

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

May 15, 2018
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Members Present: Shah Ally (Chair); R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair); I. Medina (2nd Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); M. Glenn (Secretary); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); Eleazar Bueno (Asst. Chair, Business Development); Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs, Traffic & Transportation); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); James Berlin (Parliamentarian), A. Ogilvie, (Chair, Housing & Human Services); Richard Allman (Chair, LGBT & By-laws Task Forces)

Absent: James Berlin (Parliamentarian);

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Others Present: Natalie Espino, (MBPO's office); Rolando Cespedes (Congressman Espailat's office); Claudia Caros (Senator Alcantara's office); Laurie Tobias Cohen (Congressman Espailat's office); Arelia, Representative for Konto Euro dba Seawalk; Marguerite Vilbori; Urdantes; Omar Tejada; Mayra Elizabeth; Jaime Vargas; Radames Lopez; Fernando Fernandez; Giovanni Garrido; Wendy Genao; Cielo Moronta; Jose Moronta; Karen Fisk

Meeting was called to order at 7:42 pm by 1st Vice Chair, Richard Lewis.

- Liz Ritter explains the rules of public participation. Only members of the board can speak and vote at this meeting.
- Richard Lewis steps in for Chair Shah Ally, who will be late.
- Liz Ritter explains the mechanics of the Dyckman Street Bike Lane resolution that will be discussed tonight.
- A calendar review ensued. Liz Ritter pointed out that the New Member Welcome scheduled for June 19th at 6:30 pm is missing. Fe Florimon indicated that the Youth & Education meeting scheduled for the first Saturday in June is missing. A Committee of the Whole meeting may be scheduled for July or August.

District Manager's Report:

- Met with Borough President's office last week to learn about Board Stat, which compiles and helps to analyze 311 information.
- End of fiscal year for the office. Ebenezer Smith preparing his capital purchase list, and asks Exec committee members for requests.
- Ebenezer asks once again for a review and a raise. Liz Ritter suggests moving it to June Executive committee meeting. The rest of the committee agrees.
- Richard Lewis indicated that there are other sources by which the community can map what's happening in the community.

Secretary's report:

- Mitch Glenn submitted a complete list of 2018 attendance data. Liz Ritter explained the fine points of the attendance rules and suggested that delinquent members should receive notice each month if they have (2) unexcused absences.

Treasurer's Report (There is no Treasurer at this time; Ebenezer Smith made a report).

- We will close the year with a surplus. The Total Budget: \$210k is for personal services. \$33k for other expenses and \$ 500k is for rent.
- He suggested that we need to replace some computer equipment and referred the matter to the Board for further consideration.

Discussion of Draft resolution recommending redesign of the Dyckman Street bike lanes

(prepared by Richard Lewis):

- There was a discussion about modifying the bike lanes as outlined in the 4th "whereas."
- Liz Ritter has many suggested changes to the Resolution
- Richard Lewis noted the problems faced by the NYFD and the NYPD in getting
- Isidro Medina and Eleazar Bueno noted the absence of loading zones for local businesses and the need to relocate the bike lanes to other streets and for the elected officials secure funding to build a bike lane around the island.
- There was a discussion as to what other Community Boards are doing and that should be added to the Resolution.
- Liz Ritter suggested referring to the 2008 & 2009 Board Resolutions to incorporate some history
- Mitch Glenn and Eleazar Bueno indicated that the Resolution should incorporate priorities that include Safety – especially for emergency vehicles, maintenance of local businesses, and a safe path for bikers
- Ayisha Ogilvie questioned the motives of DOT and referred to the 170th Street situation.
- Eleazar Bueno suggested removing the bike lanes on the south side of Dyckman.
- After discussion, the following changes were recommended to the Resolution going forward:
 - Tighten up the language
 - Remove 4-Alarm fire reference
 - Remove reference to civic response and civic interest groups
 - Include impact on business deliveries
 - Include testimony of bicyclists
 - Add the NYFD letters
 - Remove reference to elevated bike lanes
 - Modify reference asking the Federal government for funding

The vote on the Resolution was as follows: 7 (Y) – 3 (N) – (1) Abstained

(Y – Ally, Allman, Bueno, Lewis, Ogilvie, Glenn, Lehmann) N – Ritter, Simon, Florimon, A – Medina)

Committee Reports:

Licensing Committee: Isidro Medina, Chair, reported the following:

- There were 11 licenses – 1 was withdrawn, 1 was rejected. 1 was deferred (Seawalk Restaurant no time to evaluate the audio situation).
- In the March 7th meeting, Seawalk Restaurant spoke about a change of class that included consideration about a sidewalk café and recorded music. There was some confusion as reflected in the minutes of the meeting. Seawalk is requesting a change of class to include a sidewalk café that would close at 11:00 pm and for live music. The Resolution passed on March 7th needs to be corrected to include the request for a sidewalk café that closes at 11:00 pm and live music.
- **The Executive Committee voted unanimously to correct the mistake and approve the amendments that would be included in the letter to the SLA.**

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

- There was a presentation by an organization advocating the reorganization of garbage collection in the city. There would be an RFP process that would recommend consolidation of carting services. We suggested that they also present at the Business Development Committee

Traffic & Transportation Committee: Acting Chair, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter reported the following:

- There was a joint meeting with Public Safety, Business Development, Parks & Cultural Affairs to review the Dyckman bike lane issue.
- There was a discussion about the pedestrian plaza at Haven Avenue proposed by CUMC. There will be a Resolution prepared for the next meeting.
- There are 2 long-term projects in the community: a 41 moth replacement project concerning the viaduct on Riverside Drive (north of 158th Street) and a 36 month project to replace the sewer lines on Park Terrace East.
- DOT will be asked to send their PowerPoint presentation to be sent to the Board.

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

- She referred to the Joint Committee Meeting referenced above about the bike lanes.
- The Coast Guard Auxiliary made a presentation.

Business Development: Chair, Eleazar Bueno reported the following:

- They participated in the joint committee meeting referenced above.
- The Corner Project made a presentation. There is an interest to work with them to curb the open drug use that afflicts the community.
- They addressed a need to work with the NYPD and Councilman Rodriguez' office to seek a mobile crime unit for the 34th Precinct to avert an uptick in crime affecting business owners.

Youth and Education: Fe Florimon reported the following:

- There was a presentation about a new charter school in the community.
- The Human Rights office spoke about the services that are available in the community.
- The 3rd "Burning Bridges" event will take place this coming Saturday, May 19th. There will be a march in the morning and a resource fair in the afternoon at GWHS. CB 12 is asked to participate.

Housing & Human Services: Ayisha Ogilvie reported the following:

- She was not able to attend – but Barbara Frazier, Assistant Chair, moderated.
- Paul Epstein, community resident, submitted to the Committee technical corrections to the EDC report. These corrections should be shared with the full Board.
- Housing Preservation & Development presented about two programs that they are introducing: Tenant Ambassador Program and a Disability Ambassador Program. They will provide trainings on both programs. CB 12 should consider having this training in our community.

Announcements: Chair, Shah Ally announced the following:

- New Board members will be announced next Wednesday.
- Committee memberships will change.
- Jason Compton has resigned from the Board.

Motion to Adjourn: 10:18 pm

Minutes prepared by:

Mitchell Glenn, Secretary

Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann, Assistant Secretary
June 18, 2018