

**Community Board 12, Manhattan**  
**Minutes of the May 24, 2016 General Meeting**  
**Russ Berrie Pavilion / Columbia University Medical Center**  
**(1150 St. Nicholas Ave., NYC 10032)**

**Board Members Present:** Richard Allman, Shahabuddeen Ally, Yahaira Alonzo, Mary Anderson, Anita Barberis, Wayne Benjamin, James Berlin, Isaiah "Obie" Bing, Daryl Cochrane, Jason Compton, Robin Cruz, Gerard Dengel, Natalie Espino, Fe Florimón, Barbara Frazier, Mitchell Glenn, Fern Hertzberg, Yosef Kalinsky, Osi Kaminer, Andrea Kornbluth, Elizabeth Lehmann, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Maria Luna, Jay Mazur, Isidro Medina, Priscilla Mota-Willis, Deborah Nabavian, Ayisha Ogilvie, Jonathan Reyes, Liliana Saneaux, Arlene Schulman, Steve Simon, Carlos Suero, Karen Taylor, Javier Trejo, Felipe Wytik Sanchez. **Members Excused:** Maurice Owen-Michaane, Pamela Palanque-North, Angela Sanchez, **Members Absent:** Glennis Aquino, Jennifer Chung, Aldemar De Jesus Diaz, Katherine Diaz, Domingo Estevez, Wanda Garcia, Rud Morales, Luis Tapia. **Staff:** Ebenezer Smith.

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7:14pm **Introductory remarks by the Chair**, quorum having not yet been achieved. Thanked members who agreed to take their packets by email for doing so in an effort to save paper.

7:17pm **Highlights of Chair's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- Last night's town hall sponsored by Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez at the Nagle Y regarding the proposed Sherman Plaza development. There was a strong public outcry against the proposal which was too high and would have a detrimental impact on the neighborhood. Also concerns regarding gentrification and loss of existing units of affordable housing through lack of tenant protections.
- Upcoming event on June 11<sup>th</sup> – spend a day with the CB coffee in Inwood, Coffee in Hudson Heights, lunch at Morris-Jumel Mansion, drinks at Coogan's. Good way for CB to be in the community and meeting with residents in a more informal relaxed setting.
- Birthday greeting to our member Liliana Saneaux.

Quorum achieved at 7:20pm.

7:21pm **Adoption of the agenda:** Add Land Use resolution (item "C"). Also noted that there will be an item under new business regarding the Sherman Plaza development, a new proposal having been received by the City Planning Commission which will meet tomorrow morning to discuss the revised proposal. (This does not require an agenda change; it is an FYI to attendees.) Motion by Wayne Benjamin; seconded by Maria Luna; approved with no objection.

7:23pm **Approval of Minutes of March meeting:** motion by Richard Lewis; seconded by Mary Anderson; approved with no objection.

7:26pm Maria Luna requested to make a **brief announcement from the floor**: Our chair was reported out of the Judicial Committee as "most qualified" to hold a seat on the court of the city of New York county of New York. There were two countywide seats, open – the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> seats, but Shah decided to withdraw his nomination because he felt that he is new and will wait until next year. Congratulations; he will make a great judge. Much applause.

7:29pm **Maximo Javier, CLoTH BID: WH/Broadway Business Improvement District** from 155-178 on Broadway, with a spur on W. 168<sup>th</sup> St. from Broadway to Amsterdam. Includes security program, cleaning, ambassadors, with hot zones working with local authorities to provide security. Also working with merchant associations, especially Broadway United Services. Having town hall on 6/1. Contact: [mjavier@cloth159.org](mailto:mjavier@cloth159.org); 718-715-3694.

7:30pm **Highlights of District Manager's report**, the full text of which is included in members' packets:

- GWBBS 80% open; will reopen by year-end; commitment for Marshall's to be open in time for holiday shopping.
- CB12 lease finally registered, and we can now finally pay our rent to Columbia University.
- Little Red Lighthouse memorandum of understanding reached with NYC Departments of Parks & Recreation and Transportation and the Port Authority of NY & NJ.
- Traffic signal at Harlem River Drive near John Brush staircase.
- National health & nutrition survey for 2015/2016 will be conducted by CUNY in the 181<sup>st</sup> St. area. Representatives from US Department of Health will be working the neighborhood to observe and survey the environment and

randomly select people. Asking for our support in getting out the word that people should not be afraid/concerned; this is a legitimate study, not a scam. More info forthcoming as soon as it is received.

- 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct reports that last 28 days murder rate went up due to an incident between siblings.
- 34<sup>th</sup> Pct will be getting 12 new officers. Also reported slight increase in crime due to an incident at IS218. Also they are confiscating motorcycles and crushing them.
- Q: Maria Luna regarding possible changes with Bx6 bus. A: following up w/ MTA.

7:38pm **Report from Giovanni Puello, Office of Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer:**

- Last night's town hall. We were able to get lower, 15 stories. They can build as of right so this is a good compromise. The community was heard. Please come testify tomorrow to City Planning. <Gave time/venue info.>
- Update on retaining walls. Also meeting w/ DoT Borough Commissioner Margaret Forgiione to find resolution regarding 181/Pinehurst Ave. / W. 181<sup>st</sup> St. step street and terraced gardens currently maintained by the W. 181<sup>st</sup> St. Beautification Project. The wooden planks supporting the terracing is rotting, and there is severe rat infestation compromising the underlying supports.
- CB development trainings on a variety of topics, including Freedom of Information Law, conflicts of interest, budgeting, effective resolution writing, census planning, zoning, construction site safety, and more. Newly appointed and experienced members are encouraged to attend. Training also open to the public. RSVP required.
- Youth council on May 11<sup>th</sup> at Harlem SOB. Comprised of 53 young people who live or work in Manhattan.
- Regarding affordable healthcare, we are partnering w/ healthcare united for an event on getting low cost coverage.

7:45pm **Report from Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez, 10<sup>th</sup> CD**

- Thanked all the members for their service, and hard work. Appreciates that you do what you do as volunteers, with no pay. Admirable.
- Last night's town hall. You made right decision voting against the original proposal. MBP was able to negotiate w/ the developer bringing down to 17 floors or less. We are continuing to negotiate for lower, to 15 floors or less. I am asking for a floor to be used for community center and community programming. Developer is open to 15k s/f. I will put funding if it's a multi-use theater or something like that; would like for developer to also to help with the buildout. Our green spaces are important, and I want to preserve as much as possible, which is why we need to lower the height and don't want a tall building across from the park. But knowing that the developer could build 17 stories or higher given the current bulk, getting concessions for height and contextual zoning is important. After City Planning, it will go to City Council. I am listening to community loud and clear; I know that it's important to preserve the landscape of the community, for the community.
- Regarding rezoning, original plan was from Dyckman to W. 222<sup>nd</sup> Streets, and now listening to community we are limiting it to only the area east of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. We are working with a group of stakeholders so there can be a focused working meeting. If you know of people who are available to attend a series of ~10 meetings over the next several months they should be in contact w/ my office to join. We also will have larger public meetings so there can be broad participation.
- Had final budget meeting with OMB. It's not just about what we can bring in discretionary funding to our districts, but what we can get for investments in our communities' parks, roads, bridges, schools, infrastructure, etc.
- Supporting creation of a STEM center for D6. Got 500k capital to continue developing this project.
- Looking to restart pilot project for students from 16-21 coming from temp shelters and other living situations.
- Working with the Juan Bosch school and PS152 to preserve public space at Ellwood & Hillside as a playground or garden. Conversation will continue with DoE.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Committee hearing: how continue preserving our sidewalks as safe as possible for our pedestrians? How safe are they? How can we improve safety?

Q: Wayne Benjamin asked about the status of a street co-naming for Max Bond. A: 2 weeks ago was the deadline for other names. That was one of the ones that followed the request of the community. Now the process is on the Speaker's staff. Also, C/M Levine chairs the Parks Committee which has responsibility for street co-namings. Liz Ritter asked about the co-naming at Broadway & W. 215<sup>th</sup> St. for Renee Mancino. A: That's what I just reported on. Wayne clarified he's asking about Max Bond, not Renee Mancino. A: 99% sure it's about putting the ceremony together; you should work with the family. Wayne said that for some reason the widow is under the impression that the co-naming didn't go

through, or that it was approved for a different location. Pam Palanque-North assured her that it's not the case. They will have to take this conversation offline, please. A: C/M Rodriguez confirmed that this co-naming was approved. Maria Luna: member of ARC Senior Center (174/Wadsworth), which is not having lease renewed by church. Serves 5,000 seniors; this will be a big problem. Wants C/M Rodriguez to be involved. A: spoke very highly of the senior center and cited his long history and record of support for the center for funding through the Department for the Aging. Whatever I can do in my capacity I will do. Maria: bicycle lane on 155<sup>th</sup> to Henry Hudson Parkway? Must give public opportunity for feedback. It is too loud, with the loud bicyclists, and it is difficult for the elderly and the handicapped. It is extremely dangerous for abled and disabled alike. A: we need to work closely with DoT on how we use our streets. I also want to invite everyone in the community to contemplate the immigrant experience. I came from a place where the primary mode of transportation is donkey and bicycle. But in the 80's when you got to US a car was a status symbol. But now we are moving as a community more towards to bikes. We may need to move things around, but we need to include capital funding for the bike share program; it is the middle and upper class who are into bikes. But in a poor community we need to encourage more people to ride bikes. Ayisha Ogilvie: regarding two buildings in our community, 2110 Amsterdam Ave. and 21 Arden St. It has been eight years these families haven't been returned to their homes. \$200k to one building, but not enough to finish these two projects. A: also 2181 Amsterdam btw 170/169 we have been working with the city, these buildings have come up through the TIL program and there was some mismanagement and they weren't able to sustain themselves. We are trying for many years with the previous and current admin how to get from HPD for repairs. 21 Arden has been given to NMIC, and has gotten funds from HPD; they claim it's not enough to complete the renovation, and I have allocated \$250-300k, and another \$300k net year to give NMIC the total amount to renovate. As we move into the Inwood rezoning, I am working on getting as much funding as possible for community preservation to keep these units decent and affordable. Also looking at tax forgiveness for some landlords to ensure these units are kept affordable.

Chairman Ally: praised the Councilmember for his responsiveness to community – quickly put together the town hall last night in response to community concerns about new project filed only on Friday. And then stayed for an extra hour after it was over to address individual concerns. Councilmember Rodriguez added that he also would like to do a town hall to bring the PANYNJ to make them be responsive to the community regarding the community space. Much applause.

8:15pm **Special Elections for vacancy of Treasurer, Jim Berlin, Parliamentarian, Presiding:** Asked for two members to help with counting; Ayisha Ogilvie & Gerard Dengel volunteered, with the latter distributing the ballots and the former collecting them. Jim explained the nominating and balloting procedures. Must have good attendance, been a member for a year, and willing to serve. A list of candidates was circulated. Nominations need not be seconded. Per the City Charter, votes are public, therefore you must sign your ballot and print your name. Nominees will have the opportunity to speak. Isidro Medina nominated Jonathan Reyes, who accepted. Obie Bing nominated Richard Lewis, who accepted. There were no further nominations. Each nominee spoke for three minutes. Ballots were distributed and collected.

8:37pm **Public Session** (Chaired by Secretary, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter; time-keeping by Robin Cruz)

**Martin Collins:** 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Medieval Festival will be Sunday, Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>; we need 80+ volunteers. Thanks those 25 people who already have signed up to help. 212-795-1600 [mcollinswhidc@aol.com](mailto:mcollinswhidc@aol.com).

**Mary Anderson, People's Theatre Project:** Announced two events: Spring Sancocho, June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at Alianza. Has flyers. Also the Storm the Palace event, June 21<sup>st</sup>, \$10 for adults, free for kids, \$100 VIP tickets for reception/ honorees before events. We are selling ads in our brochure for the Storm the Palace event as additional fundraiser.

**Jacob Morris, Harlem Historical Society** Responsible for proposal "roadblocked" in Traffic & Transportation Committee to co-name a street after Harry Belafonte, who is still living. He argued that an exception should be made to the requirement that streets only be co-named for people who are deceased. He stated that children are being denied the opportunity to learn about this great American, and that Committee members, including the Chair, who don't feel that they can engage in discussions on historical significance of proposed honorees should resign.

**Jose Payero, community resident:** Tale of 2 cities. We need solutions for more social services, and more services for youth. We need to work together and strengthen the roles in our community.

**Paul Hintersteiner:** went to Cabrini Shrine for a concert. There's nothing at the 190<sup>th</sup> A-train entrance for handicapped. I can't use the stairs. Needs to be accessible.

**Joel Yoffie, community resident:** read a poem. “In two minutes what can one say...”

**Lorne Norton, WH/I Food Council:** speaking for our usual representative, Catarina Rivera. Held visioning session on May 12<sup>th</sup> to establish goals and aspirations. Attended by 50+ people, some of whom are here this evening. Next meeting June 8<sup>th</sup>, venue TBD. Encouraged participation. Join FaceBook page. Thanks to CB 12 for helping us get the word out.

#### 8:50pm **Elected Officials’ Representatives**

**Manuel Belliard for C/M Mark Levine, 7<sup>th</sup> CD:** sponsoring a free reusable bag giveaway to help people prepare for the new law bag legislation. Friday 5/27 at 10am at Hamilton Pl. & W. 136<sup>th</sup> St.

**Jessica Reynoso, for Public Advocate Tish James:** in April advocates testified re pedestrian crossings in NYC. Currently the law is that as soon as the red light starts flashing, the public loses the right-of-way. Proposed changes would be to keep ROW until the countdown ends. Hosting an anti-violence movie on guns 6/27; veterans’ event on 6/28.

**Mariel de la Cruz, for NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer:** audited Access-a-Ride, with waste and failures. 2.5mil pick-up and drop-off times that show more favorable performances. Part of recommendations is to ensure that all vehicles have GPS, and that anyone inaccurately reporting info would be penalized. Re millennials, they are having a hardest time finding employment since the Great Depression. Distributed report on voting accessibility. Announced Caribbean-American heritage event, 6/15, 6-8p at Surrogates’ Court.

**David Baily for NYS Sen. Adriano Espaillat:** Farmworkers Bill of rights: 100k New Yorkers work on farms and have no labor protections: no collective bargaining, no OT, work 7 days, no right to organize. Gov. Cuomo has come out with supportive statements. Farmworkers are marching from LI to Albany as we speak; Sen. Espaillat joined them across the Brooklyn Bridge, and at a rally on Saturday at Holyrood Church (181<sup>st</sup> St. & Ft. Washington Ave.). Also spoke re several preservation initiatives: meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to kickstart preservation of preservation to landmark and preserve character and prevent certain developments. I typically am on UWS, but seeing large swaths of landmarking in UWS we’d like to bring that to Inwood as well.

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8:58pm **Nominating Committee:** Jim Berlin reported that Jonathan Reyes got 16 votes, Richard Lewis got 17 votes, 2 abstained, so there’s no majority, which is 18 votes. Another set of ballots was distributed and collected. The Chair stated that as our blylaws do not require us to have a Treasurer, so if there is no winner on the second ballot we will defer the election until next month. (Or, as someone humorously suggested, we can have a dance-off. ☺)

#### 9:07pm **Committee Reports**

**Traffic & Transportation (Yahaira Alonzo, Committee Chair):** Presented two resolutions. 1) Intersection at 211<sup>th</sup>/Isham/Broadway is confusing for pedestrians, and unsafe. Isham/211<sup>th</sup> St. fork is extended by plastic cones. DoT wants to make it concrete, a clear path with middle island. Also makes clearer visual marker for turning vehicles. Will also reroute W. 211<sup>th</sup> from eastbound to westbound, which puts it into a better conformity with the grid. 2) Seaman/214<sup>th</sup> will create a crosswalk for people crossing into the park. We will lose two parking spots (one on either side of the crosswalk), but that this is a reasonable concession to safety. Wayne Benjamin: suggest to change “requests” to “supports”. A: Agreed. Q: Mitch Glenn: Title for one reso is wrong as it references both resos. Also the reso should repeat the list of conditions from the “Whereas” clause in the “Resolved” clause. A: Agreed. Felipe Wytick-Sanchez: we keep losing parking; this is a problem as there already is such limited street parking for the community. Osi: what parking spot is being lost? There is already no parking due to area by park, and presence of a hydrant on east side of the street. A: proposed crosswalk is a little further north.

9:17pm **Nominating Committee:** Jim Berlin reported that again no one won: Richard Lewis received 16, Jonathan Reyes received 17, and there was 1 abstention. Winner still needs 18. We will resume this item at a subsequent meeting.

9:19pm **Land Use (Wayne Benjamin, Committee Chair):** Supporting the request for evaluation for the expansion of the Audubon Park Historic District submitted to the landmarks preservation commission. Series of row houses on W. 158<sup>th</sup> Street which were considered, but not included in the Audubon Park Historic District. These buildings are part of the urbanization of upper Manhattan as part of the island that was assumed to never have been developed as part of the city. (Clearly the City’s planners did not envision the urbanization of what they assumed would remain as farmland.) Councilmembers Rodriguez and Levine both have submitted letters of support. Q: Mitch Glenn: minutes and reso are

beautifully written. A: Praise goes to Andrea Kornbluth, with thanks for her efforts. Chair Ally: this is a great way for members to teach each other: we have a mandate to teach each other. Minute-taking is a science and art, I encourage Andrea to teach that session before an Executive Committee in the future.

9:23pm **Licensing (Isidro Medina, Committee Assistant Chair**, in the absence of the Chair, Aldemar Diaz): Grateful for input of new members. Reso #3 requested stipulation, had not met w/ precinct. Met with them, they sent outreach to precinct, and are waiting for a response. #10, Cocina Taller, have not yet met w/ precinct. #11 Piñata Mexican, precinct had no objection. #17, Anchor Heights, have not reached out to pct. I met w/ reps, and they showed me copy of email to the precinct, but precinct has thus far not responded. Re stipulation to meet w/ Councilmember: #3, #10, #11 has requested to meet w/ C/M Rodriguez, he has indicated he has no objection for #11. #3 met w/ C/M Rodriguez on 5/18, and there is no objection. #10, waiting to hear back from C/M liaison. Betty Lehmann: re #6 what are issues w/ Rush Tapas Bar? A: Committee found no issues. Richard Lewis: reso #12: change "it" to "SLA" in the resolved. Felipe Wytick-Sanchez: on the ones where they haven't met with the precinct, I'm inclined to vote against. Even though they've tried, how can we know if there are issues with the method of operation, and if the precinct has any issues. What is process? A: Shah Ally: just spoke w/ owner, they met yesterday w/ precinct, and they have notarized stipulation; precinct has no objection. Steve Simon: what are provisions of that stipulation? A: meet w/ precinct & C/M, and get a sound governor. Precinct had no objection. Steve Simon: on #1, they should establish agreement w/ local garage. Did that happen? A: it's my understanding that yes. Steve Simon: on #4, it says "40-48 per train" what does this mean? It's a typo. Q: #7: I'm struck that sidewalk café is expanding to 3-4x its size? Do we know if there's even enough room for that? Why so drastic? A: their testimony was they're not using the entire space. Arlene: suggested to copy several other people on notifications so that if someone misses an email it doesn't hold things up. Maria Luna: on #1, it says it's accessible, but that's only the ground floor; the second floor is not accessible, and many events are held there. The steps are very steep and dangerous, and there is no elevator. A: the representative assured that they are working towards ADA compliance. Barbara Frazier: re Mama Sushi, they are expanding from 7 tables to 24; as a committee we must be aware that there is so much activity already, it's really unfair to residents, and increasing the capacity is not fair. Osi Kaminer: #2 hours of operation, it doesn't list M-Th? A: it's 24-hours. Also, re #7, Mama Sushi, it says it has 70 employees, even though it's so small? A: this includes p/t employees. Steve: in #8 it is not located on Seaman/Broadway, it's 211/Broadway.

**Roll Call on Traffic & Transportation and Land Use resolutions, plus 17 Licensing resolutions.** (Subsequent vote on Land Use item under new business, item "D", is recorded here.)

Item #	Resolution	Yes-No-Abstain Not Voting	<i>Passed or Failed</i>
A.	Resolution in support of Pedestrian Safety Improvements at the intersection of Broadway, and Isham & W. 211 <sup>th</sup> Streets. (Traffic & Transportation)	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
B.	Resolution in support of Pedestrian Safety Improvements at Seaman Avenue & W. 214 <sup>th</sup> Street. (Traffic & Transportation)	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
C.	Resolution in support for evaluation of the expansion of the Audubon Park Historic District. (Land Use)	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
D.	Resolution offering no objection to revised ULURP application for Sherman Plaza development at 4650 Broadway. (New Business)	26-4-0-1	<i>passed</i>
1.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: 112 Dyckman Restaurant Inc. dba Restaurant 809 Grill Lounge – 112 Dyckman Street, (bet. Post & Nagle Avenues.)	29-4-0-1	<i>passed</i>
2.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Restaurant 101 Inc. dba Dyckman Express – 101 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Nagle Avenue.)	30-3-0-1	<i>passed</i>
3.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: Morelia Mexican Restaurant Inc. dba Made in Mexico – 3950 10th Avenue, (bet. W. 211th & W. 212th Streets.)	29-4-1-0	<i>passed</i>

4.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its On-Premise Liquor License to: 366 Audubon Corp. dba 67 Restaurant – 366 Audubon Avenue, (bet. W. 183rd & W. 184th Streets.)	32-2-0-0	<i>passed</i>
5.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Catering Establishment License to: The Metropolitan Museum of Art – 99 Margaret Corbin Drive, Ft. Tryon Park	31-0-0-3	<i>passed</i>
6.	Resolution to recommend the SLA to grant a Corporate Change of their License to: Rush Tapas Bar, Inc. dba SOJU Restaurant & Lounge – 586 W. 207th Street, (corner of Vermilyea Avenue.)	30-4-0-0	<i>passed</i>
7.	Resolution to recommend the DCA grant a Renewal and Modification to existing Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: Sushi Vida Inc. dba Mamasushi – 237 Dyckman Street, (corner of Seaman Avenue.)	9-24-1-0	<i>failed</i>
8.	Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to: First Class Car & Limousine, Inc. – 4980 Broadway, (corner of Seaman Avenue.)	33-1-0-0	<i>passed</i>
9.	Resolution to recommend the TLC grant a Renewal of its Livery Car Base License to: Riverside Radio Dispatcher – 1642 St. Nicholas Avenue, (bet W. 192 <sup>nd</sup> & W. 193 <sup>rd</sup> Streets.)	33-1-0-0	<i>passed</i>
10.	Resolution to recommend the DCA grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: 203 Lena, Inc. dba Cocina Taller – 416 W. 203 <sup>rd</sup> Street, (bet. 10 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup> Avenues.)	20-14-0-0	<i>passed</i>
11.	Resolution to recommend the DCA to grant a New Unenclosed Sidewalk Café License to: La Fiesta 95, Inc. dba La Piñata Mexican Cuisine – 711 W. 181 <sup>st</sup> Street, (corner of Bennett Avenue.)	22-12-0-0	<i>passed</i>
12.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: Park Terrace Café Corp. dba Cuevas Café – 5025-5035 Broadway, (bet. W. 214th & W. 215th Streets.)	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
13.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premise Liquor License to: Blue Mountain Heights LLC. – 499 W. 158 <sup>th</sup> Street, (corner of Amsterdam Avenue.)	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
14.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: Cevicos Restaurant Corp. – 125 Nagle Avenue, (bet. Sickles & Arden Streets.)	33-1-0-0	<i>passed</i>
15.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: 231 El Valle Seafood Corp. – 231 Sherman Avenue, (corner of W. 207 <sup>th</sup> Street.)	33-1-0-0	<i>passed</i>
16.	Resolution to not recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: El Palacio Seafood Market Corporation – 520 W. 163 <sup>rd</sup> Street AKA 1049 St. Nicholas Avenue, Store 2	34-0-0-0	<i>passed</i>
17.	Resolution to recommend the SLA grant a New Restaurant Wine License to: Anchor Heights LLC. dba Anchor Heights Wine Bar – 575 W. 207 <sup>th</sup> Street, (corner of Vermilyea Avenue.)	26-7-1-0	<i>passed</i>

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9:49pm **Parks & Cultural Affairs (Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Committee Chair):** Thanks to all who attended last meeting joint w/ Public Safety. Kudos to Arlene Schulman for brilliant idea and organizing; great what happens in collaboration. We had solid participation from many agencies, and all the players in the room at once. PEP and DPR got to really see some of the issues we confront in our Parks. Thanks to Richard for extremely thorough notes; please read them. Thanks to electeds, especially C/M Levine for the work he does in our parks here in the district and citywide. Next meeting at Rio III / Sugar Hill Children’s Museum of Arts & Storytelling. Note: we aren’t just “Parks” Committee, but also “Cultural Affairs”.

9:51pm **Youth & Education (Fe Florimón, Committee Chair):** Announced upcoming youth resources fair and youth/police march event on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Refer to minutes.

**Public Safety (Arlene Schulman, Committee Chair):** Echoed comments regarding joint meeting w/ Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee. Refer to minutes.

**Health & Environment (Steve Simon, Committee Chair):** Refer to minutes.

**Housing & Human Services (Ayisha Ogilvie, Committee Chair):** Refer to minutes.

**Concerns of the Aging:** The Committee Chair having been excused for personal reasons earlier in the meeting, the Board Chair referred the membership to the minutes.

**Business Development (Jonathan Reyes, Committee Assistant Chair,** in the absence of the Chair, Maurice Owen-Michaane): Refer to minutes.

9:58pm **New Business** A motion was made by Land Use Chair Wayne Benjamin for a resolution regarding the revised ULURP application for the Sherman Plaza development at 4650 Broadway. As was previously discussed by the Chair and several electeds' representatives, the previous proposal which was very high was withdrawn, and a new proposal for a lower building with more affordable housing presented in its place. The resolution offers "no objection" to the proposal, and calls for an environmental impact study (EIS), a height not to exceed 15 stories, and for all of the housing to be affordable in perpetuity. (It is not clear what is the mechanism by which the 30% of the units above the 20% required by Mandatory Inclusionary Housing provisions would ensure affordability beyond 20 or 30 years, if this would be done through HPR or some other mechanism.) Steve Simon: friendly amendment, "carefully review impact on Ft. Tryon Park, an official landmark." Accepted as friendly. Jim Berlin: re proposed height of "155 feet" add "or less". Accepted as friendly. Felipe Wytick Sanchez: what is process? Must we decide this tonight? A: yes, hearing is tomorrow, and then it goes to NYC Council. Barbara Frazier: 20% of units are 40% of AMI, and this isn't affordable. Also, we need an EIS. A: it's 20 at 40%; and 30% at a range of that averages 80%. These are different ranges. We have a range of incomes in the neighborhood, and there is a range of affordability. A: EIS is in the reso, and Steve's amendment clarifies that. Richard Lewis: is it appropriate to talk about types of units, to talk about size? A: we can indicate if that's our preference for family sized units. City planning has jurisdiction over the zoning; housing unit mix is purview of HPD. We will add that as it is reflective of prior resolutions. Maria Luna: no matter how you paint this, we are losers. We haven't taken into account impact on schools, parking, etc. we are going to be overcrowded all over. Liz Ritter: I disagree; the community spoke, and government listened. That is a victory! We would like to be lower, but the current zoning permits something that is higher than we want, so to get something lower than that and with many community benefits is better than we would do otherwise. Ayisha Ogilvie: concerned about issues that Obie raised at the hearing about possible health hazards from construction. We should demand and EIS. A: this would be part of the EIS we are requesting in the reso. Q: what about a community set-aside? This is currently being litigated. Also "affordable" is a tricky term, it should just be at the low end, it should be high enough that two civil servants aren't priced out for being "too wealthy" for affordable. In the interests of time as we were being requested by the venue to conclude the meeting, and there being no further discussion, a vote was taken. (See tally above.)

**Motion to adjourn** was made, seconded, and approved by acclamation at about 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Secretary