

**Aldemar Diaz, Chair, Licensing Committee spoke** about some of the resolutions being presented

**He proposed a motion :** “Any resolution from the Licensing Committee that does not receive the support of the Board is automatically becomes “does not recommend”.

**A motion was made and seconded.**

**Q & A** followed with the following clarified:

~ This resolution applies to the 23 resolutions before us tonight and does not apply to others in the future.

~ **A friendly amendment** was made by Ms. Ritter to clarify the language before it is submitted to the SLA. The language offered as an amendment to the original motion is as follows:

“ If a resolution calling on the SLA to grant a particular license fails to pass before the full Board, a “whereas” be added that says “whereas Community Board 12 discussed, voted on and failed to pass such and such now therefore be it resolved that CB 12 Manhattan call on the SLA to not approve”.

**The motion was made and seconded.**

**Q & A** took place on the friendly amendment.

The motion to amend the original motion was put to a vote. By a show of hands, the **suggested amendment failed.**

**Discussion returned to the original motion** made by Mr. Diaz (described above).

Mr. Lewis proposed some additional language that would clarify the matter to the SLA. – that “the full content of denial or acceptance be communicated to the SLA”

**A motion about the amendment was made and seconded.**

The matter was “called to question” and voted upon.

**By a show of hands, the motion for the amendment passed.**

**The original motion made by Mr. Diaz was discussed further.**

**A vote was taken by a show of hands, and the motion passed.**

With respect to the Resolutions at hand, there are (2) **Resolutions - # 15 (Brown Sugar) and # 20 (Sugary Goddess Corp)**, there is no Resolution to vote on since there was no consensus by the Licensing Committee.

There was a **motion** made to correct **Resolution #11** from 34<sup>th</sup> to 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct. Motion was seconded, voted on by a show of hands and approved.

There was a **motion made** to amend **Resolution # 16** to change the agency from DCP to Consumer Affairs. **The motion was made and seconded. By a vote of hands, the motion passed.**

Steve Simon made a **motion** that the Department of Consumer Affairs to not consider approving a sidewalk café for **Brown Sugar (Resolution # 15)** until one year after the opening of Brown Sugar and until the owner has demonstrated compliance with other stipulations he has agreed to. **The motion was made and seconded. By a show of hands, it was approved.**

**Yahira Alonzo, Chair of the Traffic & Transportation Committee proposed the following resolutions:**

~ **Resolution #24** converting W. 219th & W. 220th Streets to One-Way to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Flow near PS/IS278 & PS18.

~ **Resolution # 25** in Support of Street Co-Naming at the Northwest Corner of 155th Street & Amsterdam Avenue for Rev. Dr. Jasper Simmons.

~ Resolution **# 26** in support of proposed partial closure of W. 187th Street, (bet. Wadsworth & Broadway Avenues.)

Mr. Allman made a **friendly amendment to # 25** to drop the third “whereas”. **The motion was seconded, voted on by a show of hands and approved.**

**Mr. Benjamin made a friendly amendment to Resolution #26** to modify “temporary partial closure” to a more specific time frame. **The motion was made and seconded. A vote by a show of hands resulted in the amendment being approved.**

**Richard Lewis, Chair of Housing & Human Services introduced the following Resolutions:**

**Resolution #27** urging Con Edison to report on 24 hours any Gas Leaks or Emergency Shutoffs to The Department of Buildings and the Public.

**Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chair, Parks and Cultural Affairs** – spoke about the following resolution:

**Joint Resolution #28 (with Public Safety Committee)** calling for More Enforcement in our Parks & Playgrounds and the Re-opening of the Inwood Nature Center.

A **friendly amendment** was offered to add the phrase “additional officers” to the second Resolve in the Resolution. **A motion was made and seconded. It was voted on by a show of hands and was approved.**

**Motion to go to New Business Resolutions.** The motion was seconded and approved by a show of hands.

**Resolution #29** -Recognizing and Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the New York City Landmarks Law.

**Resolution # 31** to support the Renewal of the Half-Day UPK Contract between The YM/YWHA of Washington Heights and Inwood and the NYC DOE.

A **motion was made** by Ms. Ritter to add “multiple letters of support have been sent by local politicians to Chancellor Farina regarding **Resolution #31. It was seconded and approved by a show of hands.**

**Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education Committee** spoke about a Resolution passed in the Committee:

**Resolution # 30** In support of the increase of Physical Education Fitness Spaces and Expand Capital Funds in School District 6 for FY2017.

**Q & A** – Why is this being presented at this time because it appears to be a budget item.

George Fernandez called to question and discussion ceased. After noting the #15 and 20 are back on the list for a vote, **the roll call on the Resolutions commenced.**

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**Voting on the Resolutions:**

Item #	Resolutions	Voting: Y-N-Abst- Absent NV	Passed or Failed
1.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Harger Donut Shop Inc. dba <b>Coral</b> – 3801 Broadway( @ corner of W 158 <sup>th</sup> Street),	34-2-0-0	passed
2.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: <b>L Buena Potencia Corp.</b> - 1559 St. Nicholas Avenue (@ the corner of 188 <sup>th</sup> St,)	30-6-0-0	passed
3.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Barrow Tavern Inc. dba <b>Liffy II Bar</b> – 5009 Broadway (between W 213 <sup>th</sup> & 214 <sup>th</sup> Street).	33-3-0-0	passed

4.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 164 Broad Corp. dba <b>Heights Tavern</b> – (562 W 164 <sup>th</sup> Street ADA 3910 Broadway)	33-3-0-0	passed
5.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: Carnival Latin Bistro Corp. dba <b>Altus Café</b> – (4325 -4327 Broadway (between 184 <sup>th</sup> & 185 <sup>th</sup> Streets)	31-4-1-0	passed
6.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: 417 W Inc. dba <b>OPUS</b> – (417 W 202 Street (Bet 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenues).	32-4-0-0	passed
7.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to: NYSTOG Imports, Corp. dba <b>Vacca Grill &amp; Lounge</b> – 420 W 203 <sup>rd</sup> Street (between 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> Avenues.)	32-4-0-0	passed
8.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to <b>181<sup>st</sup> Caridad Restaurant Inc.</b> – 554 W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street ( between St. Nicholas & Audubon Avenue).	16-17-3-0	<b>did not pass</b>
9.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to 181 Restaurant Corp. dba <b>Hudson View Restaurant</b> , (770 W 181 <sup>st</sup> Street (@corner of Ft. Washington Avenue).	33-3-0-0	passed
10.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: E.L. Mexican Restaurant Corp. da La <b>Oaxaquena Restaurant</b> – (1969 Amsterdam Avenue (@ corner of W 158 <sup>th</sup> Street).	31-5-0-0	passed
11.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to: Brother Fish Market Inc. dba <b>Brother Fish Market</b> - 3845 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 160th Street.)	15-19-2-0	<b>did not pass</b>
12.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to: Broadway Guadalupe Corp. dba <b>Guadalupe Victoria</b> - 3825 Broadway, (bet. W. 159th & W. 160th Streets.)	33-3-0-0	passed
13.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant an Alteration to Existing Method of Operation to: Villas Lounge 2 Corp. dba <b>Rose Revolution Beer Bar</b> - 130-132 Audubon Avenue, (at the corner of W. 172nd Street.	20-16-0-0	passed

14.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant an Alteration to Existing Method of Operation to: Café Mathias Inc. dba <b>Café De Broadway</b> - 4996 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 212th Street.)	18-16-2-0	<b>did not pass</b>
15.	Resolution to the Department of Consumer Affairs <b>not to approve</b> the application of an unenclosed sidewalk café for <b>Brown Sugar Bar and Restaurant</b> at 5060 Broadway at this time and to wait one year from the time the bar and restaurant opens for business to determine whether the set of stipulations previously agreed upon by the owner following extended negotiations with the community are fully complied with. <b>AS AMENDED</b>	25-9-1-0	passed
16.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the Department of City Planning to grant a New Enclosed Sidewalk Café License to: WA-HI Diner LLC. dba <b>WA-HI Diner</b> - 3915 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 164th Street.)	19-15-2-0	passed
17.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the NYC TLC to grant a New Livery Car Base License to: GCS Transportation Corp. dba <b>Upper Car Service</b> - 2400 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 179th Street.)	34-2-0-0	passed
18.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: <b>160 Dyckman Restaurant Corp.</b> dba TBD - 160 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Sherman Avenue.)	15-18-3-0	<b>did not pass</b>
19.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to: <b>Bello Food Deli Corp.</b> - 5009 Broadway, Store 5&6, (bet. W. 213th & W. 214th Streets.)	33-3-0-0	passed
20.	Resolution <b>did not reach a vote</b> for the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: Sugary Goddess Corp. dba <b>Arka Lounge</b> - 4486 Broadway, (bet. Fairview Ave & W. 192nd Street.)	25-7-4-0	passed
21.	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: <b>Miss Koil Inc.</b> - 3805 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 204th Street.)	27-6-2-1	passed
22.	Resolution <b>to not recommend</b> the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: <b>El Ancla Puerto Plata Restaurant Inc.</b> - 142 Nagle Avenue, (at the corner of Thayer Street.)	36-0-0-0	passed
23.		30-5-1-0	passed



	Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a New Eating Place Beer License to: <b>Jochy Café Corp.</b> - 135 Sherman Avenue, (at the corner of Academy Street.)		
24.	Resolution <b>converting W. 219th &amp; W. 220th Streets</b> to One-Way to Improve Pedestrian Safety and Traffic Flow near PS/IS278 & PS18.	36-0-0-0	passed
25.	Resolution <b>in Support of</b> Street Co-Naming at the Northwest Corner of 155th Street & Amsterdam Avenue for <b>Rev. Dr. Jasper Simmons</b>	34-1-1-0	passed
26.	Resolution <b>in support of</b> proposed <b>partial closure of W. 187th Street</b> , (bet. Wadsworth & Broadway Avenues.)	34-1-0-0	passed
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George Fernandez referred everyone to the minutes of the other CB 12 Committee meetings.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:40pm.**

**Respectfully submitted:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
September 29, 2015