

**COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, New York**

**September 17, 2018**  
**Executive Committee**  
**DRAFT MINUTES**

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

***Absent:*** W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use)

***Staff:*** Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

***Other Board Members Attending:*** Rud Morales

***Others Present:*** Martin Collins; Wendy Feinberg; Wade Schwerk

***Call to Order.*** Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Vice Chair, Richard Lewis (Chair Ally will be arriving later.)

***Discussion about the creation of an Inwood Rezoning Points of Agreement Task Force (TF):*** The purpose to monitor and report on how the City is implementing its commitments on an ongoing basis. Comments included:

- E. Ritter: Members of CB 12 and the community must be on this Task Force (TF). The TF will be a good forum in which to discuss overarching issues that may be part of more than one CB 12 committee's concerns.
- J. Berlin: Chair or designee of each CB 12 committee should be on the TF. Certain matters will need to be referred by the TF back to the CB 12 committees.
- R. Lewis: Washington Heights & Land Trusts should also be included.
- A. Ogilvie: CB 12's Board staff will need to be good at communicating with respect to the TF
- E. Bueno: The small business community will need to be involved.
- R. Allman: Need to distinguish this TF from the work of the Executive Committee
- D. Nabavian: We need to incorporate the work of the TF within the framework of existing CB 12 meetings. It should be a standing agenda item on each committee.
- M. Glenn: There will need to be a liaison from the City on the TF. Otherwise, it work of the TF will be ineffective.
- R. Lewis: The City will be putting each of its commitments on a published data base that will be available in an on-line data base.
- J. Berlin: The initiation of a TF will need to be voted on by the entire Community Board.
- D. Nabavian: The work of the TF has to be fleshed out and explained as an effort to move forward and not one of opposition– as has been the efforts of some in community in the past..

***Motion to Table the Discussion*** for the time being – made by D. Nabavian & R. Allman:

Vote: (6) Yes; (3) No; (1) Abstain – Motion to Table: **Passed**

***District Manager's Report:***

- All needed office supplies have been purchased.
- Equipment to accommodate live-streaming has been purchased. We are awaiting installation by Spectrum.
- The City Council awarded \$42.5k for OTPS for each CB this year. Part of this can be used to cover cable services. All monies must be spent by June 2019.
- Ogilvie suggested that some of the \$42.5k be spent on transcription services and that CB 12 consider employing the services of the Queens School of Stenography.
- E. Bueno indicated that the Licensing and General Committees require translation services.
- E. Smith indicated that he will prepare a proposal of potential projects and their probable costs.
- E. Smith indicated that the Mayor's office has stopped the approved changes to the bike lanes on Dyckman Street.

***The Calendars for upcoming meetings were reviewed:******October:***

- Youth and Education will move from Monday, October 8th to Tuesday, October 9th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.
- The Land Use Committee will move from Wednesday, October 3rd to Wednesday, October 10th.

***November:***

- Business Development will move from Tuesday, November 6th to Monday, November 5th due to Election Day.
- Youth & Education will move from Monday, November 12th to Tuesday, November 13th due to Veteran's Day.
- The CB 12 office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving.

***Secretary's Report:*** Mitch Glenn reported:

- The matter of attendance for the first 6 months was reviewed. L. Tapia and J. Reyes were send letters regarding attendance.
- There are several vacancies on the Board. Those who left are: Andrea Kornbluth, Angelina Ramirez, Victor Pena, Derek Peralta, Ariel Miranza, and Jennifer Chung.

***Treasurer's Report:*** Not at this time.***Committee Reports:******Health & Environment Committee:*** Chair Steve Simon, reported the following:

- There was a presentation by START a drug treatment & recovery agency in Washington Heights. They are moving from West 180th Street around the corner to 2406-12 Amsterdam Avenue and will be expanding their capacity to deliver services from 270 to 400+ patients.
- START is in discussion with the Corner Project about the possibility of the Project renting 3,000 sq. ft. of space.
- There was a notice from the New York State Department of Conservation regarding a brownfield application at 4650 Broadway. The new owner has applied for a fast traced cleanup of the site. S. Simon composed a letter to NYS DEC regarding the need for proper remediation.
- Wendy Feinstein is a customer of the owner and has raised several issues that she has brought to the attention of Ebenezer about how the remediation will be accomplished in a safe manner.
- The Allen Hospital will be keeping the 30 psych beds open till June 2018 according the NYSNA. They have not yet applied to NYS regarding the closing.

- Julio Batista announced that (2) benches in the Broadway Mall will be dedicated to the memory of Pamela Palanque North and Obie Bing. A naming ceremony will be scheduled in the future.
- Wendy Feinstein indicated the multiple military uses that had the building at 4650 Broadway had been put to and emphasized the need for careful remediation.

**Traffic & Transportation Committee:** Chair, Debbie Nabavian reported the following:

- The Port Authority presented on ‘Restore the George’ project. Check out their web site for details.
- The 178<sup>th</sup> Street upper level off ramp of the GW Bridge has been closed for renovation. The DOT will monitor the closure.
- The Committee reviewed some new procedures with regard to what can come up before the Committee and when.
- In May 2017 the Board passed a Resolution regarding the traffic pattern on West 220<sup>th</sup> St. DOT wanted to implement changes and wanted modifications to the Resolution to match their plans. The Committee made those changes and the revised Resolution will be submitted for a vote at the General Meeting.
- Ogilvie brought up the permits that have been granted on the Haven Avenue Plaza and its impact on parking. D. Nabavian suggested that anyone interested should check out the DDC web site where they post their work plans. S. Simon brought up that 48 hours’ notice should be given to the community about their work plans.

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

- Twenty three (23) licenses were on the agenda: (5) withdrawn; (10) renewals - (2) rejected; (10) new liquor licenses including (5) wine & beer licenses – 2 rejected; (5) liquor licenses – 2 rejected.
- I Medina reviewed his procedures for Committee review.
- R. Morales claimed that she had submitted documentation to S. Ally and she claimed that she thought that S. Ally would refer the documentation to the Licensing Committee. S. Ally responded that the nature of the meeting was not about documentation but about another matter. R. Morales was reminded of the appropriate means of submitting documentation.
- Medina indicated that he had visited 30 – 35 bars over the summer to determine if they are complying with CB regulations. He indicated that several businesses along Dyckman are a problem.

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

- There was a presentation regarding the project to replace the HVAC to roof of the Highbridge Rec Center so the Center can be used year-round. A Resolution in support of this will is needed by the Landmark’s Preservation Committee (LPC). It needs to be approved by the Executive Committee tonight to be presented to the LPC tomorrow.
- **A Resolution** was presented by Isidro Medina and seconded by M. Anderson. The vote of the EC was as follows: (11) – Yes; (0) – Opposed; (1) Not-voting (S. Simon); (1) Yes- Non Exec. Committee member (R Morales). The Resolution **passed**.

**Business Development:** Chair, Eleazar Bueno reported the following:

- There was a presentation by NMCIR about the new immigration procedures that apply to the population of Northern Manhattan and their impact on small businesses.
- The Washington Heights & Inwood Chamber of Commerce staged a “Get Fit” event at the Armory on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Restaurants were represented and provided samples of healthy eating. Community Resources concerning healthy lifestyles were also represented.

**Public Safety:** Chair, Richard Lewis reported the following:

- All of the precincts were in attendance in addition to FDNY, CCRB etc.
- There is a new captain at Transit District – Mary King. The NCO's for the Transit District were present and introduced.
- We will be able to get daily information on crash maps – [www.crashmapper.org](http://www.crashmapper.org).  
There is a new tool to record noise complaints in the community. In addition statistics about all 311 complaints and their status will also be available. Also, the SLA map about the status of liquor licenses will also be available: <http://slam.beta.nyc>
- A Resolution passed at the Committee meeting regarding the need to publicize the fact that marijuana is still prohibited in NYS. It will be presented at the General Meeting.

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

- The most recent meeting was held at the CB 12 offices.
- Affordable senior housing will be constructed at h 37 Hillside Avenue. There will be a presentation by the developer (Riseboro) at the next meeting.
- The next meeting will take place at STAR Senior Center.

**Housing & Human Services:** Ayisha Ogilvie reported the following:

- The Committee reviewed the plan of MADD Equities to construct a new building of 30 stories at 207<sup>th</sup> -208<sup>th</sup> Streets and 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue. They plan to break ground in December. The building will be larger than the 14 stories originally presented.
- There was a discussion about rent stabilization and vacancy de-control.
- There was a discussion about new construction and its impact on burial grounds, wet lands, traffic, etc.
- A, Ogilvie has asked E. Smith for a list of contacts at various agencies so that the Committee can create and pass a Resolution that would be distributed to the various agencies.
- There was a discussion about the renovations by HPD at 2110 Amsterdam and 21 Arden Street. A status reported will be requested.
- Nick Martinez on the Committee reviewed the income bands for new apartments and how difficult it will be for larger families to afford.

**Land Use: Chair:** No report at this time.

**Youth and Education:** No report at this time.

**Motion to Adjourn: 10:15 pm**

**Minutes prepared by:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
October 15, 2018