

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, Manhattan
General Meeting
October 27, 2015**

**Russ Berrie Pavilion
1150 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, New York 10032**

Draft Minutes

Board Members Present:

Richard Allman, Shahabudden Ally; Yahaira Alonzo; Mary Anderson; Glennis Aquino; Anita Barberis; Wayne Benjamin ; James Berlin; Isaiah Obie Bing; Manny de los Santos; Aldemar De Jesus Diaz; Katherine Diaz; George Fernandez; Fe Florimon; Barbara Frazier; Mitchell Glenn; Yosef Kalinsky; Osi Kaminer; Andrea Kornbluth; Elizabeth Lehmann; Richard R. Lewis; Maria Luna; Isidro Medina; Juan Mejia; Priscilla Mota-Willis; Estevan Nembhard; Maurice Owen-Michaane ; Pamela Palanque-North; Martin Restituyo; Jonathan Reyes; Liliana Saneaux; Arlene Schulman; Steve Simon; Alyce Smith; Christopher Smith; Luis Tapia; Felipe Wytik Sanchez

Board Members Excused: , Wanda Garcia; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; Jay Mazur; Gloria Vanterpool

Board Members Absent Domingo Estevez; David Mattera; Rud Morales; Ayisha Ogilvie; Terriell Peters; Angela Sanchez; Jason Tejada

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, Debora Blow, Paola Garcia

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***Call to Order:*** ***Chairman George Fernandez called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm. Quorum has been reached.***

***Adoption of the Agenda:*** ***Move was made and seconded.***

***Adoption of the Minutes:*** ***Move was made and seconded.***

***Chairman's Report: George Fernandez announced the following:***

- ~ Thanked the Police Department for their work and held a moment of silence for the police officer and for others who have died recently.
- ~ There are 18 resolutions to consider this evening. The Licensing Committee will go last.
- ~ Introduced new Public Members and the Committees on which they serve:

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| Angelina Ramirez | Business Development       |
| Rashid Young     | Public Safety              |
| Natalie Espino   | Parks and Cultural Affairs |
- ~ Thanked Norma de Candido for her many years of service as a Public Member of the Committee for the Concerns of the Aging and gave her a Public Service Award.
- ~ He will continue to evaluate any other applicants for Public Membership.
- ~ Attended the Ribbon Cutting at Isham Park for the Waterfront Greenway Ramp at Dyckman Street
- ~ Attended a meeting at the Borough Office regarding text amendment language. We will be submitting suggested changes that will come from The Land Use Committee.

***Shahabudden Ally, Chair of the Nominating Committee for CB 12 presented the following:***

- ~ He explained the process for selecting candidate and introduced the other members

of the Nominating Committee:: Yahaira Alonzo, Anita Barberis, Andrea Kornbluth  
Terriell Peters, Ayisha Ogilvie, Felipe Wytik Sanchez

- ~ He reviewed the positions that are available and the qualifications for running for office.
- ~ We currently have 28 eligible members and the committee will be issuing a letter 7 days ahead of the November General Meeting.
- ~ Floor nominations are permitted by our by-laws. No candidates are permitted in December unless there are no candidates for the position.
- ~ Elections are in December.

***District Manager's Report: District Manager Ebenezer Smith announced the following:***

- ~ He met with Mr. Vincent Bradley, new Chair of the State Liquor Authority on October 19<sup>th</sup>. This meeting was arranged by the Manhattan Borough President's Office to build a good relationship with the Community Boards.
- ~ On October 26<sup>th</sup>, he attended a MPBO workshop on the text amendment. There will be another meeting this Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at the Manhattan Borough office. The Borough President wants input from all Community Boards.
- ~ The Manhattan DA's office is having a "Clean Slate" Day on November 21<sup>st</sup> where citizens who have outstanding warrants can come to the Soul Saving Station Church, 302 West 124<sup>th</sup> Street, to clear up any outstanding warrants. Any questions contact the Manhattan DA's office.
- ~ Project Renewal presented a report to the Borough President's office that they added 32 more Security Guards for the Homeless Shelter at the Armory. They have a total now of 62 Security Guards 24/7.
- ~ The 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct indicated that there has been a spike in robberies on Broadway between 155<sup>th</sup> and 163rd Streets between the hours of 9 pm and 4 am.
- ~ Big Brothers and Sisters is going to have a "Meet and Greet" meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup> at Washington Heights Tavern from 6 pm to 8 pm.

***NYC Councilman Ydanis Rodriquez addressed everyone with the following:***

- ~ Dedicated (2) corners of the district after (2) dedicated residents of the community.
- ~ Held a Town Hall meeting regarding inequality and poverty. (46% live below the poverty level.
- ~ Wants to activate the swimming pool at George Washington High School and plans to work with Asphalt Green on programming.
- ~ Supports the Big Brother and Big Sister Program.
- ~ Held a Town Hall meeting with the Mayor regarding maintaining affordable housing in the community and tenant protections.
- ~ Recommends that the community attend the meetings planned by EDC regarding Inwood Rezoning plans.
- ~ On November 12th there will be a meeting with small business owners that will be affected by the rezoning.
- ~ Plans to hold a "Car Free" day in NYC on Earth Day – next April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***Borough President's Report - Northern Manhattan Liaison, Giovanni Puello presented the following:***

- ~ There is an excavation at 129 Sherman avenue which has been posing some safety problems to the local residents. There are some safety issues at the same site posed by Con Ed. MBPO President Brewer has been in contact with the DOB and the DOT to see what can be done to resolve the safety issues.
- ~ Community Board applications will be available on the MBPO website beginning Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ~ Manhattan Access – A program of the Manhattan Borough Presidents' Office is holding some workshops at its Northern Manhattan Office, 431 West 125<sup>th</sup> Street –
- ~ The Borough President has been meeting with the Manhattan Construction Safety Group to

- ~ secure the cooperation of all contractors to provide for the safety of the public
- ~ There will be a Landmarks Hearing on Nov 12<sup>th</sup> and the MBPO's office will need your input on the text amendment
- ~ There will be a Small Business Roundtable on Thursday, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>
  - ~ The MBPO's office will continue to hold the Small Business Leadership Series covering various topics.
  - ~ The MBPO's newsletter is available in the back.

***Assemblyman Guillermo Linares addressed everyone as follows:***

- ~ He has been working in Albany to address the housing crises affecting the local citizenry in NYC.
- ~ Every Thursday – from 11 am to 2 pm, community residents are welcome to come in and discuss any legal issues they may have regarding housing. He suggested that anyone interested call for an appointment. He is working with the Mayor's Office to provide the correct legal support that may be needed.
- ~ He was able to secure a half-million dollars for the Dyckman Houses and the Marble Hill Houses to provide improvements in lighting and safety features.
- ~ He indicated that many community small businesses are being priced out of the community and that on October 28<sup>th</sup> he is hosting an informal breakfast for local pharmacists who are also feeling the pinch of recent price hikes.

***NYS Senator Adriano Espaillat addressed everyone as follows:***

- ~ His office will host a series of Coffee Meetings at various locations every Saturday morning to ascertain information regarding community needs.
- ~ He expressed concern about the number of new liquor licenses in Inwood and is recommending a "pause" in the approval of more licenses than those that have already been granted.
- ~ He recommended standardization among the businesses with regard to hours of operation, noise levels, etc.

***NYC Councilman Mark Levine addressed everyone as follows:***

- ~ Wants to modify the current 911 System so that it can receive text messages.
- ~ Wants to modify the current 911 system to accept a picture and or a video.
- ~ Wants a weekly report about hate crimes. The information is currently collected but needs to be reported.
- ~ Only 10% of tenants currently have attorneys in Housing Courts. Introduced a bill (Intro 214) which would provide the right to counsel for tenants in Housing Court.

***Assemblyman Herman D. Farrell addressed everyone as follows:***

- ~ He is working with NYC Councilman Mark Levine regarding the safety of local bike lanes.
- ~ There will not be any meetings in Albany until January 7<sup>th</sup>.

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Presentation by Adam Meagher and May Yu of the New York City Economic Development Corporation (EDC).

- ~ Presented Inwood NYC Neighborhood Plan
 - Build on current strengths and assets of 100 acres
 - Many city agencies are involved so that comprehensive planning can be done
 - Rezoning will be needed and will be discussed in December.
 - Infrastructure, jobs, housing, education, livability, etc. need to be considered
 - Spoke about a timeline that includes community input, engagement and communication, report development and implementation (2016).

Workshops are currently underway. He described what is taking place in each and that there will be at least 4 workshops.
January 2016 – Open House for the community
Later in 2016 - EDC will produce a Summary Document and will continue to engage with the community for additional input.
ULURP – late 2016 to early 2017 – 7 month process.
All materials and meeting information are posted on the web site.
EDC will attend the upcoming Land Use Committee of CB12.

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***Public Session – Isaiah Obie Bing administered the Public Session***

**Martin Collins**, Veterans’ Business Development Coordinator, Washington Heights & Inwood Development Corporation indicated that 62,000 attended the most recent Medieval Festival. He thanked everyone. He supports Resolution A – Renee Mancino Way.  
**Juan Reyes**, represented the United Palace. On behalf of the bishop, he indicated that he does not support the prospect of land marking the Loew’s 175<sup>th</sup> Street Building given the history of the building, the fact that it is well kept, that it will impose additional costs and difficulties when upgrades or renovations are planned. He had a letter outlining details and had it read and submitted.  
**Estevan Nembhard**, Community Resident, spoke about the need to raise the minimum wage and on November 10th, there will be a rally of workers regarding the raising of minimum. [www.fightforfifteen.org](http://www.fightforfifteen.org)  
**Javier Church**, Legal Aid Society HDV, Harlem Office spoke about the services of his office particularly matters relating to housing. Fliers are in the back.  
**Joel Yoffie**, Community Resident, delivered a poem about “Resistance - where resides the conscience of the nation? .... Ashes, Ashes on Sabbath Eves ?”  
**Danita Nichols**, New York Public Library, announced that the 3 local libraries will be participating in the Latin American Cultural Week. She also announced continuing efforts to eliminate the digital divide.  
**Pat Courtney**, Community Resident, spoke in support of Resolution D – the land marking of the Loew’s 175<sup>th</sup> Street Building.  
**Mary Anderson**, People’s Theater Project, spoke about the upcoming play which will take place at 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor on November 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. The play is about the racism facing Latinos.  
**Mayela Calderon**, Community Outreach Coordinator, Big Brothers & Sisters announced a “Meet and Greet” Series on November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Heights Tavern from 6pm to 8 pm.  
**Dmitri Daniel Glinski**, Director of Intercommunity Affairs, Russia Speaking Community of Manhattan & the Bronx, thanked Rodriguez for sponsoring an event that supported efforts to thwart Jewish poverty and stressed the need for everyone to work together to help everyone integrate – and to restore a Russian program at the Nagle Avenue Y.  
**Michael Henry Adams**, Community Resident, founded Save Harlem Now, and wants to ensure that there is appropriate land marking for the buildings in our community. He spoke in support of Resolution D – the Loew’s 175<sup>th</sup> Street Building.

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Committee Chairs’ Reports & Resolutions:

Yahaira Alonzo, Chair of Traffic & Transportation –introduced a resolution co-naming of 214th Street Broadway as Renee Mancino way. A friendly amendment was suggested by Pamela Palanque North and accepted.

Richard, Allman, Chair Task Force on LGBT spoke about the need for this effort in Northern Manhattan.

Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use Committee introduced (2) Resolutions. One opposes the renovations at 432 West 162nd Street and needs to be revised. The second supports efforts to support the proposed Historic Preservation of the Loew's Palace Building based on its unique architecture and historic use. Steve Simon recommended 3 friendly amendments which will be considered.

Maurice Owen Michaane, Chair, Business Development – next meeting on November 3rd is a Small Business Forum at 7pm at Isabella. In addition, we need a Workforce Development Center with a full time staff member.

Aldemar Diaz, Chair, Licensing Committee introduced 14 Resolutions with the following comments:

- ~ Typo – Resolution #1 – there are concerns from local residents
- ~ #7 – Beans & Vines – no walk through needed 34th Precinct
- ~ #8 – did a walk through with the 34th Precinct – all is well
- ~ Not recommended and why:
 - #1 – Excessive noise – frequent name change – Agave Bar & Grill
 - #3 – Numerous noise complaints and illegal sidewalk café
 - #11 – Police Department arrest for disorderly conduct and numerous complaints to NYPD about excessive noise and under age sales of alcohol.
 - #14 – Did not appear – automatic “no” vote

Richard Lewis, Chair, Housing & Human Services – refer to the minutes

Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education – refer to the minutes

Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment – refer to the minutes

Osi Kaminer, Assistant Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs - refer to Minutes. Next meeting is Nov 9th. Dyckman Farm House will have a special anniversary next year.

Shahabudeen Ally, Chair, Public Safety – refer to the minutes.

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Mary Anderson, Assistant Chair, Committee for the Concerns of the Aging – Refer to the

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**Voting on the Resolutions:**

| Item # | Resolutions                                                                   | Voting:<br>Y-N-Abst-<br>Absent<br>NV | Passed or<br>Failed |
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| A.     | Resolution to co-name West 214th Street and Broadway <b>Renee Mancino Way</b> | 32-0-1-<br>15-0                      | passed              |

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| B.  | Resolution calling for the formation of a <b>LGBT Taskforce.</b>                                                                                                                                     | 33-0-0-15-0 | passed |
| C.  | Resolution <b>opposing</b> the proposed exterior alterations to 432 West 162nd Street in the <b>Jumel Terrace Historic District.</b>                                                                 | 31-2-1-15-0 | passed |
| D.  | Resolution <b>supporting</b> the proposed Historic Designation of The <b>Loew's 175<sup>th</sup> Street Theater</b>                                                                                  | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 1.  | Resolution to <b>not recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal if its On-premise Liquor License to Agave Br & Grill Corp dba <b>Agave Bar &amp; Grill</b> – 4460 Broadway (corner of Fairview Avenue) | 30-0-3-15-0 | passed |
| 2.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to <b>Villa Patron Inc.</b> – 104 Dyckman Street (corner of Nagle Avenue)                                 | 32-1-0-15-0 | passed |
| 3.. | Resolution to <b>not recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to: <b>El Jobito Restaurant Corp.</b> – 1579 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of West 189 <sup>th</sup> St). | 31-0-2-15-0 | passed |
| 4.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to JAPP Business Inc. dba <b>Pick &amp; Eat</b> – 4179 Broadway (corner of W 177th Street).                 | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 5.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to <b>Galicia Segundo Restaurant</b> Corp. – 4083 Broadway (corner of W 172nd Street).                      | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 6.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Venerato Inc. dba <b>Garden Café</b> – 4961 Broadway (bet 207th & Isham Streets)                         | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 7.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to <b>Beans &amp; Vines Corp.</b> 4842 Broadway (corner of Academy Street).                                 | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 8.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Cafeteria Billar Cibao II – 90 Nagle Avenue (bet. Ellwood & Sickles Streets).                            | 30-2-1-15-0 | passed |
| 9.  | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Eating Place Beer License to Post Billiards Café, Inc.– 154 Post Avenue (corner of 10th Avenue).                                    | 30-2-1-15-0 | passed |

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| 10. | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the SLA to grant an Alteration to Existing Method of Operations to International Food House Inc. dba <b>Albert's Mofongo</b> – 217 Dyckman Street (corner of Broadway).     | 30-2-1-15-0 | passed |
| 11. | Resolution to <b>not recommend</b> the SLA to grant a Corporate Change to Villas Lounge 2 Corp dba <b>Rose Revolution Beer Bar</b> – 130 – 132 Audubon Avenue (corner of 172nd Street).                    | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 12. | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the DCA to grant a Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to Antika Pizzeria Inc. dba <b>Antika</b> – 3924 Broadway (bet W 164th & W 165th Streets).               | 31-1-1-15-0 | passed |
| 13. | Resolution <b>to recommend</b> the DCA to grant a Renewal of its Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to 187 Restaurant dba <b>Tococina Mexican Grill</b> – 591 Ft. Washington Ave (corner of W 187th Street). | 30-2-1-15-0 | passed |
| 14. | Resolution to <b>not recommend</b> the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to <b>Stop 809 Corp.</b> – 537 W 207th Street (corner of Sherman Avenue).                                                | 33-1-0-15-0 | passed |

George Fernandez referred everyone to the minutes of the other CB 12 Committee meetings.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:35 pm**

**Respectfully submitted:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
November 24, 2015