

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

September 16, 2019
Executive Committee
DRAFT MINUTES

Executive Committee Members Present: R. Lewis (Chair); E. Bueno (1st Vice Chair & Chair, Business Development); I. Medina (2nd Vice Chair & Chair, Licensing); G. Dengel, Treasurer; N. Crawford (Acting Secretary); B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary) M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); W. Benjamin (Chair, Land Use); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); Nick Martinez (Interim Chair, Traffic & Transportation); James Berlin (Parliamentarian); Richard Allman (Chair, LGBT & By-laws Task Forces)

Absent: Fe Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education); B. Frazier (Assistant Chair, Housing & Human Services); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); Curtis Young (Public Safety)

Other Board Members Present: T. Bonner; A. Ogilvie

Others Present: Natalie Espino, Constituent Liaison, Manhattan Borough President's Office, Ryan Deso, Community Artist

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm by Chair, Richard Lewis:

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**Chair's Report:** Richard Lewis reported the following:

- There were (2) Public Hearings over the summer:
  - **September 12** – Hearing to discuss the La Marina bankruptcy and to meet the new owners or its replacement. The Parks Department was present. A slide show was presented. About 100 people attended. The meeting went well.
  - **July 17** – MTA held a meeting to discuss a plan to close the 184<sup>th</sup> Street elevator early. The community opposed this move since no shuttle had been set into place. Howard Levine of the MTA held a meeting on July 23 with 150 seniors at the Moriah Senior Center. The MTA listened and a shuttle will be put into place.
- There were meetings with DHS over the summer regarding the planned Women's Shelter on Audubon Avenue and 179<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Information on the leases for the stores affected by New York Presbyterian's plans to build a multi-use building on Broadway and 169<sup>th</sup> Street are still pending.
- Live streaming is now possible in the main conference room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor of 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street. The total cost was between \$20 and \$25k.
- The Manhattan Borough President's office has begun a campaign to implement better paper management within each Community Board.

**District Manager's Report:** Ebenezer Smith reported the following:

- The purchase of the live streaming equipment began last year and its implementation – which was done by Richard Lewis and himself required a lot of coordination and construction.
- Shanielle Poniagua was hired in June as the new Assistant and she is working out very well.

- He met with CB 12 treasurer Gerard Dengel over the summer regarding a reporting system. The Crystal Report is now available for anyone to see the expenditures each month.
- The rent to use the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of 530 Broadway is \$250 for 3 hours. If an outside organization uses it, the fee is \$400 for 3 hours.
- There was a discussion about the use of eblasts within CB 12. It was decided that any requests for eblasts be sent to Ebenezer Smith and he will send them out on behalf of the Board.
- He is requesting a meeting to discuss a potential increase ad District Manager.

**Secretary's Report:** There was no report currently.

**Treasurer's Report:** Gerard Dengel reported the following:

- The fiscal year is July to June and a Crystal Report is now available for all to see.
- A request was made of Ebenezer Smith to not eh actual versus the projected expenditures for the fiscal year. An Executive Summary was suggested.

**Review of Draft Calendar changes:**

- **October:**
  - Aging Committee will meet at the Dyckman Senior Center on 10/3 at 10:30am
  - Parks & Cultural Affairs will meet in 10/2 at 6:30 pm at 530 W 166<sup>th</sup> St.
  - Land Use Committee will meet on 10/10 at 7 pm at the Nagle Ave Y
  - Budget hearing will take place on 10/15 at 6:00 pm at the Hammer Bldg.
  - Executive Committee will meet on 10/17 at 7:00 pm at 530 West 166<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - General Meeting will meet on 10/22 at 6:30 pm at 530 W 166<sup>th</sup> St – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.
- **November:**
  - The Aging Committee will meet on 11/7 at 10:30 am at Isabella.
  - The Business Development Committee will meet on 11/4 at 6:30 pm at Juan Pablo Duarte Foundation Cultural Center in the GW Bridge terminal
  - The District Service Cabinet Meeting will meet at 10:00am on 10.21.
- **December:**
  - Business Development Committee will meet at 6:30 pm – not 7:00 pm.
  - Aging Committee will meet at 10:30 am
  - The Executive Committee will meet on December 12<sup>th</sup>

**Discussion:** Each committee will use its October meetings to review budget priorities and will get them to Liz Ritter by October 10<sup>th</sup> so that she can consolidate them in advance of the October 15<sup>th</sup> Budget meeting

**Committee Reports:**

**Health & Environment Committee:** No report currently.

**Traffic & Transportation:** Interim Chair, Nick Martinez reported:

- *New York Presbyterian spoke about the renovation to improve broadband between 166<sup>th</sup> and 168<sup>th</sup> Streets.*
- *The shuttle bus in not performing well. The matter will be reviewed in the Service Cabinet meeting.*
- Isidro Medina suggested that the Consumer Protection Division should attend the Service Cabinet meetings.

**Manhattan Borough President's office: Natalie Espino indicated:**

- There are developments with respect to (2) project where noise is an issue:
  - 207<sup>th</sup> Street - Noise Variance Regulations have been posted.
  - 215<sup>th</sup> Street - The DOT clean-up is now on restricted hours and the regulations have been posted
- Both situations will be discussed at the District Service Cabinet meeting.

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

- The Hispanic Society presented a new 3- phased plan for architectural renovation of its landmarked buildings involving renovation of space to create a special gallery, restoration of the façade and a building systems upgrade. Accessibility is an issue. Interior building systems of the main building were also discussed. The Committee passed a Resolution of support which is also supported by the Parks & Cultural Affairs Committee.
- The Committee considered the possibility of a a meeting to discuss Historic Districts in Inwood.
- Three NYC Council bills were brought up in the committee to gain support in a Resolution.
  - Intro 1691 Assigning a unique identifying number to each zoning lot in NYC
  - Intro 1692 Creation of an Interactive Zoning Lot Map
  - Intro 1701 Community Notification requirements for transfers of development rights
- Due to timing, of these Council bills, it was necessary for the Executive Committee to vote on the Resolution. Wayne Benjamin made a motion to consider the Resolution which was seconded by Liz Ritter.
- Vote: (9) Yes, (0) No (1) Abstain) and (0) Not voting. **The Resolution passed.**

**Housing & Human Services:** No report at this time.

**Licensing Committee:** Chair Isidro Medina presented:

- The committee met in the summer regarding a system for getting in all the documents that are needed by 5:00 pm the day before the meeting.
- 29 Licenses were considered this month
- (7) new licenses were under consideration, of which (4) were rejected for reasons of an absence of proper signage, a “no show” at the meeting on questions about prior ownership.
- (22) Renewals were considered of which (1) was withdrawn.
- The total License Resolutions to go to the full Board for the month is 28.

**Parks & Cultural Affairs:** Chair Liz Ritter presented:

- The Committee considered (3) Resolution in support of
  - The design by Row NYC for a boat house north of the P J Sharp Boathouse
  - The design of NYC Parks Plan to update the Msgr. Kett's playground
  - The joint Resolution submitted by the Land Use Committee (referred above)

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

- An Aging Committee mission statement was submitted and discussed and approved by the Committee. She requests that it be put on the CB 12 web site.
- The Aging Committee is hosting a table at the upcoming Health Fair that is to be held at Isabella on Friday, October 11, 2019.

**Business Development:** Chair, Eleazar Bueno presented:

- Angela Fernandez, Commissioner of the NYS Division on Human Rights made a presentation on the obligations of business owners.
- On September 25th, there will be a meeting sponsored by NMIC on “New York City Housing: Know Your Rights”. The meeting will take place at 530 West 155th Street – 2nd floor beginning at 6:30 pm.

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

**LGBTQ Task Force:** Chair, Richard Allman presented:

- There will be a report on strategy at next month’s meeting.

**Public Safety:** No report currently.

**Motion to Adjourn:** By acclamation

**Adjournment: 9:15 pm**

**Minutes prepared by:** Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann  
Acting Secretary  
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