

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

September 21, 2016
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Board Members Present:

S. Ally [Chair]; P. Palanque North, (1st Vice Chair); O. Bing, (2nd Vice Chair); E. Lorris Ritter (Secretary & Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs) B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); F. Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); Al Kornbluth (Asst. Chair, Land Use); A. Ogilvie (Housing & Human Services); L. Saneaux (Chair, Concerns of the Aging); A. Schulman (Chair, Public Safety); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces); J. Berlin (Parliamentarian)

Absent: Y Alonzo, Chair, Traffic & Transportation; A. Diaz (Chair, Licensing); Maurice Owen-Michaane (Chair, Business Development)

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others in Attendance: Craig Houser, Phil Zablocki

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by 1st Vice Chair, Pamela Palanque North

Discussion regarding Building Security:

Building Security is generally provided from 8:00am to 6:00pm. Any meetings held after 6:00 pm result in additional costs which are now proposed to belong to CB 12. (CUMC was paying these costs prior to now). There was a discussion concerning the number of meetings held each month. Two actions were recommended – having a discussion with Sandra Harris of CUMC to see if anything can be done to have them absorb the cost and, if that does not work, speaking with Catholic Charities which took over Alianza Dominica which owns the building to see what can be done.

Chair's Report:

There was a lengthy discussion concerning the dates of meetings in October and November due to the various holidays. It was also agreed that the Board would get a calendar with all the holidays so that proper and easier planning can take place in the future.

New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) has offered to have a traveling van in the community starting on Wednesday, October 19th from 10:00am to 3:00pm. The van will be parked in front of the CB 12 offices. They will be able to see a maximum of 12 community residents per day. There was a discussion as to the best method to have community residents sign up in advance.

The Town Hall meeting on Public Safety, sponsored by CLOTH, was very successful.

District Manager's Report:

CB 12 has acquired a new “smart board” which will be available for all to use at meetings.

Ebenezer indicated that work is starting on a new web site and there was a discussion as to what the aspects of the new web site should be.

There was a discussion about the protocols for sending out fliers and other correspondence regarding Board meetings, programs, etc.

Committee Reports:

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs reported that the minutes will be done by tomorrow. There is a Resolution to be done regarding the Javits Park renovation. She also spoke about funding for the Audubon Playground.

Arlene Schulman, Chair, Public Safety, spoke about an upcoming meeting with the Aging Committee on Domestic Violence and the Elderly. The meeting will take place at Isabella on Wednesday, October 5th. The November meeting of the Public Safety Committee will take place at George Washington High School.

Liliana Saneaux, Chair, Committee for the Concerns of the Aging, reported that Caterina Rivera of City Harvest and Elliot Levioff of the Senior Orchestra Society spoke at the recent meeting. She also announced that the Committee has made a decision to move the meetings back to day time hours so that seniors can attend. They also plan to hold meetings at the various senior centers. She also announced that they are planning a field day for seniors.

Steve Simon, Chair, Health & Environment Committee reported that the Committee had a very successful meeting in which CUMC Clinical Service physicians did a presentation on mental health services. The Committee asked the hospital to present budget recommendations to CB 12 in the October meeting and they have agreed to do so.

The Committee also discussed what steps could be taken to place more pressure on the Port Authority to construct a fence surrounding the GW Bridge to prevent suicides.

The Street Cleaning ratings in the community are up.

The Little Red Lighthouse Festival is scheduled for September 24th.

Applications have come in from the developer to guild at 207th Street and 9th Avenue. There is a need to clean up the brown field. There is a probability at the next meeting to consider a resolution concerning the required remediation.

On Friday September 30th from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm, the Parks Department & SportPros USA will be testing a synthetic ice rink at the Highbridge Park pool.

Andrea Kornbluth, Assistant Chair, Land Use reported that there will be (2) Resolutions at the next General Meeting: (1) having to do with permanent banners at the Cloisters Museum and the (2) a Resolution concerning the need to make the front entrance of 801 Riverside Drive compliant with what is required.

Fe Florimon, Chair, Youth & Education Committee reported that the most recent meeting of Youth & Education was a bit disruptive. There was animated discussion as to whether the recent Youth & Police Walk and Resource Fair played into the NYPD agenda and possibly overshadowed other problems in the community.

Ayisha Ogilvie, Housing & Human Services reported that there has not been a meeting yet

in September. Shah indicated that he will put the Housing and Human Services Committee in touch with CB's 9, 10 & 11 regarding matters of housing development and income eligibility.

Richard Allman, Chair, LGBT Task Force, indicated that the Task Force is working on a number of initiatives and will have a report in all likelihood for the November meeting,

Steve Simon reported that he attended the Traffic & Transportation Committee and that there is a strong likelihood that there will be (2) Resolutions from the Committee: (1) having to do with the streetscape surrounding the new CUMC Nursing Education Building and (2) a Resolution to change the "No Parking" signage in front of Isabella Geriatric Center to "No Standing".

There was a follow-up conversation about what transpired at the recent Youth & Education Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Assistant Chair
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