

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

September 9, 2015

MINUTES

ATTENDING: G. Fernandez [Chair]; P. Palanque-North (Treasurer); B. Lehmann [Secretary]; L. Saneaux (Assistant Secretary); Y Alonza, (Traffic & Transportation); W. Benjamin [Land Use]; Osi Kaminer (Asst. Chair - Parks & Cultural Affairs); R. Lewis (Housing & Human Services); S. Simon [Health & Environment]; A. Smith (Asst. Chair – Public Safety); G. Vanterpool [Aging]; R. Allman, (By-Laws Task Force)

Excused: A. Diaz, (1st Vice Chair & Licensing); F. Florimon [Youth & Education]; M. Glenn [Parks & Cultural Affairs]; Maurice Owen-Michaane (Business Development)

Absent: Bing, (First Vice- Chair); S. Ally [Public Safety];

Staff: Ebenezer Smith [District Manager]

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Fernandez at 7:15 pm. Quorum was achieved. Quorum was reached.

Following a brief presentation of the Secretary's report, a motion was made and seconded to take the Committee into Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 7:48 pm.

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

- 2015 was the busiest summer ever he has ever had in the CB 12 office.
- He attended a meeting of the State Liquor Authority to explain Board actions regarding certain decisions on non-approval
- He attended a city planning meeting regarding the budget.
- He received a post audit summary which went well and had only 1 discrepancy.
- The inventory list is complete and accurate and the auditors are pleased
- The Citi Time System now applies to all city employees and has been started in the CB 12 office.
- Two laptops have been acquired for the CB 12 office.
- 2013 Suite Software has been installed in all computers.
- Two new audio recorders have been acquired and are now in use.
- All vendors were paid in June. New budget was received in July. Extra surplus (\$2k – 3K was appropriated for postage).
- He attended a meeting of the 33rd Precinct regarding a matter of too many people parking in front of a church on 162nd – 163rd Street.
- He attended the Night Out Against Crime event for each of the 33rd and 34th Precincts.
- He is following up on the complaint with the DOB that the laundry at 614 West 157th Street is performing as an illegal commercial laundry.
- New budget process is in effect. City Planning wants to do a budget based on Statement of District needs. He completed the questionnaire based on questions asked. An on-line questionnaire was available for input. No printed copies are available.

A discussion ensued regarding the software that has been installed on the new computers. Richard Lewis and George Fernandez suggested the DOITT take a look at what has been installed and what may still be needed.

Ebenezer is researching the possibility of acquiring a smart board for the CB 12 office and will report in the next meeting.

Committee Reports:

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair for the Concerns of the Aging

- ~ The Committee is considering moving the meetings to other time starting in October – including early evening meetings
- ~ Committee members toured the NYP Urgent Care Centers and plans to visit the Mr. Sinai Urgent Care Center. The purpose is to survey how services for the aging are being handled.
- ~ The Committee visited the new ER at NYP and will inquire as to whether an area can be set aside for seniors.

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

- ~ There was a Committee meeting on July 7th in which organizing tenants in buildings where problems exist was discussed.
- ~ Richard Lewis attended a Commercial Rent Control Meeting in July.
- ~ Richard Lewis testified at a PSC meeting on telecommunication needs of the community.
- ~ Savannah Hall, which is located next to Audubon Hall, will offer 72 rooms including 25 rooms for homeless, 25 rooms for persons with HIV and 22 affordable rooms.
- ~ The Committee supports the NY Alliance for Public Housing
- ~ There are ongoing meetings with Project Renewal regarding the Shelter on West 168th Street.

Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use Committee:

- ~ A BSA application has been submitted by HAP in June for 4452 Broadway (the old Quadriad development site).
- ~ 30 Residents attended the most recent meeting and are in opposition to the current plan.
- ~ 241 Units are proposed. Most are studios and one bedrooms and are all planned to be market rate.
- ~ The current plan proposed by HAP is now dramatically out of scale and has gone through dramatic revisions. For example an original plan for 121 parking spaces has now been revised to 50 parking spaces.
- ~ There was a public meeting on July 9th concerning the Landmarks bill – Intro. 775. Wayne asked the Executive Committee to support opposition to Intro. 775. A voice vote was taken with the result of 11 – Yes in opposition the bill ; 1 = Abstain.

Osi Kaminer – Assistant Chair, Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee:

- ~ At the last meeting, presentations were made concerning Coogan's Bluff and the Audubon Playground.
- ~ There was no quorum at the meeting, so no resolutions were passed.
- ~ The Nature Center will be completed by the end of the year.

Yahira Alonzo, Chair Traffic & Transportation Committee:

- ~ The Committee submitted comments on community needs to the Board office

including the need to upgrade the elevators at the 168th, 181 and 207th Street stops.

- ~ The Citizens Budget Commission has come out with a report which includes a list of the 25 worst subway stations. Among them are 175th Station on the A line (# 3); 155th Street on the C Line (# 12) and Dyckman Street Station on the A line (# 25).
- ~ There have been meetings with the NYC DOT regarding the subject of bike lanes. There are complaints from residents about the new bike lanes on 170th Street. There is a plan to add a bike lane on ST. Nicholas Avenue between 170th and 193rd Streets.
- ~ The Committee will be following up with the DOT on all bike lane issues.

Alyce Smith, Assistant Chair, Youth & Education Committee:

- ~ She referred to the minutes of the Committee.

Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment Committee:

- ~ The WE ACT organization presented at the last committee meeting.
- ~ A resolution was introduced and passed in the committee concerning a plan regarding the bulk head on the Harlem River just north of 207th Street. It will be presented at the General Meeting.
- ~ It was noted at the meeting the NYC Clean Heal Program has been successful, with on 1 building in CB 12 still burning # 6 oil. July 1 was the deadline for conversion from # 6 oil. The address of the building is 485 West 186th Street.
- ~ The NYP Task Force on Mental Health Services is expected to present a report soon to the Committee.
- ~ There is an interest in exploring with Christopher Lee, Community Liaison, of the Port Authority as to why it would take 9 years to install a suicide prevention fence on the George Washington Bridge.

Richard Allman, Chair, By Laws Task Force:

- ~ He indicated that he will report on the progress of the Committee next month.

George Fernandez, Chair, CB 12:

- ~ Discussion ensued as to the possibility of eliminating the agenda from the back of the monthly calendar.

Pamela Palanque North - Treasurer, CB 12:

- ~ Handed out a hard copy of the budget
- ~ Tabled a discussion for the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
October 13, 2015