

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

**October 17, 2016**  
**Executive Committee**  
**MINUTES**

***Board Members Present:***

P. Palanque North, (1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair); O. Bing, (2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); Y Alonzo, (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); A. Ogilvie (Chair, Housing & Human Services); L. Saneaux (Chair, Concerns of the Aging); O. Kaminer (Asst. Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs)

***Absent:*** E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs) A. Diaz (Chair, Licensing); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development); Steve Simon (Health & Environment); F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces)

***Excused:*** S. Ally [Chair]; A. Schulman (Chair, Public Safety)

***Staff:*** Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

**Called to order at 7:18 pm by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Pamela Palanque North.** Shah Ally had to attend another meeting and could not be in attendance. It was also announced that there was no quorum.

***Announcements:***

- ~ A Resolution in support of the New York State Senate is to be tabled for now due to the lack of quorum.
- ~ Sandra Harris of CUMC is in attendance regarding a request for the Executive Committee to vote on a Resolution in support of a streetscape. However a vote on the Resolution may not be possible due to the lack of a quorum.
- ~ Attendance at committee meetings is important and each committee chair should follow up with calls and an accurate record on committee attendance.
- ~ On October 19<sup>th</sup>, all need to attend the budget meeting. Each Chair and Assistant Chair is expected to be present.

***District Manager's Report:***

- ~ The meeting time for the Budget Consultation has been changed to 6:30 pm. Each committee is expected to submit rankings.
- ~ We are in the process of assessing who will pay for overtime hours of the security that is needed when the Board holds evening meetings. The matter has been referred to the OMB.
- ~ The Assistants' position which was approved in June is on hold. OMB has asked for a budget projection for the cost of this position.
- ~ A request was made to close the office the day after Thanksgiving a vote as taken on the matter and all agreed to the closure of the office.
- ~ The dates for the upcoming **Executive Committee** meetings will be **Nov. 21 and Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- ~ The dates for the upcoming **General Meetings** will be **Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>**.

***Discussion:***

- ✓ Reasons state legislation on liquor license moratorium did not pass
- ✓ The impact of the one-year moratorium

- ✓ The behavior of the Licensing Committee in view of the moratorium
- ✓ The behavior of the elected officials in weighing in on liquor license applications
- ✓ Whether a Supplemental Resolution is needed or whether an affirmation of its original intent is all that is needed
- ✓ It was agreed that no Resolution is needed but that the Board Chair should meet with the Licensing Committee Chair to ensure consistency in the review process in accordance with the December 2015 Resolution.

**Committee Reports:**

**Liliana Saneaux, Chair, Committee for the Concerns of the Aging**, - Representatives from the 33<sup>rd</sup> a& 34th Precinct attended at a joint meeting held with the **Public Safety Committee** on the topic of Domestic Violence and Elder Abuse. In addition, future meetings of the Aging Committee will take place in the day time and will be held at various Senior Centers.

**Richard Allman, for Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment Committee and representing the LGBT Task Force** reported that the Committee is considering a Resolution on suicide barriers on the George Washington Bridge to be co-sponsored with the LGBTQ Task Force.

**Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety**, not present - see report by Liliana Saneaux.

**Yahaira Alonzo, Chair, Traffic & Transportation** reported on (3) Resolutions that had come before the Committee.

- (1) Has to do with Phase 2 of a Streetscape surrounding the new Nursing School. Sandra Harris needs a Resolution and/or Letter of Support by October 21<sup>st</sup> so all the work can be done by May 2017. The Executive Committee decided to pass a Resolution replicating the wording from the Phase 1 Resolution – modifying as appropriate and leaving out the language referring to bike racks. The committee voted unanimously in support of Resolution. The Resolution will be brought to the full Board for affirmation at the General Meeting.
- (2) A Resolution concerning the establishment of Select Bus Service for the BX 6 Bus Service was defeated at the committee level.
- (3) A Resolution in support of “No Standing” signs in front of Isabella Geriatric Center passed at the Committee level and will be presented at the next General Meeting.

**Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use** reported that there were (2) discussions at the meeting:

- (1) Consideration of a BSA application by 2440 Amsterdam Ave. (181 St). for a change of use. It is currently zoned as C8-3. The 34,000 sq. ft. building is intended to accommodate commercial, retail use and a hotel. No community facility usage is planned. They are looking for the same density as an R7-2. The presentation which was supposed to take place in September actually took place in October. More information is needed. BSA has extended the deadline until December.
- (2) A BSA application is also pending for 4452 Broadway. A Resolution in September 2015 was to approve double density was voted down. BSA asked questions and a revised application was submitted. It is still a 16 story building – all market rate. All prior concerns remain unaddressed. In committee we reaffirmed the resolution passed last September. A Resolution re-affirming the September 2015 Resolution will be brought

before the full Board. .There was a discussion as to why City Panning has not acted with regard to how that space is to be used – despite a request make by CB12 to do some 5 years ago. It was suggested that the Board may want to reach out to Ken Knuckles of the City Planning Commission to push this matter along.

**Ayisha Ogilvie, Chair Housing & Human Services**, reported that the Committee considered budget priorities. They also discussed the HFDC Regulatory Agreement. She attended a CB 7 meeting in which the HFDC issues was discussed. She will also be attending a meeting in Harlem on the same matter. She also attended a meeting with all the Housing Chairs regarding the same matter and indicated that they will all work together. She spoke with Lucille Songhai, Director of Community Affairs of the MBPO's office regarding the need for better data.. She also met with Marcella Medina of NYCHA and asked her to a presentation at an upcoming meeting. April Tyler, Housing Chair of CB 9 has been scheduled to make a presentation at the next General Meeting according to Wayne Benjamin.

There was substantial discussion about the background and variables on this matter.

**Osi Kaminer, Asst. Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs** reported:

We had a presentation regarding a \$700k grant by NYC Cultural Affairs Dept.to provide cultural funding for 4 neighborhoods, of which Northern Manhattan is one of the 4. The Hispanic Society will be closing at the end of October for period of (2) years in order to renovate its space – including getting a new roof.

Jennifer Hoppa reported that Hlghbridge Park has been selected to receive \$30 million in capital funding. The NYC Parks Department will be working with CB 12 on this issue and a public scoping meeting is planned for Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Highbridge Recreation Center at 173<sup>rd</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue.

The Committee also reviewed capital and expense priorities.

The NYC Parks Dept. is looking at an RFP concerning the artificial ice skating rink.

**New Business:** None

**Elections:** Richard Allman will serve as Chair of the Elections Committee

***The meeting adjourned at 9:26 pm.***

***Respectfully submitted:*** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
Assistant Chair  
November 21, 2016