

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York**

**November 10, 2015**

**MINUTES**

**Attending ::** O. Bing, (*First Vice Chair*), A. Diaz, (*1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair & Licensing*); P. Palanque-North (*Treasurer*); B. Lehmann [Secretary]; S. Ally [Chair, Public Safety]; Y. Alonzo (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); W. Benjamin [Chair, Land Use]; F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education O. Kaminer (Asst. Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs) ; R. Lewis (Housing & Human Services); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development) S. Simon [Chair, Health & Environment]; F. W. Sanchez (Asst. Chair, Housing & Human Services) R. Allman, (Chair By-Laws Task Force); Ayisha Ogilvie, (Chair, IT Task Force)

**Excused:** G. Fernandez [Chair]: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs)

**Absent:** L. Saneaux (Asst. Secretary); G. Vanterpool (Chair, Aging)

**Staff:** Ebenezer Smith [District Manager] reported the following

- The restaurant on 207<sup>th</sup> Street (La Nueva Espana) had a fire that affected the local businesses. He will continue to follow up to ensure that all problems are resolved.
- He met with the new head of the SLA to review some of the problems faced by CB12 and is assured that the new SLA Director will work with the community.
- On Thursday he will be attending a meeting concerning job creation.
- The Budget Rankings for CB 12 were completed and have been submitted to OMB.
- The December meeting dates and meeting locations have been set. He would like all Agenda items by November 20<sup>th</sup>
- There was a lengthy discussion concerning possibly moving the planned Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting and the decision was made by Mr. Bing to discuss the possible move of the date but that it would probably be the same date as planned.
- There was a discussion about having one of the bathrooms on the floor as a family/gender neutral bathroom. Ebenezer will explore the possibility.

**Guest: *Jim Little Upper Manhattan Partnership for Mental Health***

- He is seeking support from CB 12 for a proposal that they are submitting to the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse (OASAS). If granted, the Upper Manhattan Partnership will open a Resource Center in Northern Manhattan. The amount of the grant is \$350,000. The grant would enable the hiring of an Outreach Coordinator and Recovery Coaches. The grant is expected to be awarded by year end. The grant is an annual amount with a possible extension of 3 to 5 years.
- Steve Simon reviewed the nature of the application, the history of the organization and the nature of the matter before the Health and Environment Committee.
- The reason it is before the Executive Committee is because the application is due on November 19<sup>th</sup> and there is no time to bring it before the full Board

**A Motion was made and seconded** to provide a Resolution in support of the application of the Upper Manhattan Partnership for Mental Health. A voice vote was taken and the **Resolution passed unanimously.**

**Secretary's Report:**

- Betty Lehmann reviewed the minutes of the previous Executive Committee meeting. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as amended. There was a number of minor edits that will be made to the document before the next Executive Committee meeting.

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

- She spoke about the Crystal Report and inquired of Ebenezer what items he may need for the next fiscal year. She also suggested that he reach out to the Committee Chairs to ascertain what they think their needs may be.
- There was a discussion regarding the nature of acceptable receipts for reimbursement purposes.
- There was a discussion regarding public outreach and how the Board can improve outreach to let the community know about upcoming meetings. There was a discussion regarding cost effective methods of advertising on social media.
- She indicated that she will send out the Budget and Ledger for future review.
- Ebenezer reported that typically there is \$2k to \$3k left at the end of the year that can be used for advertising or for additional supplies.
- Steve Simon suggested that CB12 consider generic business cards that would be available for the Committee Chairs to use.
- Maurice Owen Michaane suggested that CB 12 investigate the possibility of having a credit card to save individual members from laying out their own money for various things.
- Felipe Wityk Sanchez brought up the possibility of CB 12 having a 501C 3 arm that could be used to raise funds. Pamela indicated that she will review the matter further.

***Chair's Report – Delivered by Obie Bing, First Vice Chair***

- Luis Tapia will be re-assigned to the Youth & Education Committee. He will no longer be on the Health & Environment Committee.
- Martin Restituyo has resigned from the Board. There are now 47 active members.
- Jonathan Reyes has been assigned as Assistant Chair of the Business Development Committee.
- There was a discussion regarding the prospect of passing a Resolution suggesting a moratorium by the SLA on the granting of future liquor licenses. – pursuant to the recommendation of NYS Senator Espallat. We have until January to decide on this matter.
- There was a discussion regarding what the actual legislation would look like and the fact that the matter would have to go before many of the Committees of CB 12. There was a discussion about the need to be very careful with supporting this type of restriction. At the moment there is nothing to discuss.
- “NYC Inwood” Rezoning Project is under review. It will be discussed as matters proceed.
- Some personnel matters in the CB 12 office will be addressed on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Reports:**

**Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment** presented the following:

- The NYC Health Department issued an updated Community Health Report on that describes the state of Health in CB 12.
- The New York City Health Department has agreed to present this report to the full membership in the January General meeting.
- NYP presented updates about the Urgent Care Center and their efforts to

better market the availability of their services.

**Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use Committee** presented the following:

- The Economic Development Corporation presented at the recent Land Use Committee.
- They do not have a current proposal and are currently gathering input from the community from which they will develop a proposal.
- The “study area” is all of Inwood but the “rezoning area” is the area east of Broadway north of Dyckman Street – including both sides of Broadway.
- There will be a series of meetings to gather input and a plan is expected in the Spring of 2016.
- The Department of City Planning presented plans for inclusionary zoning and zoning for quality and affordability. All Community Boards must weigh in on the text amendment before the end of the month. CB 12 supports the general goals– but there are many open questions and there are many concerns. The Land Use Committee does not support the Amendment as written and has expressed those concerns in a Resolution that will be presented before the full Board.
- The presentations by both groups are supposed to be available to all within CB 12.
- Steve Simon indicated that the 4452 Broadway BSA has still not been scheduled.

**Aldemar Diaz, Chair, Licensing Committee** presented the following:

- The Licensing Committee meeting has been moved to Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. There are 12 applications of which half are Renewals.

**Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education Committee** presented the following:

- On November 9<sup>th</sup>, Columbia University Medical Center made a presentation at the Youth & Education Committee about aspects and treatment of Epilepsy. The want to promote awareness and secure the support of the community.
- On December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at George Washington High School, there will be a Town Hall Meeting which will be attended by Schools Chancellor Carmen Farina. This meeting has been arranged under the auspices of CEC and CB 12's Youth & Education Committee All are invited.
- There was a discussion about the Charter School at 191<sup>st</sup> and Cabrini and their unescorted use of a local playground. There are currently 9 charter schools in the community.

**Yahaira Alonzo, Chair Traffic & Transportation Committee** presented the following:

- The DOT will put together a Workshop for the community to assess how traffic can be improved in the Dyckman Street area. The dates they have given us are December 10, 15, 16 & 17. It is probable that the Workshop will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>. It is important that there be a good turnout.
- The subject of bike lanes came up again at a recent meeting. The bike lanes near 170<sup>th</sup> street seems to be a problem. We need to have a Resolution concerning bike lane There was no quorum at the meeting so no Resolutions could be considered and voted upon.
- There has been more movie filming within the community in the past several months. This has been a problem and it was suggest that the NYC Film office be asked to come to the CB 12 offices to discuss how the situation could be made less disruptive.

**Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair, Business Development Committee** presented the following:

- There was very good Small Business Forum on November 3<sup>rd</sup> in which the Manhattan Borough President and her staff made presentations.
- There will be planning for a Jobs Fair which will take place in April 2016.
- The Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone will be presenting at the next meeting.
- There will be an Inwood NYC meeting on Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> in which there will be a discussion about small businesses.

**Richard Lewis, Chair, Housing and Human Services Committee** presented the following:

- At our recent meetings there were 2 presentations. The first concerned the placement of those who have cerebral palsy or who are OPWDD in a lead free facility. There was a Resolution that the committee passed.
- The second presentation included a request to approve the provision of housing for those who have aged out of foster care. The discussion surrounded the presence of a homeless population in the area as well as a drug recovery program. There was also a discussion about over saturation in the area. They will return to present an alternative in the December meeting/

**Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chair, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee** presented the following:

- At a recent meeting there was a discussion about the use of pesticides on the Parks. There was a suggestion that alternative methods be used.
- There was a discussion about avoiding the use of pesticides in the area near the Ring Garden.
- There was Mini Micro Express Workshop concerning services and concessions that might be incorporated into our parks. The winner was “zip lines”. Other suggestions included food carts, swimming barge, water parks, a 400 meter track and miniature golf.

**Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair, Public Safety** presented the following:

- Both the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Precincts attended the recent meeting and there now seems to be a consistency in their presence at the Committee’s meetings.
- November 21<sup>st</sup> is Amnesty Day in CB 12 for anyone who has a warrant due to minor violations and who will want to clean the record up.
- There has been an uptick on robberies in the district.
- There has been an increase in violence against the elderly by groups of young teens.
- The Public Safety Committee will work with the Precincts to hold a public forum concerning juvenile justice.

**The meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm**

**Respectfully submitted:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
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