

**Community Board 12, Manhattan  
General Meeting-December 18, 2012  
Russ Berrie Medical Science Pavillion  
1150 St. Nicholas Avenue  
Bet. W. 167<sup>th</sup> & 168<sup>th</sup> Street**

**PRESENT**

James J. Amodeo  
Anita Barberis  
Wayne Benjamin  
James Berlin  
Isaiah Bing  
Dulce Bueno  
Rolando Cespedes  
Aldemar De Jesus  
Diaz  
Manny De Los  
Santos  
William T. Devlin  
Michael Diaz  
George Fernandez  
Ariel Ferreira  
Fe Florimon  
Nicole Alexandra  
Foster  
Mitchell Glenn  
Leandro Hidalgo

Melanie Hidalgo  
Michael Jimenez  
Ernest David Kach  
Yosef Kalinsky  
Elizabeth M  
Lehmann  
Elizabeth Lorris-  
Ritter  
Maria Luna  
Richard R. Lewis  
Jay Mazur  
Angelo Ortiz  
Chris O'Sullivan  
Pamela Palanque-  
North  
Edith Prentiss  
Harlan Pruden  
Zead Ramadan  
Tamara Rivera

Gabriella Rosa  
Angela Sanchez  
Victor Santos  
Steve Simon  
Alyce Smith  
Christopher Smith  
Gloria Vanterpool  
Anina Young

**EXCUSED**

Richard  
Allman  
Ellen  
Kackman  
Robert  
Reynolds

**ABSENT**

Carole Mulligan  
Edgar Nau  
Raybblin Vargas

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

Adoption of the minutes and agenda @ 7:30pm

**Chair's Report**

- o Minutes submitted to the CB12M office by the Secretary, but they are not in packets this evening and will be streamed and/or emailed by Friday
- o Moment of reflection on the senseless loss of precious life in Newtown, CT - Rabbi Kalinsky and Pastor Devlin
- o Dec 2011 -- Nov 2012 CB12M passed a total of 173 resolutions which made recommendations to legislators and municipal agency representatives concerning:
  - o Business licensing; traffic & transportation, housing & human services; youth & education; parks & cultural affairs; land use; public safety and concerns of the aging
- o Along with the DM, attended the NYS-SLA Hearing concerning renewal of a liquor license for Papisito's on Dyckman Street.
  - o Investigators established that Papisito's was violating their SLA license by operating as a nightclub/cabaret and not a restaurant.
  - o Matter resolved by restricting how the business operated during the last three months of operation and under-cover investigation by SLA Enforcement agents.
    - o Investigators testified at the SLA Commission Hearing that Papisito's has complied and is operating as a "good neighbor" and there the SLA approved their license renewal.
    - o If you have complaints, please write the commissioner and copy CB12.
- o Attended swearing in of Judge Manny Mendez, a former member of Community Board 12M
- o Farewell and all the best to CB12M member and Assemblywoman elect, Gabriella Rosa
  - o Swearing-in is on January 6<sup>th</sup>, Three Kings Day
  - o She will represent the district in the NYS Assembly
- o Closing of two schools requires action, advocacy
  - o P.S. 32
  - o St. Jude School
- o Jobs
  - o Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone, Community Health -workers employment training program signed by CUNY and UMEZ.

- UMEZ has received preliminary approval to place health-workers at NYPH but waiting for final authorization by the hospital.
- Met with Angelina Ramirez – Executive Director of the WHBID -received an update on the following projects
  - BID Expansion Grant which will assist to form a Dyckman Street BID and a Broadway BID in lower Washington Heights
  - Presentation on the BID *Explora* Marketing Program
- USCG-AUX Flotilla 11 and CB12M CERT were deployed during super storm " Sandy"
- CB12M Emergency responders team is looking for members
  - 10 weeks of training and then credentialing by HMS and OEM

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

- Email from Borough President – 24 Board members need to renew
- Deadline to submit applications online for street festival and single block festival to Street Activity Permit Office(SAPO) is December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Request to repair broken signs in several locations were submitted to DOT
- If there is something broken in your block report to 311 or call the office
- Attended meeting at SLA hearing on the renewal of the on premise liquor license for Vida Mexicana dba Papisito's. SLA assured Vida Mexicana that if complaints come back, they will lose their liquor license
- Toured Boathouse Marsh & Campbell Sports Center on West 218<sup>th</sup> Street & Indian Road
  - Boathouse is not ready yet
  - Railings are missing
  - Final floor need to be placed
  - Campbell Sport Center is almost complete
- Went to induction for Mr. Mendez
- Attended City Planning Meeting
  - We are getting less space
  - At least two committees will be able to meet at same time
  - DCAS decides how much space we receive
- Draft of January Calendar

#### Elected Officials' Reports

##### State Senator Adriano Espaillat – Elisabeth Ritter

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- Play violin
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- #1 train renovation at 181<sup>st</sup> Street

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  - Black market controls gun industry
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#### Assemblyman Farrell – Frank Hess

- Wish everyone a healthy and Happy New Year

#### Assemblywoman Gabriella Rosa

- Expressed her gratitude to members of the Board
- Commented on working for Assemblyman Farrell the past 12 years
- Has been a Board member for many years
- Has been fighting for assemblywoman position since 2010
- Introduced her new staff
- Will be at office on 210<sup>th</sup> Street
- Her swearing in is January 6<sup>th</sup> at PS 48; 3:00pm

### Public Speakers' Session – George Fernandez

Yajaira Mejia – New York Public Library

- English classes @ Harlem & Bronx Libraries, Jan 10<sup>th</sup>
  - Free tax help at Inwood Library on Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 15th
  - Mon & Wed 2:30 – 5:30pm
  - Tues 11:00am – 1:00PM
  - Under \$50,000 income

Maria Pico & Abraham Palma – Promote Smoke Free Environment

- Initiative to promote smoke free environment
- 2<sup>nd</sup> hand smoke
- It affects young people with asthma
- 50% favor smoking disclosure requirement by landlords

Arlene Schulman –

- Reinforce gun buyback program
- Ask for support and spread word

Dora Angeles- Cardinal McCloskey

- Looking to network regarding Foster Care

Cheryl Pahaham – Redistricting

- Is not over
- When city receive data
- Council take time to come up
- Asking for charter revision
- Don't have to wait for charter
- Districts being created for particular candidate
- Hearing on January 7<sup>th</sup> open to public, 253 Broadway in Districting Resource Room
- City Council then Dept. of Justice

Michael Lavery - Port Authority

- Bus Station redevelopment
- All bus operation
- Improve waiting area
- Enhance bus operations
- Available retail space
- Future tenants include Marshalls, Fine Fair, Gym
- Setback by Hurricane Sandy
- No communication between Port Authority and CB12

Danica Doroski – NY Restoration Project Community Gardens

- Applications available to reserve a garden plot in NYRP
- Community beds growing vegetable at Sherman Creek
- volunteer@nyrp

Maggie Clarke – Rain Garden

- DIN action – increasing number of night clubs
- Could not sleep
- Takes 45 minutes to get into neighborhood
- MA-HA asking to approve
- Need to be able to get 1:00am closing in bar place
- No removal of table and chairs
- District United Council Carpenter
- Resolution for good jobs
- Proper benefit and wages would have large health bill
- Asking Board members to fight for decent wages
- Are you using union service

Katherine O'Sullivan –

- Papisito ask vote against #10
- They will be reopening
- Request moratorium on liquor license
- CB12 adopt CB2 when renewing license

Bob Isaac – Bylaws

- Why limit public speaker time to speak?

Elizabeth Ritter –

- January 13<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-3:00pm
- Commit day to social commitment
- Social action letter

Harlen Pruden –

- North East Two-Spirit Society
- Regional violence against women
- Native women sexual attacks
- Stand with native community

Nominating Committee Chair – Rev. Christopher Smith

- Prospective candidates were approach
- Secretary & Assistant Secretary positions are vacant
- Slate was adopted and sent out December 7<sup>th</sup>
- Each nominee was given a chance to speak
- In January nomination from floor, speeches, ballot and vote
- Slate was read to Board Members

Committee Reports

Traffic & Transportation – Yosef Kalinsky, Chair

- Refer to the minutes
- Resolution in support of Wadsworth Terrace Reconstruction
  - VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (0) abstain (0)

Licensing Committee – Aldemar Diaz, Chair

- # 1- VOTE: in favor (27) opposed (3) abstain (3)
- # 2- VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (1) abstain (0)
- # 3- VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (1) abstain (0)
- # 4- VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (1) abstain (0)
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- # 6- VOTE: in favor (33) opposed (0) abstain (0)
- # 7- VOTE: in favor (32) opposed (0) abstain (0)
- # 8- VOTE: in favor (22) opposed (10) abstain (0)
- # 9- VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (2) abstain (0)
- #10- VOTE: in favor (8) opposed (25) abstain (0)
- #11- VOTE: in favor (33) opposed (0) abstain (0)
- #12- VOTE: in favor (31) opposed (2) abstain (0)
- #13- VOTE: in favor (30) opposed (1) abstain (2)

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin, Chair

- Refer to the minutes

- Quadriad met with DCP to further discuss The Tryon Center
- SoBro to come before committee to discuss Fort George Hill Mixed-Use Development Project

Youth & Education – Fe Florimon

- Refer to the minutes
- Youth & Education anniversary on Saturday
- Aaron Cole of The Harlem Community Justice Center provided overview of their programs
- Jason Rodriguez represented The Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation discussing programs for disconnected young adults
- Last Saturday of the year had a panel of high school students discussing youth involvement as members of community boards
- Chair reiterated long term Saturday goal is to get youth and young adults involved in broader committee and community work

Business Development – Ariel Ferreira, Chair

- Refer to the minutes
- Explora presentation by Angelina Ramirez of WHBID
  - WHBID received \$50,000 grant from Dept. of Small Business Services

Concerns for Aging – Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

- Refer to the minutes
- Gisselle Mejia shared update on activities City Harvest
- Donna Fredericksen provided update on Access-A-Ride

Public Safety – Angelo Ortiz, Asst. Chair

- Refer to the minutes

Parks & Cultural Affairs –Harlan Pruden, Chair

- Refer to the minutes
- Chair display US Embassy in Uruguay art exhibit from three NoMAA artists
- December 14<sup>th</sup> Bruce’s Garden Christmas Tree Lighting
- December 5<sup>th</sup> free flu shots available at The Church of the Ascension from 11am – 1pm

Health & Environment & Housing & Human Services – Steve Simon & Richard Lewis

- Refer to the minutes
- Discussion on the disclosure of smoking policies in multiple dwellings
- Use of #6 heating oil eliminated by 2015
- Discussion on legislation to prevent inappropriate MCIs
- Worst polluter in our district at 250 Cabrini Blvd.
- More research on MCI rent increase issue

Meeting adjourned at 10:08pm

Submitted by Alyce Smith

It has been a pleasure to serve as Secretary to CB12

**Community Board 12 Licensing Committee**

*Minutes, January 9, 2013*

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

**Committee Members Excused:** None

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**CB12 Members Present:** Richard Lewis, Michael Diaz, Victor Santos, Ariel Ferreira, Manny De Los Santos, Michael Jimenez

**CB12 Staff Members Present:** Debra Blow

**Community Members Present:** Yokarina Duarte (Office of Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez), Miguel Montes, Alex Rodriguez, Ramon Cabral, Raul Acosta, Salma Lopez, Police Officer Christian Perez (34<sup>th</sup> Precinct), Captain Ernest Morales (34<sup>th</sup> Precinct), Manuel Agramonte, Corey Ortega, Leah Holzel, Pablo Gomez, M.C. Raysor, Sophia Kang, Meredid Polanco, Kenny Cuevas, Ismael Almonte, William Segura, Ianny Antigua, Sandra Jaquez, Arlene Schulman

**A. Welcome and Opening Remarks:** Aldemar Diaz, Committee Chair, welcomed the group 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**

***On-Premise Liquor Licenses***

1. Di' Vino Lounge Inc. doing business as Nitro Lounge - 565 West 207<sup>th</sup> Street (between Sherman and Vermilyea Avenues)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<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>34th Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	The current owners of this business have withdrawn the renewal application; they have applied for 1) a corporate change to remove one of the principals, and 2) a license alteration. The current license is in safekeeping.
<b>Vote</b>	None taken

2. Sushi Vida Inc. doing business as Mamasushi - 237 Dyckman Street (between Broadway and Seaman Avenue)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Carmen Osorio, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Japanese/Asian fusion restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday – Thursday, 1pm – midnight; Friday & Saturday, 1pm – 2am; Sunday, 1pm – 1am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	Currently 7 standard height tables, 14 chairs and 2 bar stools inside & 2 tables and 4 chairs outside; upon alteration, 14 standard height tables, 28 chairs and 5 bar stools inside & 4 tables and 8 chairs outside
<b>Music</b>	iPod with no subwoofer or sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	8 (12 upon expansion)
<b>Security Personnel</b>	
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Entrance only; bathroom will be fully compliant upon expansion
<b>Employees</b>	12 (17 upon expansion)
<b>Capacity</b>	20 (40 upon expansion)
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This is an application for an alteration. The business is expanding into 231 Dyckman Street, a former beauty salon.</li> <li>• In March of this year, Ms. Osorio is expected to appear before the Committee regarding license renewal and sidewalk café applications.</li> </ul>
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Question from the public: What is your effort to address quality of life issues? Ms. Osorio has not received any noise complaints, but has met with Councilman Jackson's office and is willing to address any problems that may arise.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 5-0-0-1 P: 3-0-0

3. Eskina 214 Corp. doing business as Cafe Tabaco & Ron - 501 West 214<sup>th</sup> Street (at the corner of 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	William Segura, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	New American/Dominican restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	5pm – 2am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	18 tables, 35 standard height chairs, 5 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	Computer with sound governor; live music Wednesday & Thursday nights (doors are always closed)
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 outside, 7 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	2 full-time, State licensed
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10 full-time, 7 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	74
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 exits (1 in rear, 1 front)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	No objection from the City Councilman
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

4. Sol's Restaurant Inc. doing business as IL SOLE restaurant - 229-233 Dyckman Street (between Broadway and Seaman Avenue)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Sandra Jaquez, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Italian restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday – Thursday, 3pm – 11 pm; Friday, 3 pm – 1 am; Saturday, 2pm – 1am; Sunday, 11am – 11pm
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	17 tables, 34 chairs inside; 13 tables, 36 chairs outside
<b>Music</b>	3 speakers; subwoofer behind bar; no sound governor; decibel meter used
<b>Security Cameras</b>	2 outside, 6 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	2, summer only
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	12 -17 (varies seasonally)
<b>Capacity</b>	60-65
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	B
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection

<b>Community Comments</b>	Question from the public: What is the owner's intention regarding the agreement about extending hours for outdoor cafés? Answer: They will need to sit down with Council Member Jackson's office to discuss extended time. Summer volume increases dramatically and time restrictions make it difficult to make up for the low volume off-season.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 5-0-1 P: 15-0-2

5. Javier & David Restaurant Corp. doing business as Caridad - 1618 Saint Nicholas Avenue (at the corner of West 192<sup>nd</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Miguel A. Montas, Representative
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	6 am – 12 am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	20 tables, 75 chairs
<b>Music</b>	Computer
<b>Security Cameras</b>	30 inside, 2 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	Saturdays only
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10 full-time, 5 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	6
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No Objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Committee; No Objection; Council Member Rodriguez Supports; Public – No Objection
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

6. Empire Szechuan Noodle House Inc. - 4041-49 Broadway (at the corner of West 169<sup>th</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Sophia Kang, Representative
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Chinese/Japanese restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	11:30am –midnight
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	22 tables, 48 chairs
<b>Music</b>	None
<b>Security Cameras</b>	2 outside, 1 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	No (Physically impossible)
<b>Employees</b>	7 full-time, 3 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	48

<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1 in front, 1 in back
<b>Restaurant letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	No objection from Councilman Rodriguez
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

7. El Mambi Restaurant Corp. – 4181 Broadway (at the corner of West 177<sup>th</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Raul Acosta, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	24 hours, 7 days a week; alcohol served noon – 4am
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	10 tables, 40 chairs, 15 counter seats
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox with sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	7 cameras inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	Friday, Saturday & Holidays: 1
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10 full-time, 7 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	64
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 in front, 1 in back
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending
<b>33rd Precinct Comments:</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	No objection from Councilman Rodriguez
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

*Restaurant Wine Licenses*

8. 207 West Restaurant Corp. doing business as Yummi Thai – 4959 Broadway (between West 207<sup>th</sup> and Isham Streets)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Salma Lopez, Owner; George Urcua, Manager
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Thai restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Sunday – Thursday, noon – 11pm; Friday & Saturday, noon – midnight
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	23 tables, 44 chairs, 5 bar stools
<b>Music</b>	Background music with sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 in dining area, 2 in basement, 2 in kitchen, 1 in rear kitchen
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes, with portable ramp
<b>Employees</b>	10
<b>Capacity</b>	49
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 in front

<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	None
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

9. Malecon Restaurant Corp. doing business as El Malecon – 4141 Broadway (at the corner of West 175<sup>th</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Pablo Gomez, Manager
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Spanish restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	7am – 1am (alcohol served noon – 1am with last call at 12:30am)
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	28 tables/ 112 standard chairs
<b>Music</b>	Computer in office playing very low music; no complaints
<b>Security Cameras</b>	30 inside, 2 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	20 full-time, 15 part-time
<b>Capacity</b>	119
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	2 in dining room, 2 in rear
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	A
<b>33rd Precinct Comments:</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Question from the Committee: Are you considering extending hours? No, it's better to close at 1am and not worth the potential problems for later hours. No objection from Councilman Rodriguez. Comment from the public: 90% of Northern Manhattan received an A restaurant grade.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

10. 1559 St. Nicholas Corp. – 1559 Saint Nicholas Avenue (between West 188<sup>th</sup> and West 189<sup>th</sup> Streets)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<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>34th Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	Mail Returned, No show
<b>Vote</b>	C: 0-8-0 B: 0-0-6 P: 1-0-1

**Corporate Changes**

11. 3920 BWY REST INC. doing business as La Parrilla Restaurant – 3920 Broadway (between West 164<sup>th</sup> and West 165<sup>th</sup> Streets)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Hector Santana, Representative for owner, Manuel Hernandez (also in attendance)
<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>33rd Precinct Comments:</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez: La Parrilla is misrepresenting their status. They only attempted one meeting with his office, which did not happen. It is the position of the Councilman, State Senator Espaillat and Assemblywoman Gabriela Rosa that La Parrilla has not been willing to work with tenants and the elected officials.
<b>Notes</b>	The applicant requested a deferral until next month to allow time to meet with Councilman Rodriguez' office. He has indicated to the SLA that he is trying to work out final details regarding the Committee's prior recommendations.
<b>Vote</b>	No Committee vote; action deferred as requested.

12. Alex Steakhouse Bar & Café Inc. – 4311 Broadway (at the corner of West 184<sup>th</sup> Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Alex Rodriguez (Father) and Alex Rodriguez (Son)
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Hispanic restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	8am – midnight (liquor service begins at noon)
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	18 tables, 66 chairs, 6 stools

<b>Music</b>	Computer with sound governor; on rare occasions, live music
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 outside, 5 inside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (Main bathroom has been converted recently and is now accessible)
<b>Employees</b>	12 full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	129
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1 in front, 1 on side, 1 in kitchen (Only front exit is accessible)
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Question from the public: When did the son officially take over? Answer: December 2012/January 2013.
<b>Note</b>	This is an application to change ownership to Alex Rodriguez (the son) only.
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

**C. NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission Renewal of Livery Car Base Licenses**

13. R.C. Audubon Service Inc. - 2129 Amsterdam Avenue (between West 165<sup>th</sup> and West 166<sup>th</sup> Streets)

<b>Number of Cars</b>	181, independent drivers
<b>Parking Arrangements</b>	Space rented for 50% of the vehicles at 165 <sup>th</sup> Street and Amsterdam Avenue, and at 162 <sup>nd</sup> Street and Broadway
<b>Driver Disciplinary Committee</b>	Yes
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes (through contract with ADA-compliant vendor)
<b>Signage Posted Prohibiting Excessive Honking and Loitering?</b>	Yes
<b>If no signage posted, are they willing to remind all drivers, in writing, about not honking for fares, observing general traffic laws, and not using metered parking spaces while waiting?</b>	N/A
<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	No objection from Councilman Rodriguez. Question from the Committee: Are they willing to procure an ADA-compliant vehicle of their own? No, due to the prohibitive cost.
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0; B: 6-0-0; P: 2-0-0

**D. State Liquor Authority New Applications**

***On-Premises Liquor Licenses***

14. OP Prime Inc. doing business as Cloud 9 - 1952 Amsterdam Avenue (at the corner of West 157th Street)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<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>34th Precinct</b>	
<b>Community Comments</b>	Objection from Jackson's office: The principals owe the city \$37,000 in penalties for violations issues on 9 different occasions.
<b>Notes</b>	Withdrawing Application
<b>Vote</b>	C: 0-7-1 B: 0-2-4 P: 0-2-0

15. El 27 Restaurant Lounge Corp. - 1095 Saint Nicholas Avenue between West 164<sup>th</sup> and West 165<sup>th</sup> Streets

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Jose Hurtado Prudhomme, Representative; Ms. Polanco, Owner
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Mexican
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Mon-Wed
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	30 Tables, 60 Chairs (37 standard, rest stool)
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox with sound governor & karaoke machine without sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	3 inside, 1 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	1, State licensed, on weekends starting at 10pm
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	10 full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	120
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1 in front
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending (new establishment)
<b>33rd Precinct Comments:</b>	Objects until there is a meeting with precinct.

<b>Community Comments</b>	Committee: A church and a high school are located within 200 feet of this storefront. This is the same place where the problematic Dragon Lounge was located. A member of the Committee recommended that the owner withdraw the application and apply for a beer and wine license instead, but the owner's representative countered that a credible Mexican restaurant must serve margaritas, which require the OPL. Councilman Rodriguez asked to meet with the owner to make sure her responsibilities are communicated to her clearly, given the problems with the owner of the previous establishment at that location.
<b>Stipulations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Needs to close by 2 am, 7 days a week for the first year.</li> <li>• Subject to meeting with Council Member Rodriguez's office and the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct prior to the full Board meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>Notes</b>	Aldemar Diaz spoke with Ms. Polanco on 01/18 and with Yokarina Duarte of Councilman Rodriguez's office on 01/20 and confirmed that a document had been signed by both parties, agreeing to the stipulations listed above.
<b>Vote</b>	C: 4-0-4 B: 0-1-5 P: 0-1-1

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

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Victor Santos
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Italian family-style restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	Monday – Thursday, 4pm – 1am; Friday & Saturday, 4pm – 3am; Sunday, 11am – 2am (alcohol service begins at noon)
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	34 tables, 115 chairs, seating space for up to 5 wheelchairs, 18 stools at the bar
<b>Music</b>	iPod, Pandora and DJ with decibel meter and sound governor; there are at least six inches of sound proofing material, in multiple layers, across the entire ceiling; the owner has had discussions with the tenant above the establishment regarding potential noise
<b>Security Cameras</b>	20 inside, 4 outside
<b>Security Personnel</b>	2-5, as needed, licensed through a security company
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	
<b>Capacity</b>	150
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	3 exits
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending (new establishment)
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection

<b>Community Comments</b>	The Committee recommended architectural changes to ease access into the location, as this corner is very windy. The Committee also asked about the relative openness of the front of the business, and was informed that double-plated, soundproof glass is installed and that a vestibule will be built at the entrance. Councilman Rodriguez is not opposed to the application but has asked to meet with the owner to make sure the business meets certain guidelines.
<b>Notes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This business will open within 4 to 8 weeks.</li> <li>• The applicant expects to apply for a sidewalk café permit in the future.</li> </ul>
<b>Stipulations</b>	The applicant must arrange to meet with Councilman Rodriguez and provide the Board with a copy of the menu.
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 5-0-0-1 P: 2-0-0

17. B&B Hall Inc. – 3964 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue (between West 211<sup>th</sup> and West 212<sup>th</sup> Streets)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	
<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Rental Catering Hall
<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>	Objection, citing 3 separate incidents: 1 reckless endangerment in November 2012, 1 assault in December 2012 and 1 arrest for disorderly conduct
<b>Community Comments</b>	
<b>Notes</b>	The applicant stated that this application has been withdrawn, and was asked by the Committee to provide the Board with a copy of the withdrawal paperwork submitted to the SLA. Otherwise, the Committee's vote will be referred to the full Board for a vote on a negative resolution.
<b>Vote</b>	C: 1-7-0 B: 5-1-0 P: 1-1-0

**Restaurant Wine Licenses**

18. 125 Mi Casa Restaurant Corp. – 125 Nagle Avenue (between Sickles and Arden Streets)

<b>Owner/Representative</b>	Manuel Agramonte, Owner
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<b>Type of Establishment</b>	Restaurant
<b>Hours of Operation</b>	7am – 11pm (alcohol served 2pm – 11:30pm)
<b>Tables/Chairs</b>	6 tables, 25 chairs, 7 stools
<b>Music</b>	Jukebox with sound governor
<b>Security Cameras</b>	None
<b>Security Personnel</b>	None
<b>ADA Compliant?</b>	Yes
<b>Employees</b>	5 full-time
<b>Capacity</b>	70
<b>Emergency Exits</b>	1 in front, 1 at rear
<b>Restaurant Letter Grade</b>	Grade pending
<b>34th Precinct</b>	No objection
<b>Community Comments</b>	Councilman Rodriguez would like to meet with the owner before giving a recommendation.
<b>Stipulations</b>	None
<b>Vote</b>	C: 8-0-0 B: 6-0-0 P: 2-0-0

#### E. New Business / Adjournment

1. Conversation about public hearing to discuss the possibility of limiting closing hours for license applicants to 2am. The meeting, to be held in March, will address the following questions:

- Is 2am the most effective closing time?
- Will the restriction be applied to the entire CB12, or just specific zone like Dyckman Street?
- Will the restriction apply to all new and renewal license applications, or will existing establishments be “grandfathered” and not require a change to their method of operation?

**Traffic and Transportation Minutes**  
**January 7<sup>th</sup> 2013**

**Attendance: *Committee Members*** – Yosef Kalinsky, Mitch Glenn, Richard Allman, Anita Barberis, James Berlin, Aldemar Diaz, Elizabeth Ritter, Edith Prentiss

***CB12 Members*** – Richard Lewis, George Fernandez

***Community*** – Marcus Book (MTA), Tony Edwards (Council Members Rodriguez), Arlene Shulman, Jake Carlson, Nivardo Lopez (Mayor's Office), Cheryllyn Mena, Corey Ortega, Mr and Mrs Green (Dyckman Houses), Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez, Carmen DeLarosa (CM Rodriguez), Cecil Corbin-Mark

Meeting began at 7:12pm

- Marcus Book Updates
  - 181<sup>st</sup> Street Station Restoration
    - Historic station with archway – delicate job, need to remove a portion of the bricks and fix the roof
    - Projects duration 2 years and 5 months
    - Currently on the street for bidding, projecting start date is supposed to start March of this year
    - Project will include 168<sup>th</sup> Street station archway as well
      - Work done predominately on weekends and will need to reroute passengers with busses from 168<sup>th</sup> St #1 train and 207<sup>th</sup> St #A train northward
      - Community asks that if lighting is being upgraded MTA should take into account adding additional lights as it is dark there and to install ones that are energy efficient
      - Make sure signage about weekend closures is clear to passengers so that they can plan accordingly
        - We ask that the MTA be in touch with DNA info and the like to notify the community of service changes
  - C Train (at 155<sup>th</sup> Street and 163<sup>rd</sup> Street)
    - No current plans to make any upgrades – not even to paint these stations
    - Liz Ritter – the question is why are there no plans to make any repairs at these stations?
      - Marcus Book – go to the elected officials to make a statement
      - Committee asked if the MTA can send a representative down to the station to take a closer look and report back to us?
  - A Train (181<sup>st</sup> Street and 190<sup>th</sup> Street) – same as the C train update
  - Dyckman Street A Train Station
    - Issue with stairway leading down to the train is need of repairs but not owned or operated by the MTA
    - MTA is in litigation with the owner of the site and building above the station to make repairs
    - Arlene Shulman requested that we have a walk-through of the station with a representative of the MTA which Marcus can coordinate
  - M-4 Bus Service
    - On the radar of the road control division
      - By September we will have an online GPS system (“bus time”) that will track busses and their schedules
      - The M-4 is one of the longest routes, starting at Penn Station and Madison Ave, thereby creating many chances for bus to get delayed due to traffic. By the time it gets to 125<sup>th</sup> St the dispatcher needs to turn some around and take into account breaks ect.

- Possible change in route at 168<sup>th</sup> Street near Broadway – change it to turn on 175<sup>th</sup> Street<sup>1</sup> – but that misses all the NYPH traffic on Fort Washington Avenue. The committee suggested that the bus turn at 159<sup>th</sup> Street (as it did many years ago) and it should still be a safe turn for a bus at that corner.
  - Richard – maybe cut the route in half since it is too long, that is the only solution to the bus bunching.
  - Anita – can we have some M-4 limited routes uptown and not all unlimited?
- WEACT Presentation on transit issues in CB12
  - “West Harlem Environmental Actions Inc. – is a Northern Manhattan community-based organization whose mission is to build healthy communities on environmental issues affecting their quality of life. (See [www.weact.org](http://www.weact.org) for more information)
  - Slowest busses within CB12 – M101, BX12, BX12 SBS
  - Significantly off schedule – M4 – 28.3% unreliable, M101 – 27.1%, M3 – 23.3%
  - 191<sup>st</sup> Street 1 Train – only available 86.9% of 24 hour service
  - 4 out of the 6 worst elevators for entrapment are in CB12 (in 2010).
    - In the third quarter of 2012, 17 of 42 entrapments (36.9%) that occurred in Manhattan, occurred in CB12 (and CB12 has 25% of the elevators in the city)
  - CM Ydanis Rodriguez – the quarterly reports of the MTA should be made available for everyone and if not mandated the council should pass a law to mandate this information be available online
  - Performed a survey in 2011 – most people at train stations complained about cleanliness, rats, and elevator service
- Proposal for extension of BX 20XTD bus route south
  - Bus starts in Riverdale at 242<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - The basic idea is to connect the diverse communities with the amenities of the Bronx and Manhattan boroughs. “Uptown meets Uptown” connecting central Harlem with the Riverdale community by extending the southern terminus of route to connect with East side subway lines at 125<sup>th</sup> Street and Lexington, 149<sup>th</sup> Street and Grand Concourse, or Yankee Stadium.
  - Suggestion is to continue the route from Broadway and 207<sup>th</sup> westbound towards Dyckman and lead it towards the Harlem River Drive off at exit 23 and up 155<sup>th</sup> St. and Edgecombe, turn left onto West 155<sup>th</sup> St. towards 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, turn right, bear left onto 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Adam Clayton Powell Jr. Blvd, turn left onto West 146<sup>th</sup> St. towards Lenox Avenue and terminate at Mother Clara Hale Bus Terminal which connects to the M7, M102, Bx19 and the D and #3 subway lines
  - Edith – this new route it a great idea and will greatly lower access-a-ride calls as it potentially services this population with a bus route that does not currently exist.
  - Presentation will be made at CB 10 as well.
  - Vote: Committee - 6-0-2, Community Board Members - 1-0-0, Community Members - 9-0-0
- New Business
  - Edith – there is a pending DOE Bus strike and the city offers alternative ways for children to get to schools, but for students who need accessible means of transportation those means are not being broadcasted and available to all. This should not be the case. We must advocate on their behalf.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26pm

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<sup>1</sup> It should be noted for the record that subsequent to the meeting Marcus Book informed us that the proposal was to make the turn at 170<sup>th</sup> Street (as opposed to 175<sup>th</sup> Street as the minutes say). It is unclear if the committee’s discussion would have been altered with this new information.

**Community Board 12, Manhattan ~ Traffic & Transportation Committee**  
**January 7, 2013**  
**Proposed Extension of the Bx20 Bus Route via Dyckman/HRD to E. Harlem**

- Whereas:** There is no bus service along Dyckman Street, and no easy way to get from Inwood/Northern Washington Heights to East Harlem; and
- Whereas:** The Bx20 route currently begins in Riverdale at W. 246<sup>th</sup> Street and terminates in Manhattan at W. 207<sup>th</sup> Street and the proposed route extension would proceed south on Broadway from 207<sup>th</sup> Street south to Dyckman Street, west to the Harlem River Drive, south to the Harlem River Driveway and W. 155<sup>th</sup> Street, east to 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue/Adam Clayton Powell Blvd., and south to W. 146<sup>th</sup> St., where it would terminate and loop back around the Mother Clara Hale Bus Terminal and loop in reverse to return to Inwood and Riverdale; and
- Whereas:** There was considerable involvement and feedback from area businesses, residents and stakeholders, including residents of the Dyckman Houses and of Community District 10, and CB 12's Traffic & Transportation Committee met to review and discuss this proposal and to hear from area residents and elected officials; and
- Whereas:** This proposed route extension would provide ADA-compliant transportation along Dyckman Street, as well as access to PS5 and the Dyckman Houses, Yankee Stadium, the Harlem State Office Building and other venues not readily accessible from Inwood and northern Washington Heights, and would greatly reduce the number of costly and inconvenient Access-a-Ride trips along this corridor; and
- Whereas:** This proposed route would overlay the Bx7 & Bx100 for a few blocks on Broadway and the M102 from W. 155<sup>th</sup> Street & 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and therefore would require new stops only along Dyckman Street and at the northeast corner of W. 155<sup>th</sup> Street and the Harlem River Driveway, with a minimal loss of parking; and
- Whereas:** This proposed route would connect to the #1 (at Dyckman Street), B/D (at W. 155<sup>th</sup> Street), and #3-trains (at W. 148<sup>th</sup> Street); and
- Whereas:** The proposed route extension may provide the opportunity to connect to the 4/5/6-trains and offer enhanced connections to Manhattan's east side, the Bronx, and Brooklyn; and
- Whereas:** The success and timing of any bus route greatly is facilitated by competent supervision of the route and traffic enforcement along the route; now therefore be it
- Resolved:** That CB12, Manhattan recommends that the MTA/NYCT approve and implement this route as quickly as possible, with consideration given to scheduling coordination with the M98 and any other routes providing service from Community District 12, southward; and be it further
- Resolved:** That CB12, Manhattan recommends that MTA/NYCT deploy at least one additional dispatcher to Northern Manhattan and Community Districts 10/12 to ensure adequate supervision of this and other routes, and that the NYPD deploy sufficient traffic enforcement or other agents to ensure proper flow of traffic, particularly during more congested commuting hours.

**Approved: Committee, 6-0-2; Board, 1-0-0; Public, 9-0-0**

**HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES – January 10, 2013**

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

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:** Raybblin Vargas (excused)

**OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** George Fernandez, Melanie Hidalgo, Richard Lewis, Elizabeth Lorris Ritter.

**GUESTS:** Assembly Member Gabriela Rosa, Juan Rosa (Council Member Jackson's office), Yokarina Duarte (Council Member Rodriguez's office), Frank Hess (Assembly Member Farrell's office), Julio Batista and Kathleen Preston (NY-Presbyterian Hospital), Sandra Harris (Columbia University Medical Center), Maria Pico (Manhattan Smoke-Free Partnership), Gisselle Mejia (City Harvest), Jeanie Dubnau (RENA), Corey Ortega, Elyas F. Isaacs, Thomas Rochowicz (WHEELS teacher) and his students: Franklin Ventura, Pedro Guzman, Bianca Romarion, Ashley Prenza, Braley Rosario and Robert Moris.

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I. Bing, assistant chair, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. **NY-Presbyterian Hospital Report** – Julio Batista, Director of Community Affairs, introduced Kathleen Preston, Vice President – Government & Community Affairs, and reported as follows:
  - The project involving the upgrading of the boilers and oil tanks on the south side of W. 168<sup>th</sup> St. will require the closing of the street on an upcoming Saturday and Sunday. A small crane will remove two oil tanks that will be cleaned in Brooklyn and then returned. NYPH has spoken to the 33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct and the Armory. EMS vehicles will have access.
  - The committee previously inquired about the expansion of the radiation oncology unit in the garden area east of Fort Washington Avenue. He offered to give the committee a tour of the new facility. In response to a question by S. Simon, he said it could be arranged for an evening.
  - On a sad note, he reported that Walther Delgado, a former member of CB 12 and former director of the Presbyterian Hospital Community Health Council, passed away two days ago.
2. **Students from WHEELS** – S. Simon, who was now chairing the meeting, acknowledged the presence of the teacher and students from the Washington Heights Expeditionary Learning School (PS 348), a 6-12 grade school located at 511 W. 182<sup>nd</sup> St. They said they came to observe the committee because they are working on a project concerning obesity in the community. S. Simon invited them to come back to a future meeting and report on their findings after they finished their research.
3. **Discussion regarding resolution urging passage of legislation to protect tenants from MCI rent increases resulting from NYC Clean Heat program** – This item was to have been considered as part of a joint meeting of the Health & Environment and Housing & Human Services (H&HS) committees. Since the H&HS committee did not have a quorum and its chair had drafted the resolution, it was agreed that this item would be tabled.
4. **Resolution in support of City Council bill on disclosure of smoking policies for housing** -- S. Simon passed out a revised version of the resolution that had been reviewed at last month's meeting, which incorporated the changes discussed at that meeting. R. Lewis, chair of H&HS, made some additional changes. D. Kach suggested that the second Whereas be divided into two clauses. Y. Duarte noted that Council Member Rodriguez is a co-sponsor of the City Council bill, which was added to the resolution. After discussion was concluded, the resolution was approved by the following vote:

	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Health & Environment Committee	7	0	0
Other Board Members	2	0	1
Members of the Public	13	0	3

5. **Resolution in support of stricter gun control measures** – Both the committee members and others in attendance had an extended discussion of this issue. There was a clear consensus that a resolution should be passed recognizing a pressing need for stricter gun control measures on both the federal and state levels in light of the recent mass shootings in Newtown, Connecticut, and elsewhere around the nation. It was also recognized that this is an important public health matter since the use of firearms has resulted in higher rates of injuries and homicides in the United States in comparison to most other high-income countries, according to a newly issued study commissioned by the National Institutes of Health. S. Simon distributed a newspaper article listing the proposals made by Governor Cuomo.

S. Simon: We should support the legislative package proposed by Governor Cuomo and the one to be announced next week by President Obama

H. Morik: We should add a total ban on the possession of assault weapons. Owners should be required to turn in banned weapons.

J. Dubnau: Handguns are the most dangerous weapons in our community and should be banned.

F. Hess: You should pass a realistic resolution. It should include a request for additional funding for mental health services.

R. Lewis: A license should be required for ammunition purchases. An ID or chip should be placed on the ammunition and the guns to trace them.

H. Morik: We should pass the strongest possible resolution.

B. Lehmann: There should be individual fingerprinting of bullets and weapons.

After discussion was concluded, a resolution in principle was approved by the following vote:

	Y	N	Abstain
Health & Environment Committee	7	0	0
Other Board Members	4	0	0
Members of the Public	14	0	4

6. **Columbia University Medical Center Report** – Sandra Harris, Assistant Vice President – Government & Community Affairs, reported as follows:
- She told the students from WHEELS about a CUMC research study that found a connection between obesity and increased asthma rates in children and said she would arrange for a presentation at a future H&E meeting.
  - New doctors' offices have been opened downtown at 51 W. 51<sup>st</sup> St.
  - Demolition of the old apartment building at 106 Haven Ave. continues to prepare for construction of the new Graduate Medical Education building.
7. **Isabella Geriatric Center Report** – Betty Lehmann, Director of Marketing & Communications, said there was nothing new to report, but she would have a report next month..
8. **New Business** – S. Simon reported that the official ribbon cutting for the new EMS base station at Amsterdam Avenue and W. 172<sup>nd</sup> Street took place on Monday and distributed copies of a Daily News article about the event. He said that he was told the station is already enabling EMS crews to spend more time working in our community. He is trying to arrange that next month's meeting be held there so we can get a tour of the facility.
9. **Mail** – George Nelson Preston, a former CB 12 member, dropped off two letters (one from him, another from a neighbor) citing problems with people congregating outside a "pain management clinic" at 450 W. 162<sup>nd</sup> St. S. Simon gave a copy to J. Rosa of Council Member Jackson's office so he could look into the situation.

- 10. Announcements** –E. Ritter: A Save Our Youth speakout on teen violence will be held at the United Palace on Jan. 26 @ 6-9 p.m.
- Y. Duarte: Council Member Rodriguez is organizing a group to work on obesity and other health issues in the community. CB 12 will be invited to participate. A group of youths from the Northern Manhattan Improvement Corp. will be participating in the Clean the Streets initiative in March.
- J. Dubnau: A forum on climate change, co-sponsored by various community groups including CB 12, will be held at the Russ Berrie Pavilion on Jan. 27 @ 3-5 p.m.
- S. Simon: Mayor Bloomberg will preside over the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the High Bridge restoration project tomorrow at noon on the Bronx side of the bridge.
- G. Mejia: NY Restoration Project is sponsoring Mulchfest for Xmas trees at Sherman Creek this weekend.
- S. Simon: Parks Department is holding Mulchfest at various locations around the city, including Bennett Park, Highbridge Park, Inwood Hill Park and J. Hood Wright Park in Washington Heights-Inwood.
- J. Rosa: An Inauguration watch party will be held at the Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz Center on Jan. 21. Council Member Jackson sponsors an immigration clinic with CUNY lawyers on the first Wednesday of every month at his district office, 751 W. 183<sup>rd</sup> St. Call 212-928-1322 for an appointment.
- E. Ritter: State Senator Espaillat is holding an open house at his district office, 5030 Broadway, on Jan. 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Simon, with assistance from Edgard Nau.

**Health & Environment Committee**  
**Proposed Resolution on the Disclosure of Smoking Policies in Multiple Dwellings**  
**January 10, 2013**

**WHEREAS:** Smoking policies in multiple dwellings would give the vast majority of New Yorkers, who do not smoke, the choice to live in a building where they or their families can share the health benefits of not being exposed to secondhand smoke; and

**WHEREAS:** A residential building's smoking policy also may help tenants with children, the elderly or the chronically ill make informed decisions on where they want to live to protect their health; and

**WHEREAS:** Children generally spend more time in the home than adults, thus increasing their potential exposure to secondhand smoke in apartment buildings; and

**WHEREAS:** Smoking policies also may help landlords, tenants, their guests and visitors reduce if not avoid complaints and conflicts about the presence or drift of secondhand smoke in and around a building; and

**WHEREAS:** These policies are in accord with sections of the New York State Real Property Law, specifically the warranty of habitability, which states that every tenant has the right to live in an environment free of "dangerous, hazardous or detrimental" conditions; and

**WHEREAS:** Federal, state and city laws have addressed similar residential health hazards such as lead-based paint by requiring disclosure in real estate transaction documents and in leases, and these efforts have contributed to reducing the health consequences resulting from such potentially hazardous exposure; and

**WHEREAS:** A bill, Intro. 833-2012, has been introduced in the City Council to require landlords of Class A multiple dwellings to disclose their buildings' smoking policy to current and prospective tenants as a rider to leases, and this bill is co-sponsored by Council Member Ydanis Rodriguez among others; and

**WHEREAS:** Similar laws have been implemented successfully in Oregon and Maine, and closer to home in Buffalo and Rockland County, and resolutions in support of Intro. 833-2012 have been passed by other Community Boards in Manhattan; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** Community Board 12-Manhattan supports the City Council bill, Intro. 833-2012, to require the disclosure of a building's smoking policy, only to the extent that the bill be amended as follows:

- smoking any tobacco products will not be prohibited inside any apartments, except within legal and corporate rights of a co-op or condominium to do so with shareholders/owners prospectively;
- any smoking policies will not be applied to public sidewalks within 15 feet of an entrance or doorway of a building, and
- no smoking policy shall pre-screen a prospective tenant, any family member, or roommate regarding any current, past or future smoking practices.

This resolution was approved by the following vote:

	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Abstain</b>
Health & Environment Committee	7	0	0
Other Board Members	2	0	1
Members of the Public	13	0	3

# CB12M CHAIRS'REPORT

Pamela Palanque North, Chair

January 22, 2013

# January 2013

- New Emergency Medical Base Station will reduce response time from approx 30-22 minutes. CYR may support affordable housing on-top of this site.
- UMEZ – financing a Hotel on W 168 Street bet Audubon & Amsterdam
- Attended CB12M Elected officials “Open House” and Sen AE’s Swearing-In !
- NYPH- \$100 mil reconstruction of the Adult Emergency Center
- NY-NJ Port Authority held 1<sup>st</sup> Community Working-Group meeting
- MBP- Borough Board votes in favor of “Good Jobs” resolution – CB’s will now address this.

## WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO FOR 3 + YEARS

- Passed over 465 Résolutions and recommendations that have influenced the delivery of municipal services and the quality of life across Community Board 12 Manhattan
- Some of these resolutions – recommendations have been:

# CB12M ACTIONS

- 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 baker field area residents
- Restoring Historic Houses
- Designating Historic Districts
- Seeking fair employment opportunities for local residents at district government work-sites and other work-sites.

# CB12M ACTIONS '09- PRESENT

- 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

# CB12M ACTIONS

## SELECTED PHOTOS

**THANK YOU!**

**FELLOW OFFICERS; COMMITTEE CHAIRS; STAFF  
MEMBERS; COMMITTEE MEMBERS; ELECTED  
OFFICIALS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND ALL  
OF OUR NEIGHBORS**

## Youth and Education Committee

Monday, January 7, 2013

### Agenda

Location: 701 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street, (Room 306) New York, NY 10032

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

**Committee Members Excused:** Rabblin Vargas

**Guests:** Josh Karan, Representative of District 6 Parent Leadership Training Program

**Community Members:** Mr. Roberto De la Rosa, Community Activist

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Chair Christopher Smith at 7:13pm. The presider welcomed everyone to the meeting and all present introduced themselves.

#### Request for cosponsorship Campaign Forum for Fiscal Equity By Mr. Josh Karan, District 6 Leadership Training Program

- ❖ Josh Karan provided an overview of the Campaign for Fiscal Equity lawsuit and the payments that have been made from the settlement of that lawsuit. The core of the lawsuit (which was pursued 1995-2006) was an inequity in the money allocated for education in the state funding formulas. The state settled the lawsuit agreeing to bring fairness to the funding formula and to pay \$5.3 billion over 2007-11. Mr. Karan reported that only a quarter of this settlement was funded by the state and with less clarity about how the funds were actually used by New York City. He stated that there is interest in reviving the issue of the funds through lobbying efforts (with court action as a backup) and is proposing a forum to discuss the case and status.

Members of the committee and public asked questions to clarify aspects of the presentation and then considered a resolution for Community Board 12 to cosponsor the forum. In a discussion of the resolution, Josh Karan clarified that co-sponsorship would involve being listed as a cosponsor on publicity, having CB12M and committee chairs prominently seated at the forum and helping to get people to the forum. He stated that the main intent was to send a message of community support to the state and other involved parties.

Josh Karan stated that he is seeking co-sponsorship from a number of groups within the community (e.g. CEC, CB9M's Youth and Education Committee, Executive Committee of the President's Council) and is on their agendas but does not have any responses. He stated that he would give a full update on their responses at the general board meeting if the resolution went forward. After revision, the committee voted to submit the attached resolution to the full board in a vote of 6-0-0-0, with no other board members present (including Chair Florimón who notified will be in late attendance for the meeting) and the attending public voting 2-0-0-0.

- ❖ A report from the District Attorney's office, including community initiatives updates, was deferred to the Saturday meeting based on availability of the presenter.
- ❖ Correspondence from a concerned parents group at George Washington High School will be addressed in a future meeting. This communication also raised a discussion among the committee about the scope of its work. This discussion raised a variety of opinions and the assistant chair will relay the discussion to the committee chair.
- ❖ Correspondence about hearings for school mergers and relocations were raised.

There being no other business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

**Youth and Education Committee**  
**Saturday, January 12, 2013**

**Location: Meeting Location: Isabella Geriatric Center: 515 Audubon Ave, Larson Library  
(190 Street) New York, NY 10040**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Fe Florimón, Chair
<b>CB12 Members:</b> Elizabeth Lehmann
<b>Guests:</b> Mr. Al Kurland, Police Athletic League, Inc; Ms. Joselinne Minaya, District Attorney Office; Dersa Gonzalez, George Washington Height School
<b>Community Members:</b> Mr. Roberto De la Rosa, Community Activist

Welcome and Opening Remarks by Committee Chair Fe Florimón

10:30AM

*Action/Discussion Items*

**The importance of Youth and Community Involvement**

- ❖ Ms. Fe Florimón provided a presentation addressing the following topics:
  - ✓ Youth need to know about sense of **belonging**- that they(youth) are care about others
  - ✓ Youth need to know about sense of **independence**- they are able to influence people and events
  - ✓ Youth need to know about- **generosity**- practice helping others through their own generosity
  - ✓ Youth and adult attitudes- how many adults perceive young people
  - ✓ Attitudes solutions-educate and train youth and adults for their roles
  - ✓ Benefits of youth involvement in their communities-problem solving skills, improve their ability to think and act in responsible ways, and improve their self-esteem

**Youth Leadership Roles**

- ❖ Mr. Al Kurland, Police Athletic League, provided an overview of youth involvement in their community and reinforced the topic by addressing the importance of you exercising their leadership roles. During his presentation the following topics were discussed.
  - ✓ To Get Teens On Board
  - ✓ The New York State Public Officers Law
  - ✓ The status of youth campaign?
  - ✓ Cities that made provision to include teens as advisors to municipal government policy

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- ❖ Ms. Betty Lehmann, Representative of Isabella Geriatric Center discussed the volunteer program opportunity available at Isabella. Ms. Lehmann also discussed the advantages of the program and encouraged youth's participation.
- ❖ Ms. Joselinne Minaya, Representative of District Attorney Office introduced a new program in the community "Volleyball **Training Program**". The program will be provided at PAL, the Armory location, available on Saturday to young people ages 12-18.
- ❖ Ms. Vianeli Garcia, Student and Vice President of the Washington Heights and Inwood Youth Council, invited students and the general publics to the event "**Back into Action Orientation**" on January 21<sup>st</sup> to be held at the Manhattan Bible Center.

Closing remarks by Fe Florimón

Meeting was adjourned at: 12:30p.m.

## Land Use Committee - Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2013

### Committee Members Present

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

### Committee Members Absent

Leandro Hidalgo

### Board Members Present

Elizabeth Lehman

Staff:

### Public Member Present

Vivian Ducat

**Guests:** Michael King, Michael Pursar, David DeSanto, Robert White, Eduardo Siva, John Solen, David, Kevin Shelley, Hercules Reid, Javier Ortiz, Joseph Suriano, Rita Gorman, Byron Schuler, Victor Body Lawson – Victor Body Lawson Architects, Antonia Walker - Victor Body-Lawson Architects, Nathaniel Montgomery - ,Asst. Vice President,– SOBRO, Jeffrey Chester – Legal Counsel to SoBro

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1. The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Land Use Committee (“Land Use” or the “Committee”) Chair Wayne Benjamin began the meeting by welcoming committee members and guests. He reported that last week CB12 District Manager Ebenezer Smith sent an email to him and CB12 Chair Pamela Palanque-North concerning an informal discussion with Quadriad summarizing its meeting with the Department of City Planning (DCP). No new information was provided. To-date Quadriad has not filed a ULURP application with DCP.

A large number of union carpenters were present. Chair Benjamin inquired if they were present specifically for the presentation to be made on the Fort George Hill project. Respondents advised that they are interested in development proposed projects, the construction jobs they will generate and want to be at the table when they are discussed. The Committee was also advised that the union sent a letter to Ebenezer Smith outlining issues with Joy Construction, which the union understands to be the builder for the Fort George Hill project. SoBro’s Nathaniel Montgomery stated that Joy Construction was but no longer is associated with the project. Legal counsel for SoBro stated that discussion of construction jobs was premature since it is not yet clear if the zoning variances required to allow the project to be built will be granted. Committee member Jim Berlin advised the carpenters that they are always welcome to attend.

The Committee discussed agenda items for upcoming Land Use meetings including coordination with the Planning Fellow on her work with respect to rezoning, the expiration of the J51 Program and the impact of its loss on developing and preserving affordable housing.

3. SoBro represented by Nathaniel Montgomery, Victor Body-Lawson Architects, the project architect, represented by Victor Body-Lawson and Antonia Walker, and Jeffrey Chester, SoBro’s legal counsel made a presentation to the Committee on the proposed Fort George Hill mixed-use development project (the “Project”). The site (the “Site”) of the Project is an approximately 20,396 square foot, irregularly-shaped lot adjacent to the uptown platform of the Dyckman Street station of the #1 train. The Site, formerly owned by the Centro Evangelistico Church (the “Church”), was

purchased by SoBro in 2001. Chair Benjamin noted that the Committee and SoBro have been discussed the proposed project since approximately 2007, with the most recent meeting being April 7, 2010. He also stated that at the last meeting the Committee recommended that SoBro undertake a community outreach initiative to inform local residents about the project and obtain their comments and also engage the Landmarks Preservation Commission to obtain its comment on the Project as the Dyckman station is landmarked [Note: Subsequent to the April 2010 meeting it was determined that the station and the adjacent service building is not a NYC landmark but rather on the State and National Register of Historic Buildings].

Mr. Body-Lawson reviewed the design for the project. The Committee was advised that an as-of-right development at the Site would be seven stories in height, approximately 73,000 square feet and contain approximately 75 residential units. The Project is a \$57 million 168,774 square foot, 12 story building containing 10,731 square foot of space for the Church, 125 residential units and approximately 63 parking spaces. SoBro must apply to the Board of Standards and Appeal (BSA) for a number of zoning variances in order to facilitate development of the Project. A typical floor has twelve units. A mix of studio, two- and three-bedroom units is proposed. The units will either be all affordable (at approximately 60% of area median income) or mixed-income depending upon the City, State or Federal financing sources that are secured. The Project would be designed and constructed so that no rock will need to be blasted.

Chair Benjamin noted that in December 2012 the Committee finalized 12 questions concerning the Project that were intended to serve as the talking points for the presentation this evening. The questions addressed matters such as community outreach, financial feasibility of as-of-right development scenarios, development cost and project financing. They were forwarded to SoBro by Ebenezer Smith well in advance of the meeting, but the presentation made this evening does not address the questions. The SoBro representative advised that they have a hand-out with responses to the questions but would prefer to put the responses on letterhead and send them to the community board office in the morning.

The Committee also noted that while the impact of shadows cast by the Project was discussed, an elevation or rendering of the rear façade of the building was not presented, although the rear façade of the proposed building is the elevation that will face existing buildings.

SoBro was asked if it has undertaken any community outreach since its 2010 meeting with the Committee. SoBro advised that it has not and asked the committee for advice on how to proceed. The Committee suggested that SoBro coordinate with Ebenezer and also local elected officials including Assemblywoman Rosa, who lives nearby. Community resident Rita Gorman also offered to assist SoBro with outreach.

SoBro and its legal counsel advised that planned to meet with BSA within the week and to submit a formal application to BSA next month.

4. After further discussion the Meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Vivian Ducat and Wayne A. Benjamin

**Community Board 12 Manhattan**  
**Minutes for the Housing and Human Services Committee Meeting**  
**January 10<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Board's Offices - 711 West 168th Street**

**Committee Members Present (3):** Richard Lewis, George Fernandez, and Melanie Hidalgo.

**Committee Members Absent (3):** Ellen Kackman (excused due to illness), Jay Mazur (excused due to illness), and Alyce Smith.

**Board Members (1):** Steve Simon.

**Public (3):** Juan Rosa (Councilman Robert Jackson's Office), Corey Ortega (Assemblyman Keith Wright's Office), Eugenie "Jeanie" Dubnau (RENA).

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**Welcome, Opening Remarks, and the Agenda.** Richard Lewis as chair called the meeting to order at 9:45pm. The agenda was presented and how we would proceed with the agenda's discussions announced. It became necessary to hold a separate HHS Committee on an important resolution after the close of the Health and Environment Committee's meeting as a consequence of our committee's lack of a quorum for the stated joint meeting due to illness of several members.

**Discussion on Energy Efficiency Mandates, Potential Rent Increases, Taxes and Double Dipping.**

The sole agenda item discussed was the resolution on the city's residential energy efficiency mandates, now embedded in law (Local Laws 84 and 87 2009 and Local Law 88), the potential of rent increases that would affect affordable housing through MCI (major capital improvement) permanent rent increases, the extension of J-51 and 421a tax abatements, and the need through legislative relief to address several outdated rent and tax regulations.

**See: "Landlord Benefits from 2012 The American Taxpayer Relief Act"**

<http://kiplingercpas.wordpress.com/> or **"Renewable energy and the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012"** [http://www.nixonpeabody.com/Renewable\\_energy\\_and\\_the\\_ATRA\\_of\\_2012](http://www.nixonpeabody.com/Renewable_energy_and_the_ATRA_of_2012) or **"Tax Deductions for Landlord Responsibilities"** <http://realestate.findlaw.com/landlord-tenant-law/tax-deductions-for-landlord-responsibilities.html> or **"IRS Capitalization v Repairs Audit Technique Guide"**

<http://www.irs.gov/Businesses/Capitalization-v-Repairs-Audit-Technique-Guide#14>

Eugenie "Jeanie" Dubnau, from RENA (Riverside-Edgecombe Neighborhoods Association) discussed the current legislative agendas of many tenant advocacy organizations. Their primary goals are focused on ending some form of both the MCI rent increases and vacancy decontrol laws as we know them.

**See NYS Legislative bills introduced in 2012 and supported by Real Rent Reform (R3) campaign**

<http://realrentreform.blogspot.com/2012/02/legislative-program-2012.html>

However, she echoed the concern expressed by board member Steve Simon that none of the current legislative bills or published demands on rent regulation changes contain any tenant protections or prohibitions for mandated residential energy efficiencies and the potential pathways for rent increases. These organizations have also failed to advocate the need for tenant protections from either of these potential rent increases and double dipping into the benefits of corporate and property tax credits, incentives, and other tax exemptions between and within current federal, state, and city levels. As a consequence there needs to be greater vigilance and a balance established that monitors ever changing legislation that promotes energy efficiency with tax benefits to real estate interests that may lead to profound changes that are detrimental to rent regulation.

Steve Simon emphasized that these concerns were very real, given the immediate and long term cost of associated with energy efficient residential structures that need to retrofit or re commission within known quantitative and mandated standards. Such added and continuing costs, if not disallowed have the potential to be passed along to tenants. These situations may well be the case despite dwindling availability of energy efficient incentives and the future cost savings projected on any energy conversion developments. Projected fuel costs in the past have tended to be overly optimistic, speculative and often wrong, given the constraints of supply and demand and the marketplace.

Both staff present from the electeds suggested the need to act on these matters so as to keep rents and housing in our community affordable and to cautiously move forward with more energy efficient residential units and the use of cleaner fuels to reduce air pollution.

It was decided that instead of one resolution related to all these legislative items that two separate resolutions be written: one related solely to energy efficiency mandates and tenant rent protections and the other related solely to reforms of MCI's, J-51, 421a and the prevention of double dipping in taxes, offsets, and tenant rent increases and fuel cost adjustments.

It was further requested, if possible that the chair present these two resolutions for a further discussion and vote by a quorum of HHS committee just prior to the board's general meeting. If either or both of these resolutions are approved they will be submitted to the full board at the general meeting as New business on January 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The urgency was related to getting these items on the NYS Legislative calendar as early as possible.

Since no further business was discussed the meeting was adjourned at 10:45PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Lewis, Chair HHS Committee  
January 10, 2013

**Parks and Cultural Affairs Committee Minutes – January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**701 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street – Hammer Building Rm. 306**

Committee members present: Harlan Pruden, Chair, David Kach, Ass't. Chair, Mitchell Glenn, Richard Lewis, and Chris O'Sullivan

Committee members excused: Michael Diaz, and Zead Ramadan

Committee members absent: Public Member – Joan Neuman

Called to order at 7:20 by Harlan Pruden, Chair

Welcome and opening remarks by Harlan Pruden

- Wishing everyone a happy new year!
- Complimentary tickets offered by NOMA for world premier of Bethany

Park Safety: Mapping the Parks for emergency responses

This is an ongoing project to map/label areas of the CB12 parks for emergency response purposes for NYPD and NYFD. Beginning with Isham and Inwood Hill Park, P&R are working with their Urban Park Rangers to develop maps for parks that clearly label and name sections of these parks. At entrances, signage of these maps will be posted along with brochures for the public to take. In addition to assist with emergency response, it will also increase park utilization as the public becomes more familiar with all sections of the each park. The mapping project will also include trail marks – each trail will be color coded and marked. This project is scheduled to be launch either late spring or early fall.

P&R Update

- **Isham Park** – The security camera by the Memorial Benches has been replaced. P&R exploring the installation of additional security camera on Park Terrace West and additional call boxes.
- **Highbridge Park** – Additional emergency call boxes to be installed. Contraction of PlanNYC park restoration completion is summer 2014
- **Dykeman Fields** – Has two call boxes installed.
- **J. Hood Wright Park** – Security Camera with a special lens to be installed on the Overlook with signage stating that area is under camera surveillance. At the dog run a woman was bitten in the dog run while she was trying to stop a dog fight between her dog and another. Rules of dog run are written and posted
- **Inwood Hill Park** – Nature Center is currently under a review and assessment process from damages sustained by Sandy. The Dykeman fields will remain open.
- **La Marina** – is closed for the season as it sustained significant damage by Sandy.
- **Baker Field (Boat House Marsh) Park** – construction is almost complete and is scheduled to open by the summer.

- **Orville & Wilbur Playground** – the bronze plaque in this park has to be restored and re-set in its original position.

#### Isham Park Landscape

P&R presented a planting plan for Isham Park – although this plan is not funding. If the P&R receives funding it does have a plan in place for potential projects in Isham. Additionally with the plan in place, P&R may seek grants to support and sustain this work.

A copy of this plan is available at CB12 offices and a copy will be also available for review at Indian Road Café.

#### Lighthouse Link Trail

As a result of trees downed by Sandy, the contraction of this new bike path is delayed.

#### Wifi in Parks Update

The Mayor's "Roadmap to Digital City," City IT Dep't., Time Warner Cable and Cablevision are implementing \$10 million plan to install wifi in parks. Identifying sites entails assessing potential use, viability of build out, trees, and facilities. Priorities are High Bridge Park, Fort Tryon and J. Hood Wright parks. The first site will be up in a couple of months. P&R is to report back to the PCA the coverage area in High Bridge Park.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm

Minutes taken by Chris O'Sullivan and prepared by Harlan Pruden

**Committee Concerns for the Aging**  
**Tuesday, January 15, 2013, 10am**

Committee Members Present

Public Member

**Gloria Vanterpool, Chair**

**Norma De Candido**

**Edgard Nau**

**Betty Lehman**

Guests

Walter L. Hidalgo	Centro Altagarcia Director
Millie Perez	Manhattan Church Institute
Gina Addeo	Community Resident
Kimberly Gonzalez	Community Resident

Meeting was called to order at 10:15am. A welcome was extended to all. Introductions were individually given.

**Sub-Committee Reports**

Submitted by Betty Lehman

**Land Use Committee:**

On Wednesday, January 9, the Land Use Committee was presented with an Update and presentation on proposed Fort George Hill Project and required BSA application by SOBRO, Inc. The current rendition of the proposed building consists of 144 affordable studio, 1,2 & 3 bedroom rental apartments in a crescent shaped building of 12 stories. Included in the design is a car garage and a tabernacle for the church. The committee had many questions for SOBRO and more meetings will be needed to discuss the details of this project.

**Health & Environment Committee:**

In a meeting held on January 10, the Health & Environment Committee and the Housing and Human Services Committees voted unanimously to present to CB 12 a resolution to

support a bill, requested by Mayor Bloomberg and introduced by NYC Councilman Dilan, that would require landlords of multiple dwellings to disclose their building's smoking policy. This policy would apply to common areas of the building and would not apply to the interior of individual apartments or sidewalks beyond 15 feet of the building.

#### Youth & Education Committee:

On Saturday, January 12, the Youth and Education Committee met. The Committee discussed the concept of supporting a resolution that would permit and encourage official leadership opportunities for community youth who are between 16 & 17. Presently youth must be age 18 to be able to officially participate.

In addition, presentations were made by various community groups regarding volunteer and leadership opportunities for young people within the community. Included among these groups were the Police Athletic League (PAL), the District Attorney's Office, Councilman Rodriguez office and Isabella.

Gloria Vanterpool reported on her attendance at Borough President's Advisory Committee on December 12, 2013.

#### Advisory Committee Report

Christopher R. Widelo - Assoc. State Director, AARP , informed those present that AARP was now working on 2013 State legislative agenda priorities which includes

- Caregiving - better quality care and how the system can improve
- Prescription drug coverage Epic and Part D – Purchasing long term care does not cover all care cost
- Health Care law – how does the new exchange model work ?
- Livable Communities – including access to public transportation, aging in place, modifying homes to accommodate the needs of the aging, affordable housing
- Hunger – helping seniors to receive food stamps, supporting nutrition programs in the communities
- Older workers employment – Encouraging businesses to hire older workers who wish employment

At a future meeting, details will be shared on the actions that will be taken to resolve some of these issues.

### City Harvest

The chairperson reminded all about the City Harvest speaker in December at our meeting. At that time, we agreed to support all programs to encourage healthy nutrition workshops in our community. This would include attending the planning meetings that will be ongoing. One is planned for December 20<sup>th</sup> at the Y on Nagle Ave. at 6:30 pm. All are invited to attend.

### My Emergency Plan

At a previous Borough President Advisory meeting, the topic of individual emergency planning was discussed. It was advised that all persons should in fact have an emergency plan and share it with family members. Booklets were distributed to assist you in developing your own plan. It was stressed that where possible, efforts should be made to assist an elder in completing their plan. Copies of that booklet were given to all present at our meeting. Considering the recent storm in the greater N.Y. area it was agreed that this was indeed of value.

### Topics Recommended for the Future

- Social Security Electronic Payment
- Safety in our Community
- Affordable Housing

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 pm

Next Meeting Friday, February 12, 2013

## Business Development Committee

### Minutes for 1/08/2013

**Committee Members Present:** Ariel Ferreira, Chair; Christopher L. Smith;

**Committee Members Excused:** Richard Allman; Ellen Kackman

**Committee Members Absent:** Nicole Foster

**CB12 Staff Members Present:**

**CB12 Members Present:** Obie Bing; George Fernandez; Manny De Los Santos; Richard Lewis; Harlan Pruden

**Community Members Present:** Arlene Shulman; Erik Cuello; Bram Weiser; Leah Hoizel; Rita Gorman; George Espinal; Edward Cuesta.

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- A. Meeting commenced at 7:15 PM.
- B. Welcome & Opening Remarks by Ariel Ferreira
- C. **Post Sandy Assistance for Small Businesses** - Ms. Nancy Koepke, FEMA Representative
  - a. The deadline for Small Businesses to apply for Post Sandy Assistance from FEMA is on January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The contact number is **1-800-621-FEMA (3362)** or can visit [www.disasterassistance.gov](http://www.disasterassistance.gov)
  - b. FEMA has received 6,200 small business applications from the North East Region.
  - c. Obie asked if blackouts are considered disasters and could business affect by blackouts apply for assistance? (Ans:) In order for FEMA to provide assistance, it needs to be invited by the NYS Governor and the area then needs to be declared a disaster area by the President. Therefore, if a blackout take place, but not declared a disaster area, the business can not apply for assistance.
- D. **What is a Business Improvement District?** – Elizabeth De Leon, Deputy Commissioner, and Kris Goddard, Executive Director of BID Expansion from the Neighborhood Development Division of NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)
  - a. Deputy Commissioner Elizabeth De Leon spoke about the three division of the Dept of Small Business Services which are (1) Workforce, (2) Business Solutions, and (3) Neighborhood Development. The Neighborhood Development Division provides several core services to help local economic development corporations serve their communities such Business Improvement District (BID) administration and Avenue NYC Program.
  - b. First BID ever created in NYC in the early 1980's and the Washington Heights BID was the 2<sup>nd</sup> BID to be created in 1983.
  - c. Kris Goddard gave a powerpoint presentation on the What BID's are?

- i. A Business Improvement District (BID) is a public/private partnership in which property and business owners come together and elect to make a collective contribution to the maintenance, development and promotion of their commercial district.
- ii. BIDs provide an array of supplemental services and improvements to a defined geographic area. Typical services include: 1. Sanitation & Maintenance 2. Public Safety 3. Marketing 4. Capital Improvements 5. Beautification & Landscaping 6. Business Development 7. Community Service
- iii. NYC's 67 BIDs – the largest network of BIDs in the country – invest over \$100 million in services to 16,000+ ground floor businesses and employ 1,200+ people.
- iv. In 2011 BIDs:
  - 1. Covered over 3,500 block faces with sanitation services
  - 2. Collected nearly 3 million bags of trash
  - 3. Removed over 63,000 incidents of graffiti
  - 4. Employed over 600 sanitation workers
  - 5. Covered over 2,400 block faces with security services
  - 6. Employed over 350 public safety officers who responded to over 1.4 million incidents or requests for assistance

**E. Updates on Washington Heights BID Expansion – Angelina Ramirez, Executive Director of WHBID**

- a. Proposed WHBID Expansion Area
  - i. 181<sup>st</sup> Street between Fort Washington and Cabrini
  - ii. St. Nicholas Avenue between 183<sup>rd</sup> street and 193<sup>rd</sup> Street
- b. Proposed Services for the WHBID Expansion Area
  - i. **Sanitation and Snow Removal** services will include, but shall not be limited to, the sweeping and cleaning of sidewalks and curbs, maintenance of trash receptacles, graffiti / poster / sticker removal, maintenance of street furniture, high pressure water cleaning of the sidewalks as well as snow removal at street corners within the area.
  - ii. **Capital Improvement Projects** will focus on enhancing and beautifying the BID by addressing issues of signage, area lighting, physical streetscape improvements or amenities.
  - iii. **Marketing** will focus on providing a unifying brand for the area to be utilized in promotional materials, install holiday lights and hold special events.
- c. WHBID is currently creating its Steering Committee.

**F. Updates on Dyckman BID – Ariel Ferreira, Project Manager**

- a. Proposed BID Area
  - i. Dyckman Street between Nagle Avenue and La Marina, (Including some of Dyckman's side streets)
  - ii. Nagle Avenue between Dyckman Street and Ellwood Street
- b. Proposed Services for the Dyckman BID (Subject to Change)
  - i. **Sanitation and Snow Removal** services will include, but shall not be limited to, the sweeping and cleaning of sidewalks and curbs, maintenance of trash receptacles, graffiti / poster / sticker removal, maintenance of street furniture, high pressure water cleaning of the sidewalks as well as snow removal at street corners within the area.
  - ii. **Public Safety Services** may include, but shall not be limited to, unarmed public safety officers, working in conjunction with the local Precinct, to preserve the quality of life and maintain a safe and secure environment within the BID.

- iii. **Capital Improvement Projects** will focus on enhancing and beautifying the BID by addressing issues of signage, area lighting, physical streetscape improvements or amenities.
- c. Dyckman BID is currently creating its Steering Committee.

**G. Updates on Broadway BID – George Espinal, Project Manager**

- a. Proposed BID Area
  - i. Broadway Between 157<sup>th</sup> Street and 178<sup>th</sup> Street
- b. Currently creating its Steering Committee.

**H. Meeting Adjourned – 9:20PM**

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**Community Board 12**  
**Public Safety Minutes**

**Monday, January 9, 2013**  
**Agenda**

**Location: 711 West 168<sup>th</sup> Street, (Room 306) New York, NY 10032**

<b>Committee Members Present:</b> Robert Reynolds, Chair, Angelo Ortiz, Assist Chair, Chris O'Sullivan, Michael Jimenez
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<b>Committee Members Excused:</b> Pastor William T Devlin
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<b>Public Committee Members:</b> Dr. Michael Mowatt Wynn
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<b>Guests:</b> Captain Fausto B. Pichardo (33 <sup>rd</sup> Pct), Captain Ernesto Morales (34 <sup>th</sup> Pct)
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<b>Community Members:</b> P.O. Perez (34 <sup>th</sup> Pct Community Affarirs), Arlene Schulman, George Espinal,
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**The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert Reynolds at 7:08pm. The presider welcomed everyone to the meeting.**

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

- ❖ **Captain Morales (34<sup>th</sup> pct)** provided an update on statistics on compstat results.
  - week to date crime is up 24 vs. 20 (up by 20%)
  - for a 28 day period. 91 vs. 91
  - YTD 19 vs. 13 (up 46.2%)
    - Capt. Morales advised we shouldn't be too concerned about the increased number. He states the numbers are up due to Grand Larcenies. They had 8 vs. 2 which is an increase of 300%. The Capt. States that Grand Larcenies are crimes that can be preventable. In after reviewing the cases Capt. Morales found that in 6 out of the 8 cases the victims where leaving their personal belongings unattended. He provided a few examples: 1. some crimes are occurring in night clubs when patrons left their purses unattended while they danced or went to the rest room. 2. Unattended personal belongings in shopping carts while shopping. 3. Motorists leaving keys in car.
    - As per the captain, the only crime of concern was the Thayer Street stabbing that occurred on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A 19 year old woman was stabbed by her ex-boyfriend. The boyfriend was caught and processed. There is a strong case against the ex-boyfriend there is video, witnesses and a confession from him. The captain feels the case should be sealed easily due to the overwhelming evidence against him. The captain states there was no prior history or domestic abuse between the two involved or the family. The assailant had no previous arrests. This was his first arrest. The assailant lived in New Jersey. The captain says they are not sure if he actually resided in New York. He has a NJ address and his history comes back to NJ. From what the 34<sup>th</sup> pct gathered there was no history of unrecorded disputes. The assailant was arraigned on January 7<sup>th</sup> and has been remanded. His next court date in court is the 30<sup>th</sup>. He is being charged with Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> degree.
    - Capt. Morales mentioned that it was worth noting that one grand larceny that occurred was with a mother filling out a \$2500.00 money order to send her daughter in Chicago. She dropped the money order in the US Post Office mailboxes and people were "fishing" in the mailboxes and pulling out the mail. He strongly recommends to mail these types of correspondence in the Post Office it will be a safer way to ensure mail is not stolen.

- The other grand larcenies seem to be insurance cars where motorists are leaving their keys in the ignition of their cars and leave the cars unattended for long periods of times. The captain points out that most of these cars are high-end cars such as Mercedes Benz, BMW and Range Rovers. He thinks some may not be able to pay the premium and arrange for the cars to be stolen so they can relief themselves from the payments.
- Another grand larceny of concern that is occurring in the confines of the 34<sup>th</sup> pct is that Inwood and Washington Heights residents are getting phone calls from people posing to being utility employees (such as Con-Ed) and asking the residents immediately report to Duane Reade, Rite Aid or CVS to avoid interruption on their service. They are instructed to get a particular *money dot card*. The community affairs and Officer Williams from Crime Prevention Unit have reached out to these establishments and asked that if they get these types of solicitations to notify the precinct. The establishments have not been cooperating. Capt. Says "in the face of it, they are a business and they are there to make money. To learn more about the scam go to the Con Ed page:  
<http://www.coned.com/newsroom/news/pr20120113.asp>

- ❖ Captain Morales states the 34<sup>th</sup> pct is receiving 26 new officers from impact. They will be working 8pm to 4am in troubled areas. They now have a total of 36 additional officers. They will remain in the 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> pct.

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

- ❖ Captain Pichardo (33<sup>rd</sup> pct) provided an update on statistics on compstat results.
  - Captain Pichardo introduced themselves. He went on to say that They ended the year with a very slight increase of 1% in crime. Although they ended the year up in crime it was a total of 9 crimes. The crimes that the precinct can proactively curve they ended the year down in every category.
    - Murders were down by 5 (72%).
    - Rapes were down 27%
    - Robberies were down 7%
    - Felony assaults were down 3.3%
    - Grand Larceny Auto was down about 30%
  - Two specific crimes were the culprits for the slight increase as per Capt. Pichardo
    - One was burglaries up about 33 for the year
      - Some were preventable. E.g. residents leaving apartment doors and/or windows opened.
    - The second were Grand Larcenies
      - They were up about 11%. Stolen credit cards, stolen income tax checks, etc.. The captain states these crimes are not necessarily done on the street but more an identity theft related crime.
  - Captain Pichardo is looking to focus on prevention outreach to make residents aware of steps to take to avoid fraud and break-ins due to negligence. He is confidence most of the grand larceny crimes could be prevented if people follow commonsense. Most of the spike occurred prior to his appointment in the spring time while people are more likely to leave windows opened.
  - September through October there were two vehicle theft. 4 of the other vehicle theft were due to people leaving keys in ignition while unattended.
  - There was a car fire. As per the captain, it may have been done intentionally. They were still investigating the incident. Seems like the fire was to send a message to the owner of the vehicle to stay away from the area. Fire marshals are investigating.

- There were two shootings one of the two occurred in 176st. Audubon Ave. in the end of the year. While they were still investigating. The victims involved were not cooperating. The captain states it looks to have stemmed from a street dispute.
- Captain Pichardo is trying to schedule some community outreach. He is aiming toward the end of February or early March 2013. The events will be aimed towards youth and a bigger event in the summer. Both events will be held at the lower end of the pct. Around 158<sup>th</sup> st.

### District Attorney's Office Report

- ❖ For the month of December 30 day period
  - **33<sup>rd</sup> Precinct**
    - 106 Arrests Total
      - 62 are pending in the DA's office
      - 33 have been sentenced
        - 13 to jail time
        - 8 Community Service
    - Crime is down significantly compared to 2011 there was 137 arrests in the 33<sup>rd</sup> pct.
      - Decrease in drug arrest, marijuana arrests and domestic violence. There was an increase in trespass arrests and increase in robberies.
    - Only 17 arrests due to domestic violence
  - **34<sup>th</sup> Precinct.**
    - 104 Arrest Total
      - 77 are pending
      - 19 have been sentenced
        - 10 to jail time
        - 5 to community service
    - Crime is down compared to 2011 there were 165 arrests
      - Increase in trespassing, significant decrease in drug arrests, marijuana arrests and in domestic violence.
  - **2012 compared to 2011 in Quality of Life Arrests**
    - 33<sup>rd</sup> pct arrests: 2019 arrests in 2012 compared to 2011 there were 2274. 2012 had 255 arrest less than 2011.
    - 34<sup>th</sup> pct arrests: 1838 arrests in 2012 compared to 2011 there were 2390. 2012 had 560 arrests less than 2011.
  - **General Information**
    - DA's office convicted a young man who entered the train through an emergency door to beat the fare was found carrying a loaded 38mm Calliber on to the train. The man was searched while a "Stop and Frisk" was performed. The gun was loaded and the man was sentenced to 7 years. The man was 23 years old.
    - The DA's office also solved a crime that occurred over 25 years ago. Two murders, one in 1971 and the other in 1977 of two young women under the age of 23, the man who was convicted for the murder is 69 years old and was sentenced to 25 to life for the murders.
    - The District Attorney Sirius Vance, also the President for the District Attorney Association for the State of New York has submitted a proposal to Governor Cuomo to curve the laws on gun violence by increasing penalties for crimes involving illegal firearms. In addition, to decrease the ability of doing major sales of firearms.

- The DA's office is working with Captain Pichardo of the 33<sup>rd</sup> pct. to curb areas with high drug activity south of 165st. There have been heavy drug activity between 155st and 165st. that have been reported to the DA's office. They are exploring the possibility of having the managing agents to add cameras in the buildings and being more educated on additional security options.

❖ **Committee New and Old Business**

- The Public Safety Committee discussed the possibility of having a meeting to discuss gun violence, how it affects our community, and invite School Safety Representative and other representatives to discuss the demographics and how guns affect our community.
- The committee also spoke about having our meetings on different venues in addition to having them in the Community Board Office. We are looking to having one North of 168<sup>th</sup> in the Inwood Section, the next in the CB12 office, next South of CB12 in the area of 155st. then back in the CB12 office.

**After addressing new business for the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49pm.**