

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

December 19, 2016
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present: P. Palanque North, (1st Vice Chair); O. Bing, (2nd Vice Chair); E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs) B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); Al Kornbluth (Asst Chair, Land Use); Ayisha Ogilvie (Chair, Housing & Human Services); S. Simon (Chair, Health & Environment); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces); J. Berlin (Parliamentarian)

Absent: S. Ally [Chair]; Y Alonzo, Chair, Traffic & Transportation; A. Diaz (Chair, Licensing); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development); L. Saneaux, (Chair, Concerns of the Aging); F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education);

Excused: A. Schulman (Chair, Public Safety);

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others in attendance: John Novick, Mayors' Office for People with Disabilities
Edith Prentiss, Community Resident

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by 1st Vice Chair, Pamela Palanque North

Presentation by John Novick, Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD)

- ~ One of eight New Yorkers suffer with a disability
- ~ Discussion about Local Law 28 which requires city agencies to include information about accessibility to locations hosting events. All sites for meetings should offer accessibility.
- ~ Community Boards should – but are not required – to comply with this law.
- ~ For city agencies:
 - All ads and notices about meetings must contain
 - Information about accessibility
 - Notice about accommodation for those with a disability
 - Deadline before the event as to when accessibility can be requested
 - Name of the contact for this request
 - Must identify the types of accommodation offered – for example, wheelchair, assistive listening systems, and other types of accommodation
 - A Meeting Guide concerning Local Law 28 is now available.
 - Contact information for John Novick: jnovick@cityhall.nyc.gov.
 - Web site: www.nyc.gov.mopd

District Manager's Report:

There was a discussion about the following issues:

- ~ Overtime charges for security personnel who staff the front desk during evening meetings has become a problem.
- ~ A meeting involving CUMC, Alianza & DCAS, Ebenezer Smith & Shah Ally is to take place in the next week to resolve the matter.
- ~ A discussion about the January and February calendars.

Committee Reports:

Business Development – No Report – Maurice Owen Michaane absent

Public Safety – Richard Lewis, Assistant Chair, reported the following:

A Fire Safety Officer presented at the most recent meeting

The NYPD 34th Precinct reported on the status of crime. Crime is generally down, but there has been an increase in grand larceny

The 33rd Precinct was also in attendance – but did not present.

Committee for the Concerns for the Aging – No Report – Liliana Saneaux absent

Traffic & Transportation – No Report – Yahaira Alonzo absent

Land Use – Chair Wayne Benjamin reported the following:

There were (2) applications that came up for review:

- 420 West 160th Street – requires approval for an interior renovation of a building located within the Jumel District
- 2420 Amsterdam Avenue (181st Street) requires approval of 4 variances in order to construct a hi-rise building intended to accommodate mixed use. A Resolution will be presented in the January meeting.

Youth & Education – Ayisha Ogilvie reported the following:

There were (2) presentations at the most recent meeting:

- Beauty Project at Nagle Avenue
- WIND Music School

Licensing – Osi Kaminer reported the following:

There are 13 Resolutions that came up for review and will be presented at the General Meeting

- ~ (1) is a wine restaurant with no music
- ~ (2) were requesting liquor license renewals but were not prepared and will be back in January
- ~ The remaining were requests for renewals.

Housing & Human Services: Ayisha Ogilvie, Chair reported the following:

In anticipation of problems arising from rezoning, the Manhattan Legal Services made a presentation about legal clinics they plan to offer for the community

The Committee is sponsoring a joint resolution with Traffic and Transportation to support the proposal for reduced fare for metro cards for special categories of citizens.

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair reported the following:

There were two Resolutions that were discussed & voted on – and will be presented at the General Meeting:

- ~ A Resolution in support of a proposal to renovate Inwood Hill Park Nature Center
- ~ A Resolution in support of the construction of an Adult Outdoor Fitness Center on Dyckman Street in Inwood Hill Park

Health & Environment - Steve Simon, Chair reported the following:

Con Edison made a presentation at the last meeting concerning an update on the electrical distribution system

Young Lord Associates made a presentation regarding their plan to clean up the site at 2420 Amsterdam Avenue. They are Consultants to the developer. The Committee is co-sponsoring a Resolution with Youth & Education and with the LGBT Task Force regarding the need of the NY & NJ Port Authority to construct a fence to thwart suicide attempts from the Bridge. There was some discussion about having the PA attend an upcoming meeting to address this issue. There was also a discussion about the wisdom of presenting questions in advance to the PA. The next Health & Environment Committee meeting will take place at the Russ Berrie Building at CUMC where the School of Nursing will discuss some of their latest initiatives.

Attendance Matters: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary, reported that she had tallied all attendance through the month of December. Letters have been sent to those whose attendance is not compliant with the attendance requirements.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann – Assistant Secretary
January 12, 2017