

**Community Board 12 Licensing Committee**

*Minutes, February 13, 2013*

**Committee Members Present:** Aldemar Diaz, Chair; James Amodeo, Assistant Chair; Rolando Cespedes, Angela Sanchez; Anina Young

**Committee Members Excused:** Edith Prentiss

**Committee Members Absent:** Melanie Hidalgo, Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

**CB12 Members Present:** George Fernandez, Chair; Ariel Ferreira, First Vice Chair; Manny De Los Santos, Richard Lewis

**CB12 Staff Members Present:**

**Community Members Present:** Marta Castillo, Jose Jorge, Johnny Caro, Santiago Quezada Arlene Schulman, Patrick Smith, E. Randy Dupree, Elvis Lora, Loreen Felis, Martin Collins (of the Office of Councilman Robert Jackson), Argiros Spiros, Ianny Antigua, Victor Castro, Peg Rapp, Leah Holzel, Sheri Wilson, Carmen Villanueva, Michael Hano, Meredith Polanco, Guillermo Gomez, Idelfonso Tigre, Ramon Sebastian, Stacey Villeta, Tomas Trinidad, Luis Medina and Yokarina Duarte and Carmen De La Rosa (of the Office of Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez)

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**A. Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair, welcomed those present and introduced Committee and Board Members, and representatives of elected officials and of the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Precincts. He explained the procedures to be followed in the meeting and conducted the questioning of the applicants, assisted by the members of Committee.

**B. State Liquor Authority Renewal Licenses**

*On-Premise Liquor Licenses*

1. Euro El Tina Restaurant Lounge and Billiards Corp. – 500 West 207<sup>th</sup> Street between Post & 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Santiago Quezada, Jr. (Representative)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Lounge, bar, billiards
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Thursday – Sunday, 4pm-4am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	40 bar stools, 40 tables, approximately 160 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Live music and DJ
<b>Security Cameras</b>	40 inside, 5 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	On slow nights: 2; on busy nights: 8-10
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No (Basement location with accessible bathrooms but no accommodation at entrance)
<b>Employees</b>	14

<b>Capacity</b>	193
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	The Committee discovered during the hearing that the applicant did not need to appear, as this license has already been renewed, effective March 1, 2013 and expiring February 28, 2015.
<b>Vote</b>	None taken

2. Third Palm Tree Inc. - 2145B Amsterdam Avenue between West 166<sup>th</sup> & West 167<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	E. Ranry Dupree (Representative)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Bar & grill
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	4pm to 4am, 7 days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	9 tables, 19 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox w/sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	None
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (entrance and restroom are wheelchair accessible)
<b>Employees</b>	5 full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	150, per Certificate of Occupancy
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	At the time of the last renewal, the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct expressed concerns about double parking; Mr. Dupree stated that he has worked out an agreement with the owner of the flat fix business next door, and there are no longer parking issues at the location.
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 4-0-1; Board: 3-0-0

3. 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynold's Cafe – 701 West 180<sup>th</sup> Street at the corner of Broadway

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Patrick Smith (Manager)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Bar
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday – Saturday, 8am to 4am Sunday, Noon to 4am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	15 bar stools, 3 tables, 9 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Computer
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 inside, 1 outside

<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Entrance is accessible, but there are steps to the ladies restrooms
<b>Employees</b>	3, full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Richard Lewis stated that the federal government now requires that small businesses make both entrances and bathrooms accessible. George Fernandez asked him to forward a copy of the legislation to the Committee for future reference. As requested by Martin Collins of Councilman Jackson's Office, the Committee will make this information available to small business owners in the future.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 3-0-0

4. 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Rest Corp. dba Caridad Restaurant – 1944 Amsterdam Avenue between West 156<sup>th</sup> & West 157<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Yenny Gonzalez (Owner)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Weekdays: 7am-midnight; weekends: 7am-4am Alcohol sales begin at noon seven days a week
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	24 chairs, 7 tables and 3 seats at the counter
<b>Music</b>	Computer, jukebox without sound governor and karaoke Friday and Saturday nights until 4am. Soundproofing in entire ceiling.
<b>Security Cameras</b>	6 inside, 1 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	6 full-time, 4 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	B
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No noise complaints; no objections.
<b>Community Comments</b>	Concerns were raised about health violations and noise complaints. Ms. Gonzalez replied that the health violations occurred before she took full ownership of the restaurant two years ago, and that she has been working since then to resolve them. A member of the public stated that people – possibly patrons of this business – congregate regularly in front of a nearby bookstore. Another member of the public stated that the music itself cannot be heard outside the restaurant.

<b>Stipulations</b>	Signage asking patrons to keep noise level low due in respect for neighbors.
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 4-0-1, Board: 0-2-0, P 32-2-0

5. 148 Nagle Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba Mi Nido Taverna – 148 Nagle Avenue at the corner of Thayer Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Johnny Caro (Owner)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Bar
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Noon to 3:30am, 7 days a week, with last call at 3:00 (Alcohol is served beginning at noon)
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	4 tables, 16 chairs, 20 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	Juke box and 3 televisions
<b>Security Cameras</b>	4 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	4 full-time, 1 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	105
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez supports the application.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 2-0-0

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6. Sweet Praise Corp. – 4996 Broadway at the corner of West 212th Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant/Bar
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	
<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant letter Grade</b>	

<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	This business appears to be closed.
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	The applicant did not appear before the Committee, and no questionnaire was submitted. Prior to the vote, the Chairman explained that business owners applying for SLA license renewals are not required to attend the Committee meeting.
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 1-2-2; Board: 0-0-3. <b>The Committee provides no comment to the SLA concerning this business, as the resolution did not pass. In keeping with parliamentary procedure, Community Board 12 will remain silent on this application.</b>

7. 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant – 4933 Broadway at the corner of West 207th Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Spiridon Arziros
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Seven days a week, 7:30am-9:30pm
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	8 booths, 10 seats at the counter
<b>Music</b>	None
<b>Security Cameras</b>	None
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	4, full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	46
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34th Precinct Comments:</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Chairman Fernandez compliments the restaurant on the ambience and quality of the food.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 3-0-1

8. La Fiesta Restaurant Corp. – 3797 Broadway at the corner of West 158<sup>th</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	The applicant did not appear before the Committee.
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	

<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 2-0-2

9. Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp. – 25 Sherman Avenue at the corner of Sickles Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Jose Jorge
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Seven days a week, 7am-11:30pm or midnight; alcohol sales begin at noon
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	6 tables, 20 chairs, 4 stools at counter
<b>Music</b>	Bose stereo system
<b>Security Cameras</b>	6
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Entrance only
<b>Employees</b>	3 full-time, 2 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	C
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Comments</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez supports the application.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 3-0-0

10. La Nueva Juquila Restaurant Inc. – 2106 Amsterdam Avenue between West 164<sup>th</sup> & West 165<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	The applicant did not appear before the Committee.
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	

<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez supports the application.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 0-0-1

### C. State Liquor Authority New Applications

#### *On-Premises Liquor Licenses*

11. 164 Broad Corp. dba Heights Tavern – 3910 Broadway at the corner of West 164<sup>th</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Gareth Fagan, Sheri Wilson & Frank Palillo, Esq.
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant/Bar, Casual American fare
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Thursday, 11am-2am; Friday, 11am-4am; Saturday, 10am-4am; Sunday, 10am-2am. Alcohol served Monday-Saturday beginning at 11am and Sunday at noon
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Inside: 60-64 tables, 202-227 seats, 24-25 bar stools; outside: 40 tables, 80 chairs (DCA application to be considered by CB12 in March or April)
<b>Music</b>	iPod/computer; speakers suspended from ceiling by cables; Acoustic Criteria-designed sound system; soundproofing across entire ceiling with air pocket between layers of soundproofing
<b>Security Cameras</b>	18 inside, 6 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1 security/greeter at door at all times, licensed by NY State, will check IDs and maintain order outside
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	Approximately 35 full-time and 30 part-time; will vary with warmer weather if sidewalk area opens. Bartenders will be TIPS-certified.
<b>Capacity</b>	290-307, including outside seating area
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Comments:</b>	Did not support the application at the time of the Committee meeting due to ongoing disorderly conduct in close proximity to this location. The owners have since met with the Precinct to discuss their security plans, and the Precinct now supports the application.

<b>Community Comments</b>	Board Member Richard Lewis asked that construction be done by local workers. Councilman Rodriguez does not support the application because the owner has not requested a meeting with the Councilman. Chairman Fernandez expressed concern about the saturation of liquor licenses in the area. Committee Chairman Diaz expressed concerns about the kitchen closing and the restaurant becoming a bar. The owners replied that there will be a late night menu and that they are a restaurant, not a bar.
<b>Stipulations</b>	The Committee has requested stipulations that the restaurant 1) close at 3am on Fridays and Saturdays (to be reconsidered after six months of operation), and 2) not request any extensions or special permits during those six months.
<b>Notes</b>	The owners agreed to sign the requested stipulations and meet with Councilman Rodriguez and the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct. They have an appointment to meet with the Councilman on February 26.
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 4-0-1; Board: 1-0-0

12. El 27 Restaurant Lounge Corp. – 1095 St. Nicholas Avenue between West 164<sup>th</sup> and 165<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Meredid Polanco – Owner, Mr. Prudhomme – Consultant
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Mexican restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Seven days a week, 10am-2am; alcohol served beginning at noon
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	29 tables, 62 chairs; 3 bar tables with 6 chairs; 8 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	Computer during the week; karaoke Friday and Saturday, 11pm-2am
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1, State-licensed, during karaoke
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	6 full-time, 4 part-time; will vary depending on the day of the week
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	Supports the application as long as the name is changed. The owner explained that although the name of the corporation has not been changed, the business has been renamed “Con Sabor A Mexico”.
<b>Community Comments</b>	Board Member Richard Lewis asked about soundproofing and visibility into the restaurant; Mr. Prudhomme responded that new or existing soundproofing will be in place when the business opens, and that there are curtains currently in place due to the ongoing renovations.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None

<b>Notes</b>	The business owners have signed stipulations with Councilman Rodriguez, who supports the application. (This license was initially considered by the Committee in January and subsequently withdrawn.)
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 0-0-1

13. OP Prime Inc. dba Cloud 9 – 1952 Amsterdam Avenue at the corner of West 157<sup>th</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Rosanna Vasquez & Ianny Antigua
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Lounge/Club
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Thursday, 2-11pm; Friday & Saturday, 7pm-4am; alcohol served all hours; some appetizers will be served.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	24 tables, 30 stools, 3 couches
<b>Music</b>	Laptop and iPad; DJ for special events
<b>Security Cameras</b>	8 inside, 2 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	7-8 a night (approximately 1 per every 10 patrons)
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes; the bathroom is ADA compliant, and the entrance will have a ramp.
<b>Employees</b>	10 (2 bartenders, 8 waiters)
<b>Capacity</b>	70
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	4
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	Does not support due to numerous crimes and multiple 911 calls
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Jackson does not support the application, as various crimes have been committed at the location, which was nuisance abated three times in 2010; since 2008, there have been 12 arrests, 16 criminal summonses, a felonious assault, a shooting incident, 7 misdemeanor assaults, a robbery, criminal weapons possession and larceny. In addition, a number of outstanding violations have been issued against the property on nine separate occasions, and \$38,000 in fines resulting from those violations is still owed the city. The owners responded that these problems occurred before they arrived. The public also mentioned that there are multiple churches and a nursing home nearby. Martin Collins said there is a history of problems with the location, making it a “beacon of trouble” in the community.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 1-3-1; Board: 0-1-0

14. 417 West Inc. dba Opus – 417 West 202<sup>nd</sup> Street between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenues

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Victor Castro (Owner), Luis Nunez (Consultant)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant/Bar/Lounge/Nightclub

<b>Hours of Operation</b>	5pm-2am, seven days a week; alcohol and light fare sold at all times.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	21 tables, 62 chairs, 14 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	iPod, computer and DJ; live band once a month.
<b>Security Cameras</b>	20 inside, 4 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	2 on weekdays, 5 on weekends; always 1 on the property that is fire certified.
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	25-50, full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	299
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Comments</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Chairman Fernandez asked about valet parking; Mr. Castro replied that the parking attendants will take street parking and Mr. Nunez stated that he has spoken with local parking lots about validating, but has not confirmed anything.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	Mr. Nunez stated that because the license has already been approved, they are appearing as a courtesy. A review of the SLA's online database revealed only that their hearing, which had been scheduled for February 12, has been postponed, but no new date has been posted. The owners have met with Councilman Rodriguez to discuss their method of operation and concerns regarding the business' impact on the community.
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 4-0-1; Board: 0-0-1

15. Corp. to be Formed dba TBD – 145 Vermilyea Avenue at the corner of West 207<sup>th</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	The applicant did not appear before the Committee.
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	
<b>Music</b>	
<b>Security Cameras</b>	
<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	

<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 0-5-0; Board: 0-1-0

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16. One Way Cafe & Juice Bar Corp. – 601 West 180<sup>th</sup> Street between Wadsworth & St. Nicholas Avenues

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Carmen Villanueva (Owner)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Cafeteria-style restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Friday, 8am-9pm; Saturday and Sunday, 8am-11pm
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	4 tables, 9 chairs, 3 stools at the counter
<b>Music</b>	Radio without external speakers, 2 televisions
<b>Security Cameras</b>	4 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No
<b>Employees</b>	4 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	The owner has an appointment to meet with Councilman Rodriguez on February 26.
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; 0-0-1

17. Kukara Makara Restaurant Inc. - 1601 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 191<sup>st</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Elvis Lora (Owner), Merrick Schwedt (Consultant)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Dominican restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	10am-2am, seven days a week; beer and wine will be served beginning at noon.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	17 tables, 34 chairs
<b>Music</b>	iPod
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 inside, 5 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	5 full-time, 4 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection

<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Stipulations</b>	The owner has an appointment to meet with Councilman Rodriguez on February 26.
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 5-0-0; Board: 1-0-0

18. California Sport Bar Corp. – 2296 Amsterdam Avenue at the corner of West 175<sup>th</sup> Street

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Idelfonso Tigre (Owner), Horacio Hernandez (Representative)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Bar/ Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	10am-10pm, seven days a week; alcohol will be served beginning at noon.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	6 tables, 24 chairs
<b>Music</b>	iPod, computer, jukebox and multiple televisions; no sound governors.
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 inside, 1 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No (only entrance is accessible)
<b>Employees</b>	3 full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	Objects because of high crime in this area
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez objects, in agreement with the 33 <sup>rd</sup> Precinct.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	Committee: 0-4-1; Board: 0-1-0

*Eating Place Beer License*

19. Tulcingo Azteca Restaurant Corp. – 3861 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue between West 206<sup>th</sup> & West 207<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Guillermo Gomez (Owner)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Mexican restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday-Friday, noon-midnight; Saturday and Sunday, noon-2am; beer to be served beginning at noon.
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	10 tables, 40 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox without sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	7 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1, on the weekends, hired by Epic Security Company
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	4 full-time, 2 part-time

<b>Capacity</b>	40
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade Pending
<b>34<sup>th</sup> Precinct</b>	Objects due to a homicide in 2010 and alcohol sales to minors; Mr. Gomez has owned the business less than two months and states that the problems are with the location, not the current ownership.
<b>Community Comments</b>	The owner has an appointment to meet with Councilman Rodriguez on February 26 to discuss checking IDs and keeping the front of the establishment clear of loiterers.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Notes</b>	
<b>Vote</b>	C: 5-0-0 B: 1-0-0

#### **D. New Business / Adjournment**

The Licensing Committee is currently in the process of planning a public forum regarding no longer supporting any new applications in District 12 for the sale of liquor, wine or beer after 2:00am any day of the week. The details of the forum, to take place in April, will be finalized at the next Committee meeting on Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm.

**Traffic and Transportation Committee**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Attendance:**

**Committee Members:** Edith Prentiss, Mitch Glenn, Yosef Kalinsky, Jim Berlin, Anita Barberis, Richard Allman, Aldemar Diaz. **Absent:** Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

**Board Members:** Richard Lewis, Pam Palanque-North, George Fernandez.

**Public:** Arlene Schulman, Michael Karash, Lars Klove, Brad Conover, Leah Holzel, Kevin Ryan, Cheryllynn Mena, Marcus Book, Daniel Swersky, Neil Weissman.

Rabbi Kalinsky welcomes the public and brings the meeting to order at 7:15pm.

Parliamentarian Jim Berlin speaks on Robert's rules of order - specifically, on keeping order during discussions.

**Student Car Accident Inquiry** - Josh Orzeck, DOT representative, could not make it to our meeting to discuss this item. He sent along an email with the police report in regard to the pedestrian accident at W168 Street and Jumel Terrace. The DOT conducted studies as far back as 2007 and again in 2011 to determine if additional traffic controls were necessary. In both cases, the traffic control requests were denied. DOT is willing to do yet another study. Because of the incident, the DOT is expediting the new study. Edith reminds the attendees that we've already passed a resolution requesting further traffic controls, but no progress has been made. Daniel Swersky, Principal of the KIPP School in the educational complex is present to emphasize the need for further controls. Further, Principal Swersky requests additional crossing guards. Edith Prentiss suggests that we pass a resolution asking the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct to place a crossing guard, or some police presence at W167 Street and Jumel Terrace during the hours of 3-5pm for extended dismissal.

Resolution advocating for a crossing guard from 3-5pm at the corner of Jumel Terrace and West 168 Street.

Committee: 7-0-0

Board: 2-0-0

Public: 8-0-0

Anita agrees to write this resolution.

**Marcus Book, MTA.**

1. Follow up on M4 bunching and the transverse to Fort Washington Avenue issues – M4 currently moves from Broadway to Ft Washington at W165 Street. The MTA is proposing to move the turn to W170 Street to avoid hospital traffic. Participants do not like this idea and would like to see the turn returned to W159 Street, where it was some time ago, in order to provide mass transit on lower Ft Washington Avenue. Many speakers advocated for the move back to W159 Street. Alternatively, Richard Allman suggests using the M5 instead for lower Fort Washington Ave coverage.

As far as M4 bunching is concerned, Marcus suggests that Bus Time will help to “un-bunch” the buses.

2. W155 Street and W163 Street C train stations renovations. Mr. Book reads an explanation of the MTA ‘station renewal program’ and the ‘station component campaign’. He brings a study from the MTA which explains that these stations are not slated for renovation currently. In 2007, W163 St was rated 3.5 for platform edges, which narrowly misses being included in the program, which requires a rating of 4.0 (out of 5.0). The W155 Station was similarly rated at a level that meant no improvements would occur.

A new station rating project was run in 2012. The numbers are not yet available but Mr. Book promises to bring this to the committee when it is available.

Richard Lewis spoke quite strongly about the decrepit and dangerous state of these 2 stations. He also points out that a passenger cannot transfer from the northbound to the southbound side without paying a 2<sup>nd</sup> fare.

Enabling this capability could occur without great cost if the northern stairways on each platform were to be unlocked.

3. Walkthrough of A train Dyckman Street station. Arlene Schulman resurrects this question from a prior meeting, and the Committee asks Mr. Book to arrange this event. Edith mentions that State Senator Adriano Espaillat would like to be involved.

#### **GWB Bike Access during the lengthy bridge renovation.**

Neil Weissman presents and states that over 500,000 people use the bike paths of the bridge each year, almost all on the south side. The North Path contains 171 steps, which strongly deters use. Port Authority renovation plans for the bridge indicate the possibility that each path will be closed for 4 years. Mr. Weissman draws comparisons to the cross-Hudson pedestrian path near Poughkeepsie and the Brooklyn Bridge as a potential tourist draw. He brings a draft resolution that discusses many things, including the bike paths and economic development. Edith recommends that we focus on the ADA angle to get the bike paths accessible, and that we'd get the most leverage there, as bike riders do not have rights, but the disabled pedestrians do. Brad Conover brings us back to discussing the bike paths of the bridge, specifically, how do we keep an accessible path open at all times on the bridge? Mitch suggests a bare bones resolution that requests accessibility for all at all times during the renovation for both bikers and pedestrians alike.

Resolution to keep an accessible path available at all times during the bridge renovations.

Committee: 7-0-0

Board: 3-0-0

Public: 6-0-0

Mitch and Jim agree to collaborate on the creation of this resolution.

#### **New Business**

1. CB12 Chair George Fernandez speaks on Con Ed "Smart Grid" technology. This project will entail affixing boxes on light poles that will communicate electrical problems to its central office. Community Boards across the City have 30 days in which to express themselves. T&T decided not to take a position, given the lack of time to study the issue.

2. Kevin Ryan speaks on helicopter rides that fly over CB12 neighborhoods. He says that these problems were moved from midtown onto uptown neighborhoods. These helicopters are noisy. They can come by as often as 4 times per minute, according to Mr. Ryan. Mr. Ryan is looking for guidance on how to proceed with fighting this onslaught. George Fernandez will bring this issue to the Executive Committee. Edith suggests inviting CB9 and other boards to get involved in a joint effort.

3. Arlene Schulman speaks on the decrepit state of Seaman Avenue. She's already reached out to 311, to no effect. The committee will be asking Josh Orzeck to have a study done of this street. Edith will pick up this request and talk to Josh.

4. Michael Karash of Fort Tryon Center Nursing Home speaks on changing the parking signs in front of his facility, asking for allowing trucks to load and unload. We will contact Josh Orzeck to see about making the curb at that location a legal Loading Zone, and update Mr. Karash at [mkarash@forttryonrehab.com](mailto:mkarash@forttryonrehab.com). Arlene Schulman suggests reaching out to Inspector Buzzetti to relax enforcement at that location. Traffic at this curve has been discussed at previous meetings; an examination of parking regulations and their an enforcement may be warranted to accommodate the commercial needs of the nursing home and the traffic safety needs of the institution and the community.

# **Resolution in Support of Continuing Accessibility of GWB Pedestrian Path during Bridge Renovation**

**Traffic and Transportation Committee**

**February 4, 2013**

Whereas: The George Washington Bridge (GWB), spanning the Hudson River between Fort Lee, New Jersey and Washington Heights in New York City, is over 80 years old and the busiest motor vehicle bridge in the world; and,

Whereas: The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey (PANYNJ) has developed a plan to completely renovate the span, while maintaining full service throughout the construction period; and,

Whereas: Phase 1 of the reconstruction entails replacing all of the vertical suspender cables and will last for 8 years; and,

Whereas: The GWB offers public sidewalks, called Bridgewalks, on its north and south edges that are relied upon to cross the Hudson by over half a million pedestrians a year, and the current plans of the PANYNJ are to close one sidewalk at a time for 4 years during the construction period; and,

Whereas: The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is comprehensive Federal civil rights legislation adopted to prohibit discrimination against people with disabilities; and,

Whereas: The south side's Bridgewalk has no stairs but the north side Bridgewalk has dozens upon dozens of stairs; and, while neither the north nor the south walk is fully compliant with Federal ADA Accessibility Laws, more of the south walk is compliant and thus sees almost all foot, wheelchair and bike traffic over the Bridge; and,

Whereas: Community Board 12 Manhattan (CB12M) recognizes the critical need for these renovations, it also wishes to stress the continuing need for people of all abilities to cross the River using the public sidewalks which are available at no expense to their users.

Therefore, Be it Resolved:

That CB12M asks PANYNJ to design ADA Compliant pedestrian access into all phases of the bridge renovations, and into its final reconstruction plan; and be it further

Resolved: That ADA compliant pedestrian access be maintained at all times throughout the renovation process, or if this is not feasible, cost free alternative ADA compliant transportation for all pedestrians and bicycles be provided during the normal hours of operations that are currently in force for the Bridgewalks.

Committee Vote: 7-0-0

Board member Vote: 3-0-0

Community Vote: 6-0-0

**February 2013**  
**Traffic & Transportation Committee**  
**Proposed Measure to Improve Pedestrian Safety at KIPP School**

Whereas: In an effort to ensure the safety of school children crossing the streets surrounding and within the complex of three schools located at 167<sup>th</sup> -168<sup>th</sup> Streets and Jumel Terrace, and

Whereas: In 2004, DOT's traffic calming study added enhancements to the subject area to slow or reduce motor vehicles to keep our children safe, and

Whereas: A recent police report regarding a pedestrian accident at 168<sup>th</sup> Street and Jumel Terrace prompted the principal, Daniel Swersky of the KIPP School to request the need for more traffic controls and further asked for a crossing guard or police presence between the hours of 3-5pm, during the dismissal hours for that school, and now therefore be it

Resolved:

Community Board 12 Manhattan requests the 33<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct place a crossing guard or police presence at West 167<sup>th</sup> and Jumel Terrace during the hours of 3-5pm for the extended dismissal of school children, and be it further

Resolved:

CB12M requests DOT take another look at this entire area which does have high traffic density and high pedestrian volume to facilitate the safety of the students and local pedestrians

Committee: 7-0-0

Board: 2-0-0

Public: 8-0-0

## Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2013

### Committee Members Present

Wayne Benjamin, Chair  
Anita Barberis, Asst. Chair  
James Berlin  
Isaiah Bing  
Dulce Bueno

### Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo  
Tamara Rivera  
Steve Simon

### Board Members Present

George Fernandez

### Public Member Present

### Public Member Absent

Vivian Ducat

Staff: Debra Blow, Rafael Iglesias

Guests: Michael Karash, Nivardo Lopez, Pat Courtney, Marliesze Zimmeron, Shadawn Smith, Rita Gorman, Margaret Morrisey

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1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM. Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests.
2. Shadawn Smith, Government Affairs Specialist for the Metropolitan Museum of Art (the “Met”) provided the Committee with an overview of the issues involved in the proposed development of a new headquarters for LG Electronics in Englewood Cliffs, NJ and its impact on scenic views from the Cloisters, which is part of the Met. The Committee was advised that LG Electronics proposes to construct a 150 foot high new headquarters that will rise above the tree line of Palisades Cliffs, a Natural National Landmark, be visible from the Cloisters and elsewhere in New York and would adversely impact scenic views of the Palisades Cliffs. Ms. Smith stated that while the Met is focused on the proposed development it also wants to raise awareness of the environmental issues and to ensure that its positions are accurately reported by the media. She also stated that the Met is working with the Rockefeller Family, which has outreached to the project developer but has not received a response, as well as with Senator Schumer, Borough President Stringer, Mayor Bloomberg and New Jersey Officials. In the course of discussions it was noted that the proposed development will impact the views of millions of residents and visitors, not just views from the Cloisters, Washington Heights and Inwood have a particular interest in scenic views since its street pattern was designed around parks and views, efforts to preserve the scenic views of the Palisade Cliffs pre-date John D. Rockefeller’s purchase and donation of the land atop Palisades Cliffs in the 1930s and in fact date back to efforts spearheaded in the mid- to late- 1800’s by the New Jersey Federation of Women’s Clubs. Concerns was also expressed that development was being used to undermine preservation. The rationale for changing the zoning in the area where the project is proposed to be constructed was questioned – under prior zoning buildings could not exceed 35 feet in height. Questions were also raised concern the architectural design and why a more horizontal design approach was not followed. After further discussion a motion was made (J. Berlin) and seconded (O. Bing) in support of the Cloisters in its efforts to advocate for the design of LG’s new headquarters to be modified to protect scenic view and respect the natural heritage which John D. Rockefeller and other sought to forever preserve. **The motion passed with the following votes. LU Members: 5-0-0; Other Board Members: 1-0-0-, Members of the Public: 6-0-0.**
3. Planning Fellow Sumaila Palla updated the Committee on her work to-date concerning rezoning in Washington Heights and Inwood. Ms. Palla shared with the committee a working draft of a PowerPoint presentation summarizing existing zoning and highlighting opportunities for rezoning to encourage development. Ms. Palla stated that she has walked many area of the district, noticed

many one- or two-story structures located at the corners along Broadway and other major corridors which could be redeveloped as mixed-use (residential and retail) buildings, as well as traffic islands and small lots that could be landscaped to provide more green space, e.g.: "Green Street" type projects. Ms. Palla stated that 181<sup>st</sup> Street and other locations have one- and two-story corner structures that could be redeveloped as mixed-use buildings. The discussion also covered street merchants, maintaining neighborhood character, and creating more pedestrian friendly, attractive, walkable streets. Next steps include further site observations, identifying those corner sites that represent the best development potential and recommending zoning designation for these areas that advance CB12's planning goals.

4. Chair Benjamin distributed materials concerning the J51 Tax Abatement Program, summarized its background and role in helping to promote capital investment in the City's existing housing stock and stated that he would outreach to expert guest speakers and invite them to brief the Committee further on the program, its current status and its role in preserving affordable housing.
5. Chair Benjamin briefed the Committee on the discussion of the Good Jobs & Responsible Development resolution held the prior evening at the Business Development Committee ("BDC"). He stated that BDC intends to materially rewrite the resolution that was circulated by the Manhattan Borough President's Office and considered by the Manhattan Borough Board so as to have it reflect the economic and job development needs and concerns of Washington Heights and Inwood. Land Use will forward any comments it may have on the resolution to BDC so that a single, consolidated resolution is present to the full board for consideration.
6. After further discussion the Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Wayne A. Benjamin

## LAND USE COMMITTEE

### RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PRESERVATION OF THE SCENIC VIEWS OF THE PALISADES

February 6, 2013

**WHEREAS:** The Palisades is a line of steep cliffs along the west side of the lower Hudson River stretching from Jersey City, New Jersey to Nyack, New York. They rise nearly vertically from near the edge of the Hudson River to a height of approximately 300 feet at Weehawken, New Jersey and gradually rise to a height of 540 feet near their northern terminus. Originally the cliffs may have reached 1,000 feet in height; and

**WHEREAS:** The Lenape, native people of North America, called the cliffs Weehawken, which roughly translates to “rocks that look like rows of trees”. Weehawken is the also the name of a town at the top of the cliffs across from Manhattan. The Palisades is among the most dramatic geological features in the vicinity of New York City. From Fort Lee, New Jersey north they are part of the Palisades Interstate Park and were designated a National Natural Landmark by the National Park Service in 1983; and

**WHEREAS:** Efforts to protect and preserve the Palisades began in the mid- to late-1800s when 20-foot high billboards advertising medicines and other products threatened to destroy the scenic cliffs. The Palisades was also heavily quarried for railroad ballast, which also contributed to local preservation efforts. In 1898 alone more than three tons of dynamite was used to bring down the Washington Head and Indian Head sections of the cliffs in Fort Lee. In 1899 work spearheaded by the New Jersey Federation of Women’s Clubs led to the creation of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, which was authorized to acquire the land between Fort Lee, New Jersey and Piermont, New York, and then in 1906 to Stony Point, New York; and

**WHEREAS:** In the 1930s John D. Rockefeller, Jr. donated 700 acres atop a 13-mile stretch of the Palisades for the purpose of preserving the land from any use inconsistent with the Palisades Interstate Park and preserving the Palisades itself. Rockefeller also donated 67 acres of the land in northern Manhattan, across from the Palisades, for the construction of Fort Tryon Park and set aside four acres at its northern end for Cloisters Museum, a medieval art museum that is part of the Metropolitan Museum of Art (the “Met”) and was created in large part through donations from the Rockefeller family; and

**WHEREAS:** Washington Heights and Inwood has a particular connection to the protection and preservation of parks and scenic views. Its street pattern was designed around parks and scenic views and was intended as a critique of Manhattan’s neutral grid, which terminates at West 155<sup>th</sup> Street. The Manhattan grid ignored and altered the island’s natural topography; and

**WHEREAS:** LG Electronics USA, Inc. (“LG”) proposes to build a new 143-foot-high headquarters tower in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey that would rise above the tree line of the Palisades. The site is almost directly across the Hudson River from the Fort Tryon Park and the Cloisters. The tower would be visible from the entire western half of the park, including the Cloisters, and from Wave Hill, a public garden and cultural center in The Bronx that was founded by the first chair of the New Jersey State Federation of Women’s Clubs, and by several thousand residents and visitors on the east side of the Hudson River. It would also be visible from Fort Washington and Inwood Hill Parks, which are known for their rugged naturalistic quality, open vistas of the Hudson River and the dramatic backdrop of the undeveloped Palisades; and

**WHEREAS:** The design of LG's proposed project does not respect the integrity of the Palisades as a National Natural Landmark and would undermine a century of efforts to preserve and protect the scenic views and natural environment of the Palisades. It would significantly compromise the public's experience of the Palisades from properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places including The Little Red Lighthouse, Fort Tryon Park and The Cloisters and would detract significantly from Fort Tryon Park, which is a New York City Scenic Landmark in large part because of its unobstructed views of the Hudson River and the Palisades; and

**WHEREAS:** The site of LG's proposed project is 27 acres and is large enough to accommodate a headquarters building that is more horizontal and does not rise above the tree line. However, LG is one of the largest taxpayers in Englewood Cliffs and its development plans were accommodated by local government by the granting of a zoning variance to exempt the proposed project from 35-foot height limit; and

**WHEREAS:** LG's proposed development has prompted conservationists, including environmental lawyer Larry Rockefeller, grandson of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Scenic Hudson, the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference, the Natural Resources Defense Council, the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, and local New Jersey residents to launch a lobbying effort to preserve the unspoiled view of the northern Palisades. The Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Fort Tryon Park Trust, New Yorkers for Parks, New York Restoration Project, the Historic Districts Council, the Preservation League of New York State, and the National Association of Olmstead Parks also have written letters to LG asking that it reconsider the design of its new headquarters so it does not pierce the tree line of the Palisades. Three former Executive Directors of the Palisades Interstate Park Commission have also written to LG's chief executive officer urging the company to be a good corporate citizen; and

**WHEREAS:** Advocates for the preservation of the Palisades and its scenic views are not opposed to the development of LG's headquarters, only to the design as it is currently proposed. A redesigned building will not adversely impact the economic development benefits Englewood Cliffs derives from LG as a major taxpayer and employer; and

**WHEREAS:** On February 6, 2013 a representative of the Met attended the meeting of Community Board 12-Manhattan's Land Use Committee to discuss the issues posed by LG's proposed project and the actions taken to-date to engage LG in discussions concerning the redesign of the project. **Now, therefore, be it**

**RESOLVED:** Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the efforts of local stakeholders, the Fort Tryon Park Trust and the Cloisters, and other interested parties and stakeholders to advocate for the design of LG's new headquarters to be modified in order to protect the scenic views of the Palisades, respect its environmental heritage as a National Natural Landmark, which John D. Rockefeller, Jr. and others sought to forever preserve and calls upon our City, State and federal elected officials to also aggressively advocate for the project to be redesigned.

**This resolution passed by the following votes:**

Committee Members:	5-0-0
Other Board Members:	1-0-0
Members of the Public	6-0-0

## Business Development Committee

### Minutes for 2/05/2013

**Committee Members Present:** Ariel Ferreira, Chair; Anina Young, Asst. Chair; Richard Allman; Ellen Kackman; Christopher Smith.

**Committee Members Excused:**

**Committee Members Absent:** Nicole foster; Victor Santos.

**CB12 Staff Members Present:** Paola Garcia

**CB12 Members Present:** George Fernandez Jr., Chair of CB12M; Obie Bing, 1st Vice-Chair; Wayne Benjamin.

**Community Members Present:** Arlene Schulman.

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#### **A. Welcome & Opening Remarks by Ariel Ferreira**

#### **B. Discussion regarding MBP Scott Stringer's RESOLUTION FOR GOOD JOBS & RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT.**

After thoroughly reviewing the resolution presented by BP Scott Stringer, the committee members felt that the resolution primarily focused on Good Jobs and Responsible Development for union workers and development of collective bargaining jobs. Although, the committee is supportive of union jobs, the committee felt there is vast number of residents in Washington Heights and Inwood who are no union workers and are in need of work. Therefore, the members felt this resolution did not fully represent Washington Heights & Inwood community and fulfill its needs in respect to good jobs and responsible development. In conclusion, the members of committee unanimously voted to work on a resolution in the next committee meeting that defines what Good Jobs and Responsible Development mean to the Washington Heights and Inwood Community for future reference.

#### **C. New/Old Business**

Chairman George Fernandez stated he will be working to converting the Business Development committee to a standing committee. He requested we create a mission statement that would help with the process. The Committee Chair Ariel Ferreira informed George that the committee has been working on a draft mission statement, but would work to finalize it in the next committee meeting to help convert the BDC to a standing committee. Then, the members of committee unanimously voted to work on a resolution in the next committee meeting.

Ariel Ferreira suggested we hold a joint meeting with Traffic & Transportation, Public Safety, and Licensing Committee to discuss comprehensive mix of solutions that could help alleviate the issues on the Dyckman Strip and find a balance in the quality of life between residents and businesses in the area. The members agreed this would be a great discussion, however were indecisive as to when the committee should have this meeting. Therefore, the members of the committee unanimously voted to an indefinite date for this hearing until further discussion with the other committee chairs.

#### **D. Meeting Adjourned**

**MANHATTAN BOROUGH BOARD**  
**RESOLUTION FOR GOOD JOBS & RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT**

**Whereas**, responsible economic development can be a boon to a community, its residents and workers; and

**Whereas**, economic development performed in an irresponsible manner can be both a danger to the community, as well as result in the mistreatment of workers; and

**Whereas**, real estate developers with records of irresponsible behavior may have appeared before Community Boards, or may appear before Community Boards in the future; and

**Whereas**, the Manhattan Borough Board has been requested to support the fair and equitable treatment of all workers by all employers at all times; and

**Whereas**, all workers have the right to seek fair and just compensation for their services, including wages, benefits, training and opportunity to advance, and the right to join together to collectively bargain with any employer in seeking such compensation, without fear of reprisals; and

**Whereas**, workers who are paid family sustaining wages, with affordable health care and retirement benefits help create strong communities, a strong middle class and a growing local and national economy; and

**Whereas**, many labor unions, community-based organizations and responsible employers work diligently to ensure job security, industry standard wages and benefits, safety training, advancement opportunities, secure retirement, and affordable family healthcare for their members, constituents and employees;

**Therefore, be it is resolved**, that the Manhattan Borough Board strongly supports the rights of all workers, union and nonunion alike, within its borders and beyond, to seek and receive the industry standard wages and benefits for their services; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Manhattan Borough Board strongly supports the rights of all workers to seek to organize as a collective bargaining unit to negotiate with their employer, as provided by law, to secure the industry standard wages and benefits for their services; and

**Be it Further Resolved**, that the Manhattan Borough Board shall call upon all employers who appear before the Community Boards to engage, without undue delay, in meaningful, good-faith discussion and negotiation as may be necessary to assure that the rights of all parties are recognized, respected, and protected under the law in a timely and expeditious manner; and

**Be it further Resolved**, that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board or who have a request before the board to publish their plans to ensure that the workers performing the construction, operations or maintenance on the building to receive appropriate training including opportunities through apprenticeship programs that they participate in, and an opportunity to advance in their career.

**Be it Further Resolved**, that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board or who have a request before the board to submit their plans to ensure that all construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors provide a workplace that is safe

for the workers, the nearby homes and businesses, pedestrians and traffic near the site as part of their application process; and

**Be it Further Resolved,** that Manhattan Community Boards shall call on all developers and/or property owners to appear before the Board or who have a request before the Board to grant access to City of New York Building Inspectors, OSHA and other regulatory agencies to facilitate the inspection of the workplace and relevant records to ensure compliance with local, state and federal laws; and

**Be it Further Resolved,** that Manhattan Community Boards shall call upon all developers and/or property owners, at their discretion, who appear before the Board to include with their application for a zoning change, variance or other land use action:

- 1) a list of all projects undertaken by the developer/property owner, or any other developer/property owner having common owners, in the five boroughs of New York City during the five years preceding the application. Such list shall include the address of each project and the name and address of each project's developer/property owner.
- 2) a list of the names and addresses of all construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors of any tier which were utilized on such projects.
- 3) a list of the names and addresses of the construction managers, general contractors, contractors and subcontractors of any tier which may be utilized on the particular project before the board.

## Community Board 12

### Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2013

#### Committee Members Present:

Robert Reynolds, Chair  
Dr. Chris O'Sullivan

#### Committee Members Excused:

Pastor William T. Devlin  
Angelo Ortiz, Assistant Chair  
Michael Jimenez

#### Committee Members Absent:

Michael Mowatt Wynn, Public Member

#### Guests:

Captain Vincent Greany, 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct  
Sergeant Carlino, 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct

#### Community Members:

Arlene Schulman  
Marshall Keeling

#### 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct Report

37% increase in crime in last 28 days: robberies and grand larceny increased; burglaries decreased. Identity theft (grand larceny); iPads and iPhones taken. Several livery cabs broken into. Assault with nunchucks in subway at 157<sup>th</sup> St., uptown side (two teenage boys attacked a 25 year old man, one kicking him and the other beating him with a nunchuck while a third watched)

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Report

Burglaries are up, especially on Seaman Avenue. The burglars appear to be entering apartments through windows accessed from fire escapes and the roof. They are traveling across the roofs of several buildings, probably from Payson Ave. Main targets are Apple product – iPads and iPhones. The break-ins are committed during week-day work hours, not on week-ends. These crimes are being worked by the 34<sup>th</sup> Precinct Designated Burglary Apprehension Team.

Street crime is down. There are 25 new officers, on patrol, deployed primarily around Amsterdam, St. Nicholas, around the border of 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> precincts.

Grand larcenies are mostly identity theft by hacking into bank accounts over the internet. A recent fraud in the area involves phone calls from people claiming to be Con Ed who claim that a permanent bill reduction can be obtained by sending a check.

A community resident who is President of the 158<sup>th</sup> St. Block Association reported that 4 buildings on his block, with 2 owners, have no heat, some do not have electricity, one has a hole in the roof, and the

garbage is not being put out. The owners seem to have encountered financial difficulties and are neglecting the buildings. He was seeking help on behalf of the tenants. He was advised to contact Martin Collins.

## HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – February 7, 2013

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Isaiah Bing, Helen Morik, Raybblin Vargas.

**GUESTS:** Capt. Richard Chatterton and Paramedic Patrick O'Neil (EMS), Rodney Robinson and Terriell Peters (ASCNYC), Julio Batista and Juan Mejia (NY-Presbyterian Hospital), Yolise Fajardo and Stacey Villeta (Inwood Community Services), Sherry Mazzocchi (Manhattan Times).

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S. Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m. and introduced the committee members. The guests introduced themselves. The meeting was held at the EMS Base Station, 501 W. 172<sup>nd</sup> St. @ Amsterdam Ave.

1. **Presentation regarding the new EMS Base Station** -- Capt. Richard Chatterton, Commanding Officer, gave the group a tour of the new facility and then made the following points during his presentation:
  - All staff are either Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics
  - The base station opened on Dec. 13 and has had approximately 500 calls since then. There are 3500 calls per day citywide to EMS.
  - The base station, which serves Washington Heights and Inwood, was formerly located at Harlem Hospital, W. 136<sup>th</sup> Street and Lenox Ave. "We are much closer to our assignments now." Response time is faster, especially around tour change times. There is a better chance of saving people with cardiac arrest. "No raw data yet on increased response times, and there is definitely more in-service time."
  - With 10 ambulances, there are 17 tours each day in staggered shifts over a 24-hour period: 6 during the day, 6 at night and 5 past midnight.
  - As of 2/10, another paramedic Advanced Life Support ambulance is being used to reduce response time for the most critical cases. The goal is to reach the target time – 7 minutes.
  - Ambulances are stationed throughout the community, every 6-7 blocks.
  - The base station is a pre-fab structure with a 30-year life expectancy.
  - "We've already made an impact, and we'll continue to make an impact."

S. Simon: The committee has been concerned about the high turnaround time for EMS crews when they drop off patients at the NY-Presbyterian Hospital emergency room at 168<sup>th</sup> St. We would like to work you and NYPH to resolve this problem.

Capt. Chatterton: The turnaround time is now more than 30 minutes. The target is 25 minutes. The Allen Pavilion ER is a little better.

Paramedic Patrick O'Neil, who is the Manhattan Advanced Life Support coordinator, explained EMS' two-tiered system. Paramedics handle cardiac and respiratory problems and act as "an emergency room physician in the field. The goal is to stabilize you in the field and deliver you to the ER." Emergency Medical Technicians, who have less training, provide basic life support and deal with trauma, broken bones, etc. He said the FDNY had 1.5 million calls last year, making it "the largest and busiest emergency medical service in the nation." EMS is participating in trial programs to provide "the most advanced pre-hospital care," such as one for hypothermia "to preserve brain function...by rapidly cooling the patient's core temperature." In a pilot program, electronic medical reports will be transmitted on-line to the ER while the ambulance is in transit. The EMS ambulances have to be on-line by the end of this year.

The base station has also been taking care of a few walk-in patients. While we were there, a man who had burned his face on a pressure cooker came into the base station.

2. **Presentation regarding AIDS Service Center NYC program** – Rodney Robinson, program coordinator, reported as follows:
  - The satellite office at 2036 Amsterdam Ave. @ W. 161<sup>st</sup> St. has served over 1,000 people since it opened October 2011 – mostly residents of Washington Heights-Inwood and the Bronx.

- Variety of services are offered, including free testing for HIV/AIDS (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.), limited case management, lunch and light breakfast, Direct Observed Therapy (Medication is taken in presence of doctors. Clients are treated at Columbia's HIV clinic). No charge for any services. Walk-ins accepted.
  - New grant received for offender's re-entry program to connect people just out of prison with health care at hospitals throughout the city, housing and job assistance; includes substance abuse component.
  - Have worked with residents of Audubon House, residence for people with HIV/AIDS on W. 163<sup>rd</sup> St.
  - Also receive referrals from the nearby Edgecombe Correctional Facility as well as people on federal parole.
  - 7 out of 10 clients are infected with HIV – we give them clothes, food, Metro cards, city-subsidized housing
  - Serve anyone with a chronic illness such as hepatitis, not just HIV/AIDS
  - Have own garden in back of building where produce is grown – tomatoes, eggplant, squash
3. **Resolution urging legislation to prevent MCI rent increases resulting from NYC Clean Heat program** – A draft resolution was circulated. Lehmann / Nau moved that the committee support the resolution and that the Chair be authorized to rewrite it so it is more direct and to the point. The resolution was approved by the following vote: Committee Members: 5-0-0. Members of the Public: 7-0-0.
4. **Responses to FY 14 Budget Priorities** – The Chair reported on the agencies' responses to the five capital budget and two expense budget priorities for the FY 14 budget that were recommended by the committee and subsequently endorsed by the full board. Among other items, the Sanitation Department said the construction of a new District 8 garage is included in its 10-year plan, and the Fire Department supported the purchase of a Major Emergency Response Vehicle for EMS. Our capital request for a school-based health clinic at Gregorio Luperon H.S. was rejected on the basis that the school does not have enough students to support a full-time health center. The response to our expense request for increased funding for school-based health clinics stated that Chancellor Walcott has announced a program to create 20 new health and mental health centers at middle and high school campuses over the next three years.
5. **NY-Presbyterian Hospital Report** – Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, reported as follows:
- NYPH held its annual Three Kings Day celebration at the Children's Hospital with 600 local kids
  - The City's FY 14 preliminary budget includes cutting school-based health clinic in each borough. The Manhattan site would be NYPH's clinic at the Percy Sutton campus, Edgecombe Ave. & 135<sup>th</sup> Street.
  - The Medical Center Neighborhood Fund received applications from 46 community groups. Site visits will be made before choosing which groups will receive grants. A ceremony will be held in May. The Fund raises \$60-80,000 each year from employees' donations. 100% of the money raised goes towards the grants.
  - The Allen Pavilion will be removing its old AC system over a five-month period. Work will begin in about another week and take place entirely within the confines of the property. No impact on the community. Juan Mejia: the Allen Pavilion will have to move patients and evacuate floors to accommodate the work.
  - NYPH is waiting for state approval to acquire Downtown Hospital (formerly NYU Downtown Hospital).
  - The major expansion project for the emergency room at 168<sup>th</sup> Street will start in September. The entrance at Broadway & 167<sup>th</sup> Street will be closed during the initial work.
- Juan Mejia, Vice President-Operations at the Children's Hospital, added that there was a huge increase in flu cases that peaked in the second week of January. There is still a high volume of respiratory cases, not necessarily flu.
6. **Isabella Geriatric Center Report** – Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, reported as follows:
- The McFadden Scholarships are being offered again to college-bound residents of Washington Heights-Inwood who have performed community service. A dinner is held in May where the awards are announced. McFadden was a former CEO at Isabella.
  - Isabella has formed a partnership with NYPH, Continuum Health Partners (St. Luke's-Roosevelt and other hospitals) and other health organizations in a new "Bridge to Home" program to coordinate services in an effort to control readmissions within 30 days of patients with chronic

Diseases. It is supported by a federal grant, and the target area includes most of Manhattan. Teams of nurses and social workers will work with patients in and out of the hospital. The initial contact will be made with the patients while they are in the hospital, and it will be followed up with home visits and phone calls post-discharge. Patients will be assisted in finding resources so they can afford prescriptions, equipment or other supplies needed to successfully manage their disease.

7. **Old Business** – The Chair reported that in March the Dept. of Sanitation and DOT will begin implementing the change in street cleaning regulations requested by Community Board 12 last year. New alternate-side-of-the street signs will first be installed in the area between W. 155<sup>th</sup> Street and W. 181<sup>st</sup> Street and later on in the rest of our district. Enforcement of the street cleaning regulations will be suspended in that area while the signs are being installed.  
The Chair also reported that he was told by the Dept. of Environmental Conservation that we finally should receive the cleanup plan for the Brownfield at 4566 Broadway within the next few days. We will have 45 days to respond to the plan. This will be the main topic of our next meeting.
8. **New Business** – Stacey Villeta, Data Coordinator, Inwood Community Services, reported that the Unidos Coalition is holding a meeting next Monday to discuss its strategic plan to deal with underage drinking in the community. Washington Heights-Inwood has the highest rate of binge drinking by youths. Unidos Coalition is organizing a campaign targeting 21-30-year-olds since younger kids emulate them. Want to make sure that the businesses selling liquor are “carding” them.
9. **Announcements** – The Chair announced that the Columbia-CUNY Health Careers Scholarship Program is being revived after receiving new funding from Columbia and from the Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone. Residents of Community Districts 9-12 who are pursuing careers as laboratory and radiological technicians and as physical and occupational therapists can apply for these scholarships so they can serve the extended internships required to qualify for their licenses. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 4, at 3:30 p.m. at the Columbia Univ. Faculty Club, 630 W. 168<sup>th</sup> St. All are invited. The scholarship program will be renamed in honor of former Council Member Stanley Michels, who was instrumental in creating it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Simon.

# CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

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Monday, February 4, 2013

Location: Meeting Location: 711 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street Main floor (Haven Entrance)  
New York, NY 10032

**Committee Members Present:** Fe Florimón, Chair; Chris Smith Asst. Chair; María Luna; Angelo Ortiz; Manny De Los Santos; Alyce Smith; Raybblin Vargas

**Committee Members Excused:** Michael Jimenez

**CB12 Members:** George Fernandez, CB12M Chair

**Guests:** Jacob Morris, on behalf of Parent Academy School Based Team Workshops;  
Joe Rogers, Founder & Facilitator Total Equity Now

**Community Members:** Gary Altheim, Psy.D. Founder/Executive Director Growth and Development Services, Inc; Mr. Roberto De la Rosa, Community Activist; Yhanka Veras; Marlon J. Barrera; Christina Richiez

Welcome and Opening Remarks by Committee Chair Fe Florimón

7:00PM

## *Action/Discussion Items*

### ❖ Guests' Introduction

- ✓ All committee members and guests introduced themselves. Later, after arriving at the meeting, Mr. George Fernandez was introduced as the new Chair of CB12M.

### ❖ Jacob Morris, on behalf of DOE Parent Academy School Based Team Workshops

- ✓ Chair Florimón introduced Mrs. Jacob Morris, who came before the Youth and Education Committee to ask for support for the newly implemented program titled "Parent Academy School Based Team Workshops", which operates out of Long Island University based on a grant secured from the NYC DOE. This borough-wide initiative started late 2012 and seeks the participation and interaction between school teams and parents at all levels of involvement in the educational system. The presenter request that this initiative be shared with the community and the Committee agreed.

- ✓ These workshops offer a series of topics including:

- How to get the most out of parent-teacher conferences
- Identifying resources/local organizations to support your child's learning and developmental needs.
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- Fostering Communication
- Encouraging Parent Involvement and many others, which remain pending.

❖ **Joe Rogers, "Uptown Education Collaborative"**

- ✓ Presenter Joe Rogers is the Founder & Facilitator of "Total Equity Now". Mr. Rogers appeared before the Committee to discuss the objective of his new initiative titled "Uptown Education Collaborative" Exploratory Conversation. This initiative seeks to promote and /or establish the foundation for productive communication and collaboration between the communities of Harlem, Washington Heights and Inwood, especially on the subject of education. The presenter also reported on the initial meeting's outcome that was held on January 8, 2013. At that meeting, Members from diverse Community Boards and Community Education Councils from both communities were invited. During the meeting members discussed:
  - ✓ The challenges and achievements for 2012 facing their community
  - ✓ The challenges and concerns for 2013 and other important matters.
  - ✓ It was also decided to co-organize an Education Conference (EC) in late spring 2013
  - ✓ To craft a survey to be completed by organizational leaders and members in the hope to pinpoint the right topics to be addressed in the spring of 2013 EC

However, Chair Fernandez suggested that before the Committee decides to join Mr. Rogers' initiative or similar initiatives, the Committee should review the "Rules of the Board" to make sure of its level of commitments before transcending to other communities and avoid further misunderstanding. Chair Fernandez also volunteered to look at the proposition and give feedback.

❖ **Committee's Initiative:** Chair Florimón proposed the Committee several initiatives including:

- ✓ To change the meeting's schedule from the first Monday of the month to the second of the following days- second Monday, second Wednesday or second Thursday of the month. Committee Members present seven (7) all voted in favor to change the meeting for the second Monday of the month, effective March 11, 2013.
- ✓ Chair also proposed to organize an event on behalf of the Senior of Washington Heights and Inwood Community. The objective of the event is to celebrate the seniors' birthdays and lives. The possible location for the event is the Isabella Geriatric Center, May 2013, however the location and date are still pending as well as pending consultation with the Aging Committee.

❖ **Old/New Business**

- ✓ Unidos Coalition and WHI group's meeting to be held on February 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM at  
Location: Operation Exodus  
Address: 21 Wadsworth Avenue, (Near 174 Street) New York, NY 10032

❖ **Meeting was adjourned at: 8:50PM**

- ✓ Next Meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

**Community Board 12 Manhattan**  
**Minutes for the Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting\***  
**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Board's Offices – 711 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Committee Members Present (6):** Harlan Pruden (chair) Ernest David Kach (Assist Chair), Richard Lewis, Mitchell Glenn, Chris O'Sullivan, and Zead Ramadan.

**Committee Members Absent (2):** Michael Diaz and Joan Neuman (Public Member).

**Board Members (2):** George Fernandez and Obie Bing.

**Public (18):** Martin Collins, Frank Hess, Kevin McKeon, Danika Doroski, Anthony Spozanza, Tom Soelkan, Pat Courtney, Abby Case, Jenny Goldstein, Orlando Byrd, Lorenzo McGrougan, Nina Koenigsberg, Jeffrey Melenciano, Austin H. Davis, Camoron McNeil, Dan Thomson, Craig Borchardt, Kristin Nocderal.

**Guests (2):** Terese Flores and George Velonakis.

**Staff Coverage (1) Rafael.**

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**Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda.** The meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm by Chair Harlan Pruden. Committee members introduced themselves and the agenda was presented. The chair made an agenda change where a discussion of J. Hood Wright Park would take place instead of the published agenda item on possible impact of the "Englewood Cliff Variances."

**Roger Morris Park Perimeter Restoration Plan (Jumel Mansion) Presentation**

George Vellonakis, NYC Parks and Recreation, gave a brief slide presentation on progress on the Roger Morris Park Perimeter Restoration Plan. The Park houses the Morris-Jumel Mansion. The goals of this plan, actually Phase II, are to complete the repair and restoration of the outer walls, walkways, and streetscape surrounding the park. NY State and City funding have supported both capital budget phases of this historic landmark. Support for such funding has come from Assemblyman Denny Farrell and Councilman Robert Jackson.

Much of the Phase II work will cover the backside of Edgecombe Avenue to the east and continue on the south end on West 160<sup>th</sup> Street. An earlier walk through of this project occurred last summer when committee members Pruden, Ramadan, and Lewis met with Steve Simon, also from Parks and a CB12M board member, and Mr. Vellonakis. Both Assemblyman Farrell and Frank Hess were present as well. The slope on the south side of the wall is a steep 18% grade (compared to an average city slope of 2.75%). Existing work in several parts of the perimeter needs to be replaced as previous work was not done well. Thirty percent (30%) of the bluestone sidewalk will be replaced, for instance. It will be securely anchored with the curbs at West 160<sup>th</sup> Street and street tree pits will be adjusted accordingly. Greening efforts have been considered in the scope of this work and so there will be some new plants added and two trees will be removed and replaced.

A question arose about the 'weep' holes. Weep holes or "weeper holes" are small openings left in the outer wall of a structure, in this case the solid rocks/retaining wall surrounding the park, that act as a controlled outlet for water inside a structure to move outside the wall and evaporate. These weeps need to be cleared of debris and cleaned to allow them to function as true conduits. When asked about a timeline for all this repair and preservation work, Mr. Vellonakis stated that the bid documents should be ready by this Spring and construction could start in the Fall since the funds are all there.

**Park Permit Process for Events and Programming in NYC Parks.**

Teresa Flores, also from the NYC Parks and Recreation Department, gave a presentation on the permitting and processing of parks and playground applications. Special events take place every day in our city parks and playgrounds. "If you want to have any activity in a City park with more than 20 people, or where you would like to reserve a specific area within a park, you need to apply for a special event permit." For specific information and reservations including cost, the applications themselves, rules and regulations, and sites see the following websites - English: <https://nyceventpermits.nyc.gov/Parks/> and Spanish:

<http://www.nycgovparks.org/espanol/solicitudes-para-eventos-especiales>

Applications may also be made in person in any one at several Parks Department's borough offices.

#### **Inwood Hill Park's Nature Center and Dock Restoration Report.**

Hurricane Sandy caused severe damage to the Nature Center at Inwood Hill Park, particularly its interiors. The dock was also lost in the storm. Five feet of water and debris entered the building and caused significant plumbing and electrical issues. The contents of the Nature Lodge itself were flooded out and damaged (display cases, office equipment, etc.) but all wildlife present was rescued. The aftermath of these problems needs to be addressed. This will include not only repairs, but some preventive measures.

The dock will be replaced for public access to the boat house and storage areas. Pre-storm announcements for construction and plans for an ADA compliant bathroom and a new boiler/hot water plant will go forward. FEMA has allocated money to the State that will eventually go to the City and the Parks Department. Ms. Flores gave a commitment to stay on top of this capital funding process. As a follow up on that commitment there was a committee request for a kind of a work order or tracking list to insure that monies already in the city's budget that are earmarked makes their way to the Parks Department.

#### **Fort Washington Ball Field Updated**

There is a temporary pathway in the middle of the playground. Lighting on the bike path and near the AMTRAK/Metro North Hudson Line railroad tracks will be installed. There is a temporary road in the field next to the river. Fences are being put up on the ball field. The completion date for the ball field is October 2013. A final point that surfaced was to find out a name of the playground under construction. This inquiry concluded the Parks Department presentations.

#### **J. Hood Wright Park Discussion.**

A spirited discussion began on the canines in the J. Hood Wright Park dog run and the park perimeter. This discussion centered on several perceptions of the rights and concerns of dog owners and residents without dogs. One of the spokespersons for the dog owners group present, Jenny Goldstein, claimed that they have been unfairly misrepresented in a news article, "Mayhem at Washington Heights Dog Run Irks Neighbors, Dog Owners" [Read more: <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20130115/washington-heights/mayhem-at-washington-heights-dog-run-irks-neighbors-dog-owners#ixzz2LgCRTsU9>] She claimed that responsible dog owners look out for one another and cited their help in the arrest of a community 'dognapper' (the Marley dog snatching caper on Christmas Day <http://www.uptowncollective.com/2012/12/26/girl-reunited-with-stolen-dog-on-christmas-day-7online/>) and lost or missing canines. The reality of dogs is that they "play and bark." The 33rd precinct and limited park enforcement patrols late at night have helped stabilize the relief from several of the park's nuisances and community complaints, including dark barking at late night and off hours when the park has closed.

The group claims they have also helped discourage a lot of bad elements and outsiders who have caused havoc. The expensive fish eye security camera that Parks Department installed at community request due to car vandalism and other nuisances related to off-hour hanging out placed in its present location does not scan the dog run area. Teresa Flores reminded all parties that the issue in this discussion in her opinion was enforcement and the 33<sup>rd</sup> precinct patrols have helped, but PEP Officers are not available at this time.

Craig Borchardt and Jenny Goldstein agreed to work out their differences. The personal video posting on YouTube© of individuals and their dogs will now cease. There was some movement to produce an action plan as a working group that will focus on the problems and solutions. The Northern Parks Department administration will serve as facilitators if necessary.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Lewis

Edited by Harlan Pruden as needed-February, 2013

**Community Board 12 Manhattan**  
**Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting**  
**February 6<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Hammer Building Room 306 - 701 West 168th Street\***

**Committee Members Present (3):** Richard Lewis, Ellen Kackman and Alyce Smith.

**Committee Members Absent\*\* (3):** Melanie Hidalgo, Jay Mazur, and George Fernandez (All excused).

**Public (2):** Kim Frank and Jeffrey Brown.

**Staff:** Rafael Iglesias.

\* Regular monthly meeting rescheduled due to outside meeting conflicts and the outcome of a committee poll.

\*\* Absent committee members not required to attend re-scheduled meetings.

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**Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda.** Richard Lewis as chair called the meeting to order at 7:16 pm. The agenda was presented and how we would proceed with the agenda's announced. No quorum was present and so the draft resolution on energy efficiency mandates for residential buildings and the rejection of MCI rent increase on rent regulated tenants was held over pending its outcome at the Health and Environment Committee meeting the next day.

**Presentation by Kim Frank and Jeffrey Brown on the As-of-Right Construction of 4857 Broadway.**

Development partners Kim Frank and Jeffrey Brown (Jeffrey M. Brown Associates - a development and construction contractor with its principal place of business in Pennsylvania) presented the committee with drawings, floor plans, and information on this as-of-right and non-contextual building now under construction at 4857 Broadway (B/L 2238/33. – located between Academy Street and West 204<sup>th</sup> Street



The origins of this project began sometime in 2007, but failed to gain any movement for four years due to the market crash and the fact that it was not a good climate for development. JMB has had development projects in Florida, Pennsylvania, and New York. This rental building originally caught attention due to its modern prefab design scheme – the building would be built in Pennsylvania and then assembled over several weeks. Others involved in the project are architect Peter Gluck and Partners ([www.gluckpartners.com](http://www.gluckpartners.com))

| ARCS Construction Services | Locus Construction. Retail is on the ground floor with apartment above. See diagram above and to at the left. <http://ny.curbed.com/tags/4857-broadway> and the marketing flyer <http://ny.curbed.com/uploads/4857%20Broadway%20Exclusive%20Flyer.pdf>

The lot is 50 ft by 150 ft and the building is seven stories high with two towers. There are 28 units with the following breakdown: 6 studios, 6 (one bedroom), 14 (two bedrooms), 2 (three bedrooms). There is a 30 ft by 30 ft courtyard in the middle of the two towers of the building. The units and building's amenities, ADA compliance, and energy efficiencies were discussed.

As mentioned above they decided to build the project as a modular approach in the factory for better quality control that will be eventually shipped and assembled on site. The concrete base is now being poured on site. The total project cost is estimated at \$12.8M. The six affordable units range from \$867 to \$1,000 that and are within 60% of the Area Median Income (AMI) for NYC per income restrictions. The project was considered too small for HPD funding, but may be eligible for a 421a partial tax exemption.

The Housing Partnership has titled to the building. Its stated goal *"is to assist in the development, promotion, and revitalization of affordable homeownership and rental housing through an assortment of specialized programs and services that benefit the residents of New York City"* In addition, they want to "produce 1,200 units of housing each year through a variety of new construction and other housing programs." According to their

website in its 29-year history, the Housing Partnership has participated in the development of more than 30,000 affordable home ownership and rental units throughout the five boroughs and leveraged more than \$4.2 billion in private sector financing. Finally, they have an additional 4,000 units in construction or predevelopment. See: <http://housingpartnership.com/>

Ellen Kackman, HHS Committee member is also Vice President, Real Estate Development for the Housing Partnership. She indicated that HP's mission in the 4857 Broadway project is to maintain its affordability, i.e., 20% of the rent regulated units will be permanently held within 60% of the AMI of NYC.

The presenters brought to the committee's attention several problems that had surfaced and are causing delays in construction. One problem was related to Con Edison and the installation of gas systems from the street to the building. All the necessary paperwork has been filed for months. As an opportunity to address the backlog the committee recommended that they speak with the board's 1<sup>st</sup> VP Chair, Mr. Obie Bing who has contacts with Con Edison and this may prove helpful to find out why this delay is occurring. Finally, the presenters stated that there were some security issues, particularly a break in and theft in one of the construction trailers. The committee suggested that they make an appointment with the commanding officer of the 34th Precinct who might be helpful with security in pre construction and post construction efforts in this project.

Alyce Smith raised a key question why their group as an "as-of-right developer" wanted to appear before the committee at this time. Ms Frank stated that their appearance at the HHS Committee tonight was to introduce themselves as a good neighbor and inform the community about this project. They are not asking the board for any kind of benefit or relief. The chair indicated that they are entitled to same resources we are committed to offer to any member, stakeholder, or group of the CB12M community.

#### **Future HHS Committee Planning.**

To solicit opinions on items that would further enrich the agenda of the HHS Committee and to plan support for any follow up action required, such as research, speakers, or documents a form was developed to be handed in by committee members within the next two weeks for discussion and prioritizing. The same form may be used by the committee's membership also to reach out to interest parties for planning strategic events similar to last year's successful Human Resources Festival.

#### **Discussion on the Manhattan Borough Board Resolution for Good Jobs and Responsible Development**

It was belatedly brought to the committee's attention that an omnibus economic development resolution with strong pro-union overtones was crafted, revised three times, and passed at the monthly meeting of the Manhattan Borough Board (MBB). It strongly supports the proposition that the rights of all workers, union and nonunion alike, within its borders and beyond, should seek and receive the industry standard wages and benefits for their services.

It proposes amongst many other things that *"all Manhattan Community Boards call on all developers and/or property owners who appear before the Board or who have a request before the board to publish their plans to ensure that the workers performing the construction, operations or maintenance on the building to receive appropriate training including opportunities through apprenticeship programs that they participate in, and an opportunity to advance in their career."* Since no developers or real estate interests were represented at the table and the language and a variety of assumptions made are questionable, if not debatable a full discussion by the HHS Committee of this resolution needs to be accomplished as a later date.

Since no further business was discussed the meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee  
February 6th, 2013

# COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN

## Executive Committee Meeting

February 12, 2013

### MINUTES

**ATTENDING:** Fernandez [Chair], Bing [1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair], Ferreira [2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair], Allman [Secretary], Diaz, Florimon, Lewis, Simon, Vanterpool

**EXCUSED:** North, Pruden, Kalinsky

**ABSENT:** Benjamin, Reynolds,

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vargas

**STAFF:** Smith [District Manager]

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The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fernandez at 7:15 PM.

### CHAIR'S REPORT

*A written copy of the Chair's Report is appended to these Minutes.*

The Chair expressed thanks to all for the new Board year; and is looking forward to working together as a team and setting forth goals and expectations. He will be in the office Monday-Thursday, 6:00-9:00 PM. Transitional reports will be coming from outgoing officers North [Chair], Prentiss [Treasurer], and A Smith [Secretary].

Board Member time and attendance will be reviewed monthly at the Executive Committee meeting. Borough President interest in attendance was noted.

Major focus for upcoming year is service delivery, city agencies, building relationships and working to get CB 12 service delivery on track. There will also be focus on achievable short-term goals: timely Minutes, community suggestion box, complaint tracking, tracking/follow-up of resolutions [DM will communicate with Committee chairs], tech/social media capacity development, use of Executive Committee to identify/draft upcoming agendas, coordination with staff schedules, translation services for general meetings [3 individuals currently available], rotating general meeting locations, and By-laws and procedural issues.

Additional focus is to have Executive Committee members out in community and part of communications pipeline, with summaries coming back to Executive Committee. Vice-Chairs will alternate at District Service Cabinet meetings, and staff will produce reports.

CB 12 is co-sponsoring February 19 Public Hearing on Helicopter Noise with Councilmember Jackson.

Con Edison signed agreement to utilize DOT street light poles in NYC to install Smart Grid Boxes to monitor underground distribution of electricity wireless. CB must respond, per City Charter, within thirty days, and it is recommended that Executive Committee forward resolution to CB February meeting, with overview that we support this initiative, but it is important to note publicly that Con-Ed has failed to upgrade District infrastructure and underground power grid system.

Business Development Committee will work with SBS on development and distribution of information, education, resources, and standards.

Committee Chair Ferreira noted need for business contact database. A discussion followed on overall database upgrade/integration, capacity to target community residents and stakeholders, recognition of IT

skills, database maintenance. The size of the task of database development was noted, with discussion as to how to find resources—experts, volunteers, reconvening of Task Force, et al. Resolution tracking and follow-up was discussed, including tickler file, software, City resources and limitations in working with City, et al. Ferreira and Smith will contact NYC DOITT.

Further discussion addressed:

- submission by Committees of Action Plan with Resolutions;
- meeting notice distribution;
- outreach strategy;
- comprehensive communications strategy;
- notice on CB 12's bilingual capacity;
- caution with social media;
- suggestion box additional locations, electronic access, and potential for shortening GM's;
- integration by topic of Committee and Staff reports; and
- new phone system.

### **DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

CB 12's move to the Triangle Building remains pending. February 6 working meeting will be rescheduled; lease has not been signed; DCAS review may impact CUMC effort to identify contractor for space.

Date is pending for DSNY to begin process for changing alternate side street cleaning regulations; area from 155<sup>th</sup> to 181<sup>st</sup> Streets will be done first. Input is needed into notification language, interim period, and re-commencement of enforcement.

DM is involved in follow-up re: issues related to 450 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street, with much interagency engagement. Executive Committee discussion expressed much concern and connections to Health and Environment and other committees.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Traffic and Transportation**

*No report was presented.*

#### **Licensing** [Diaz, Chair]

Committee is meeting 2/13; ongoing scheduling on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays was discussed.

Upcoming key issues for Committee include: additional stipulations in CB 12 recommendations, review of best practices from other CB's and from Inwood Community Services, development of new questionnaire for Board review, and goal for Committee to address more than immediate licensing issues. A Public Hearing re establishment of 2 AM closings was discussed, with need to ascertain SLA readiness for issue as initial step.

#### **Aging** [Vanterpool, Chair]

Healthy Food Initiative is supported re: local stores selection, marketing, cleanliness, et al.

A March tour is being planned, with final details pending, at NYPH's Vanderbilt Clinic. Aging, HE Committee members, and others will be invited.

#### **Business Development** [Ferreira, Chair]

The Committee reviewed proposed Good Jobs resolution; information on initial source of resolution is pending. This coming month, Committee will develop its own resolution on jobs and development and will

complete Committee Mission Statement. In April, the Committee will meet jointly with Licensing Committee re: sidewalk café agreement. A restaurants/bars best practices forum may also be scheduled.

#### **Youth and Education** [Florimon, Chair]

Report addressed:

- 3/2 panels of parents and students re: parent involvement;
- Proposed program celebrating 90<sup>th</sup> and 100<sup>th</sup> birthdays in the community [consensus support from Executive Committee];
- Florimon was appointed to local Community Education Council, and will report regularly to CB 12;
- Development with Isabella geriatric of scholarships;
- CB 12 youth volunteers;
- Continuation of Task Force re: appointment of younger CB members; and
- Meetings scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> Mondays starting 3/11.

#### **Housing and Human Services** [Lewis, Chair]

Review is pending for new as-of-right building at 204<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway, with projected 5-6 affordable units. A Resolution is pending jointly with Health and Environment Committee re: Major Capital Improvement pass-through.

#### **Health and Environment** [Simon, Chair]

Services are improved in the District due to new EMS station. Recent column with negative comments by NY Post columnist Steve Cuzzo re: EMS site was discussed. There was pro and con discussion, and Chair will send letter to NY Post.

#### **Parks and Cultural Affairs**

*No report was presented.*

### **GENERAL MEETING/CALENDAR**

March Calendar draft was reviewed.

- YE schedule, as above, was noted.
- Committee Chairs should get draft Agendas to District Manager ASAP.
- It was recommended that Health and Environment Committee have its March meeting at the Nagle YMHA for review of NYS DEC's report on site remediation at 4566 Broadway.
- Adjustments in Committee schedules from March 25-April 2 are needed due to Passover.
- March General meeting is March 19.
- Representatives from FDNY, CEC, and Mayor's Office [Nivardo Lopez] should be requested to be at March General Meeting re: fire displacements

Projected upcoming Resolutions were reviewed.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

M/S [Bing, Allman] to recommend that CB 12 convey its concerns to Con-Ed that a) ongoing need for infrastructure upgrade in the District be addressed; b) smart grid technology (compliant with PUC order) proposed for installation be targeted and deployed for maximal effectiveness; c) timely information and opportunities for input be provided to CB 12; and d) appropriate coordination with and dissemination of information by DOT be done.

The motion passed unanimously. Bing will follow up with Con-Ed, and will draft Resolution.

M/S [Simon, Vanterpool] to recommend that CB 12 amend its By-Laws to establish a structure of ten permanent Committees by a) listing the nine existing Committees, and b) establish a Business Development Committee.

The motion passed 8-0. A Resolution will be drafted.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Former 2nd Vice-Chair Raybblin Vargas will not be seeking re appointment to the board, However express interest in wanting to stay on as public member. She would also like to continue her role as Harlem hospital liaison CB 12's liaison to Harlem Hospital, announced the Hospital's 3/9/2013 Legislative Breakfast concerning guns. Information and RSVP is at 212-939-1370.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- *Meeting Agenda*
- *Chair's Report*
- *Copies of Resolutions [2]*

**Community Board 12, Manhattan  
General Meeting-January 22, 2013  
Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavillion  
1150 St. Nicholas Avenue  
Bet. W. 167<sup>th</sup> & 168<sup>th</sup> Street**

**PRESENT**

Richard Allman		
James J. Amodeo	Ernest David Kach	Angela Sanchez
Anita Barberis	Ellen Kackman	Victor Santos
Wayne Benjamin	Yosef Kalinsky	Steve Simon
James Berlin	Elizabeth M	Alyce Smith
Isaiah Bing	Lehmann	Christopher Smith
Dulce Bueno	Richard R. Lewis	Gloria Vanterpool
Rolando Cespedes	Jay Mazur	Raybblin Vargas
Aldemar De Jesus	Edgar Nau	Anina Young
Diaz	Angelo Ortiz	
Manny De Los Santos	Chris O'Sullivan	
Michael Diaz	Pamela Palanque-North	
George Fernandez	Edith Prentiss	
Ariel Ferreira	Harlan Pruden	
Fe Florimon	Zead Ramadan	
Mitchell Glenn	Robert Reynolds	
Melanie Hidalgo	Tamara Rivera	
Michael Jimenez	Gabriella Rosa	

**EXCUSED**

William T.  
Devlin  
Nicole A.  
Foster

**ABSENT**

Leandro Hidalgo  
Maria Luna  
Carole Mulligan  
Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter

The General Meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Pamela Palanque-North at 7:15pm.

Adoption of the minutes and agenda @ 7:15pm

**Chair's Report**

- New EMS Base Station which will reduce response time from approximately 30 to 22 minutes.
  - CYR may support affordable housing on top of this site
- UMEZ is financing a hotel on West 168<sup>th</sup> Street between Audubon and Amsterdam
- Chair attended CB12M elected officials "Open House" and New York State Senator Adriano Espaillat's swearing-in
- NYPH \$100 million dollar reconstruction of the Adult Emergency Center
- Invited to NY/NJ Port Authority held 1<sup>st</sup> Community Working-Group Meeting
- Manhattan Borough President Borough Board votes in favor of "Good Jobs" resolution
  - Community Boards will now address this issue
- Past three years (2009-present) we have:
  - Passed over 465 resolutions and recommendations that have influenced the delivery of municipal services and the quality of life across CB12M
- Some of these resolutions/recommendations have been:
  - Recommending that the SLA grant or withhold licenses to restaurants and nightclubs
  - Restoring and rebuilding parks and playgrounds
  - Establishing waterfront access and benefits to the community at especially Bakersfield area residents
  - Restoring historic houses
  - Designating historic districts
  - Seeking fair employment opportunities for local residents at district government worksites and other worksites
  - Assisting many disenfranchised tenants to claim their rights to have safe, livable and affordable housing
  - Resolving to have a sustainable environment with clean-air and a safe functioning power system
  - Assisting parents to be effective advocates for their children in the DOE system
  - Supporting the success of college-bound students
  - Resolving to have law enforcement treat residents lawfully and with dignity and controlling crime as well
  - Re-establishing credibility and partnerships with residents, elected officials, CBO's, business owners and other community leaders
  - Selected Photos from 3 years of service
- We will be moving and city has signed off on relocation

- Thank you fellow officers, committee chairs, staff members, committee members, elected officials, community partners and all of our neighbors

#### District Manager's Report - Ebenezer Smith

- It is a pleasure to report to you as the District Manager of CB12M
- Mr. Rafael Iglesias is a new member of CB12 staff, no cost to CB12M. He is a participant of the Queens Borough Council on Social Welfare. He will be working 20 hours a week and his duties will be assisting meetings at night.
- DM met with Mayor's office of filming permit to discuss Made in NY Program.
  - This is a growing industry investing and moving 7.1 million, employing 130,000 NYC residents.
  - Its success is due to NYS Tax Credit and has job opportunity including free training in the Brooklyn Workforce Innovations and entry level jobs for those who complete training.
  - Also have 10% discount card program involving local restaurants for those in the filming industry
  - Law & Order SVU will be in the neighborhood tomorrow
- NYC DOT finally filled up and repaired the vault on Broadway and W. 171<sup>st</sup> Street
- Thanked Chair North for her professionalism and that she will be missed

#### Elected Officials' Reports

##### Nivarlo Lopez – Mayor's Office – Unity NYC Grant Award

- He is community eyes and ears for city hall
- Citizens Committee for New York City awards grants up to \$3,000 to neighborhood-based or faith-based immigrant and non-immigrant groups to collaborate on community projects that improve the quality of life for New Yorkers.
- Resident-led groups throughout NYC are encouraged to apply.
- January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline @ [www.citizencommittee.org](http://www.citizencommittee.org)

##### Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer

- Great to be at CB12 where I was a former member and the neighborhood where he was born and raised
- He wants to speak on some issues and make a very special presentation
- In 2011 his office surveyed websites of jobs who made it clear that only people who have jobs could apply for jobs
  - BP issued a report to the City Council and to the credit of CM Rodriguez and CM Quinn, the full City Council will end this practice (will be toughest bill of this kind).
  - Companies will be told if you discriminate, you will end up in front of the Human Rights Commission
- Next year's gap in city budget will be \$2.5 million and BP office look at issues that can save taxpayers money and make change for the better
  - Animal Care & Control the agency responsible for shelter system has been disgraceful. They don't care for the animals and their Board is misdirected; they are run by the city and allowed to raise private money (only \$59,000 in 2010) for animal control and during the hurricane their doors were shut and they didn't go out to meet their mission and this puts our animals in jeopardy.
  - They are supposed to have five shelters but operate 3waste money
  - We have been working with a coalition of animal rights advocates with folks who want to raise money to shelter animals so MBP would take AC&C and model it after the Central Park Conservancy with members who would raise the money needed
  - City has not signed off on this plan
  - State of Borough is at the Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Recognized from his office Ingrid who does the work on his behalf
- Presented very special Proclamation to Pam that neither the Governor nor Mayor can do; only the BP can do this.
  - It only goes to someone who embodies CB reform, merits hard work and caring for the community, is selfless in service to the community she loves and when it comes to the Borough Board, she has been a reason voice for Washington Heights/Inwood and also for the whole Borough.
  - She has been everything we have asked her to be, been able to forge consensus which takes a certain skill set.
  - New chair has big shoes to fill
  - Resolves and declares this Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 as Pamela North Appreciation Day in Borough of Manhattan

##### Ingrid Sotelo – Manhattan Borough President Office Representative

- Announced that Fe Florimon is new appointee to CEC6

Tony Edwards – NYC Councilmember Ydanis Rodriquez

- Current initiative to extend existing bus route on Bx20 to add 4.5 miles from the current terminal point to the proposed terminal point of 146<sup>th</sup> Street and Lenox Ave
  - This ensure city services accessible to residents and businesses of Central Harlem
  - Downtown route will terminate at newly constructed Mother Clara Hale Bus Terminal which connects bus routes M7, M102, Bx19, #3 subway line
  - Northbound route will commence at 146<sup>th</sup> & Lenox Avenue and connect with the Bx1, Bx6, Bx7, Bx9, Bx10, Bx12, M100, subways A and #1.
  - This creates accessibility to services, interconnects communities and connects with Bronx bound bus routes and passenger cost as of March 1<sup>st</sup> \$2.50

Assemblyman Farrell – Frank Hess

Glennis Gomez - Assemblywoman Gabriella Rosa

- Congratulate George Fernandez on becoming Chair of the Board
- Introduced Amy Slattery as Director of Communications
- Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Domestic Violence Forum from 6:30pm – 9:00pm @ Isabella
- Hours 9:30am – 5:00pm – Mon-Thurs., 9:30am – 1:00pm Fri

Public Speakers' Session – George Fernandez

Jay Mazur –

- Jan 27<sup>th</sup> Invite everyone to forum this Sunday @ Russ Barrie to discuss “Is Hurricane Sandy the New Normal”
- from 3pm – 5pm
- Discussion on local libraries increase of use, fewer programs @ Northern Manhattan Peace & Justice
- Only open 44 hours week in NY and Roosevelt Island libraries are open for 50 hours a week

Tucker – Pain Management Clinic – 450 West 162<sup>nd</sup> Street

- Calling community awareness about pain management clinic is attracting number of addicts who are engaged in reselling medication
- Block is unsafe and the doctor had license suspended for such practice for five years when in the Bronx
- Want to get him out of the area and cancel his practice
- Been open six to eight weeks
- People coming into practice are driving big cars
- Knife pulled on super
- Deputy Inspector Robinson with 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. working with residence on 162<sup>nd</sup> Street
- District Manager Meeting aware of situation
- Meeting schedule for February 4<sup>th</sup> and other agencies involved besides police

Jennifer Zarr – Ft. Washington Library- 179<sup>th</sup>, Audubon & St Nicholas

- Workshop for Job seekers with a professional career coach on Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Organizing and Managing One's Career Search
- Students with Federal Aid Applications will receive help on Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11am – 3pm

Gary Altheim – The Reach Your Potential Movement – Growth & Development Service

- Take teenage to camp
- Received Counsel Award
- Asking you to join the Reach & Potential Movement
  - Build more program partners
  - Build funding & Board members
  - Have used private funds for 10 years, need help now

Natasha Capers – NYC Education Advocacy

- Alliance for Quality Education
- Asking parents and community
- College readiness is 17% in WH/I
- Students should not have to take remedial courses and go to community college
  - A+ NYC Survey

- What are priorities
- Press conference tomorrow on steps of city hall @ noon sponsored by New Yorkers for Great Public Schools

Fabrocio Caro – FDNY Office of Recruitment

- Community Outreach
- FDNY issued court order to increase diversity
- Brainstorm to get message about programs to community
- What FDNY has to offer
- Can call 718.999.8112 & 718.999.FDNY

Nate Weissman – NY Cycle Club

- Port Authority plan 8 year reconstruction to GWB
  - Extensive closure to south path which means north path usage
  - Remove existing impediments on north path (17 flight stairs)
  - Adding compatible ramps
  - Widen walkways on both paths
  - Would like Board to approve resolution to re-envision bridge walkways as a linear park

Mr. X – grtindbmt@gmail.com

- 18 City Council Members meeting on Feb 19<sup>th</sup> at Monroe Senior High School
- Would like to see George as Chair

Leah Holzel – Licensing & Business Development

- License one & three, Mamasushi & Il Sole renewals
- Sidewalk café hours expiration
- Double tables & outdoor seating
- Urge terms to be adhered to
- Revise minutes of Jan 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting

Katherine O’Sullivan – Licensing & Business Development

- Any progress in revising SW applications as they need more detail information
  - CB2 & CB7 have good sidewalk applications
  - License one and three stipulations agree to reduced hour
  - Sign visible to reduce sidewalk café hours operation (10pm, Sun-Thur.), (Midnight, Fri-Sat)

Michael Nino – Speed Bumps by Kipps Middle School

- Son Nicholas was hit by a car on 167<sup>th</sup> Amsterdam & Edgecombe coming out of school
  - Would like to propose speed bumps for that block to prevent a fatality

Josh Karan – District wide Forum, Campaign for Fiscal Equity

- Would like support for resolution by Y&E Forum on March 18<sup>th</sup> regarding money owed NYC school children, 20 year long struggle
  - This money was reneged upon by NYC as only 25% of \$5million dollars has been received
  - Forum is united effort by Education Counselor

Luis Ramos & Lou Badillo- Indigenous Outreach Project

- There are 55,000 Native Americans in NYC
- NYC Parks community reaching out to youth
- Shorakapok Earth Keepers with 3 programs
  - Cultural events in springtime
  - United Urban Warrior Society
  - Mobile Indigenous Library
  - Teach Indigenous Traditions

Danny Swapirsky – Speed Bumps @ Kipp School

- Nicholas’ principal
  - Nicholas out of school for eight weeks

- Traffic around IS90 insufficient, need stop signs at 168<sup>th</sup> & Jumel
- Rallying families for speed bumps and traffic safety

#### Ruben Dario Vargas – Housing

- Concern for residents who live at 2142 Amsterdam Avenue because constructing a building to accommodate people with mental issues. This is not needed as it is being built right in the center of an elementary school

#### Anina Young – Career Day @ PS/MS278

- Thursday, Feb 28<sup>th</sup> - Career Day, if you have a job you like, you are invited to come and talk to students from K-8<sup>th</sup> grade
- 212.567.5563, info@brazenlingere.com

#### Zead Ramadan – Shabazz Center

- Jan 31<sup>st</sup> – 6:30pm – 9:00pm Northern Manhattan Mayoral Forum
  - Sponsored by Barack Obama Democratic Club & Northern Democrats for Change
- Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Transformation of Malcolm X

#### Nominating Committee Chair – Rev. Christopher Smith

- Nomination for secretary was presented-none accepted
- Each candidate spoke for two minutes
- Roll call of names to receive your ballot
- Redo call of names to collect your ballots back
- No write in candidate
- Must mark candidate
- Only vote for one person
- Print & sign ballot
- Rev. Smith acknowledged other members of nominating committee
  - Edgard Nau, Gloria Vanterpool, Alyce smith
- We will count ballots, then give results
  - 40 ballots casted, 21 ballots required to be elected
  - Chair – George Fernandez 30 Votes
    - Harlen Pruden 10 Votes
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair – Obie Bing 38 Votes
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair – Ariel Ferreira 38 Votes
  - Asst Secretary – Richard Allman 39 Votes
  - Treasurer – Pamela Palanque-North 40 Votes
- George thanked everyone for their support and looks forward to working with everyone

#### Committee Reports

##### Traffic & Transportation – Yosef Kalinsky, Chair

- Specifics of whereas detailing recommendations to DOT
- Resolution is more of recommendations than absolute decisions
- 1<sup>st</sup> whereas should be Central Harlem
- 5<sup>th</sup> whereas M2 change
- 1<sup>st</sup> resolve, coordination with M98 should be crossed out
- Richard Lewis, Amendment w/156<sup>th</sup> Street BX6 bus
- Wayne, based on proposed route BX6 add new bus route will not connect
- Richard Allman, in 7<sup>th</sup> whereas suggest that M98 may be able to connect with new bus route
  - Reinforce comment that there are a lot of further analysis needed
  - 1<sup>st</sup> resolve should state the CB12 supports this in concept
- James Berlin, agrees with Richard Allman TA will do survey anyway
- Edith Prentiss, be less specific in proposal
  - If you live in WH/I, what can you take to go to the east side
- Tony Edwards, line was designed to connect to 145<sup>th</sup> Street
- Richard Allman, yes, yes, yes, sell the connection as a great way for WH/I to connect to east side trains
- David Katz, there is a bus depot on 126<sup>th</sup> and second
- Tony Edwards, the bus depot
- Proposed extension of the Bx20 Bus Route via Dyckman/HRD to E. Harlem

- # 1- VOTE: in favor (37) opposed (0) abstain (3)

Housing and Human Services – Richard Lewis

- Refer to the minutes

Licensing Committee – Aldemar Diaz, Chair

- #9 is #10 in minutes, vote to table
- #12 friendly amendment accepted
- #13 not to recommend
- #16
  - # 1- VOTE: in favor (33) opposed (3) abstain (1) not voting (1)
  - # 2- VOTE: in favor (36) opposed (1) abstain (0) not voting (1)
  - # 3- VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (6) abstain (1)
  - # 4- VOTE: in favor (37) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - # 5- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - # 6- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - # 7- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - # 8- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - # 9- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - #10- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - #11- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - #12- VOTE: in favor (38) opposed (0) abstain (0)
  - #13- VOTE: in favor (34) opposed (3) abstain (2) not voting (1)
  - #14- VOTE: in favor (25) opposed (9) abstain (2) not voting (1)
  - #15- VOTE: in favor (37) opposed (1) abstain (0)
  - #16- VOTE: in favor (36) opposed (1) abstain (0)
- Committee will hold public meeting in March to consider banning new applications for licenses with 2am-4am closing
- Next meeting is Feb 13th

Health & Environment – Steve Simon

- Proposed Resolution on the Disclosure of smoking Policies in Multiple Dwellings
  - #1- VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (2) abstain (0)
- Resolution in support of stricter gun control measures at the federal and state levels
  - Discussion ensued
  - #1- VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (0) abstain (0) not voting (1)

Youth & Education – Fe Florimon

- Thanked Betty Lehmann/Isabella for their service to the Y&E Committee on first Saturday of each month
  - Providing breakfast and space for meetings
- Resolution in support of the March 18<sup>th</sup> Forum for fiscal Equity Campaign
  - #1- VOTE: in favor (33) opposed (0) abstain (0)

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin, Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Business Development – Ariel Ferreira, Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Concerns for Aging – Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Public Safety – Angelo Ortiz, Asst. Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Parks & Cultural Affairs – Harlan Pruden, Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Meeting adjourned at 10:28pm

Submitted by Alyce Smith

It has been a pleasure to serve as Secretary to CB12