

Community Board 12 Licensing Committee

Minutes, March 6, 2013

Committee Members Present: Aldemar Diaz, Chair; James Amodeo, Assistant Chair; Rolando Cespedes; Elizabeth Lorriss-Ritter; Edith Prentiss; Angela Sanchez; Anina Young

Committee Members Excused:

Committee Members Absent:

CB12 Members Present: George Fernandez, Board Chair; Manny De los Santos, Michael Jimenez, Richard Lewis

CB12 Staff Members Present:

Community Members Present: Gus Anton, Maggie Clarke, Yokarina Duarte (Office of Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez), Zheng Mao Kai, Altagracia Marrero, Police Officer Anthony Melendez (33rd Precinct), Benlly Polanco, and Roberto Rivas

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 33rd and 34th 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

Restaurant Wine Licenses

1. Park View Cafe Restaurant – 219 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue

Owner/Representative	Gus Anton
Type of Establishment	Restaurant
Hours of Operation	Sunday-Thursday, 6 am-11 pm; Friday & Saturday, 6 am-midnight
Tables/Chairs	8 bar stools, 18 tables, 48 chairs
Music	iPod
Security Cameras	7 inside, 2 outside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	9
Capacity	60
Emergency Exits	2 (main entrance and one in the basement)
Restaurant Letter Grade	A (Prior to closing for construction)
34th Precinct	No objection

Community Comments	Prior to the renovation, the ambience was very conducive to conversations; it is hoped that this continues afterwards.
Stipulations	None
Notes	
Vote	Committee: 6-0-0; No Board members present

2. La Caridad Restaurant #2 – 2092 Amsterdam Avenue between West 163rd and West 164th Streets

Owner/Representative	Altagracia Marrero
Type of Establishment	Dominican Restaurant
Hours of Operation	7am-4am, 7 days a week, with alcohol sales (upon license reinstatement) from noon through 3:55am
Tables/Chairs	14 tables, 56 chairs, 7 seats at counter
Music	Jukebox with no sound governor
Security Cameras	None
Security Personnel	1 state-licensed security guard on Saturdays
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	7 full-time
Capacity	40
Emergency Exits	2
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
33rd Precinct	Given that there have not been any issues reported at this establishment since May 12, 2012, the 33 rd Precinct conditionally approves the application upon the recommendation that the owner meet with the Precinct. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 15 at the Office of Councilman Rodriguez, but was later cancelled by the Precinct.
Community Comments	Council Member Rodriguez does not object to the application and has recommended that the owner meet with him to discuss past problems with the establishment. A meeting was scheduled for Friday, March 15 at the Office of Councilman Rodriguez, but was later cancelled by the Councilman.
Stipulations	The business owner has agreed to meet with the Councilman and the 33 rd Precinct to discuss the prevention of future issues. She has committed to signing a notarized agreement to that effect and presents it to the Committee Chair before or at the Board meeting.
Notes	This license, which had expired in April 2012, was revoked by the SLA in May 2012 due to more than thirty criminal summonses given to patrons at the establishment (and which reportedly have been dismissed), and also due to the fact that a member of the security staff was a convicted felon.

Vote	Committee: 6-0-1; Board: 3-1-0
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3. Zervian Cafe Corp. – 206 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Vermilyea Avenue

Owner/Representative	Jacquelin Burgos (Owner), Miguel Acosta (Manager)
Type of Establishment	Spanish Restaurant
Hours of Operation	6am – 1am, seven days a week (alcohol sales begin at 1pm)
Tables/Chairs	4 tables, 16 chairs, 5 bar stools
Music	Jukebox without sound governor
Security Cameras	1 outside, 2 inside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Yes
Employees	4 full-time
Capacity	21
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant Letter Grade	Unavailable (not inspected since 2009)
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None
Notes	No objection from Council Member Rodriguez (following the recommendation of the 34 th Precinct)
Vote	Committee: 7-0-0; Board: 2-0-0

Tavern Wine License

4. Corcho Corp. dba Corcho Wine Room – 227 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue

Owner/Representative	Danilo B. Polanco (Owner)
Type of Establishment	Tavern (wine & beer) & Tapas
Hours of Operation	Monday-Thursday, 1pm-2am; Friday, 1pm-3am; Saturday & Sunday 11:30am (for brunch)-3am, with DCA permit for sidewalk cafe. Last call is at 1:30am weeknights and 2:30am weekends
Tables/Chairs	6 tables, 30 seats and 5 bar stools; if granted DCA permit for sidewalk cafe, 6 tables and 12 seats outside
Music	iPod; jukebox without sound governor; various live musical acts, with doors closed during performance
Security Cameras	7 (4 inside, 3 outside)
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Entrance only
Employees	2 full-time, 1 part-time (to be increased by 2 or 3 when outdoor cafe opens)
Capacity	38

Emergency Exits	2 (front and back)
Restaurant Letter Grade	A
34th Precinct	No objection
Community Comments	
Stipulations	The owner previously agreed verbally to close the front doors during live music; he has now agreed to sign a stipulation to that effect prior to the Board's general meeting.
Notes	In 2011, a fine was levied – and paid – for not having a license displayed. There has been no disciplinary history with the SLA since then.
Vote	Committee: 7-0-0; Board: 2-0-0

Eating Place Beer License

5. St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. dba St. Nicholas Fish Market – 1609 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 191st Street

Owner/Representative	Zheng Mao Kai
Type of Establishment	Fish Market/Seafood Restaurant (Steam & Fry)
Hours of Operation	8:30am-4am, seven days a week; alcohol served from 1 pm until last call at 3am
Tables/Chairs	9 seats at counter
Music	Radio with no external speakers
Security Cameras	7 inside, 1 outside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	No
Employees	6 full-time, 2 part-time
Capacity	9
Emergency Exits	1
Restaurant Letter Grade	Pending
34th Precinct	Opposed to the application; in a fencing operation, 3 individual employees were arrested for buying stolen iPhones and iPads; over the course of the last 18 months, there have been numerous arrests for marijuana possession and use in and immediately outside the establishment and it is believed that narcotics are also being sold by customers inside the restaurant. The Precinct has recommended that the market contact them to help monitor the situation, but this has never happened. The arrested employees were told not to buy stolen property again and are still employed at the establishment.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	None

Notes	The last time this owner appeared before the Committee, there were concerns about garbage disposal on the streets; during the warmer months, he now double bags the garbage and only places it out for collection one hour before the scheduled pickup. A note was written and given to the owner (who is a native Mandarin speaker) stating that the Committee is concerned that he did not understand what was said during the meeting and that we would like him to 1) meet with the 34 th Precinct to discuss the drug activity in and around the premises and 2) meet with the NYC Human Rights Commission to discuss the addition of a 6-foot ramp and effecting access to the take-out window, and 3) understand that if he chooses, he or a representative can address the full Board about these issues at the general meeting before a final vote is taken.
Vote	Committee: 2-4-1; Board: 0-3-1

C. State Liquor Authority New Applications

On-Premise Liquor License

6. Corp. to be Formed dba TBD – 660 West 180th Street between Broadway and Wadsworth Avenue

Owner/Representative	
Type of Establishment	
Hours of Operation	
Tables/Chairs	
Music	
Security Cameras	
Security Personnel	
ADA Compliant?	
Employees	
Capacity	
Emergency Exits	
Restaurant letter Grade	
34th Precinct	
Community Comments	
Stipulations	
Notes	No one appeared before the Committee to represent the business regarding this new application.
Vote	Committee: 0-7-0; Board: 0-2-0

Restaurant Wine License

7. Restaurant La Libertad, Corp. – 3764 Broadway at the corner of West 156th Street

Owner/Representative	Teresa Guardado
Type of Establishment	American/Italian/Salvadorian Restaurant
Hours of Operation	8am-11pm, seven days a week (if license approved, 8am-1am with alcohol served beginning at 7pm)
Tables/Chairs	15 tables, 35 chairs, 8 stools
Music	iPad
Security Cameras	To be installed: 1 inside, 2 or 3 outside
Security Personnel	None
ADA Compliant?	Bathroom only; the entrance is not accessible because there is a ledge at the front door.
Employees	6
Capacity	60
Emergency Exits	3
Restaurant Letter Grade	Grade Pending
33rd Precinct	Supports the applicant but has requested that the owner schedule a walk-through so they can advise on the security arrangements.
Community Comments	
Stipulations	Based on the Committee's previous requirements, we require that a walk-through with the Precinct
Notes	One of the owners left a message for the Chair of the Committee reporting that he has decided to withdraw the application and expects to reapply and return before the Committee in March or April; to date, the Committee has received no documentation to that effect, and phone calls to both business owners have gone unanswered.
Vote	Committee: 7-0-0 Board: 2-0-0

D. New Business / Adjournment

NOTE: The Licensing Committee is currently in the process of planning a public forum regarding, among other issues, no longer supporting any new applications in Community 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 on Thursday, April 25, will be announced to the community by various means throughout March and April.

Ms. Maggie Clark asked if we could write a letter to the SLA requesting enforcement of the 500-foot rule for establishments. The concern is that there are too many restaurants in close proximity in the neighborhood, specifically on Dyckman Street. It seems that nobody is paying attention to the aggregate issue and with each new establishment; the noise level seems to rise. Ms. Clark was informed that 1) the Community Board cannot write a letter directly to the

SLA urging action in any given direction, but can pass a resolution instead, if warranted, and 2) the establishment of a task force to deal with these issues falls within the purview of the Executive Committee.

George Fernandez recommends that the Committee use the Liquor Authority Mapping Project (LAMP) database to gather statistics regarding the number of establishments that are currently in violation of the 500-foot rule. He also recommended that this be discussed at next month's public forum.

Licensing Committee
State Liquor Authority On Premise Liquor License **Renewal**
Resolution #1
March 6, 2013

Whereas, Park View Cafe Restaurant, located at 219 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about Park View Cafe Restaurant;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Park View Cafe Restaurant.

Licensing Committee
New State Liquor Authority Restaurant Wine License
Resolution #2
March 6, 2013

Whereas, La Caridad Restaurant #2, located at 2092 Amsterdam Avenue between West 163rd and West 164th Streets, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a new Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, was informed that the original license for this business had been revoked by the SLA in May 2012 due to more than thirty criminal summonses given to patrons at the establishment (and which reportedly have been dismissed), and also due to the fact that a member of the security staff was a convicted felon; and

Whereas, the 33rd Precinct conditionally approves the application, given that there have not been any issues reported at this establishment since May 12, 2012, contingent upon the owner meeting with the Precinct; and

Whereas, the owner is working with the 33rd Precinct to reschedule a meeting which was originally scheduled for March 15 at the Office of Councilman Rodriguez but was later cancelled by the Precinct; and

Whereas, Council Member Rodriguez does not object to the application but has recommended that the owner meet with him to discuss past problems with the establishment; and

Whereas, the owner is working with the Office of Councilman Rodriguez to reschedule a meeting which was originally scheduled for March 15 at the Councilman's Office but was later cancelled by the Councilman's staff; and

Whereas, the owner has agreed to notarize a stipulation document requiring her to follow through on her commitments to meet with the Councilman and the Precinct, and to present said stipulations to the Committee Chair at the general meeting on March 19;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a new Restaurant Wine License for La Caridad Restaurant #2.

Licensing Committee
Renewal State Liquor Authority Restaurant Wine License
Resolution #3
March 6, 2013

Whereas, Zervian Cafe Corp., located at 206 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Vermilyea Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about Zervian Cafe Corp.; and

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Restaurant Wine License for Zervian Cafe Corp.

Licensing Committee
Renewal State Liquor Authority Tavern Wine License
Resolution #4
March 6, 2013

Whereas, Corcho Corp. doing business as Corcho Wine Room, located at 227 Dyckman Street between Broadway and Seaman Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its Tavern Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about Corcho Corp.;

Whereas, the owner of the establishment has agreed to sign a stipulation affirming the verbal agreement he made at his last appearance before the Committee to close all doors during live musical performances, and to present said stipulation to the Committee at or before the full Board meeting on March 19;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Tavern Wine License for Corcho Corp.

Licensing Committee
Renewal State Liquor Authority Eating Place Beer License
Resolution #5
March 6, 2013

Whereas, St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc. doing business as St. Nicholas Fish Market, located at 1609 St. Nicholas Avenue at the corner of West 191st Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its Eating Place Beer License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, was informed that the 34th Precinct is opposed to the application, given that in a fencing operation, 3 employees were arrested for buying stolen iPhones and iPads; and

Whereas, the arrested employees were told not to buy stolen property again but are still employed at the establishment; and

Whereas, the Precinct also informed the Committee that there have been numerous arrests for marijuana possession in, and marijuana use immediately outside, the establishment over the course of the last 18 months, and that although the Precinct has recommended that the owner contact them to help monitor and control the situation, this has never happened;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 Manhattan offers **Strong Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a renewal of the Eating Place Beer License for St. Nicholas Fish Market Inc.

Licensing Committee
New State Liquor Authority On-Premise Liquor License
Resolution #6
March 6, 2013

Whereas, Corp. to be Formed doing business as TBD, located at 660 West 180th Street between Broadway and Wadsworth Avenue, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a new On-Premise Liquor License; and

Whereas, it is Committee protocol to provide a negative vote for establishments that do not attend the duly advertised Licensing Committee meeting;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 **Objects** to the State Liquor Authority granting an On-Premise Liquor License for Corp. to be Formed doing business as TBD, located at 660 West 180th Street.

Licensing Committee
New State Liquor Authority Restaurant Wine License
Resolution #7
March 6, 2013

Whereas, Restaurant La Libertad Corp., located at 3764 Broadway at the corner of West 156th Street, has duly notified Community Board 12 Manhattan of its intention to file an application for a renewal of its Restaurant Wine License; and

Whereas, the Licensing Committee, having met on March 6, 2013 to hear comments from the community and the local precinct, heard no negative comments about Restaurant La Libertad Corp.; and

Whereas, the 33rd Precinct supports the applicant and has requested that the owner schedule a walk-through so they can advise on the security arrangements, which the owner has agreed to do; and

Whereas, the owner of the business subsequently informed the Committee that they intend to withdraw the application before the SLA, but have not provided documentation to that effect and, to date, have not contacted the Chair of the Committee to discuss the status of the application,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Community Board 12 offers **No Objection** to the State Liquor Authority granting a Restaurant Wine License to Restaurant La Libertad Corp.

Community Board 12 Traffic and Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 4, 2012

Committee Members Present:	Rabbi Yosef Kalinsky, Chair; Mitch Glenn, Assistant Chair; Richard Allman; Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Aldemar Diaz, Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter; Edith Prentiss
Committee Members Excused:	
Committee Members Absent:	
Other Board Members Present:	George Fernandez, Jr., CB12 Chair
Members of the Public:	Arlene Schulman; Sophia Solovyova, Russian-Speaking Council of Manhattan; Lovry Murjenko, Vice President, RAAMB; Earnestine Temple, Office of Assemblyman H. D. Farrell, Jr.; Victor Levin, Director, RAAMB

Meeting called to order at (approximately) 7:15pm.

Agenda Item: Street Lights on Riverside Drive

Ernestine Temple from Representative Denny Farrell's office stated that we need more consistent, brighter lighting on Riverside Drive for people who are walking their dogs, etc. at night.

Edith: One problem is that the lights are pointed onto the street, not onto the sidewalk.

Jim: Having working street lights should not require a resolution from the committee; the point is that it should be determined who is responsible for this (and agencies tend to point at each other when it's asked who's responsible). It is important to know that the actual work on the lights is done by a contractor, Con Edison. The question remains whether this rises to the level of a resolution or not, as this is an old problem.

Liz: What area are we talking about? It's the westernmost piece that is a straight shot downtown. The lights mounted on the wall are the responsibility of the state, whereas those in the sidewalk are the city. But since this is a simple city services thing, not a policy issue, the best way to go about this is to contact the district manager in writing to have him reach out to the DOT and have them fix the lights that are not working or state clearly which lights are not their responsibility – in writing! – So we have a paper trail of responsibility.

Edith: The district cabinet meeting is probably a good place to address this and Ebenezer should be asked to make sure that Josh Orzeck or someone else from DOT attends the meeting, along with anyone else from the state DOT so that they can address whichever lights are theirs, in case they have any.

Later in the meeting, it was reported that Josh Orzeck had e-mailed Martin Collins information about the street lights on Riverside Drive; of three unlit street lights between 155th and 165th Streets, one was fixed, Con Edison has a "stop tag" on another, and a third is a new light awaiting service connection from Con Edison.

New Business: Street Co-naming in Honor of Alexey Murzhenko

Sofia Solovyova spoke, representing the President of the Russian-Speaking Council, the Vice President of the Council and the widow of the subject of the presentation; the Chairman of the Board of the Council was also present. The Russian Community Council of Manhattan and the Bronx is a grass roots organization dedicated to the education of the American public on the civil rights movement in the former Soviet Union. The organization asks to co-name the intersection of 187th Street at Fort Washington Avenue and the adjacent staircase to honor this prominent dissident and resident of the neighborhood who lived here since he emigrated in 1988 until his death in 1999. Ms. Solovyova commented on the life of Mr. Murzhenko, who distributed a peace manifesto in 1962 and was sentenced to many years of hard labor. He then worked with the refuseniks, which applied for exit visas and were harassed, incarcerated and

interned in psychiatric institutions for their resistance. Mr. Murzhenko and the refuseniks attempted to pilot a plane outside the Soviet Union but they were arrested before they could leave, and two of them were sentenced to death. (Those sentences were later commuted.) Mr. Murzhenko was sentenced to 14 years, during which he worked for the rights of political prisoners. In 1991 after the collapse of the Soviet Union, his Day of Remembrance for the Victims of Political Repression was recognized by the Russian government. The US congress requested his release, which didn't occur until 1984, at which point he had been in the camps for 20 years. After he was released, he published a book about the conditions in the camps and was sentenced to another 2 years in the camp because the publication violated camp rules. Then he and his wife and children immigrated to Washington Heights, where their home became a center of activity for Russian citizens' rights. He died at 57 years old in 1999 due to illness he developed in the camps. He continues to live in the memory of the community, inspiring others through his example. On the anniversary of his death and birthday, there are celebrations in the community.

Over 300 people signed the petition Ms. Solovyova presented, including the Executive Director of Rabbis for Human Rights and other Jewish rabbis in the community, other religious leaders, members of Community Board 12, and prominent businesses such as CHASE Bank.

Mr. Murzhenko represented the fight for freedom and for human rights, and for the rights of immigrants; always siding with the most oppressed, he recognized that human rights belonged to all, notably joining the refuseniks even though – unlike them – he was not Jewish.

Liz Ritter: In December, over 100 people turned out at the Y to honor Mr. Murzhenko's life; there is clearly not just congressional and international support for this man, but also palpable local support.

Jim: Usually when a street corner is named, it is where the person lived. Mr. Murzhenko lived at 187th Street and Overlook Terrace, but the request for 187th Street and Fort Washington Avenue AND the staircase, which are a different location. Jim noted that there is graffiti on the staircase, which won't necessarily honor Alexey Murzhenko's memory, and that in this case 184th Street and Bennett Avenue was named after Piotr Pinhasov.

Liz: The idea of the steps came up only because the nearest corner was already named. It seemed appropriate because he had a large impact on a large swath of the community. The City may not necessarily have a vested interest in exactly what is named and how (how many signs, for example).

Sophia Solovyova: Why this staircase? Because it is beloved to the Russian community, it represents the immigrant experience, moving from the darkness into the light. Are we stuck on this intersection? (During a side discussion with the widow Murzhenko, it was revealed that Mr. Murzhenko and their daughter used the staircase every day on their way to her school.)

Mitch: Technically, stairs are just another street, so he has no problem with naming it the way we would name any other block or corner.

Liz: The stairs are the 187th Street step street, not just stairs; Mitch's perspective is right, but it's possible that the only reason none of the steps have been named is that no one who is deserving of honor – and has had a request made on their behalf – has lived near any of them. Liz doesn't care which area is named or which pole receives the sign. What matters is that this was a great man who lived in the community and deserves to be honored; we should honor him by just selecting the nearest location to his home that we support renaming and settle it. Years later, people will wonder who Alexey Murzhenko was, just like Piotr Pinhasov, and what will matter is what he did, and not that a street was renamed after him.

Mitch: It is up to the community to continue doing things in his honor, because this step, though important, will not make him more worthy of remembering than he already was.

Sofia: Those who signed the petition chose the location because it has sentimental value.

Jim: 184th Street and Broadway or 181st and Bennett Avenue are both the next nearest locations, which should be good choices.

It was noted that Alexey Murzhenko lived at 56 Bennett Avenue, later moving to Third Avenue.

Two proposals were made for a resolution:

- The location closest to 56 Bennett Avenue – 184th Street and Bennett Avenue
- The stairs themselves?

Consensus: We co-name the southwest corner of Bennett Avenue and West 184th Street. This should be called Alexey Murzhenko Plaza.

Final votes on the proposed resolution: Committee, 7-0-1; Board, 1-0-0; Community, 4-0-0

Agenda Item: MTA: Failure to Provide Notice of Reduction of Service

The MTA has rejected the proposal to extend the BX12 bus route as presented recently to the Committee. In a letter signed by Lois Tandler, the reasons cited are the high cost and the lack of potential ridership.

Edith: She recently raised the issue of the lack of buses north of 168th Street after midnight and the distance between 10th Avenue and Broadway and will be going to the board to report this as a failure to provide service.

Richard: Note that Marcus Book has said that the service was currently adequate despite our protestations. Perhaps that feedback should be directed to the MTA President?

Marcus also claimed that there were more #4 buses available to make up for the lack of a shuttle during train service disruption recently, but Liz is not sure that that was the case, and in any case, they should have announced what they did, as that was not generally known. Also, adding the buses only until a certain time does not really solve the problem.

Jim: There were more buses, but it seems there were none after midnight, even though the trains run past that time. Note that there were buses available at the beginning of Fast Track, but they were removed because of high cost.

Richard: 2 or 3 months ago, Marcus Book proposed changing the route of the M4 bus coming up Broadway; Richard proposed that the M5 be moved to Fort Washington Avenue, but members of the Committee countered that this would leave a swath of Broadway without service altogether.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58pm.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – March 14, 2013

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

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard Allman, George Fernandez, Richard Lewis.

GUESTS: Jim Moras and Sadique Ahmed, NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation; Martin Collins, Council Member Robert Jackson's office; Sandra Harris, Columbia University Medical Center; Julio Batista, NY-Presbyterian Hospital, Stacey Villeta, Inwood Community Services; Andricka Brown; Gary Guzman; Joanne Hoffman; Valerie Lyles; Robert Stein; David Toser.

The meeting was held at the YM-YWHA of Washington Heights & Inwood, 54 Nagle Ave.

S. Simon, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and introduced the committee members. He gave some background on the issue regarding the brownfield site, a former gas station and auto repair shop at 4566 Broadway (@ Nagle Avenue), the main topic for tonight's meeting, and thanked the two staff members from NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation (DEC) for traveling down from Albany to attend the meeting.

1. **Cleanup Plan for the Brownfield at 4566 Broadway** – James Moras (Supervisor) and Sadique Ahmed (Project Manager), from DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation, made the following points during their presentation and as they answered questions:

- Contamination prevents the development of the property
- DEC examined whether the soil and the groundwater were contaminated and whether soil vapor is "a possible pathway." It installed monitoring wells and took soil and soil vapor samples on the site and in the immediate vicinity, including four nearby buildings. One owner (10 Hillside Ave.) refused to allow testing in his building.
- DEC has released a Proposed Decision Document, specifying the cleanup plan it will require the owner of 4566 Broadway to follow. The comment period runs until April 6.
- The owner originally proposed to build a 14-story residential building (condo) on the site. Because of a lack of funding, he later changed his plan and now intends to build a two-story commercial building with stores on the ground floor and a gym on the second floor. The site is now a 24-hour parking lot. The remedial investigation was conducted in four phases. Early findings led them to expand investigation beyond the site to both sides of Nagle Avenue and inside buildings around and across from the site. (At the request of both CB 12 and the YM-YWHA, this building was included.)
- The groundwater is flowing SE from the site. Fort Tryon Park is not affected.
- The adjacent school playground is not a concern: it's an open area where vapors are not trapped.
- At 4580 Broadway, the apartment building to the north, no contamination from the brownfield was found in soil vapor in the sub-slab, but other contaminants were found in the indoor air in the basement and first floor. DEC concluded that these contaminants came from materials stored in the hardware store in the building. DEC sent a letter to the managing agent in October 2011 with the results of the testing and told him to "take reasonable and practical actions to identify sources and reduce exposures." S. Simon suggested that DEC re-inspect to check on whether these steps were taken and the contamination persists.
- Groundwater contamination was found in front of 25 Nagle Ave., but it is not from the brownfield site and only minor exceedances were found in the building as a result of soil vapor/indoor air testing.
- Tetrachloroethene was found on the brownfield site, not associated with gasoline but from auto repair work.
- Indoor air testing in apartment buildings was done in sub-basements where soil vapors might be most likely to intrude. Canisters were used to collect samples over a 24-hour period. The highest level detected was three micrograms; the contamination level is 100 micrograms.
- DEC determined that no further action was required for 25, 31 and 54 Nagle Ave. S. Simon requested copies of letters sent to landlords of these buildings.
- There is no current problem with using the parking lot. If nothing is built there, owner does not have to clean it up. Developer applied for the Brownfield Cleanup Program in 2006 before deciding what to build there. Applicant pays for the cleanup, but tax incentives are available.

- Site has been designated "Restricted Residential" – single-family homes can't be built there to avoid people using backyards to grow vegetables, etc. A multi-family building would be allowed.
- Remedial Plan – DEC will require property owner to remove 60 cubic yards of contaminated soil five feet deep behind the small office building on the site and take it to a certified landfill. Ten soil vapor extraction wells are to be placed in four targeted areas on the site. They are to be checked every three months and to be kept operating "until they meet the remedial goals" (probably for two years). Owner has to submit a site management plan and provide an environmental easement. Monitoring would continue until the groundwater and soil are cleaned up.
- An underground garage could be built. "We don't dictate the development of the site as long as it's consistent with how it's cleaned up."

2. **Helicopter Noise in the Community** – Martin Collins, assistant to Council Member Robert Jackson, stated that in 2010 the City changed the route for tourist helicopter flights originating downtown so that they now cut across Manhattan at West 155th Street "with no notification and no consultation with this community." He said the number of flights has substantially increased over the last three years. Local residents report that the helicopters fly so low that they can see the faces of the pilots. A CB 9 member called Liberty Helicopter Tours last Sunday to complain and was told they can fly at an altitude of only 500 feet, when in fact they are supposed to fly at 2000 feet. Also, the flights pose a security risk since passengers can carry anything on board – there is no screening. He is in touch with Senator Gillibrand's office on that issue. EDC told him it chose "the least obtrusive route and they have no plans to change it."

Vargas: helicopters don't have to file flight plans

Lewis: we have enough anecdotal evidence that this is a problem. On a recent weekday, I counted 20 flights between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. It's also a problem on weekends.

Motion by Nau/Vargas that the committee adopt a resolution similar to one passed by Community Board 9, emphasizing both safety and noise issues and recommending that flights be limited to air space above the Hudson River. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Committee Members	7-0-0
Other Board Members	1-0-1
Members of the Public	5-0-2

3. **Columbia University Medical Center Report** – Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President – Government & Community Affairs, reported as follows:
- Columbia is holding a Multicultural Recruitment Day Conference for medical school students on Saturday, April 6.
 - A "Brain Expo" was held yesterday to mark Brain Awareness Week. Students from local high schools and senior citizens were able to speak to researchers.
 - The ribbon cutting for the new building for the Community Health Academy of the Heights, 504 W. 158th St. is being held tomorrow. It's a New Visions school sponsored by the Community League of the Heights (CLOTH); CUMC and NYPH are academic partners. The building also will house a health center and CLOTH's offices.
 - The naming ceremony for the Columbia-CUNY Health Careers Scholarship Program will be held on April 4 at 3:30 p.m. at the Faculty Club, 630 W. 168th St. (It will be named for the late Council Member Stan Michels, who helped create the program.)
 - The CHALK (Choosing Active Lifestyles for Kids) program, which is based at CUMC/NYPH, was "adopted" recently by First Lady Michelle Obama.
 - The Center for Community Health Partnerships is reviewing the protocols for informed consent for patients involved in clinical trials and is interested in making a presentation to the H&E Committee.

4. **NY-Presbyterian Hospital Report** – Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, distributed a written report and reported as follows:

- The CHALK program was one of three selected by Ms. Obama to be replicated in schools across the country as part of her "Let's Move! Active Schools" campaign.
- Free oral cancer screening is being offered on April 24 at 8 a.m.-Noon at the hospital, 622 W. 168th St., 8th floor, VC-8. Oral cancer primarily affects those over 40, but the disease has been rising among young people. If detected early, it can be cured.
- Because of the decline in flu cases, visitor restrictions for children under 12 have been lifted.
- There will no longer be set hours for visits to patients. Instead they will be set by each patient. Studies show that patients with visitors improve more than others. The policy is based on federal guidelines. There will still be a limit of two visitors at a time.
- NYPH hosted a Dominican Heritage celebration with Instituto Duarte and the Dominican Consulate. 200 people attended.
- The American Cancer Society is seeking men and women between 30-65 years old who have no history of cancer to join a long-term study on cancer prevention. People can enroll at the Milstein Family Heart Center, 173 Fort Washington Ave., on Tuesday, April 16, at 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. They will be asked for their waist measurement, to give a small blood sample and complete a baseline and enrollment survey.

A member of the public complained that he had been kept in the ER recently for 7½ hours and left without being served and on another occasion was there for more than four hours.

Batista replied: "The ER has been a source of problems for a long time. The hospital is undergoing a major expansion of the ER, doubling its size, so people can be fast-tracked, and then waiting time will be reduced."

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

- Isabella has been approved by the State Department of Health to increase the number of ventilator-dependent beds from 20 to 36. We're constantly at capacity, and we haven't been able to serve many people who need this service.
- The McFadden Scholarships are being offered to college-bound students who live in Washington Heights-Inwood. They must have a record of community service. The dinner will be held May 16. The deadline is the end of March. The application is on-line at Isabella.org.
- Advance Directive Day is being held on April 15 at 8:30 a.m.-Noon at Isabella to assist people in designating a surrogate decision-maker in the event they are unable to make medical decisions for themselves.
- Isabella is continuing to work with NYPH, Continuum Health Partners (St. Luke's-Roosevelt and other hospitals) and other health organizations in the "Bridge to Home" program to coordinate services in an effort to prevent patients from being readmitted to a hospital within 30 days of being discharged.

6. **Old Business** – S. Simon reported that as of March 18 the Street Cleaning/Alternate Side Parking regulations will be suspended until further notice in the area between W. 155th Street and W. 181st Street while DOT posts new signs reducing the frequency and duration of street cleaning restrictions. This change is being implemented pursuant to a resolution passed by Community Board 12. Once the sign changes are completed throughout the area, advance public notice will be given before the newly posted regulations go into effect and enforcement resumes. The signs in the rest of the CB 12 area should be changed shortly afterwards.

R. Vargas: The Together on Diabetes campaign is looking for more sites. Recruitment is ahead of schedule. 1,500 seniors already enrolled. Will reach target within 6 months, instead of one year.

She also reported on the Harlem Hospital legislative breakfast, which addressed youth-on-youth violence. "Retaliation crimes" have decreased greatly, from about 200 down to almost zero, because of direct intervention program run by Mission Society. Former gang members working with social workers talk to kids on the street to convince them not to commit such crimes.

S. Simon distributed a clipping from the AM New York newspaper reporting that Washington Heights is the fourth noisiest neighborhood in the city, based on 311 noise complaints from March 2012 to March 2013. During that period, there were 2,007 such complaints in Washington Heights. The East Village, "the noisiest neighborhood," had 2,108 noise complaints.

7. **Announcements** – R. Vargas announced that she is resigning as a member of CB 12 but will stay as a public member of the committee and as our representative to the Harlem Hospital Community Advisory Board.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Simon.

Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2013

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo
Dulce Bueno (Excused)

Board Members Present

George Fernandez
Elizabeth Lehman

Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

Public Member Absent

Staff: Rafael Iglesias

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:14 PM. Land Use Committee ("Land Use" or the "Committee") Chair Wayne Benjamin began by welcoming committee members.
2. The Committee reviewed the responses received from SoBro to the Committee's questions concerning the proposed Fort George Hill mixed-use project, which requires zoning waivers from the Board of Standards and Appeals ("BSA") in order to be constructed. The questions were forwarded to SoBro in early December 2012 and were intended to serve as talking points for SoBro's presentation to the Committee in January 2013, but presentation made by SoBro at the January 2013 Land Use meeting did not address the questions. SoBro committed to provide written responses, which were received by Community Board 12-Manhattan in late January. The questions forwarded to SoBro in 2012 are as follows.
 - i) Was a feasibility study /pro forma prepared for an all residential development, zoning compliant development scenario? How many units can be constructed in an as-of-right building? What are the minimal zoning variances that are needed to make an as-of-right residential development feasible?
 - ii) With which local tenant/resident/community groups has the team met? How was out reach for these meeting handled? When/where did meetings occur? What was the reaction to the proposed building height?
 - iii) Are the residential units to be affordable, market-rate or mixed?
 - iv) How is affordability defined? What are the average income limits and monthly rents by apartment size?
 - v) What purchase price did SoBro pay to church that previously owned the site?
 - vi) Has the church received, or is it proposed to receive, compensation other than or in addition to cash compensation for sale of the property?
 - vii) How much and what type of space will the church have in the proposed project?
 - viii) How is development of the church's space to be financed?
 - ix) Is the church contributing any equity to the development?
 - x) Is the residential component of the project carrying the development cost of any non-residential component of the project?
 - xi) Is public-sector bond, tax-credit or other financing intended for residential development being used to finance the construction of non-residential components of the project? If so, what is the dollar amount of this financing and what does it represent as a percentage of total development costs?
 - xii) Have there been any preliminary discussions with SHPO concerning the potential impacts of the project on the Dyckman Street station, which is listed on the State/National Register of Historic Places? What are SHPO's concerns?

The Committee expressed particular concern with SoBro's lack of outreach to local residents. After further discussion of the written responses, the Committee generated the following additional questions. The District Manager will be requested to forward them to SoBro for response.

1. Please provide a copy of the referenced feasibility study(ies).
2. Is the 35-unit count for an as-of-right development correct? Please provide a copy of the zoning calculation and conceptual design/layout that yields this unit count.
3. When does SoBro intend to speak with local residents of the area near the proposed project about its development plans?
4. When did SoBro most recently meet with at Yvonne Stennett? What was the substance of the discussion?
5. What are the considerations that will determine if the project moves forward as a mixed-income development or as an all-affordable tax credit development?
6. Will any affordable units included in the project be permanently affordable?
7. What is the proposed units mix, by size and income category, in the mixed-income scenario?
8. How many bathrooms will a typical three bedroom unit have?
9. What is the cost of the vanilla box space to be provided to the church? How is the construction of this space being financed?
10. What is the cost of the interior build-out of the space to be provided to the church?
11. When does SoBro plan to engage SHPO concerning the potential impact of the project on the adjacent National Register listed train station and service building?
12. Has there been further consideration of the design of the rear façade of the proposed building?

Chair Benjamin stated that subsequent to the January Land Use meeting the District Manager has been in contact with SoBro and was advised that SoBro met informally with BSA to discuss the application for the proposed project and is currently working on completing the application.

3. The Committee discussed rezoning options, specifically alternatives to R7-2 zoning (which is typical zoning in most of Washington Heights and Inwood) that allow overall density similar to R7-2 but permits greater residential use/density within the building envelope. Chair Benjamin stated that R7-2 zoning allows both residential and community facility uses as-of-right, but whereas community facility uses can be built to a maximum density of 6.5 (6.5 times the lot size), residential uses can only be built to a density of 3.44 to 4. R7X and R8A zoning districts were discussed as alternative medium density districts that allow as-of-right development at a density similar to R7-2, but permit more of that use/density to be residential - R7X allows a residential density of 5 and R8A allows a residential density of 6.02. Chair Benjamin cited the District-wide Planning Study undertaken with City College through which the Committee learned that many of the buildings in Washington Heights and Inwood are actually denser than permitted as-of-right under the 1960's zoning. The phrase used by the City College planning team was "the old bricks are worth more than the new bricks", meaning that most of the building stock in the community could not be rebuilt at the same size under current zoning. He further stated that, as the rezoning options are explored it is important to consider not just building density and height, which we often discuss, but also what density of use/uses is permitted within the zoning district proposed in any rezoning, especially given the need for affordable housing in the community.
4. The Committee briefly discussed Quadriad's proposed Tryon Center project. Chair Benjamin stated that no new information has been provided and a ULURP application for the project still has not been received.
5. After further discussion the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Vivian Ducat and Wayne A. Benjamin

Committee Concerns for the Aging

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

10am Promptly

@ CB12M Office

711 West 168th St.

New York, N.Y.10032

Committee Members Present

Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

Edgard Nau

Betty Lehman

Guests - Jim Neff

Public Member

Norma De Candido

G. Vanterpool, Chair, called the meeting at 10:15 am

Welcome was extended to all

FY2014 Capital & Expense Responses

It was mentioned that the Chairman of the Board, George Fernandez, had requested that we send our responses for the Statement of the Preliminary Budget Report. If no response were received, he will take the first five priorities of the Board and report on those items. It was suggested that greater pressure should be placed on the agencies and our board to follow the results more closely.

Vanderbilt Clinic Tour

Our scheduled date (March 12, 2013) was cancelled due to a scheduling in Dr. Lantiqua's office. Julio Batista has assured the chairperson that another date will be forthcoming in the near future.

Adult Day Care Center

We were made aware that a new Adult Day Care center recently opened in our community. A visit report will be shared at our next meeting. It was suggested that an invitation be extended to Fern Hertzberg, Exec. Dir. of the ARC Senior

Center to bring us up to date on guidelines for the operation of Adult Day Care Centers at our next meeting . The Chair will follow up on this.

Report of our 2012 achievements and Future plans will be submitted to the Chairperson of the Board this coming week.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15am

Next meeting is scheduled for April 9th 2013

CB12M-Youth and Education Committee

Monday, March 11, 2013

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

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

Committee Members Excused: Chris Smith Assistant Chair;/ **Absent:** Raybblin Vargas

CB12 Members: George Fernandez, CB12M Chair

Community Members: Mr. Roberto De la Rosa; Mr. Al Kurland, PAL; Joe Rogers, Founder- Total Equity Now; Jennifer Zarr, Manager- NYPL

Welcome and Opening Remarks by Committee Chair Fe Florimón

7:10PM

Action/Discussion Items

Committee members and guests introduced themselves and the Chair proceeded to introduce an overview of the agenda items.

- ❖ **Committee presented its annual report for the 2012.** The content of the report concentrates on the Committee accomplishments and its goals for 2013. According to the report unlike prior years, a lot of people now (especially students) are aware of the existence of the Y&EC due in no small part to the Saturday meeting initiative, which in fact is growing and becoming more popular. The initiative has proven to be an effective mechanism for the Committee to listen and learn about our participants' concerns regarding to youth education. It was reported that over 15 meetings were facilitated during the year which resulted in a series of positive outcomes including the improvement of participants' attendance, the engagement of parents and youth into meeting discussions, the facilitation of various panels discussion comprised of parents and students. As for the year 2013, the Committee adopted the following goals:
 - ✓ To continue increasing parents and youth involvement in the Y&EC meetings
 - ✓ Continuing building and increasing community relations, and
 - ✓ Officially integrate youth as Public Members in the CB12M-Y&EC
- ❖ **Mr. Al Kurland, Police Athletic League** presented various campaign updates including the campaign for Get Teen On Board at NYC Community Boards, and the Campaign for Children that is advocating for saving child care and after-school programs. Literatures about these initiatives were also introduced.
- ❖ Presenter also presented a motion about the allocation for child care and after school programs. The Committee unanimously passed the resolution in support of this initiative: "Baseline NYC Allocations for Child Care and After School Programs." Six (6) CM voted in favor; one (1) BM, and six (6) members of the public voted also in favor.
- ❖ **Mr. Joe Rogers, Founder- Total Equity Now,** announced CB9M annual Youth Resource Expo, to be held on April 13th at City College of NY and encouraged everyone to attend.
- ❖ **Jennifer Zarr, Manager- NYPL,** announced their coming SAT classes at Inwood Library March 7, 14, 21 and 28. Also FAFSA workshop hosted by New York Cares on Saturday February 23 from 11:00am to 2:00pm.

❖ Meeting Adjourned at: 9:01p.m.

Community Board 12 Manhattan
Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting
March 7th 2013 at the Hammer Building Room 306 - 701 West 168th Street

Committee Members Present (3): Richard Lewis (Chair), Angelo Ortiz (Assistant Chair), and Ellen Kackmann.

Committee Members Absent (3): Melanie Hidalgo, Jay Mazur, and Alyce Smith (excused due to illness).

Public (12): Daniel Parcerisa, George Espinal, Nigel Chiwaya, Caryn O'Mara, Ruben David Vargas, Miguel Estrella, Miguel Lina Rajas, Isaias Issarra Augelos, Socrates Najis, Catalina Garcia, Teresa Diaz, Oscar Agoll

Staff (1): Rafael

Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda. Richard Lewis as chair called the meeting to order at 7:33 pm. The agenda was presented and how we would proceed with the agenda's announced. No quorum was present and so the draft resolutions on: (1) Legislation to change Major Capital Increases (MCI) to prevent double-dipping and (2) Legislation to protect tenants from MCI rent increases resulting from the NYC Clean Heat Program were held over until the next committee meeting. The last one has passed the Health and Environment Committee and needs to be considered by our committee to make it a joint resolution since it directly related to housing issues. The rest of the meeting proceeded as follows:

Update on the Con Edison Building-wide Electrical Service Shutdown and Related Issues on Buildings at West 183rd Street (Numbers 558 to 573).

Tenants from the above-listed range of buildings/addresses were in attendance to provide the committee with an update regarding Con Edison electrical and gas shutdown experienced as a result of the landlord's failure to pay the building's Con Edison bills. They also gave testimony on the building's history of violations, sale from a lien and foreclosure, and landlord/tenant court cases. The tenants are being represented by the SRO Law Project at Goddard Riverside Community Center. Mr. Parcerisa, their tenant organizer from Goddard provided an update for the committee on the situation being experienced at the buildings. He stated that Goddard Center has been working with the tenants in these buildings for several years now.

All three buildings presently have had their electricity restored after having had it turned off by Con Edison after the landlord's failure to pay utility bills for the buildings. However, 558 West 183rd Street still does not have (cooking) gas service. The tenants have organized and have reached out to local officials in the interim, as well as continuing their efforts with Goddard Riverside. On the very day of our HHS Committee's meeting the tenants received new notices that electricity would be shut off again unless all the utility accounts in arrears are paid in full.

Goddard Riverside Center has been reaching out to the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development, which has performed its own inspection for assistance. It was their understanding the matter was settled. Several tenants in attendance at the meeting attested to the shut-offs that has occurred over time and also emphasized the fact that legal action was being taken and a court date set for March 28, 2013.

The chair asked why Goddard Center or the tenants themselves failed to respond to Con Edison's initial notices of a shutdown they all received by either contacting the NYS Public Service Commission (PSC) that has standard procedures to prevent such utility turnoffs (especially during the winter months) or Con Edison directly where the landlord's utility arrears could legally be paid out by their rents and that was fully reimbursable as credits to future rent payments? There were evasive and unanswered responses given to this inquiry, e.g., who would be liable for collecting funds and other fiduciary responsibilities of creating an organization made of SRO's. One tenant responded that they did not want "to pay a bill twice."

However, this entire decision making process is contingent on the tenant's reliance to their Goddard's Center's attorney. Finally, given their representation by an attorney the group was also asked why they did not name Con Edison as a defendant in their new court action, so that all interested parties come to the table for a final

resolution or settlement. The committee suggested that despite the discussions that took here decisions should never be made without the final advice of legal counsel and they should continue to work this CBO.

All parties were informed to keep the committee updated by reporting back next month all legal proceedings and any other developments in their buildings. They promised to share copies of the notices delivered to them. They were also informed about the office hours of the Community Board. All information related to the above testimony was translated into Spanish/English and English/Spanish by Assistant Chair, Angelo Ortiz

Adequacy of the 2013 Worst CB12M Landlords Watch List Compared.

An updated copy with data aggregated for committee use by the chair showed current buildings in Washington Heights and Inwood now on the city's Public Advocate's "NYC's Worst Landlords Watch List" (WLWL). A preliminary copy of which was available for distribution to those in the audience and is also available upon request in the board's office. For the purposes of these minutes this year's rankings are also included but lists only the top ten (10) out of seventeen(17) of the worst offenders are reported. The full NYC list may be found at: <http://pubadvocate.nyc.gov/landlord-watchlist/buildings?neighborhood%5B%5D=90#map>

The committee intends to pursue additional analysis to find more potentially distressed buildings located in northern Manhattan for which numerous building code violations and other at risk criteria can be discovered. Given that hope and a concise way to isolate those buildings where there are an excessive numerous of outstanding violations and "repeat offenders" the committee will be better-equipped to recommend some actions to be taken by the board. One potential outcome of this process is to prevent a situation like that taking place at 558-573 West 183rd Street where tenants are forced to live in apartments without electricity and cooking gas due to a cascade of problems encountered by the landlord, tenants, elected, city agencies, utility service companies, debt obligations, and or CBO's.

While the WLWL is a helpful indicators as a test of severity of distressed housing in our area, 562 West 183rd Street (i.e., one of the buildings discussed in tonight's meeting) was not even included on the list. Another building 540 West 165th Street has 205 total HPD code violations with 12 "C" Class violations was not listed as well. This demonstrates the degree to which such a single source or reference can be significantly inadequate to report conditions of a building and particularly a list such as the WLWL that is solely initiated and driven by tenant complaints to the Public Advocates Office.

HPD's Alternative Enforcement Program and the Proactive Preservation Initiative.

As a further search for more information on 'at risk' properties two additional lists were introduced by the chair: the **Alternative Enforcement Program (AEP)**, an older HPD program with lists buildings at risk and under city repair from 2007 to present [<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/owners/aep.shtml>] and a newer one, the **Proactive Preservation Initiative (PPI)** [<http://www.nyc.gov/html/hpd/html/owners/Proactive-Preservation.shtml>] that was started in late 2011. This later program is designed to "preemptively identify at-risk buildings and, through a variety of intervention strategies and programs, provides the tools or incentives to ensure that owners are both accountable and equipped to maintain their buildings in safe condition". Even with these additional lists the criteria used fall far short of producing an in depth and accurate list of the universe of potentially "distressed properties" in CD 12M. For example the AEP lists shows only 37 total properties in CD 12 (a very small percentages compared to those distributed borough wide) and the PPI list shows only 19 total properties in CD 12 out of 288 total properties borough wide. Very few of these are on the WLWL.

**NYC's Worst Landlords
watchlist 2.0**

February 14th, 2013 –

Rank WaHI All Manh	Landlord Building	Rank 2011 WaHI/Manh	Units	Total Infractions	Housing Violations	Status Updates
1 ----- 4	900 RIVERSIDE DRIVE LLC SOLOMON GOTTLIEB, HEAD OFFICER 900 RIVERSIDE DRIVE MANHATTAN	n/a	72	Total: 260 Trend: 62 since 4/5/2011	A Class: 65 B Class: 145 C Class: 50 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
2 ----- 6	MOSHE SAMOVA, INDIVIDUAL 1985 AMSTERDAM AVE. MANHATTAN	2/6	22	Total: 213 Trend: 22 since 11/9/2011	A Class: 58 B Class: 87 C Class: 68 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
3 ----- 10	184 NAGLE AVENUE HOLDINGS LP MARY STAWIKEY, HEAD OFFICER 184 NAGLE AVENUE MANHATTAN	8/17	49	Total: 185 Trend: 27 since 4/5/2011	A Class: 30 B Class: 119 C Class: 36 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
4 ----- 12	276 REALTY LLC AARON BAUER, OFFICER 276 SHERMAN AVENUE MANHATTAN	7/16	56	Total: 170 Trend: 1 since 12/9/2011	A Class: 28 B Class: 121 C Class: 21 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
5 ----- 13	100 AUDUBON HOLDINGS LP MARY STAWIKEY, HEAD OFFICER 100 AUDUBON AVENUE MANHATTAN	9/18	44	Total: 169 Trend: 71 since 4/5/2011	A Class: 36 B Class: 106 C Class: 27 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations Report Resolved Issues
6 ----- 14	910 RIVERSIDE LLC IRENE SHREYBERG, HEAD OFFICER 910 RIVERSIDE DR MANHATTAN	n/a	65	Total: 165	A Class: 33 B Class: 112 C Class: 20 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
7 ----- 15	PAUL SKLAR RECEIVER IN RECEIVERSHIP 1 SHERMAN AVENUE MANHATTAN	n/a	57	Total: 159 Trend: 355 since 4/16/2012	A Class: 30 B Class: 62 C Class: 66 I Class: 1	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
8 ----- 16	147TH STREET CORP NIMA NABAVINEJAD, HEAD OFFICER 3580 BROADWAY MANHATTAN	n/a	43	Total: 156 Trend: 184 since 4/16/2012	A Class: 18 B Class: 84 C Class: 53 I Class: 1	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations
9 ----- 17	DUPONT REALTY LLC JON MAVROUDIS, HEAD OFFICER 1534 ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE MANHATTAN	n/a	28	Total: 136	A Class: 27 B Class: 60 C Class: 49 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations R
10 ----- 18	600 W 183 ST REALTY CORP ARMANDO GUZMAN, HEAD OFFICER 600 WEST 183 STREET MANHATTAN	3/7	50	Total: 129 Trend: 29 since 9/7/2010	A Class: 23 B Class: 66 C Class: 40 I Class: 0	Last updated: 1/18/13 Report Additional Violations

Testimony from Tenants at 1781 Riverside Drive.

Two tenants were in attendance from 1781 Riverside Drive, an Inwood building which was recently featured in DNAInfo© for building conditions such as slanting floors and racked up some 119 HPD Violations. See <http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20130305/inwood/landlord>

The building is owned and run by a large corporate landlord, Edel Family Management. Some of the building's tenants testified to numerous problematic features such as slanting floors and leaks. According to two tenants, the Department of Buildings (DOB) conducted site visits and stated that the present layout of at least one of the units does not confirm with DOB the records and floor plans they have on hand. The tenants stated that they are presently in the process of forming a Tenants Association in an attempt to work together to address the building's problems and to communicate these to the landlord in a unified fashion. Elections are scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2013. They claimed that numerous tenants received harassing communications and notices from Edelstein Management. To date, several of the tenants have pursued or are in the process of pursuing legal action against the landlord related to harassment and the landlord's failure to address the building's conditions and structural problems. The tenants were told that they are within their rights to form a Tenants Association and should they feel harassed while holding meetings, such as videotaping by the landlord they should feel free to contact the 34th Precinct for protection or hold meetings in a consenting tenant's apartment .

Supportive Housing at 2142 Amsterdam Avenue

An individual who failed to identify himself requested that the committee consider reversing its support of the Supportive Housing project to be constructed at 2142 Amsterdam Avenue due to its proximity to several schools. The committee advised him in great detail that it was an "as of right" development in compliance with zoning for the area. Ms. Kackmann further confirmed that the zoning laws statutory intent and that only a request for waivers or a variance applied to either the City Planning Commission or the Board of Standards and Appeals that is now unlikely at this late date could possibly result in any changes. Mr. Ortiz explained to him as a licensed social worker that he works with the mentally and emotionally challenged community and even though they may be under treatment are free citizens who have the right not to be discriminated against and have the freedom to live anywhere in an open housing market, if no judicial order has placed limitations on their movement. The committee did not concur with any of the speculative and extreme positions, assumptions and alarmist concerns voiced by this individual about his anxieties over the possible behavior of the future occupants of this supportive housing. The committee also felt that there was no basis in fact to consider this matter a public safety threat and concluded that his hasty generalizations were nothing more than a prejudicial attempt at some kind of moral reification to justify exclude others who he did not like from living in our community. Consequently his pleas had no place at the secular table of our committee. At that point since neither of our positions were about to change the committee ended the discussion on this matter,

Implications of the March 1st Sequesters.

A brief discussion ensued on recent budgetary sequesters occurring at the federal level and the possible impact effect on New York City. Mr. Ortiz commented that his organization UNIDOS is still trying to determine effects on their human services budget, if any. It is important to consider the probability of deep cuts due at the end of March for the next federal 'fiscal cliff' to extend and expand the debt limit and a need to have a plan in place to balance revenues with expenses. This will have effects on programs such as Medicare. Therefore, the committee will remain vigilant about and focus on the degree to which those budget cuts are made and may potentially impact northern Manhattan's housing and human services.

Since no further business was discussed the meeting was adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Kackmann.

Edits and Additions by Richard Lewis,
Chair HHS Committee -March 7, 2013

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, MANHATTAN

General Meeting

February 26, 2013

DRAFT MINUTES

ATTENDING: Fernandez [Chair], Bing [1st Vice-Chair], Ferreira [2nd Vice-Chair], North [Treasurer], Allman [Secretary], Amodeo, Barberis, Benjamin, Berlin, Bing, Bueno, DeLosSantos, A Diaz, M Diaz, Florimon, Glenn, M Hidalgo, Jimenez, Kach, Kackman, Kalinsky, Lewis, Lorris-Ritter, Luna, Mazur, Nau, Ortiz, O'Sullivan, Ramadan, Rivera, Sanchez, Santos, Simon, C Smith, Vargas, Young

EXCUSED: Prentiss, Pruden, Reynolds, Vanterpool

ABSENT: Cespedes, Devlin, L Hidalgo, Lehmann, Morik, Mulligan, A Smith,

STAFF: Smith [District Manager]

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Fernandez at 715, quorum pending

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

M/S [Berlin, Lewis] to Adopt Agenda.

The **Motion** was **approved Unanimously**.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

M/S [Lewis, Ferreira] to Approve January General Meeting Minutes.

The following corrections were made to the Draft Minutes:

- Lorris-Ritter and Luna were excused absences; and
- Licensee names will be inserted into Minutes.

The **Motion**, as corrected, was **approved Unanimously**.

CHAIR'S REPORT [Chair, George Fernandez]

Chair Fernandez expressed thanks for the opportunity to serve, and introduced 2013 Officers. In the past month, he undertook a series of introductory meetings. Meetings attended included:

- Elected officials and staff to Borough President;
- Speaker Quinn's State of the City presentation;
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- Borough Board;
- District Service Cabinet;
- NYPD 34th Precinct;
- Affordable Housing Task Force;
- Washington Heights BID, Dyckman BID developers;
- Earth Day planning meeting on Energy Conservation and Efficiency; and
- 500-foot hearing re: restaurant at 209 Pinehurst upcoming on 2/28.

CB 12 is having a Hearing on 2/20 re: FY 2014 Preliminary Budget Response. Committee Chair Reports are due 3/15 prior to submission to OMB. Annual Report is due 3/22. Submission of Resolutions and monthly Committee Reports are needed by end of week prior to General Meetings.

CB 12 co-sponsored a 2/19 Hearing with Councilmember Jackson and CB9 regarding helicopter noise from flights that have been re-routed over Washington Heights in recent years.

Additional highlights from the Executive Committee Report [attached] and/or Borough Board include:

- Development of suggestion box, complaint tracking form [referral to committees], Resolution Tracking procedures and form;
- Responsibilities of the two Vice-Chairs in attending key community meetings, conducting the General Meeting, and rotating other responsibilities with the Chair and Officers;
- IT and computer upgrade: Task Force to be formed, volunteers needed, and evaluation of software and social media options to enhance Board operations and outreach;
- Eight new CB Members to be appointed;
- Spanish translators sought for General Meetings;
- Copies of BP's new Senior Citizen Guide to be distributed and available online;
- BP Manhattan Community Grant program seeking expert panelists; applications available at www.transpareNYC.org;
- Borough Board discussion of Early Voting, Same-Day Registration, and No Excuse Absentee voting; and
- Additional community issues: opportunities for small business, commercial rental costs [referred to Business Development Committee], ban on ultra-thin plastic bags.

A copy [Powerpoint] of the Chair's Report is attached to these Minutes.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Councilmember Jackson, joined by representatives of Sen. Espaillat, Assy. Farrell, and CM Rodriguez, made a special presentation to outgoing CB 12 Chair, Pamela Palanque North, from Speaker Quinn and the City Council. They highlighted North's track record of leadership at CB 12 as Board Chair and as Chair of the Health & Environment and Public Safety Committees. Additional leadership roles in both established and cutting-edge organizations have included UMEZ, Morris Jumel Mansion [Chair], Community Emergency Response Team, 162nd Street Block Association, Metropolitan Museum Audience Development Program, NYP Advisory, NYU Medical Urban Health Affairs Program, Yale Organizational Development Advisory, and CUNY Student Body.

North congratulated new CB team, looked forward to new role, and added "Give 'em Hell."

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT [District Manager, Ebenezer Smith]

District Manager presented Chief Michael Leanza from the 181st Street station, who reported on three recent fires:

- 1/23 on Audubon was all-hands alert, resulted in three FDNY injuries, and was caused by overloaded extension cords;
- 1/23 had a four-alarm fire at 2440 Amsterdam; and
- 1/25 had a three-alarm fire at 564 West 188th that was due to an overloaded extension cord.

Roger Montesano, citywide FDNY Liaison, also presented. Discussion included:

- Outreach and education with occasional and targeted flyers and campaigns;
- Current program of free smoke detector batteries; free detectors program terminated; and
- Use of reputable products, Underwriter Labs [UL] certified, strongly recommended.

Organizing of the 3/3 Coogan's Salsa, Blues and Shamrocks 5K race has been taken over this year by the New York Road Runners, primarily due to \$45,000 security fee. Presentation and coordination is being done with District Service Cabinet, 33rd and 34th Precincts, and other City agencies. There will be a police bus on 170th Street to help residents to find relocated vehicles on the day of the race.

NYCDOT updated request for speed bump on Hillside Avenue, indicating that study is still pending. DOT is planning to start Phase One of installation of new street cleaning regulations mid-March, covering the area from 155th to 181st. Streets. Street cleaning regulations will be suspended for 2-3 months during this installation period; Phase Two will then be scheduled north of 181st Street. No summonses will be issued during this transition period. There will be public outreach before, during and after each phase. Use of local media like Manhattan Times and Channel 35 and publication in Spanish, Chinese and Russian was suggested.

33rd Precinct Captain Pichardo reported a 20% increase in burglary and a 12% increase in grand larceny due to identify theft. He also reported a pattern of motorcycle theft; perpetrators have been apprehended. 34th Precinct Lieutenant Mike Molehan reported that the 34th is down 3% in all crime, and also confirmed that the 34th led all NYC Precincts in crime reductions last year.

NY District Attorney Office is inviting Manhattan high school students entering Junior or Senior year to apply for the Legal Bound Summer Internship Program by April 26, 2013. See flyer or go to <http://manhattanda.org/high-school-internship>.

There will be a program on 3/28 at 3:30 PM for restaurant owners and employees about new law for commercial cyclists re helmet, vest, and ID. DM will help get word out to restaurant owners.

A copy of the District Manager's Report is attached to these Minutes.

PUBLIC SESSION

- Javier Trejo, Principal at George Washington HS, spoke of partnership with CB 12 and collaborations with other cbo's. Renovation plans are pending for swimming pool. CB 12 members expressed concern, and issue was referred to YE Committee.
- Fe Florimon presented on structure and roles of Community Education Council District 6. She introduced members: Judith Amaro, President; Victoria Frye [Data Committee]; Tatiana Mahoney [ELL Committee]; Elsa Ming [Superintendent, District 6]; and Javier Trejo [Principal, GWHS].
- Ky Williams presented 4/22 Earth Day celebration at IS 52, 650 Academy, 10:30 AM-3:30 PM.
- Yajaira Mejia presented program at Inwood Public Library branch: 3/12 start of 6-week Spanish-language computer classes for both beginner and intermediates which will continue in May and June; free tax preparation assistance 4 times/week; and 3/9 restart of Bilingual Birdies.
- Sonia Dueno presented Dominican Women's' Forum Mayoral Forum at Isabella 3/21 at 6:00 PM.
- Rosemary Perez Bell, American Cancer Society, is seeking volunteers 30-65 with no cancer diagnosis [except squamous cell]. She showed film: "Cancer Steals...more birthdays."

- Marcy Anderson introduced Young Fresh Food Program for affordable produce for Northern Manhattan Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, which is the same day for existing food bundles program. Program is seeking volunteers.
- Daniel Swersky, KIPP Principal, thanked CB 12 for its work in NYCDOT speed bump approval. A question was raised re Jumel Place as play street.
- Marcela Xavier of Bread and Yoga, a minority-owned small business, presented her classes, workshops, and programs to enhance creativity. She is still seeking permanent space in Inwood after 1/2012 fire, and is currently in temporary space at Holy Trinity. Commercial Real Estate climate in Inwood is unfriendly and needs CB 12 to advocate for small business.
- Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter, Beth Am Synagogue, announced four-synagogue book sale on 3/3 to benefit JCC of Washington Heights and Inwood. Ritter will also be exhibitor at NOMAA gallery show starting 3/7.
- Guillermo Gomez, owner of Tulcingo Azteca Restaurant Corp., seeks to open new 25-seat restaurant with beer license, with [Mexican] food as primary business. He said that this is new kind of business at this site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee [Chair, George Fernandez]

The proposed Resolution for Con Ed and DOT to Install Smart Grids on NYC Street Light Poles was retracted for more info re: construction and appropriate deployment.

The proposed Resolution amending the By-laws to create a Business Development Committee and formalizing the existing CB 12 committee structure needs 30-day notice, and will be moved at the March 19 General Meeting.

A copy of the Committee Report and the Resolution above are attached to these Minutes.

Traffic & Transportation [Chair, Yosef Kalinsky]

Resolution to Support continuing Accessibility of GWB Pedestrian Path during Bridge Renovation passed **30-0**.

Discussion addressed eight-year renovation period.

Resolution to Improve Pedestrian Safety at KIPP School passed **29-1**. The Resolution included speed bump [already installed per previous Resolution], interim safety measures such as NYPD from 3-5, and request DOT to look at other measures with five schools located closely together. Amendments to the printed copy corrected to Jumel "Place" instead of "Terrace" and added "...including designation of Jumel Place as play street during school hours."

There was a discussion of FasTrack A line shutdowns and absence of usual alternate service.

Copies of the Committee Report and the two Resolutions above are attached to these Minutes.

Licensing [Chair, Aldemar Diaz]

A Motion to Call the Question was Approved 21-6-1.

1. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to Third Palm Tree Inc. at 2145B Amsterdam Avenue (between 166th & 167th Streets).

Approved 31-1.

2. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to 4241 Restaurant Inc. dba Reynold's Cafe at 701 W. 180th Street (corner of Broadway).

Approved 31-1.

3. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to 1944 Amsterdam Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba Caridad Restaurant at 1944 Amsterdam Avenue (between 156th & 157th Streets).

Approved 26-5-1.

Discussion noted two years of pending Health Code violations.

4. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its On-Premises Liquor License to 148 Nagle Avenue Restaurant Corp. dba Mi Nido Taverna at 148 Nagle Avenue (corner of Thayer Street).

Approved 30-2.

5. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to 4931 Capitol Restaurant Inc. dba Capitol Restaurant at 4933 Broadway (corner of 207th Street).

Approved 31-1.

6. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to La Fiesta Restaurant Corp. at 3797 Broadway (corner of 158th Street).

Approved 30-2.

7. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to Parada Maimon Seafood Restaurant Corp. at 25 Sherman Avenue (corner of Sickles Street).

Approved 31-1.

8. Resolution to Recommend the SLA to grant a Renewal of its Restaurant Wine License to La Nueva Juguila Restaurant Inc. at 2106 Amsterdam Avenue (between 164th & 65th Streets).

Approved 31-1.

9. **Resolution to Recommend** the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to 164 Broad Corp. dba Heights Tavern at 3910 Broadway (corner of 164th Street).

Approved 26-6.

Stipulations per Resolution were signed 2/26.

10. **Resolution to Recommend** the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to EI 27 Restaurant Lounge Corp. at 1095 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of 165th Street).

Approved 27-4-1.

A Business Agreement with Stipulations was signed with CM Rodriguez.

11. **Resolution to Not Recommend** the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to OP Prime Inc. dba Cloud 9 at 1952 Amsterdam Avenue (corner of 157th Street), amended to "strongly objects".

Approved 31-1.

Discussion noted that DOB identified illegally constructed mezzanine and invalid Certificate of Occupancy.

12. **Resolution to Recommend** the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to 417 W. Inc. dba Opus at 417 West 202nd Street (between 10th & 9th Avenues).

Approved 27-4-1.

A Business Agreement with Stipulations was signed with CM Rodriguez.

13. **Resolution to Not Recommend** the SLA to grant a New On-Premises Liquor License to Corp. to be Formed dba TBD at 145 Vermilyea Avenue, (corner of 207th Street).

Approved 31-1.

14. **Resolution to Recommend** the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to One Way Cafe & Juice Bar Corp. at 601 West 180th Street (between Wadsworth & St. Nicholas Avenues).

Approved 30-2.

A Business Agreement with Stipulations was signed with CM Rodriguez.

15. **Resolution to Recommend** the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to Kukara Makara Restaurant Inc. at 1601 St. Nicholas Avenue (corner of 191st Street)

Approved 31-1.

A Business Agreement with Stipulations was signed with CM Rodriguez.

16. **Resolution to Not Recommend** the SLA to grant a New Restaurant Wine License to California Sport Bar Corp. at 2296 Amsterdam Avenue, (corner of 175th Street).

Approved 32-0.

17. **Resolution to Not Recommend** the SLA to grant a New Eating Place Beer License to The Tulcingo Azteca Restaurant Corp. at 3861 10th Avenue (between 206th & 207th Streets), amended to “offers no objection” instead of “objects strongly.”

Approved 22-8-2.

Business Agreements with Stipulations that were signed with CM Rodriguez and submitted to CB 12 related to previously approved Resolutions for the following businesses:

- Vida Les LLC dba Maranello Trattoria at 1 Nagle Avenue; and
- 125 Mi Casa Restaurant Corp. at 125 Nagle Avenue.

Copies of the Committee Report, Resolutions and Stipulations above are attached to these Minutes.

Land Use: [Wayne Benjamin, Chair]

Resolution Supporting Preservation of the Scenic Views of the Palisades, as amended, passed **28-0.**

The Chair presented the context of long history re preservation of the Palisades and the presence of a large enough site for LG Electronics in New Jersey to redesign below the treelines. The Resolution will be addressed to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Fort Tryon Park Trust and copied to a list of elected and appointed officials, advocates, LG Electronics USA, Inc., and others.

A copy of the Committee Report and the Resolution above are attached to these Minutes.

Business Development: [Ariel Ferreira, Chair]

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Health & Environment [Chair, Steve Simon]

The upcoming Committee meeting will address helicopter noise in Washington Heights and Brownfields remediation at Broadway/Nagle site and

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Youth & Education: [Fe Florimon, Chair]

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Parks & Cultural Affairs: [Harlan Pruden, Chair]

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

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Public Safety: [Robert Reynolds, Chair]

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REPRESENTATIVES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS

Senator Espaillat [Elizabeth Lorris-Ritter] reported that no minutes were yet available from the Port Authority for the George Washington Bridge Bus Terminal advisory group. A written report was handed out.

Assemblymember Farrell [Frank Hess] highlighted CUNY report and SUNY Chancellor's request for legislative budget restorations. A written report was handed out.

Assemblymember Rosa [Amy Slattery] spoke of the 2/7 forum on domestic violence and continuing focus on the issue. A written report was handed out.

Councilmember Rodriguez [Yokarina Duarte] reported on 3/29 Expense and 4/9 Capital funding applications due dates and 4/21 State of the District report. A written report was handed out.

Councilmember Jackson [Martin Collins] reported on the helicopter noise forum. A written report was handed out.

The next meeting General Meeting will be on March 19 at 7:00 PM at La Puerta Estrella at 204th Street and Sherman Avenue.

The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM.