

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

**May 12, 2016**  
**Executive Committee**

***Board Members Present:***

P. Palanque-North, (First Vice Chair); O. Bing, (Second Vice Chair); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); Y Alonzo (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); Isidro Medina (Asst. Chair, Licensing); A. Ogilvie, Chair, (Housing & Human Services); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development); L. Saneaux (Chair, Concerns of the Aging); A. Schulman, (Chair, Public Safety); S. Simon [Chair, Health & Environment]; J. Berlin (Parliamentarian)

***Additional Members Present:*** M. Anderson (Asst. Chair, Concerns for the Aging).

***Excused:*** S. Ally [Chair]; E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces)

***Absent:*** Aldemar Diaz (Chair, Licensing);

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

***The meeting was called to order by First Vice Chair, Pamela Palanque North at 7:15 pm.***

***First Vice Chair Palanque North announced the following:***

- ~ Shah Ally had been called to another meeting and could not be present.
- ~ There was a discussion about the recent violence in IS 218 and whether or not CB 12 should host a forum in June. After much discussion it was decided to refer the matter to Shah Ally for further review and consideration.
- ~ CB 12 will be having a series of "Coffee with the Community Board". Members of CB 12 will be stationed at various sites in Inwood and Washington Heights during the day to engage in conversations about the work of the Board. The first scheduled date is Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- ~ Chair Palanque North indicated that there is still room for improvement in the submission of committee minutes.
- ~ The election for the vacant position of Treasurer will take place at the next General Meeting of the Board- May 24, 2016. Nominations will be accepted at the meeting.
- ~ There is some resentment in the community about "Inwood NYC" and the fact that the Community Board has not been included in the working/discussion group doing the planning. There was a discussion as to whether or not to form a task force.
- ~ There was a discussion as to whether or not Richard Allman and the By-laws Task Force members should revisit the definition of "excused absence". Richard Allman was not at the meeting – so the matter will be referred to him later for further consideration.
- ~ Everyone was advised to sign up for appropriate training courses at the MBPO's office concerning various topics pertinent to being a community board member.
- ~ May 17<sup>th</sup> is the date for orientation training for new members of CB 12. All are encouraged to attend.

**District Manager, Ebenezer Smith reported the following:**

- ~ New member orientation packets are available for new members.
- ~ The lease for the current CB 12 space has been sent to the Comptroller's Office for review. We should now be able to pay rent for the use of our space.
- ~ OMB and City Planning are working together to change the budget submission system. Every budget request must now have a supporting narrative for justification. A template will be provided. The Statement of District needs will flow from the various items of need.

**8:00 pm Motion – Executive Session:** A motion as made by Wayne Benjamin and seconded by Obie Bing to go into Executive Session. The session was to review a personnel matter. **Executive Session ended at 8:35 pm.**

**Committee Reports** administered by Obie Bing:

**Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair, Business Development** reported the following:

- ~ The Business Development Committee is working with Sandra Harris on a June date for the job fair. The location is planned to be the Shabazz Center. Details to follow.
- ~ The Work Force One Branch opened on 181<sup>st</sup> Street and is in the process of staffing up.
- ~ The GW Bridge terminal was discussed as to the expected date of opening.

**Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety** reported the following:

- ~ In May the Public Safety and Parks & Cultural Affairs Committees had a joint meeting to review safety in our parks. The meeting provided a great many details and was excellent.
- ~ Thank you to Richard Lewis for taking such excellent minutes.
- ~ Next month's meeting will include a presentation by the DA's office on the matter of neighborhood gangs.
- ~ There are (2) new members of the Public Safety Committee

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

- ~ The Aging Committee is in the process of rebuilding.
- ~ Fern Hertzberg is a new Board member and has joined the meeting.
- ~ Presentation by HRA Dept. of Special Services on the services they provide
- ~ Ms. Linda Wood-Guy, scheduler in Senator Bill Perkins attended and plans to return
- ~ Mr. Raulito Martinez, an intern State Assembly in Brooklyn attended the meeting

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

- ~ Dr. Emilio Carrillo of New York Presbyterian made a presentation on Accountable Health Communities. He spoke about a new initiative to create an on-line resource center which will provide information on all community services. This information would be available to all who use NYP's services and eventually to all within the community. Students will interview patients about their various needs and then connect them to community resources. They are applying for a Federal Grant to do this work – but will proceed even if the grant is not approved. Steve Simon will serve on the Advisory Committee.
- ~ There was a discussion about the possibility of having Healthy Food Options included in the evaluations made by the Licensing Committee.
- ~ There was an update on the street and sidewalk cleanliness ratings in each part of the neighborhood.
- ~ There was a resolution passed concerning the possibility of charging \$.05 for each plastic and paper bag provided by various stores. The City Council passed this resolution.

- ~ On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, the H & E Committee of CB 12 and CUMC are hosting a seminar on the Zika Virus. The next Health & Environment Committee will meet at this seminar in place of the June meeting.

**Yahira Alonzo, Chair, Traffic & Transportation** reported the following:

- ~ On May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, The Girl Scouts Troop 205 requested a blinking red light be placed at 218<sup>th</sup> and Seaman Avenue. They did a great deal of research. Lyle Lockwood of DOT promised to look into this with the possibility of another traffic study and a new light. He will report back in June.
- ~ There was a discussion about the possibility of adding a crosswalk at 211<sup>th</sup> & Broadway & Isham Street to improve pedestrian safety. The traffic will reverse and 211<sup>th</sup> will travel west. A resolution was presented and approved and will be presented at the General meeting.
- ~ A resolution was introduced and approved to add a crosswalk at 214<sup>th</sup> & Seaman Avenue. The resolution will be presented at the General meeting...
- ~ There was a discussion about the co-naming of the corner of 156<sup>th</sup> & Amsterdam for Harry Belafonte. This Resolution did not pass because it would not conform to CB12 guidelines (i.e. – co-naming of streets should not be done for anyone who is still alive).

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

- ~ There was a presentation and discussion about the Audubon Historic District expansion to include the row houses on West 158<sup>th</sup> Street. The committee had supported a resolution in the April meeting requesting that LPC consider the expansion of the district. It will be presented at the General Meeting.
- ~ Lucien Reynolds of the MPBO's office gave a presentation on the Borough Presidents' review of the Sherman Plaza ULURP. They are working with the applicant to modify the application. The MBPO build on the CB 12 recommendations. It will be an R8X – not more than 15 stories – instead of the original 23 stories.
- ~ Lucien Reynolds discussed a BSA Application for 190<sup>th</sup> & Broadway site. There will be information forthcoming on what they are recommending with respect to this site. There is a need to watch this closely.
- ~ Steve Simon wanted it reflected in the minutes that the Borough President was very impressed with the work of the Land Use Committee with respect to these zoning matters.

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

- ~ There was a presentation by the Public Advocates' office regarding child day care funding.
- ~ The Public Advocate's office also spoke about the need to regulate the wages of child care workers and the need to increase the child care tax credit. In addition, Child Care Centers must be on the ground level – but there is no consideration given regarding the cost of these Centers.
- ~ The meeting with the Chancellor was a success.
- ~ The rally on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> has been approved and the street in front of GW High School will close to host a community fair.

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

- ~ There was no quorum.
- ~ There was a conversation regarding mapping the location of rent stabilized apartments that have been lost in the community using various tax tools. This will be an important basis for conducting education sessions and for future advocacy work.
- ~ We reviewed the guidelines for SCRIE and DRIE and the complaints that have been raised in the community. We will work with the Aging Committee on this matter.

- ~ Steve Banks has merged HRA and the Department of Homeless Services and the likely impact of this merger on our community.
- ~ Martin Collins provided an update on 2110 Amsterdam Avenue and 21 Arden buildings. The families have not been able to return. There was a Resolution passed 2 years ago – and we need to discuss how we go from here. Steve Simon suggested that we follow up with HPD with NYC Councilman Rodriguez. Ebenezer Smith will assist in this regard.

**Isidro Medina, Licensing** reported the following:

- ~ The Licensing Committee has (3) new members.
- ~ There were 17 applicants for licenses this month. Of these 17,
  - (1) was absent and requested their application be withdrawn
  - (2) requested their applications be withdrawn and to submit in their place applications for wine licenses
  - (1) did not have the correct permit and withdrew their application

There was a review of calendars for June.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made to adjourn by Jim Berlin and seconded by Obie Bing.  
**The meeting adjourned at 9:31 pm**

**Respectfully Submitted:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
Assistant Secretary