

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**530 West 166<sup>th</sup> St., New York, NY**  
**DRAFT Executive Committee Minutes (4/14/16)**

**Board Members Present:** Shahabuddeen Ally, Chair; Pamela Palanque-North, First Vice Chair; Isaiah “Obie” Bing, Second Vice Chair; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary, and Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs; Betty Lehmann, Assistant Secretary; Mary Anderson, Ass’t Chair, Aging; Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair, Business Development; Richard Allman, Chair, By-Laws Task Force; Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment; Ayisha Ogilvie, Chair, IT Task Force and Chair, Housing & Human Services; Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use; Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety; Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety; Fe Florimón, Chair, Youth & Education; Ebenezer Smith, District Manager. **Absent:** Aldemar Diaz, Chair, Licensing. **Excused:** Yahaira Alonzo, Chair, Traffic & Transportation; Liliana Saneaux, Chair, Aging.

**The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm; a quorum was present.**

**Chair’s Report, Shahabuddeen Ally:**

- Possible change of date for June meeting due to Congressional Primary. Although a number of people will be absent or excused from that meeting due to work/travel commitments, it was decided that based on prior years’ experience to keep the meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Announcement re: upcoming car-free day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Announcement of Mayor’s new homeless initiative.
- 10 new members; 1 member not reappointed; several others did not reapply or resigned.
- Would like to restart the Leadership Academy to further Board development, especially with regard to writing of resolutions, and taking of minutes.
- DoT is requesting a Letter of Support for the restoration of bus stop at Macombs Dam Bridge, and to secure funds to same. It was approved unanimously to write such a letter.
- A motion by Richard Allman to authorize the Chair to vote in favor of resolutions at the Borough Board meetings was seconded by Liz Ritter, and passed without objection.

**District Manager’s Report, Ebenezer Smith:**

- SLA report released
- CB12 working on payment to CU for space – there had been issues with the way certain data on the invoice was being captured.
- DoT repaving list has been submitted, for a total of 33 streets (to be) covered.
- Idling bus issue by 5030 Broadway continues to be a problem. The bus drop-off can’t relocate to W. 214<sup>th</sup> St. due to the slope of the hill, but on Broadway the busses are still blocking traffic. United Cerebral Palsy has been cooperative in getting buses to passengers and move on, rather than staying and idling while they wait.
- Cleanliness issue w/ street vendors, esp. on 207<sup>th</sup>, 181<sup>st</sup>. St./St. Nicholas Ave., and Dyckman.

**Reports of the Assistant Secretary, Betty Lehmann, and the Secretary, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter:**

- The Ass’t Secretary presented the minutes of the previous meeting. A motion to accept the minutes was made, and seconded; following minor edits of the minutes the motion was approved without objection.
- The Secretary has been receiving members’ corrections regarding attendance and excused absences. This information was shared with the Borough President’s Office as part of the (re-) appointment process. Several members did not reapply; one member reapplied but was not reappointed due to his attendance. It was also noted that some members have had absences due to religious holidays, which our bylaws do not recognize as an excused absence. This item was referred to the By-laws Task Force for its consideration.

**Treasurer's Report:** As there currently is no Treasurer, the report was deferred. There will be a vote for Treasurer at the May General Meeting, based on floor nominations pursuant to the by-laws.

**Committee Reports:**

**Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair, Business Development Committee** last meeting partnered with the Community League of the Heights on a commercial lease tutorial.

**Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety:**

- attended a citywide meeting on law enforcement.
- The new 34<sup>th</sup> Pct C/O will be attending the April General meeting.
- April Committee meeting was on police procedure and the ins and outs of detective work.
- Next month's meeting will be joint with the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee regarding enforcement issues on our parks. A list of questions is being generated to distribute to representatives of NYPD, FDNY, DA's office, Parks Department, and Parks Enforcement Patrol

**Mary Anderson, Asst. Chair, Aging:** there were two presentations by community providers.

**Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education:**

- Regarding a joint resolution from CB12 and the D6 Community Education Council, it was suggested that each body pass identical resolutions each reference the other, rather than a single resolution since neither organization has standing to speak for the other.
- There was a lengthy discussion regarding a proposed resolution to have a joint rally/march and youth services fair in collaboration with the NYPD.

**Ayisha Ogilve, Chair, Housing & Human Services Committee:**

- Discussed status of MIH/ZQA, especially the addition of more tiers of AMI. We feel it still doesn't serve the needs of our community, rather it serves the needs of developers.
- Looking to add a digital resource library.
- Also looking at rates of gentrification, and changeover of buildings from affordable to unaffordable.

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee:** resolution in favor of Parks Department's proposed Phase I capital renovation of the Highbridge Water Tower.

**Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment Committee:** Gave an update on the health Profiles previously distributed by CB10.

**Land Use, Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use:** Reso for a BSA application to extend CU's parking lots on W. 165<sup>th</sup> St; Committee voted to recommend that the lease be extended to 3 years plus a few months, so as to close the deal.

**Other Business:** There was a discussion of possible date changes for Committee meetings, including Parks & Cultural Affairs meeting on June 14<sup>th</sup> (not June 7<sup>th</sup>).

**Maurice Owen-Michaane moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:55pm.** There was a second by Liz Ritter, and no objection.

**Respectfully submitted:** Liz Ritter & Betty Lehmann