

Community Board 12, Manhattan
Minutes of the March 22, 2016 General Meeting
Alianza Dominicana Triangle Building (530 W. 166th St., 2nd fl., NYC 10032)

Board Members Present: Richard Allman, Shahabuddeen Ally, Yahaira Alonzo, Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Isaiah "Obie" Bing, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Fe Florimón, Barbara Frazier, Mitchell Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky, Osi Kaminer, Andrea Kornbluth, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna, Jay Mazur, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Estevan Nembhard, Ayisha Ogilvie, Maurice Owen-Michaane, Arlene Schulman, Steve Simon, Alyce Smith, Felipe Wytik Sanchez, Javier Trejo. **Members Excused:** Mary Anderson, Pamela Palanque-North, Liliana Saneaux, Manny de los Santos, Angela Sanchez. **Members Absent:** Glennis Aquino, Aldemar De Jesus Diaz, Wanda Garcia, Isidro Medina, Rud Morales, Terriell Peters, Jonathan Reyes, Luis Tapia, Jason Tejada, Gloria Vanterpool. **Staff:** Ebenezer Smith, Debora Blow, Paola Garcia

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7:42pm **Call to order & introductory remarks by the Chair**, quorum having been achieved. Apologies for delay, but the circumstances were beyond the control of CB12: there was a meeting called by NYC First Lady Chirlane McCray on a new mental health initiative scheduled in this same room, and it did not end until 7:30pm. Although it is unfortunate that our general meeting was delayed, this is an important initiative and an honor for our community to host this event.

7:43pm **Adoption of the agenda** (as amended): motion by Steve Simon; multiple seconds; approved with no objection.

7:44pm **Approval of Minutes of December meeting:** motion by Richard Lewis; second by Elizabeth Lehman; approved with no objection.

7:45pm The Board observed a **moment of silence** in memory of those killed in today's terrorist attacks in Brussels.

7:46pm **Highlights of Chair's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- There was a well-attended Public Hearing on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Nagle Ave. Y regarding a proposed re-zoning of a lot at Broadway & Sherman which would increase the bulk (and height) of a proposed residential project in exchange for affordable housing units. The matter will be considered later in the agenda under a Land Use resolution.
- Please review packets and minutes before asking questions, many of which may have been addressed in committee.
- We had our first CB12 "social" on March 15<sup>th</sup>. It was a big success, and we hope to have them quarterly.
- Attendance scorecard: don't be alarmed; we want to give you an opportunity to cross-reference our records with your own. If there is a problem/correction, please advise me and the Secretary. Note that our bylaws recognize 8 reasons for excused absence. If your absence is not among them, it will be unexcused. We need good attendance to function, but do not require perfect attendance; we recognize that sometimes a member must miss a meeting.
- Please refrain from group emails: use "blind" distribution to reduce the number of "reply-all" responses, which clog our inboxes and lead to the possibility of a cross-conversation that might violate the Open Meetings Law. It's OK to share information over email, but not to take Board action. Please also make sure to use the current contact list.
- Parliamentarian, Jim Berlin, called up to explain a matter of voting.
- Vote for Treasurer will be at the May General meeting.
- Priscilla Mota-Willis is now the Assistant Chair of the Youth & Education Committee.

7:51pm Presentation of Certificates of Achievement to Antonia Tita, who, at the age of 88 (!), teaches yoga at Isabella Geriatric Center, and was named a NY1 New Yorker of the week. In accepting her award, she said: "the body moves, the mind moves; we must all keep moving".

7:54pm **Report from Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez, 10<sup>th</sup> CD**

- Council passed MIH / ZQA. (This got boos from the crowd.) "I believe it's important to include affordable housing in the fight against gentrification. Mayor Bloomberg had no such protections and look what happened in Harlem. It is important to protect our neighborhoods.
- Exposing our young people to science/technology must start with early childhood education; we must provide training, and we need jobs in these fields. We can't just be pushing for low-paying jobs at chain retail outlets; we need good sci/tech jobs.
- Earlier this month there was an incident at a Dunkin Donuts near Yeshiva University. We stand together with our neighbors and will not tolerate anti-semitism.

- Next week (3/29) there is an important hearing at the Council, creating new rules on how to control public plazas in NYC: not just Times sq., but the new way that pedestrian plazas throughout will be controlled by DoT. DoT will have 60 days to share plan with CBs; the Department of Consumer Affairs will also have a say.
- On April 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a City Council hearing in the Transportation Committee on car-free days. Rentals of bikes will be 2-for-1, and there will be other kinds of deals. We are looking to reduce the number of city vehicles that are in use on Earth Day (Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>). 1.4million NYers use cars. Encourage then to support a car-free day. This will be the first US city, following the examples of Bogota and Paris and other international cities to have car-free days. We Looking to close some blocks in this community (Wadsworth in the W. 170's) for Earth Day, and also have there be a car-free day on Earth Day.

8:06pm **Highlights of District Manager's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- There is still the ongoing problem of idling buses in front of 5030 B'way. Thanks to Giovanni Puello in the MBPO, we will be meeting with Access-a-Ride, the MTA, DoT, and the tenant (United Cerebral Palsy). A lot of idling; receiving complaints from residents across the street. With this meeting we identified the vendor that is causing the most problems. I hope to have satisfactory solution to present next month.
- Met new 34<sup>th</sup> Pct C/O, Capt Reymundo Mundo. Formerly of 34<sup>th</sup> pct, started as beat cop here, so he knows the area. He hit the ground running. Has already met with club- and lounge-owners regarding quality-of-life issues, including some violence, and a homicide, the 2<sup>nd</sup> in the precinct this year.
- Manhattan DA regarding summons initiative. No longer pursuing unless there is a demonstrated public safety interest in doing so. It is not that people will get away with quality-of-life crimes such as public urination, or open containers. These continue to be summonsable offenses, but will not result in an arrest.
- Note to all chairs to please review calendar.

8:11pm **Public Session** (Chaired by Secretary, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; time-keeping by Esteban Nembhard)

**Natalie Espino, CUNY in the Heights:** offer a variety of adult and continuing ed programs, as well as youth enrichment. This week is deadline for applying for professional development in DR; teacher and non-teachers welcome to apply. Spring summer terms 4/16 11a-2pm. Also summer day camp program for children: academics in the morning, enrichment in the afternoon. 212-567-7132

**Joel Yoffie, community resident:** read a poem.

**Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, UP Theater, Cornerstone Chorale & Barack Obama Democratic Club:** announced upcoming UP Theater fundraiser honoring Martin Collins on Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 809 (112 Dyckman), upcoming UP production of "the Drum Circle", beginning May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Tabernacle Theatre (551 Ft. Washington Ave., @ W. 185<sup>th</sup> St.), and the Cornerstone Chorale Spring concert, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 4pm at Holyrood Church. Also: Obama Club Spring event on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2-5pm at the Rio II Gallery, 135<sup>th</sup> St. & RSD.

**Sharon Cromwell, 32BJ:** Our members are security guards, supers, porters, and other service workers. Acadia Realty Trust, which seeks to develop 4560 Broadway, should create family-sustaining jobs, not \$10/hr jobs sans benefits. Even if you oppose the development on your agenda, we hope you'll support workers' rights

**Helen Morik, Ft. Tryon Park Trust:** talked about the trust. 67-acre scenic landmark, 1 of only 10 so designated. FTPT supports appropriately scaled projects on the Broadway corridor. We need housing, and jobs, but the parks serves all the community with art, music, nature, must ensure shading and views of the parks are not destroyed. Planted 45000 plants/shrubs. Etc., etc. there is another development being planned along the B'way corridor. We call on CB12M to ask the City to require an Environmental Review.

**Katherine O'Sullivan, Moving forward UNIDOS:** Please vote "no" on resolutions #3 & #8. They are selling liquor already, even though they are already selling liquor \*without\* a license. you voted to uphold the senator's moratorium, so please vote against #12 as well.

**Sara A. Fisher, Friends of Inwood Hill Park:** today is exactly one month to earth day! National theme is trees for the earth. Spoke of ongoing projects in the park, and special events for earth day. Thanks to C/M for funds which enabled purchase of shovels, dirt, trees, etc.

**Allegra LeGrand, community resident:** for the preservation of Inwood: I am concerned about development of the Packard building, which will cast a long shadow and destabilize the neighborhood. Support LU reso. Requests a

formal meeting and an environmental impact of this development on schools, air quality, transportation, parks, etc. We need contextual zoning

**Maggie Clarke, co-founder of Inwood Preservation:** our purpose is to preserve the character of Inwood of low-rise housing and large parks. Why are we here today? The Packard Building (at Broadway & Sherman) is going to be developed as a skyscraper, which will have not only visual impacts, but infrastructure impacts. Can you imagine all of our parks having 23+ hi-rises all along the perimeter of our parks?! The addition of this many housing units will cause traffic, overly tax the subway and schools. How many more cars will be added with this up-zoning? No one is answering these questions. I hope CB12 will fight for Inwood.

**Lea Holzel, community resident:** supports appropriately scaled development and contextual zoning; hopes CB12 will fight for Inwood. Opposes Licensing reso #8 for reasons cited by another speaker. In 2015 there were 54 noise complaints; there have been 10 in Jan/Feb alone, which historically are the quietest months; this doesn't bode well.

**Peter Johnson, community resident:** 720/730 FWA, adjacent to Javits playground, the subject of one of this evening's resos. Many of us only learned of the proposed redesign recently and were not aware of the substance. We love the idea that it's being redeveloped, but are concerned about some of the design issues with the presence of lit basketball. Has concerns re noise and possible criminal activity.

**Martin Collins, Washington Heights/Inwood Development Corp.,** Two HPD buildings: 21 Arden St. (16 permanent affordable housing units) and 2110 Amsterdam Ave. at W. 165<sup>th</sup> St. (10 units). HPD needs funds to renovate them; the agency must move from low gear to high gear. Families have been out of their homes for EIGHT years. CB12 passed a reso that HPD rehab these buildings, and nothing has happened. Begging CB12 to work with HPD to close the loop, and renovate these buildings. The City gave \$78million for buildings in Harlem; where's our fair share?!

**Nancy Bruning, chair of Javits Playground Committee:** we have met several times with key stakeholders, including residents of 720/730 Ft. Washington Ave. (the residential building across from and just south of the playground). We have seen the two proposals from DPR. We have some issues with both of them, and have communicated these to CB12 and to DPR. There are benefits and potential drawbacks to both plans.

**Robert Jackson, District Leader & "Northern Manhattan is not for sale"** Our group is opposed to the proposed project at Sherman Ave. & Broadway. Uptown Community Democrats is having its first fundraiser on April 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 3pm-6pm. We will be honoring Sandra Garcia-Betancourt, Eva Farkas, and Dave Crenshaw.

**Danita Nichols, Inwood NYPL & Keren Jolicoer of Creative Arts Workshops:** Announced an upcoming event on April 17<sup>th</sup> to celebrate immigrant heritage week. NYPL is partnering with CAW to offer draftmaking on Sundays. The NYPL also has SYEP applications for creating large-scale public art this summer.

**Joanna Castro, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance (NoMAA):** Announced two events: tomorrow at Sugar Hill Children's Museum of Art & Storytelling is having an artists' talk/workshop. Free/open to public. Gearing up for 2016 ArtStroll, if you are a venue or an artist and would like to participate. The opening will be June 1<sup>st</sup> at Sugar Hill Museum. There will also be open studios. Finally, there is a capacity-building grant currently being offered by the Department of Cultural Affairs to our community. NoMAA is working with WHDIC and a score of local institutions, organization, and many individuals to identify the best way to leverage this modest community capacity building grant (\$138,750 over 16 months) for maximum benefit to and in the community. WHDIC will be fiscal sponsor, but we are all working together to get artists, etc.

**Eric Martinsen, community resident:** also lives in 720/730 Ft. Washington Ave., and has similar concerns with the proposed redesign of Javits Playground as a previous speaker.

**Kevin McMillen, community resident:** also lives in 720/730 Ft. Washington Ave., and has similar concerns with the proposed redesign of Javits Playground as a previous speaker.

**Jeanie Dubnau, RENA:** very upset about today's City Council vote which supported the MIH/ZQA. Our C/M voted against the interests of the community. They are saying that this will bring affordable housing, but really the developers are salivating. Public housing is the only way to go, it's the only answer to our housing crisis.

**Catarina Rivera, City Harvest:** thanks for participation in our C-Town Supermarket event. Over 100 participants. There is an upcoming "Munch & Mingle" event on March 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss how we can improve access to healthy food in this neighborhood. At Cornerstone ctr.

**Paul Travis, Acadia Realty Trust:** proposing rezoning from R-7-2 to R-9, with permanent affordable housing, and commercial overlay on Sherman & B'way. 306k sf, 18 stories, including market rate housing and community facility and retail space. Since then, working on 23-story building which would include more retail, more community facility,

including local retail, and permanent affordable housing. We did a full environmental review, and found no negative impacts. Willing to work with the community.

**Ky Williams, Inwood Rotary:** thanks to the many people who have supported the Rotary Club in our activities.

Announced that Gerry Crystal is having a blood drive this Saturday, 9a-2p. Announced 5<sup>th</sup> Earth Day celebration, including a parade at 8am at IS52, and an indoor assembly at the school.

**Kiara Diaz, Office of C/M Ydanis Rodriguez:** Participatory Budgeting is coming to voting week: there are only 13 projects on ballot. Voting begins 3/26-4/3; see flyer for venue details.

8:58pm **Report from Giovanni Puello for the Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer**

- Echoed the Chair comments on the Land Use Public Hearing; very successful and interesting.
- Announced upcoming “Brain Expo”.
- Clinics at 125<sup>th</sup> St. store-front office, offering assistance on housing, food support and other needs.
- Office will be issuing recommendations on construction safety, after an extensive study
- Senior resources guide just published, in Spanish and English.
- Citizens committee, MBPO & Solid Waste Advisory Board are offering grants up to \$750 for neighborhood composting programs.
- Board re/appointments are in process; applicants should hear by 4/1. Board members should continue to fulfill their obligations (i.e., attend Committee meetings in 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> week of April) until they hear otherwise.

9:09:pm **Committee Reports**

9:09pm **Wayne Benjamin, Land Use:** Explained process regarding proposed re-zoning. We are at step 1. Residential zoning has nothing to do with height. It’s all about bulk. DNAinfo article got it wrong. We question the applicant’s declaration of negative impact. Also the building is out of character, doesn’t meet the community’s AMI needs, and sets a dangerous precedent. The Committee opposes zoning change, though doesn’t oppose commercial overlay. We urge the applicant to modify proposal, and urge our electeds to work with developer and CB to identify funding sources to allow up to 50% affordable housing in the project.

Discussion: Richard Lewis: should be updated to reference recent passage of MIH/ZQA. There was a lot of back and forth on a point of grammar and other semantics. A motion was made, and seconded by Esteban Nembhard; Elizabeth Lorris Ritter objected, but before there could be a vote the motion was withdrawn. Re SEIU, Steve Simon made a motion which wasn’t seconded. MOM stated that the living wage issue will be taken up at the Biz Development meeting. Barbara: will this come back to us again so that we can address these matters? A: ULURP begins w/ CB, but doesn’t end w/ CB. MBPO acts after CB based on their own fact finding and hearing as well as their own. Then City Council has a public hearing in addition to our reso, we can weigh in regarding any additional points of fact as this goes through the process.

9:25pm **Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Parks & Cultural Affairs:** Ms. Lorris Ritter laid out the salient features of the two plans for the Javits Playground. Both plans would include essentially the same features – basketball, recreational areas/equipment for children of all ages from toddlers to teens. Although there are some concerns with the possible noise from basketball and possible obstructions of basketballs going into the street, there is the advantage that more of the space can be used with the footprint proposed in “Concept 2”, and Concept 2 allows for seamless integration of the open playground and a fenced area. We are asking DPR to do acoustical analysis. Mitchel Glenn: Concept 2 provides better use of space. Jim Berlin: concerned about noise. Wayne Benjamin: what is process? A: This is just for concept; they will present full design to us in June.

Next month we will meet to discuss questions for NYPD, FDNY, Parks Dept., & PEP for joint meeting in May with Public Safety Committee regarding enforcement issues in our parks.

9:35pm **Ayisha Ogilve, Heath Human Services:** met with chair of NYC Housing Authority, what can CB12 do to better partner with NYCHA?

Presented a reso in support of a mixed unit for youth aging out of foster care and people who are formerly homeless, plus those with 60% of AMI. It will be operated by the Lantern Organization at 444-446 W. 163<sup>rd</sup> St. Steve Simon: we

should remove whereas that puts on too much responsibility for ADA and all that stuff. Although these are important issues, they are well beyond our purview to determine and oversee. This was accepted by Ms. Ogilvie as friendly. There also was a discussion of the need to build rapport on the block, hence that suggestion to work with the neighbors. There has to be some community dialogue. Esteban Nembhard: these apartments are only studios; why aren't there any apartments for families. I am opposed, and we should aim a little higher. A: I was opposed when I first heard, but when I visited the building, and seeing the population being served, studios makes sense, and I am in favor. Also, Lantern owns the bldg., and can do this as of right. Our role as a committee was to forge a good working relationship with the organization, as we cannot prevent this building.

9:50pm **Steve Simon, Health & Environment** The National Association for Mental Illness wants to expand services in our community. They would like to have a health fair on July 16<sup>th</sup>, and we've been asked to co-sponsor. Re Car Free one of the four proposed car-free zones will be here in CB12, on Wadsworth Ave., btw. W. 173<sup>rd</sup> - W. 177<sup>th</sup> Streets. We hereby endorse, and urge WH/I residents to participate. No discussion on either reso, just applause. Announcements: in February CB12 streets dropped to 75% cleanliness rating. But Inwood was at 91.7% so overall CB12 has slipped from the 98+ rating last month. Maria Luna had an issue with the Car Free day: it is just amazing that in NYC we are putting people with one day to stay home. Most of the people who ride buses and trains are able-bodied. Most people who use cars are disabled. Jim Berlin: symbolism is nice, but the reality is less compelling. Ayisha Ogilvie: the bus issue is real, and as an able-bodied person it is not always easy to use the bus. I use my car for work if I am going to multiple locations. I have no problem with a day with no car, but I don't support eliminating cars. Wayne Benjamin: what will be happening in place of automobiles in the car-free zone? A: various activities TBD. Yahaira Alonzo: will that effect parking for that day? A: don't know.

10:01pm **Licensing, presented by Shah Ally since Aldemar Diaz and Isidro Medina were both absent.** Elizabeth Lorris Ritter made same motion as last month with regard to #10 (i.e., recommend that the SLA take no action pending resubmission of establishment's application, the initial one having been withdrawn); seconded by Richard Lewis; passed by voice vote with no objection. Richard Lewis had a factual clarification on an item in the minutes. Osi Kaminer had a question about which applicants didn't meet with the precinct: Committee Chair Diaz was waiting to hear from the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct, and he is not here at the meeting, so we don't have that info.

10:20pm **Roll Call on Land Use, Parks/Cultural Affair, Health/Environment, Executive (2) and Housing/Human Services resolutions, plus 13 Licensing resolutions:**

| Item # | Resolution                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Yes-No-Abstain<br>Not Voting | Passed or Failed |
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| A.     | Resolution opposing the Residential Rezoning proposed for Sherman Plaza Project in the ULURP Application submitted to Department of City Planning (Land Use)                                                                | 26-0-2-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| B.     | Resolution supporting a Preliminary Design Concept for The Jacob Javits Playground Renovation. (Parks & Cultural Affairs)                                                                                                   | 24-3-0-1                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| C.     | Resolution agreeing to Co-sponsor the Community Health Fair to be held by the National Alliance on Mental Illness of NYC. (Health & Environment)                                                                            | 28-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| D.     | Resolution in favor of "Car-Free" days in 4 neighborhoods in Manhattan for Earth Day, including 5 blocks of Wadsworth Ave., in CD12 (Executive)                                                                             | 22-5-1-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| E.     | Resolution recommending a By-Laws change to §10(4) regarding the setting of the General Meeting agenda (Executive)                                                                                                          | 28-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| F.     | Resolution in support of Lantern Org. Supportive Housing on W. 164 <sup>th</sup> St. (Housing & Human Services)                                                                                                             | 23-5-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 1.     | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of an On-Premises Liquor License to The Metropolitan Museum of Art dba Trie Café (99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Ft. Tryon Park, in the Cloisters) (Licensing)                   | 28-0-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |
| 2.     | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of an On-Premises Liquor License to Merlion Specialty Foods Inc. dba Next Door (813-815 W. 187 <sup>th</sup> Street, btw. Cabrini Blvd., & Ft. Washington Ave.) (Licensing) | 26-2-0-0                     | <i>passed</i>    |

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| 3.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of an On-Premises Liquor License to Vida Enterprises Inc. dba Pat' E Palo (251-253 Dyckman Street, btw Seaman & Payson Aves.) (Licensing)                         | 12-16-0-0 | <i>failed</i> |
| 4.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of a Restaurant Wine License to La Caridad Restaurant #2 (2092 Amsterdam Ave., btw. W. 163 <sup>rd</sup> /164.) (Licensing)                                       | 22-5-1-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 5.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA not grant a Renewal of a Restaurant Wine License to Kukaramakara Restaurant Inc. dba Kukaramakara Restaurant (1601 St. Nicholas Ave., @ W. 190 <sup>th</sup> St.) (Licensing)     | 28-0-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 6.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of an Eating Place Beer License to Elsa La Reyna Del Chicharron Inc. (1249 St. Nicholas Ave., btw. W. 172 <sup>nd</sup> & W. 173 <sup>rd</sup> Sts.) (Licensing)  | 27-1-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 7.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of a Catering Establishment License to Seaman Casandra Corp. (4020A 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave., btw. W. 214/215) (Licensing)                                           | 25-3-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 8.  | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Change in the Method of Operation to Vida Enterprises Inc. dba Pat' E Palo (251-253 Dyckman St., btw. Seaman & Payson Aves.) (Licensing)                                  | 12-16-0-0 | <i>failed</i> |
| 9.  | Resolution to recommend the DCA Renew an Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to 164 Broad Corp. dba Heights Tavern (3910 Broadway @ W. 164 <sup>th</sup> St.) (Licensing)                                            | 25-3-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 10. | Application Withdrawn to the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to Blue Mountain Heights, LLC. (499 W. 158 <sup>th</sup> St., @ Amsterdam Ave.) (Licensing)                                               | 27-0-1-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 11. | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to The Uptown Garrison Inc. (823 W. 181 <sup>st</sup> St., @ Pinehurst Ave.) (Licensing)                                                   | 23-5-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |
| 12. | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to Little More Restaurant Bar Lounge Corp. (3795 10 <sup>th</sup> Ave., btw. W. 203 <sup>rd</sup> & W. 204 <sup>th</sup> Sts.) (Licensing) | 13-14-1-0 | <i>failed</i> |
| 13. | Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Tampopo LLC. dba Tampopo Ramen (1 Bennett Ave., @ W. 181 <sup>st</sup> St.) (Licensing)                                                    | 24-4-0-0  | <i>passed</i> |

10:25pm **Yahaira Alonzo, Traffic & Transportation:** refer to minutes. Special thanks to Jim Berlin for covering while I was on maternity leave.

10:27pm **Fe Floimón, Youth & Education:** refer to minutes.

10:29pm **Concerns of the Aging:** In the absence of the Committee Chair, Shah Ally referred everyone to the minutes.

10:29pm **Maurice Owen-Michaane, Chair, Business Development:** Refer to minutes. There will be a Business Forum at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting; details to follow.

10:30pm **Arlene Schulman, Public Safety:** John Jay College attended our recent meeting and thanked the Committee for our work in our programs and will share this information with the students. Javier Trejo has been appointed Assistant Chair of the Committee. Refer to the Minutes for further details. Thanks to Alyce Smith for her many years of serving on the Board and on its various committees. We present her with a favorite snack, Red Lobster cheese biscuits, one for every year of her service, as a token of our appreciation.

10:32 pm **Frank Hess, Office of A/M Herman D. Farrell:** We are concerned with the problems recently identified in the NYCHA buildings and will see what can be done on the State level to foster the needed improvements. The Southern Poverty Law Center will be setting up forums around the district to promote voting. Wayne Benjamin: Where is capital funding for NYCHA going? Ayisha Ogilvie: I was told by the head of NYCHA recently that there is no more capital funding from NYS for NYCHA this year? A: Refer to the Assemblyman's report.

10:35pm **Motion to adjourn** was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary  
Approved unanimously, 4/26/16