

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, January 14, 2015

Committee Members Present: Isidro Medina, Terriell Peters, Aldemar Diaz, and Martin Restituyo, Rolando Cespedes (late), Angela Sanchez (late)

Committee Members Excused:

Committee Members Absent:

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez Jr., Chair

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present:

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

B. State Liquor Authority *Renewal* Licenses: ☒

On-Premise Liquor License

1. Saggio Restaurant Inc. dba Saggio - 829 W. 181st Street, (bet. Pinehurst Ave & Cabrini Blvd.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	No one present
Type of Establishment	Italian Restaurant
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):
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2. The Third Palm Tree Inc. - 2145 B Amsterdam Avenue, (bet. W. 166th & W. 167th Streets.

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	E. Randy Dupree, Representative
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	Thu-Sat, 1p-4am, Sun-Wed, 4pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	9 tables, 21 chairs, 14 bar stools
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	0
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	No
Employees	3
Capacity	35
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	None
Notes	No changes to operation since last time was here.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

3. Pipo Pool Inc. - 582 W. 183rd Street, (bet. St. Nicholas & Audubon Aves.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	No one present
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	

Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): No Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

4. Empire Szechuan dba Noodle House Inc. - 4041-4049 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 170th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	Sophia Kanh, Representative
Type of Establishment	Chinese & Japanese Restaurant
Hours of Operation	11:30am-Midnight
Tables/Chairs	19 tables, 44 chairs
Music	None
Security Cameras	3
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	11
Capacity	44
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade Pending
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections – 33 rd
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	None
Notes	No changes since last time was here.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

5. 187 Restaurant Corp. dba Refried Beans Mexican Grill - 591 Ft. Washington Avenue, (at the corner of W. 187th St.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
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Owner/Representative	Yvelisse Rosi, Owner
Type of Establishment	Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thu, 11am-11pm, Fri & Sat, 11am-12am
Tables/Chairs	Outside: 4 tables, 16 chairs; Inside: 17 tables, 34 seats
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	13
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	13
Capacity	39
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	Positive comments from Martin Collins
Stipulations	None
Notes	No changes since last time was here
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

6. Eskina 214 Corp. dba Café Tabaco & Ron - 501 W. 214th Street, (at the corner of 10th Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	No one present
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	

Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):
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7. Sol's Restaurant Inc. dba IL SOLE - 229-233 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Seaman Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	Sandra Jaquez
Type of Establishment	Italian Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon-Thu, 12pm-11pm, Fri & Sat, 12pm-1am, Sun, 11am-12am
Tables/Chairs	Inside: 19 tables, 38 chairs; Outside: 13 tables, 38 chairs
Music	iPod, Live music & DJ occasionally
Security Cameras	8
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	17
Capacity	52
Emergency Exits	3
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

8. Euro El Tina Restaurant Lounge & Billiards Corp. - 500 W. 207th Street, (bet. Post & 10th Aves.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal OPL
Owner/Representative	No one present
Type of Establishment	Billiard hall
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	

ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	A as of June 2014
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Precinct objects based on a disturbing pattern of incidents: On New Year's Day, there were 2 assaults on the premises: One a felony assault which resulted in arrests and the hospitalization of one of the victims; earlier this month the business was cited for overcrowding (more than 140 patrons were present, whereas the legal capacity, including staff, is only 74); this establishment was also just submitted for nuisance abatement due to underage liquor sales on three separate occasions, one of which (just last month) resulted in an arrest. It is the Precinct's opinion that this license should not be renewed.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Since neither the precinct was present nor a representative, the details regarding the Precinct's objection were obtained after the fact.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 0 No (names): 1 (Peters) Abstain (names): 4 (Restituyo, Cespedes, Medina, Diaz) Not Voting (names):

9. 148 Nagle Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba Mi Nido Taverna - 148 Nagle Avenue, (at the corner of Thayer St.)

New or Renewal?	Renewal OPL
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Johnny Caro, Owner of 44 years
Type of Establishment	Bar serving finger food
Hours of Operation	1pm-4am
Tables/Chairs	2 tables, 4 chairs, 20 bar stools
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	5
Security Personnel	1 weeknights, 2 weekends
ADA Compliant?	No
Employees	6
Capacity	110
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade Pending (A prior to that)
33rd/34th Precinct	No Objections

Community Comments	No Objections
Stipulations	None
Notes	No changes since last time was here – November 2012
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): No Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

Restaurant Wine License

10. La Terraza Restaurant Inc. - 3881 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 162nd Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal Restaurant Wine
Owner/Representative	Bienvenido Jimenez, Owner
Type of Establishment	Dominican restaurant
Hours of Operation	8am-midnight
Tables/Chairs	4 tables, 18 chairs
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	6
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	6
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade pending
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	No objection
Stipulations	
Notes	Method of operation has not changed. Added security cameras to the exterior of the restaurant.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

11. 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant - 4933 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 207th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal Restaurant Wine
Owner/Representative	Spiridon Argiros, owner
Type of Establishment	Luncheonette
Hours of Operation	7:30am-9:30pm

Tables/Chairs	42 seats (tables and booths)
Music	None
Security Cameras	1
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	4
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	Community in favor.
Stipulations	
Notes	No changes since the last application
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

Alteration Application to Modify License from Restaurant Wine to On-Premise Liquor License

12. Beans & Vines Corp. - 4842 Broadway, (at the corner of Academy Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Alteration Application to modify from restaurant wine to OPL
Owner/Representative	Veronica Guerrero, Representative and Edson Familia, Owner
Type of Establishment	American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Currently: 11am – 11pm every day. Proposed: Mon – Wed 10 – 1 AM, Thu – Sa. 10 – 2 AM, Sun 8 – 1 AM
Tables/Chairs	Currently 8 tables, 16 chairs; Future: 15 – 20 tables, 40 chairs
Music	iPod (Now and in the future)
Security Cameras	Latin Jazz on iPad
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Both entrance and bathrooms
Employees	20
Capacity	40
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	

Notes	Restaurant moving to a larger location. The menu will remain the same, and construction on the new location will end by next month.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

Alteration Application to Modify Licensed Establishment

13. Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mama Sushi - 237 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Seaman Avenue.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Application to Modify licensed establishment – joining with the business next door
Owner/Representative	Victor Santos, Owner
Type of Establishment	Japanese/Latin fusion Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon, Wed & Thu, Noon-1am, Tue, Noon-2:30am, Fri & Sat, Noon-3am, Sun, Noon-2am
Tables/Chairs	Per new construction: 42 tables, 84 chairs, 3 tall tables with 18 chairs, 8 bar stools (Sidewalk café currently has 6 tables and 13 chairs)
Music	iPad/DJ
Security Cameras	24
Security Personnel	2, NYS licensed, on weekends
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and bathrooms accessible
Employees	30
Capacity	140
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections – 34 th
Community Comments	Community likes the effort with regard to sound proofing. No objections from the community. Better than it was before.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

14. Negro Claro Corp. - 3805 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 204th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Application to Modify License – addition of a sidewalk café.
Owner/Representative	Rud Morales, Owner

Type of Establishment	It's a Thai fusion restaurant but operates more as a lounge. Wants to go back to restaurant format.
Hours of Operation	For outdoor café – proposed open 4 PM every day. and stay open until 1 AM weekends, and midnight on weekdays
Tables/Chairs	New expansion will add 17 tables and 34 chairs
Music	No music outside, but there is an open restaurant concept where windows inside the restaurant will be open and so the music can be heard outside.
Security Cameras	2 in outdoor café
Security Personnel	2, NYS licensed
ADA Compliant?	Outdoor space will be accessible
Employees	4
Capacity	220 plus 75 in backyard (Expansion will add 34)
Emergency Exits	5 emergency exits
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Will close doors when DJs are playing music
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Diaz, Medina, Cespedes, Peters) No (names): Abstain (names): 1 (Restituyo) Not Voting (names):

C. NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission *Renewal* of its Livery Base License:

15. Power Luxury Radio Dispatch Inc. - 2025 Amsterdam Avenue, (at the corner of W. 160th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal of taxi livery base
Owner/Representative	No one present
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	

33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	No objections
Stipulations	
Notes	Was here April 2014 and committee had no objections at the time
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

D. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs *Renewal* of Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Licenses:

16. 600 West 169th Restaurant Inc. dba Coogan's - 4015 Broadway, (at the corner of W. 169th Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	Renewal of unenclosed café
Owner/Representative	Peter Walsh, Owner
Type of Establishment	American Casual restaurant
Hours of Operation	11am-Midnight
Tables/Chairs	144
Music	Jukebox
Security Cameras	30
Security Personnel	2, NYS licensed
ADA Compliant?	Yes (with ramp)
Employees	40
Capacity	240
Emergency Exits	4
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	No objections. Public in favor – Martin Collins.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

E. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs *New* of Unenclosed Sidewalk Café Licenses:

17. Jach Restaurant Corp. - 219 Dyckman Street,(bet. Broadway & Seaman Aves.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New unenclosed sidewalk café
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Owner/Representative	Anton Konstantinos, Owner Michael Leuck, Representative
Type of Establishment	American Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Weekdays 8 AM – 10 PM, Weekends 8 AM – 12 AM
Tables/Chairs	Seeking 12 tables and 24 seats outside
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	13
Security Personnel	0
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	12
Capacity	60
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade pending
33rd/34th Precinct	Precinct doesn't support as is, but wants a meeting prior approval. UPDATE: The 34 th Precinct reached out to the owner to schedule a meeting to reiterate the importance of maintaining the Jackson agreement; they have not heard back from him as of this writing.
Community Comments	There are concerns of over-saturation on that block. Every other business on that block has a sidewalk café. There are concerns that in addition to taking up 50% of the sidewalk space. There are trees and other loitering individuals that tend to block.
Stipulations	Follow Councilman's Jackson's agreed upon rules (Signed)
Notes	The applicant's hours as presented to the Committee comply with Councilman Jackson's agreement.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 4 (Cespedes, Medina, Peters, Sanchez) No (names): 1 (Diaz) Abstain (names): 1 (Restituyo) Not Voting (names):

F. State Liquor Authority *New Licenses:*

On-Premise Liquor License

18. Brown Sugar Bar & Restaurant Inc. - 5060 Broadway, (bet. W. 215th & W. 216th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New OPL
Owner/Representative	Juan Almonte, Owner Ariel Ferreira, Representative
Type of Establishment	Cuban Bistro
Hours of Operation	M-Su 7AM – 2 AM, last call 1 AM
Tables/Chairs	25 tables, 110 chairs, 13 bar stools

Music	iPod, DJs for special occasions upon customer request, and local artists. (No residents above this commercial building, although there are apartment houses across 215 th Street and across Broadway on Park Terrace East.)
Security Cameras	26
Security Personnel	2 security guards after 11 PM
ADA Compliant?	ADA compliant entrance and bathroom
Employees	20
Capacity	123= 110 in dining area, 13 at bar
Emergency Exits	4 = 2 on Broadway and 2 on 215 th St.
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	34 th Would like to meet to propose at 2 AM closing time. But already closing at 2 AM, so no objection. Letter from Senator Espaillat in support of the application.
Community Comments	The community is concerned about noise and trouble, which was the case there before the last establishment was there. The Community is concerned about saturation in the area and the past history of the location. The community provided evidence that applicant has a business that DJs nearly every day. The brought in the flyers to that effect. There are concerns over parking and traffic flow. Seasoned applicant has had a business in the Bronx for over 7 years with an OPL and no problems. Has installed soundproofed windows and working with a sound engineer to limit sound.
Stipulations	Good neighbor sign, sound governor, DJ Saturday's only, will agree not to apply for a cabaret license, and will instruct security to discourage loitering. (Signed)
Notes	Have an agreement with a parking lot for valet service.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

19. Coffeed Corporation dba New Leaf - Fort Tryon Park, 1 Margaret Corbin Drive, (enter on W. 190th St.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New OPL
Owner/Representative	Frank Rafaele, CEO

Type of Establishment	Restaurant operating under City Parks concession undergoing change in ownership. City transferred the lease from the old owner to this corporation. Everything is staying same as it was before
Hours of Operation	8 AM – 12 AM every day
Tables/Chairs	Inside: 16 tables, 54 chairs; Outside (seasonal): 26 tables, 100 chairs
Music	Piano player often, radio otherwise
Security Cameras	One per room, multiple outside
Security Personnel	As needed based on safety of surrounding park
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and bathroom; owner agrees not to place tables on path leading to accessible entrance, which has been a historical issue at this location.
Employees	20 – 40 depending on seasonal demands
Capacity	70
Emergency Exits	4
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	Has requested to meet prior to consenting to the application. UPDATE: The applicant met with the Precinct and obtained their consent.
Community Comments	Community supports and wishes the best. Applicant made clear that it obtained an assignment of lease and is thus confined by the terms of the previous lease. Don't expect hookah or club establishment. Will have events consistent with the formal events that have been held there in the past.
Stipulations	Meet with 34 th Precinct and no table on the path that is ADA accessible
Notes	Give 3.5 percent of revenue to charity – Fort Tryon. Old charity NYRP is staying on to play a minor role in the operation.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

20. Centro Cultural Santa Lucia Corp. - 1248 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet. W. 172nd & W. 173rd Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New Club Liquor License
Owner/Representative	Luis Garcia, President

Type of Establishment	Non-profit organization consisting mostly of émigrés from Las Matas De Farfan, a small town in the Dominican Republic. They have a storefront location.
Hours of Operation	Fri – Sat 9 PM – 2 Am, Sun 5 – 10 PM
Tables/Chairs	10 tables and 50 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	No
Security Personnel	2 members that act as security
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	N/A
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	33 rd – wants a walkthrough before will have an opinion. UPDATE: The club leadership met with the 33 rd Precinct and obtained a cautious approval from them. The owners informed the Precinct that the hall would be used a rental facility, whereas the Committee had been informed that they sought a club liquor license because they would use the premises to entertain members only, not the general public. The Precinct is concerned with the lack of security cameras and staff, which has proven to be an issue when locations like this are used for functions, in connection with parades, festivals or other summer events, which have spiraled out of control. They would appreciate being informed ahead of time whenever they will rent the space for events, although they realize this stipulation could not be requested by the Licensing Committee given the timing of the committee meeting and their conversation with the applicant.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Will meet with the 33 rd precinct. (Applicant has complied.)
Notes	
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

21. La Catrina Mexican Grill Corp. dba La Mala Suave Cantina - 3803 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 203rd & W. 204th Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New OPL
Owner/Representative	Rud Morales, Representative

Type of Establishment	Mexican restaurant
Hours of Operation	Mon – Su. 3 PM – 2 AM, Last call 1:30
Tables/Chairs	23 tables and 10 bar stools
Music	iPod and DJ – Friday and Saturday only (9 – 1:30)
Security Cameras	16 Cameras
Security Personnel	2 everyday 5 PM – 2AM
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and bathroom
Employees	15
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd/34th Precinct	Asked to meet with owner to propose 2 AM closing time
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Sound Governor
Notes	Has menu but not floor plan. UPDATE: Floor plan emailed to the Board during the meeting
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

21a. Heights Team LLC d/b/a 21 Bar – 4318 Broadway at the corner of 184th Street

New or Renewal? License Type	New OPL
Owner/Representative	Manuel A. Rosario, Owner Ariel Ferreira, Representative
Type of Establishment	Bikini bar – serving liquor and hot dogs
Hours of Operation	9PM – 4 AM every day
Tables/Chairs	3 tables, 5 chairs, 14 bar stools
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	5
Security Personnel	2
ADA Compliant?	(Entrance only)
Employees	4
Capacity	40
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	N/A
33rd/34th Precinct	Did not object in November when applicant originally appeared for this application
Community Comments	No comment
Stipulations	None

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Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

Restaurant Wine License

22. Antojitos Restaurant Corp. dba Antojitos Restaurant - 125A Nagle Avenue, (bet. Sickles & Arden Streets.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New Restaurant Wine
Owner/Representative	Jose Taveras, Owner
Type of Establishment	Dominican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7 days a week 8 AM – 12 Am
Tables/Chairs	7 tables, 21 chairs
Music	Juke box with sound governor
Security Cameras	8 cameras
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Entrance but not bathrooms
Employees	3
Capacity	30
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	B
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection as long as close by 2 AM (Proposed hours end at midnight)
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	Business has been open 7 months.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 6 (Cespedes, Diaz, Medina, Peters, Restituyo, Sanchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

23. Yudy Restaurant Inc. dba Lulo Restaurant - 1626 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of W. 191st Street.)

New or Renewal? License Type	New Restaurant Wine
Owner/Representative	Jenny Hong, Representative; Erik Marte Reynoso, Owner
Type of Establishment	Dominican Restaurant

Hours of Operation	Every day 2 AM – 10 PM, alcohol served no earlier than 8 AM weekdays, and 12 PM on Sunday
Tables/Chairs	13 tables, 44 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	1
Security Personnel	1 weekends to 6 AM
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and bathrooms
Employees	7
Capacity	55
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection as long as close by 2 AM
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	This business has been in operation 3 years.
Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):

24. Margarita Mexican Tapas Inc. dba Brasier Ceviche Wine Bar - 3775 10th Avenue, (at the corner of W. 202nd Street.)

New or Renewal?	New Restaurant Wine
License Type	
Owner/Representative	Juan Almanzar, owner Keily Concepcion, Representative
Type of Establishment	Restaurant serving Peruvian dishes – ceviche bar
Hours of Operation	Proposed hours: 5pm–2am
Tables/Chairs	13 tables, 26 chairs, 11 stools
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	6 = 4 inside + 2 outside
Security Personnel	No
ADA Compliant?	Entrance and bathrooms
Employees	6
Capacity	50
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	Not open yet
33rd/34th Precinct	No objection if closed by 2 AM
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Sound governor (Signed)
Notes	Set to open in March or April once construction is completed.

Committee Vote	Yes (names): 5 (Céspedes, Díaz, Medina, Restituyo, Sánchez) No (names): no Abstain (names): no Not Voting (names):
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G. New Business/Adjournment:

LAND USE COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2015

Committee members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
Isaiah Bing
Osi Kaminer
Jason Miller
Tamara Rivera
Arlene Schulman

Committee Members Absent

Steve Simon

Board Members Present

Public Member

Vivian Ducat

Public Member Absent

Staff: Debra Blow

Guests: Mary Anderson, S. Wadsworth

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm. Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by wishing committee members and guests a Happy New Year. He stated that prior to the start of the meeting committee member Jason Miller advised that he took a new job and will be resigning from Community Board 12-Manhattan (“CB12M”) since he no longer works for Edison Properties, which constituted the interest in Washington Heights and Inwood that qualified him for membership on CB12M. He also stated that Land Use will miss Jason’s contributions and that CB12M will miss his contributions to the Business Development Committee.
2. The Committee discussed CB12M’s record with respect to historic preservation including: resolutions passed supporting the designation of new historic districts and structures, modifications to designated structures and the evaluation of proposed historic districts and structures; the CB12M/CCNY District-wide Planning Study (the “Study”), which included a chapter on historic preservation; and the recent action proposed by the Landmarks Preservation Commission (“LPC”) to de-calendar 96 properties from consideration for designation, including the United Palace, the only property located in Washington Heights and Inwood. Since 2009 CB12M passed 10 resolutions that evidence its support historic preservation. The Committee agreed that LPC has not sufficiently engaged in dialogue with CB12M or Land Use to discuss its progress evaluating proposed new or expanded historic districts or new historic structures. After further discussion a resolution was proposed calling upon LPC to engage with CB12M to advance activities related to the designation of historic districts and structures in Washington Heights and Inwood. **The resolution passed based on the following votes.**

Committee Members:	8-0-0
Board Members:	0-0-0
Members of the Public:	2-0-0

The Committee expressed interest in having guest speakers from the Historic Districts Council and the Municipal Art Society invited to review the historic preservation chapter of the Study and meet with it to discuss their ideas with respect to which of the many properties included might be prioritized for evaluation by LPC and how to work more effectively with LPC.

3. The Committee discussed the status of the Board of Standards and Appeals (“BSA”) application for 290 Dyckman Street which Land Use and the CB12M supported in 2014. Chair Benjamin agreed to ask District Manager Ebenezer Smith to provide the Committee with an update.
4. After further discussion the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne Benjamin

LAND USE COMMITTEE – COMMUNITY BOARD 12-MANHATTAN

JANUARY 7, 2015

RESOLUTION: CALLING UPON THE LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION TO ENGAGE WITH COMMUNITY BOARD 12-MANHATTAN TO ADVANCE THE DESIGNATION OF HISTORIC DISTRICTS AND STRUCTURES IN WASHINGTON HEIGHTS AND INWOOD

Whereas: Since 2009 Community Board 12-Manhattan (“CB12M”) passed 10 resolutions that evidence its support for historic preservation. They include resolutions supporting the designation of new historic districts and structures, modifications to designated structures and the evaluation of proposed historic districts and structures; and

Whereas: In a resolution passed in 2009 supporting the designation of the Audubon Park Historic District, CB12M urged the Landmarks Preservation Commission (“LPC”) to diligently and expeditiously undertake the work necessary to recommend an expansion of Audubon Park to include the late-1800s brownstones on West 158th Street, between the Henry Hudson Parkway and Riverside Drive, and the buildings on Riverside Drive north of West 158th Street. To date LPC has not taken action on or engaged in dialogue with CB12M concerning this matter; and

Whereas: The resolution passed in 2012 supporting the work undertaken by the Inwood residents organized as the Volunteers for Isham Park (“VIP”) requested that LPC further study the potential for individual landmarks and historic districts in Inwood and give special attention to the Request for Evaluation submitted by VIP for the William A. Hurst House. To date LPC also has not taken action on or engaged in dialogue with CB12M concerning these matters; and

Whereas: CB12M in collaboration with City College undertook a district-wide land use planning study (the “Study”) for Washington Heights and Inwood that included a chapter on buildings and areas of special architectural or historic interest that merited further study and evaluation for historic designation. In 2007 a copy of the Executive Summary of the Study was provided to LPC as well as other City agencies. One of the properties identified in the historic preservation chapter is the Loew’s 175th Street Theater aka United Palace (the “United Palace”), which has been pending before the LPC since 1970. To date LPC has not met with CB12M to discuss the buildings and areas of special architectural or historic interest cited in the Study, but its late 2014 proposal to de-calendar 96 properties from consideration for historic designation included the United Palace; and

Whereas: Washington Heights and Inwood represent an important era in the development and the urbanization of the island of Manhattan and are linked to the earliest period in our national history. Its place in the history of this city and nation deserves more attention, respect and acknowledgement; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: Community Board 12-Manhattan calls upon the Landmarks Preservation Commission to engage in ongoing dialogue and partnership with CB12M and community residents to advance the designation of historic districts and structures in Washington Heights and Inwood.

THE RESOLUTION PASSED BASED ON THE FOLLOWING VOTES:

	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstaining</u>
Committee Members	8	0	0
Board Members	0	0	0
Members of the Public	2	0	0

PARKS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES

January 6th, 2015 – Payson Playground Building

Committee members Present

Mitch Glenn, Chair
Osi Kaminer, Asst. Chair
Kelley Boyd
Juan Mejia
Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

Committee Members Absent

James Berlin
Richard Lewis

Board Members Present

Arlene Schulman
Gloria Vanterpool

Public Member

Public Member Absent

Patti Jacobs

Guests

Nina Koenigsbeg, Jennifer Hoppa (DPR), Nancy Preston, Sandra García-Betancourt (NoMAA), Adrian Cabreja, (Manhattan Times), Aaron Scott, Bruce's Garden, Lindsay Armstrong (DNAinfo), Pat Courtney & Tim Frasca (Volunteers for Isham Park), Trish Anderson (Inwood Canoe Club), Peggy Gitler, France Price, Kathleen O'Sullivan, Sarah Sally Fisher.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by the Committee Chair Mitchell Glenn with introductions and welcome.

1. Sandra Garcia-Betancourt, Executive Director of the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA), gave an overview of her organization. In the seven years since its formation, NoMAA has brought a lot of attention to the arts sector in northern Manhattan. They put on three shows annually, including one in March for Women's History Month, and a show featuring the work of NoMAA grantees. The organization also provides technical assistance to and workshops for artists, as well as sponsoring and coordinating the annual ArtStroll.

NoMAA's latest proposed collaboration is with the MTA, DoT and the Washington Heights Development Corporation to place the ArtStroll poster in the subway and bus shelters. This would provide maximum exposure for the artist with the winning design, as well as advertising the Stroll to the public transit riding public in the neighborhood and throughout four of the five boroughs. This would be a year 'round project, not just for the month of the ArtStroll. Ms. Garcia-Betancourt noted several other upcoming projects, including a technical training institute for artists, and a seminar on arts advocacy and social change. Finally she spoke of uniting Community Boards 12 & 9 to expand arts awareness between West Harlem and Washington Heights/Inwood. She also thanked CB12 and the Department of Parks & Recreation for their ongoing support and partnership in many arts projects.

2. Bennett Park Renovation Nina Koenigsberg, community resident, spoke about issues regarding the Bennett Park renovation, primarily that the park no longer serves as a convenient thoroughfare for residents of Pinehurst Avenue. The northern side of the park has a clear pathway which curves from the stairs at Ft. Washington Ave to the northern exit on Pinehurst Ave. at W. 185th St. The southern side has no such clearly demarcated path, as the circular dirt area around the trees are tangential to each other. In the previous design of the park, the tree pits were smaller, and there was a clear path between and around them as one travelled through the park between Ft. Washington & Pinehurst Avenues. She asserted that this is an inconvenience for some, and a potential hazard for others, particularly the elderly. She also stated that the benches currently lining the southern perimeter of the park and scattered throughout the park are inadequate to meet the needs of the elderly; specifically, the loss of the curved benches which had lined the former path is an impediment to community building among the elderly who used to use said benches. She shared a petition requesting replacement of the benches and the path.

Jennifer Hoppa, the Northern Manhattan Parks Administrator, stated that the latest renovation of the Park was done with \$1.2million, \$600k each from the then-Councilmember and Borough President. There were many meetings with various community groups including seniors (in collaboration with CB12 Aging Committee Chair Gloria Vanterpool), families with young children, dog owners, etc. There was significant outreach to and participation of residents of the buildings around the park, including Hudson View Gardens. The Committee was involved in many of these meetings, and reviewed the plans before recommending them to the full Board.

There are many, often competing, demands on the park, which needed more than the allocated funds could cover, so DPR came up with a conceptual plan and a 2-phase implantation. Only Phase I was funded. The project sought to tell the story of the park, including its Revolutionary War history; to highlight the presence of the highest natural point in Manhattan – previously this site marker was obscured by fencing; to make the lawn smaller (and NOT a dog run!); and to add adequate space for games and other gross motor movement. Phase II will renovate the playground and northern sitting area, and move the comfort station towards the center and out of the playground. When the Public Design Commission reviewed the plan, they made recommendations which would amplify the historic design, including the addition of the cannon, and to add more porous surfaces to increase rainwater recapture. (This is why the tree pits are so much larger.) DoT approved the lighting plan, which is within the standard for foot-candles. Phase II, which would renovate the playground and seating areas at the northern end of the park and relocate the comfort station outside of the playground, has yet to be funded. (Unfortunately, it has fallen in CB12's overall capital priority ranking, and was not included for the current fiscal funding cycle.)

Ms. Hoppa stated that since Phase I was a publicly funded capital project with a useful life of more than ten years, it will not be ripped up and redone. She agreed that benches around the trees would be a good idea, and that might not need to wait for a new capital project to implement. She assured that any empty tree pits would be filled under the current tree contract, but that this work is seasonal and wouldn't happen until spring. Many of the other needs identified by the petition would be addressed by the Phase II renovation when/if funded.

After much discussion, it was suggested that DPR install some signage, e.g., "children's play area" to guide children towards the playground and southern plaza, and away from the paths, and minimize conflicts with seniors. It also was suggested that those signing the petition advocate for funding of Phase II during the fall budget ranking process.

Parks Department Update: Jennifer Hoppa

A. Inwood Hill Park Mapping Project:

- In order to make Inwood Hill Park more navigable, NYC Parks has been developing a trail marking system. Two long trails have been trail blazed to date.
- In order to facilitate use of the interior of the Forest and to highlight the park's amenities, we developed a brochure of the park.
- This work was all done in consultation with NYPD's IT/911 division. The destinations on the map will be coupled with on site signage at those destinations. The destinations have a GPS point connected to them, so that if a park patron has a problem or sees one, there are several other markers in the park that they can use to say that they are near, etc.
- When the ground warms up, we'll be installing the signage and will be doing large scale maps with "You are here" at the park entrances. There was some discussion of the possibility of adding "QR" codes so that park visitors with smartphones could learn more about each area, and can access maps and other information about the park. Roof repairs to the restaurant in Ft. Tryon Park; concessionaire temporarily closed. Restrooms still available; ADA-compliant portable toilet will be used during the asbestos abatement.

B. Capital Projects

- NYC Parks, through corporate funding through IAMS and funding from Inwoof, has installed new fencing along the entire perimeter of Homer's Run in Inwood. It looks stunning.
- Isham Park water service project is advancing
- Fort Tryon Park's pathway job progressing, likely finish early Spring

- New Leaf Restaurant's roof is being restored. Contractor to begin tomorrow. Work is expected to be complete by Spring, when the new operator of New Leaf will reopen the site to the public.
- MTA will be doing drain cleaning in Inwood Hill Park around the bridge to improve drainage and prevent further erosion along its outfalls. When the weather warms up they'll resume the pathway repaving work they are doing adjacent to their parking facility and under the bridge. Again, the goal being to minimize their trucks through the parks' pedestrian paths in the long-term. With the pathway adjacent to their parking lot paved, their bridge maintenance trucks don't have to enter the park and disrupt the park and its visitors from Indian Road/218th all the way up to the toll plaza
- Eco Dock: Received its DEC permits. We are awaiting a few more federal and state ones. (US Army Corps of Engineering has been verifying/ok'ing our specific location of the Eco Dock)
- The High Bridge continues to advance. I hope everyone saw the NBC News broadcast on the Bridge's Reopening. Please tentatively mark your calendars for a community planning meeting on the reopening of the High Bridge. We will be postponing this planning meeting, since our Partnerships Division is working to develop a framework and identify partnership opportunities for both the opening festivities and for the months leading up to and following the reopening. Community Planning meeting will likely be February.

C. New Leaf Restaurant: NYRP assigned their existing agreement, which had approx. 4 years remaining on the term, to a new operator. Parks reviewed the assignment agreement, vetted the new operator, and subsequently gave their approval. Therefore, a new RFP was not required. In accordance with the City's concession rules, public hearings are required for new significant concession agreements which are awarded through an RFP. This is not a new agreement. The same parameters for New Leaf's operation will apply to Coffeed. A "significant" concession is defined as being 10 or more years and/or \$100k or more in fee payments to the City per year. That new concessionaire is Coffeed, which currently operates several concessions at other parks throughout the City, including their flagship operation in Long Island City. Several people, including Committee members, expressed sadness over the loss of the New Leaf Café as the community has come to know and love it, as well as concern with the lack of public input. Osi Kaminer asked why the Committee wasn't advised of the issues/changes as they happened, before the DPR vetting process of potential vendors? Ms. Hoppa stated that since the terms of the concession are unchanged the process is consistent with NYC guidelines and regulations for franchise operations. She also stated that Coffeed has a good reputation for running quality restaurants and for giving a portion of their operations to the betterment of community organizations; in addition, this vendor will offer a greater selection at a lower price-point, which has been an ongoing concern with the New Leaf Café. Coffeed also is looking into the possibility of offering a weekday breakfast operation, instead of just lunch & dinner, and weekend brunch.

D. Concessions, Licensing & Events: This segued into a brief discussion of the need for an understanding of, and a presentation on, event permitting. Although there have been many presentations over the years by various people in the DPR Revenue Division, the City Council's Franchise & Concession Review Committee (FCRC) and the Mayor's Office of Contracts, these have generally been specific to a particular project being presented to and reviewed by the Community Board. In addition, changing personnel at the Committee level means that newer members would not have had the benefit of these presentations. Liz Ritter suggested that the Borough President's Office, which already offers a number of introductory training workshops (e.g., land use, budgeting, parliamentary procedure, etc.) could offer a session on contracting. Mitch Glenn will follow up with the DM and the MBPO.

E. Upcoming Programs /Activities

- Dyckman Farmhouse in Miniature: Don Rice of Inwood constructed a miniature version of the historic Dyckman Farmhouse in Lego. The Dyckman Farmhouse is the oldest Farmhouse in Manhattan. Photos of Don's model and possibly his model, are going to be on display at the Indian Road Café, from January 11th through February 13th.
- In an effort to inventory the rich ecology of Inwood Hill Park's natural areas, and to develop a framework for its ongoing management and care, NYC Parks' Natural Resources Group and the Natural Areas Conservancy are Mapping Inwood Ecology. A community meeting was held on Thursday December 18th, NYC Parks' Natural Resources Group and our Natural Areas Conservancy gave a presentation on the progress of their mapping of Inwood's ecology as well as some of the social survey data they've collected to date from Park visitors using Inwood Hill Park. We've asked them to have a presentation in February, in the evening, so that more people can

be informed about results to date and provide input on them, etc. Look for a mid February Date on the Natural Areas Conservancy Website and I'll ask the Community Board to help get the word out as well.

- **MULCHFEST:** January 10th & 11th, 10am – 2 pm, at: Bennett Park at 185th/Fort Wash; Highbridge Park at 173rd/Amsterdam; J. Hood Wright at 173rd/Haven; Inwood Hill Park at Seaman/Isham (Volunteers Joan Keener and Martin Collins will be on site at this station giving out hot cider from the Farmer's Market.)

F. Wifi Parameters (in response to a question from Committee Member Richard Lewis last month, here are some basic facts about the WiFi at each site:

- Range is typically 250-300 feet from the access point for best coverage (circular coverage area from access point)
- For J Hood Wright, once complete, the WiFi should cover the playground area, the main lawn and dog run, and the baseball/multi-purpose field. In addition, indoor WiFi should cover the multi-purpose room and the Computer Resource Center
- For Highbridge, we propose coverage for the area around the watertower, at Raoul Wallenberg Playground (most of playground) and at Juan Bosch Plaza (seating area)
- Time Warner Cable will be providing the WiFi and it can be accessed in three different ways:
 - a. Three, free 10 minute sessions per month per device (can be used separately or all at once)
 - b. If free thirty minutes have been exhausted and user is a Time Warner Cable or Optimum wireless broadband subscriber already, they may log in to the system for unlimited browsing.
 - c. If free thirty minutes have been exhausted and user does not have wireless broadband subscription, they may purchase a day pass for \$.99

G. Mural on wall of 4986 Broadway adjacent to southern perimeter of Isham Park A supporting resolution was tabled by the full Board at the December meeting, several members having requested proof from the landlord that he approves of having a mural installed on his private property. That written documentation having been obtained, it was proposed that fourth whereas be amended as follows: "Whereas: The owner of the building has written to Community Board 12 to inform the community that Girl Scout Troop 3210 and CAW have received permission to undertake this project; and" The amended resolution was approved by the Committee 4-0-1-0, and will go to the full Board on Jan. 27th. (One Board member also voted in favor. The public vote was 2-3-0-0; there remain concerns that the Board should not weigh in at all on any expression of public free speech on private property.)

New Business Osi Kaminer suggested an official template for the Minutes, all were in favor.

Announcements Pat Courtney introduced Tim Prescott, who will be assuming leadership responsibility and the public face for Volunteers for Isham Park (VIP). Sally Sara Fisher is facilitating the Parks & Environment Committee for C/M Rodriguez' participatory budgeting. Next meeting is Friday Jan. 9th at 6:30; info: sfishernyc@gmail.com.

There being no mail and no further business, the meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 9:05, with thanks to the Parks Department for hosting at this off-site venue.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – January 8, 2015

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (Chair), Edgard Nau (Asst. Chair), Wanda Garcia, Elizabeth Lehmann, Juan Mejia. **ABSENT:** Lorenzo McGougan, Beatrice Hall (Public Member).

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Osi Kaminer, Richard Lewis, Jay Mazur.

GUESTS: Mary Anderson; Sara Fisher; Kimberlee Gonzalez; Cecil Corbin-Mark, James Burke and Aurash Khawarзад, all from WEACT; Keldy Ortiz, Daily News..

The first two items on the agenda were part of a joint meeting with the Housing and Human Services Committee. Additional details can be found in the Powerpoint presentations, which accompany these minutes on the Community Board 12 website.

1. **Update on NYC Clean Heat Program** – The following speakers gave presentations and answered questions regarding their efforts to get landlords to convert their buildings' heating systems to less polluting fuel in compliance with City law:

- Madeline Kostic, NYC Clean Heat: The goals of the program are to achieve the cleanest air of any big U.S. city, reduce energy consumption and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30%. They estimate that getting landlords to eliminate the use of No. 6 and No. 4 heavy heating oil's in 2012-13 will annually prevent 780 deaths, 1,600 emergency room visits for asthma and 460 hospitalizations. A lot of progress has been achieved in just the last 2+ years in reducing the number of buildings in the CB 12 area burning #6 oil: in Nov. 2012, there were 393 such buildings, today only 96 – a huge reduction of approximately ¾. Overall 449 buildings have converted, 273 of them to the cleanest fuels. Emissions reductions achieved: 23.65 tons of PM 2.5 (fine particulate matter). The ban on #6 oil in the city takes effect 6/30/15. Most DEP-issued permits for #6 oil boilers have already expired, so those buildings should have stopped burning the worst type of polluting oil. DEP is issuing fines for operating boilers with expired permits and in the second instance shutting down boilers so they would not supply any heat or hot water. Insurance and mortgages also could be affected. #4 oil is still allowed, but those buildings should consider cleaner and more efficient alternatives. NYC Clean Heat staff is available to guide buildings through the conversion process

NYC Clean Heat has been able to reach the owners or agents for all but 19 buildings in our community to discuss converting to less polluting fuel oil or natural gas. The 19 holdouts include the following: 545 Edgecombe Ave., 801 Riverside Dr., 638 W. 160th St., 652 W 163rd St., 664 W 163rd St., 550 W. 171st St., 555 W. 173rd St., 700 W. 178th St., 320 Audubon Ave., 90 Pinehurst Ave., 461 Fort Washington Ave., 220 Cabrini Blvd., 240 Cabrini Blvd., 89 Thayer St., 584 Academy St., 410 W. 205th St., 66 Vermilyea Ave., 514 W. 211th St. and 165 Seaman Ave. She would appreciate our assistance in helping her reach out to the "decision makers" in these buildings: "These buildings are truly the last of the last, and we want to make sure CB 12 doesn't have anyone burning #6 oil after the deadline!" Her phone number is 212-656-9202.

- Posie Constable, Director - Business Development, NYC Energy Efficiency Corp. -- She is willing to work with any of these landlords to provide financing for their boiler/burner conversions. "Not all of them will be eligible but we shall try to find a financial solution to achieve compliance for them."
- Kit Liang, P.E, Director - Air Engineering, NYC Dept. of Environmental Protection -- Boiler owners are required to convert to a cleaner fuel: #4, #2 or Natural Gas before the Certificate of Operation expiration date. As of 7/1/15, DEP will no longer permit the use of #6 oil. As of 1/1/30, #4 oil (the next worst polluting type of oil) will no longer be allowed. She explained the boiler permitting process and the fuel conversion permitting process.
- Christopher A. Carini, Manager - Gas Conversion Program, Con Edison – Con Ed has streamlined the process for requesting oil-to-gas conversions in Manhattan, Bronx and Queens. Now provide "a zero cost option" to more than 85% of customers overall and 95% of participants in the Area Growth Initiative in 2014. CB 12 area is part of the Area Growth Plan. Our area has been divided into 10 zones, where Con Ed is installing gas lines in stages. Areas in Inwood north of Dyckman Street and between W. 173rd - 178th Sts. have been completed. Lines being installed in an area south of Dyckman Street this year. The reduced cost of purchasing gas from Con Ed offsets 0%-100% of landlords' construction costs. More information available from website: www.conED.com/gasconversions.

- Derek Greenbaum, Dual Fuel Corporation – His company is hired by landlords to handle the entire conversion process, including obtaining the necessary permits and the installation of new equipment and piping.
2. **New policy prohibiting disposal of electronics with household trash** – As of January it is illegal to discard electronics such as TVs, monitors, computers, laptops, printers, mobile phones, video game consoles, VCRs/DVD players, cable boxes and keyboards with household trash. Under the new City program, buildings are being provided with three “service options” for disposing of these items:
- **Room cleanouts** (buildings with 10 or more units) – they store electronics in a secure, enclosed area before they are picked up by Sanitation.
 - **Storage bins** (buildings with 50 or more units) – they store electronics in a locked bin provided by Sanitation.
 - **Outdoor electronics recycling events** (buildings with 250 or more units) – they schedule these events where residents would bring electronics for disposal and pickup by Sanitation.

Committee members, especially R. Lewis and S. Simon, voiced concern that not enough outreach has been done to inform building owners and residents of this new policy and that hardly any buildings have implemented any of these options although the ban is now in effect. The Dept. of Sanitation sent out a mailing to all households in December notifying them that the program would begin in January, but further outreach efforts have not been apparent. It is feared that residents will continue to dispose of electronics as they have been doing all along or leaving them in litter baskets on the street. In addition, there are only two drop-off locations in Washington Heights-Inwood; Staples, 4320 Broadway, and Goodwill, 512 W. 181st St., which are not conveniently located for most residents.

S. Simon reported that he has been in touch with the Lower East Side Ecology Center, which organizes e-waste recycling events around the city and has held one at the RING garden on Dyckman Street in past years. It plans to have another one in Inwood this spring and agreed to do another site in Washington Heights at one of the greenmarkets.

It was agreed that this discussion should be continued next month and that a representative from DSNY would be invited to discuss its outreach efforts.

The Health & Environment Committee then met separately to discuss the rest of its agenda. S. Simon, chair, invited the Housing & Human Services Committee members, who completed their meeting, to remain.

3. **Resolution in support of Intro. 442: Setting nutritional standards for kids' meals with toys or other incentive items at restaurants** – The committee discussed the merits of this City Council bill at its September 2014 meeting, when it agreed that this bill could be an effective means to address childhood obesity and that it should approve a resolution in support of its passage by the City Council and enactment into law. S. Simon e-mailed a draft resolution to the committee members prior to tonight's meeting. It was approved by the following vote:
Committee Members 5-0-0-0 Other Board Members 3-0-0-0 Members of the Public 3-0-0-0
4. **Discussion on Intro. 209: Reducing the use of carry-out bags by charging a 10-cent fee for plastic and paper bags** -- S. Simon distributed copies of this City Council bill beforehand. The committee members and others present discussed its purpose at some length and agreed with the idea of charging a fee for plastic bags to restrict their use since it is much more difficult to recycle them, but they did not think the bill should apply to paper bags, which can be easily recycled. It was agreed that a resolution along those lines should be drafted and presented at the next meeting.
5. **Isabella Geriatric Center Report** -- Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, said the ribbon cutting for the new rehab center is now planned for the morning of Feb. 5. A cocktail reception might be held in the evening. H&E Committee members will be invited.
6. **Old Business** – S. Simon: The NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation is releasing the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) for the brownfield cleanup at the former gas station and auto repair shop at 2420-2430 Amsterdam Ave. for public comment tomorrow. The plan calls for the collection of samples from 24 soil borings, 17 groundwater wells and 10 soil vapor survey points over a 4-6 week period later this year. He said he has been in touch with DEC and confirmed that the 14 “sensitive receptors within one-half mile of the site” (primarily local schools and day care

centers) will be notified of this work. The site must be investigated (per the RIWP once it's approved) to determine the nature and extent of existing soil contamination from an oil spill found in 2008 and other causes. Contamination will be removed to meet cleanup objectives consistent with the planned use of the site (a 6-story residential building and an 8-story commercial building with underground parking). The proposed remedy will be presented for public review when the draft Remedial Work Plan is available.

The Community Board 12 office, in addition to the Fort Washington Library, will serve as a repository for the official project documents for members of the public who wish to review them.

7. **New Business** – Cecil Corbin-Mark, Deputy Director, said WEACT has obtained a grant from the Kresge Foundation to develop a "Climate Change Resiliency Plan" for West, Central and East Harlem and Washington Heights-Inwood. WEACT will be working with local residents over the next six months to plan on how people can support one another in case of another disaster like Superstorm Sandy, with a focus on young children and the elderly. "We have to build networks to take care of one another...NYC government can't do everything." CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) team would be a model. He asked people in attendance to volunteer to work on this project (several people signed up) and said one or two meetings would be held for Washington Heights-Inwood residents. S. Simon recommended that they focus on the Sherman Creek area, which was the part of our community most adversely affected by Sandy, and that a future meeting be held at St. Jude's Church in that area.
8. **Announcements** – K. Gonzalez, an intern in the Mayor's Community Affairs Unit, said volunteers are being sought for two upcoming programs: a phone bank to call NYC residents to let them know they may be entitled to tax refunds under the Earned Income Tax Credit and Child Care Tax Credit programs (1/31) and Operation HOPE, an annual survey of streets, subways and parks to count homeless individuals (date to be determined).
M. Anderson: ArchCare is sponsoring an affordable housing workshop at Isabella on 1/21.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon

**Business Development Committee Meeting Minutes – CB 12 Manhattan
January 6th – 7pm**

Attendance: Jason Miller, Chair; Maurice Owen-Michaane; Felipe Wityk Sánchez;
Martin Restituyo
Absent: Christopher Smith, Rud Morales, Richard Allman

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Chairman Miller

- Chair Miller welcomes everyone
- At the start of the meeting we did not have quorum, but Mr. Restituyo arrived at 745pm, and the committee then had quorum
- **Small Business Owner Brainstorm Segment**
 - As a committee we discussed possible date/times for the forum, and agreed on either 3/3/15 or 3/10/15 and the event would take place at Isabella Center if they had space on those two dates (*it was later confirmed after the meeting we will be holding the event at Isabella on 3/3/15 from 9-Noon*)
 - The committee discussed for about 35 minutes various ideas/formats and topics for the Small Business Forum
 - It was agreed by the committee the preliminary format and topics for the forum would be as follows:
 - 3 – 40-45 min panels with several guest speakers/organizations, and having those speakers/organizations set up a table/booth at the back of the room so as the public can speak with them when each panel is complete
 - 3 panels to be as follows/include:
 1. SLA, DOL, NMIC & DCA
 2. SBS, Columbia University Small Business Project, Accion, MWBE
 3. Family Value, pick & eat, Luis Miranda, Cirrilo
 - It was agreed the event would take place from 9-Noon, with setup before and after
 - Maurice agreed to begin working on the PR component of the event; Felipe and Jason agreed to begin reaching out to various panelists to get them to commit to attend
 - Committee agreed is the goal of the Small Business Forum to showcase successful small-businesses in our community, and encourage others to find the resources/information they need to replicate that success, and by having the diverse panel this would be a great first start
- **Old Business: Job Fair Discussion**
 - This item was tabled as current efforts will be focused on the Small Business Forum
- **Meeting adjourned at 840pm**