

Community Board 12

Public Safety Committee

April 3, 2013

Present Committee Members
Michael Jimenez, Chair
Pamela North
Chris O'Sullivan

Present CB 12 Members
George Fernandez, Chair CB 12
Liliana M. Saneaux

Absent or Excused
Michael Mowatt-Wynn, PM

Present Public and Guests	
Deputy Inspector Buzzetti (34th Pct.)	
Captain Greany (33rd Pct.)	
P.O. Melendez (33rd Pct., Community Affairs)	
Sandrine Ferminos (DA's Office)	
Arlene Schulman	

Meeting called to order 7:10 pm

Update from 34th Precinct – Inspector Barry Buzzetti

Crime numbers are flat.

Precinct needs public's help in avoiding certain crimes; trying to get the word out about protective measures to obstruct certain crimes:

- Fire escape burglaries continue, especially west of Broadway around 180th St. and around Bogardus Place: windows accessible from fire escapes should be locked or blocked with a "broom handle" that prevents the window from being opened from the outside
- Fire escape burglary today at 55 Nagle; 3 laptops were stolen. Owners had serial number for only one, no tracking device; no gates and windows unlocked.
- Grand larcenies: money orders are being stolen out of mail boxes: mail money orders at the post office instead of a mail box on the street

La Marina is opening this week-end. Issue is traffic, not crime.

Noise complaints around Dyckman are high. The tool that the PD has against licensed premises is "nuisance abatement." If they are closed, they are allowed to reopen with stipulations. It can take a long time to close a place with chronic complaints.

Update from 33rd Precinct – Captain Greany

60% decrease in burglaries

I-phones and I-pads continue to be targeted; they can take them in the street and clean them and sell for \$80-\$150 instantly. With IMEI #, Apple can turn the phone on anywhere and the police can get it back.

Bike sign up: police can issue an ID number for bikes so if it is stolen, they can return it.

Fake kidnapping at 173rd and Haven constituted a huge waste of resources, up to \$100,000. No charges were filed because there was no crime: no false report of kidnapping. The report was filed by a child who witnessed the prank. Those in on it were not aware it was being treated as a crime.

Police are aware of drug sales (marijuana) at 187th & Amsterdam.

Motorcycles will become an issue soon. Motorcycles pose a danger to pedestrians, police officers and riders. Public can help by reporting where they are being parked in large numbers.

Stop, Question and Frisk is down because it is targeted to people who are more clearly suspected of committing a crime. Also, officers have been trained to do it in a way that will mitigate bad feelings.

District Attorney's Office Report – Sandrine Fermino, Community Affairs Coordinator, Northern Manhattan Office

34th Precinct: 141 arrests, with 82 cases pending, mostly trespassing and drug charges.

33rd Precinct: 178 arrests, 109 pending, 12 sentenced to jail, 9 to community service.

Domestic violence arrests: 22 in 33rd precinct in March; 16 in 34th.

Old Business

Renewed request for lights in Inwood Park so kids can play basketball at night and reduce drug activity in the area.

Continuing complaints about dogs from residents around J. Hood Wright Park being taken up by Parks Committee; 33rd precinct is aware of the problem and agreed to participate.

New Business

Chair's Goals for Public Safety Committee for 2013

1. Discuss domestic violence, prevention and help resources available
2. Increase communication with community: alternate meetings in upper Inwood and lower Washington Heights with CB 12 office/Hammer building
3. Address bullying: bring in kids who have been victimized by and perpetrated bullying
4. Hold joint meetings with other committees to improve quality of life
5. Work with precinct to address safety and quality of life issues, such as lighting in parks, subways, noise
6. Work with the 34th and 33rd precincts to inform residents on burglary, grand larceny, assault prevention
7. Make residents aware of services the NYPD offers like electronics and bike registration to track your device and/or bicycle in the event it is stolen.

Meeting adjourned 8:25

Community Board 12 Manhattan
Minutes for the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting*
April 2nd, 2013 at the Board's Offices – 711 West 168th Street

Committee Members Present (5): Harlan Pruden (chair), Ernest Richard Lewis, Mitchell Glenn, Chris O'Sullivan, and Zead Ramadan

Committee Members Absent (3): David Kach (Assist Chair), Michael Diaz, and Joan Neuman (Public Member).

Board Members (2): George Fernandez, Jr. and Maceo C. Raysor.

Public (8): D. Doroski, Migdalia Bernal, Yvonne Ivonnet, Ricardo Henriquez, Edwin Martinez, Richard Realmuto, Sarah Deutsch, and Nelson Denis.

Guests (1): Terese Flores

Staff Coverage (1) Rafael Iglesias.

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda by the Chair Harlan Pruden. The meeting to order at 7:18pm the chair, committee members introduced themselves and the agenda was presented. An announcement was made about the annual Uptown Stroll contest and volunteer days associated with NY Parks Restoration Project.

Presentation on a Preliminary Proposal to Build a Synthetic Surface Field at J. Hood Wright Park Discussion.

Richard Realmuto, Esq. submitted a very preliminary proposal to consider laying down a synthetic grass field for playing soccer at J. Hood Wright Park (JHWP). At this stage of development it's only an idea. The site would be near the Senior Center and adjacent to the handball courts. It would encompass the underutilized or seldom used volley ball court. Its measurements would be 100 feet by 80 feet. There will be two soccer goal posts with backstops for this mini-soccer field. Mr. Realmuto noted that several small neighborhood kids are now trying to play on the existing volley ball courts and the adjacent areas that sometimes have broken glass and other debris present. So this new concept of a field is an opportunity for a different recreations space to be programmed there.

Mr. Realmuto claimed that they are not asking for funding for the construction of this project and can secure the necessary funds from community sponsors. He indicated that small children already play there and the courts are riddled with glass and other debris. He stated that the synthetic surface (Astroturf © or some other equivalent surface) was a much better choice with low maintenance. It was pointed out to him that the subsurface, substrate, and drainage was also a necessary consideration.

A representative of the parks department, Ms. Terese Flores was present and suggested an alternative location: the recreation fields in Highbridge Park. It was felt however that this move would be major inconvenience given the proximity of several schools located closer to JHWP. Ms. Flores also mentioned that community sponsorship for construction might be problematic for the Parks Department to approve. It's rare that this is done on park land. The outcome of this proposal was well received and the next step was to pursue the Parks Department to setting up an exploratory committee to review how the proposal floats and possibly to suggest different scenarios. For instance, whether concrete or some other surface may seem a viable solution or how can an outside funding source become involved?. Parks will get back to the committee in about thirty days on this proposal. For additional information Mr. Realmuto and his group may be reached at: Richard@RealmutoArtists.com or (212) 923-6131.

Updates from the NYC Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Terese Flores presented some updates on current projects in the Northern Manhattan Parks. She discussed the construction site adjacent to the boathouse that was on public land and the need to make it more accessible for the public. There will be a new name for this area called "Muskoto Marsh" that has Native American origins. A resolution on this matter will be presented at the full board's general meeting in April.

Renovation is underway on the Highbridge Tower, built in 1872. It's the first time in forty years any major construction has taken place and should be completed in 2014. Scaffolding is up. This Tower project is separate from the bridge project that connects two boroughs. Phase I is fully funded, but Phase II not funded as yet.

The bathroom renovations are underway at the shuttered Nature Center and there are added costs due to hurricane/storm Sandy. A new pier will need to be built. While the center is closed for these renovations there is an ECOHOUSE Trailer, sponsored by an outside group and helps fill a needed educational gap.

Progress on the Lighthouse Link near the Henry Hudson Viaduct is being made as well as the new bike path. Construction on the Brush Staircase at the southern end of Highbridge Park will be delayed about a month due to fabrication of the stairs and substrate welding issues. The change order for the Wright Brothers Playground is complete. A new roof is being built for the Comfort Station with another contractor at the site, The entire playground and basketball court project is behind schedule and no completion date has been set. Ms Flores will get back to the committee on that matter.

Several volunteer projects to gather fallen trees limbs at Fort Tryon Park for April 7th was announced and on April 20th there will be a need to help lay down seeds. Progress is being made on the Riverside Drive Park ballfield and adjacent areas of construction, including the new path. The city has approved the hiring of more Parks Enforcement Patrol (PEP) officers and hopefully Northern Manhattan Parks will get its fair share. The JHWP fish eye video camera is back in operation. And can be remotely accessed. There are still some issues on competing community interests in this park. As a consequence an open meeting needs to be arranged with the Parks Department, PEP officers, the 33rd Precinct, the community board, the "dog owners group" and the "non-dog owners group". There are still some after hour's problems as well. It was suggested that the meeting could take place either in 200 Haven Avenue or the nearby Senior Center.

Presentation by an Independent Filmmakers Group.

Edwin Martinez and Ricardo Henriquez expressed their disappointment as filmmakers over the lack of a movie theater in Washington Heights/Inwood and that the last one, the Coliseum closed its doors last year. There has been considerable discussion since that time about how to re-open this theater as a new performance space. That initiative is apparently still an ongoing effort with Jeff Hoppa's group on Facebook© and other news articles: <https://www.facebook.com/login.php?next=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fevents%2F277789115625233%2F> or <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/washington-heights-locals-save-movie-theater-article-1.1004758>

It was pointed out that this was a very expensive proposition since the building is still private property that operates at about \$75,000 a month. It was also pointed out that there are other theaters hidden in the neighborhood that have been converted to furniture and other convenience stores, but their basic-shells are still there.

They were encouraged to keep pursuing this matter and get back to the committee at a later date.

Announcement. The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard Lewis

Edited by Harlan Pruden as needed-April, 2013

CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Monday, April 8, 2013

**Location: Meeting Location: 701 West 168th Street Rom 310 (Near Ft Washington)
New York, NY 10032**

Committee Members Present: Fe Florimón, Chair; Chris Smith Assistant Chair; Maria Luna; Manny De Los Santos; Michael Jimenez; Angelo Ortiz

Committee Members Excused: Alyce Smith

CB12 Members: George Fernandez, CB12M Chair
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Community Members: Mr. Roberto De la Rosa; Mr. Al Kurland, PAL; Joe Rogers, Founder-Total Equity Now

The Meeting was call to order by the Chair at 7:18PM

The Chair introduced herself and the Committee members and guests were also introduced. The chair also made opening remarks about the committee.

Youth Summer Employment

Mr. Patrick Norberto, Director (YM&YWH of Washington Heights and Inwood) addressed the committee about youth summer employment opportunities. Registrations are now open and in the first day fourteen youth have registered. It is for a seven week program with 25 hours per week focused on youth ages 16-24 who are New York City residents. Their contract is for 300 youth workers. There is no cost for work sites because of governmental funding. Youth will be paid minimum wage. This is a developing program with further details to be determined as it rolls out.

The committee discussed concerns that have been raised about privacy around student information. Information was shared about some opinions that have been raised by others that are concerned about the impact of recent actions other Department of Education and corporate partnerships as well as what might or might not be allowed under Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Individuals shared experiences related to this topic. It was agreed that further research is necessary in order to continue to raise the awareness of the committee and the community. The committee considered the following motion:

Approaches will be made to the NYC Department of Education, the NYS Department of Education, as well as people on both sides of the issue. Depending on what is found, a public hearing may be called and /or a resolution prepared.

Committee: 6:0-0-0

Saturday April 6th Meeting Report

The committee chair report on the Saturday meeting that occurred this month. Youth actively took part in the meeting, particularly a group of students from a government class from the Health and Sciences H.S. at George Washington Campus. The topic of the meeting was the community board and its role, as well as

how youth may be involved in this committee. Action is still continuing to allow youth to be members of community boards. Attendance was about 22 students and 6 adults.

The chair of the committee reviewed the goals, 2013 outcomes, action plan and timelines for this committee. She stressed the importance of everyone contributing in order for these goals and outcomes to be achieved, particular the recruitment of you as public members. Others shared input into these areas.

Old/New Business Report

Old and new business was considered as follows:

- Uptown Educational Collaborative-gearing up for a summit on May 4th for CEC and CB Y&E members with youth on five agreed upon issues
- CB9 Youth Resource Expo on April 13th –resources discussed including a table available to Y&EC
- Mayor's Office has announced 21% cuts to After School Funding as of 9/20/13 for contacted OST programs and no reinstatement of the programs we acted on for last year
- Commendations about work around alcoholism, particularly with youth as it have recently launched Underage Drinking Campaign. The collaborative running this campaign is looking for additional volunteers.
- The board chair announced the forum on licensing issues that is occurring on April 25, 2013

Meeting Adjourned at: 9: 28pm.

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2013

Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair
James Berlin
Isaiah Bing
Dulce Bueno
Tamara Rivera
Steve Simon

Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo

Board Members Present

George Fernandez

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Public Member Absent

Staff:

Guests: Shawn S. Ruff, Jeff Durban, Pat Courtney, Peggy Morrissey, Rita Gorman, Margaret Conners McQuade, Edwin Marshall – DCP, Brian Cook – MBPO, Jennifer Gardner – MBPO

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM. Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) Chair Wayne Benjamin began by welcoming committee members and guests.
2. Margaret Conners McQuade of the Hispanic Society of America (“HSA”) updated the Committee on HSA’s capital improvement plans. Ms McQuade stated that she has been with HSA for 20 years. She also stated that HSA’s buildings are over 100 years old, its programs are free and open to the public, it attracts approximately 20,000 visitors annually and that HSA is interested in increasing visitorship to both expose more members of the public to its collections and to better position the institution to attract grants from foundations. Ms. McQuade presented an overview of HSA’s interior spaces, some of its exhibits and then discussed the capital improvement master plan. The goals of the master plan include ADA compliance, public safety, improved interior environmental controls, securing the building envelope and creating an education center, adequate receiving and shipping areas, temporary exhibit space, additional galleries, and conservation and storage areas. Total cost of the master plan is estimated at \$150 million. The master plan does not include renovation of the main floor galleries of the former Museum of the American Indian, for which HSA is also seeking funding.

Given the cost of capital improvements and the availability of funds, the master plan must proceed in phases. Phase I began in 2008 and was completed in 2010. It included restoration of the Sorolla Gallery, making the former Museum of the American Indian safe for staff to use and modifications to the photo storage area. HSA is currently working on Phase II, which consists of work on the building envelope, roof and facades, which are deteriorated from water damage. HSA received \$1 million for the City of New York to partially fund restoration of the building’s south façade, \$500,000 from NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for roof repairs and \$135,000 from the government of Spain for restoration of the north façade. Phase III will include the creation of an ADA-compliant entrance. Phase IV includes a range of below-grade renovations. Phase V includes repairs to the terrace. Phases VI and VII consist of repairs to the East Building Roof and the North Building façade.

Ms. McQuade advised the Committee that in October 2012 the U.S. Department of Interior designated HSA as a National Landmark, which makes the institution eligible for federal grants. She also advised the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission has expressed interest in

designating HSA's interior spaces (generally only building exteriors are designated) but has agreed to defer acting on this until more of the master plan is complete as designation would make executing many aspects of the plan, in particular ADA compliance, more difficult and expensive.

3. Brian Cook, Director of Planning and Urban Design for the Manhattan Borough President's office (MBPO) and Edwin Marshall from the Department of City Planning (DCP) discussed rezoning with the Committee. Mr. Cook provided an overview of how the MBPO has worked with community boards and DCP to advance rezoning actions. The rezoning actions mentioned by Mr. Cook include 97th Street, the Lower East Side, West Harlem, East Harlem- Park Avenue and a new Central Harlem Contextual Zoning district. Mr. Cook stated that the MBPO does not have access to significant discretionary funds that it can provide to CB12 to help it hire a consultant to work on its rezoning plan. He suggested that Community Board 12 coordinate with its City Council representatives and that it solicit volunteers who are interested in advancing rezoning in Washington Heights and Inwood to help with surveys, identification of issues, goals and objectives. He also stated that the environmental review required as part of any rezoning would be a significant cost to the community board and that it would help if city agencies were also involved in the rezoning action as they could share in the this cost.

Mr. Marshall stated that he has been involved in every rezoning in upper Manhattan in the past 20 years. He stated that it is very important to reach consensus on the goals of a rezoning action, which is why they take so long to complete. He also stated that it is important for CB12 to have a written statement of goals, objectives and target areas for its proposed rezoning because when the new city administration begins DCP staff must provide it with a briefing; a well presented rational for rezoning can help it to be prioritized by the new administration. Mr. Marshall suggested that the written statement identify matters such as the proposed Quadriad and Overlook Terrace projects that present contextual design issues and the steep topography found in areas of the community. He stated that DCP and the MBPO can assist with community outreach but CB12 must also undertake its own outreach to residents, local institutions and other stakeholders. He also stated that DCP and the MBPO can meet with and advise our Planning Fellow to review issues related to the rezoning as they pertain to or conflict with matters of public policy and can make recommendations on the boundaries of areas proposed for rezoning. He further stated that DCP will partner with CB12 on the rezoning application, but both DCP and the MBPO have experienced staff reductions and that they cannot begin working with CB12 on the application in 2013. However, initial leg-work can be started by CB12. DCP and the MBPO will provide CB12 with a list of items on which work can begin to prepare the aforementioned written briefing.

4. A member of the public inquired as to the status of Quadriad's proposed project. Mr. Marshall stated that Quadriad shared revised drawings with DCP, but that it has not submitted a ULURP application.
5. After further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – April 4, 2013

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Steve Simon (chair), David Kach, Elizabeth Lehmann, Edgard Nau, Beatrice Hall (Public Member). **ABSENT:** Raybblin Vargas (Public Member)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Arthur, George Fernandez.

GUESTS: Ermin Siljkovic, GrowNYC; Kathy Preston and Julio Batista, NY-Presbyterian Hospital; Ross Frommer, Columbia University Medical Center.

S. Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m. and introduced the committee members.

1. **The status of the recycling program in our community --** Ermin Siljkovic, Manhattan Recycling Outreach Coordinator, GrowNYC, reported as follows:
 - CB 12 is behind most of the city on recycling. Citywide average diversion rate is 16%. CB 12 is tied for third worst in Manhattan at 12-14%.
 - There was a big drop in recycling citywide in 2003 when the city discontinued metal, glass and plastic recycling in the post-9/11 fiscal crisis. It has since resumed collecting these materials: anything mostly metal, all glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles and containers with thin necks. Any paper you can rip is recyclable.
 - His office was created by the City Council as part of its review of the Solid Waste Management Plan in 2006 to spur increased efforts on recycling, composting and waste prevention
 - He visits buildings, trains staff and tenants, and sets up tables at community events, where he hands out literature about recycling
 - He worked with the NYCHA building at Fort Washington Houses, 99 Fort Washington Ave., in 2009 to improve its recycling to a point where it was collecting 150 bags of recyclables in one month
 - The program may be expanded to include yogurt and takeout containers, depending upon the market economics.
 - A private company is building a processing facility in Brooklyn to handle these items.
 - Food scraps are collected at the Inwood greenmarket on Isham Street on Saturday mornings (no meat or fats). Greenmarket has 19 drop-off sites for composting citywide. Clothing is also collected at Inwood site. Clothing bins can be set up in buildings with at least 100 units.
 - Recycling Champions program has been created in the public schools to promote recycling.

S. Simon: what we can do to improve our rate?

E. Siljkovic: you could invite me to as many events and buildings as possible

2. **Follow-up discussion concerning the cleanup plan for brownfield (former gas station) at Broadway and Nagle Avenue --** S. Simon discussed the points that he thought should be included in a letter from CB 12 to the NY State Department of Environment Conservation in response to its Proposed Decision Document. He recommended that the board support the cleanup plan while urging DEC to follow up on the situations involving contamination found at 4580 Broadway and outside 17 Nagle Ave. during this investigation even though they were not attributable to the former gas station/auto repair shop. The committee supported sending this letter by the following vote:

Committee Members	5-0-0
Other Board Members	1-0-0
Members of the Public	3-0-0

3. **Columbia University Medical Center --** Ross Frommer, Deputy Vice President, Government & Community Affairs, reported as follows:
 - His office is sponsoring a talk on cutting edge research regarding cancer on April 30 at 6-8 p.m. at the Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, 1130 St. Nicholas Ave. There will be 2-3 speakers, and 4-5 faculty will participate in discussions with the public.
 - Sequestration of federal funding has had "a huge effect on us." The decrease in funding for research university-wide this fiscal year is \$40 million. (Columbia normally receives \$600 million.) The Medical Center

is losing \$31 million, \$2 million for clinical research. Columbia has sent out an e-mail blast, urging staff and students to write to Congress. A rally is being held in D.C. to support funding for medical research.

- A ceremony was held this afternoon at the Medical Center to announce the award of 11 scholarships to mostly CUNY students entering allied health fields. It's a unique program that allows these students to qualify for licenses by having financial support while serving unpaid internships. The scholarship program has been named for the late Council Member Stanley E. Michels, who was instrumental in creating it.

4. NY-Presbyterian Hospital – Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, reported as follows:

- The ribbon cutting for the new building for the Community Health Academy of the Heights on W. 158th St. was held on March 15. NYPH and CUMC partnered with the Community League of the Heights to create the 6th – 12th grade school, which encourages students to pursue health careers.
- The work upgrading the boiler and oil tanks on W. 168th Street will require four street closures to remove and reinstall the tanks. The second closing will be this Saturday. There were no problems last time.
- NYPH is sponsoring a health fair in conjunction with the Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance on April 13.
- A general health fair will be held at the Farrell Community Health Center on W. 158th St. on April 25.
- He is still working on organizing a tour of the AIM Clinic for CB 12 members.

Kathy Preston, Vice President for Government & Community Affairs, then reported on NYPH's acquisition of New York Downtown Hospital. The takeover still has to be approved by the NY State Department of Health. It will be affiliated with the Cornell Division. Michael Fosina, who has been in charge of the Allen Hospital, has been appointed Senior VP/Chief Operating Officer at NY-Downtown. She also reported that two major projects at NYPH have been approved by the state: the \$74 million renovation of the emergency room at W. 168th Street in five phases and the \$112 million renovation of 10 in-patient units at the Milstein Building, which will make the nurses' stations closer to the patients' rooms.

5. Isabella Geriatric Center – Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, reported as follows:

- 25 applicants from Washington Heights-Inwood and Marble Hill have applied for the McFadden scholarships, more than ever before. The decisions will be made by a 15-person committee, including CB 12 members Jim Berlin and Fe Florimon, Council Member Robert Jackson and his assistant, Martin Collins. The dinner will be held on May 16.
- NY State Dept. of Health approved the expansion of the ventilator-dependent care unit on two floors, the only such facility in Manhattan.
- Advance Directives Day will be held on April 15 at 8:30 a.m.-Noon. Medical and legal experts will advise residents about designating a surrogate decision-maker in the event they are unable to make medical decisions for themselves.

6. Old Business – S. Simon reported that DOT should complete changing the Street Cleaning/Alternate Side Parking signs between W. 155th – W. 181st Streets around May 6. Enforcement of the new rules in that area will begin a week later. The next phase of changing the signs between W. 181st – W. 218th Streets will begin at the same time.

7. New Business – None.

8. Mail – The Breast Examination Center of Harlem, a community program of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, will host an event for National Minority Cancer Awareness Week at the Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building on W. 125th Street on April 17.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon.

Community Board 12 Manhattan
Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting and Public Hearing
April 4th, 2013 at the Hammer Building Room 310 - 701 West 168th Street*

Committee Members Present (4): Richard Lewis (Chair), Ellen Kackmann, Alyce Smith, and Jay Mazur (late).

Committee Members Absent (1): Angelo Ortiz (Asst Chair).

Public Member (1): Christina Burgess.

Board Members (2): George Fernandez Jr. and Ayishia Ogilvie.

Public (9): Doris Figueroa, VP - Services for the Underserved (SUS). Steven Myricks (SUS), Robert Ortiz (SUS), Ilene Sacco, OPWDD, Carmen V. Lopez (SUS), Cheryl Chalmers, Milka Rodriguez (WeACT), Jacob Morris, and B. Howard.

Note: No staff was present on site. Some attendees left early or attended the meeting late.

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda. Richard Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. Board Members introduced themselves and then the chair introduced the new Public Member, Christina Burgess. The agenda was presented. A quorum was continuously present. Some major April housing events taking place in the Manhattan were announced: These events are:

- ▶ 4/16 - Annual Co-op/Condo EXPO at the Hilton Hotel - free admission.
- ▶ 4/24 New Affordable Housing Coalition Rally with elected officials and CBO's at Isabella 6 to 9pm.
- ▶ 4/24 Annual BuildingsNY EXPO - free admission (Housing Information, workshops, vendors and exhibits present, as well as several city, state, and federal housing agency.)

Old Business.

The chair introduced the proposed resolution to protect rent regulated tenants from getting an increase in their rent through a major capital increase (MCI) as a result of NYC Local Laws mandating energy conservation measures in residential buildings with benchmarking, audits, retrofits, and retro-commissioning. After this brief introduction the proposed resolution was open up for public discussion.

- There was discussion on how landlords lawfully use the tax laws to their advantage both as a business, a corporation (S or LLC), or as real property owners to gain tax exemptions, credits, or tax abatements.
- Since these tax benefits are applicable to city, state, and federal tax and revenue systems, double dipping may occur at various levels.
- A MCI additional rent charge if approved by the DHCR may also be applied to rent regulated tenants as permanent rent increase despite any tax offsets for the same structural improvements to an owner's property.
- There was some discussion of heating fuel oil vs. gas conversion. #6 fuel oil use will be banned in the city by 2015 and the DOB no longer certifies boilers that use it as of 2012. (Local Law 43). Many building in the short term are converting to #4 fuel since there will be no moratorium until 2030. Over 700 buildings in CD12 have yet to comply with these conversions. It was decided that additional information is needed on Con Edison's policy of clustering and the lack of gas hubs in Washington Heights/Inwood.
- The issue of load letters and the challenges of effective and committed planning, rather than restrictions on the property owner's speculative desires to have these costly lines installed needs to be redefined. The chair will bring this matter up at the board's next district managers meeting with a Con Edison representative who will be in attendance. Information gathered on area availability of gas lines associated this Clustering Program will be added to the resolution. In addition, the resolution will be combined to form a joint resolution with one previously passed by the board's Health and Environment Committee.

- After much discussion and some changes requested in the draft document the resolution is passed.

VOTE:

- **Committee Members** 4 0 0
- **Board Members** 1 0 0
- **Public Attendees** 8 0 0

The floor was then opened for a discussion on the need for a future resolution to expedite agency computerized reports on buildings with high code violations that are still pending. but not reported in a standard digital, downloadable, and functional file format. This solution will allow the file to be instantly placed in spreadsheet rather than tediously re entered from a paper or graphic report,

Although HPD's online database on code violations contains a vast array of this information is only accessible on a building by building search. With so much information present it has the tendency to become a graveyard with no proactive relief for buildings with these verified complaints. Fines for these code violations are never collected by this agency or any other. Although HPD's website lists a building's complaint and violation history online, the format is not suitable to use a global dataset (like zip codes) to make aggregates of buildings in a particular community district and extract them. This merely requires writing a few lines of SQL or HTML code.

Grand totals of the class and number of violations are available only for a single building address. The data shown on screen is still in an image or picture format that is not suitable for any direct or instant digital analysis.

We need to begin a process of data mining this information, extracting, and organizing it better so that it can be analyzed and possibly visually and virtually mapped.

Other lists on building searches such as the NYC DOB website also fail to allow one to globally select all the buildings in a community district or allow for a downloadable file for digital analysis or mapping. This information is a useful indicator to determine benchmark or monitor the health and safety of building, instead of just allowing it to reside unnoticed in cyberspace for years.

There have been attempts to address some of these issues. This seems to happen when there is bad publicity or a court case on these distressed properties. These post hoc approaches include the Public Advocate's Annual **Worst Landlord's List** (WLL), the **Alternative Enforcement Program** lists (AEP), and HPD's **Proactive Preservation Initiative** (PPI) list for at risk properties. Copies of these lists were distributed at the meeting.

These lists are problematic for many reasons. Additions to the WLL are primarily driven by tenant's requests and a limitation based on violation type and an overall amount reported. As evidence of this flaw a case was presented of a building in our community district with 200 violations that failed to get reported. That same building also had major elevator safety issues. The AEP Program is dependent on the initiatives and negotiations with the electeds, HPD, and available funding. Buildings listed in this repair program consequently may not be the worst in the city or the district. No cost figures are attached to the ASP list, nor are any information provided on the project's start or completion dates. There is no information provided whether the city has collected payments for these repairs from the owner or where said information can be found. HPD violation's lists do not link FDNY, DOB, or DOF or ACRIS information, nor are these lists cross-linked.

The Proactive Preservation Initiative is a newer approach to identifying and addressing deteriorating physical conditions in multifamily buildings before "they endanger the health and safety of residents and threaten the

quality of the surrounding neighborhood.” There are far too few community board 12 buildings in this program given the cross listing of apparently distressed properties in the other lists.

Our community board needs to be able to preemptively identify at-risk buildings so that we can intervene by providing this information and available remediating programs to all parties to become full and accountable stakeholders. To achieve these goals we need a community district building’s list pre-sorted in rank order of buildings by zip code and in a descending order based on the number of high violations. This list will serve as a basic index for further discovery. Finally, we need to be in front of these issues before they become a problem or an emergency complaint from our residents. All too often the latter has happened.

Following these introductory remarks by the chair the floor was open for discussion to propose the establishment of an in-house database on a six month basis to share with elected officials on buildings that have high violations. Several additional facts were uncovered. Others were sustained.

- The Chair through the District Manager requested in writing specific community building violation’s list and project information on the AEP lists on February 21st from HPD and it’s now April and no list has been forthcoming (Note: Copies of the memo were presented at the meeting)
- A Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request is now needed to expedite the delivery of this information.
- We need to target buildings that are in bad condition in Northern Manhattan. We know these violations exist but there is no list that provides an index on their locations.
- After this discussion was concluded the matter was tabled to the next stated monthly HHS Committee meeting in May where the text of a resolution will be considered.

New Business:

PUBLIC HEARING – REQUEST TO RELOCATE PERSONS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

[Background Information] - On March 19th, 2013 Services for the Underserved, Inc (SUS), a not-for-profit organization in conjunction with the NYS Office of People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD) submitted a scripted and certified letter requesting Community Board 12 Manhattan’s approval to establish and place two clients in a community residence at 660 West 178th Street – Apt. 3D. According to NYS Mental Health Law 41.34 this request had to be acted upon within forty (40) days. To expedite this request a public hearing was held as part of a stated monthly meeting of the Housing and Human Services Committee. According to NYS Mental Health Law 33.02 the board also has the right to make a determination whether such residential facility they are being placed in is a “safe and sanitary environment” and if their clients or their legal guardian(s) have been informed of all their rights.

Public Notice of such a hearing was posted in English and Spanish in the aforesaid building on March 26th, 2013 and distributed to all twenty-five (25) apartments of this six story building.

The SUS request letter made reference to the fact that they made a determination and selection of the aforesaid site with the claim that “the site is suitable for use as a community residence”

In preparation of the public hearing and concern for the high number of building and maintenance code violations in our community district members of the board conducted a physical tour of the property under consideration to see if it was an adequate and habitable space for the placement of these clients. In addition, a thorough research of the available public records of the property was conducted and building residents were questioned. At least nine (9) critical issues were uncovered. The most serious of these included 11 “C” Class HPD Code Violations on all floors of the building’s stairwell (required to be repaired in twenty-four hours, still

pending since 2006, and not complied with upon re-inspection since 2010) and the lack of fire escapes or an approved FDNY building fire safe/evacuation plan.

Accordingly, with a copy of the notice of a public hearing our Community Board's 12 Chair, George Fernandez, Jr. sent a letter requesting all parties to release a copy of the architect's report as cited and to be prepared to discuss all the findings of this case at the April 4th, 2013 public hearing. There was an audio recording of this public hearing made and the procedures for conducting the hearing published and read to those present beforehand.]

Presentation by Services for the Underserved, Inc.(SUS).

- SUS provides services for clients with mental health problems, services for people with AIDS, other services with developmental disabilities and home care. As a not-for-profit managerial agency these services may be outsourced.
- SUS confirmed that they made a formal request to the community board to place two individuals at 660 W. 178th Street, Apt. 3D. Doris Figueroa, a Vice President for SUS stated that their two clients had been living in their apartment, located in a midtown location for some 17 years. They are now being evicted as result of mismanagement from their former mental health service agency's failure to pay rent and a no contest order awarding possession of the apartment to their former landlord was issued. SUS has been asked to take over their case and relocate them.
- SUS claims there clients now have 72 hours to leave the 34th Street premise and they would like to make transition quickly and as easily as possible.
- Their clients, one of them elderly have seen the apartment and family members have approved it..
- SUS claims to have added installed additional smoke detectors and heat sensors throughout the apartment and are convinced that the apartment even without these improvements is safe.
- There will be 24 hour supervision of their clients with staff in the apartment and that includes receiving daily meals, senior managerial staff visits, and nursing service.
- SUS claims that these clients will use public transportation, are ambulatory, still have productive lives, and make good neighbors.
- The supervision they require is to insure that they take care of themselves
- All staff in their home care will be board certified by OPWDD.
- SUS attests to the fact that there are no fire escapes in this six story building and a valid FDNY fire safety and evacuation plan is still needed. Despite these facts SUS considers the building safe, clean, and in good condition.
- There is a valid Certificate of Occupancy (CFO #016640) from 1930 that certifies the building is fireproof and that the building has an elevator.
- Despite these claims board members expressed concerned that there was no secondary means of egress other than the main entrance and uncorrected violations in all the stairwells. Questions on fire safety and doubts still remained unanswered: Can their clients safely get out of building in a major fire?
- There is a DOB permit on the shed, however it is not posted and the shed is illegally constructed
- SUS made the unsubstantiated and false claim that these fire safety and evacuation problems were grandfathered by the DOB's CFO.
- SUS stated that once they are in the building they will try to work with landlord to clear up these violations.

Heavy discussions further developed over the building's many critical and uncorrected violations and the fact that a CFO could never trump FDNY's fire code where the safety of residents and first responders are immediately at risk. SUS further explained that their lack of due diligence was related to their concern over the eviction of the clients. Under further questioning their testimony was less evasive as they stated that

they had acquired emergency shelter for them and just wanted to expedite the process of placing their clients for fear of losing this site.

Later in this hearing It was explained to SUS by the Community Board's Chair, George Fernandez, Jr. that we needed to follow a legal and established process of review and determination. We needed to hold a public meeting in front of the full community board in addition to this committee meeting. He explained that we have accommodated SUS in more than a timely manner (within six days from the date of their letter) and we have 40 days to complete that process by law. He further explained that it was not possible to bypass the entire board and approve their request forthwith. The HHS Committee has to present a resolution to the full Community Board. The resolution will be introduced at our April 23rd General meeting. SUS was invited to attend and speak at the public session on behalf of the resolution

Prior to voting on a resolution in concept each committee member expressed their final concerns:.

- There should be a 'whereas clause' addressing committee's concerns and the lack of due diligence by SUS in pressing their case and not making a determination about the building as opposed to the only the apartment. This was further evidenced by SUS not presenting the architect's so called report to the committee as requested.
- The resolution needs to address the timeline of this public hearing
- Neither residents from the building itself nor the committee had any social concerns about the fact that their clients had developmental disabilities or their care. The concerns were solely based on the violation history of the building and the safety of their clients as a consequence.
- There are still doubts over the fact that the violations that need to be immediately repaired have remained for nearly seven years, despite several building re-inspections.
- There was concern that their clients and their family were shown only three apartments in three different buildings.
- Given the volume of violation there was some concern expressed about the landlord and agency concern for the people. One committee member wondered if there was "a rap sheet" on this landlord."
- Another committee member wanted to know the relationship between landlord and agency, if any.
- The lack of a secondary means of egress (either a fire escape or a portal to the outside) and stairwell violations were still a concern
- The building's CFO not matter how old or its lack does not trump the city's fire code
- The chair expressed concern whether it was even possible to craft a resolution even with a stipulation to enforce the building's safety compliance with the owner not a party to that agreement or if have SUS would protect their client's rights regarding any future building violations. The chair will try.
- Concerns were expressed regarding the continued level of care for their clients given the state's new budget that sliced \$30 Million from the OPWDD, leaving them with only \$90 million. This result will have a direct effect on SUS and other agencies bottom line in to pay for and allocate resources, including staff. This concern was further amplified by changes related to the new repayment agreement formula between the federal and state government for Medicaid/Medicare that was reduced from \$5,100 to \$1,200 per case. Will these previously authorized state overpayments be collected and thus further reduce agency services?

- We need SUS to address that status of to these violations and remind them in a few months should the resolution on their placement request be approved and to remind this agency that their performance will be noted in any future applications to place their clients in our community district.

VOTE:

- Committee Members 4 0 1
- Board Members 2 0 0
- Public 6 0 1
- Resolution passed

Milka Rodriguez, We Act for Environmental Justice (WeACT),

WeAct is a not-for-profit organization that has been working in Northern Manhattan for the past 25 years to improve the health of residents and engage them in environmental policy. They are coordinating with the Mayor's office to lead the "Clean Heat, Clean Energy Campaign" to assist property owners in Northern Manhattan that are still burning #6 or #4 heating fuel oils. The #6 fuel oil is the more serious problem as it has the highest level of pollutants and can be seen as black smoke from chimneys. These fuel conversions are mandated by Local Laws 43, 84, and 87. Property owners must stop using No. 6 oil by 2015 and No. 4 oil by 2030. WeACT is trying to advise and connect property owners to energy financing organizations and agencies and advise them about incentives.

WeACT will be holding its first tenant workshop either April 29th or 30th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at 3333 Broadway in their community room. All interested in attending may contact her MILKA@weact.org or call..

Jacob Morris - Harlem Historical Society

Mr. Morris informed the committee about NYCHA plan to build luxury housing on its property in selected sites throughout the city. The goal of NYCHA's plan is to generate needed revenue for its poorly funded building maintenance and repair program. There are no sites selected in our community district, nor any state plans to build any here. Mr. Morris wanted a resolution of support to one that is circulating by others to present to the City Council to protest to this plan. He was advised by the Chair that if this document made any reference to ULURP's that its presentation was more related to areas discussed in the board's Land Use Committee. There was sparse discussion on this matter since the meeting was close to ending. He finished his presentation by saying he would email the chair a copy of the resolution and some additional information.

Emergency Meeting and Possible Public Hearing on Community Access Request for Client Placement

Recently, the board received another request letter for a blanket approval for speculative client placements in a building in our community district with no negotiated lease pending. Since this process requires has a forty day (40) limitation that timing would come after our full board's May meeting. After a discussion of this request letter the Chair set up a April 9th date at 6:30pm HHS Committee meeting to consider their request or hold a public meeting or deny one after they are contacted and fail to justify this phantom placement request..

Meeting adjourned at 9:20pm

Draft respectfully submitted by,
Alyce Smith

Minutes re-written and edited by
Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee
April 4th, 2013

Minutes: Traffic and Transportation Committee
April 8th 2013

Attendance:

Committee Members Present: Yosef Kalinsky, Jim Berlin, Mitch Glenn, Anita Barberis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter, Richard Allman

Committee Members Absent: Aldemar Diaz (excused), Edith Prentiss (excused)

Members of the Public: Michael Michalek, Emily Gordon, Tom Fredricks, Josh Orzeck, Jeremiah Cox, Brad Conover, Hugo Leon, Jeffrey Rosengarten, Robert Salpeter, Carmen Loke, Emily Weidenhof, Jeff Powell, Ann Saint-Pierre, Ted Wright, Acacia Dupierre

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm

1) 185th Street Plaza Project:

Mike Mhalik (representing Dewberry) presents – 185th Street is currently not a through street, no cars are able to drive there. Instead there are planters and movable chairs set up on the street currently. The goal of the plaza is to enhance the space and create a pedestrian haven. DOT will maintain a fire access lane along the side and maximize the green on the street with pockets of seating areas and greenery. Plan is to place decorative concrete on the floor in line with the schist found naturally in upper Manhattan. DOT plans to add safety features at the intersection at Amsterdam so that pedestrians realize that they are leaving the plaza and entering a vehicular street with traffic. In terms of parking, the current design implies a loss of 2-3 parking spaces since the current entrance to the parking lot is located at the west end of the street on 185th Street, which will turn into the pedestrian only plaza. The plan is to create an entrance at 184th Street and to use Audobon Avenue for the exit. There will be movable seating, back wood seating, stone seating without backs, and stone seating with backs. The planting plan takes into account the need to have quiet areas at the entrance of buildings. A designated fire lane will go through the middle of the street. Flushing meadows style lighting was chosen for the lighting. Construction estimated at \$1.9 million, and should commence summer of 2014. Yeshiva University will be the maintenance partners and have been involved in the design.

Mitch Glenn– Shouldn't we include the Parks Committee in this discussion in case they want to introduce artwork on the street?

Emily Weidenhof – This will remain a DOT street and any artwork would be coordinated through DOT and we are open to discuss this with them. The Plaza de Las Americas also was a DOT project run through the T and T committee.

Jim Berlin – Although parks may have ideas, but this is not a park it is "traffic-scape". The plaza on Amsterdam was done in the 80's when Jim was chair of the board. It brought great contention, but turned out to be a boon to the neighborhood.

Jeffrey Rosengarten - Timing is critical on this resolution because of money commitments by the borough president's office which we may lose if the project does not commence in the near future. An essential piece is the pedestrian crossing across Amsterdam. He is concerned that people will walk through plaza and not be aware that they are entering a street. So it is important to design safety measures at that intersection. A resolution is needed tonight because a \$500,000 commitment from the borough president's office for safety enhancements can be withdrawn if this project does not move forward this week. So it's actually potentially a \$2.4 million project.

Yosef Kalinsky – We need to add safety features on Amsterdam to slow down cars before they hit 185th street. Can there be "bump outs" or other traffic calming devices? Cars have a light at 183rd Street and are at speeds of 30 to 40 MPH by the time they hit 185th Street.

Jim – Need to make it clear to pedestrians that they are leaving the plaza and entering the street, perhaps change the color of the curb at Amsterdam.

Mitch – We may pass the resolution and it gets knocked down at the GM since no comment from Parks department.

Jim – We can pass the resolution as a preliminary plan and later get a final plan resolution and allow parks time to give their input.

Elizabeth Lorris Ritter – It's a street and a DOT project so that's why it goes to T and T committee. We can include parks in the discussion and at the executive committee.

Jim – As such let's not just make a preliminary resolution. Mitch agrees

Rosengarten – I would like to make it clear that it was not the university's idea to change the parking entrance and to remove any parking. We realize that parking is a major issue in this community and it was promised at an earlier meeting that no parking would be lost during this project. If this is the design that the committee wants to support that is fine with us as well, but we are sensitive to the parking issues.

Rabbi Kalinsky cannot vote due to conflict of interest.

Vote: Committee 4-0-0-1

Public 10-0-0

2) GWB Bike Path

Ted Wright from DOT Presents:

Basic idea is to connect the GWB bike path (south side) with the West Side Hudson River Greenway

Major improvements:

1. Two-way bike facility safely connects GWB path to Ft. Washington Avenue and Haven Avenue
2. Completes connection between Greenway and GWB Path
3. New crossing improves connection from neighborhood to park/playground
4. New signs improve wayfinding in the area

There is a narrow exit from the bridge onto 178th St. DOT will add a barrier between the cars and the sidewalk and bike imprints.

Bikers turn right onto Cabrini, but that is a one way street going north and the cyclist are going south.

Suggestion is to move parking to the barrier in middle and create a bike lane going south.

Brad Conover – suggest that we have the cyclists on the North side exit towards the north towards 181st Street and those exiting the GWB from the south go towards the south with Cabrini Blvd.

Elizabeth – Asked the DOT to please reach out to the Port Authority to coordinate their efforts together on this project since the GWB is controlled by the PA.

Vote: Committee: 6-0-0

Public: 6-0-0

3) Unresolved Issues for DOT – Josh Orzeck will report back to us next month from the list generated by Edith Prentiss reviewing all resolutions passed for DOT projects and promises made to our committee, dating back to 2008.

4) New Business:

1. Slow Zone – It was suggested that we ask Dave Thom and his friends to report back to us in May or June whether DOT did a good job with the slow zone in Inwood.
2. Yosef – George suggested that the committee do a walk through with city officials and the press at a number of subway stations within CB12. We should coordinate with Marcus Book and he can get us free entrance to the subway.
3. Hayes Lord promised to present at our May meeting about the bike lane resolution “to do list” from June 2012.
4. Maurice Bruet from DOT is retiring.
5. Safe Street for Seniors projects will commence this month at 155th and Broadway and 173rd and Wadsworth.
6. Speed hump on Cabrini and 187th will be installed within the next two weeks.

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, April 10, 2013

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Chair; Rolando Cespedes; Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter; Edith Prentiss; Anina Young

Committee Members Excused:

Committee Members Absent: Angela Sanchez

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez, Community Board Chair; Manny De Los Santos; Ariel Ferreira; Richard Lewis; Victor Santos

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present: Lieutenant Crispin Muñiz, 34th Precinct; Captain Fausto Pichardo, 33rd Precinct; Guy Pepin; Victor Rodriguez; James Lee; Oscar Napa; Sonia Vega; Francisco Reynoso; Zosanna Vasquez; Salma Lopez; Katie Weaver; Natacha Collado; Gregory Gonzalez; Wendy Bonilla; Euridicis Bonilla; Richard Wong; Teresa Guardado; Maria C. Gonzalez; Gus Anton; Alberto Intirnatoo; Katherine O'Sullivan; Carlos Guzman; Franklin D. Pacheco; Augusto C.

A. Welcome and Opening Remarks: Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Carlos Guzman from NYC Business Solutions who offered assistance to anyone needing it. Aldemar explained the new procedures that the Committee will be following: In the interest of efficiency, the hearing process for renewal applications will be swifter than usual if the method of operation has not changed and there are no complaints from the Police Department or the community.

B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses

On-Premise Liquor License

1. Sushi Vida – 237 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue

Owner/Representative	Victor Santos (owner) Steve Wygoda (Architect)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Monday-Thursday, 1pm-1am; Friday & Saturday, 1pm-2am; Sunday, 1pm-1am
Tables/Chairs	Indoor: 20 tables, 40 chairs, 7 bar stools; Outdoor: 7 tables, 15 chairs
Music	iPod/Computer
Security Cameras	10 (2 outside, 8 inside)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes

Employees	15, full-time
Capacity	60
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	Katherine O'Sullivan asked about the sound proofing. Victor said that it is the same soundproofing as "in the theaters downtown" and the glass is very thick. Ms. O'Sullivan asked that a sign be put up asking the patrons be considerate of the restaurants neighbors.
Stipulations	<p>The business shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adhere to the terms of the agreement signed with Councilman Robert Jackson which limits the hours of operation of sidewalk cafes to 10pm Sunday through Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday, and • Post signage in English and Spanish asking its patrons to refrain from making excessive noise when entering or exiting the establishment to avoid disturbing nearby residents.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 4-0-0-1

2. Locksmith Wine Bar, Inc. – 4463 Broadway between Fairview Avenue & West 192nd Streets

Owner/Representative	Oscar Napa
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	Monday-Thursday, 3pm-2am; Friday-Sunday, Noon-4am
Tables/Chairs	8 tables, 25 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	2 outside, 5 inside
Security Personnel	1, state licensed, weekends only
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	9
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	
33rd Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 2-0-0

3. Chavettez, Inc. doing business as No Parking – 4168-4172 Broadway between 176th & 177th Streets

Owner/Representative	Guy Pepin
Type of Establishment	Bar
Hours of Operation	The method of operation for this business has not changed.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 2-0-0

4. Tipico Dominicano LLC – 4172 Broadway at the corner of 177th Street

Owner/Representative	Augusto Camacho
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	24 hours, 7 days a week; alcohol served 11am-4am
Tables/Chairs	23 tables, 89 chairs
Music	Juke box
Security Cameras	3 outside, 9 inside
Security Personnel	1
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	23
Capacity	110
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 1-0-0

5. International Food House – 217 Dyckman Street at the corner of Broadway

Owner/Representative	Maribel Nuñez & Alberto Nuñez (owners)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	The method of operation for this business has not changed.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	Katie Weaver, a resident across the street, asked if a liquor license is shared with Aroma Italian restaurant next to it as there is often noise and fighting involving customers of Aroma. It is one large establishment but divided in its dining areas. Ms. Weaver states that there is no soundproofing of that restaurant. Katherine O'Sullivan, a local resident, asked if there is a sound governor on the sound system. The owners said that there is a governor. Ms. O'Sullivan said she is greeted by the loud music as she exits the subway around midnight.
Stipulations	A bilingual sign will be put up requesting that the patrons be courteous of the neighbors and to keep the noise level to a minimum. A sound test will be conducted in the restaurant as well as in Ms. Weaver's apartment across the street.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 3-0-2; Board: 2-0-0

6. The Element Restaurant Group Inc. doing business as 181 Cabrini – 854 West 181st Street
(between Cabrini Boulevard & Pinehurst Avenue)

Owner/Representative	James Lee
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	The method of operation for this business has not changed.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	

ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	No concerns.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 2-0-0

7. Mi Ranchito Mexican Restaurant Group Inc. doing business as 1458 St. Nicholas Avenue, (at the corner of West 183rd Street)

Owner/Representative	William Ortez (owner)
Type of Establishment	Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Unchanged
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	10
Security Personnel	2, weekends only
ADA Compliant?	Unchanged
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	No concerns or comments. Committee member requested more regular-height tables.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 2-0-0

8. Floridita Restaurant Uptown #2 Inc. – 3856 10th Avenue, (at corner of 206th Street)

Owner/Representative	Raul Augusto (Representative)
Type of Establishment	Dominican & Cuban restaurant
Hours of Operation	The method of operation for this business has not changed.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	

Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	No concerns.
Stipulations	He has agreed to sign a stipulation regarding noise by patrons keeping the level low.
Notes	The representative is not aware of any complaints.
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 4-0-0

Restaurant Wine License

9. L'Fonda Inc. – 2023 Amsterdam Avenue (between 160th & 161st Streets)

Owner/Representative	Ivelisse Morel (Co-Owner)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Unchanged
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	No. It is a narrow business that is unable to have a ramp.
Employees	Unchanged
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Sign for patrons regarding noise.
Notes	No changes in the method of operation. The owner is unaware of any complaints.
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 4-0-0

10. Inwood Local Wine & Beer Garden – 4957 Broadway (between West 207th & Isham Streets)

Owner/Representative	Gus Anton
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Monday-Thursday, 4pm-2am; Friday-Sunday, Noon-3am
Tables/Chairs	There are now 40 seats in the back.
Music	Unchanged

Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	No concerns.
Stipulations	A sign for patrons to be aware of noise level and respectful of neighbors. A sound governor will be installed in the outside area behind the business as well.
Notes	Since our previous concerns regarding noise have been addressed and there are no complaints, the Committee agrees with the owner that the hours should be restored to 3am closing time on Fridays and Saturdays. The owner stated that he will contact the SLA for corrections if the old hours are mistakenly added to the new license certificate.
Vote	Committee: 4-0-0 Board: 2-0-1

Eating Place Beer License

11. Elsa La Reyna Del Chicharron Inc. – 1249 St. Nicholas Avenue (between 172nd St & 173rd Streets)

Owner/Representative	Victor Rodriguez (Representative, Owner's brother)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	Unchanged
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	5 (formerly 7)
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	Unchanged
Restaurant letter Grade	
33rd Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	No concerns.
Stipulations	Post a bilingual sign asking patrons to keep noise level low and to be respectful of the neighbors.

Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 4-0-0

C. State Liquor Authority New Applications:

On-Premise Liquor License

12. The Heights Restaurant Corp. doing business as The Heights Restaurant – 203 Audubon Avenue (between 175th & 176th Streets)

Owner/Representative	Francisco Reynoso (Co-Owner)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	8am-4am, seven days a week. Alcohol served 12noon-3:30. Last call 3am.
Tables/Chairs	4 tables, 12 chairs. 5 chairs at the bar.
Music	iPod.
Security Cameras	16 – 2 outside; 1 in the yard out back; 13 inside.
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes.
Employees	3
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	5 – 2 in the front (entrance); 3 in the basement.
Restaurant letter Grade	
33rd Precinct	
Community Comments	Councilman Rodriguez has concerns because of previous problems with previous owners at that location.
Stipulations	Install a sound governor. The owners will meet with Councilman Rodriguez and the 33 rd Precinct. Bilingual signage requesting patrons to keep noise level to a minimum.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 3-0-0

13. Morelia Mexican Restaurant Inc. – 3950 10th Avenue (between 211th & 212th Streets)

Owner/Representative	Ishmael Garcia (Owner) & Jose Reyna (Employee)
Type of Establishment	Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	5pm-2am Seven days a week. Last call is 1:45am.
Tables/Chairs	60 tables, 120 chairs.
Music	iPod without sound governor
Security Cameras	10. 7 – Inside, 3 – Outside.

Security Personnel	2 personnel, seven days a week.
ADA Compliant?	Yes.
Employees	30. Most will be full-time.
Capacity	170
Emergency Exits	3 - 2 – entrance in, 1 – exits to 211 th street
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Bilingual signage asking patrons to keep noise level to a minimum. There is not a cabaret license so there will be no dancing. The scope of work, when completed, will match the drawing that was shown to the committee.
Notes	Ruth Morales, former project manager, certified that the business will be accessible after renovations are completed. No apartments located above or next door. The owners met with members of CB12 Executive Committee and the 34 th Precinct. The owners volunteered to close at 2am.
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 3-0-0

14. Blue Star 18 Inc. doing business as La Piñata Mexican Grill – 4934 Broadway (at the corner of 207th Street)

Owner/Representative	Salma Lopez (Owner), Franklin Pacheco (Representative)
Type of Establishment	Mexican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Wed 12pm-12am, Thurs-Sat 12pm-1am. Alcohol will be served during all open hours. Last call will be one half hour before closing.
Tables/Chairs	16 tables, 32 chairs.
Music	Background music – Pandora.
Security Cameras	8. 3-Dining area, 1-Kitchen, 1-Storage, 3-Outside.
Security Personnel	No.
ADA Compliant?	No.
Employees	10
Capacity	45
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns. They would like a meeting with the owners and a walk-through of the establishment.
Community Comments	

Stipulations	Bilingual signage asking patrons to keep noise level to a minimum when outside. Will meet with the 34 th Precinct and schedule a walk-through of the establishment. Will reduce the number of tables from 16 to 14 to allow greater accessibility by the disabled.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 1-0-0

15. Vida LES LLC doing business as Maranello Trattoria – 1 Nagle Avenue (at the corner of Hillside Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Victor Santos
Type of Establishment	<p>This application for a <i>sidewalk café permit</i> has been withdrawn. The business already possesses an On-Premise Liquor License, which the Board approved several months ago.</p>
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Vote	

16. Kon to Euro Caribbean Cuisine Corp. – 261 Dyckman Street (at the corner of Payson Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Gregorio Gonzalez & Natasha Collado (Co-Owners)
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sun-Thurs 10am-2am, last call at 1:30am. Fri & Sat 10am-4am, last call at 3:30am.
Tables/Chairs	40 tables, 40 chairs.
Music	iPod.
Security Cameras	5. 4-Inside, 1-Outside.
Security Personnel	No.
ADA Compliant?	Yes, fully accessible.
Employees	
Capacity	50.

Emergency Exits	3. 1 in front, 2-in back to the alley.
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No objections
Community Comments	Katherine O'Sullivan stated that there are already 11 liquor licenses in the area and asked if the 500-foot rule applied. Chairman Diaz explained that the State Liquor Authority applies the rule when there are three establishments of the same exact type with the same exact license within 500 feet. Diversity in cuisine, for example, may provide an exception to the rule.
Stipulations	Bilingual signage regarding noise level. Meet with the 34 th Precinct. They will have a sound governor. There will be two security cameras outside.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 0-3-2 Board: 0-3-1

17. La Catrina Mexican Grill Corp. – 3803 10th Avenue (at the corner of 204th Street)

Owner/Representative	Richard Wong (Owner) Ruth Morales (Project Manager)
Type of Establishment	Mexican Grill
Hours of Operation	M-F 3pm-12am, last call 11:45pm. Sat & Sun 11am-2am, last call at 1:45am. Alcohol served during all open hours.
Tables/Chairs	18 tables, 48 chairs.
Music	iPod with sound engineer
Security Cameras	16. 3-outside, 1-backdoor, 1-stairwell to basement, 11 throughout restaurant.
Security Personnel	None.
ADA Compliant?	Yes, fully.
Employees	14
Capacity	75
Emergency Exits	3. 2-front, 1-from basement to alley.
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No concerns.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Bilingual signage about noise level.
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 4-0-0

Restaurant Wine License

18. Restaurante La Libertad Corp. – 3764 Broadway (at the corner of 157th Street)

Owner/Representative	This application was approved by the Licensing Committee in March. It was resubmitted to the SLA because the wrong principal's name was indicated on the form.
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	
Vote	

D. State Liquor Authority Alteration Applications:

19. Negro Claro Corp. – 3805 10th Avenue (at the corner of West 204th Street)

Owner/Representative	Wendy Bonilla
Type of Establishment	Eating and drinking place
Hours of Operation	The method of operation for this business has not changed.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34 th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	They want to add a bar in a patio area, which contains 27 seats.
Vote	Committee: 4-0-1 Board: 4-0-0

E. NYC Department of Consumer Affairs New Application:

Unenclosed Sidewalk Café

20. Sushi Vida Inc. doing business as Mamasushi – 237 Dyckman Street, (at the corner of Seaman Avenue)

Owner/Representative	Victor Santos (owner), Steve Wygoda (Architect)
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	Midnight Fri & Saturdays; 10 Sun-Thurs.
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	
34th Precinct	No opposition.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 5-0-0 Board: 4-0-0-1

F. New Business / Adjournment

21. Chairman Diaz announced the liquor licensing public hearing which the Community Board was set to sponsor on April 25th. The date has since changed to Thursday, May 9th at 7pm, and the venue will be Isabella Geriatric Center, located at 515 Audubon Avenue at 190th Street.

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN
General Meeting
March 19, 2013
DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDING: Fernandez [Chair], Bing [1st Vice-Chair], Ferreira [2nd Vice-Chair], ,

EXCUSED: North, Ritter, Ortiz, Smith, Benjamin

ABSENT: Allman [Secretary], Amodeo, Cespedes, L. Hidalgo, Mulligan, Pruden, Ramadan, Reynolds, Sanchez, Vargas

STAFF: Smith [District Manager]

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fernandez at 7:15, quorum pending.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Quorum at 7:50, agenda adopted.

The **Motion** was **approved unanimously**.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The **Motion** was **approved unanimously**

CHAIR'S REPORT [Chair, George Fernandez]

The chair noted that this meeting is the first held in Inwood for a long time and thanked Pastor Olivieri for hosting the meeting.

Events and meetings the chair attended in the last month include:

- Joint legislative breakfast of the Renaissance Health Care Network, Harlem Hospital Center's Community Advisory Board, about the "Guns Down, Life Up" program, which uses the slogan "We need to wrap our arms around our children."
- Ribbon cutting for Lucille Bulger Center for Community Life
- CB 12 Committee meetings: Chair asks for a round of applause for CB 12 committee chairs for their dedication in doing the people's business.

He announced the opening of a new middle school, the Health Sciences Academy, on 158th St. between Amsterdam and Broadway, which focuses on life sciences and is well-equipped with Apple products.

Additional highlights from the Executive Committee Report included:

- Passage of 3 resolutions that the full membership will vote on today:
 - Voted to join the coalition New York City Voices Against Gun Violence - coalition to spread awareness of and support for the NY SAFE Act. Rally at State Office Building on 125th St. on May 20th.
 - Creation of a Task Force on Information Technology and Telecommunications

- Creation of the Business Development Committee and concomitant change to the by-laws

Chair is restructuring committees: Members are being shifted according to abilities and expertise

- Angelo Ortiz is the new assistant chair Housing and Human Services
- Dr. Edgard Nau, podiatrist, is the new assistant chair of Health and Environment

Additional announcements were:

- Preliminary budget for FY2014 was submitted on time.
- Annual report needs to be submitted to Borough President by March 22
- The first shooting of the year in Washington Heights/Inwood: a young man shot in buttocks on Ellwood. We have second largest population of youth in Manhattan at 60,000

Pastor Olivieri welcomed the community board, noting that la Puerta Estrecha is the first Hispanic Pentecostal church in the community.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Eric Cliette, Director of Harlem Hospital Center's Injury Prevention Center, talked about the anti-violence coalition "Circle of Safety," and showed a video, "Triggering Wounds," that illustrates the cost of gun violence to families and the community, and victim and community responses.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT [Ebenezer Smith]

DOT started Phase I of the new street cleaning regulations. Alternate Side Parking for street cleaning is suspended from 181st to 155th Streets, river to river, until further notice.

FDNY is holding a centennial celebration of Engine 93 and Ladder 45, at 515 W. 181st St., on March 20th at 11 am.

There will be a forum for delivery people using bicycles on new laws and safety at UPC, on March 28 at 3:30

New York County District Attorney's Office is offering two programs:

- Training on changes in immigration law to protect immigrants from fraud, on 4/12/13 at 9:30 at the CB 12 office.
- High school juniors and seniors are encouraged to apply for the Legal Bound Summer Internship program. No students from upper Manhattan have applied in the past. Applications are due April 26 (<http://manhattanda.org/high-school-internship>).

The fence enclosing the triangle between Amsterdam and St. Nicholas at W. 162nd fence came down because of Sandy, and the lot became a dumping ground. The owner has been notified that he must clean it. If he does not, the Dep't of Sanitation will clean it. The DM has been in touch with the Midtown Community Court to assign people to the job.

PUBLIC SESSION

- Roger Myer, Conservancy North, explained that this organization formed organized 2 years ago with the mission of bringing public space back to the public and ensuring that the public had input into public resources. The current concern is that the public not getting give-back from private use of the waterfront by Columbia University. Sign up for newsletter or look up at

ConservancyNorth.org. They meet 3rd Monday of every month at 5:30 pm, usually at Espailat's Office. Contact him at roger@levelm.com

- George Espinal, 34th Precinct Community Council President, encouraged people to call (347) 842-0034 with any concerns or complaints. They are requesting impact officers for the neighborhood for the summer, to help with underage drinking, youth violence, and quality of life issues.
- Luz Bermudez, also of the 34th Precinct area, complained about sidewalk cleaning and dog owners. CB 12 members suggested taking the complaint to the Health & Environment Committee; noted that Sanitation will station people at the location if she can tell them when it is happening; and observed that in another area a volunteer started putting up boxes with bags for picking up poop. A problem, however, is the removal of art of the problem is that people are garbage cans from the corners; people aren't going to walk around with bags of poop if there is no place to dispose of them.
- Javier Chuck, resident of CB 12 and paralegal in the Legal Aid Society's Harlem Community Office, is a tenants' rights advocate. LAS is a non-profit law firm that provides free legal services, civil legal assistance, helping people obtain benefits, persons with AIDS, etc.. They hold a monthly tenant rights workshop at their office at 230 E 106th St between 2nd and 3rd Aves.
- DeForest Raphael of the AME Zionist Church on the Hill announced a street fair on June 17th from morning until evening. They hope to shut off St. Nicholas Ave. between 159th & 160th Streets and to invite hospital facilities to provide medical screenings. He offered the church building for a CB 12 meeting on the southern end of the district.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee

Resolution calling for an Information Technology & Telecommunications Task Force to improve communications with the community and social media, modified by a friendly amendment to be consistent with open meeting laws and accessibility, passed **27-0**.

Resolution to create a Business Development Committee and formalize the existing CB 12 committee structure and specified governmental linkages, with the addition of a friendly amendment that the Youth and Education Committee links to the NYC Public Library, passed **28-0**. (Discussion noted that the Economic Development Committee became the Licensing Committee; thus it was necessary to create a Business Development Committee.)

Resolution for CB 12 to support Voices Against Gun Violence. This endorsement will allow CB 12 to register as an official member of the coalition, will allow members to join in the protest on May 21 in their official capacity, and will entail putting the logo on CB 12's website and sending out announcements to the community. Resolution passed **28-0**.

Call for members to join the IT & Telecom Task Force.

Traffic & Transportation [Chair, Yosef Kalinsky]

Resolution on street co-naming was corrected -- it is 181st St. and Bennett, not 184th. There was presentation of the history of the individual being honored, recognition that it is a milestone for Russian community of Manhattan and the Bronx, and recognition that the proposal followed correct procedures in bringing the information and getting support. Therefore the committee supports naming the NW Corner of 181st & Bennett "Alexey Murzhenko Plaza." Resolution passed **28-0**.

Licensing [Chair, Aldemar Diaz]

1. Resolution to Recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Park View Café at 219 Dyckman St. (corner of Broadway).

Approved 27-1

2. Resolution to Recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to La Caridad Restaurant #2 View Café at 2092 Amsterdam Ave. (between W. 163rd & W. 164th Sts.).

Approved 25-3

Owner agreed to notarize stipulation and to present to CB12 today. The stipulation was received.

3. Resolution to Recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Zervian Café Corp., at 206 Dyckman St. (bet. Broadway & Vermilyea Ave.).

Approved 27-1

4. Resolution to Recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Tavern Wine License to Corcho Corp. dba Corcho Wine Room at 227 Dyckman St. (bet. Broadway & Seaman Ave.).

Approved 25-2-1

Corcho Corp. owner agreed to stipulate he will close the front doors when a CJ is playing music. The chair noted that he has already been doing it. The stipulation was not received today. Local precincts have no objection.

5. Resolution not to Recommend the SLA grant a Renewal of its Eating Place License to St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. dba St. Nicholas Fish Market at 1609 St. Nicholas Ave. (at the corner of W. 191st St.).

Approved 24-2-2

Agenda was incorrect in stating the committee's recommendation was to grant a renewal. There have been complaints about St. Nicholas Fish Market, concerns from the precinct.

Ariel Ferreira presented the arguments of the owner's attorney: Owner has been there for 15 years; the marijuana sales take place at other nearby spots and have nothing to do with the business (it is not their responsibility to control activity outside); they called the police twice but the police did not come; owner installed a security camera and provided the web link to the police two days ago; a six-foot ramp has been installed; charges of employees fencing stolen goods were dismissed. The 34th precinct was still opposed to the license citing concerns about public safety, narcotics sales, the arrest of employees, and the fact that the security feed has been in for only two days. Member states that it is a gathering place for people who go outside to sell.

6. Resolution not to Recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to Corp. to be Formed dba TBD at 660 W. 180th St. (bet. Broadway & Wadsworth Ave.).

Approved 27-1

Committee recommends not support licensing of Corp to be Formed because they did not attend meeting.

7. Resolution to Recommend the SLA grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to Restaurant La Libertad Corp. at 3764 Broadway (at corner of W. 156th St.)

Licensing Committee explained that they recommended that La Libertad Corp be granted a license, but they were informed tonight that the application to the SLA is being withdrawn. Discussion centered on whether we should vote under the circumstances.

Motion to table the resolution [Luna] was seconded.

Motion to table the resolution **failed 8-18-1**

Motion to Call the Question was **passed** with no objections.

Motion to recommend **NOT Approved 13-14-1**

Licensing Committee is calling a public hearing to discuss licensing establishments to remain open after 2 am, sales of alcohol to minors, and other issues, and inviting speakers, SLA and others.

Land Use [Anita Barberis, Assistant Chair]

Committee needs more information on proposed development.

Health & Environment [Steve Simon, Chair]

Resolution in regard to Tourist Helicopter Flights over Washington Heights

Simon clarified that some helicopters are police and some are from radio stations checking traffic but the resolution addresses the major nuisance posed by tourist helicopters that have been diverted from the East River to the Hudson because residents of Brooklyn and Manhattan along the East River complained. The helicopters now fly up the Hudson and cross over land at 155th St.

Amendments: "Whereas Since January 2011 (26 months), there have been 99 complaints to 311 from residents in CB 12 about helicopter noise." Proposed route was amended from "to the center of Hudson River" to "over the Hudson River."

Approved 27-0

Simon noted that the change in street cleaning rules from four times a week to twice a week was a response to action by CB 12 in 2011. To avoid confusion, ASP will be suspended

Youth & Education [Fe Florimon, Chair]

Refer to minutes

Parks and Cultural Affairs [Harlan Pruden, Chair]

Refer to minutes

Business Development [Ariel Ferreira, Chair]

Refer to minutes

Housing and Human Services [Richard Lewis, III, Chair]

Refer to minutes

Concerns of the Aging [Gloria Vanterpool, Chair]

Refer to minutes

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS

Assemblywoman Gabriela Rosa: Glennis Gomez, Chief of Staff, reported that Assemblywoman Rosa is in Albany as the Assembly is in session and the state budget is being passed this week. She invited people to visit Ms. Rosa's office at 210 Sherman Ave., and invited everyone to a Women's History Month Event, with State Senator Espaillat and City Councilman Rodriguez, at the Malcolm X Shabazz Center, recognizing school aides in District 6 schools.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer: Ingrid Sotelo reported that they are seeking individuals to serve on fiscal decision-making board for grants to service organizations; the application is online and the deadline is next Friday. They are collecting essays on sexual violence from undergraduate college students; there will be a \$500 prize for one winner from each borough, with prizes presented on Denim Day. Stringer released a report based, available on BP's website, on a survey of minority- and woman-owned businesses that found the city is falling short. Mr. Stringer will make recommendations to the Mayor on how to increase success of women's businesses.

Congressman Charles Rangel: Arielle Crayton, staff assistant, reported on the importance of National Nutrition Month, applauded the appointment of Thomas Perez as Secretary of Labor for the US, and announced a Social Security Fair at Lehman College for residents of the 13th Congressional District. The Congressman's home office in Harlem can be reached at (212) 663-3900.