

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

April 16, 2018
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Members Present: R. Lewis (1st Vice Chair); I. Medina (2nd Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); M. Glenn (Secretary); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); J. Compton, (Treasurer); Y Alonzo, (Chair, Traffic & Transportation); M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); Eleazar Bueno (Asst. Chair, Business Development); Fe Florimon, (Chair, Youth & Education); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); James Berlin (Parliamentarian)

Absent: S. Ally (Chair); R. Allman, (Chair, LGBT and By-Laws Task Forces); A. Ogilvie, (Chair, Housing & Human Services)

Other Board Members: Natalie Espino

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:20 pm by 1st Vice Chair, Richard Lewis.

Introduction of the Executive Committee Members present

Explained to those present the Executive Committee rules

District Manager's Report:

- He received a call on April 16th from the NYC DOT Commissioner registering disappointment on the Board's plan for a negative resolution about the bike lanes and asked for an opportunity for make a presentation and that the Board delay the Resolution accordingly.
- The NYC DOT sent a letter to Borough President Gale Brewer and the NYS Senator Marisol Alcantara
- He met with "Better NYC" about conducting a survey of CB 12's technology needs and plans to bring the needs to the MBPO's office.
- The transmission equipment of CB 12 is under repair. It will cost \$160 to repair the receivers.
- A surplus in CB 12's annual budget is expected. Liz Ritter requested that moneys be set aside for translation services.
- The water contract in the CB 12 office has been renewed.
- The copier contract with Pitney Bowes has been renewed.
- A meeting will be scheduled to revise the street activity guidelines regulations.
- He indicated that he would like a salary review at the next Executive Committee meeting.

Discussion about the NYC DOT request with regard to the CB 12 planned Resolution:

- Richard Lewis had drafted a potential Resolution prior to the meeting.
- Members of the committee reviewed the draft, asked questions and debated how to proceed next.
- Concerns included the economic impact on local businesses, public safety, and access for emergency vehicles, lack so sufficient community input and failure to explore alternative options by the DOT.
- Following lengthy discussion, the following was decided:

- A joint meeting of the Traffic & Transportation, Public Safety, Business Development and Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee on May 1st at the CB 12 offices beginning at 6:30 pm.
- A Public Hearing will be scheduled for May 8th at 6:30 pm at a location within Inwood.

The Committee considered a Resolution, made by Liz Ritter and seconded by Wayne Benjamin that would:

- Describe the issues that the community perceives about the Dyckman bike lanes to the DOT
- Express a strong preference for the NYC DOT to show up for both the Joint Committee meeting on May 1st and the Public Hearing on May 8th.

The Resolution passed in the Executive Committee by a vote of 11-0-0.

Secretary's Report:

- Refer to the minutes. Mitch Glenn indicated that he will have a report next month.
- Liz Ritter asked that the Executive Committee have an opportunity to review any letters about attendance problems before they are mailed to members. Mitch Glenn agreed.

Review of Calendars:

- Executive Committee meeting was moved from May 21st to May 15th.
- The Parks & Cultural Affairs, Public Safety, Traffic & Transportation and Business Development meetings will consolidate their meetings to a joint meeting on May 1st
- The Youth & Education Committee will have its regularly scheduled Saturday meeting on May 5th.
- A new CB 12 member orientation will be held on June 19th at the CB 12 offices.
- The Committee for the Concerns of the Aging will meet next at STAR Senior Center on May 3rd.

Discussion of CB 12's Response to the Draft Environmental Impact Study (EIS). Wayne Benjamin, Chair of the Land Use Committee reported the following:

- Only the Health and Environment has provided a response to the draft EIS to date.
- It was discussed that the following committees would provide responses by April 17th : Traffic & Transportation, Parks & Cultural Affairs, Business Development, Public Safety and Housing & Human Services
- All committees were asked to provide responses to Wayne Benjamin either as meeting minutes or as a Resolution so the final Resolution of CB 12 can be prepared for consideration at the April General Meeting.
- Wayne announced that City Planning is planning a Public Hearing for May 9th.
- There was a discussion about the relevance of the CEQR Manual and Wayne put it in perspective and context and indicated that it is not comprehensive enough with regard to our community's concerns.

Committee Reports:

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

- The VP of Planning for the EDC provided a presentation on the impact of the draft EIS on the community to the Committee
- The Committee has created a response to the draft EIS and has presented it to Wayne Benjamin.
- He attended a recent meeting of the New York Presbyterian Hospital's Community Leadership Council and indicated that
 - The hospital is planning on constructing a mixed-use housing & retail building on

- Broadway between 169th and 170th Streets. The building will be built “as of right”.
- There will be a new supermarket and a Child Development Hub as well as 200 units of housing for their affiliates as well as some affordable housing for the community.
- The Hospital has been asked to make a presentation to CB 12 as they move further with their plans.

Traffic & Transportation Committee: Chair, Yahaira Alonzo, reported the following:

- The Assistant Chair chaired the most recent meeting.
- A Resolution was passed to establish a traffic study with regard to the bike lanes on Fort George Hill.
- The Committee discussed the plan by DOT to set up a barrier to turning left on Broadway from 219th Street and the fact that the Committee would prefer a traffic light instead of a barrier to turning left.
- She indicated that she will need to resign from the Board for personal reasons and has submitted her resignation to the CB 12 Chair and to the Manhattan Borough President’s office.

Land Use Committee: Chair, Wayne Benjamin, presented the following:

- The Committee passed a Resolution in support of the Cloisters plan to install restored stained glass windows in the Library.
- The HPD Development team made a presentation the design about the Inwood Library. The position of the Committee is that the Inwood Library should not be in the ULURP.
- The EDC made a presentation about the land use and planning aspects of the draft EIS with regard to the historic and neighborhood characteristics
- We are disappointed in the Landmarks Preservation Committee’s lack of input to EDC with regard to the draft EIS even though there were many resolutions of CB 12 with regard to plans within the community.

Licensing Committee: Chair, Isidro Medina reported the following that there were 24 licenses up for consideration.

- Isidro walked to all of the establishments up for new or renewal licenses to assess their compliance.
- One application was withdrawn.
- Sol Restaurant was denied due to their lack of posting the proper public notice.
- La Marina was denied a renewal of its liquor license application due to the many complaints and the opposition of the NYPD.
- Liz Ritter suggested that there be changes in the look of the public notice signage. She will send a draft narrative to Isidro Medina and he will compose a draft Resolution for the Committee.

Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee: Asst. Chair, Mitch Glenn, reported the following:

- The Peter J. Sharp Boathouse is sinking and costs \$500k a year to maintain. There is a recommendation to build a new boathouse behind PS5. The anticipated cost is \$21 million. =
- The Hudson River Community of Sailing is using the La Marina dock. They are building up their community programs.
- The next meeting of the Committee will be the joint meeting on May 1st.

Business Development Committee: Chair Jason Medina, reported the following:

- The Business Development Committee supports the Small Business Development Act and passed a Resolution accordingly

- The Committee is meeting on a monthly basis with the Washington Heights & Inwood Chamber of Commerce and is also meeting with the Washington Heights and Inwood BID.
- The Committee also supports the Mayor's Plan regarding the Vacancy Tax Plan and is gathering more information for review at next month's meeting.

Public Safety Committee Meeting: Chair, Richard Lewis, reported the following:

- There was one fatality in "line of duty" deaths in the community at the NYFD...
- There were 30 food fires and 44 gas leaks reported to the NYFD.
- The Committee looked at traffic collisions within the community.
- Crime in the district is down except for grand larceny (auto theft).
- The 34th Precinct reported that it had issued 72 summonses for liquor license violations.
- The 34th Precinct has made many arrests for mail box fishing and suggested that residents mail at the local post office instead of the mail boxes.

Committee for the Concerns of the Aging: Chair, Mary Anderson, reported the following:

- The Committee met in April at the Board office and will hold its next meeting at STAR Senior Center.
- They plan a site visit to Senior Helping Seniors on May 1 to review the dire circumstances in their office and what can be done to remedy the situation.
- Mitch Harris of "Safe at Home" made a presentation about his program.

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

- An ESL teacher spoke about the challenges facing students coming from other countries.
- The Youth & Police are planning the "Building Bridges" event on Saturday May 19th. She asked the CB 12 members become involved. It will start at 9:00 am and will include a march from the CB 12 office to GW High School, followed by a Resource Fair at GWHS.
- Nicole Johnson will host the event and others have been invited from other cities.
- A flier will be distributed about "Building Bridges".
- The principal of the High School for Health Careers & Sciences is holding a task force with regard to improving the performance of the school which is now on a one-year reprieve from closing. Columbia University, New York Presbyterian and CB 12 have been asked to participate

Motion to Adjourn was made by Steve Simon and seconded by Jason Compton

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Assistant Secretary
May 15th, 2018

