

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

November 18, 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; B. Lehmann (Asst. Secretary) M. Anderson (Chair, Aging Committee); Fe Florimon (Chair, Youth & Education) B. Frazier (Acting Chair, Housing & Human Services); E. Lorris Ritter (Chair, Parks & Cultural Affairs); Nick Martinez (Interim Chair, Traffic & Transportation); S. Simon (Chair, (Health & Environment); Curtis Young (Public Safety); James Berlin (Parliamentarian); Richard Allman (LGBTQ Task Force).

Absent: W. Benjamin (Land Use)

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

Staff: Ebenezer Smith, District Manager

Meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Chair, Richard Lewis

Parliamentarian, James Berlin, began the meeting by

- Explaining that (2) additional items needs to be added to the Agenda: a matter involving Chair, Richard Lewis and an emergency Resolution requiring Executive Committee approval.
- The matter regarding Mr. Lewis would require Executive Session and there was a discussion about the composition of the Executive Session.
- Richard Lewis made a motion to go into Executive Session which was seconded by Mary Anderson.
- The vote to go into Executive Session passed: 8(Y); 0 (N); 2 (Ab); 0 (NV).
- Executive Session began at 7:35 and ended at 8:50 pm
- ***A Resolution*** was proposed, and language will be drafted by Steve Simon, in which the Manhattan Borough President's Office is being asked to work with CB 12 on a remedy to the situation under discussion. The ***Vote on the Resolution was 10 (Y); 1 (N); 0 (Abs); 0 (NV).*** The Resolution passed and will be presented at the General Meeting.

Adoption of the Agenda: 10 (Y); 1 (N); 0 (Abs); 0 (NV).

Adoption of the Minutes: To be moved to the November meeting.

Chair's Report: Richard Lewis reported the following:

- He attended a meeting of the State Liquor Authority (SLA) in which the process for approving liquor license applications was reviewed. Of note:
 - Applications for new liquor licenses must be reviewed by CB 12 within 30 days of a completed application.
 - New licenses may be rejected for reasons of excessive noise, drunkenness, fighting or police reports.
 - Renewals will be automatically granted since the license can be withdrawn by the SLA at any time for matters of bad behavior, etc. Liquor license renewals will continue to appear on the Agenda – but will not require a lot of time to consider.

- The Board does not need to concern itself with any lease or ownership arrangements that the business may have.
- This process will help to shorten the Licensing Committee meeting length and streamline the process.
- Spectrum will be completing the installation of the 400 mb/s steaming capability that will be needed for the Conference Room. DOITT is involved in the installation as well.
- CB 12 is also in the process of upgrading its computer systems.

District Manager, Ebenezer Smith, spoke about a personal matter for the Board's review – but decided in the interest of time to table the matter until the November Executive Committee meeting.

Health & Environment Chair, Steve Simon, introduced a **Resolution** for the Executive Committee to consider which **supports the ban on the sale and use of e-cigarettes and vaping oils**.

- This Resolution is before the Executive Committee because the General Meeting, which would be the traditional next venue, is scheduled to take place after the City Council votes on this legislation. (Intro 1362).
- A review of the language in the Resolution was undertaken by the Executive Committee resulting in some minor edits.
- Richard Allman entered a motion, seconded by Liz Ritter, to vote on the Resolution.
- **The Resolution passed with a vote of 11 (Y); 0 (N); 0 (Abs); 0 (NV).**

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

- A new copier has been installed in the CB 12 offices and will reduce operating costs.
- The Personal Services Budget has been increased by \$5,765.67 which brings the total budget from \$192k to \$197k.
- He attended the SLA meeting with Richard Lewis which is referenced above. He is debriefing the CB 12 staff on the changes in the license review processing.
- The District Service Cabinet meeting will take place on December 19th at noon and not 10:00 am in order to accommodate the annual holiday luncheon which is being provided by CUMC.
- He will be on vacation from November 25th through December 9th.

Secretary's Report: There was no report at this time.

Treasurer's Report: Gerard Dengel reported the following:

- He provided an Operating Budget Monthly Reporting Summary which outlines personal services, OTPS and Rental expenses, which the Executive Committee reviewed.
- He indicated that a more detailed monthly report – the Crystal Report – is available in the CB 12 offices.

Calendars:

December:

- The Aging Committee will meet at Riverstone Senior Life Services on December 5th at 10:30 am.
- The District Service Cabinet meeting will take place at noon on December 19, 2019

January

- The Public Safety Committee will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday, January 8, 2020.
- The Executive Committee meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 21st – not the 20th (MLK Holiday)

- Wayne Benjamin will be contacted regarding the scheduling of the Land Use Committee (now set for /1/1/2020).

Committee Reports:

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

- A second Resolution was presented and passed at the Committee meeting having to do with minimum safe staffing levels at hospitals and nursing homes. The Resolution will be considered at the General Meeting.
- An update on the treatment of HIV/AIDS in our community will be considered at the December meeting.
- The Upper Manhattan Mental Health Center is planning to open an office in Washington Heights and will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting of the community.

Housing & Human Services: Interim Chair, Barbara Frazier, reported the following:

- The Committee considered and passed a Resolution in support of the Levine Amendment (1783-A) of the Administrative Code of New York City to Exclude Certain Cooperatives and Condos from the Housing Portal.
- The Resolution will be presented to the full Board in the General Meeting on the 26th.

Licensing Committee: Chair Isidro Medina presented the following:

- He attended the SLA Meeting with Richard Lewis and Ebenezer Smith referenced above.
- 23 Licenses were scheduled for consideration.
- 4 License applications were withdrawn.
- 9 License applications were for new licenses of which 3 were approved.
- The remaining 6 licenses were rejected due to the absence of the owners, etc.
- Some of the 3 approved licenses have stipulations.

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

- The November meeting which was held at Isabella was successful. The presentation was on Alzheimer's Disease.
- The next meeting will take place at Riverstone Senior Life Services. The topic will be disability etiquette.

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

- The 34th Precinct attended the November meeting and made a presentation recommending changes in traffic on Fort Washington St. & Cabrini Blvd.
- The DOT was at the meeting and expressed disagreement with the recommendations.
- The Committee recommended that both the Precinct and the DOT work through their differences and come to the next meeting with their agreed upon plan.
- The DOT spoke about changes in curb sides on Broadway that would assist children in crossing the street.
- Howie Levine of the MTA is scheduled to be present at the next Committee meeting.

Land Use: No report at this time.

Parks & Cultural Affairs: Chair Liz Ritter presented the following:

- Please read the minutes.
- The Hispanic Society is open by appointment for free tours of the Saroyan Galleries.

Business Development: Chair, Eleazar Bueno, presented the following:

- The committee is working in partnership with Manhattan Legal Services to provide business owners with education workshops on sexual harassment on the job.

Public Safety: Curtis Young, Chair, reported the following:

Please read the minutes.

The NY Fire Department will be present at the next meeting to present on safety hazards

There will be a presentation at the next meeting on the changes that are to come in the Civil Rights law

Inwood Rezoning Task Force - Barbara Frazier presented the following:

- The first meeting of the Rezoning Task Force will take place on Wednesday, November 20th at the Nagle Avenue Y beginning at 7:00 pm. All meetings will take place in Inwood.
- There are 8 people on the committee including 5 Community Board members as well as business owners and community members.
- Steve Simon suggested that there should be a vote to recommend the creation of the Task Force and that the November meeting be postponed pending a vote by the General Meeting on November 26th.
- There was an agreement at the EC meeting to postpone the first meeting. A Resolution for the General CB 12 meeting will be prepared and presented on the 26th.

Youth and Education: No report at this time.

LGBTQ Task Force: No report at this time.

Motion to Adjourn – made by Nick Martinez and seconded by Isidro Medina.

Adjournment: 9:58 pm

Minutes prepared by: Elizabeth (Betty) Lehmann
Assistant Secretary and Acting Secretary
December 12, 2019