

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

March 10, 2016
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present:

S. Ally [Chair]; O. Bing, (Second Vice Chair); E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary& Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs) B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); Osi Kaminer (Asst. Chair Parks & Cultural Affairs); Isidro Medina (Asst. Chair, Licensing); L. Saneaux (Chair, Concerns of the Aging); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development); A. Shulman,(Chair, Public Safety); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces)

Excused: Y. Alonzo (Chair, Traffic & Transportation)

Absent: G. Fernandez, (Treasurer); P. Palanque-North, (First Vice Chair);; Aldemar Diaz (Chair, Licensing); A. Ogilvie, Chair, (Housing & Human Services); S. Simon [Chair, Health & Environment]; J. Berlin (Parliamentarian)

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

The meeting was called to order at 7:20pm.

Chair's Report: Shah Ally reported the following:

- On March 2 he attended a public hearing held by the Land Use Committee at the Nagle Avenue Y on the ULURP application of the building intended for the corner of Broadway and Seaman Avenues - 4650 Sherman Avenue. Over 250 people attended. The developer was present at the meeting. There was significant discussion. Goes to full committee on March 22nd.
- There is a flier on "Inwood NYC" concerning another meeting that will take place on March 12th
- There are 7 openings on the Board and 48 applicants. Gloria Vanterpool Terriell Peters & Alyce Smith have decided not to reapply for another term.
- He will be appointing Public Members to each committee for the term on one year.
- He thanked George Fernandez for his service to the Board and for his brief role as Treasurer. He has resigned from CB 12 in view of his plans to run for political office.
- He wants to make the Facebook page and the web site more user friendly and is looking for suggestions to develop better visual appeal. It was recommended that he refer the matter to the IT task force and that he secure the assistance of Board Member Richard Lewis since this is his area of expertise..
- He reiterated the objective of getting agendas for meetings at least 3 days in advance of meetings.
- On March 15th CB 12 is hosting a Board social at the Tryon Public House. Members of other Community Boards plan to attend.
- General Community Board business cards are available.

- We need to tighten the attendance section of the By-Laws.
- He is looking at ways to improve the attendance at General Meetings as well as ways to make things more efficient such as shortening the public session and eliminating the break that follows the public session.

Presentation:

Vladimir Martinez, Director of Budget & Capital Projects in the Manhattan Borough President's office made a presentation in which he explained:

- the role of the Budget and Capital Projects office.
- the importance of the rankings on community needs.
- there is \$30 million for capital projects this year.
- there is a new process this year:
 - a. the Statement of District Needs drives the Capital & Expense Requests.
 - b. CB 12 can partner with a city agency and ask for funds.

Secretary's Report: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter reported the following:

- A full report was circulated with all committees.
- There are some apparent attendance issues with the following individuals: Rud Morales, Angela Sanchez, Esteban Nimrod, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Manny de los Santos. In addition, the following was noted: David Mattera resigned; Terriell Peters, Glora Vanterpook and Alyce Smith are not reapplying to the Board; Jason Tejada has relocated and is presumed to be in the process of resigning.

District Manager's Report: Ebenezer reported the following:

- We are in the process of re-signing the Lease and need CUMC's Vendex Number.
- We owe over \$200k in back rent since 2013.
- Once all the outstanding issues are resolved, we can proceed with renovations to the office.
- We received a complaint about 5030 Broadway and the alleged improper use of the bus stop by UCP vans. A temporary fix has been identified and will be tried.
- The Borough President's office is conducting a technology survey. Cb 12 is considered one of the best in terms of technology.
- CB 12 will have a decent budget surplus this year – and we need another part-time staff member to help with evening and weekend meetings. In addition, we would like a Smart Board for use in meetings. Cost = \$5k. We would also like a map of the district.

Committee Reports:

Maurice Owen Michaane, Chair of Business Development reported the following:

- We had a lively meeting of the Committee this month.
- On May 19th, the Business Development Committee is hosting a job fair at the Betty Shabazz Center. This fair is being co-sponsored with the Washington Heights and Inwood Chamber of Commerce.
- The Associated Supermarket negotiations are still on process.

Arlene Shulman, Chair, Public Safety reported the following:

- The committee held a very successful Domestic Violence Workshop
- At next month's meeting, they will be reviewing the revamped PrecinctReport.

- A former officer from the 34th Precinct will be making a presentation on “Cracking the Case”.
- The May meeting will be a joint meeting with Parks.
- The National Night Out Against Crime is planned for August.
- The new Commanding Officer of the 34th Precinct plans to address everyone at the March General Meeting.

Liliana Saneaux, Chair, Committee for the Concerns of the Aging reported the following:

- There are only 2 people from the committee who attended the recent meeting. (Liliana Saneaux and Mary Anderson).
- Caterina Rivera of City Harvest attended the meeting.
- They hope to be expanding the committee and will also plan meetings to take place during the day at various venues where seniors gather.

Wayne Benjamin, Chair, Land Use Committee reported the following:

- More than 200 people attended the March 2nd meeting concerning the plan to construct a 23 story building at the corner of Broadway and Sherman Avenue.
- After a lengthy discussion, the committee voted “no” on the prospect of residential rezoning and did not approve commercial rezoning either.
- The 23 story building is considered out of scale in regard to the surrounding community.
- The idea is for 30% affordable with the definition of affordable being 80% of the AMI.
- Councilman Rodriguez indicated that 50% of the building should be affordable and that the AMI be customized to the area.

Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education Committee reported the following:

- On March 5th, there was a Workshop for Students that was held at Isabella.
- There will be a Community Health Fair on May 21st at George Washington High School.
- They are exploring the possibility of street closing an Audubon Avenue between 190th and 193rd Streets for May 21st.

Isidro Medina, Assistant Chair, Licensing reported the following:

- A meeting took place last evening – March 9th.
- 13 applications were considered.
- They are thinking of moving the meeting to the first week of the month.

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

- The Javits Playground has been funded for renovation.
- Goals of the committee were discussed.
- They will be considering a resolution at the next meeting.
- Cultural institutions have been invited to attend the next meeting.

Q & A – following the committee reports:

When is the George Washington Bridge due to open? Answer: Fall 2016

When is the next Public Hearing on “Inwood NYC” ? Answer: March 24th

Announcements:

There will be a LGBT Resources Fair co-sponsored by the Mayor’s office and

Community Boards 9, 10, and 12 on March 21st in East Harlem. Melissa Mark-Viverito is spearheading the effort.

A motion was made and seconded to conclude the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
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