

**Community Board 12, Manhattan  
General Meeting-March 27, 2012  
Vivian & Seymour Milstein Family Heart Center  
Myrna Daniels Auditorium  
173 Ft. Washington Avenue  
Between W. 165<sup>th</sup> & W. 168<sup>th</sup> Streets**

**PRESENT**

Richard Allman	Ariel Ferreira	Edith Prentiss
James J. Amodeo	Fe Florimon	Harlan Pruden
Anita Barberis	Nicole Alexandra	Zead Ramadan
Wayne Benjamin	Foster	Elizabeth Lorris-
James Berlin	Mitchell Glenn	Ritter
Isaiah Bing	Leandro Hidalgo	Tamara Rivera
Rolando Cespedes	Melanie Hidalgo	Gabriella Rosa
Manny De Los Santos	Ernest David Kach	Angela Sanchez
William T. Devlin	Elizabeth M.	Steve Simon
Aldemar De Jesus	Lehmann	Alyce Smith
Diaz	Richard R. Lewis	Gloria Vanterpool
Michael Diaz	Maria Luna	Raybblin Vargas
George Espinal	Edgard Nau	
George Fernandez	Pamela Palanque-North	
	Cheryl Pahaham	

**EXCUSED**

**ABSENT**

Frank Alvarez  
George Cruz  
Julissa Gomez  
Yosef Kalinsky  
Rafael Lugo  
Helen Morik  
Angelo Ortiz  
Jose Polanco

The General Meeting was called to order by Chair Pamela Palanque-North at 7:10pm.

**Chair's Report**

- Chair North represented CB12M at the:
  - Street Co-naming Ceremony and Program in memory of Dr. Betty Shabazz (Broadway & W. 165<sup>th</sup> Street). It was sponsored by Councilmember Rodriguez and recommended by way of a resolution by CB12M
  - Affordable Housing & Preservation Rally at Amsterdam Avenue & W. 172<sup>nd</sup> street. Member of CMR Committee which co-authored a White Paper on the Imperative for Affordable and Preserved Housing in WAHI. Available upon request from CMRO
  - Inductory Meeting with new CEO of NYPH, Dr. Steven Corwin (vision for working relationship with CB12M and the delivery of healthcare services to the community)
  - Upper Manhattan Empowerment Zone Board Meeting (UMEZ funded and partners with CU\_CUNY on the Allied HTL Services Internship for CB's 12,11,10 & 9)
  - Washington Heights Business Improvement District:
    - W. 181<sup>st</sup> Street BID Board Meeting (Major improvements YTD; proposed BID Hotel; street Vendor Agreements; Major Summer Festival)
  - Manhattan North Community Partnership (CB12M invited to serve on Board of Directors)
  - Upcoming Events:
    - CB12M & United Palace Cathedral Human Services Festival, Saturday, March 31, 11-3pm @ United Palace, Broadway & W. 175<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Next Month @ CB12M General Meeting invited guest speakers:
      - CO Mullen, NYPD 33<sup>rd</sup> Pct. & Di Buzetti, NYPD 34<sup>th</sup> Pct.
  - Many thanks to the members who attended The Women's History Month Event at The Metropolitan Museum of Art
  - Happy Holidays to those who observe Easter and Passover

George Fernandez has taken over the Chair position for Chair North

We had quorum at 7:29pm and the agenda was adopted along with February minutes which was adopted with corrections.

There was a moment of silence for all of our young adults who have passed away because of gun violence.

District Manager's Report, Ebenezer Smith

- It is a great pleasure to report to you as the District Manager of CB12M

- Rodent Condition:
  - The DOH reported at the District Service Cabinet Meeting that CB12M has the highest number of rodent condition.
    - They will be having the free rodent management training at its Rodent Academy
    - Our catch basins are cleaned 3-5 years, as our streets are dug up, we need to bait
    - DOH, CB12M and local elected officials will be organizing a forum before the summer to inform the resident of classes available
- Street Vendors meeting was convened by Councilmember Ydanis Rodriguez and he handed out brochures with the guidelines vendors need in order to be selling in the street.
- Councilmember Rodriguez informed the vendors that 181st Street shall be free of vendors and police will enforce it.
- Port Authority Police came to the DSC Meeting to discuss the allegations that they were giving too many violations to motorists in the district, but no decisions were made as they were only gathering information to report to their superiors. There will be a follow-up meeting.
- MTA will conduct some track work on the Broadway Line that will require the use of equipment that will modify vehicular traffic along Nagle Avenue between Dyckman & Academy Streets.
  - Work to replace a portion of the subway track is scheduled to begin on March 31 and will take three weeks to complete
  - Work will be performed on weekends between 5am and 9pm, Wednesdays-Fridays 8am-4pm
  - One crane will be on Nagle Avenue between Dyckman & Academy Streets
  - When track work is being done, two lanes of vehicular traffic will be maintained (one lane in each direction) through the work area along Nagle Avenue
  - The sidewalk adjacent to the work area will be maintained for pedestrian traffic and parking will not be permitted within 150 feet of the crane location
  - No trains between 168<sup>th</sup> Street & 242<sup>nd</sup> Street
  - M3 bus and free shuttle busses provide alternate service on weekends from 12:01am Sat to 5am on Monday
  - #1 service will operate between South Ferry and 168<sup>th</sup> Street
  - Shuttle bus service operates in two sections:
    - St. Nicholas Avenue between 168<sup>th</sup> Street & 191<sup>st</sup> Street
    - Broadway between 215<sup>th</sup> Street & 242<sup>nd</sup> Street connecting with the A train at 207<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Transfer between 1 & A trains and M3 or shuttle buses at 168<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Transfer between A trains and shuttle buses at 207<sup>th</sup> Street
  - All other information can be found on the MTA website: [www.MTA.info](http://www.MTA.info) or <http://travel.mtanyct.info/serviceadvisory/routeStatusResult.aspx?tag=1&date=03/31/2012&time=&method=getstatus4>

## **Elected Officials' Reports**

### Borough President Representative – Ingrid Sotelo

- BP held a press conference regarding chemical Pink Slime used on meat provided for public school lunches
- BP Budget Reform is creating independent panels composed of policy experts, community board members and City Council representatives to review and make recommendations about his office's expenditure of tax dollars.
  - If you want to be on panel it's a two day commitment.
- BP released "Time to Rebuild: A Blueprint for Reforming New York City's Department of Buildings," a report that takes a look at the state of the City's Buildings Department and lays out a case for reform.
- We are wrapping up Community Board appointments. Those reappointed should receive a letter by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Discussion on Pink Slime

### Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez Representative – Yokarina Duarte

- April 22 @ 2:00pm State of District Address @ GW HS

### State Senator Adriano Espaillat's Representative – Liz Ritter

- Refer to minutes
- Please come out to the Uptown Games on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup> @ Washington Heights Armory, 216 Ft. Washington Avenue
  - Registration starts at 11am
  - Want community to come out and cheer them on

### Assemblyman Denny Farrell – Frank Hess/Mario Rueda

- Refer to minutes

Raybblin Vargas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will be conducting the Public Speaker's Session

## **Public Speakers' Session**

### Jennifer Zarr – Fort Washington Library Manager

- Holding registration for ESL Classes on 4/2 @ 6:00pm and at the Inwood Library on 4/5 at 6:00pm
- New initiative to Expand partnership with DOE where schools will have access to view online catalogs
  - Educator Card is offered exclusively to New York City teachers and home schooling parents borrowing materials to supplement their curriculum
  - 50 schools are enrolled in this program
  - If there are Program services you feel Library should have, please contact her.

### Mr. X

- Upcoming fundraiser in May (212.860.6001)
- Other activity dates are 3/28 & 3/29, 4/25, 5/23, 6/27 and 7/25

### Catarina Rivera – Healthy Kids in the Heights

- Interested in Healthier lifestyles for youth
- Collaborate working relationship with ATDP
- Would like to establish other partnerships

### Sean Ledden – Resident @ 218<sup>th</sup> Street

- Want Board to deny AJK liquor license at 218<sup>th</sup> Street
- AJK is asking to open a bar and grill on 218<sup>th</sup> Street
- It will be open all hours in the morning from 2am-4am
- Will impact the quality of life in the neighborhood
- Area will be open to illegal transaction
- Columbia University said their priority is community safety and quality of life

### Tom Cicero – Resident – 510 W 218<sup>th</sup> Street

- Has lived in the neighborhood for 26 years
- All types of people live in that neighborhood
- Moved there so that they could be in calm and slower paced atmosphere
- They want to put a club on 218<sup>th</sup> Street and he doesn't want another Dyckman Street of traffic, noise, loitering and hanging out
- Is recommending denial of license to AJK

### Maggie Clark – Papisito

- Has lived on Riverside Drive for 33 years
- Moved there because it was a quiet neighborhood
- Has seen liquor license after liquor license come to neighborhood
- These are not restaurants they are for partying and people are coming from all over the region
- We need enforcement, cops are not visible, can't walk or sleep in area
- Parking is terrible, think about this

### Leah Holzel – Marina Liquor License

- Live on Riverside near Seaman and proud to live in neighborhood
- Concerned about quality of life
- Concerned about environmental impact of Marina
- Traffic is already bumper to bumper
- Was there city planning involved in accommodating additional traffic that will take place
- There's disastrous noise problem with motorcycles especially those that drive on the sidewalk and go through red lights

### Susan Tobiason – 33 years at Park Terrace East

- Concerned about bar wanting to open on 218<sup>th</sup> Street
- Traffic on 218<sup>th</sup> Street after 8pm becomes one lane
- Community was successful in getting bar on 215<sup>th</sup> Street and Broadway shut down because the noise was terrible
- Anything happening on Broadway you can hear it on Park Terrace East

### Alicia Batista – Dyckman Marina

- Has lived in neighborhood many years
- Can't sleep with noise levels created by motorcycles and traffic
- Was excited about waterfront park, but is concerned about request for a liquor license
- No need for anymore alcohol licenses in this neighborhood

Olga Zatspeing – Russian American Heritage Center

- Has been active for 10 years
- About 35,000 Russian Americans living in this community
- Children's Festival in Russian Culture in the last 5 years
- Thanks to Senator Espailat, April will become the First Russian American History Month in New York State and to celebrate there will be a concert at Carnegie Hall with Maxim Anikushin who has lived in the neighborhood for 30 years
  - It will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> of April and Olga is offering special tickets to parents with children in the community 4 tickets for \$20
  - 212.567.5834

Monet Patterson – Faith Leaders

- Interning with We Act Environmental Justice Organization in Harlem
- Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a meeting with Faith Leaders for Environmental Justice @ Riverside Church
- April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 3:30pm @ Oberia Dempsey Center on Green Homes, Safe Homes with Free Lunch and free energy bulbs

Katie Weaver –Dyckman Resident for 22 Years

- Has seen decrease in the quality of life
- She lives on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor and Saturday from 11pm to 5am there was no sleep and the noise was so loud that the cars pull up and play music loud
- Those opening Marina are same as those who own Papisitos on 104<sup>th</sup> Street and the CB down there had the police close that restaurant down for the same reason we are complaining
- It's horrendous to think that they are going to put another liquor license on this street to endanger our lives

James Morrissey - Broadway Restaurant

- Has lived in neighborhood since 1994
- This issue goes beyond vehicular traffic and noise, as there are quiet, dark areas around the park and this will bring more inebriated people into the park at all hours of the evening
- Parks Department made an unwise decision to evict security at night that has been there for two years keeping us safe
- There has been 9 muggings around Isham Park
- Also bad social policy as the people this will attract

George Anton – Parkview Restaurant – Renewal Beer License

- Missed their last meeting as they did not get notice
- Family restaurant that has been opened for 10 years located on 219<sup>th</sup> Street

Jay Hirschhorn – J's Big Gym

- He and his wife are co-owners of J's Big Gym located on 181<sup>st</sup> Street and Wadsworth Avenue
- Member of BID and activities they provide
- 30 High School students come for nutrition classes
- Hispanic Association of Progressive Mothers bring their children for several years
- Provided George Washington High School with complete gym setup
- 10 interns employed 10 hours per week
- As mom and pop establishment he is concerned about gym with big name opening up at GW Bridge Bus Terminal

Sandra Harris – CUMC

- Clarification: we do not endorse nor support liquor license applications and no one in official university capacity would have authority to give that support

Jeff Hornstein – Nightclub

- Has lived at 218<sup>th</sup> and Broadway for 41/2 years
- Concerned about proposed nightclub liquor license at 218<sup>th</sup> Street

- Disturbing trend in neighborhood in terms of restaurants that were quaint, but now it's turning into nightclubs where you can't even talk
- Concerned about quality of life issues

Gerald – lived in community 22 years

- Doesn't like direction of bar restaurants being turned into nightclubs
- Don't think CB should grant licenses in this area until this gets under control from Dyckman to 218<sup>th</sup> Street
- Want to address that applicant misrepresented his suppose communication with Columbia
- Board should think about re-development and building buildings
- Cannot afford to turn a bedroom community into a barroom nightclub community

Ruben Dario Vargas – Stop & Frisk

- Am supporting stop and frisk
- Has been stopped and he just follows instruction

Rafael Comielle – Liquor

- Speaking on behalf of AKM @ 425 W. 218<sup>th</sup> Street
- Everyone keeps mentioning the word nightclub and we are focusing on this as a legitimate business as a restaurant
- Mr. Comielle who works for the DOE addressed time factor, parking, people, traffic and quality of life

**Committee Reports**

Public Safety – Robert Reynolds

- Refer to the minutes
- Had a public meeting for Stop and Frisk
- Question as to whether the numbers are right
- Resolutions Vote:
  - Table the resolution: (F) 7 (O) 31 (A) 0 (vote was not to table)
  - Actual Vote: (F) 35 (O) 2 (A) 1

Economic Development – Nicole Foster, Chair

- Policy change; SLA no longer sending to establishments that they are up for renewal; establishment now must be proactive reach out when it's time for their renewal
- #5 did not receive notification from the SLA, we voted no
- We will be working with the District Manager to communicate this change to establishments
- #4 complaints about noise, but 34<sup>th</sup> Pct. Said there has been a decrease in complaints
- #8 no show
- #9 new restaurant, slated for 1000 seats, 3 dining areas, community concern regarding size
- #10 location across from MTA bus depot, concern for enhancement of quality of life, nightclub environment
- Discussion ensued on different resolutions
- Resolution Votes:
  - #1, 2, 3, 5, 8, & 11 – (F) 37 (O) 1 (A) 0
  - #4, (F) 19 (O) 17 (A) 2
  - #6, (F) 36 (O) 2 (A) 0
  - #7, (F) 34 (O) 4 (A) 0
  - #9, (F) 22 (O) 14 (A) 1 (N) 1
  - #10, (F) 6 (O) 30 (A) 2

Traffic & Transportation –

- Refer to minutes

Land Use – Wayne Benjamin, Chair

- Refer to minutes

Housing & Human Services – George Fernandez, Chair

- Refer to minutes

Aging – Gloria Vanterpool, Chair

- Refer to minutes

Youth & Education - Fe Florimon, Chair

- Refer to minutes

Health & Environment - Steve Simon, Chair

- Refer to minutes

Parks & Cultural Affairs –Harlan Pruden, Chair

- Refer to minutes
- Clarification: Has resigned from Board of Manhattan North Community Partnership

Meeting adjourned at 10:00pm

Submitted by Alyce Smith